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### A LOOK AT EXCELLENCE IN THE EVERETT PUBLIC SCHOOLS



Pictured above are members of the Vine Street team and teachers and administrators from the Whittier School, showing support for World Autism Acceptance Month.

# World Autism Acceptance Month T-Shirt Fundraiser a Huge Success

The Everett Public Schools (EPS) recently completed a T-shirt fundraiser on behalf of The Wicked AUsome Project in recognition of World Autism Acceptance Month. Everett High Athletic Director Tammy Turner led the effort, and

EPS staff members enthusiastically showed their support by buying the T-shirts and wearing them on Friday, April 26, 2024. The Wicked AUsome

project aims to make the world a better place by encouraging all to Embrace Their AUsome!! Our goal

is to provide and support social and recreational opportunities for individuals on the Autism Spectrum within the community of Woburn, MA. We also support the Best Buddies program at our schools. This is a peer-buddy program that promotes acceptance, understanding and inclusion. The program helps students develop new friendships, enhance personal growth and a deeper understanding that each and every one of us is AUsome in our own way.



# Sen. DiDomenico's soccer stadium bill advances in Senate

### By Cary Shuman

Sen. Sal DiDomenico's bill that would ultimately bring a state-of-the-art professional soccer stadium to Everett across from the Encore Boston Harbor Hotel has advanced to the next step in the legislative process.

DiDomenico's legislation on changing the designation of a land parcel in Everett has received the support of his colleagues in the Senate and will be brought to the Senate floor.

The new stadium would be the home of the New England Revolution, the Major League Soccer (MLS) team owned by the Kraft Group. A new waterfront park would also be part of the exciting project.

DiDomenico's initial 'victory" on his bill is considered optimistic news for the City of Everett The bill's progress arrives as DiDomenico celebrates his 14th anniversary as a state senator on May 20. The Senate's assistant majority leader, DiDomenico feels the soccer stadium/ waterfront park project would be "an economic win and an environmental win for our city and the entire region."

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"This [stadium and waterfront park] would bring a tremendous number of jobs, open space, clean up a hazardous waste site at no cost to the state, and provide an economic catalyst for the area," said Di-Domenico.

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# Smith wants a review of local parks permit procedures

### By Cary Shuman

Councilor-at-Large Stephanie Smith learned many valuable lessons from her former softball coach at Everett High School, the legendary Stacy Poste-Schiavo, and one thing for sure was, "your home field is your home field."

But now as a Little League coach herself, Smith saw the use of her leagues. Smith would like field relinquished to a

nings into a recent game.

Smith told the City Council Monday nigh that her 6-and-7-year-old Little League team was forced to leave the field after two innings because "someone from another city was using the field and we couldn't use it."

Smith said permits which are required to use Everett fields - are being issued to non-Everett



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# **DiDomenico priorities included in Senate Budget**

Senate makes historic investments in early education and care and college success, prioritizes regional equity

### Special to the Independent

Last week, the Senate Committee on Ways and Means released a \$57.9 billion budget for Fiscal Year 2025 (FY25) that reflects the Senate's vision of creating a more affordable, equitable, and competitive Massachusetts by investing in residents and communities across every district of the Commonwealth, while continuing to be fiscally responsible and chart a sustainable path forward. Senator Di-Domenico was successful in securing historic investments for his priorities and programs that will benefit people in Cambridge, Chelsea, Charlestown, Everett and throughout the Commonwealth.

DiDomenico celebrated the inclusion of programs he championed such as, Universal School Meals funding, expanded sup-

port for the Massachusetts Emergency Food Assistance Program (MEFAP), resources for our most vulnerable residents, early intervention services and healthcare for our children, and historic investments in education from early ed, to K-12 schools, to completely free community college for every Massachusetts student. Senator DiDomenico will file amendments to include funding for more priorities and local initiatives, and the Senate will then debate the FY25 budget proposal in formal session beginning Tuesday, May 21, 2023.

"Budgets reflect our government's priorities, and I am proud to support this proposal which demonstrates our commitment to uplifting our children and families, workers, and people most

in need throughout the Commonwealth," said Sal DiDomenico, Assistant Majority Leader of the Massachusetts Senate. "I am thrilled that so many of my priorities have been included in the Senate budget and through these investments, we will expand access to nutritious foods, quality education from pre-K through community college, resources for our most vulnerable residents, as well as, healthcare and housing. I want to thank Senate President Spilka and Senate Ways and Means Chair, Michael Rodrigues, for pulling together a budget that will make our state more equitable and affordable for people from every corner of the state."

"This budget invests in our people and our communities in a way that reflects our shared vision for

Massachusetts: of a Commonwealth that is more affordable, equitable, and competitive," said Senate President Karen E. Spilka (D-Ashland). "Historic investments in education and regional equity will improve quality of life, expand our world-class workforce, and keep residents right here in Massachusetts, while at the same time ensuring we remain prudent stewards of taxpayer dollars. I am profoundly grateful to Chair Rodrigues for his tireless work, as well as Vice Chair Friedman, Assistant Vice Chair Comerford, and each of the committee members for their tireless work in shaping the state's investments in our collective future."

"The Fiscal Year 2025 budget brought forth by

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non-Everett team two in-

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# Martins' diligence results in scholarships for EHS students

### By Cary Shuman

When Everett officials present the Municipal Scholarship Fund grants to students at the June 24 Council meeting, Councilor-at-Large Stephanie Martins should have the honor of being the first presenter.

It was Martins who first inquired about the existence of an Everett Mu-

nicipal Scholarship Fund and learned that the scholarship fund had been dormant since 1975.

Martins referred the matter to Everett CFO Eric Demas and voila the Everett Municipal Scholarship Fund has been revived and is ready for its first presentation ceremony in decades.

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### **RECORD BREAKER**



Everett High track sensation Kayshaun Eveillard, the Michael Johnson of Everett High boys track, displays the sixth-place medal that he took home in the 200 meter dash at the recent MSTCA Jim Hoar Freshman/Sophomore Invitational Meet that was held at Weymouth High School. Kayshaun's time of 23.22 broke the previous EHS school record of 23.28. Eveiillard also just missed winning a medal in the 400 meter dash, finishing seventh with a time of 53.19, just 0.31 of a second off the sixth-place finisher. Olympic track fans will recall that Johnson is the only person ever to have captured gold medals in both the 200 and 400 meter events, a feat Johnson accomplished in the Atlanta games in 1996.

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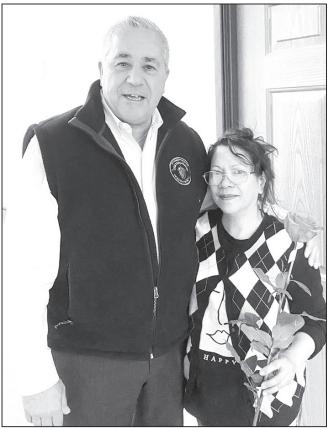
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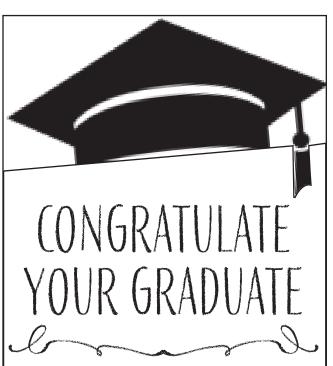


Shown are scenes of Rep. Joe McGonagle as he visited several senior living sites in Everett to delivering flowers in honor of Mother's Day.

Last week, Rep. Joe McGonagle visited several senior living sites in Everett to deliver flowers in honor of Mother's Day. McGonagle says he does this not only to celebrate the mothers and mother figures in the community, but especially in remembrance of his late mother. "My mom was a connected piece of this community and the glue to our family," said McGonagle. "I want to honor her legacy by celebrating not only those who are mothers and grandmothers but those who have acted as motherly figures and also have mothers who have passed on. I loved getting to visit with these women and remind them that they are appreciated."







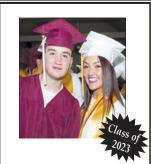






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Mayor Carlo DeMaria said "there are no further updates with Wynn regarding the proposed East of Broadway expansion project."

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DeMaria, who is still hopeful about the project, made the statement following a published story in The Boston Globe that Wynn officials were halt-

ing the \$400 million project.

Encore Boston Harbor's host agreement with Everett and its expansion project have been a fre-

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quent topic of discussion at Council meetings. Wynn officials have been considering the construction of a new entertainment facility (night club, comedy club, theater, restaurants, and expanded poker room), across the street from the world-class resort/casino on Lower Broadway.

The casino in Everett has been an amazing success story. The resort is a five-star destination that gives guests a true Las Vegas-style experience, while the Wynn-BET Sportsbook has been widely popular with the Boston Bruins and Boston Celtics competing in their respective playoffs.



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"I referred the matter to our chief financial officer who per the ordinance was to be the chair of the scholarship committee. and I am very pleased with how quickly he was able to get the process going, especially given budget season, graduation, and all his other responsibilities," credited Martins. "I am also very pleased with the efforts to revive the scholarship and how quickly everything moved."

Martins said that residents can check a box on their property tax bills to make donations to the scholarship fund. Martins added that the City will be promoting an awareness campaign "to incentivize more people to donate so we can replenish the fund every year."

Demas told the City

Councilor-at-Large Stephanie Martins (right) listens at Monday's City Council meeting as Everett CFO Eric Demas talks about the revival of the Everett Municipal Scholars Fund, an initiative that was successfully advanced by Martins.

Council at Monday's meeting that more than 20 Everett students have applied for the scholarships. With college tuitions skyrocketing, the extra funds will be a welcomed boost to Everett students' financial situation as they enter college.

