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CITY OF EVERETT HOSTS THIRD ANNUAL G.I.R.L.S. DAY



The City of Everett shared with over 100 girls ages 5-14 the power, importance and strength of women in public safety at the third annual G.I.R.L.S. Day.

Above, participants in Everett G.I.R.L.S. Day are pictured in front of the vehicle honoring the life and career of State Trooper Tamar A. Bucci.

Right, Director of Youth Development and Enrichment, John Russolillo, pictured at the G.I.R.L.S. Day event with Councilor-at-Large Stephanie Smith, her daughter, Harlowe Hart, Akla Follo, and Madelyn McGrath.

Below, Tufts University Police Officer Jessica Brandon (with canine Hayley) and Everett Police Officer Brittany Bolduc (right) are pictured with some of the participants in G.I.R.L.S. Day on Saturday in Everett. See Page 12 for more photos



CARY SHUMAN PHOTOS

DIDOMENICO MEETS WITH CONSTITUENTS DURING STUDENT GOVERNMENT DAY

Special to the Independent

The State House recently hosted their annual Student Government Day with the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) where high school students from across Massachusetts came to the building for a day of education and debating real legislation. Senator Sal DiDomenico was able to watch some of the mock sessions in the Senate Chamber and spent time with students from his district to give them a tour of the building and his office.

“It was a pleasure to

show students from my district around different

parts of the Senate Chamber and watch them engage in debate with their peers on timely issues that I am working on like college affordability and educator diversity,” said Senator Sal DiDomenico. “I want to thank Anne Ziaja, my team, State House staff, and DESE staff for helping organize this fantastic event and inspiring a new generation of young people to get involved in government and make our state a better place for everyone.”

Student Government Day is a state mandated program established in 1947, empowering students from public and private high schools across the commonwealth with the opportunity to learn, observe, and dive into the process of state government. The interactive and educational program is coordinated by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and open to high school juniors and seniors.



Senator Sal DiDomenico with students and teachers on the Senate Balcony.



Senator Sal DiDomenico with students in the Senate Chamber.

Commanders select Mikey Sainristil in NFL Draft

By Cary Shuman

Mikey Sainristil, who played on two state championship teams during his outstanding football career at Everett High School before moving on to the University of Michigan and helping to lead the Wolverines to the national title this season, was selected by the Washington Commanders in the National Football League Draft last Friday.

Sainristil watched the second day of the draft on television with a large contingent of friends and family, including his parents, Carlot and Raymonde, who all erupted in joy when the Commanders announced their second-round pick (No. 50 overall).

Sainristil spoke to the



COURTESY PHOTO

Mikey Sainristil.

media during a tele-conference following the draft.

Asked about being selected in the NFL Draft, Sainristil replied, “I’ll say this, it was definitely a dream come true - growing up, dreaming, wish-

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Bottles of burden

Councilor Rogers takes the initiative on miniature liquor-bottle ban issue

Special to the Independent

I took the initiative to collect any nips (miniature bottles containing liquor or other alcoholic beverages) I could find within a 30-minute time frame walking in the vicinity of Bucknam Street.

Throughout the campaign trail, constituents mentioned litter as a major problem in their neighborhoods - in particular, small nip bottles have been a burden in front yards, tree beds, and on sidewalks. The bottles are not recyclable. The City of Chelsea took an initiative to ban the sale of nips and the Chelsea Chief of Police testified that not only has pollution drastically decreased, but also the number of calls related to public intoxication. Thus, the ban of nips has yielded positive results both on the environment and police re-

sources in Chelsea. Chief Mazzie echoed many of these concerns.

While councilors are the representatives who receive the most feedback from residents, banning nips ultimately comes under the jurisdiction of the licensing board, which is why on Thursday, the public was invited to express their concerns about nips. I am proud to join Councilor Stephanie Martins in this initiative for change.

The nip ban is the best solution, as alternatively, we would have to consider hiring more resources to keep the city clean, thus increasing taxes for small businesses. Banning the nip is a fair way of resolving the problem without increasing taxes and it is the best solution for our planet and health of our city.

(Submitted by Katy Rogers)

McGonagle secures \$300,000 for Everett on FY2025 budget

Special to the Independent

Last week, Rep. Joe McGonagle, along with his colleagues in the Massachusetts House of Representatives, passed their Fiscal Year 2025 (FY25) budget. Funded at \$58 billion, \$62 million below Governor Maura Healey’s budget proposal, the House’s FY25 budget responds to the needs of residents, provides strong support for the Commonwealth’s cities and towns, and among many critical investments, includes significant funding for education, transportation, health care, housing, and workforce development. McGonagle secured money

for renovations to Everett Square and Veteran’s Stadium as well as inclusive and adaptive recreational programming.

“Knowing how tight the budget is this year, I am especially grateful to come away with money directly for projects that benefit the people of Everett,” said McGonagle. “In collaboration with the City, we’ve decided these earmarks will make moves to improve and enhance the well-being of our community. This year’s budget process was especially arduous but I am so grateful to my incredible colleagues for the hard work

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EHS football team will open 2024 season versus Mansfield High

By Cary Shuman

The Everett High School football team will open its 2024 schedule against Mansfield High on Friday, Sept. 6 at 7 p.m. at Everett Memorial Stadium.

According to Everett's second-head coach Justin Flores, the two teams scrimmaged last year and "we decided to change it to a non-league, regular-season game."

"They're a very good program and they have been for years," said Flores. "Coach Redding is a very good coach. It's going to be a good test for our team."

Everett will play Medford in Week 2 of the season.

The Crimson Tide moved their annual game with Xaverian from Week 1 to Week 3 of the season.

In addition to Mansfield and Xaverian, Everett will play non-league games against Taunton, BC High, and Brockton.

Everett's other GBL opponents will be Lynn Classical (away) and Revere (home).

Last season Everett went 7-1 in its first eight games but fell short of an MIAA playoff berth due to the ratings points system. This season Everett is playing non-league games

against five teams that are traditionally strong, a factor that will help boost Everett in the rankings. The top 16 teams in each division qualify for the playoffs.

Coach Flores was a guest at the E Club Scholarship Dinner April 24, observing proudly as Everett High graduating football players Christian Zamor (Reynaldi Audate Scholarship), Jayden Prophete (Jack McGrath Scholarship), Shane MacKenzie (Outstanding Lineman), Dom Papa (Outstanding Back), and Adoni Santos (Unsung Hero) were honored by the organization.

City of Everett Launches Summer STEM Camp

Mayor Carlo DeMaria is pleased to announce the City of Everett's Youth Development and Enrichment Department has launched a Summer STEM Camp that will run from Monday, July 1 to Wednesday, July 3, 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., at the Everett Recreation Center (47 Elm Street).

Youth ages seven to 14 are invited to embark on an exciting journey into the world of robotics. Participants will dive into hands-on activities, engaging workshops and collaborative projects all geared towards igniting their passion for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM). Throughout the camp, participants will be guided by experienced instructors who are dedicated to

fostering creativity, critical thinking and problem-solving skills. Additionally, those who register will learn the fundamentals of robotics, which will include designing, building and programming robots to perform various tasks.

By the end of camp, participants will not only have gained the knowledge and skills in robotics, but will also have developed the confidence in their ability to tackle challenges and find innovative solutions.

"I firmly believe that our Summer STEM Camp is not just about building robots; it's about building futures," said Director of Youth Development and Enrichment John Russolillo. "By engaging youth in hands-on STEM activities,

we're not only preparing them for future careers but also instilling a passion for learning that will last a lifetime. Together, we're shaping the innovators, the leaders, and the change-makers of tomorrow."

