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## A LOOK AT EXCELLENCE IN THE EVERETT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

### Vision, Mission, and Accomplishment

#### EHS holds VOG Recognition Awards ceremony

Special to the Independent

Everett High School hosted the second installment in its year-long Vision of the Graduate (VOG) Recognition Awards program, which directly connects to the efforts undertaken during the recently completed accreditation process. Thirteen (13) Everett High School (EHS) students received VOG Recognition Awards for Innovation during a ceremony inside the EHS Library on Thursday, February 29, 2024. They were nominated by one of their teachers for demonstrating “Curiosity, Creativity, Initiative, Resourcefulness, and Passion.” February’s winners, and

nominating teachers, are as follows:  
Alexander Angulo (Nominating Teacher: Tim Callahan)  
Carolynn Avalos (Therese Venezia)  
Adam Bousbaa (Christine Fallon)  
Bryan Castro (Jamie Shiv-Haffner)  
Keon Lee (Rodney Landaverde)  
Gabriel Morais (Andrea Kendrick)  
Thalia Patino Molano (Candice Spencer)  
Gabriela Rivera (Marc Canillas)  
Vaulande Sainte (Hannah Walsh)  
Kenton Tran (Malcolm Paradise)  
Danica Pham (Siobhan Sullivan)  
Anthony Masucci (Dr.



Vision of the Graduate Recognition Award winners Alexander Angulo, Carolynn Avalos, Adam Bousbaa, Bryan Castro, Keon Lee, Gabriel Morais, Thalia Patino Molano, Gabriela Rivera, Vaulande Sainte, Kenton Tran, and Danica Pham, are pictured with EHS teacher Theresa Venezia, EHS Principal Dennis Lynch, Superintendent William Hart, Health and Wellness Coordinator Julie Ann Whitson, and ELA Department Chair Ryan McGowan. (Not pictured are recipients Anthony Masucci, and Makenzie Powers).

Anna Seiders)  
Makenzie Powers (Dr. Anna Seiders)  
Throughout 2023, EHS participated in the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) accreditation process. While NEASC’s

formal decision will be released and shared with the community later this year, the process has already yielded important results. Chief among them was the creation of the VOG, which states:  
Everett High School

graduates will be: Resilient, Innovative, Self-Aware, Empowered, and Service-Minded.  
To embed the VOG into the school’s culture, accreditation leaders — Health and Wellness Coordinator Julie Ann Whit-

son and English Language Arts Department Chair Ryan McGowan — established the awards program for students who exemplify the characteristics of the VOG. They launched  
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## DiDomenico Foundation St. Patrick’s Day kickoff roast this Friday, March 8

Special to the Independent

The top elected officials in Massachusetts will join host State Senator Sal DiDomenico (D-Everett) at the head table for the Annual DiDomenico Foundation St. Patrick’s Day Celebration on Friday, March 8 beginning at 6:30pm at the Bunker Hill Knights of Columbus in Charlestown. This has become of the most anticipated events of the year. In addition to Governor Maura Healey and Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll, over 75 federal, state, an elected officials have confirmed they will join State Senator Sal DiDomenico (D-Everett) at the head table at the annual political kick-off of the St. Patrick’s Day

roast including: Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley, Attorney General Andrea Campbell, Massachusetts State Senate President Karen Spilka, Boston Mayor Michelle Wu, State Auditor Diana DiZoglio, Cambridge Mayor Denise Simmons, Chelsea City Manager Fidel Mattez, Middlesex County District Attorney Marian Ryan, Suffolk County Sheriff Steve Tompkins, Suffolk County District Attorney Kevin Hayden, Middlesex County Sheriff Peter Koutoujian, Middlesex County Clerk of Courts Michael Sullivan, Governor’s Councilor Terry Kennedy and more! In addition to a traditional Irish dinner, the night will include live Irish music, bagpipers, and



The Annual DiDomenico Foundation St. Patrick’s Day Celebration is one of the most popular St. Patrick’s Day traditions in the Greater Boston area.

Boston’s best comedians to enhance the political humor. There will also be complimentary valet parking at the event. This year’s Golden

Shamrock Award recipient is Catherine D’Amato, the CEO of the Greater Boston Food Bank. She will be honored for her steadfast and tireless work to fight

food insecurity throughout our region. Catherine is a national leader on closing the hunger gap and has been instrumental in President Biden’s

White House Challenge to End Hunger And Build Healthy Communities. This event is one of the most popular St. Patrick’s Day traditions in the Greater Boston area and Senator Nick Collins (D-South Boston), the host of the Annual South Boston St. Patrick’s Day Breakfast, will also be at the event. For tickets (\$40.00 per person) and event information, please call (617) 387-3327. Proceeds will go to The DiDomenico Foundation, which funds educational scholarships for graduating high school students, as well as a large toy drive during the holiday season for domestic violence and homeless shelters throughout the Greater Boston.

## East Boston Neighborhood Health Center to rebrand as NeighborHealth

Special to the Independent

During an announcement to its nearly 2,000 employees, East Boston Neighborhood Health Center (EBNHC) outlined plans to rebrand its health system, which serves more than 120,000 people and has an operating budget of \$270 million. The largest community-based primary care health system in Massachusetts announced it will become NeighborHealth in June 2024, taking on a new name and visual identity. “For over 55 years, we’ve proudly served the East Boston community. In recent decades, our thriving and growing health system is serving many more families, in many more communities through a comprehensive and diverse set of services, programs, and clinical locations. Now, as our state’s largest provider of community-based primary care services, we have



A rendering of Neighborhood Health’s Maverick location with the updated signage.

an opportunity to unify our health system under one name that is inclusive of all our clinical locations and reflective of the diverse communities we serve,” said EBNHC’s President and CEO Greg Wilmot. “As NeighborHealth, we will remain as committed as ever to our mission and patient promise to provide high-quality, patient-centered care to all who live and work in

our communities.” EBNHC was founded in 1970 during the Civil Rights Movement to meet a gap in healthcare services for East Boston’s working class and predominantly Italian immigrant population, serving as a relief station for Boston City Hospital in the early 1900s. As its patient community grew beyond East Boston, EBNHC followed with new sites and services to

provide more convenient care. Today, EBNHC operates nearly a dozen clinical sites throughout Greater Boston including East Boston, Winthrop, Everett, Revere, and Boston’s South End. Providing high-quality primary care services to the largest Health Safety Net population as well as the largest Latino population in the Commonwealth, NeighborHealth will remain

committed to eliminating barriers to care due to disparities associated with race, cultural background, and economic status. “Five decades ago, community leaders of East Boston planted a seed of love in the heart of our community that grew to become the East Boston Neighborhood Health Center. Joined together with the South End Community Health Center, we will become NeighborHealth, serving many thousands of families in several communities. Along with our entire

Board of Directors, I’m brimming with pride,” said Rita Sorrento, EBNHC’s long-time Chairwoman of its Board of Directors. “I am proud to see how East Boston Neighborhood Health Center continues to expand to meet the needs of our communities and remains committed to its founding mission of serving all who walk through our doors,” said EBNHC’s CEO Emeritus Jack Cradock. “Under the name NeighborHealth, See REBRAND Page 11

## DeMaria opposes the V10 development project

Special to the Independent

Mayor Carlo DeMaria said he stands in opposition to the construction of a 591-unit housing development on the Everett site of a former General Electric factory. V10 Development is proposing the development, known as the The Residences At Rivergreen,

for the 26-acre site. According to a March 4 story in the Banker and Tradesman, V10 Development would include 10 percent deed-restricted affordable units in the development. Mayor DeMaria issued the following statement about V10 Development’s  
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# DiDomenico bills advance through key legislative committees

Special to the Record

This month, almost every bill in the State Legislature received a favorable or unfavorable determination from their committee. Due to advocacy from Senator Sal DiDomenico and countless coalition advocates, many of the Senator's legislative priorities advanced favorably and are moving on to the next committee. These bills tackle a wide range of issues from supporting working families in need, to providing the best education for our youngest generation, to making our government work better for people regardless of their background or spoken language.

"I am excited by the amount of progress we are seeing on my policy priorities that will improve the well-being of children and people in need across the Commonwealth," said Senator Sal DiDomenico. "We could not achieve this success on so many life-changing proposals

without the many advocates, community leaders, and residents who have stood up and used their voice to demand change from our government and I am grateful for all of their support. I also want to thank Senate President Spilka and all the Committee Chairs for advancing so many of my priorities with a favorable report."

Below is a list of a few DiDomenico priority bills that have moved forward in the Legislature:

- Lifting kids out of deep poverty (S.75): increase cash assistance to families below 50% of the poverty line.
- Healthy Youth Act (S.268): require that when sex and relationship education is taught in school, it must be medically accurate, cover healthy consenting relationships, and be inclusive of all identities.
- The SUPER Act (S.160): empower more people to become behavioral health professionals, especially those who come

from diverse backgrounds with a wide variety of experiences.

- Feeding our neighbors (S.76): restore state funded SNAP benefits to Massachusetts residents regardless of where they came from.
- Promote high-quality comprehensive literacy instruction (S.263): starts a conversation about how to improve reading and writing outcomes for our children.
- Establish a Massachusetts children's cabinet (S.79): This legislation would create a Children's Cabinet comprised of executive office Secretaries and Commissioners serving children to ensure our youngest generation is prioritized.
- Language access and inclusion (S.1990): expand the availability of non-English language applications and interpretation services at the state's public-facing state agencies, such as MassHealth, the Department of Children and Families, and the



Senator Sal DiDomenico speaking at a rally in the State House in advocating for one of his many proposals.

Department of Unemployment Assistance.

- Expand access to pediatric palliative care (S.1359): increases the funding and age of eligibility for pediatric palliative care services to 22 years of age so young people most in need of care won't ever be turned away.
- Reduce waste and recycling costs (S.471): require that manufacturers

of packaging materials create systems for recycling those materials after being used which will reduce fossil fuel emissions and waste.