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to see Everett-based teams have top priority for use of the fields.

Ward 6 Councilor Peter Pietrantonio suggested an issue-resolving meeting with the director of the Ev-

Works. "Can we invite the di-

rector of public works up here because he's the one that's in charge of the parks?" asked Pietranto-

erett Department of Public nio. "Let's find out how this happened."

> The Council voted unanimously to invite the director of public works to the May 28 meeting.

# Local Haitian organization to receive grant from Boston

**Boston Mayor Michelle** Wu and the Mayor's Office for Immigrant Advancement (MOIA) announced that the City is awarding \$650,000 in grants to 13 nonprofits including the Everett Haitian Community to increase the capacity of immigrant-serving organizations to provide immigration-related legal services and support the legal needs of immigrant workers. The grants range from \$10,000 to \$100,000 for programs including Know Your Rights training, forms assistance, and legal consultation and representation in immigration

Rights Grant program to support immigrant workers through Know Your Rights trainings and assist in labor rights cases and immigration cases tied to labor violations. To address gaps within the current immigration legal system, MOIA launched the Immigration Legal Access grant program for initiatives aimed at improving access to immigration legal services for Boston residents.

"Boston is a city of immigrants, and we all benefit from the contributions of immigrant communities in our neighborhoods,"

to navigate alone, so I'm grateful to MOIA and these organizations for helping our immigrant residents better access legal services and much needed supports."

"Immigrants that experience labor abuses may be afraid to speak out or seek help due to their status," said Monique Tú Nguyen, Executive Director of the Mayor's Office for Immigrant Advancement. "By expanding the capacity within the field to respond to the demand for legal services, our goal is to ensure that immigrants understand their rights

### HAITIAN ART SHOW MAY 19

On Haitian Flag weekend, please join the celebration of extraordinary Haitian paintings from Franketienne, Guerday Louizor, and many more, and enjoy Fritay by La Perle at the Haitian Art Show by Galaxy Exhibitions, on May 19, from 12-5 p.m.

Art enthusiasts, and all those with a passion for vibrant storytelling through visual art are invited to join us Sunday for an extraordinary celebration of Haitian paintings. Hosted at the Art Lab in Everett, this event promises an immersive journey into the heart and soul of Haiti's rich cultural contributions. From mesmerizing Landscapes to poignant portraits, each stroke of paint on canvas serves as a window into Haiti's vibrant heritage, unique folklore, and history. This event will be held at The Garage Door Gallery @ Art Lab Everett on 132 Bucknam Strteet in Everett.

### **CITY OF EVERETT** LAUNCHES TEEN NIGHTS AT THE RECREATION CENTER

Mayor Carlo DeMaria is pleased to announce the City of Everett's Youth Development and Enrichment Department will be hosting Teen Nights at the Recreation Center (47 Elm Street) every Tuesday from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., from Tuesday, July 2 to Tuesday, Aug. 20.

Everett residents ages 12 to 18 are invited to hang out at the Recreation Center on Tuesdays throughout the summer for an evening of fun, friendship and community. Teen Night is an opportunity to drop in, unwind, and connect with peers in a supportive and positive environment.

Led by Assistant Director of Youth Substance Abuse Prevention Eric Mazzeo, this weekly pro-





Haitian paintings will be displayed at the Haitian Art Show by Galaxy Exhibitions, on May 19.

sports, music and more. Whether a participant is looking to hang out with friends or participate in activities, this program has something for everyone. Free food and snacks will be provided those who attend.

To learn more and register for this program, please visit EverettRecandEnrich.com and navigate to the Programs tab to find "Teen Nights at the Rec" under the Youth Wellness section.

For more information. please email Eric Mazzeo at Eric.Mazzeo@ci.everett.ma.us or dial 617-394-2270 to be connected to Youth Development and Enrichment Department.

### COUNCIL ON AGING ANNOUNCES **EVENTS AND** PROGRAMS FOR JUNE

Mayor Carlo DeMaria is pleased to announce the City of Everett's Council on Aging (COA) will host the following events and programs at the Connolly Center (90 Chelsea Street) throughout the month of June:

• Thursday, June 6 at 12:30 p.m.: A special movie event featuring the classic film "Aunty Mame" starring Rosalind Russell. All are welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served free of charge.

• Friday, June 14 at 2 p.m.: The Massachusetts Horticultural Society will be at the Connolly Center

for a special educational

class titled, "Herbs 101.' Attendees will have the opportunity to plant their own herbs with an expert from the Massachusetts Horticultural Society Space is limited to the first 20 participants.

• Thursday, June 27 at 12:45 p.m.: This month's Dance Party Thursday will feature DJ Tommy Sheehan playing the tunes that will get attendees moving. All adults ages 60 and up are welcome to attend this free event.

For additional information about any of these events and programs, please call 617-394-2270 to be connected to the Connolly Center.

### COUNCIL ON AGING TO HOST JUNE SENIOR SOCIAL

Mayor Carlo DeMaria is pleased to announce the City of Everett's Council on Aging (COA) will be hosting the June Senior Social on Friday, June 21, at 11:45 a.m., at the Connolly Center (90 Chelsea Street).

The COA has chosen a delicious meal that includes garden salad, steak tips, barbecue chicken, baked potato, seasonal vegetables, rolls with butter, coffee and dessert. DJ Chris Fiore will provide the music and dancing is encouraged.

Ticket sales are ongoing at the Connolly Center. Please see Cathi or call 617-394-2270 to be connected to the Connolly Center.

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said Mayor Michelle Wu. "Our immigration system is nearly impossible

and have the resources to navigate a complex legal system."

gram offers a variety of activities including games,

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The thought of having New England's foremost resort/casino (the five-star Encore Boston Harbor) and hosting the region's only men's professional soccer team in Everett would be a spectacular 1-2 punch for the city. The popularity of soccer in the area continues to grow (superstar Lionel Messi drew a record-setting 65,000 fans to an April 27 Revs' game in Foxboro and the World Cup is coming to Gillette Stadium in 2026),

meaning that there is little doubt that Revolution home games would be sold out at a sparkling, state-ofthe-start stadium in Everett.

"I appreciate the favorable report from the Joint Committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies on Senator DiDomenico's bill that would allow a formal proposal for a professional soccer stadium to be submitted for consideration and be subject to multiple public processes so all interested parties would have a formal opportunity to share their comments and any concerns," said Mayor DeMaria. "I will continue my efforts to share with legislators how important it is to Everett's economic future to be able to attract private funds to invest in the significant cleanup for the site and create new jobs access to the waterfront and new local revenue options for Everett."

# RMV reminds residents they will need a REAL ID or current passport to board a plane starting in May 2025

### Special to the Independent

Massachusetts The Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) is reminding residents that beginning May 7, 2025, anyone traveling by plane domestically or entering certain federal building areas will need a Registry-issued REAL ID-compliant driver's license or ID, or a valid passport. To help ensure compliance, a countdown clock is now live at Mass.Gov/RMV.

The Registry is encouraging everyone seeking a REAL ID compliant license or identification card to go online at Mass. Gov/ID to learn what documents are needed for a required in-person appointment.

"The countdown is on for REAL ID federal enforcement and the Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles, and its partner AAA Northeast, have successfully been issuing REAL ID credentials and are prepared for interested residents prior to the May 2025 deadline," said Registrar of Motor Vehicles Colleen Ogilvie. "We want Mas-

sachusetts residents to know they can upgrade to the REAL ID driver's license or identification card during their normal renewal process for the same cost as a renewal. For the customers who wish to do this, we highly recommend you schedule your appointment at least three weeks before your birthday so that you can receive your credential in the mail ahead of your expiration."

The RMV has posted helpful information on REAL ID requirements that customers can use to prepare for their in-person visits, including convenient document checklists to help pre-stage REAL ID applications, at Mass. Gov/ID. Documents required for this transaction include two proofs of Massachusetts residency, proof of a full Social Security Number (SSN), and proof of lawful presence. Customers who have had a name change since the issuance of a birth certificate, passport or other document, will need to show the reason for the name change by documentapresenting

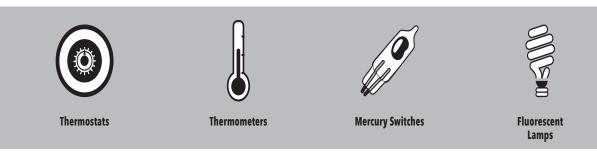
tion like a marriage certificate, divorce decree or court document. These required documents must be original or certified versions. The RMV recommends customers gather these documents well in

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### **20 YEARS OF MARRIAGE EQUALITY IN** MASSACHUSETTS

It was 20 years ago this week (on May 17, 2004, to be exact), that the first marriage licenses were issued by cities and towns across Massachusetts for same-sex couples.

The marriage licenses were precipitated by the decision by the state's Supreme Judicial Court in November in the Goodridge case, which declared that same sex couples were entitled to the same legal protections and rights as heterosexual couples.

It's hard to imagine, with 20/20 hindsight, that marriage equality ever was an issue. There is not -- and never has been -- a justification for not allowing two adults to marry the person of their choosing in order to enjoy the legal status and privileges that marriage conveys.

But back in 2004, in the immediate aftermath of the Goodridge decision, there were many members of our state legislature, both Democrats and Republicans, who were talking of holding a Constitutional Convention in order to amend the state constitution to allow same-sex couples to have only so-called civil unions, not full marriage.

Massachusetts was an outlier in 2004 and fortunately the effort to call for a Constitutional Convention failed. Soon thereafter, other states allowed same-sex marriages and then in 2015, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in a 5-4 decision in the Obergefell v Hodges cases that all states must issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples.