To register for this program, please visit EverettRecandEnrich.com and navigate to the programs tab to find the Summer STEM Camp. The camp is open to the first 30 who register and the cost is \$25. For more information, please email Director of Youth Development and Enrichment John Russolillo at John.Russolillo@ci.everett.ma.us or call 617-394-2270 to be connected to the Youth Development and Enrichment Department.

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ing, and praying to be in this position is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity."

Sainristil said he wasn't expecting the Commanders to be the team drafting him.

"I thought I was going to the Steelers at 51," related Sainristil. "I felt my phone vibrating, I looked down, and it was a Virginia number. I'm like, 'who the heck from Virginia is calling me right now?' I picked up the phone and right away my heart was just - I felt that ease, I felt that peace. My mind

was finally at peace. I'm just very excited to get to Washington and get the ball rolling."

Sainristil will join Heisman Trophy winner Jayden Daniels of LSU in the Commanders' pre-season camp.

The Massachusetts Gatorade Player of the Year in 2018, Sainristil starred at wide receiver and defensive back on two Super Bowl-winning teams (2016 and 2017) under the leadership of former head coach John DiBiasi. Jordan McAfee and Shea

Willcox were the starting quarterbacks for those championship teams.

"I'm very proud and very happy for Mikey," said DiBiasi. "I watched the draft, and it was exciting to hear his name called. I absolutely think Mikey is ready for the NFL and he will do fantastic. He had a great career at Michigan."

Former Everett High football player Jason Maitre, who played at Boston College and the University of Wisconsin, has been invited to the Seattle Seahawks mini-camp.

(Information from Commanders.com was used in this story).



Senator Sal DiDomenico speaking at his event for the Shannon Community Safety Initiative.

DIDOMENICO ADVOCATES FOR FUNDING COMMUNITY SAFETY INITIATIVE

Last week, Senator Sal DiDomenico hosted an event with the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) to highlight their support of the Shannon Community Safety Initiative and all the benefits it has provided in the Commonwealth. This critical grant program provides funding for a

multi-pronged approach to address a community's gang and youth violence. Through these grants, communities can provide youth programming and help build and strengthen relationships between police and young people.

"I have supported this program for years and will continue to do so in

order to reduce violence and protect young people in my district and across Massachusetts," said Senator Sal DiDomenico. "I want to thank Rep. Adrian Madaro and the broad coalition of advocates working with me to support funding the Shannon grants."

NEWS BRIEFS

CITY HAS BEGUN FLUSHING HYDRANTS THROUGHOUT THE CITY

Flushing will take place Mondays through Fridays, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., until Wednesday, June 12

Everett, MA - The City of Everett's Water Department will begin flushing water mains throughout the City beginning Tuesday, April 30, 2024 and will continue through Wednesday, June 12, 2024. Hydrant flushing will be performed weekly, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 8 p.m.

The purpose of flushing is to remove sediment buildup in the mains and to verify the safe operation of hydrants and valves. Hydrant flushing may result in temporary discoloration of the water, caused by small particles that dislodge during the flushing, as well as a temporary reduction in pressure.

"Flushing our hydrants is crucial to maintaining clean water throughout the community," said Mayor Carlo DeMaria. "I am grateful to the Water Department for dedicating their time to ensure the City is providing clean water to our residents."

Discolored water will be temporary and is not harmful. However, the

discolored water might stain laundry, especially white materials. Therefore, please avoid doing laundry during the noted flushing period. Before washing clothes, including times after the hours stated in this notice, please check the cold water for possible discoloration. If the water is discolored, let the cold water run for a few minutes until the water becomes clear. If it does not clear at that time, try again later.

Unfortunately, the City cannot fully guarantee the safety of doing laundry or the possibility of discoloration even during the evenings and other times of the day as the water system has been disturbed. Therefore, please check the water carefully before doing laundry and inspect the laundry before drying it.

The Water Department appreciates your patience as they work to improve the quality of the drinking water. For more information, please call the Water Department at 617-394-2327.

COUNCIL ON AGING HOSTING ACRYLIC POUR ART CLASS

Mayor Carlo DeMaria is pleased to announce the City of Everett's Council on Aging (COA) is offering an Acrylic Pour Art class to residents aged 60 or older on Tuesday, May 21, at 1 p.m., at the Conolly Center (90 Chelsea Street).

Let your imagination and creativity flow at this art class. Participants are asked to bring their own apron or artist's smock with them upon arriving. Space is limited to 20 participants. For more information and to sign up, please call 617-394-2270 to be connected to the Connolly Center.

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Call to ALL artists!

Spring Fever!

at Everett City Hall in May & June

Open to all ages & skill levels!
Use QR code or email

everettartentry@gmail.com

for more information. Deadline May 1

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MULTICULTURAL Festival

hosted by Immaculate Conception Parish
Saturday June 15 10a.m. - 5 p.m. at
Lafayette School Playground,
117 Edith Street
Music, games, food, fun & more!

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CITY OF EVERETT HOLDS MONTHLY LUNCH AND LEARN

PHOTOS COURTESY THE CITY OF EVERETT



The City of Everett held the monthly Lunch and Learn for April featuring the City's Youth Development and Enrichment Department as the program's presenters.

The City of Everett recently held its Lunch and Learn for the month of April at Everett City Hall. This month's program featured the City's Youth Development and Enrichment Department to discuss the ongoing efforts to provide a variety of programs to Everett's youth.

City employees had the opportunity to listen to Director of Youth Development and Enrichment John Russolillo present the department's "Everett Youth Lifecycle" chart and how the chart is utilized to best serve each age range of Everett's youth and young adults. In addition to Russolillo, Assistant Director of Recreation Mike DiPietro, Assistant Director of Youth Workforce Development Roberto Velasquez, and Assistant Director of Youth Substance Abuse Prevention Eric Mazzeo spoke about their positions and the vital roles they each play in the process.

Those who participated were able to gain an increased understanding of each team member's role

in providing the necessary resources for Everett's youth and young adults to receive the assistance needed to be healthy, happy and successful members of society. The chart that the department utilizes breaks down the age ranges of youth and the programs that best serve each category. The goal is to have programming available to serve youth from ages zero to 24 and repeat the process for each generation of Everett's youth and young adults.

"Our department is committed to impacting all youth and guiding them through every stage of development to become successful members of society and proud representatives of Everett," said Director of Youth Development and Enrichment John Russolillo. "By nurturing their talents, providing mentorship, and offering opportunities for growth, we're not just investing in their individual futures; we're investing in the future of our community. Together, let's ensure that every young person



The City of Everett's Youth Development and Enrichment Department presented their "Everett Youth Lifecycle" chart. Pictured left to right is Assistant Director of Youth Workforce Development Roberto Velasquez, Assistant Director of Recreation Mike DiPietro, Director of Youth Development and Enrichment John Russolillo, and Assistant Director Youth Substance Abuse Prevention Eric Mazzeo.

in Everett has the support they need to thrive and contribute meaningfully to our vibrant city."

Lunch and Learn is a

monthly program created and moderated by the City of Everett's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Director Cathy Draine. The pro-

gram is an opportunity for City employees to come together, share ideas and experiences, and discuss new topics while enjoying

lunch. The series is a part of the City's commitment to engage, educate and elevate.

FRESH AND LOCAL

Asian noodles

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

Do you find yourself eating more noodle dishes both at home and away? We know we've expanded our noodle consumption over the past few years. As we explored more Asian cuisines and shopped more often in Chinatown, the selection of noodles in our pantry has grown.

Penny has studied Vietnamese and Thai cooking and learned that many of our favorite restaurant dishes are relatively easy to prepare at home once we purchase the appropriate noodles.