- Allow partial payment of driver's license fines (S.2229): allow people to pay fines in partial payments so they can get back on the road safely (regardless of their income) and the state can collect more

fines.

- Compensation for work-related scarring (S.1159): eliminate the requirement that compensation can only be given to employees when work-related scarring is exclusively on the workers' face, hands, or neck and allow workers to access more comprehensive compensation.

## ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL

### Rep. McGonagle announces for re-election

Rep. Joe McGonagle has announced he will be seeking re-election for seat in the House of Representatives for the 28th Middlesex District. He will be seeking a seat for his sixth term in State office after previously holding positions within the City of Everett. McGonagle currently serves as Chair of the House Committee on Operations, Facilities and Building Security and also sits on the Joint Committee on Education and Public Safety & Homeland Security. He is an active participant of the Irish-American Legislator Caucus, Gateway Cities Caucus and Food Systems Caucus among others.

"I am beyond thrilled to be running once again for re-election," said McGonagle. "It is the honor of my life to represent the great City of Everett which I have always called home. Throughout my years, I have seen how much positive change can be made by capable repre-



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sentation on Beacon Hill and I truly believe I am the man for the job. My experience, my relationships and my commitment to Everett have all created great success during my five terms. I would be grateful to receive your vote and support in this upcoming election to keep Everett going strong."

In this current and past sessions, McGonagle has worked for funding for the City through food insecur-

ity programs, police and fire updates, the creation of a boat launch and boat-house on the Malden River, a first time homebuyers program, substance abuse counselors, affordable rental assistance and many more. His legislative priorities include seniors, public safety and education, among many others. This session, he has filed and advocated for several pieces of legislation including MBTA operator safety, driver's license advocacy and post-traumatic stress with first responders.

McGonagle will be collecting signatures in the next few weeks to return to the Secretary of State's office to officially be on the ballot for the fall's election. He encourages potential voters to reach out if they have questions or concerns.

### COUNCIL ON AGING ANNOUNCES ROAD TRIP FOR OLDER ADULTS

Mayor Carlo DeMaria is pleased to announce the City of Everett's Council on Aging is hosting the first day trip for older adults in the new year.

On Thursday, April 18, at 11 a.m., the luxury coach will arrive to begin the trip to a beautiful waterfront restaurant called the Venezia in Boston. Upon arrival, a delicious lunch will be served that includes a choice of baked haddock or chicken parmesan.

After lunch, sit back and enjoy a show featuring Johnny Cash tribute band "Ca\$h Only." Johnny Cash was a singer, guitarist and songwriter whose music innovatively mixed country, rock, blues and gospel.

For more information, please call 617-394-2270 to be connected to the Connolly Center or dial directly at 617-394-2323.

### MAYOR'S SUMMER WORK PROGRAM NOW ACCEPTING REGISTRATIONS

Mayor Carlo DeMaria is pleased to announce the City of Everett's Youth Development and Enrichment Department has begun accepting registrations for Mayor DeMaria's Summer Work Program. Everett residents from ages 14-25 who are seeking summer employment are encouraged to apply.

The City will be offering job placements that are located throughout Everett and neighboring cities and will also include employment with various community organizations,

businesses, and City of Everett departments. The program will run from July to the end of August.

To register, please visit [afterschoolhq.com/city-of-everett](https://afterschoolhq.com/city-of-everett). Space is limited to the first 300 young professionals, so it is recommended to register as soon as possible. Completed registrations must be submitted by Monday, April 1.

For more information, please contact Director of Youth Development and Enrichment John Russolillo at [John.Russolillo@ci.everett.ma.us](mailto:John.Russolillo@ci.everett.ma.us) or Assistant Director of Youth Workforce Development Roberto Velasquez at [Roberto.Velasquez@ci.everett.ma.us](mailto:Roberto.Velasquez@ci.everett.ma.us).

### CITY OF EVERETT HOSTING IRISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH FLAG RAISING AND CELEBRATION

Mayor Carlo DeMaria is pleased to announce the City of Everett will host the Irish American Heritage Month flag raising and celebration on Saturday, March 16, at 1 p.m., at Everett City Hall (484 Broadway), at the corner of Church Street and Broadway. Following the ceremony, there will be a community reception at 2 p.m. at Stewart's Pub (140 Jefferson Avenue).

The City of Everett will be joining in celebrations across the nation to pay tribute to the achievements and contributions of Irish Americans by raising the Irish flag to fly high at City Hall. Following the flag raising, the celebration will continue with a community gathering at Stewart's Pub for food,

music and plenty of fun. Entertainment will be provided by musician and DJ Tommy Sheehan.

"The City of Everett is a vibrant City that celebrates the beautiful tapestry of diversity that is represented here in meaningful ways," said Cathy Draine, Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. "Commemorating Irish American Heritage Month through both the flag raising and community reception is a way of strengthening the bonds of community and appreciating the many contributions that residents of Irish heritage have made to create a thriving Everett."

The month of March is recognized as Irish American Heritage Month in the United States to recognize and celebrate the contributions Irish immigrants have made in all aspects of American life. Irish Americans have made significant contributions to Everett and the rest of the country throughout history.

For more information about the event, please visit [cityofeverett.com/events/irish-american-heritage](https://cityofeverett.com/events/irish-american-heritage).

### JOIN THE EVERETT CULTURAL COUNCIL

Help shape Everett's Arts and Cultural Presence.

The Everett Cultural Council is a volunteer group that works to foster creativity, diversity and an arts & culture renaissance in Everett.

There are positions open for Everett residents to join and help us to bring the cultural diversity of Everett together for all.

For more info, email: ECC Chairperson, Martha Chason-Sokol [martha@mchason-sokol.com](mailto:martha@mchason-sokol.com).

## Everett Arts & Culture Events

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## Last Chance to Enter!

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Lazo-Alvarado, Krizzia M	Goss-Vozella, Robert A	39 Adams Ave	\$875,000
Nakarmi, Prem K	Lee, Seung K	7 Forest Ave	\$940,000




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# March is Massachusetts Maple Month

To celebrate a new agricultural season in Massachusetts, Governor Maura Healey is declaring March as Massachusetts Maple Month. Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources (MDAR) Commissioner Ashley Randle joined state and local officials and representatives from the Massachusetts Maple Producers Association today at Severance Maple Products in Northfield to raise awareness of the state’s maple sugar industry and to encourage residents to visit their local sugar house and purchase locally made maple products.

In a recent visit to Severance Maple Products included a tour of their operations and retail store, along with a reading of a Governor’s Proclamation and ceremonial tapping of a maple tree to commemorate the official start of the sugaring season. Owners Milt and Robin Severance have been sugaring since 1976. Their first year yielded a couple of gallons of maple syrup, but today, they produce a couple thousand gallons annually. All of their products are produced locally in Northfield at their sugarhouse kitchen, with availability online, in local stores, and at craft and agricultural fairs in the area.

Massachusetts is one of the top maple-producing states in the country, home to over 300 maple producers that produce more than 70,000 gallons per year. The sector employs over a thousand people, contributing over \$15 million to the local economy. Maple sugaring profits al-

low many Massachusetts farms to stay in business year-round by diversifying their offerings, serving as a supplemental source of income to their other crops.

“We are tapping into this maple month with more support and appreciation for our sugarmakers than ever. The maple industry is not only economically, culturally, and historically important for the region but also plays a vital role in our environmental and climate resilience efforts,” said Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Rebecca Tepper. “The industry maintains and preserves more than 15,000 acres of land and is working to modernize equipment and install renewable energy sources. We are proud to see this the sector transition to one of the state’s most energy efficient and sustainable in agriculture.”

Since 2018, MDAR has awarded over half a million dollars in Climate Smart Agriculture Program Grants to maple producers throughout the state. These grants have been used to offset the costs of installing updated, environmentally friendly equipment, including high-efficiency evaporators, heat recovery and reverse osmosis equipment, and photovoltaic solar arrays, lowering carbon footprints and environmental impacts.

“Our farming community had an enormously challenging year in 2023, so it’s with great optimism that we usher in a new growing season and celebrate our maple pro-

ducers with the first agricultural crop of the year,” said MDAR Commissioner Ashley Randle. “While the maple sugaring season may be brief in Massachusetts, our maple producers work hard year-round to bring us this naturally sweet and nutritionally dense crop that is versatile and universally enjoyed by all. We’re proud to support them, and I can’t wait to enjoy a pancake breakfast topped with fresh maple syrup at a local sugarhouse this month.”

All month long, maple sugarhouses around the state will open their doors to host visitors with fun, family-friendly interactive activities, as well as serving stacks of pancakes, waffles, and French toast covered in local maple syrup. Maple sugaring is one of the few agritourism activities available during the early months of the year. Over 60,000 visitors spend more than \$2 million during the sugaring season. Farms, restaurants, bed and breakfasts, country inns, and other tourist businesses share in this income, which primarily flows into small towns and farm communities.

“Sugarhouses and local farms across Massachusetts provide memorable and immersive experiences for visitors of all ages,” said Massachusetts Office of Travel and Tourism Executive Director Kate Fox. “We encourage visitors and residents alike to check out Massachusetts sugarhouses during Maple Month, where they can experience a behind-the-scenes tour, sample delicious treats, and purchase



MDAR Commissioner Ashley Randle with state and local officials alongside Milt and Robin Severance (far right), owners of Severance Maple Products in Northfield.

local maple syrup and maple products from these unique small businesses.”

“I’m so thankful to kick off maple season here in the Second Franklin District,” said Representative Susannah Whipps (I – Athol). “This brief sweet period of time is a sign that spring is coming and a reminder of the importance of this industry to our economy, tourism and food system.”

“I am delighted to join Governor Healey, EEA Secretary Tepper, MDAR Commissioner Randle, the MA Maple Producers Association, and many others in celebrating March as Massachusetts Maple Month,” said Senator Jo Comerford (D-Northampton). “I am tremendously proud to represent many outstanding maple producers who are living and working in the Hampshire, Franklin, Worcester

district.”