However, public opinion was way ahead of the courts. Modern Family, the hit TV comedy show that started in 2007, included a gay couple among its characters. Today, polls consistently show that more than 70 percent of Americans across all party lines support same-sex marriage.

To be sure, there still is much to be done to assure equal protection of all rights for our fellow Americans of the LGTBQIA+ community. But it is worth noting the events of 20 years ago to acknowledge the momentous changes that have taken place in the course of one generation.

### PLASTIC, PLASTIC **EVERYWHERE**

In the classic 1967 movie, the Graduate, Dustin Hoffman's character, Benjamin Braddock, a recent college graduate, is taken aside by a family friend at his graduation party, who says to him, "Ben, I just have one word of advice for you. Are you listening? 'Plastics'. There's a great future in plastics. Think about it. Will you think about it?"

# Independent Forum

# City Council approves four appointments to city leadership positions

The Everett City Council unanimously confirmed the appointments of four individuals to key positions in city government at

Monday night's meeting. City Solicitor Colleen Mejia and Director of Information Technology Kevin Dorgan were reap-

pointed to their respective positions through Jan. 5, 2026.

Director of Transportation and Mobility Jay Monty and Director of Public Health Sabrina Firicano were appointed to their respective positions through Jan. 5, 2026.

# Upcoming Events at Everett Public Libraries

### **Parlin Adult and Teens**

Parlin Book Group, Parlin Meeting Room, and Zoom. Monday, May 20th at 6:00 pm.In Elin Hilderbrand's Summer People, Arch Newton, dies on his way home from a business trip. His widow can barely keep things together. She decides that she must continue the family tradition of going to Nantucket, to fulfill a promise that Arch made before he died. 18+. Call Kathleen at (617) 394 2300, or send an email to slipp@noblenet.org, for the Zoom link, or join us in person!

Yarn Club Parlin Fireplace Room. Tuesday, May 21st 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!

Chess Club, Parlin Fireplace Room. Wednesday, May 22nd at 3pm. Play, learn, and practice chess. All ages and skills welcome!

Author Event with Eric Jay Dolin Wednesday, May 22nd at 7:00 pm. The best-selling, award-winning author of Leviathan, Rebels at Sea, Black Flags and Blue Waters, will discuss his newly published Left For Dead. It is the true story of five castaways abandoned on the Falkland Islands during the War of 1812—a tale of treachery, shipwreck, isolation, and the desperate struggle for survival. Coffee and pastries provided by The Friends of the Everett Public Libraries.

Murder/Mystery Book Group, Connolly Center Meeting Room. Thursday, May 23rd at 12pm. In Fern Michaels' The Scoop, the Godmothers are four unforgettable women who are about to get a whole new lease on life. See Kathleen for copies on her twice monthly visits, or call the Parlin (617) 394 2300 or Shute (617) 394 2308 libraries.

Origami Club. Parlin Fireplace Room. Saturday, May 25th at 12pm. Come and practice the ancient art of paper folding. All ages and skill levels are welcome!

### **Parlin Childrens**

Lego Club. Parlin Children's Room. Monday, May 20th from 3-5pm. Come to the Children'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 and Singalong with Karen, Parlin Children's Room. Wednesday, May 22nd at 11am. Join us for a funfilled morning of singing and storytelling with Karen! Suggested ages 0-6.

Drama Class. Parlin Children's Room. Wednesday, May 22nd 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 acting skills to use with our drama coach! Suggested ages 6-14.

Story Time Adventures with Mrs. McAuliffe Parlin Children's Room. Thursday, May 23rd and Friday, May 24th 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.

Friday Family Movie Night! Parlin Meeting Room. Friday, May 24th at 3pm. Grab your favorite blanket or stuffed animal and break out the popcorn! Come and watch Big Hero 6 with your friends and family. Fresh hot popcorn will be provided by the Friends of the Everett Public Libraries.

**Shute Adult and Teens** Apron Paint Night, Shute Meeting Room. Tuesday, May 21st at 7:00 PM. Step into our vibrant realm where aprons aren't just for spills, they're your blank canvases! At our Apron Paint Night, we swap canvases for aprons! Transform your apron into a wearable work of art, a splash of personality to bring to every future paint night. With a palette of colors and endless possibilities, let's paint our aprons with creativity! This program is generously funded by the Friends of the Everett Public Libraries. For ages 14-109. Registration is required.

Resume Writing, Shute Adult Department. Book a one-on-one resume assistance appointment at the Shute Library and let a librarian help you craft a resume tailored to your strengths and aspirations. Sign up for a thirty minute session at both the Shute Library. Fridays by appointment only.

Computer Basics 101, Shute Adult Department. Tech Newbie? No Problem! Learn to power up, click around, type like a pro, explore the digital world, and even send your first email. Book your Friday adventure with technology today! By appointment only on Fridays. Please call the Shute Library to register for an appointment.

# Fundraiser brings 'Dial M for Murder' to the stage

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"Yes sir," Benjamin replies meekly.

In 1967, plastics were nowhere near as ubiquitous as they are in 2024. But the advice given to Benjamin was prescient -- today, plastics, which are petroleum-based, are used for just about everything in our daily lives.

The problem is, plastics also are in everything, including our bodies. According to scientists, microplastics are flowing through every one of our organs and tissues, and the same is true for just about every animal on earth.

In addition, very little of the plastic that we generate is recyclable. We may think of ourselves as being virtuous when we dutifully recycle all of our plastic items every week, but a recent survey revealed that only about six percent of plastic items are recycled and that much of what is labeled as "recyclable" really is not recyclable at all. Those hard-plastic containers that hold our laundry detergent, for example, can be recycled only at a very few facilities across the country, which means that almost all of them end up in landfills, where they eventually disintegrate and make their way into the food chain and our water -- and into our bodies.

Almost 60 years after the Graduate, we are drowning -- literally -- in a sea of plastics, and with the demand for plastics ever-increasing, the problem is only going to get worse. It is estimated that by 2050, the demand for plastics will triple and the amount of plastic in the world's oceans actually will outweigh the fish.

Yes, as foretold in 1967, the future was indeed, "Plastics."

But that future -- today's present -- turned out to be a grim one.

# Your opinions, please

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(MVES) will host a performance of "Dial M for Murder" Thursday, May 16, at Greater Boston Stage Company, 395 Main St., Stoneham. The show is MVES' annual Spring for Independence fundraiser, benefitting older adults and people with disabilities in our community.

In "Dial M for Murder," Tony believes his wife Margot is having an affair, and he wants revenge. He plans out the perfect murder. Or is it? The audience

follows twists and turns as the suspense . builds will Tony succeed in his attempt and will he be caught? "Dial M for Murder" may be best known as the 1954 Hitchcock film, but it started out as a successful stage play. Clever and fast-paced, the current show puts a modern spin on the original.

MVES invites theatergoers to pre-show а reception at 6 p.m. with complimentary cocktails and hors d'oeuvres. The show starts at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available for

\$80 each at www.mves. org/dial-m-for-murder. For more about the show, please contact MVES' Development Department

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# Malden Catholic announces major campus expansion to support growing student population and enhance academic and athletic programs

### Special to the Independent

Malden Catholic (MC) announced major expansion plans for its academic and athletic programs. By partnering with Timberline Construction and Scalora Consulting Group, MC broke ground on May 9, for a state-of-the-art academic and athletic facility located across the street from Malden Catholic at 50 Crystal Street. This expansion will introduce a 7th and 8th grade program, tentatively scheduled to open for students in September 2025, pending any unforeseen delays or adjustments. MC will accept 100 students in its 7th grade and 100 students in its 8th grade. This development aims to build upon the remarkable 40% growth in enrollment observed over the past five years and the success of MC's codivisional model. Next year's high school enrollment is anticipated to surpass 900 students.

President John Thornburg made the announcement during Malden Catholic's 18th Annual Gala Celebration on April 6th, unveiling the launch of the capital campaign, Our Essential Future - A Campaign for Malden Catholic.

"We are excited to announce the first major campus expansion since Malden Catholic relocated to Crystal Street more than 55 years ago—a milestone moment that will enhance the MC experience for our students, faculty/staff, and the community," stated Thornburg.

"In addition to expanding and modernizing our campus, we are advancing our mission by extending the Xaverian Brothers? educational experience to 7th and 8th grade students. This expansion will lay a strong foundation, facilitating the transition into MC's college-preparatory high school programs. When I accepted this position at Malden Catholic five years ago, I was excited about our growth po-

tential due to our unique codivisional model and the Board's decision to invest in a 1.6-acre property across the street. This announcement marks the next major phase in realizing our vision to grow our remarkable school. As we embark on this next chapter in the MC story, we are grateful to our many supporters, including our dear friend, mentor, and generous benefactor, the late Joe O'Donnell '62, who served as Co-Chair of the campaign before his passing in January 2024.'

The 70,000 square foot building will include cutting-edge classrooms and lab spaces, a spacious dining hall and modern office facilities to support administrative needs and student services. The athletic facility will include a 30,000 square-foot indoor turf field, a 6,000 square-foot basketball court, wellness center and weight room. The Biomedical Engineering lab will facilitate the addition of more biomedical classes within MC's Project Lead the Way Program. Dedicated classrooms for Entrepreneurship and Financial Literacy will also be added to expand the growth of MC's Business Program.

The capital campaign - Our Essential Future -A Campaign for Malden Catholic - has a goal of \$40 million, which will serve to fund construction at 50 Crystal Street and increase scholarship support for students. The campaign is off to a strong start with impressive support from the MC community.