Asian Noodle Varieties

Our copy of "The Deluxe Food Lover's Companion" contains a separate entry for Asian noodles. It explains, "Though some Asian-style noodles are wheat-based, many others are made from ingredients such as rice flour, potato flour, buckwheat flour, cornstarch, and bean starch. Among the more popular are China's cellophane noodles (made from mung-bean starch), egg noodles (usually wheat-based), rice noodles, and Japan's Harusame (made with soybean, rice or potato flour), ramen (wheat-based egg noodles), and soba (which

contain buckwheat flour)."

The noodle aisles offer a wealth of options for those with dietary restrictions. One of our favorite ramen noodles contains millet and brown rice. We have an excellent option for a quick meal in a stock of fully cooked Udon noodles that we use in cold dishes, heated in the microwave, or tossed straight from the package into stir-fries.

If you grew up with flash-fried ramen noodles, try the newer air-dried versions. These noodles have only three ingredients: flour, water, and salt. The traditional versions are fried in canola, cottonseed, or palm oil and may contain 18% saturated fat. We enjoy the air-dried, bouncy texture and quick cooking and appreciate that they have zero saturated fat.

Preparing Asian Noodles

Ramen noodle soups transitioned from China to Japan around the turn of the 20th Century. Wikipedia notes that in 1958, Momofuku Ando of Nissin Foods invented instant noodles. For many of us, his "Cup of Noodles" was our introduction to preparing Asian noodles. Even that, we were doing wrong. It was not

until 2023 that Nissin announced they had changed their packaging, and it was now safe to microwave the product.

With so many different Asian noodles, both fresh and dried, it took some study and expert advice for us to master preparing them. We turned to a few food vloggers we trusted to show us the way. We suggest you go to YouTube and search for Marion's Kitchen's "Preparing Asian Noodles," Pailin's Kitchen's "Never Cook Mushy, Broken Rice Noodles Again!," or Woks of Life's "How to Cook Lo Mein Noodles." All three videos are full of tips and demonstrations from experts who are also good teachers. You might also like America's Test Kitchen's "Asian Noodles 101: Ramen, Soba, Udon, Lo Mein, Rice Stick" for a basic overview.

Read the package instructions and see if they make sense, but remember that learning how these noodles are prepared in their countries of origin may be more helpful. Some are best soaked, others boiled, some need a cold rinse after cooking, and others should be tossed with oil while they wait for the next step.

The good news is that



Here's our version of a quick supper created with stock from our freezer, leftovers, and a pile of delicious noodles for slurping.

Asian noodles are inexpensive and add something good to your meal, whether overcooked or undercooked. Start with a favorite noodle in a dish you know, and master the

preparation that makes that noodle perfect for you. Then, choose another noodle and another until you have a range of noodle options to create quick and healthy meals.

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COLLEGE PROTESTERS SHOULD EMBRACE BEING ARRESTED

Acts of civil disobedience by definition imply that a person knowingly is breaking the law and is willing to accept the legal consequences.

When Rosa Parks took a seat at the front of that bus in Alabama and was arrested in 1955, she set off a legal battle -- which eventually resulted in the striking down of the segregationist law as unconstitutional -- that ignited the modern civil rights movement.

Photos of Parks being fingerprinted at the police station galvanized Americans everywhere (well, except in the Deep South) and made her an icon of the struggle for justice and equality.

Just a few years ago, the 1960s peace activist Jane Fonda, now in her 80s, was at it again, being arrested on the steps of the Capitol building weekly, this time to protest the lack of action by the government to tackle climate change.

Being arrested has been a badge of honor by protesters for whom being placed into handcuffs represents the ultimate act of defiance of those in power.

But the students today who are occupying college campuses in violation of university policies want to have it both ways: They want to defy the authorities, but feel that they are entitled to have carte blanche to do so without any consequences.

Admission to a prestigious school does not entitle a person to special treatment when it comes to laws that apply to everybody. Yes, the students have a right to protest. But school officials also have the obligation to keep their campuses open and safe for all students. When these protesting students break the law and the rules of their campuses, they should be willing -- with defiant joy -- to accept the consequences.

Unless these students are willing to have some skin in the game, so to speak, their moral outrage amounts to nothing more than a frivolous exercise.

OPPONENTS OF AID TO UKRAINE SHOULD WATCH FRANKLIN

Here's the plot-line: A world superpower, led by a ruler-for-life who does not tolerate dissent, invades a young sovereign nation, which at one time had been part of the superpower, with a large military force in order to restore the young nation to its sphere of influence. The young nation seeks the aid of another superpower in the world in order to fight off the invading force and to assert its claim to independence and freedom.

This very well could describe the situation today among Ukraine, Russia, and the United States, but that's also the scenario that unfolded 250 years ago when the United States proclaimed its independence from England and needed military assistance from France in order to fight back against the might of the British Empire.

The new Apple TV+ series, Franklin, chronicles the effort by Benjamin Franklin (who is played superbly by Michael Douglas) to enlist the aid of France in our fight against King George, who invaded America with a vastly-superior army and navy to squash our quest for freedom and democracy.

The Americans lacked everything -- uniforms, muskets, artillery, ships -- that they needed to fight off the British. Without Franklin's diplomacy that persuaded the French to provide America with the means to defend itself, we never could have won the Revolutionary War, which lasted a long eight years from the firing of the first shots at Concord in April, 1775, to the Treaty of Paris in September, 1783.

Prior to the French government formally declaring its alliance with the United States, French citizens who sympathized with the Americans, most notably the Marquis de Lafayette, defied their country's official policy and fought with the Americans, providing both moral support to our army and highlighting the justice of our cause to everyone around the world.

Those who oppose our aid to Ukraine (which Congress finally approved after a delay of six months) in order to help the Ukrainians repel the barbarous invasion by Vladimir Putin would do well to watch the Franklin mini-series on Apple TV+.

They would be reminded that the lesson of history is plain: Freedom isn't free and, to paraphrase Martin Luther King, tyranny anywhere is tyranny everywhere.

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Independent Forum

EVERETT CRIMSON TIDE VARSITY SOFTBALL



EHS Varsity Softball seniors: Emma Longmore, Alessandra Foster, Arabela Cvitkusic, Bryanna Mason, Chloe Salvi, Stephany DeSouza, and Gianna Mascucci.



The Everett High School softball team, pictured at the E Club Scholarship Dinner with head coach Stacy Poste-Schiavo and assistant coaches Jen Nigro and Danielle Nadeau.

LOCAL STUDENTS EARN ACADEMIC HONORS

MALDEN CATHOLIC STUDENTS FROM EVERETT ACHIEVE HONOR ROLL – SECOND AND THIRD QUARTER

Malden Catholic students have completed the coursework required for the second and third quarter of the 2023-2024 school year. The school has three categories for outstanding academic performance honors: President's List (90 - 100 in all classes), First Honors (85 to 89 in all classes), and Second Honors (80 to 84 in all classes).