“We expect a great maple syrup harvest this spring as many sugarmakers across the state are off to an early start,” said Massachusetts Maple Producers Association Coordinator Missy Leab. “As the sweet steam rises from our local sugarhouses this spring, we encourage everyone to take the opportunity and visit one or more of the 300+ Massachusetts maple producers where you can talk with a sugarmaker, ask all your maple questions, and see, smell, and taste spring! Watch the fascinating process of turning fresh maple sap into pure maple syrup. Don’t forget to bring home a jug of Massachusetts sweetest crop: pure maple syrup!”

Maple syrup has been produced and consumed for centuries in North America. Its initial avail-

ability during the tail end of the winter season signals the start of the agricultural awakening in Massachusetts and is a sure sign that spring is around the corner. Tree tapping in Massachusetts can start as early as late January and continue through April, though March is officially Maple Month. Most importantly, the temperatures must be below freezing at night and above freezing during the days for the tree sap to flow. Furthermore, weather, soil, and genetics of the tree can affect maple syrup flavor.

Please visit the Massachusetts Maple Producers Association (MMPA) to learn more about the maple sugaring process. For a complete listing of maple sugar houses in the Commonwealth, visit the MassGrown website.

# Senate approves DiDomenico bill to update and modernize sexual health education

Last Thursday, the Massachusetts Senate passed Senator DiDomenico’s Healthy Youth Act, which would ensure that Massachusetts public schools electing to teach sexual health education curriculum use age-appropriate, inclusive, medically accurate, and research-based information on sex, relationships, and consent.

The Healthy Youth Act, S.2686, would enhance parental rights and codify into law the voluntary framework approved by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE). It calls for sex and relationship education to be inclusive and appropriate for students regardless of gender, race, disability status, sexual orientation, and gender identity.

“The Healthy Youth Act will finally make it clear that sex and relationship education in Massachusetts must be inclusive of all students and emphasize the importance and necessity of consent in relationships,” said Senator Sal N. DiDomenico, Assistant Majority Leader and lead sponsor of the Senate bill. “We must finally get this commonsense health policy over the finish line to ensure our children have the information they need to protect their health, form respectful relationships, and build the bright futures they deserve. I want to thank Senate President Spilka, Chair Rodrigues, Chair Lewis, and all the advocates who have worked tirelessly to give our children the best education available.”

“The true north for the Massachusetts Senate is providing our young people and families with



Senator DiDomenico speaking in favor of the healthy youth act on the Senate floor.

every tool possible to empower them to live a bright future, right here in our state,” said Senate President Karen E. Spilka (D-Ashland). “Inclusive and medically accurate sex and relationship education is fundamental to supporting residents in building that future, and critical if we want to continue leading and competing in all aspects of education nationally. Thanks to the relentless work of Senator DiDomenico, and the tireless support from Chair Lewis and all who have worked so hard on this effort, Massachusetts has an opportunity to continue to lead in this space.”

Requiring medically accurate curriculum for public schools teaching sex and relationship education would ensure that students in public schools that offer sexual health education are receiving, and teachers have guidance on, curricula that is age-appropriate, medically accurate, comprehensive, and inclusive of LGBTQ+ health and lessons on consent.

The Healthy Youth Act would incorporate comprehensive sex and relationship education that could support students

in delaying the initiation of sex, increasing use of contraception, lowering the rates of STIs and unintended pregnancy among teens, and reducing reported levels of bullying towards LGBTQ+ youth in school.

Curricula for schools that choose to teach sex and relationship education would include the benefits of delaying sex; human anatomy, reproduction, and sexual development; effective contraceptive use; prevention of pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections (STIs); relationship and communication skills to form healthy relationships; coverage of affirmative, conscious and voluntary consent; and age-appropriate information about gender identity and sexual orientation, including resources that offer support to LGBTQ+ students.

Protecting and enhancing parental notification and rights

This legislation also protects and enhances parents’ right to remove their children from all or part of the sex and relationship education program if they choose to do so—an action already protected by state law.

Additionally, this bill updates parent-notification guidelines for districts that choose to teach sex and relationship education curriculum and requires schools to send notice to parents in English and in other commonly spoken languages in the district. Notice would alert parents that their child is enrolled in a sex and relationship education course and

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2	Studio	464-566	\$1,903	80%	-	-
6	1-Bedroom	570-782	\$2,149	80%	-	-
2	2-Bedroom	945-1,140	\$2,382	80%	-	-
4	Studio (ADA Units)	464-566	\$1,903	80%	3	1
4	1-Bedroom (ADA Units)	570-782	\$2,140	80%	4	-
5	2-Bedroom (ADA Units)	945-1,140	\$2,369	80%	4	1

\*Tenants are responsible for all utilities including gas (heating, hot water, & Non-ADA 1- and 2-Bedroom cooking), electricity (cooling, laundry, & Studio and ADA 1- and 2-Bedroom cooking), & cable/internet (optional)

Minimum Incomes (set by owner + based on # of bedrooms + Area Median Income (AMI))		Maximum Incomes (set by HUD + based on household size + Area Median Income (AMI))	
# of Bedrooms	Minimum Income (80% AMI)	Household Size	Maximum Income (80% AMI)
Studio	\$57,090	1	\$82,950
1-Bedroom	\$64,470	2	\$94,800
2-Bedroom	\$71,460	3	\$106,650
Studio (ADA Units)	\$57,090	4	\$118,450
1-Bedroom (ADA Units)	\$64,200	5	\$127,950
2-Bedroom (ADA Units)	\$71,070	6	\$137,450

\*2023 Area Median Incomes for the Boston, Cambridge, Quincy, MA-NH MSA

Minimum incomes **do not apply to households receiving housing assistance such as Section 8, MRVP, or VASH**

Applications are available during the application period from Monday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024 — Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024

To request an online application or to have one sent by email, visit [www.AnthemEverettLottery.com](http://www.AnthemEverettLottery.com), email [AnthemEverett@MaloneyProperties.com](mailto:AnthemEverett@MaloneyProperties.com) or call (617) 639-3064 Ext 705 | US Relay 711

If you cannot complete the application online, please call us at (617) 639-3064 Ext 705 | US Relay 711, to request that we mail you one and/or to ask us for any support or guidance you might need to complete the application.

Applications may also be picked up in-person at:  
Parlin Memorial Library  
410 Broadway Everett, MA 02149  
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DEADLINE: Applications must be submitted online or postmarked no later than Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024


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# Everett

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### FIRE, FIRE EVERYWHERE

The fires that have been burning out of control this past week in Texas and Oklahoma -- and which are continuing to rage as this is being written -- are yet another harbinger of what awaits us thanks to the ever-increasing rate of climate change that is affecting every corner of the earth.

The fires in Texas, which have killed two persons, destroyed 500 homes, and caused entire towns to be evacuated, come on the heels of the recent fires in Chile, which destroyed entire communities and claimed 131 lives, more than the tragic fire a few months back that occurred in Hawaii.

Fire in other parts of the globe in recent years have charred millions of acres of land and wiped out entire communities, from Australia, to California, to Canada, and the Siberian tundra.

The out-of-control wildfire fires not only have caused loss of life and brought economic devastation to communities and individuals, but they also have sent acrid smoke that enveloped large swathes of neighboring countries, as happened in the Midwest and East Coast last summer when the fires in eastern Canada raised our air quality to extremely unhealthy levels for days at a time.

But these fires are only part of the equation of climate change. Ocean temperatures reached record highs this year, threatening coral reefs and marine life across the globe. What had seemed as inconceivable -- that the world's oceans could turn into dead zones -- no longer is in the realm of science fiction. It's a reality that could occur within a few short years.

In addition, with the hot oceans providing the fuel for tropical storms, hurricanes promise to be ever-stronger and more devastating.

Air temperatures have set records month-after-month and year-after-year for the past five years, with each successive year exceeding the one before. The record warmth in the continental U.S. this winter has resulted in the least snow cover on record and has prevented the usual lakes from freezing. Glaciers are disappearing everywhere, from the polar regions, to Greenland, to the Alps in Europe.

In short, everything that is climate related is off-the-charts -- and not in a good way. If what climate scientists tell us is true -- that we are in a race against time to change our ways and that we must stop burning fossil fuels in order to save the environment as we know it -- then it is becoming increasingly clear that our feet are stuck in the mud.

### PLEASE: NO PUBLIC DRINKING ON ST. PATRICK'S DAY

With the St. Patrick's Day holiday and traditional South Boston parade approaching on Sunday, March 17, we urge our public safety officials to plan for enforcing the laws which prohibit drinking in public, especially by underage drinkers.

Last year in the aftermath of the South Boston parade, we found ourselves in the unfortunate position of riding the Red Line to the South Shore. The trains were packed with highly-inebriated, rowdy, under-age drinkers who were drinking openly on the trains and then flinging their empties around the train cars, striking other passengers. The platforms resembled war zones, with large-scale fights and scores of youths who were passed out left-and-right.

We realize that everyone wants to relax and have a good time on St. Patrick's Day, but that is no excuse for our public safety officials to turn a blind eye to underage drinking and drinking in public. In addition, for those of us of Irish descent, the perception that being "Irish for a day" means drinking heavily is highly-insulting.

It is inevitable that with the high degree of public intoxication that is tacitly permitted by our public safety officials, there will be a tragedy. We urge our public officials to take steps ahead of time to stop this annual reign of dangerous mass chaos.

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# Independent Forum

## UPCOMING EVENTS AT EVERETT PUBLIC LIBRARIES

### Parlin Adult and Teens

Yarn Club Parlin Fireplace Room. Tuesday, March 12th at 7pm. Come chit chat and stitch! Bring your crocheting, knitting, or any other yarn craft and sit and socialize with other members of the crafting community. Recommended for ages 14-109!