The Our Essential Future Campaign recognizes the combined 180 years of outstanding educational services and faith formation provided to students from Malden and surrounding communities by the School Sisters of Notre Dame and the Xaverian Brothers. It aims to ensure that future generations will have the opportunity for an exceptional Catho-



Artist rendering of the state-of-the-art academic and athletic facility.

lic high school experience at Malden Catholic.

Jim and Bev Donovan, long-time benefactors to the school, have provided a \$5 million lead gift to the Campaign. Jim, who served for over 20 years as a Trustee at MC, including the last 10 years as Board Chair, will now serve as Co-Chair of the Campaign. He has been instrumental in every major strategic initiative during his tenure and played a crucial role in formulating plans for the campus expansion.

In a statement, Jim Donovan expressed his hopes: "As non-graduates, Bev and I hope our lead gift inspires the many thousands of men and women privileged to hold an MC or Girls Catholic diploma. This gift honors my father's service to the school as a custodian in the 50s and 60s, where he mentored many students and was a beloved friend and confidant of many Xaverian Brothers. It also honors my sister Elaine's service as a School Sister of Notre Dame. We strongly believe that the young men and women of Malden, Medford, Everett, Hamilton, Esq., P'22, Di-Revere, and the surround-

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ing communities served by MC deserve the best educational platform and athletic facilities, and that the campus expansion at 50 Crystal Street will be truly transformative for them. It is our hope that the entire MC community will join us in making this a reality."

For more information about 7th and 8th grade enrollment at 50 Crystal Street and additional details about Our Essential Future - A Campaign for Malden Catholic, please visit the campaign website at www.maldencatholic.org/give/campaign-launch.

Malden Catholic would like to thank the following individuals for their invaluable contributions to the success of Our Essential Future - A Campaign for Malden Catholic:

Malden Catholic Advancement Team: Sean Hurley '97, CFO/VP of Advancement, Robert McCarthy P'07, Senior Director of Advancement and Strategic Partnerships, Gregory Maynard, Director of Major Gifts, Strategic Initiatives and Planned Giving, Sarah

Operations

Honorary Campaign Chairs: Dr. Eugene F. Fama '56 and Sallyann (Dimeco) GC'56 and Ted Legasey '63 and Tricia (McNamara) GC'63

Campaign Co-Chairs: Joseph J. O'Donnell '62 and James R. Donovan Hon'11

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**Carlo DeMaria** 

Mayor

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 renown universities including Harvard, Princeton, Dartmouth, University of Chicago, Georgetown, Cornell, Brown, Tufts, Carnegie Mellon, Duke, Notre Dame, Northeastern, Boston College and College of the Holy Cross. 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. 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, simplic-Since 1932, Malden ity and zeal. https://www.

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advance of appointments to ensure they have the information required by federal law.

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Appointments can be scheduled by RMV customers by visiting the RMV's Online Service Center at Mass.Gov/RMV or if you are a AAA member at https://northeast. aaa.com/automotive/registry-services/massachusetts.html.

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### BROADWAY BOXING CLUB HOSTS FUNDRAISER AT PEARL STREET STATION

Broadway Boxing Club, which is housed in the old Everett High School building, held a fundraiser to help defray expenses for two of its boxers, Shea Willcox and Glibert Kabamba, to travel to Detroit and compete in a national tournament.

At the packed restaurant last Thursday night, Boxing Club directors Dennis Willcox (Shea's father) and Joe Ricciardi thanked the many people who came out to support the club's fundraiser.

Shea Willcox fought in the quarterfinal round of the tournament Monday and lost a tough decision to the No. 1-seed in the 147-pound division. Kabamba was scheduled to box in the heavyweight division Tuesday night.

Broadway Boxing Club has become one of the most popular training sites for young boxers in greater Boston. Its future existence could be in jeopardy, however, as repairs are needed for the roof of the old Everett High School building.



Katie Brown and Haley Nolan.



Among those enjoying the Broadway Boxing Club fundraiser are Jacqueline Willcox, Audiya Thach, Sydney Willcox Fitzpatrick, Jake Willcox, and Carly Camphausen.



Broadway Boxing Club boxers Gilbert Kabamba and Shea Willcox, pictured with Chelsea Councilor and former amateur boxer Calvin T. Brown at the fundraiser.



Loren Walsh and Julie Willcox Turner.



Gilbert Kabamba, with two of his biggest supporters, Simone Holyfield (left) and former Chelsea High star athlete Denise lles (center).



Former cruiserweight champion Richard "The Mountain" LaMontagne and his friend, Thespina Kyrici.



Broadway Boxing coaches Joe Ricciardi (left) and Dennis Willcox (right), with their prized boxing prospects, Gilbert Kabamba and Shea Willcox, at the fundraiser May 9 at Pearl Street Station.

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Former Everett High School and Regis College sports standouts, the O'Donnell twins, Megan O'Donnell and Melissa O'Donnell, with the Willcox brothers, Brown University quarterback Jake Willcox and amateur boxer Shea Willcox.





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### DIDOMENICO HOSTS School committee members At the state house

Senator Sal DiDomenico hosted school committee members from Everett, Chelsea, and Cambridge in his office to talk about our schools and how state and local partners can most effectively work together. School Committee members from all over the state visited the State House on Monday for the Mass Association of School Committees (MASC) Day On The Hill. "I am proud to work with every elected official in my district to make our schools the best they can be and improve education for all our students," said Senator Sal DiDomenico. "It was a pleasure to spend an afternoon with so many passionate public servants across our communities who are dedicated to making sure our children have the best learning environment possible."



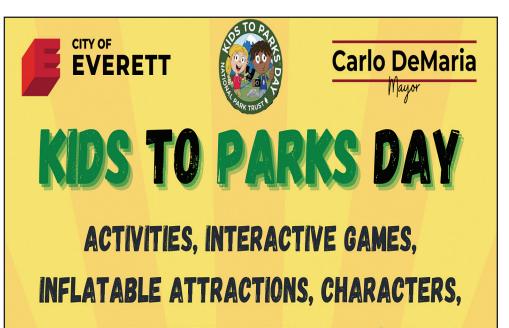
Shown (left to right) are José Luis Rojas, Robin Babcock, Mayra Balderas, Sarah Neville, Jeanne Cristiano, Roberto Jiménez Rivera (Chelsea City Councilor), Senator DiDomenico, Margaret Cornelio, Samantha Hurley, Marcony Almeida Barros, and Joanna Garren.



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# Same neighbors. New name.





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# Fresh and Local

# **Breeding reality check**

### By Penny & Ed Cherubino

A recent social media post anthropomorphized several dogs, explaining what they were bred to do and how hard it is to live in a world without that work. It ends with a plea that people do a breed reality check before they buy or adopt a dog.

### **Responsible Selection**

Read about the breed's history or the predominant breeds for a canine with a generous gene pool. We still turn to our ancient copy of "The Roger Caras Dog Book" when someone asks about a breed.

In addition to an expert narrative about each breed, Caras rates each from one to ten for three key factors: the amount of coat care and exercise required and the suitability for apartment life. Consider those aspects of living with the dog you think you want.

When you see one of

your favored breeds in the wild, start a conversation with the guardian and ask about the best and worst aspects of living with their dog. What they find a problem, like the need for lots of exercise, may be perfect for you. Or, something they think is worth the time and money, such as regular professional grooming or the cost of feeding a large canine, may not fit your budget. Dog professionals like dog walkers and groomers can be good sources of information, and a veterinarian can tell you about the health problems associated with the breed.

A rescue group is another excellent source of the information you need to make a sound decision. We would ask those guardians why the dogs they rehome were surrendered. In the case of the West Highland White Terrier rescues we've fostered and placed, there have been problems with children (who can bring out the dog's prey instinct,) allergy issues, and not understanding that these are not necessarily lap dogs but were bred to be very independent and hunt vermin.

### From the Dog's Point of View

In the post, the beagle explained that his work was to howl and bark to lead hunters to their prey, but today, when he does that, he is wrong and doesn't understand why. Caras warns, "A beagle loves a good howling session and may tend to do a solo when left alone."

The Jack Russel Terrier explained that he is not a quiet living room dog. He was meant to hunt vermin (some larger than he is) and is tired of being scolded for the high energy his work requires. This breed suffered from media exposure when Moose, an incredibly well-trained canine actor, played Eddie on the sitcom Frasier.



While Westies may look cute and cuddly, they are actually very independent, intelligent, and strong-willed. For many, a Bichon Frise is a better choice.

Wikipedia points out that Moose's original owners surrendered him because he was too hard to handle. "He could not be house trained; he chewed everything; he dug and barked a lot; and he was constantly escaping and climbing trees."

The Labrador Retriever reminds us she was not meant to sit around

the house and get fat. She wants to run, dive into the water, and bring back a duck or a floating toy. Karas rates the Lab as a ten out of ten with the need for exercise and finds it suitable for apartment life only if given a lot of exercise and occasional retrieving work.

The post ended with a dog's plea to think carefully before choosing a dog: "I'm a dog from the 21st century, yes, but deep inside me, the one who fought, the one who hunted, the one who pulled sleds, the one who guided and protected a herd still lives within."

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

# EHS Roundup

### SHOWDOWN SET WITH MEDFORD TODAY FOR **EVERETT HIGH** SOFTBALL

The game of the year in the Greater Boston League (GBL) is set for today (Wednesday) on the softball diamond at Glendale Park when once-defeated Everett hosts undefeated Medford in a showdown for a share of the 2024 GBL title.

