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City begins budget process for Fiscal Year 2025

By Cary Shuman

The process of reviewing and approving Everett's Fiscal Year '25 budget has begun.

The first of the budget hearings on the Everett School Department's portion of the budget was set for Tuesday, May 22. The city departments' budget hearings are scheduled for May 29, June 3, and June 5. All budget hearings will be televised live by ECTV.

Following the hearings, Council President Robert Van Campen expects the Council to vote on the city's approximately \$281.9 million budget at its June 10 meeting.

"I'm looking forward to the process and hope that we can work collaboratively to address our priorities as a community while making sure that we continue to make Everett an affordable place in which to live and raise a family," said Van Campen.

Chief Financial Officer Eric Demas spoke about the budget on behalf of Mayor Carlo DeMaria at the May 16 joint convention (meeting) of the City Council and School Committee. Supt. of Schools Bill Hart led a school department contingent in attendance at the meeting.

Demas began his presentation by introducing

Vladimir Kan, the city's new budget director.

"The goal tonight is just to provide a brief overview as there will be detailed budget discussions at future meetings," said Demas.

Demas told the Council and School Committee that the city is in a strong financial position and was recognized for having "strong management conditions with good financial management policies and practices."

"Standard and Poors has assigned a Double-A Plus stable rating to the city's 2023 general obligation tax-exempt municipal bonds which we issued

last July," said Demas. "Double-A Plus is the second-to-highest rating that a city can obtain with its bond rating."

Demas also announced proudly that the City of Everett received the Government Finance Officers Association's Certificate of Annual Comprehensive Financial Reports, an award which is "the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting."

"We've now received this award nine years in a row," said Demas. "The focus of this award is to focus on excellence, transparency, and accountability."

GIRLS SCOUT SUNDAY AT THE REC CENTER



CARY SHUMAN PHOTOS

Girl Scouts Leader Holly Garcia displays the American flag at the ceremony during Girls Scouts International Day Event in celebration of Girl Scout Sunday at the Everett Recreation Center.



Girls Scouts Lia Maria Sepe and Bailey Estrada, pictured at the Girls Scouts International Event Sunday in Everett. See more photos on Page 5.

Everett Police honor all who served the department at memorial ceremony

Special to the Independent

As part of National Police Week, the Everett Police Department (EPD) hosted a memorial service

in front of Everett Police station to honor all those who have served the City of Everett as members of the EPD.

Chief Steve Mazzie

was pleased to be joined by Bishop Robert Brown and Mayor Carlo DeMaria alongside other elected officials, members of the EPD and residents to pay

tribute to Everett police officers who are no longer with us. Following their remarks, wreaths were

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Shown above, Police Chief Steve Mazzie, Bishop Robert Brown, Mayor Carlo DeMaria, and Ward 4 Councilor Holly Garcia, joined alongside residents to pay tribute to the officers who are no longer with us.

Shown to the right, Everett police officers placing the wreaths in front of the Everett police memorial.



City offices closed Monday, May 27 in observance of Memorial Day holiday

Trash, recycling and yard waste will not be picked up on Monday and will be delayed for the rest of the week

Special to the Independent

Monday of May, Memorial Day is a federal holiday in the United States to recognize and honor those who served in the military and lost their lives in service to our country. Monday's observance will delay trash, recycling and yard waste pickup by one day. Please place your trash and recycling bins along with yard waste neatly on the sidewalk on the day after your regularly scheduled pickup for this week only. If you have any questions, please call our Constituent Services Department by dialing 311 or 617-394-2270.

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SENATOR DIDOMENICO DISCUSSES WAGES AND HOUSING WITH CONSTITUENTS



Shown above and below, Senator DiDomenico in his office standing alongside SEIU members from his district.

Last week, Senator Sal DiDomenico met with Service Employees International Union (SEIU) members from his dis-

trict to discuss the need for higher wages and the housing emergency in Massachusetts. Hundreds of low-wage renters,

union members, and community allies rallied at the State House to advocate for higher wages and more affordable housing.

“Workers across our state are struggling and I am proud to stand with SEIU members and workers across our state to advocate for higher wages and addressing the housing crisis,” said Senator Sal DiDomenico. “It was a pleasure to meet with constituents of mine as they advocated for better compensation and affordable housing.”



NEWS BRIEFS

DELLE ROSE RECEIVES EAGLE BANK SCHOLARSHIP

Eagle Bank is pleased to announce that, Antonio Delle Rose of Everett, has been selected as the first-place winner of the Bank’s scholarship for the 2024-2025 school year, for which he will be awarded \$6,000, \$1,500 each of the

next four years. Antonio’s academic performance, along with his school and community involvement were viewed by the Scholarship Committee as exemplary.