Connolly Center Book Group, Connolly Center Meeting Room. Thursday, March 14th at 12pm. We will read Mariah Frede- reick's The Lindbergh Nanny. Gripping and elegant, The Lindbergh Nan- ny brings readers into the interior of the twentieth century's most infamous crime. (Nina de Gramont) See Kathleen for copies on her twice monthly vis- its, or call the Parlin (617) 394 2300 or Shute (617) 394 2308 libraries.

Origami Club. Parlin Fireplace Room. Satur- day, March 16th at 12pm. Come and practice the an-

cient art of paper folding. All ages and skill levels are welcome!

### Parlin Childrens

Lego Club. Parlin Children's Room. Mon- day, March 11th from 3-5pm. Come to the Chil- dren's Room after school on Mondays for some free-building lego fun. Open to all ages. Children under 6 years old must be accompanied by an adult. No registration required.

Storytime with Vera. Parlin Children's Room. Tuesday, March 5th at 12pm. In English or Portu- guese by request. Visit the Parlin Library Children's Room to attend! Suggest- ed ages 2-6.

Storytime and Sin- galong with Karen Parlin Children's Room. Wednesday, March 13th at 11am. Join us for a fun- filled morning of singing and storytelling with Kar- en! Suggested ages 0-6.

Drama Class. Parlin

Children's Room. Wednes- day, March 13th at 3pm. Do you have a drama queen or king at home? Drama Class in the Parlin Children's Department is the perfect opportunity for your child to put those act- ing skills to use with our drama coach! Suggested ages 6-14.

Story Time Adven- tures with Mrs. McAuliffe Parlin Children's Room. Thursday, March 14th and Friday, March 15th at 11am. Join us on Thursday and Fridays at 11am with Mrs. McAuliffe for our enchanting Story Time! You will be whisked away on magical adventures through the pages of your favorite books. Bring a friend or make a new one in our circle of friends.

Fluency Fun Friday. Parlin Children's Room. Friday, March 15th at 3pm. Drop by the Chil- dren's Room for a selec- tion of fun fluency table

games with Mrs. McAu- liffe. Suggested ages 5-11.

### Shute Adult and Teens

Resume Writing, Shute Adult Department. Do you need help sprucing up an old resume or creating a new one? Sign up for a thirty minute session at both the Parlin and Shute Libraries. By appointment only. Please call 617-394-2302 for the Parlin Library and 617-394-2308 for the Shute Library to register for an appointment.

Computer Basics 101, Shute Adult Department. Not familiar with the com- puter? Learn the basics: how to start up and shut down a computer, perform mouse and keyboard func- tions, use applications, learn Microsoft Word, navigate the Internet, set up an email account, and more! By appointment only. Please call 617-394-2302 for the Parlin Library and 617-394-2308 for the Shute Library to register.

## Spring forward in safety: When you change your clocks, check your alarms



life batteries and a hush feature. These alarms are easier to maintain and less likely to be disabled while cooking or by someone using the batteries for oth- er household appliances.

"Disabling a smoke alarm puts you and ev- eryone in your building at risk," said Chief Burke. "Test your alarms once a month to be sure you and the people you care for are protected."

Fire officials recom- mend that you choose alarms from a well- known, national brand. Look for the mark of an independent testing labo- ratory such as UL or Inter- tek. Many Massachusetts fire departments have found alarms purchased on Amazon and other on- line retailers that do not meet the Fire Code -- and may not perform when they're needed most.

"If the price seems too good to be true, then it probably is," said State Fire Marshal Davine.

### Create & Practice a Home Escape Plan

"We have less time than ever before to escape a fire at home," said State Fire Marshal Davine. "You could have three minutes to escape safely. Creating and practicing a home escape plan that in- cludes two routes out will help you make the most of that precious time to get outside before poisonous gases and heat make es- cape impossible."

"Working smoke alarms and a practiced home es- cape plan are among the most fundamental and im- portant tools for surviving a fire," said Chief Burke. "Be sure everyone in the home knows what to do and where to go when the alarm sounds, includ- ing young children, older adults, and people with disabilities. Always keep doorways, stairways, and windows clear of furniture

and other obstructions so you can leave quickly and safely."

### Older Adults at Greatest Risk

More than half of last year's fire deaths involved adults aged 65 and old- er. In FY23, the Depart- ment of Fire Services' Senior SAFE grant pro- gram awarded more than \$575,000 to hundreds of fire departments across Massachusetts to support assistance with alarm in- stallation and testing. Old- er adults who need help testing, maintaining, or replacing smoke alarms should contact their local fire department, council on aging, or senior center for assistance.

### Carbon Monoxide Hazards

Heating equipment is the leading source of car-

bon monoxide at home, State Fire Marshal Da- vine said, but winter isn't over yet and CO remains a hazard even in warmer weather. While many car- bon monoxide incidents involve furnaces and other heating appliances, CO is also produced by stoves, grills, and vehicles, as well as generators put into use during a power out- age.

"Firefighters detect car- bon monoxide at about 5,000 calls each year in Massachusetts, and we've already seen cases of fatal carbon monoxide poisoning in 2024," said Chief Burke. "We can't see, smell, or taste carbon monoxide. Working CO alarms are the only way to detect this silent, invisible killer. If you hear you CO alarms sounding, get out to fresh air and call 9-1-1 right away."

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READ ACROSS AMERICA DAY AT THE LAFAYETTE SCHOOL

Special to the Independent

The Everett Public Schools participated in Read Across America

Day, with several community leaders visiting the schools to read to the students. Patriots player Max Lane and local officials were part of the celebration of reading and education. Former New England



Local officials and Lafayette School students are pictured on Read Across America Day at the school. See Page 6 for more photos.



Councilor-at-Large and celebrity guest reader Katy Rogers (back row, left) joins school teacher Darcy Myette, Assistant Principal Alessandro Cornelio, schoolteacher Patricia Dos Santos and Lafayette School first-grade students for a photo on Read Across America Day at the school.



Pictured at the Read Across America celebration at the Lafayette School are schoolteacher Maria Boyle, Assistant Principal Alessandro Cornelio, celebrity reader Everett Police Chief Steven Mazzie, schoolteacher Erin Foulds, and schoolteacher Sophia Deese.



Ward 4 Councilor Holly Garcia (back row, left) joins Assistant Principal Alessandro Cornelio, kindergarten teacher Nancy Dunkman and Lafayette School students for a photo during the Read Across America Day event at the school.

**DeMaria //** CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

project:

“I continue to oppose the currently proposed project because it does not add sufficiently to the affordable housing needs of Everett families. Additionally, this is an area of Everett that should be considered for a potential new high school project that is

the only solution to alleviate classroom size across our entire school district. Finally, we have made significant efforts to clean up the waterfront area as open and recreational space for all our residents to enjoy and this project offers no new community mitigation aspects in these

important respects and in fact, could give them impression that all residents are no longer welcome to enjoy this open space.”

(Information from Banker and Tradesman was used in the compilation of this story).

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## CARY SHUMAN PHOTOS



**Councilor-at-Large and celebrity guest reader Guerline Alcy Jabouin reads to student during an appearance at Read Across America Day at the Lafayette School.**



A photograph of a classroom scene. A female teacher with long dark hair, wearing a brown jacket and black pants, sits cross-legged on a large blue rug, reading a colorful book to a group of young students. The students, including a girl in a grey hoodie and a boy in a red and black shirt, are sitting on the rug and looking at the teacher. To the left, a man in a blue suit and red tie sits on the floor, observing the interaction. The background features a whiteboard, a large screen, and a shelf with books. A sign on the wall reads "BELONG".

A group of approximately 20 diverse young children, mostly of elementary school age, are posed in a classroom. They are arranged in several rows, with some sitting on the floor and others standing. Behind them stands a police officer in a dark uniform, wearing a badge and a lanyard. The classroom is decorated with educational materials, including a calendar, a grid, and various posters. A whiteboard on the left has a message written on it. The children are smiling and looking towards the camera.

A large group of students and teachers posing in a classroom. The students are wearing festive hats and holding a sign that says "Welcome Teacher Marley!". The background shows classroom decorations and educational posters.



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A group of seven healthcare professionals, including nurses and doctors, posing for a photo. A sign in the top left corner reads "The Boston Globe TOP PLACES TO WORK 2023 MASSACHUSETTS". The group consists of four women standing in the back row and three women sitting or kneeling in the front row. They are all smiling and wearing blue lanyards with ID badges. The background shows a hospital hallway with a large blue number "4" on the wall.

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# Pioneer Charter School celebrates 17th Annual Science Fair

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Earlier this month, the Pioneer Charter School of Science (PCSS) campuses in Everett (PCSS I), Beverly, and Saugus (PCSS II) hosted the 17th Annual Science and Engineering Fair. This year's theme was "New Ways to Solve Problems Using Science, Technology, and Artificial Intelligence," with over 300 students representing 175 project groups.

The Science Fair is a culmination of student work that begins at the start of the school year in August. Each year, PCSS 6-12th grade students participate in a preliminary event in December. From there, the top 40 percent of students are selected to participate in the fair. Over 50 volunteers and judges

from the New England-area STEM community participated, including those from Yale, MIT Lincoln Labs, BU Biomechanics and Pulmonary Lab, and various private industries. This year's projects included using AI to find the best brownie recipe, predicting forest fires using AI, building robots to assist with medical needs, and studying the effects of social media and technology on concentration and learning.

Each year, the Fair aims to allow students to use the scientific method or engineering design process to investigate a question or problem that interests them outside the general class curriculum. It also serves as a method for students to complete an independent research project as part of

the PCSS college readiness program and assists students in developing the necessary skills in verbal and written scientific communication.