Everett came out on the short end of a 5-2 decision to the Lady Mustangs in their first meeting this season more than three weeks ago, but since then coach Poste-Schiavo's Stacy Lady Crimson Tide have reeled off 10 straight wins, all but two by wide marto Arlington Catholic and Whittier Regional.

Both teams dueled for the GBL crown throughout the 2023 season, with Everett eventually claiming an undisputed title.

The opening pitch at Glendale today is set for 4:15.

### **BOY VOLLEYBALL** WINS TWO, NOW **STANDS AT 8-6**

The Everett High boys volleyball team edged closer to qualifying for the post-season state tourney with a pair of victories this past week. The Crimson Tide now stand at 8-6 on the season and need two more victories to assure themselves of the .500 record that is necessary to punch their ticket for a Journey to the Tourney. Everett swept Greater Boston League (GBL) foes Lynn English last Monday and Somerville at home on Wednesday. The Tide opened up a 2-0 lead against non-league opponent Essex Tech Fri-

day, but couldn't put Tech away and fell 15-13 in the fifth set.

"It definitely left a bitter taste at the end of an otherwise positive week," said EHS head coach Michael Fineran. "We just have to put it behind us and move on."

Everett was scheduled to play back-to-back-toback matches against GBL rivals Revere (a 3-2 loss), Somerville, and Medford this week on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. They will host GBL foe Malden next Monday and entertain non-league opponent Wakefield next Wednesday.

"I was happy with the way we started the week, traveling to Lynn English and winning in straight sets, despite missing junior captain Henrique Franca, who leads the team in kills," said Fineran. "We needed other hitters to step up, and they did. Junior Bryan Soares Gomes had four kills, fellow junior Jefferson Umana tallied six and was 9-for-9 serving, and senior Nischal Tamang had six kills as well."

Kalleb Miranda with four kills and two blocks, and juniors Donald Vo and Matheus Queiroz combined for five aces and five kills.

Two days later the Tide played what Fineran described as "perhaps our best match of the season, another straight-set victory over Somerville, a team against whom we normally have to scratch and claw for every point. It certainly helped to have Franca back, who set the tone with a powerful kill from the right side on the first point of the game, his first of 18 in the match. He also added two aces and four blocks. "

Tamang was 25-for-25 serving, with 8 kills and a 20. We couldn't get the block. Miranda had three point serving tied 22-22, kills and two blocks, Vo had three kills and a block, and Steve Flores was 9-for-10 serving while playing incredible defense as the libero, subbing in for an injured Christian Ramirez. "We looked just as strong in the first two sets against Essex Tech, going on a 24-8 run to take the first set, thanks to eight serves from Pierre and seven kills from Franca," Fineran continued. "In the second set, junior Sidney

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ENROLLED: 05/13/2024

DATE OF PROPOSED ORDAINMENT: 05/28/2024

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AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PARKING REQUIREMENTS, USE REGULATIONS AND

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Councilor /s/ Robert J. Van Campen, as President Whereas: The purpose of this ordinance is to amend Section 30, "Lower Broadway Economic Devel-

Whereas: Section 12 of the City of Everett Zoning Ordinance enables the City Council to "...amend,

Whereas: By amending the allowed parking in the LBEDD and the multifamily density and required

Now, therefore, by the authority granted to the City Council of the City of Everett, Massachusetts to

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68 thru 81 of the agenda packet for the May 13, 2024 regular meeting of the City Council which can

be found at the following link: https://cityofeverett.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/05-13-2024-City-

Council.pdf. The version of the ordinance being considered for passage is located on pages 79 and

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non-residential component allowed for certain parcels with the LBEDD, the City of Everett can better

supplement, or change these [Zoning] regulations or districts as provided by statute"; and

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align future development with the City's vision of highest and best uses.

Valentim had two aces in 10 serves, and Franca had nine kills. Umana had three, and Flores scored four points on serves.

"We had chances to put them away in the third set, with Franca serving two of his four aces in the set to give us an 18-16 lead, but we only set him up for two kills, and we allowed Essex to hang around. We hit four serves out and dropped the set 25-20. But that should have been fine. We regrouped in the next set, setting Franca up six times. Miranda had three kills and two blocks, but we didn't get any separation," said Fineran.

"We missed a serve after an ace put us up 21and lost the point serving down, 24-23, which pushed the match to a fifth-set tiebreaker, our fourth of the season," Finera added. "We looked to be on our way to win number nine, with Tamang serving seven times and Franca getting four kills to give us a 7-2 lead. Umana served twice to build an 11-5 lead. We had the serve leading 13-11. But a couple of bad bounces later, we had lost 15-13.

that we did wrong, no bad plays that stick out," Fineran said. "We have said all season that we can beat anyone, and anyone can beat us. If we want to achieve our goal of playing in the tournament, we have to earn it -- no one will give it to us. Beating a team once doesn't matter. Winning two sets doesn't matter. It's a lesson we had to learn the hard way last year, and it cost us the postseason. We have rematches against Revere, who made us look bad a couple of weeks ago, and on the road against Somerville and Medford, two teams that will be looking for revenge. We need to be locked in and we can't let up."

gins of 10 or more runs.

Medford also has been on a rampage since that first meeting, likewise dispatching their GBL opponents with ease to keep their perfect record in the GBL intact. The Lady Mustangs have dropped two non-league contests



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"There wasn't anything



The Everett High softball team set up its showdown for a share of first place in the Greater Boston League (GBL) with Medford with four impressive victories over Lynn English (14-0), Cambridge (12-3), O'Bryant (13-0), and Revere (16-9) this past week.

Among the highlights of the stretch were a complete-game shutout by Peyton Warren vs. English, Peyton's third shutout of the season, in which she allowed just three hits and struck out 11 Lady Bulldogs.

After Warren ended a bases-loaded threat by English in the first with one out by fanning the next two Lady Bulldogs, Everett grabbed a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the inning on an RBI base hit by Bryanna Mason, scoring Emma Longmore, and struck for two more in the second, the key blows being a triple by Arabella Cvitkusic and an RBI base hit by Olivia Dresser,.

The Everett defense pulled off a 6-4-3 double play in the third (Gianna Masucci to Longmore to Mason) and the Tide added two more in the fourth on triples by Longmore and Mason and a base hit by Alexa Uga. Two more runs came across in the fifth on doubles by Ashley Seward and Jayla Davila and a base hit by Dresser.

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Sergio Cornelio, City Clerk May 15, 2024

# Budget // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

the Senate Committee on Ways and Means is a balanced and responsible plan, centered on sustainability and regional equity for all residents of the Commonwealth. It maximizes revenues and continues to build upon the progress we've made in key sectors of the state economy. Thank you to all my colleagues in the Senate, especially my colleagues on the Committee, whose advocacy, collaboration, and dedication helped to inform and shape this comprehensive budget plan and a heartfelt thank you to Senate President Spilka for her determined and compassionate leadership as we work together to rebuild our economy and shape our state's long-term economic health," said Senator Michael J. Rodrigues (D-Westport), Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means.

The Committee's budget recommends a total of \$57.9 billion in spending, a \$1.8 billion increase over the Fiscal Year 2024 (FY24) General Appropriations Act (GAA). This sensible spending recommendation is based on a tax revenue estimate of \$41.5 billion for FY25, which is \$208 million less than revenues assumed in the FY24 GAA. This represents nearly flat growth, as agreed upon during the Consensus Revenue process in January, plus \$1.3 billion in revenue generated from the Fair Share surtax.

As the Commonwealth adjusts to a changing economic landscape and ongoing tax revenue volatility, the Committee's FY25 budget adheres to disciplined and responsible fiscal stewardship. It does not raise taxes, nor does it draw down available reserves from the Stabilization Fund or the Transitional Escrow Fund, while at the same time judicially total investment of \$475 million.

 $\cdot$  \$117.5 million for free community college across the Commonwealth.

• \$105 million to expand financial aid programs for in-state students attending state universities through MASSGrant Plus, which is in addition to the \$175.2M for scholarships funded through the General Fund.

• \$80 million for childcare affordability, expanding access to income-eligible childcare to families making 85% state median income.

• \$65 million for early education and care (EEC) provider rate increases.

• \$15 million for the CPPI Pre-K Initiative, matching \$17.5 million in funds from the General Fund, for a total of \$32.5M to support a pathway to universal pre-kindergarten expansion, including in Gateway Cities.

\$10 million for wraparound supports to boost community college and state university student persistence, which is matched with the \$18 million in SUCCESS funds from the General Fund, for a total of \$28 million.

• \$10 million for early literacy initiatives.

• \$7.5 million for school-based mental health supports and wraparound services.

• \$5 million for Early College and Innovation Pathways

Notable Fair Share Transportation investments include:

\$250 million for the Commonwealth Transportation Fund (CTF), which will leverage additional borrowing capacity of the CTF and increase investments in transportation infrastructure by \$1.1 billion over the next 5 years. This \$250 million includes:

\$127 million to double operating support for the MBTA.

 $\cdot$  \$63 million in debt

### Education

The Senate Ways and Means FY25 budget proposal implements the Senate's Student Opportunity Plan by shaping polices to make high-quality education more accessible and by making significant investments in the education system, from our youngest learners to adults re-entering the higher education system.