Malden Catholic Honors – QUARTER TWO 2024

President's List (90 to 100 in all classes)

Kendall Belloise
Isabella Bennett
Giavana Bono
Tiffany Braga
Paula Castillo
Morissa Cefalo
Nam Dinh

Thao Vi Dinh
Jason Harr
Markus Noel
Isabella Pizziferri
Aaden Rodrigues
Santiago Rojas

First Honors (85 to 89 in all classes)

Collin Belloise
Jordan Demetrio
Sophia Ingrand
Kristen Marchant
Lisbeth Monteagudo
Adriana Osoy Segovia
David Ruane
Gwendolyn Vaughn

Second Honors (80 to 84 in all classes)

David Beauvoir
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Sophia Clarke
Alexandra DeMaria
Weihsang Ding
Gabriel Fernandes

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Isabella Pizziferri
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Collin Belloise
Morrusa Cefalo
Gael Cerrillo Goncalves
Aidan Clarke
Maya Fu
Jacob Gisetto

Bradley Jacques
Kayeasha Lamothe
Marjory Lever
Adriana Osoy Segovia
Yeidalise Perez
David Ruane
Phillip Thompson

Lily Van Campen

Since 1932, Malden Catholic High School has shaped emerging leaders in our community, claiming a Nobel Laureate, a Senator, two ambassadors and countless community and business heads among its alumni. Annually, graduates attend some of the nation's most renowned universities including Harvard, Dartmouth, Georgetown, Brown, Cornell, Tufts, Duke, Georgia Tech, Boston College, Northeastern, Boston University and Amherst College. Foundational to student success is Malden Catholic's codivisional model which offers the best of both

worlds, single-gender academics during the day and integrated social and extracurricular opportunities after school. Malden Catholic is known in the community for its rigorous academics, SFX Scholars Program and award-winning STEM program (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) with electives such as Robotics and Engineering Design. Malden Catholic curricula is designed to improve individual growth mindset, leadership principles and success outcomes along with integrating the Xaverian values of trust, humility, compassion, simplicity and zeal. <https://www.maldencatholic.org>.

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EVERETT LITTLE LEAGUE HOLDS OPENING DAY CEREMONIES AT SACRAMONE PARK

Following the traditional parade down Broadway, Everett Little League held Opening Day Ceremonies for the 2024 season Saturday at Sacramone Park.

The league's new president, Joe Paulson, welcomed the players, coaches, parents, and invited guests to the ceremonies. Paulson announced that ELL is planning to form a league for 13-14-year-old players next season.

Mayor Carlo DeMaria had the honor of throwing out the first baseball of the season. Rep. Joe McGonagle delivered brief remarks, enthusiastically stating, "Play Ball."

The league unveiled a banner on the backstop behind home plate honoring the 2023 District 12 champion Williamsport All-Star team. Players and coaches from the team were present for the honor.



Councilor-at-Large and Everett Little League officer and coach Stephanie Smith, with her son, Harry Hart of the Rockies, and her daughter, Harlowe Hart of the Mets.



Mayor Carlo DeMaria is on the pitcher's mound ready to throw out the first baseball of Everett Little League's 2024 season.



The Athletics, also known as the A's, with coaches Charlie Crocker, Ryan McGowan, and Manny Teixeira.



The Mets, with coaches Rich Rowland and Stephanie Smith.



Everett Little League President Joe Paulson (second from left) welcomes the District 12 champions, Coaches Mark Freni, Brian Savi, and Joe Young, and players Nick Savi and Nick Young.



The Rockies, with coaches Stephanie Smith and Chantal Ragucci, and team parent Brian Morrison.



Pictured on Opening Day at Sacramone Park are Bowen Yan, Albert Yan, Matias Bedoya, Qin Li, and Zilong Yan.



The Nationals, with assistant coaches Darren Costa and Richard Carback and head coach Steve Zide.



Everett Little League Chief Information Officer Stephanie Smith, with her colleagues on the City Council, Council President Robert Van Campen, Ward 3 Councilor Anthony DiPierro, and Ward 6 Councilor Peter Pietrantonio, along with Everett resident Artie Glufing.



Celebrating Opening Day of the 2024 Everett Little League season are Rep. Joseph McGonagle, Ward 3 Councilor Anthony DiPierro, Councilor-at-Large Stephanie Smith, Ward 6 Councilor Peter Pietrantonio, Rep. Dan Ryan, Mayor Carlo DeMaria, and Sen. Sal DiDomenico.

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'E' CLUB OF EVERETT ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP DINNER

CARY SHUMAN PHOTOS

The 'E' Club of Everett held its annual Scholarship Dinner April 24 at Spinnelli's, Lynnfield.

Nine outstanding Everett High School seniors were honored with college scholarships presented by the organization.

Individual and coaches' awards were also presented to EHS student-athletes.

Congratulations to 'E' Club Executive Carl Colson, President Michael LaCourt, Dinner Chairperson Holly Garcia, and board members for keeping the club's tradition going strong into the future.



E Club President Michael LaCourt and Farnell Scholarship Award and Girls Basketball Coaches Award recipient Kaesta Sandy.



E Club President Michael LaCourt and Reynaldi Audate Scholarship Award recipient Christian Zamor.



Frances Merenda Outstanding Back Award recipient Dom Papa and his father, Jason Papa.



E Club President Michael LaCourt and Pisacreta Scholarship Award recipient Nishal Tamang.



Lenox Putnam Basketball MVP Award recipient Jaysaun Coggins and his mother, Lisa Leary.



E Club President Michael LaCourt, Jack McGrath Scholarship Award recipient Jayden Prophete, his mother, Vanessa Abrantes, and his father, Kevin Prophete.



Hockey Cheer Coaches Award recipient Alyssa Parziale, with her father, Eric Parziale, her mother, Nancy Parziale, and her sister, Olivia Parziale.



E Club President Michael LaCourt, Founders Scholarship Award and Terry Giove Outstanding Female Athlete Award recipient Nicole Brandao Tejada, and her mother, Vicky Tejada.



E Club President Michael LaCourt, Football and Basketball Cheer Coaches Award recipient Ana Luiza Silva, and her friends, Yasmine Laabadla, and Nicole Brandao Tejada.



Pisacreta Scholarship Award recipient Nischal Tamang, with volleyball teammates Christian Ramirez, Steve Florres, Henrique Franca, and Matheus Queiroz.



E Club President Michael LaCourt, Costin Scholarship Award recipient Yasmine Laabadla, her mother, Helena Rocha, and her sister, Saniyah Laabadla.



E Club President Michael LaCourt, Girls Tennis Coaches Award recipient Rebecca Hickey, and her mother, Elena Hickey.



E Club President Michael LaCourt, Cross Country Coaches Award recipient Susan Maharjan, Alyssa Parziale, and Anthony Martucci.



E Club President Michael LaCourt, Claudia Bernal, Medugno Scholarship Award and Girls Soccer Coaches Award recipient Layla Betancur-Cardona, and Darrynn Desreameux.



Layla Betancur-Cardona, Girls Track Coaches Award recipient Darrynn Desreameaux, and Claudia Bernal.



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The leaders of the E Club (from left), President Michael LaCourt, Treasurer Daryl Colson, Executive Director Carl Colson, Third Vice President Holly Garcia, Vice President Paul Lucci, and Board Member John Ragucci.



Enjoying the 'E' Club Scholarship Dinner are (seated) Colleen Mejia, Jeff Mejia, Chief Steve Mazzie, Provisional Fire Chief Joe Hickey, and John Russolillo. Standing are former councilor Alfred Lattanzi, Mike DiPietro, Dolores Lattanzi, and Julius Ofurie.



Everett High head football coach Justin Flores, with his graduating players and E Club award recipients (left) Christian Zamor, Shane MacKenzie, Domenic Papa, Adoni Santos, and Jayden Prophete.



Maddy English Softball MVP Award recipient Gianna Masucci, EHS head coach Stacy Poste-Schiavo, Softball Coaches Award recipient Bryanna Mason, and EHS assistant coach Jen Nigro.



Boys Basketball Coaches Award recipient Marvin Desruisseaux and his mother, Marie Desruisseaux.



James "Tank" Agnetta Outstanding Linebacker Award recipient Shane MacKenzie, with his father, Jason MacKenzie, and his mother, Jessica MacKenzie.



E Club President Michael LaCourt and James "Tank" Agnetta Outstanding Linebacker Award recipient Shane MacKenzie.



Golf Coaches Award recipient MaKenzie Powers, with her mother, Candy Powers, her sister, Hailey Powers, and E Club President Michael LaCourt (right).