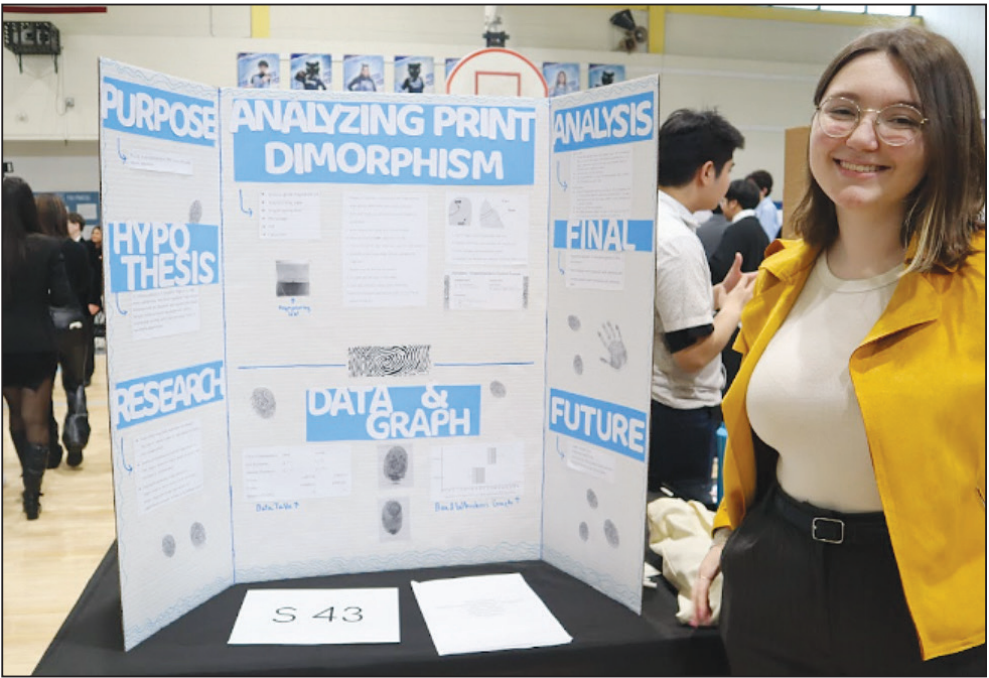
The mission of PCSS is to prepare educationally under-resourced students for today's competitive world. Through a rigorous academic curriculum emphasizing math and science, PCSS will help students develop the academic and social skills necessary to become successful professionals and exemplary community members. Balanced by a foundation in the humanities, a character education program, career-oriented college preparation, and strong student-teacher-parent collaboration, PCSS will meet its mission.



PCSS II 8th grade students Dalal Najeeb (L) and Yunauris Tobies (R) present their Science project "How Does Music Affect the Brain."



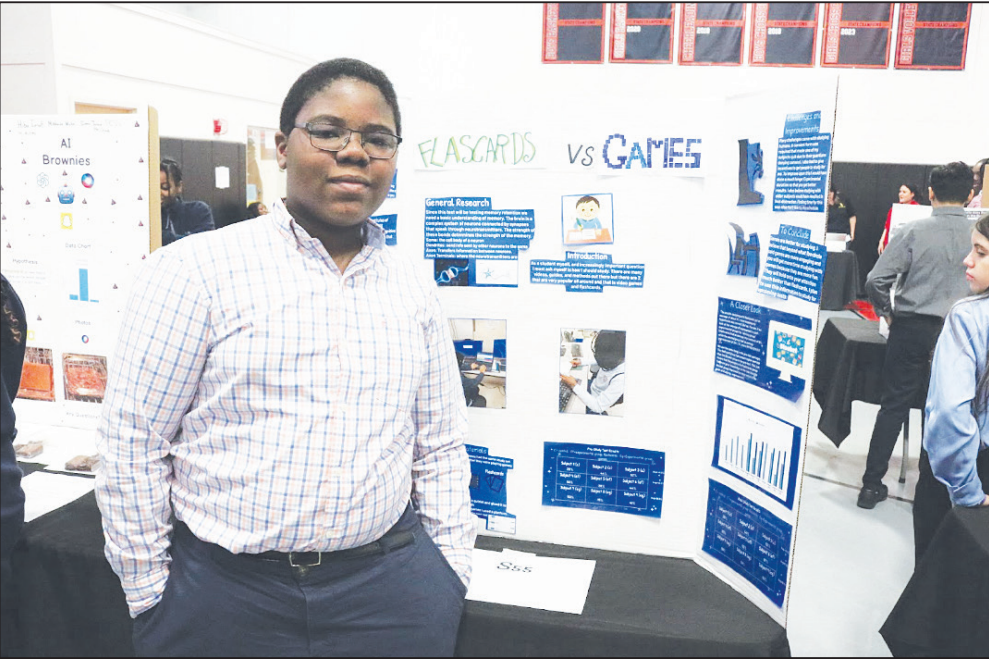
PCSS I 7th grade student Bryce-Jameson Fox presents his Engineering project "O.A.F.S. (Ocean Acidification Filtration Systems)."



PCSS2 11th-grade student Vanessa Murati presents her Science project "Analyzing Print Dimorphism."



PCSS I 11th-grade students Doha Marbough (L) and Sallam Ali (R) present their Science project, "The Effectiveness of Natural vs. Chemical Disinfectants In Preventing Bacterial Growth," to a judge.



PCSS II Middle School Grand Prize Winner, 7th-grader Nelson Nnanna of Danvers, with his winning project "Flashcards vs Games."

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# Treasurer Goldberg announces latest release of unclaimed property listings

Massachusetts State Treasurer Deborah B. Goldberg has announced the latest grouping of names added to the state’s list of unclaimed property owners. Over 50,000 new properties worth millions of dollars are owed to individuals and businesses throughout the Commonwealth.

“Did you know there is \$3.4 billion in unclaimed property here in Massachusetts? 1 in 10 people in this state are owed money and one of them could be you,” said Treasurer Deborah B. Goldberg. “So check the list, go online, or call our office to search for your name and begin the process today.”

Unclaimed property in-

cludes forgotten savings and checking accounts, un-cashed checks, insurance policy proceeds, stocks, dividends, and the contents of unattended safe deposit boxes. Most accounts are considered abandoned and are turned over to the state after three years of inactivity. Last year, Treasury processed over 145,000 claims and returned \$185 million in property to its rightful owners.

This newly released list includes only individuals and businesses with unclaimed property over \$100. Treasurer Goldberg urges all citizens to check the comprehensive list for all amounts at [www.findmassmoney.gov](http://www.findmassmoney.gov) or

call our live call center at 1-888-344-MASS (6277).

The full list of the new individuals and businesses added to the unclaimed property list will be published in the Boston Globe on March 3rd and in the Boston Herald on March 10th. In addition, the list of names will be published in over 30 regional and local papers in following weeks.

The Treasury releases an updated list of unclaimed property assets every six months as the new accounts are turned over to the Commonwealth. There is no time limit for a person to claim this property and, in many cases, claimants will receive interest.

# Joint Committee on Ways and Means to hold budget hearing in Gloucester

The Joint Committee on Ways and Means will hold a hearing on Governor Maura Healey’s FY2025 budget proposal, covering the topics of economic development, housing, and labor. State Representative Ann-Margaret Ferrante (D-Gloucester) and State Senator Lydia Edwards (D-Boston) will co-chair the hearing. The hearing will be open to the public for viewing; testimony is by invitation only.

“The state budget is the most important piece of legislation that is passed annually because it funds almost all aspects of the Commonwealth’s functions and programs. Although those testifying will include Constitutional officers such as the Attorney General, Secretariats of Economic Development, Labor and Workforce, Housing and Livable Communities

and agencies, this hearing gives the public the opportunity to view the budget process,” said Rep. Ann-Margaret Ferrante (D-Gloucester). “I’m pleased that my constituents, the residents of Cape Ann, will have the ability to see the budget process up close and personal, especially as we hear testimony on how and where the Commonwealth intends to spend its resources.”

“As co-chair of this critical hearing on the FY2025 state budget, I’m honored to provide a platform for public engagement in our budgetary process. This hearing isn’t just about numbers; it’s about the future we’re collectively shaping. By opening the doors to transparency and accountability, we empower our constituents to actively participate in decisions that impact their

lives,” said Senator Lydia Edwards (D-Boston).

The Joint Committee on Ways and Means hearing on the FY2025 state budget is on Friday, March 8, at 10:30 a.m. at the Gloucester City Hall – Kyrouz Auditorium, 9 Dale Avenue.

Involved are Joint Committee on Ways and Means, Office of the Attorney General, Executive Office of Economic Development, Office of Consumer Affairs and Business Regulation, Dept. of Business Development, Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities, Dept. of Housing and Community Development, Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development, Board of Library Commissioners, Mass. Cultural Council, Commission on the Status of Women, Cannabis Control Commission.

# READ ACROSS AMERICA AT WEBSTER SCHOOL



Webster School Extension School Leader Jessyca Redler welcomes Everett Police Officer Roman Agresti to the school on Read Across America Day.

Everett Police Officer Roman Agresti reads to students at Webster School.

CARY SHUMAN PHOTOS



Everett Police Officer Roman Agresti (above) made a celebrity guest reading appearance on Read Across America Day the Webster School Extension. Officer Agresti is pictured with preschool teacher Melissa Ruiz and her students at the school.

## CITY PAWS

## The Name Game

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

Would you like an excellent conversation starter for the people you meet on dog walks? Asking the dog’s name seems to come naturally. For a great conversation, ask how they came to choose that name. We often find a fascinating tale behind a dog’s name.

One of the rescued Westies we placed in a local home came with the name Rad. His new family (we soon learned they were truly fun and funny people) renamed him Swiffer. Why not? His sometimes long and shaggy coat did a great job of dusting their hardwood floors.

A friend’s Ragdoll cat was called Max, but his full name was Maximilien De Whisker, a take on Maximilien de Winter, hero of Daphne du Maurier’s book “Rebecca.” One Back Bay couple adopted a mixed breed dog and named him Del. They explain it’s short for Delano because he now had a “New Deal.”