Recognizing that investing in our early education and care system directly supports the underlying economic competitiveness of the Commonwealth, the Senate's budget makes a \$1.58 billion investment in early education and care. The FY25 budget will maintain operational support for providers, support the early education and care workforce, and prioritize accessibility and affordability throughout our early education and care system. Notable funding includes:

\$475 million for a full year of operational grants the Commonwealth Cares for Children (C3) Grant program, This is the second fiscal year in a row that a full year of C3 grants have been funded using state dollars in the annual state budget. The Committee's budget also makes the C3 program permanent while also adding provisions to direct more funds from the C3 program to early education and programs that serve children receiving childcare subsidies from the state and youth with high needs. Currently, more than 92 percent of early education and care programs in the Commonwealth receive these grants. This program, which has become a model nationwide, has proven successful at increasing the salaries of early educators, reducing tuition costs for families, and expanding the number of available childcare slots beyond pre-pandemic cawith an emphasis on serving children most in-need.

Building off the Senate's unanimous passage of the comprehensive EARLY ED Act in March, the Committee's FY25 budget codifies several provisions of the Act, transforming the state's relationship with the early education sector by improving affordability and access for families, increasing pay for early educators, and ensuring the sustainability and quality of early education and care programs.

In K-12 education, the Senate follows through on the commitment to fully fund and implement the Student Opportunity Act (SOA) by Fiscal Year 2027, investing \$6.9 billion in Chapter 70 funding, an increase of \$316 million over FY24, as well as increasing minimum Chapter 70 aid from \$30 to \$104 per pupil, delivering an additional \$37 million in resources to school districts across the state. With these investments, the Senate continues to provide crucial support to school districts confronting the increasing cost pressures that come with delivering high-quality education to all students.

In addition to the record levels of investment in early education and K-12, the Committee's budget removes barriers to accessing public higher education by codifying into law MassEducate, a \$117.5 million investment in universal free community college program that covers tuition and fees for residents, aimed at supporting economic opportunity, workforce development, and opening the door to higher education for people who may never have had access. The FY25 budget permanently enshrines free community college into law in an affordable, sustainable, and prudent manner across the Commonwealth, while leaving no federal dollars on the table.

\$2.25 million for the Genocide Education Trust Fund, continuing our commitment to educate middle and high school students

on the history of genocide. \$1 million for Hate Crimes Prevention Grants to support education and prevention of hate crimes and incidences of bias in public schools.

### **Community Support**

The Committee's budget-in addition to funding traditional accounts like Chapter 70 education aid-further demonstrates the Senate's commitment to partnerships between the state and municipalities, dedicating meaningful resources that touch all regions and meet the needs of communities across the Commonwealth. This includes \$1.3 billion in funding for Unrestricted General Government Aid (UGGA), an increase of \$38 million over FY24, to support additional resources for cities and towns.

In addition to traditional sources of local aid, the Committee's budget increases payments in lieu of taxes (PILOT) for stateowned land to \$53 million, an increase of \$1.5 million over FY24. PILOT funding is an additional source of supplemental local aid for cities and towns working to protect and improve access to essential services and programs during recovery from the pandemic. Other local investments include:

\$214 million for Regional Transit Authorities (RTAs) to support regional public transportation systems, including \$120 million from Fair Share funds to support our RTAs that help to connect all regions of our Commonwealth.

\$46.6 million for libraries, including \$15.6 million for regional library local aid, \$17.6 million for municipal libraries and \$6.2 million for technology and automated resource

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\$130.5 million for children's mental health services.

\$113 million for the Personal Care Attendant (PCA) program to prevent service reductions and maintain accessible eligibility thresholds.

\$75.5 million for domestic violence prevention services.

\$30.9 million for Early Intervention services, ensuring supports remain accessible and available to infants and young toddlers with developmental delays and disabilities.

\$33.8 million for Family Resource Centers to grow and improve the mental health resources and programming available to families.

\$28 million for grants to local Councils on Aging to increase assistance per elder to \$15 from \$14 in FY 2024.

\$26.7 million for student behavioral health services across the University of Massachusetts, state universities, community colleges, K-12 schools, and early education centers.

\$25 million for emergency department diversion initiatives for children, adolescents, and adults.

\$25.1 million for family and adolescent health, including \$9.2 million for comprehensive family planning services and \$6.7 million to enhance federal Title X family planning funding.

\$20 million to recapitalize the Behavioral Health, Access, Outreach and Support Trust Fund to support targeted behavioral health initiatives.

\$14.2 million for suicide prevention and intervention, with an additional \$1.4 million for Samaritans Inc. and \$1.1 million for the Call-2-Talk suicide prevention hotline. This investment will fully fund 988, the 24/7 suicide and

utilizing one-time resources to maintain balance.

The Senate's budget continues responsible and sustainable planning for the future by continuing to grow the Rainy Day Fund, already at a historic high of over \$8 billion. The Senate's proposal would build the Commonwealth's reserves to a healthy balance in excess of \$9 billion at the close of FY25.

### **Fair Share Investments**

Consistent with the consensus revenue agreement reached with the Administration and House of Representatives in January, the Senate's FY25 budget includes \$1.3 billion in revenues generated from the Fair Share surtax of 4% on annual income above \$1 million. As FY25 represents the second year where this source of revenue is available, the Committee's budget invests these Fair Share revenues into an array of important initiatives to further strengthen our state's economy by expanding access to quality public education and improving the state's transportation infrastructure.

Notable Fair Share Education investments include:

• \$170 million for Universal School Meals.

• \$150 million for the Commonwealth Cares for Children (C3) grant program, which is matched with \$325 million in funds from the General Fund and the High-Quality Early Education & Care Affordability Fund for a service to leverage additional borrowing capacity.

• \$60 million in operating support for MassDOT.

\$125 million for Roads and Bridges Supplemental Aid for cities and towns, including \$62.5 million for local road funds through a formula that recognizes the unique transportation issues faced by rural communities.

\$120 million for Regional Transit Funding and Grants to support the work of Regional Transit Authorities (RTAs) that serve the Commonwealth, which together with General Fund spending funds RTAs at a record \$214 million. Fair Share funding includes:

\$66 million in direct operating support for the Regional Transit Authorities.

• \$40 million for systemwide implementation of fare-free transit service. • \$10 million to incentivize connections between regional transit routes.

• \$4 million to support expanded mobility options for the elderly and people with disabilities.

· \$24.5 million for Commuter Rail capital improvements.

• \$23 million to support implementation of a low-income fare relief program at the MBTA.

 $\cdot$  \$15 million for municipal small bridges and culverts.

• \$7.5 million for water transportation, funding operational assistance for ferry services.

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\$80 million for childcare affordability, expanding eligibility for income-eligible childcare to families making 85% of the state median income.

\$65 million for center-based childcare reimbursement rates for subsidized care, including \$20 million in new EEC provider rates.

\$53.6 million for EEC quality improvement initiatives, with \$6 million supporting the Summer Step Up program.

\$32.5 million for the Commonwealth Preschool Partnership Initiative, which empowers school districts to expand prekindergarten and preschool opportunities through public-private partnerships. This is double the amount that was appropriated for this initiative in FY23.

\$20 million for Childcare Resource and Referral Centers to assist parents, childcare providers, employers, and community groups in navigating the state's early education and care landscape.

\$18.5 million for grants to Head Start programs, which provide crucial early education and childcare services to low-income families.

\$5 million for grants to early education and care providers for childhood mental health consultation services.

\$2.5 million for a new public-private pilot program to encourage employers to create and support new childcare slots, Other education investments include:

\$492.2 million for the special education circuit breaker.

\$198.9 million for charter school reimbursements.

\$99.4 million to reimburse school districts for regional school transportation costs.

\$28.3 million for higher education wraparound services, including \$18.3 million in General Fund resources, to support wraparound supports to the influx of new students coming to community colleges campuses because of MassEducate.

\$15 million for Rural School Aid supports.

\$15 million for Early College programs and \$13.1 million for the state's Dual Enrollment initiative, both of which provide high school students with increased opportunities for post-graduate success.

\$5 million to support continued implementation of the Massachusetts Inclusive Concurrent Higher Education law, including \$3 million for grants offered through the Massachusetts Inclusive Concurrent Enrollment initiative to help high school students with intellectual disabilities ages 18-22 access higher education opportunities; and \$2 million for the Massachusetts Inclusive Concurrent Enrollment Trust Fund.

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\$25 million for the Massachusetts Cultural Council to support local arts, culture, and creative economic initiatives.

Health, Mental Health & Family Care

The Senate budget funds MassHealth at a total of \$20.33 billion, providing more than two million people with continued access to affordable, accessible, and comprehensive health care services. Other health investments include:

\$3 billion for a range of services and focused supports for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Nearly \$2 billion to protect and deliver a wide range of mental health services and programs, including \$622.3 million for Department of Mental Health adult support services, including assisted outpatient programming and comprehensive care coordination among health care providers.

\$582.1 million for nursing facility Medicaid rates, including \$112 million in additional base rate payments to maintain competitive wages in the Commonwealth's nursing facility workforce.

\$390 million for Chapter 257 rates to support direct-care providers across the continuum of care.

\$197.9 million for a complete range of substance use disorder treatment and intervention services to support these individuals and their fam-

crisis lifeline.

\$14 million for maternal and child health, including \$10.4 million for pediatric palliative care services for terminally ill children and a policy adjustment to ensure that children up to age 22 can continue to be served through the program.

\$12.5 million for grants to support local and regional boards of health, continuing our efforts to build upon the successful State Action for Public Health Excellence (SA-PHE) Program.

\$6 million for Social Emotional Learning Grants to help K-12 schools bolster social emotional learning supports for students, including \$1 million to provide mental health screenings for K-12 students.

\$5.5 million for Children Advocacy Centers to improve the critical supports available to children that have been neglected or sexually abused.

\$3.9 million for the Office of the Child Advocate.

\$3.75 million for the Massachusetts Center on Child Wellbeing & Trauma.