E Club President Michael LaCourt and Wrestling Coaches Award recipient Maria Medeiros.



Manganaro Family Unsung Hero Football Award recipient Adoni Santos, with his grandmother, Jenni, and his mother, Sherley.



Former Everett High basketball great Pat Bradley (Class of 1995) and former football standout Richie Rocco (Class of 1988).



Councilor-at-Large Stephanie Smith and Ward 4 Councilor Holly Garcia, pictured at the E Club Scholarship Dinner.



Councilor-at-Large Stephanie Smith, School Committee Chair Jeanne Cristiano, and Supt. of Schools Bill Hart.

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they put into it. I want to thank Speaker Mariano and Chairman Michlewitz for their leadership always and believing in the work we're doing in Everett."

"This budget takes a fiscally responsible approach to making meaningful investments in areas of significant need. I'm proud of the fact that the House's FY25 budget allocates key funding to better support Massachusetts students and families, to increase access to affordable health care, and to provide for a safer and more reliable public transportation system," said House Speaker Ronald J. Mariano (D-Quincy). "I want to thank Chairman Aaron Michlewitz and the entire House Committee on Ways and Means for crafting this budget, as well as all my colleagues in the House for their hard work and critical input throughout this process, a collective effort that has helped to produce a strong and responsible FY25 budget."

"This budget builds off the successes of the last few years by prioritizing our residents. Whether it is greater investments into programs like housing stability, public transportation, or early education, these initiatives are a reflection of our shared values," said Representative Aaron Michlewitz, Chair of the House Committee on Ways & Means (D-Boston). "By reinvesting in the people of the Commonwealth, we will continue make our economy more competitive and equitable for years to come. I want to thank Speaker Mariano for his leadership during this budget process, as well as my Vice-Chairs Ann-Margaret Ferrante and Patricia Haddad, and the entire membership of the House for their thoughts and guidance over the last few months to make this a more successful and well-rounded budget."

Due to responsible fiscal management, the House's FY25 budget is balanced, and makes significant investments across a number of issue areas, without needing to draw from the Stabilization Fund, which is set to reach a record high of \$9.053 billion.

The budget passed today includes \$1.3 billion in investments for transportation and education initiatives made possible because funding generated by the Fair Share ballot initiative that voters approved in November 2022, which established a surtax of 4 percent on annual income above \$1 million.

House's FY25 Fair Share Investments

Universal School Meals \$190,000,000
Commonwealth Transportation Fund Transfer \$250,000,000
Child Care Grants to Providers \$175,000,000
Regional Transit Funding and Grants \$90,000,000

Financial Aid Expansion \$80,000,000
MBTA Capital Investments \$75,000,000
Child Care Rate Increase \$65,000,000
MBTA Workforce/Safety Reserve \$65,000,000

Minimum per Pupil Aid \$37,000,000
MBTA Academy \$40,000,000
Income Eligible Waitlist \$30,000,000
MBTA Resilient Rides \$35,000,000

Early Literacy \$30,000,000
Roads & Bridges Supplemental Aid \$25,000,000
MassReconnect \$24,000,000
M B T A Means-Tested Fares \$20,000,000

State U's SUCCESS Program \$14,000,000
Winter Transportation \$5,000,000
Higher Education Capital Funding \$10,000,000
Targeted Scholarships \$10,000,000

Green SchoolWorks \$10,000,000
DHE Endowment Match \$10,000,000
UMass Endowment Match \$10,000,000
TOTAL \$695,000,000
TOTAL \$605,000,000

Local Aid and Education

The FY25 House budget funds Unrestricted General Government Aid (UGGA) at \$1.283 billion, and Chapter 70 education funding at \$6.863 billion, representing a \$309 million increase over the funding provided for Chapter 70 in the FY24 budget. The budget also funds the fourth year of a six-year implementation plan for the Student Opportunity Act (SOA), which was enacted in 2019 to ensure that public schools have the necessary resources to provide high-quality education to students, regardless of zip code or income level. The budget provides an additional \$74 per pupil in minimum aid supplements, increasing the minimum aid total to \$104 per pupil. Additionally, the budget includes the following education initiatives:

- \$493 million for the Special Education Circuit Breaker program
- \$199 million for charter school aid
- \$99 million for regional school transportation
- \$29 million for homeless student transportation

The House's FY25 budget continues to fully fund universal free school meals programming for every public-school student in the Commonwealth. Massachusetts is one of only eight states in the country with permanent free school meals for all students, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures. Due to this program, which the House has extended each year since the COVID-19 pandemic began, since 2019, more than 100,000 additional kids ate school lunch daily through October 2023, according to the Feed Kids Campaign. This budget also invests \$30 million for improved early literacy programming to ensure high-quality reading instruction is available to students in pre-kindergarten through 3rd grade.

Public Transportation
The House budget includes a record investment of \$555 million for the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA), as well as \$184 million for the Regional Transit Authorities that serve commuters across Massachusetts. These investments include:

- \$314 million operating transfer to the MBTA
- \$184 million to support operations and transit improvements at the state's 15 Regional Transit Authorities
- \$75 million for MBTA capital investments in physical infrastructure
- \$65 million for projects that address safety concerns at the MBTA related to the findings of the Federal Transit Administration's Safety Management Inspection initiated in April 2022
- \$40 million to create an MBTA Academy to support recruiting and training efforts, and establish a pipeline for a skilled workforce across departments
- \$35 million to create a Resilient Rides program to support climate adaptation and climate readiness capital improvement projects in the stations are rails located in the most climate-vulnerable areas of the system
- \$20 million for reduced MBTA fares for riders with low incomes
- \$5 million for grants for ferry services

Early Education and Care

Continuing the House's longstanding commitment towards investing in the early education and care (EEC) workforce, the House budget includes \$45 million to sustain FY24 rate increases and provides an additional \$20 million in FY25 rate increases for child care providers across the Commonwealth. Other early education and care investments, some of which are made permanent through this budget, include:

- \$475 million for Commonwealth Cares for Children (C3) grants
- \$357 million for child care for children involved with the Department of Children & Families and the Department of Transitional Assistance
- \$417 million for child care for low-income families
- \$30 million to reduce the income-eligible waitlist
- \$20 million for child care resource and referral agencies
- \$17.5 million for Head Start grants
- \$10 million for an EEC educator scholarship program

- \$10 million for an EEC educator loan forgiveness program

To create a new funding source for EEC initiatives, the budget the House passed today would allow the Massachusetts Lottery to sell its products online. A portion of the new revenue collected from online lottery sales, estimated to be \$100 million annually, would fund C3 grants, which provide long-term stability for high-quality and affordable care for families.

In order to ensure grants are providing optimal results for families and communities with the greatest needs, the House budget provides an equitable funding formula for C3 grants that supports the state's most vulnerable children, setting aside \$240 million (50.5 percent) for providers serving at least 25 percent of children who are eligible for Child Care Financial Assistance (CCFA), \$135 million (28.4 percent) for providers serving less than 25 percent of children eligible for CCFA, and \$100 million (21.1 percent) for providers who do not serve any families eligible for assistance. It also caps the grant amount for-profit, multi-state or franchised organizations receive at 0.33 percent of funding annually. As federal funding for the C3 program is no longer available, the Department of Early Education and Care must recommend a new C3 funding formula after 5 years.