We knew a dog named Kepler, after the German mathematician, astronomer, and astrologer Johannes Kepler. That’s a very Bostonian approach to naming a dog. Of course, naming a dog after someone or something related to sports is also very Boston.

### Tips for Name Selection

The Seeing Eye is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to breed, train, and place guide dogs for the blind, and they name about 500 puppies a year. Since these dogs must respond to that name for the rest of their lives, they must choose well. They offer the following tips for the rest of us.

First, count the syllables in the name. They try to stick to names with one or two syllables because shorter names are faster when communicating with the dog. Avoid names that sound like a command and might confuse the animal. Here are their examples, “‘Mo’ can sound like ‘No’ and ‘Kit’ sounds like ‘Sit.’” Finally, avoid names with embarrassing or negative connotations. You may find yourself shouting the name in public one day.



Poppy’s full name is “Duchess Poppy Whitehead.” “Duchess Poppy” comes from an E.F. Benson book character and our love for the pop of Champagne corks!

We’d add that you should skip names that sound like those of other pets or family. And remind you that, in the dog show world, each animal has a full registered name and a shorter call name. Moreover, most dogs answer to nickname variations of their official one.

### Popular Names

Each year, groups like the American Kennel Club, dog walking services, and pet insurance companies publish lists of the most popular dog names—The Wildest website reported on these listings last November.

They wrote that the top ten male dog names for 2024 were Charlie, Max,

Cooper, Milo, Buddy, Teddy, Rocky, Bear, Leo, and Duke. The female dog list included Luna, Bella, Daisy, Lucy, Lily, Lola, Zoe, Sadie, Stella, and Bailey.

### People Names

Would you be insulted if someone named their dog after you? Penny is always happy to meet a dog who shares her name.

We’ve heard of family feuds from using a name someone felt was their exclusive property. That doesn’t seem to happen with dogs. No one cares if there are three dogs named Fenway in the neighborhood. Dog people just add the breed when talking about them.

One final tip: take your time christening a new pet. Kitty or puppy work fine until you get to know one another. The perfect name may come to you, or you may notice that certain sounds or words get a response from your new family member. The dog or cat may give you a clue to their favorite name.

Do you have a question or topic for City Paws? Send an email to Penny@BostonZest.com with your request.

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# NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

## CONSTRUCTION STARTS AT PARK

CHELSEA - Construction is slated to begin on Monday on a new pocket park in the Forsyth neighborhood.

The new park is at the corner of Lafayette Avenue and Sturgis Street, and will enhance the safety, functionality, and aesthetics of the existing community open space in the Powder Horn Hill area while beautifying the neighborhood as part of the ARPA-funded Strategies for the Open Space Community Investments. The city’s contractor for this project is JJ Phelan Construction.

Construction work will start on Monday, March 4, with possible mobilization of equipment beginning on Friday, March 1, according to city officials. Construction hours will be from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Bi-directional traffic around the construction site will be maintained at all times, and police details will be present during construction hours. Pedestrian detours are expected to happen around the construction site.

The first two weeks of the construction schedule will include setting up a perimeter construction fence, a demo of the sidewalk and staircase, and excavating for retaining wall footings

Community Preservation Act funds are being used to fund a portion of the project, which will include a seating area, bike rack, shade trees, and green infrastructure. The triangular parcel is located uphill from Carter Heights Apartments where Forsyth Street becomes Sturgis Street and extends to Lafayette Avenue.

In related construction news, construction has been completed regarding the historic staircase at Franklin Avenue and Spruce Street, connecting Franklin Avenue to Lafayette Avenue, and the lighting was connected to power last week. There are still a few outstanding pieces to finalize for the city to announce its full completion and remove the temporary fencing in the staircase area.

## HEARING ABOUT CONCERT SERIES

EAST BOSTON - Those in attendance at the Orient Heights Neighborhood Council’s (OHNC) monthly meeting last week spoke about the future of the Suffolk Downs Concert Series and voiced concerns about traffic, noise, and parking problems stemming from last year’s iteration.

To start the discussion, District A7 Police Captain Dean Bickerton, who attended the meeting whilst on vacation to speak specifically about the topic, stood alongside HYM’s Managing Partner and Chief Executive Officer Thomas O’Brien to address concerns from last year from those in attendance.

One attendee spoke about traffic issues and explained that it took her almost an hour to get home from Revere to Orient Heights during last year’s concert series.

“When he [O’Brien] was here the last time, he said the traffic was going to be under control. On 1A, it was not under control. Revere police were stopping people from making a turnaround right across

## RMA STUDENTS CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY



As part of their Black History Month celebrations, Rumney Marsh Academy hosted Project Misik, to demonstrate traditional music and dances for the students to learn about and participate in. Shown above, Project Misik dancer leads students in a traditional Haitian folk dance in the RMA Gymnasium.

from the gas station there — I was not allowed to go down Boardman Street — I had to go way down to the end to make the turn,” said the attendee.

Bickerton, in response, said that Boardman Street should not have been shut off and spoke in depth about the traffic management plan.

Another attendee had talked about concertgoers parking on Waldemar Avenue and had suggested getting 24/7 resident-only parking for the days that there are concerts to prevent that from happening.

“Huge issue for us because when we went through all the processes, we didn’t want any of that to happen during the build-out of the entire site, so we’ll work with BTD (Boston Transportation Department) to try and get that done,” said O’Brien.

Another attendee had voiced frustration with the sound, saying, “I realize it’s a concert series. However, you probably should work with your sound engineer a little bit more because Swan Avenue is getting blasted.”

O’Brien explained that there were no complaints regarding noise for the first round of shows last year, which occurred in June.

However, he did say, “Going into the second round of shows, it was a different type of music, and the speaker setup was set to kind of get the far end of the group of people who are gathered on the lawn, and that first night we got a lot of noise complaints.”

He also added that they adjusted the speakers on the second night and “didn’t receive much in the way of noise complaints on the second night.”

O’Brien also indicated that they are not looking for the type of show that occurred during that second installment of concerts last September, which he described as a “techno sort of thing,” to return.

To close out this part of the discussion Bickerton went through specific asks he had for Suffolk Downs, HYM, and The Bowery Presents (the concert operator) regarding the concert series.

Specifically, Bickerton wants decibel readings to be done on the perimeter and to have them monitored in real-time, a better security team, increased lighting, crosswalks, and

no sound checks during school hours.

It should be noted that decibel reading was done last year, and Bickerton is hoping the city sets a decibel level to maintain at the establishment.

Bickerton also mentioned that the group is looking for a seven-day license for the concert series.

In describing the ask for the seven-day license, O’Brien said, “The concerts have not been set, so at the end of the day, we hope to be permitted for, say, 15 shows and maybe 20 shows for next year, right, but you don’t know what days they’re going to be so in order to file a permit you have to file a seven-day permit because it could be Friday it could be Saturday.”

Additionally, East Boston Neighborhood Liaison Mela Villa Gomez spoke about a community process that will occur regarding the concert series and indicated that the process is currently being developed.

Later in the meeting, O’Brien presented to the council about the Suffolk Downs redevelopment and the concert series.

In speaking about the concert series, he recapped last year’s events. He reiterated that during the June shows, they “received very few if any complaints, traffic seemed to work fine, the noise levels seemed to work fine.”

As for the second stretch of shows in September, he acknowledged “a ton of complaints” during the September 15th show, spoke about the changes made during the second show the next night, and received “next to no” complaints.

“Lessons learned. We’re going to implement all those lessons learned. Hopefully, none of that kind of music and direct the music in a way that doesn’t disturb the neighborhood,” said O’Brien.

O’Brien also walked through what is planned for this year, which includes three confirmed shows on May 18th, July 27th, and August 19th, with more to be announced.

“We’re thinking that there will be about 14 or so concerts this summer. On the seven-day permit question, because we don’t know what the dates of those other concerts will be, we were advised to apply just for the seven-day permit, so it could be — if somebody wants

to come on a Thursday — or whatever it is in the summer we’re trying to be flexible in that regard,” said O’Brien.

Additionally, O’Brien walked through the schedule of a typical concert with a new change in response to feedback, which was that sound checks would not occur before 3 P.M. so it does not interfere with schools in session.

An attendee suggested some schools still have students learning until at least 4 P.M. O’Brien and his team seemed amenable to pushing the sound check time further back.

He also indicated that there will be a traffic management plan and a sound, security, and emergency response plan.

Again, O’Brien took questions from those in attendance. One attendee asked about mitigation regarding weeknight concerts — especially concerning rush hour traffic — and O’Brien mentioned that they encourage concertgoers to use public transportation and that he would focus more on the scheduled Monday night concert.

Another attendee had made suggestions for further sound mitigation through the construction of a temporary structure or even a tent.

Overall, the topic of concerts at Suffolk Downs certainly fostered an extensive discussion, and residents should keep an eye out for the upcoming community process regarding the concerts. To learn more about the scheduled concerts, visit <https://stageatsuffolk-downs.com/>.

## HOTEL PROPOSED ON SQUIRE ROAD

REVERE - A five-story, 104-room boutique hotel proposed for 185 Squire Road has the support of the ward councillor.

The council heard from the developers of the hotel, who are requesting a special permit to reconstruct and expand an existing non-conforming building on Squire Road.

Lou Markakis, the president of the Lynnway Associates Group, said the proposed new owner and developer of the parcel, Jewel Saaed, has been working with city officials, departments, and boards to refine the plans over the past six months.

“This particular plan has been well vetted and

scrutinized, and we appreciate the volume of input and constructive criticism we have received from everyone,” said Marakis. “185 Squire Road is currently a two-story mixed-use building built around 1965 that is currently outdated and underutilized.”

The property is in a Highway Business zone, which allows for a hotel use by right as a permitted use. Markakis said other allowable uses in the zone include gas stations, funeral homes, parking lots, and parking structures.