\$2 million for grants for improvements in reproductive health access, infrastructure, and safety.

The full FY25 Senate Ways and Means Budget Recommendations are available on the Massachusetts legislature's website: https://malegislature. gov/Budget/SenateWays-MeansBudget.

# **OBITUARIES**

## **Rose Mary Mattuchio**

August 3, 1943 ~ May 9, 2024

Rose Mary (Duffy) Mattuchio of Malden passed away on May 9, 2024.

The beloved wife of Francis Mattuchio, she was the loving mother of Lorraine Ann Mattuchio, Patrick and Debbie Mattuchio; adored grandmother of Allan and his wife, Kara O'Neil-Freeman, Tyler Anthony Freeman, Hayley Anne Freeman, Jimmy Mattuchio and Melissa and her husband, Jamie Kirkpatrick; great-grandmother of Kylie Freeman and Rian Santiago; sister of Breige, Sean, Anne, Patrick and Francie. Rose is also survived by many nieces, nephews and good friends.

A wake will be held at Salvatore Rocco & Sons



Funeral Home, 331 Main Street, Everett on Thursday, May 16th from 3 to 5 p.m. Complimentary valet parking at the Main Street entrance. Interment will be private.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks for memorial contributions be made in her name to American Stroke Association 7272 Greenville Ave., Dallas,TX 75231.

# Rose J. Patturelli

July 12, 1927 ~ May 7, 2024

Rose J. (Garrasi) Patturelli passed away peacefully surrounded by her loving family on May 7, 2024.

The beloved wife of the late Ernest J. Patturelli, she was the loving mother of Ernest Jr. and his wife, Nancy, the late Christine and her husband, Harold Barchard, Roseanna Joe, Vincent and his wife, Barbara, Angela and her late husband, Richard Fickett, Richard and his wife, Dawn and Marianne and the late, Steven and Michael; grandmother of thirteen, great-grandmother of twenty-two and great great grandmother of six; sister of Josephine Brevogel; daughter of the late Dominica Grazia (Milano) and Vincenzo James Garrasi. Rose is also survived by many nieces, nephews, and good friends.

Her Funeral was held from the Salvatore Rocco & Sons Funeral Home,



331 Main Street, Everett on Monday, May 13 followed by a Funeral Mass in Immaculate Conception Church in Everett. Interment was in Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks memorial contributions be made in her name to Rosie's Place 889 Harrison Ave, Boston, Ma 02118, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital 262 Danny Thomas Place Memphis, TN 38105, The Greater Food Bank 70 South Bay Ave., Boston Ma 02118, or a Charity of

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The Tide then brought on the mercy rule with five more markers in the sixth behind an RBI-double by Emilia Maria-Babcock, a two-RBI single by Davila, an RBI hit by Longmore, and an RBI triple by Dresser.

"Peyton was amazing on the mound and when runners did get on base, our defense made all the plays they needed to to keep runners from scoring," said EHS head coach Stacy Poste-Schiavo. "The first inning was stressful with bases loaded, but Peyton adjusted her pitching and struck out the last two batters to stop them from scoring. Emilia Maria-Babcock also was strong behind the plate, stopping any passed balls which could have allowed them to score. Our hitting came out a little late in the game, but I believe that is because we had to adjust to some faster pitching we had not seen.'

In the 12-3 win over Cambridge, Warren went the full seven-inning route, yielding just four hits, walking five, and fanning nine to pick up the "W."

After Everett pulled off another 6-4-3 DP in the top of the first, The Tide bats wasted little time in giving Warren all the runs she would need with a sixrun outburst in the bottom of the inning, with RBI doubles by Mason and Longmore providing the big hits.

The Tide made it 9-0 in the second, with a sac bunt by Warren and a triple by Cvitkusic proving the RBI highlights.

The Everett defense came up big again in the third when catcher Alessandra Foster threw out a would-be Cambridge base-stealer (one of two that Alessandra made on the day) to Masucci at second and Gianna made it 10-0 in the bottom of the third when she tripled and came home on a passed ball. coach Jehu Cimea's Crimson Tide was sophomore speedster Kayshaun Eveillard, who scored 15 points by capturing first place in three events: the 100 meter dash with a sprint of 11.4; the 400 dash in a time of 51.4, which was a personal record (PR) for Kayshaun; and the long jump with a flight of 19'-5", which also was a PR.

Senior captain Jalen Jones won two events, the triple jump with a season's-best final landing of 38'-2" and the high jump with a leap of 5'-8", and took third in the 200 dash with a season's best sprint of 24.5 to tally 11 points on the day.

Fellow senior captain Shane MacKenzie was a double-winner for Everett, taking first place in the javelin with a throw of 123'-1" and the discus with a spin of 117'-8" to score 10 points on the day.

Senior captain Dawens Germain scored nine points for Everett with a trifecta of second-place performances in the high jump, triple jump, and 400 hurdles (in a PR of 1:05.2)

Junior Fabrice Michaud scored eight points with a first place in the shot-put with a toss of 39'-1" and a second in the discus with a PR throw of 103'-2".

Junior Luvens Hector scored eight points with a first in the 400 hurdles with a PR time of 1:04.7 and a second in the 200 dash with a PR of 24.3.

Senior captain Donald Michel contributed six points to the EHS side of the scoresheet with a first place in the 110 hurdles with a PR clocking of 16.3 and a third place in the high jump.

Junior Kawan Medeiros contributed six points to the Everett side with second-places in the javelin (a PR throw of 107'-8") and the long jump.

Additional first-place finishers for Everett were sophomore Anthony Whitlow in the 2-mile run in 11:49.6 and senior Jerethe short end of an 87-44 decision to Lynn English last Tuesday, there were a number of impressive performances turned in by the Lady Crimson Tide.

Chief among them was the winning shot-put toss of senior captain Layla Betancur-Cardona, who set a new EHS school outdoor record with her throw of 33'-2.5". Layla also took second place in the discus to score eight points on the day.

Fellow senior captain Darrynn Desrameaux won the discus with a spin of 86'-11" and took third in the javelin to score six points for the Tide.

Senior Kaesta Sandy completed the Lady Tide's dominance in the throwing events by winning the javelin with a throw of 98'-6", a personal record (PR) for Kaesta, and took third in the discus. Altogether, Everett grabbed 20 of the possible 27 points in the three throwing events.

The versatile Sandy also grabbed second place in the 100 dash to finish with nine points on the day.

Senior captain Malaica Guillaume took first place honors in the triple jump with a final landing of 30'-5.5". Malaica also took second place in the 400 hurdles and third place in the long jump to finish with nine points on the day.

Senior captain Suzanne Maharjan was the other first-place finisher for the Tide, taking the top spot in the 2-mile run with a clocking of 15:57.8, a season's best.

Sophomore Casey Martinez added three points for the Tide with a second place in the mile in a PR of 6:59.1. Junior Milena Antonio grabbed second in the 800 and senior teammate Gleidy Tejada took third in that event.

### GIRLS TENNIS IMPROVES TO 6-5

The Everett High girls

first-singles player Yasmine Laabadla. "Yasmine really stepped up for her team, taking the deciding match to three sets," noted Meninger. "She dropped the first set 0-6, but she has really improved this season. She took the second set to figure out what she needed to do to win and she won the next two sets, 6-3, 6-0, to secure the victory."

Everett traveled to Lynn Classical, but fell short to the very competitive Lady Rams, 2-3. Tamang played first singles, falling short 0-6, 0-6. Laabadla played second singles, winning 6-1, 6-3. Pham held it down at third singles, coming up with the win, 6-1,6-2. The doubles fought hard, but they both fell short, Ho and Hickey, 1-6, 2-6, and Pun and Du, who took their opponents to three sets 4-6, 6-2, 2-6.

The Lady Tide then took on non-league opponent Saugus. "This was such a good match and the girls really believed in themselves and fought hard to bring a win home," observed Meninger. Pham had another big win, finishing the week with three victories, 6-4, 6-4. Tamang fought hard until the end of her match, falling short, 3-6 1-6. Ho and Hickey dug deep at first doubles, but fell short 5-7, 1-6. Pun and Du came up big again, winning in three sets 4-6, 6-1, 6-2.

This brought the score to 2-2 with the first singles match once again proving decisive and Laabadla came up huge, winning her match in two sets, 6-4, 6-2, helping to seal the win for the Lady Tide and finishing the week strong individually with three huge wins.

"We have come so far from the start of the season and I am lucky to be a part of our team's run," said Meninger. "The girls work so hard and it is starting to show." Meninger and her crew will host Lynn Classical today (Wednesday) and Lynn English next Tuesday on the Rossetti Courts.



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y of A solo homer by Kassidy Rivera in the fifth made it 11-0. Cambridge reached Warren for three runs in the sixth to prevent the mercy rule from com-

the mercy rule from coming into play when Everett added its 12th run in the sixth.

"Peyton had a shutout going into the sixth inning, but Cambridge caught up to her speed and started to hit her," said Poste-Schiavo. "However, she came back strong in the seventh inning to keep them from getting on base. Alessandra Foster did a great job behind the plate and had two throw-outs at second on steals. It was an overall great effort and win by the team."

After today's (Wednesday) big game with Medford (see above), the Lady Tide will host non-league opponent Lowell on Friday and trek to Somerville next Tuesday.

### EVERETT BOYS TRACK RUNS PAST ENGLISH

The Everett High boys outdoor track and field team swept to a 103-21 victory over Greater Boston League rival Lynn English last Tuesday.

Leading the way for

miah Jeanlouis in the 200 dash with a PR of 24.0.