Higher Education

The House budget allocates \$784 million for the University of Massachusetts system, \$404 million for community colleges, and \$395 million for state universities. Other higher education investments include:

- \$175 million for scholarships
- \$80 million for a MassGrant Plus expansion
- \$24 million for MassReconnect, which provides free community college to students over the age of 25 to complete their education and training
- \$14 million for the Community College SUCCESS program
- \$14 million for the State University SUCCESS program
- \$15 million for the Early College Initiative
- \$12.6 million for the Dual Enrollment Partnership

Affordable and Accessible Housing

The FY25 budget maintains the House's commitment to protect renters and homeowners across the Commonwealth from eviction and homelessness by investing in the following programs:

- \$325 million for the Emergency Assistance (EA) program, which provides shelter to families with children and pregnant women
- \$219 million for the Massachusetts Rental Voucher Program (MRVP)
- \$197.4 million for Rental Assistance for Families in Transition (RAFT) program
- \$57.3 million for HomeBase
- \$10 million for shelter workforce assistance
- \$8.9 million for the Home and Healthy for Good program, including \$500,000 for the Massachusetts Housing and Shelter Alliance

Workforce Development

The House budget funds the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce

Development at \$115 million. Additionally, it invests in the following initiatives:

- \$59.4 million for Adult Basic Education Services
- \$20.2 million for Labor and Workforce Development Shared Services
- \$18.4 million for DTA Employment and Training Services
- \$16.2 million for Summer Jobs for At Risk Youth
- \$10.4 million for Career Technical Institutes
- \$10 million for the Workforce Competitiveness Trust Fund
- \$10 million for the Targeted Scholarship Program for high-demand industries
- \$9.9 million for One Stop Career Centers
- \$7.8 million for School-to-Career Connecting Activities
- \$5.4 million for Higher Education Innovation Fund Grants
- \$3.8 million for Registered Apprenticeship Expansion
- \$3.5 million for Career and Technical Education Grants

Energy and Environmental Affairs

The House's budget invests \$579.9 million in Energy and Environmental Affairs, including:

- \$159.7 million for the Department of Conservation and Recreation
- \$86.7 million for the Department of Environmental Protection
- \$75.4 million for the Department of Agricultural Resources
- \$63.4 million for the Clean Water Trust

It also includes \$35 million for an MBTA Resilient Rides program, a \$30 million transfer to the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center, and \$10 million in continued support for Green SchoolWorks program to decarbonize and increase efficiency in our schools through green energy projects.

The budget creates a new Disaster Relief and Resiliency Fund, initially consisting of \$14 million, for permanent emergency disaster relief from natural disasters or other catastrophic events such as hurricanes, tornadoes, floods, earthquakes, landslides, extreme winds, and extreme temperatures. It also creates a new Environmental Justice Fund to be funded by settlements from the Attorney General's Division of Environmental Protection for remediation projects in disadvantaged communities such as restoration of natural resource, projects for community health or well-being, mitigation of environmental pollution or harm.

Health and Human Services

The House budget includes \$20.8 billion for MassHealth, representing the largest investment in the budget. It includes a provision that would provide prenatal vitamins and over-the-counter oral contraceptives at no cost for MassHealth and Health Safety Net (HSN) members, as well as another provision to eliminate copays and premiums for certain children's insurance plans.

The House's FY25 budget invests in the human services workforce, which provides services to our most vulnerable residents, by including \$390 million for Chapter 257 rates for health and human service workers, and \$50 million for rate increases for nursing facilities. It also

protects the Personal Care Attendant program by requiring that eligibility criteria and services be maintained at FY24 levels. It also funds the following initiatives:

- \$13 million for the Safe and Successful Youth Initiative
- \$10 million to support more intensive programs for adolescents with complex behavioral needs
- \$4.9 million in workforce development for funding for nurses through recruitment bonuses, educator funding, and testing
- \$3 million for the Betty Lehman Center for Patient Safety
- \$28 million for Councils on Aging

Public Health and Mental Health

The House budget funds the Department of Public Health at \$1 billion and the Department of Mental Health at \$1.18 billion for FY25. Investments include:

- \$193.5 million for the Bureau of Substance Abuse Services (BSAS)
- \$14.2 million for statewide and community-based suicide prevention
- \$1.25 million for prostate cancer awareness, education, and research
- \$622.3 million for adult support services
- \$130.5 million for child and adolescent services

Criminal Justice

The House budget continues to invest in programs and policies to uphold our commitment to criminal justice reform by reducing recidivism rates and increasing access to justice and inmate services. It also effectuates the closure of MCI-Concord, a medium security jail that is currently operating at half capacity, and authorizes the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to convey the property.

It also includes the following investments:

- \$32.7 million for the Office of Community Corrections
- \$15.6 million for Community Based Reentry Services
- \$7 million for Emerging Adults Pre-and-Post Release Reentry Grants
- \$4.8 million for Housing Assistance for Reentry Transition
- \$2.75 million for Reentry Workforce Development and Supportive Services
- \$1.6 million for the School of Reentry
- \$52.5 million for Massachusetts Legal Assistance Corp. to provide legal services to the Commonwealth's most vulnerable populations
- \$35 million transfer to the No-Cost Calls Trust Fund to provide free phone calls for inmates and their families
- \$4.8 million to cover the costs of afterhours bail fees
- \$3.2 million for Prisoners' Legal Services
- \$2.5 million to implement an access to counsel pilot program to provide legal representation for low-income families in eviction proceedings

Speaker Mariano and the House Committee on Ways & Means introduced their FY25 budget proposal on April 10, 2024, following a review of the Governor's proposal and a series of public hearings. The budget passed the House of Representatives 153-4, and now goes to the Senate for consideration.

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CITY OF EVERETT KICKS OFF H.E.A.T. PROGRAM

The City of Everett's H.E.A.T. program recently kicked off with its first session at the Everett Recreation Center.

Led by the Youth Development and Enrichment Department's Assistant Director of Youth Substance

Abuse Prevention Eric Mazzeo, Youth ages 10 to 14 who attended had the opportunity to learn social and life skills that will focus on the areas that tend to be triggers for substance use. During the program, participants heard from

guest speakers YouForward Program Director Rachel Cooper, who generously donated three \$50 gift cards, and Everett Fire Department's Outreach Addiction Specialist Paul Guarino.

In addition to learn-

ing, the program features games, food, prizes and more for all who participate. Organizers of the program would like to thank the Square Deli for donating the pizza, which was a hit with those who participated.

The H.E.A.T. program will cover a variety of topics including how substances affect us, navigating through peer pressure and insecurity, and finding ways to spend time on positive activities. Those who wish to participate may still

register for this nine-week course by visiting EverettRecandEnrich.com and navigating to the "Mental Wellness" section under the Programs tab. For more information, please email Eric Mazzeo at Eric.Mazzeo@ci.everett.ma.us.



Guest speaker YouForward Program Director Rachel Cooper speaking to participants.



The City of Everett's Assistant Director of Youth Substance Abuse Prevention Eric Mazzeo speaking to participants.



Guest speaker Everett Fire Department's Outreach Addiction Specialist Paul Guarino speaking to participants.

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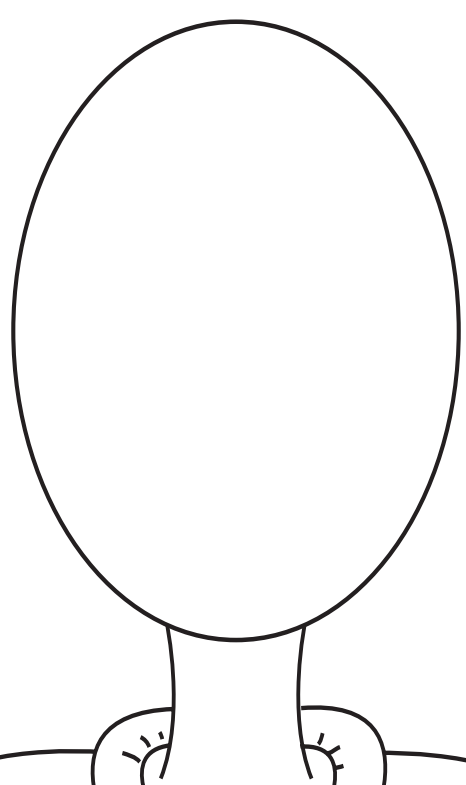
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OBITUARIES

Jean Pietrantonio

Head of Operations at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Chelsea

Jean M. (Woodford) Pietrantonio, a longtime resident of Everett, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by her loving family and beloved pets on Friday, April 26, at age 66.