“What we propose is consistent with the character of the area and the corridor, and we think it is beneficial to the community as a whole,” said Markakis.

The current plans call for vehicles to come off Squire Road onto Lechmere Street, where they will be met by a valet service. Markakis said there are also plans to operate two shuttle buses for

guests 24 hours per day to take them to public transportation, Revere Beach, and other locations.

Markakis noted that hotels generally provide the highest income for cities, while having the lowest drain on public services.

Ward 6 Councillor Chris Giannino said he has been in contact with developers about the project for the past several months.

“They have been very helpful and very open, and I’m in support of the plan 100 percent right now from what I am seeing on it,” he said. “I think it will bring a lot of income for the city and a lot of positives.”

Councillor-at-Large Juan Pablo Jaramillo said he would like to see a third shuttle bus at the hotel for use by residents who live in the area.

Ward 5 Councillor Angela Guarino-Sawaya said

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# OBITUARIES

## Michael Doyle

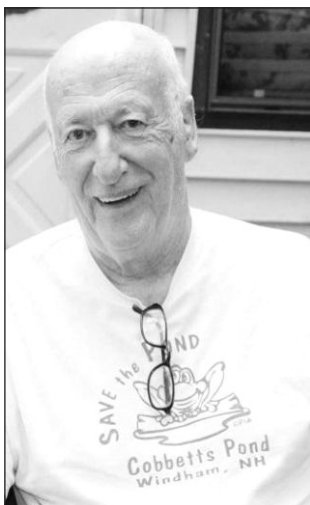
Retired educator

Michael A. Doyle of Everett entered into eternal rest unexpectedly, March 3rd in the Massachusetts General Hospital.

Born in Malden, Mike lived in Everett for most of his life. He was a teacher at the

Everett Vocational High School and also at the Middlesex County Sheriff’s Department. Mike also served in the Massachusetts National Guard.

He was the son of the late Augustine and Margaret (Keating) Doyle, the beloved husband of Pauline (Gentile) Doyle for over 66 years, dear and devoted father of Karen Smigielski of N. Carolina, Paula G. Parsons and her husband, Steven of Pennsylvania, the late Michael P. Doyle and Janet A. Arsenault and her surviving husband, Mark; the dear brother of Paul Doyle of Wakefield, Ronald Doyle of Stoneham and the late George Doyle, Jean Hussey, Mary Burton and twin, Adrian Doyle;her



husband, Juan, Roland Demers, Amanda Sharples and her husband, Michael, Elizabeth Lemmon and her wife, Kathleen Lemmon, and Harrison Arsenault; and four loving great-grandchildren.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Michael’s visitation in the Cafasso & Son Funeral Home, 65 Clarkverett, today, Wednesday, March 6 from 4 to 7 p.m. A funeral home service will be on Thursday at 11 a.m.y appreciated.

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CHURCH News

Mystic Side Congregational Church

News and Notes

Mystic Side Congregational Church is located in Everett, on Malden-Everett border, at 422 Main Street. We offer a warm, inviting atmosphere, and all are welcome. Our Sunday Church service starts at 10:30 a.m. and Communion is offered on the first Sunday of each month. A very pleasant coffee hour and socializing follow our services. Parking is available in our lot next to the church on Wyllis Ave. (one way off Main Street). We look forward to welcoming you this Sunday.

**Mystic Side Congregational Church**  
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Glendale United Methodist Church

News and Notes

Glendale United Methodist Church is open to all and we welcome people of all faiths, race, nationalities, and sexual preference. No one is ever turned away. If you are looking for a new home church, we would like you to check us out and let us know what we can do to make church a better fit in your life.

Bible Study: Consider joining us for Bible study on Sunday. We meet in the Church Parlor off the Chapel from 9:30 to 10:00 a.m.

Sponsor the bulletin! For a \$5 donation, you can dedicate the Sunday bulletin to recognize family, friends, or special occasions. There is a sign-up sheet in the Pastor's study. Feel free to choose your particular week and leave a copy of your dedication in the mail in that is on the Pastor's door. Please contact the Pastor if you have any questions.

Boy Scout Troop 814: Meet in Cooper Hall on Tues. evenings from 6-9 p.m. Cub Pack 11 meets on Saturday mornings.

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Bring Your Own Book 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.; Thurs. I Can't But We Can, 8:00 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.

AA Meeting – Saturday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Pastor's Office Hours: Saturdays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Other times by appointment.

Bread of Life Donations – This outreach is being done to honor the United Methodist Women's Group, who for so many years were our outreach source. Please bring any food item(s) to church and place in the box located on the altar.

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Grace Anglican Episcopal Church

News and Notes

Grace Anglican Episcopal Church is open and welcoming to all.

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Come all and let us walk together in this season of hope, renewal and new beginnings.

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News and Notes

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For more information, they can be reached online at [zionchurchministries.com](http://zionchurchministries.com) or via email at [office@zionchurchministries.com](mailto:office@zionchurchministries.com).

Immaculate Conception Parish

News and Notes

Our Parish Staff: Rev. Joseph Chacha Marwa, S.M.A. Administrator, Rev. Gustavo Buccilli S.M.A. Parochial Vicar, Barbara Canon Secretary, Parish Secretary.

Weekly Mass Schedule at the Immaculate Conception Parish is as follows:

1: Monday-Saturday at 7:00a.m. in the Chapel.

2: Saturday at 4:00p.m. (Sunday Vigil) and at 7:30p.m. Vietnamese Mass Upper Church.

3: Sunday at 7:00a.m. and 10:00a.m. English Masses. At 12:00p.m. Spanish Mass and 4:00p.m. Haitian Creole Mass.

4: Confessions are on Saturdays from 3:00-3:45 at the Confession Boots in the Chapel, and at 11:15 a.m. 12:00p.m. in Spanish.

5: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at the Chapel on Thursday from 7:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

Bring a Book buy a Book a new Fundraiser Program at the back of the Church. All books are a dollar. Any money collected goes to our Stain Glass Fund. You are most invited to make a donation for this course. Most welcome to worship with us on Sunday and weekdays. Thank You.

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Glendale Christian Lighthouse Church

News and Notes

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Church at the Well Everett

News and Notes

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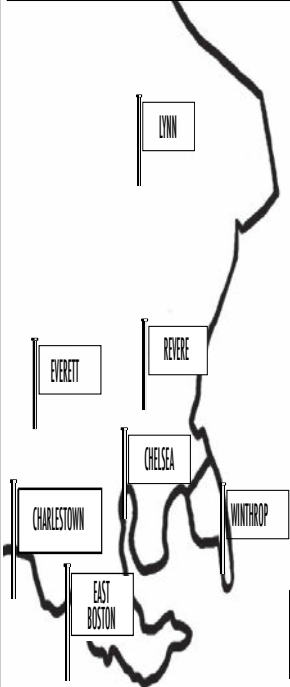
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## FRESH AND LOCAL

### Switch it up!

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

Those of us who cook have a roster of dishes we make more often than others. When you dine in or have takeout from a favorite restaurant, you probably have a few dishes you usually order. If you or your eaters find the love for a long-time favorite fading, it may be time to switch it up.

#### Salad Revision

We often add a favorite arugula and grilled shrimp salad to our order at Piat-tini on Newbury Street. Penny has made it at home several times, but it has yet to measure up to the original. She just can’t duplicate the restaurant’s great balsamic salad dressing. However, she made an excellent replacement salad by switching things up.

Penny replaced the shrimp with grilled sweet chili salmon, the dried cranberries with unsweetened dried cherries, and

candied pecans with roasted pecans. Finally, she created a salad dressing from the remains of the sweet chili glaze from the salmon.

It was not just delicious but seasonal with winter fruits and nuts. It was healthier, with less sugar and higher omega-3 fatty acids. It was not as expensive since it used less costly fish and pantry ingredients. We’re already talking about switching up this salad for spring, summer, and fall using seasonal ingredients and seafood from farmers’ markets.

Another way to change a salad like this is to take your inspiration from a different culture or food preference. It could become Asian and vegan with grilled tofu, shiitake mushrooms, crispy shallots, and a ginger sesame vinaigrette.

#### How Restaurants Do It

Some items stay, without change, on restaurant

menus forever and are sorely missed when they disappear, such as the legendary Hamersley’s roast chicken. However, many chefs find ways to freshen their menus with seasonal flourishes.

For example, one of our neighborhood hangouts, Little Whale, keeps Ed’s favorites, swordfish, and haddock, on the menu. However, as the seasons change, the sauces and sides offered with these standbys are adapted to use seasonal ingredients. This winter, a side of marble potatoes and roasted fennel, sauced with a country mustard beurre blanc, has Penny ordering swordfish and wishing that side was offered by itself.

Another option for home cooks and restaurant chefs is to change their regular menu to include seasonal ingredients intentionally. The local asparagus season is so short that we will incorporate it into our meals many



Our spicy grilled salmon, dried cherry, and pecan version of an arugula salad is a favorite busy-day meal.

times a week. We might roast it along with some chicken on a sheet pan. Sometimes, we peel it into ribbons to create a fennel and asparagus salad that we only eat in spring. In winter, we surround that chicken with roasted root vegetables.

Change something as routine as “Taco Tuesday” by brainstorming for other fillings. The taco is just the carrier for the meal. You could choose an Italian sausage, pepper, and

onion taco or a pizza taco. Consider ordering from a different taco shop if your tacos are take-out. There are dozens of discussions online about the best of any food category in the area.

#### Photos Are Reminders

One good thing about taking photos of our food is that we can check back at what we ate at home and when dining out this time of year. A glance at your pictures from the fall

and winter could remind you of a great truffle ravioli you had in the past.

Check your photos for meals you’ve enjoyed. Look at current restaurant menus that use local food well and be inspired to try a new take on an old favorite.

*Do you have a question or topic for Fresh & Local? Send an email to Penny@BostonZest.com with your suggestion.*

## Update // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3

would inform them of their right to review the curriculum or opt their child out of some or all of the lessons.