Adding three points for the Tide with second-place performances were: sophomore Jeremy Whitlow in the 1-mile; sophomore Adrian Reyes in the 800; and senior Jason Stark in the shot-put.

Scoring one point with third-place efforts were: sophomore Jonathan Goes in both the discus (a PR twirl of 83'-7") and the javelin (a PR throw of 102'-1"), senior Oliver Felix in the shot (a PR throw of 34'-7.5"); sophomore Tyre Luie in the 800 (a PR of 2:28.2); senior Matthew LaMonica in the 100 dash; and junior David Huezo-Erazo in the 2-mile.

Everett also won the 4 x 100 relay, with the quartet of Jonathan Goes, David Roseme, Fabrice Michaud, and Jason Stark coming across the line in a time of 54.3, which was 3.8 seconds faster than their English counterparts.

### BETANCUR-CARDONA SETS NEW EHS SHOT-PUT MARK

Although the Everett High girls outdoor track and field team came out on



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tennis team won two of its three matches this past week to improve to 6-5 on the season.

The Tide had a huge win on Monday against a Medford team that had only two losses at the time and the Everett girls came ready to play.

Tracy Pham held her own at the second singles position, defeating her opponent in straight sets, 6-3, 6-1. Simran Tamang fought hard at third singles, as she has all season, but fell short to a tough foe, 3-6, 2-6.

Nga Ho and Rebecca Hickey also fought hard against some tough competition, taking the first set all the way to 5-7 before falling short in the second set. "I am really proud of how Nga and Rebecca have been playing together this season," said EHS coach Courtney Meninger. "Things will start to click again for them."

Alanna O'Brien stepped up big for Everett, playing with Jessica Du at second doubles, to win their match, 6-4, 6-2. "They are proving they are ready to play with anyone," noted Meninger.

That left the match tied at 2-2, leaving the outcome on the racket of

### BOYS TENNIS DROPS CLOSE MATCH, 2-3

The Everett High boys tennis team dropped a heartbreaking 3-2 decision to Medford this past week.

The duo of Marcos Castro and Pablo Jimenez won their match at second doubles in straight sets and in the decisive first-doubles contest, the tandem of Tam Tran and Erik Vo dropped their match in a hard-fought three sets.

In the singles matches, Bryant Jimenez fell at first singles and Henry Chen came up short at second singles. Medford forfeited at third singles.

Coach Gregory Bluestein and his crew are scheduled to travel to Lynn Classical today, to host Mystic Valley next Monday, and trek to Lynn English next Tuesday.

# **LEGAL NOTICE**

vehicles on or after May LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE 16, 2024 beginning at 10:00 am by private or Notice is hereby given by public sale to satisfy their Fleming's Towing of 234 garage keepers' lien for Chestnut Street Lynn, MA, towing, storage, and nopursuant to the provitices of sale. Vehicles are sions of Mass G.L c. 255, Section 39A, that they being stored at Fleming's will sell the following Towing, Inc.

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### **CHURCH** News

### **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.

NA Meetings - Mon.

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.

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### **Zion Church - Everett**

### News and Notes

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Zion Church Ministries via livestream on Facebook and You Tube.

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.

Robert

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Ministries invites you to

join us every Sunday at

our 10:00 a.m. Worship

Service for a time of wor-

ship, praise and preaching,

at 757 Broadway, Everett,

MA. You can also join

Bishop

Weekly Mass Schedule ate 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

489, Broadway,

**Everett MA 02149 Phone** Call 6173895660

### **Glendale Christian Lighthouse Church**

### News and Notes

Sunday 10:30 a.m. Excellence" Worship service.

Weds. hour of Power, worship, prayer and Bible Study, via Zoom.

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters," Colossians 3:23 "In Pursuit of Spiritual

Righteousness, Godliness, Faith, Love, Truth **Glendale Christian Lighthouse Church** 701 Broadway, Everett, Massachusetts 02149 617-387-7458 Rev. Larry Russi, Sr. Pastor pastorlarry@ thelighthousechurch701.net

### 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 new beginnings. welcoming to all. There are two services on Sundays: 10 a.m. En-

glish, 1 p.m. South Sudanese Dinka Come all and let us

walk together in this sea-

son of hope, renewal and **Grace Anglican Episcopal Church** 67 Norwood Street. Everett, MA **Church Phone** 617-387-7526 or 617-389-5765

### Mystic Side Congregational Church

services. Parking is available in our lot next to the church on Wyllis Ave. (one way off Main Street). We look forward to welcoming

Mystic Side 422 Main Street Everett, MA





### A LOOK AT EXCELLENCE IN THE EVERETT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

# McCourty gives priceless advice to EHS students

Patriots Great Takes Part in 2024 Financial Literacy Fair

Former New England Patriots great Devin Mc-Courty proved as adept at delivering an important message to students as he was intercepting errant passes when he served as the featured speaker at Everett High School's Financial Literacy Fair.

"I could not have been more impressed with Mr. McCourty's message, communication skills, and relatability," said Superintendent William Hart. "He spoke with passion and intelligence in helping us emphasize financial literacy among our high school students."

The fair was a collaborative effort between Everett High School (EHS) and Stickball, a technology platform that fosters financial literacy and workforce readiness. The event, held on April 24, 2024, showcased the school's dedication to empowering students by providing them with crucial financial skills.

McCourty spoke to EHS students inside the Center for the Performing Arts. State Senator Sal DiDomenico and State Representative Joseph McGonagle joined Superintendent Hart and EHS Principal Dennis Lynch in welcoming McCourty to Everett. EHS Math Department Chair David Babineau organized the Financial Literacy Fair, while EHS social studies teacher Carolynn MacWilliam had the honor of introducing Mc-Courty, a three-time Super Bowl winner bound for the Patriots Hall of Fame.



From left: Superintendent William Hart, Patriots legend Devin McCourty, and State Senator Sal DiDomenico.

McCourty's address and question-and-answer session helped hammer home important financial concepts and skills, such as budgeting, saving, and investing. The current NBC Sports personality is an advisor to Stickball, which offers its users with innovative and interactive financial literacy tools and lessons.

"Financial literacy is crucial for our youth to succeed in today's economy," said Sen. DiDomenico. "I am proud to see Everett High School partnering with Stickball to educate their students on these important skills."

McCourty spoke candidly about the time and effort he devoted to learning how to make smart, long-term financial decisions. He implored the students to seek the good advice and ask questions. He wisely cautioned the students that "good intentions are not necessarily the same as good financial planning."

He added, "I wish I had somebody come to me in 2010 when I got drafted talking about financial literacy...when I was growing up, we didn't have classes for financial literacy or tools like Stickball."

Beginning in April, EHS students received access to the Stickball financial literacy app, which is filled interactive lessons and personalized guidance that boost financial literacy. As the students complete modules on the Stickball app, they are entered into a raffle to win items signed by McCourty on April 24.

Carlo DeMaria

Mayor



At the Parlin School Seventh Graders Go Green for Earth Day



Thanks to Parlin School seventh-grade science teacher Madison Murphy for sharing these photos from Earth Day on April 22, 2024. Ms. Murphy's students were given a small planter and seeds with the aim of doing something "Green" for the planet. During class, the students learned about how to plant the seeds and why planting is so important for our community and Earth!

# EPS receives national recognition for music education

District Honored by NAMM for the Third Time

The Everett Public Schools (EPS) has been honored with the Best Communities for Music Education designation from The NAMM Foundation for its outstanding commitment to music education. Now in its 25th year, the Best Communities for Music Education designation is awarded to districts that demonstrate outstanding achievement for providing music access and education to all



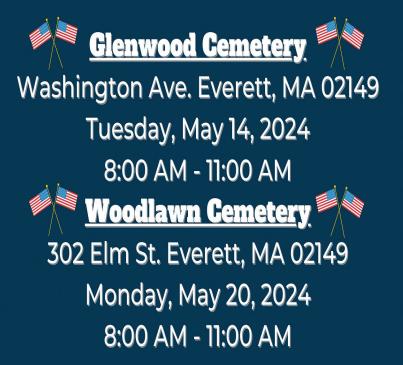
**Everett Public Schools** 

for Outstanding Support of Music Education Enriching the Lives of Children and Advancing Student Achievement



# THE CITY OF EVERETT'S ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY FLAG PLACING

We need your help to honor our nation's fallen armed service members by placing U.S. Flags on the graves of veterans



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students.

To qualify for the Best Communities designation, the EPS Music Department provided answers to detailed questions about funding, graduation requirements, music class participation, instruction time, facilities, support for the music program and community music-making programs. Responses were verified by school officials and reviewed by The Music Research Institute at the University of Kansas.

"This is the third time the EPS has received this designation, which is a testament to the consistently high level of excellence our music educators and students display in the classroom, during performances, in competitions, and at community events,' said Superintendent William Hart. "It is an honor to be recognized by NAMM, and to fulfill the promise and potential a comprehensive music program offers to students."

Research into music education continues to demonstrate educational/ cognitive and social skill benefits for children who make music: After two years of music education, researchers found that participants showed more substantial improvements in how the brain processes speech and reading scores than their less-involved peers and that students who are involved in music are not only more likely to graduate high school but also to attend college as well. In addition, everyday listening skills are stronger in musically trained children than in those without music training. Significantly, listening skills are closely tied to the ability to: perceive speech in a noisy background, pay attention, and keep sounds in memory. Later in life, individuals who took music lessons as children show stronger neural processing of sound: young adults and

even older adults who have not played an instrument for up to 50 years show enhanced neural processing compared to their peers. Not to mention, social benefits include conflict resolution, teamwork skills, and how to give and receive constructive criticism.

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