Jean was born in Boston on April 25, 1958, one of two children of the late Gordon and Ruth M. (Doucette) Woodford. Raised in Everett, she graduated from Everett High School, serving proudly as the enthusiastic captain of the cheerleading team.

In 1980, she quite literally bumped into her future husband, Tom Pietrantonio and they married in 1983 establishing their home in Everett to raise two daughters.

With selfless determination, Jean worked her way from receptionist to the head of Operations at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Chelsea, all while looking her best in her trademark stilettos. She was a reliable, hard-working woman who excelled at always putting her colleagues first. She was a natural and strong caretaker whose passionate support and genuine kindness touched all those around her.

In her free time, Jean loved shopping, especially hunting for bargains for her grandchildren. She lived for that week in August when her family would embark on their annual family vacation, always sure to be charged for their luggage exceeding the weight limit stuffed to the brim with months worth of outfits for herself and the kids that she gleefully purchased in the months leading up to take-off.

She loved the warmth of the sun on her skin when under a palm tree near the ocean, or relaxing by the backyard pool with her grandchildren.

Most of all, if family was involved, Jean was at her happiest and most fulfilled. Her devotion to family especially her mother, served as the backbone that others relied upon.

She shared her love effortlessly with her cats and dogs, Toby and Gia, whose presence was felt by her side through the very end.



Always dressed for the occasion and looking beautiful, Jean had an eye for style and knew what she wanted. Full of life, Jean's spirit lifted those around her up and her positive energy served as inspiration for her children and grandchildren. The joy in her heart, her fierce strength, and her tender care for others will remain as hallmarks of her life and serve as an example for all. She will be deeply and sorely missed, but always lovingly remembered. May she rest in eternal, loving peace.

Jean was the beloved wife of Thomas Pietrantonio with whom she shared 41 years of marriage; devoted mother of Danielle Pietrantonio and Heather Pietrantonio of Everett; cherished Nana of Addison and Avery MacDonald and Austin Lattanzi; dear sister of Wayne G. Woodford and his wife, Irene of Hampden, ME.; loving sister-in-law of William Pietrantonio and his wife, Joan, Joan Amari, Gail Washington and her husband, Greg, Paul Pietrantonio and his wife, Ann Marie and Peter Pietrantonio and his wife, Marlene. She is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

Relatives and friends honored Jean's life during visiting hours at the Robinson Funeral Home, 809 Main St., Melrose on Tuesday, April 30 and will at the funeral home again today, Wednesday, May 1 for her Funeral Service to be celebrated at 10 a.m. Interment will be at Greenwood Cemetery, Everett.

Gifts in Jean's memory may be made to Northeast Animal Shelter, 347 Highland Ave, Salem, MA 01970 or online at <https://www.mspca.org/>

For online tribute, please visit www.RobinsonFuneralHome.com.

Ida Giordano

A Beautiful Woman Inside and Out

Ida I. (Sciarappa) Giordano of Everett entered into eternal rest on Saturday, April 27, 2024. She was 90 years old.

Born in Everett, Ida was a lifelong resident of the city she called home. She worked in the cafeteria at the Parlin Jr. High School before becoming a clerk in the Malden District Court for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. She was truly a beautiful woman inside and out.

She was the beloved wife of the late Robert F. Giordano and Pasquale Romeo and the dear daughter of the late Alberto and Maria (Russo) Sciarappa; dear and devoted mother of Robert F. Giordano, Jr. of Everett and the Hon. Frances Giordano Siciliano and her husband, Joseph of N. Reading; loving Nonnie of Alexa and Nicholas Siciliano; devoted sister of Gloria Orcione and the late Domenic, James, Angelo and Albert Sciarappa, Fred Shepherd, Rose D'Andrea, Frances Deschenes, Jeanette Tortorella, Lena DiGiando, Helen Perelli, Carmella Farro and Florence Vetrano; Ida is also survived by many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

Relatives and friends attended Ida's visiting hours



in the Cafasso & Sons Funeral Home, 65 Clark St. (Corner of Main St.) Everett on Tuesday, April 30 and her funeral will be from the funeral home today, Wednesday May 1 at 9 a.m. followed by a Funeral Mass in St. Anthony's Church, 38 Oakes St., Everett at 10 a.m. Interment will be in Holy Cross Cemetery, Malden.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in Ida's memory to the Alzheimer's Association, 320 Nevada St., Ste. 201, Newton, MA 02460 would be sincerely appreciated. The family would like to acknowledge and give thanks to the care partners at Artis Senior Living and the All Care Hospice team for the special care they showed Ida.

Parking with attendants on duty.

George Walker

US Postal Service Retiree

Family and friends attended a visitation on Tuesday, April 30, in the Vertuccio Smith & Vazza, Beechwood Home for Funerals, 262 Beach St., Revere for George F. Walker, who passed away peacefully with family at his home on Wednesday, April 24th following a long battle with lung disease. He was 72 years old. A Funeral Mass was celebrated following the visitation in the Immaculate Conception Church, 133 Beach St., Revere and interment followed at Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett.

George was born in Boston and raised in East Boston's Eagle Hill neighborhood, one of four children. He was educated in his parish school, Sacred Heart Grammar School, where he also served as an "altar boy." He was a graduate of East Boston High School, Class of 1968.

George continued to further his education by attending Boston State College and Salem State College. George was a "Friend of Bill W" and he worked as a substance abuse counselor at the Meridian House in East Boston. George cared deeply and remained connected to the recovery community. He sponsored and helped many attain their own sobriety.

He married his love, Debra (Carino) on October 11, 1997, and they lived in Everett. He began a career for the United States Postal Service in 1982. His career spanned 26 years retiring as a supervisor due to his failing health. George was revered at the Postal Service by many of



his colleagues.

In his spare time, he had a great fascination and appreciation for all types of collectibles. He had a vast knowledge of many unique objects that interested him over the years.

He will be forever remembered as an intelligent, humble, and dedicated man to his family first, his friends from Bill W. and colleagues.

He was the beloved husband of Debra A. (Carino) Walker of 27 years of Everett, the loving stepfather of Tara E. DiFelice and her husband, Steven of W. Peabody; cherished grandfather of Lauren M. DiFelice; the treasured son of the late Mark T. Walker and M. Virginia (Hanlon) Walker and the dear brother of Frederick P. Walker of Billerica, Ginny Walker-Loughmiller of Squantum and John A. Walker of Medford. He is also lovingly survived by many nieces and nephews.

The staff at Vertuccio Smith & Vazza are most honored to have assisted the family in completing funeral arrangements. For online condolences, please visit www.vertuciosmithvazza.com.

New tracking tool identifies 50 lithium-ion battery fires

The Massachusetts Department of Fire Services' new tool for tracking lithium-ion battery fires has helped to identify 50 such incidents in the past six months, more than double the annual average detected by a national fire data reporting system, said State Fire Marshal Jon M. Davine.

The Department of Fire Services launched its Lithium-Ion Battery Fire Investigative Checklist on Oct. 13, 2023. It immediately went into use by the State Police Fire & Explosion Investigation Unit assigned to the State Fire Marshal's office, and local fire departments were urged to adopt it as well. Developed by the DFS Fire Safety Division, the checklist can be used by fire investigators to gather basic information about fires in which lithium-ion batteries played a part. That information is then entered into a database to identify patterns and trends.