Building on the DESE education framework

The Healthy Youth Act would codify into law the health education framework approved by DESE last year, which is currently only a voluntary guideline for school districts in the Commonwealth.

If passed, the legislation would strengthen the impact of the new health education framework and create standards for sex and relationship curricula in public schools.

The Healthy Youth Act would require the DESE to collect data on

sex and relationship education taught in public schools and require DESE to review and update the framework at least every ten years to ensure the sex and relationship education guidelines remain comprehensive and are meeting the needs of students.

The bill has the support of a broad coalition of education and LGBTQ+ advocates around the state.

“Today’s vote affirms what we already know – a strong majority of people in Massachusetts, including most parents, want young people to receive sex and relationship education at school,” said Jamie Klufts, co-chair of the Healthy Youth Coalition. “We are deeply grateful

to the entire Senate, including Senate President Spilka, Senate Ways and Means Chair Rodrigues, and Assistant Majority Leader DiDomenico, for believing in the Healthy Youth Act once again. We look forward to working with the House to pass the Healthy Youth Act this session so that the state’s exciting new Health and Physical Education Framework can reach its full potential and do the most to support our students and teachers.”

“Ensuring that Massachusetts schools are places where all students feel safe and supported—no exceptions—has never been so urgent,” said Jaclyn Friedman, Executive

Director of EducateUS and Chair of the Healthy Youth Coalition. “The type of sex and relationship education provided for by the Healthy Youth Act is proven to protect young people against bullying, abuse, and feelings of isolation. We applaud the Senate’s steadfast and timely commitment to young people across Massachusetts.”

“We are excited to learn that, once again, the Healthy Youth Act has passed the Senate,” said Shaplaie Brooks, Executive Director of the Massachusetts Commission on LGBTQ+ Youth. “This tells us that the number one priority for the Senate is comprehen-

sive, intersectional, and medically-accurate health education for students in the Commonwealth. With this win, we believe that the Senate has weighed the pros and cons of this life-saving legislation, and ultimately centered the importance of cultivating a safe environment for students to engage a modern curriculum that reflects the issues they face every day and answers their questions about healthy relationships—rooted in consent. The Commission believes that the House understands the same, and urges it to take up this bill immediately. We are at a pivotal moment in our Commonwealth’s history where we have a chance

for all youth including LGBTQ youth to receive critical information that can equip them with the tools to keep themselves safe, be a safe person in their relationships, understand the risks and red flags specific to their communities, and have the autonomy to make informed decisions based on the power of knowledge and not fear.”

This is the fifth consecutive session during which the Senate has adopted similar legislation.

The bill now heads to the Massachusetts House of Representatives for consideration.

## Rebrand // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

I am excited to see the next chapter unfold and the positive impact it will undoubtedly bring to communities throughout Greater Boston.”

Acquired by EBNHC in 2020, the South End Community Health Center, with an equally rich legacy, will also embrace the new name, NeighborHealth, in June of this year.

“In the 1960s, I saw firsthand the urgent need for community-based primary care in the South End and was fortunate to join forces with an incredible group of people who shared my vision for justice in healthcare. For me, NeighborHealth symbolizes a renewed dedication to serve our communities with compassion and sensitivity, something we need now more than ever,” said Dr. Gerald Hass, co-founder of the South End Community Health Center.

Responding to community feedback, EBNHC worked with patients, staff, and community

leaders across the Boston area to arrive at a name that best unified the health systems’ breadth of services across multiple campuses. The new brand, NeighborHealth, will align the health system’s visual identity with its mission and vision to deliver a healthcare experience that is compassionate, person-centric, culturally relevant, and most importantly – accessible to all.

Undergoing the official name change in June 2024, the soon-to-be NeighborHealth will continue to be a staple in Boston’s diverse communities by leveraging its core values:

- With community: We don’t just serve communities; we belong to them. We understand the lives of our patients because they’re deeply interconnected with our own; and that’s why we can address complex needs and cultural nuances. We’re more than providers; we’re neighbors.

- Open to all: Too many

people face barriers to receiving high-quality care due to disparities associated with race, cultural background, or economic status. As a community-focused health system, we are committed to eliminating these barriers to provide the right care to everyone who needs it, no matter who they are.

- Beyond the clinic: We know that health care doesn’t start or end in the exam room. The fact is, where and how people live can have a profound impact on health outcomes and wellbeing. That’s why we take a holistic approach to care, working with community partners to engage people in the community before they become patients at our clinics.

- A valued team: A healthful workplace is essential to great patient care. That’s why we are committed to the wellbeing of our team, building a safe and supportive space where staff are recognized and valued for their work, and patients are treat-

ed based on their unique needs by providers they trust.

- Better care: We bring compassionate, high-quality care to communities across Greater Boston. Community, however, is not just a place where care happens – it’s a healthful state we all should aspire to. We live longer, healthier lives in community, with those who know and care about us. That’s why we believe that care in community is better. And that’s what we’re here to champion.

Patients and partners seeking additional information about the upcoming rebrand, please visit [ebnhc.org](http://ebnhc.org).

East Boston Neighborhood Health Center is one of the nation’s largest Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) and the largest community-based primary care health system in Massachusetts, serving over 120,000 people and recognized by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) as a National

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the effort with January’s “Resiliency” award presentation, in which six students were recognized in Principal Dennis Lynch’s office.

February’s celebration

was moved to the EHS Library and was expanded to honor 13 students. Ms. Whitson introduced the students, and Mr. McGowan read the nominations written by their

teachers.

The nominating teachers wrote descriptions about the students, which were read by Mr. McGowan. The recipients received colorful certificates

and Target gift cards.

Also new this month: the teachers who nominated students were entered into a raffle for an EHS blanket. This month’s winner was Mark Canilas.



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she supports the project, adding that she wouldn't mind seeing an extra floor with the addition of a rooftop bar.

"I've had a lot of people ask about a rooftop bar in the city," she said.

Ward 1 Councillor Joanne McKenna said she believes the project will be beneficial to the entire city, and help with the revitalization of Squire Road.

Councillor-at-Large Michelle Kelley said she did have some concerns about the size of the project, and would feel better if there was more outreach to the residential neighborhood across the street.

Markakis said the developers would be willing to meet with those residents about the project.

The special permit request will be going before the council's zoning subcommittee on March 4 before coming back to the full council for a potential vote.

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER ADDITIONAL HALF DAY FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

WINTHROP - The school district is looking to potentially add a half day for its elementary schools to the calendar in June.

At Monday night's

School Committee meeting, Superintendent of Schools Lisa Howard said she will be back at the next meeting with more specific information, although she said it looks like that half day could be on June 5.

"We want to add a half day for the elementary schools only to the calendar," Howard said. "The purpose of that half day is going to be very specific training on a newly adopted ELA curriculum."

Howard said the district has not yet chosen and adopted a new ELA and reading curriculum, but she said teachers, administrators, and staff are going through options and should soon have a presentation before the school committee on a preferred curriculum option.

In other business, Howard said the district is in the midst of continuing its PowerSchool training. The new student information software will be implemented for the 2024-25 school year, she said.

"It takes a full year to train everyone and take all of our data and get it transitioned into the new system," said Howard.

The PowerSchool software is more powerful than the current school information system and provides more communications opportunities for families and staff, Howard said.

Later in the year, there will be training opportu-

nities for families to learn how to use the new system, she added.

During February vacation, there was a major wifi upgrade at the Gorman Fort Banks School using federal Covid relief funds.

"We needed all new access points," said Howard. "There is a lot of difficulty in that building because of the cement walls."

Howard said the issues with the service didn't have to do with the bandwidth, but with issues getting the wifi connections through certain walls in the school.

Howard said the district will also be using some of its ESSER III Covid relief funds to purchase a new server for the district.

"One of the servers that we thought was going to get us through the school year is flashing us that it will not," said Howard.

It is anticipated that the server will be replaced during April vacation.

The superintendent noted that the next meeting of the school committee's budget subcommittee is scheduled for March 6. Howard said the administration will have more detail on the budget and should have details on what will be required for a level-services budget for the 2024-25 school year. She said there will likely be more information about what is required for a needs-based budget at a future meeting.

## A LOOK AT EXCELLENCE IN THE EVERETT PUBLIC SCHOOLS New School Committee members visit EPS Schools

The five new members of the Everett School Committee visited four schools last week, giving them the chance to meet building leaders and educators and see the great work that is being done throughout the district every day.

Robin Babcock, Margaret Cornelio, Joseph D'Onofrio, Joanna Garren, and Samantha Hurley toured the Adams School

(Pre-Kindergarten), Lafayette School (K-8), Webster School (K-5), and Everett High School (EHS) on Friday, February 9, 2024. Superintendent William Hart accompanied the members on the tours, which were led by principals.

Thanks to Adams School Head Teacher Laurie Stokes, Lafayette Principal Dave Brady, Webster Principal Chris

Barrett, and EHS Principal Dennis Lynch for leading the tours and engaging the School Committee members in engaging discussions. And thanks to the many teachers who opened their classroom doors.

The day concluded at EHS, where the School Committee members were treated to lunch made by the Culinary Arts Department.



From left: School Committee members Robin Babcock, Samantha Hurley, Margaret Cornelio, Joseph D'Onofrio, and Joanna Garren, Adams School Head Teacher Laurie Stokes, and Superintendent William Hart.



Superintendent William Hart and Everett High School Principal Dennis Lynch are pictured with School Committee members Joseph D'Onofrio, Robin Babcock, Samantha Hurley, Margaret Cornelio, and Chairwoman Jeanne Cristiano.



Seated, from left: School Committee members Joseph D'Onofrio, Samantha Hurley, Margaret Cornelio, and Robin Babcock. Standing, from left: Lafayette School Assistant Principal Steven Venezia, Superintendent William Hart, Lafayette Principal Dave Brady, and Lafayette Assistant Principal Alessandro Cornelio.

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