"We knew anecdotally that lithium-ion batteries were involved in more fires than the existing data suggested," said State Fire Marshal Davine. "In just the past six months, investigators using this simple checklist have revealed many more incidents than we've seen in prior years."

Prior to the checklist, the state's fire service relied on battery fire data reported to the Massachusetts Fire Incident Reporting System (MFIRS), a state-level tool that mirrors and feeds into the National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS). NFIRS tracks battery fires but does not specifically gather data on the types of batteries involved. Some fields do not require the detailed information that Massachusetts officials were seeking, and some fires may be coded according to the type of device involved rather than the type of battery. Moreover, MFIRS reports sometimes take weeks or months to be completed and uploaded.

"Investigators using the Lithium-Ion Battery Fire Checklist are getting us better data faster," said State Fire Marshal Davine. "The tool is helpful, but the people using it are the key to its success."

From 2019 to 2023, an average of 19.4 lithium-ion battery fires per year were reported to MFIRS – less than half the number identified by investigators using the checklist over the past six months. The increase since last fall could be due to the growing number of consumer devices powered by these batteries, increased attention by local fire investigators, or other factors, State Fire Marshal Davine said. For example, fires that started with another item but impinged upon a battery-powered device, causing it to go into thermal runaway, might not

be categorized as a battery fire in MFIRS or NFIRS.

Lithium-ion battery fires were reported in 38 cities and towns. Nine of the fires involved micromobility devices such as battery-powered scooters, e-bikes, and hoverboards, making them the most commonly involved in fires, according to the data. Eight fires involved laptops and another eight involved cell phones, tablets, or similar devices. Power tools were involved in six fires. The device's charging status could be determined in 41 of the 50 fires: surprisingly, 56% of these devices were not charging at the time of the incident.

Lithium-ion batteries power everything from small devices like e-cigarettes and smartphones to scooters, e-bikes, and electric vehicles. If they are overcharged, overheated, or abused, they can fail rapidly and without warning. A lithium-ion battery that goes into thermal runaway will erupt in an explosion of toxic gases and flames that will ignite nearby furnishings. Water and traditional fire extinguishers are significantly less effective against lithium-ion battery fires.

State Fire Marshal Davine offered the following safety tips for preventing lithium-ion battery fires:

- Be sure you have working smoke alarms installed on every level of your home.

- Use only the original equipment manufacturer's batteries and charging equipment. Aftermarket or generic batteries and chargers may be cheaper but are more likely to pose a burn, fire, or explosion hazard.

- Store scooters and e-bikes outdoors if possible. If you must store them indoors, keep them and their batteries clear of doors, windows, and stairways.

- Charge the battery directly from a wall outlet, not an extension cord or power strip. Place it on a hard and stable surface, not a bed, couch, or pillow.

- Charge only one battery or device at a time and unplug it when it's fully charged. Don't allow a charged battery to continue charging.

- If you notice changes to the battery or the device, including damage, an unusual odor, a change in color, too much heat, change in shape, leaking, smoking, or not keeping a charge, stop using it right away.

- If and when it's time to dispose of the battery, don't put it in the trash. Lithium-ion batteries should be recycled, and you can find a location to take them at <https://www.call2recycle.org/locator/>.

Residents can learn more about lithium-ion battery safety at the Department of Fire Services' Lithium-Ion Battery Safety web page.

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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
422 Main Street
Everett, MA

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.

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.

We are on the Internet
<http://www.glendaleumc-everett.org>
Glendale United Methodist Church
Pastor David Jackson
392 Ferry Street (across from Glendale Towers)
Please enter the church by the driveway on Walnut Street
617-387-2916
PastorDavidJackson58@gmail.com
Pastor's Office Hours: Saturdays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Other times by appointment.

Zion Church - Everett

News and Notes

Bishop Robert G. Brown and Zion Church Ministries invites you to join us every Sunday at our 10:00 a.m. Worship Service for a time of worship, praise and preaching, at 757 Broadway, Everett, MA. You can also join

Zion Church Ministries via livestream on Facebook and YouTube.

For more information, they can be reached online at zionchurchministries.com or via email at 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.

Immaculate Conception Parish
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Glendale Christian Lighthouse Church

News and Notes

Sunday 10:30 a.m. Worship service.

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Church at the Well Everett

News and Notes

Church at the Well Everett is a new church for Everett. Check us out on Facebook at www.facebook.com/churchforeverett to view weekly devotions and updates, visit us at www.foreverett.church

to sign up for our newsletter and see how we can help you, or connect with the Everett Community Aid Network at www.everettcan.com to request any additional help.

Grace Anglican Episcopal Church

News and Notes

Grace Anglican Episcopal Church is open and welcoming to all.

There are two services on Sundays: 10 a.m. English, 1 p.m. South Sudanese Dinka

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CITY OF EVERETT HOSTS THIRD ANNUAL G.I.R.L.S. DAY

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Event organizers Cathy Draine, Simone Holyfield and John Russolillo alongside the pilots of the Massachusetts State Police helicopter.



A participant sitting on the State Police motorcycle.



City of Everett employee volunteers handed out free food to all who participated.



The purple group.

The City of Everett shared with over 100 girls ages 5-14 the power, importance and strength of women in public safety at the third annual G.I.R.L.S. Day.

The event, which was in partnership with Alliance Security, Everett Fire Department, Everett Police Department, Massachusetts State Police, State Police Association for Massachusetts, and Tufts University Department of Public Safety, demonstrated to participants that there are women just like them who serve in public safety and that these careers are options for them too.

Grit, Intelligence, Resilience, Leadership and Strength are the five themes that are prevalent throughout the event. Each group, separated by age range, participated in learning labs in view demonstrations and participate in activities like collecting clues, using the fire hose, K-9 demonstrations, obstacle courses with the Massachusetts National Guard, learning about what police and firefighters do, and more. Led by female police officers and firefighters, the groups cycled between the Recreation Center, Everett police station and the Everett Fire Department's Ferry Street station where participants would find various activities to learn about careers in public

safety.

During the day, participants were provided with free lunch and treated to delicious options such as pizza, sandwiches and water. Every girl was also given swag bags to take home with them which included various items from each partnering public safety department that collaborated on the event.

Later in the event, participants were treated to one of the Massachusetts State Police helicopters landing on the field at Glendale Park. The G.I.R.L.S. Day participants gathered in front of the pilots as they spoke about what they do and the different tools the helicopter has. The helicopter's landing and departure were quite the show for everyone in attendance.

All of the upcoming City of Everett events can be found by visiting the events calendar on the City website at cityofeverett.com/calendar/category/events/list. Residents can also follow the official social media pages on Facebook, Instagram and X (the platform formerly known as Twitter) to stay updated. Facebook: [/cityofeverettma](https://www.facebook.com/cityofeverettma) and [/mayorcarlodemaria](https://www.facebook.com/mayorcarlodemaria). Instagram: [@cityofeverettma](https://www.instagram.com/cityofeverettma) and [@mayorcarlodemaria](https://www.instagram.com/mayorcarlodemaria). X: [@EverettGov_MA](https://twitter.com/EverettGov_MA) and [@Mayor_DeMaria](https://twitter.com/Mayor_DeMaria). All are welcome to attend the upcoming events.



Everett firefighter Tori Cyrus along with participants checking out one of the fire trucks.



Everett police officers Hayli Hill and Kris Gaff teaching participants.



Massachusetts National Guard brought an obstacle course for participants.



Everett police officers Stacia Gorgone and Hayli Hill leading a group in front of the Everett police mobile command center.



Everett firefighters demonstrated some of the equipment that firefighters utilize.



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