The scholarship was established in 1989 and since that time, over \$200,000 has been awarded to deserving, high school students to assist with their further education endeav-

ors. “Supporting our local communities has always been a priority for Eagle Bank and we’re delighted to be able to continue serving as Everett’s community bank as we have for over 135 years,” stated Marc Whittaker, President & C.E.O. of Eagle Bank, adding that, “we congratulate Antonio and wish him all the best.”

HONORABLE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE GEORGE KEVERIAN SCHOLARSHIP IS PRESENTED



Everett High School senior Sal DiDomenico was the recipient of the Honorable Speaker of the House George Keverian Scholarship. Pictured at the scholarship presentation ceremony May 14 at Everett High School are Dorothy Keverian, Dr. Jack Keverian, Sal DiDomenico, former Councilor Al Lattanzi, Dolores Lattanzi, and Attorney Matt Lattanzi. Sal DiDomenico will be attending Northeastern University.

ZONTA CLUB OF CHELSEA & NORTH SHORE NEWS

The Zonta Club of Chelsea & North Shore recently held the installation of new officers for

2024-2026 at our monthly meeting at The Wharf in Revere. We look forward to the next 2 years as

we continue our work of “Building a Better World for women and girls.”



From left to right: Assistant Treasurer Janice Sikorski, Vice President Joan Lanzillo-Hahesy, Recording Secretary Lee Farrington, 2nd Vice President Theresa DiPietro, President Janice Tatarka, Corresponding Secretary Christine DePrizio, Board Members Sheila Arsenaull, Diane Cambria, Mary Jane O’Neill. Missing from photo is Board member Adele Lubarsky, Treasurer Elizabeth Fama, Board member Georgia Green.

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placed at the memorial located outside of the Everett police station and the names of the officers who died in the line of duty and the officers who served and passed away in the past year were read in recognition of their service.

“Police officers put their lives on the line every day they come to work to protect and serve everyone in our community,” said Mayor DeMaria. “Unfortunately, some are not able to make it back home to their loved ones at the end



Bishop Robert Brown delivered the opening and closing prayers.

of the day. Currently, only three Everett officers have ever been killed in the line of duty, and I pray that list is never updated. Their service and sacrifice will always be remembered.”

National Police Week is nationally recognized to honor and remember those who gave their lives in the line of duty. Each year, the Department hosts this memorial ceremony to recognize and reflect upon all the officers who have served the City of Everett and are no longer with us.



Mayor Carlo DeMaria spoke at the podium.



Attendees gathered outside of the Everett police station to participate in the memorial service.



Police Chief Mazzie spoke at the podium.



The Everett police memorial located outside of the Everett police station.

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Attendees waved Haitian flags in celebration of Haitian Heritage Month.

Everett City Hall raises Haitian Flag

On Haitian Flag Day, which took place on Saturday, May 18, the City of Everett raised the Haitian flag at Everett City Hall.

In celebration of Haitian Heritage Month, which is recognized every year in May to celebrate and honor the culture and contributions of Haitian Americans to the United States, attendees were welcomed



After the ceremony, attendees were invited to partake in free food. Shown right, the Haitian flag flying high at Everett City Hall.

flying high at City Hall represents all the contributions and perseverance of not only Haitian Americans in our community, but those around our country. Haitian Americans in Everett are an integral part of our community, and I hope this annual ceremony serves to remind you of how valuable you are to the very fabric of the City of Everett."

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



One of the many performances that took place in front of City Hall throughout the ceremony.

to the flag raising ceremony and had the opportunity to hear from guest speakers offering their remarks on celebrating Everett's Haitian community throughout the event.

Following the welcoming remarks, the Haitian flag was raised to fly high at City Hall while the Haitian National Anthem was performed. The event also included community awards that were given to honorees for their work in the community and various dance performances for all to enjoy throughout the event.

Upon the closing of the ceremony, those in attendance were invited to partake in free food and to learn about the services of participating organiza-

tions. "It makes me feel proud to see how united and passionate our Haitian community is here in Everett," said Mayor Carlo DeMaria. "The Haitian flag

City to host Haitian Heritage Month Celebration

Special to the Independent

Mayor Carlo DeMaria is pleased to announce the City of Everett will host the Haitian Heritage Month Celebration on Friday, May 31, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., at the Everett Recreation Center (47 Elm Street).

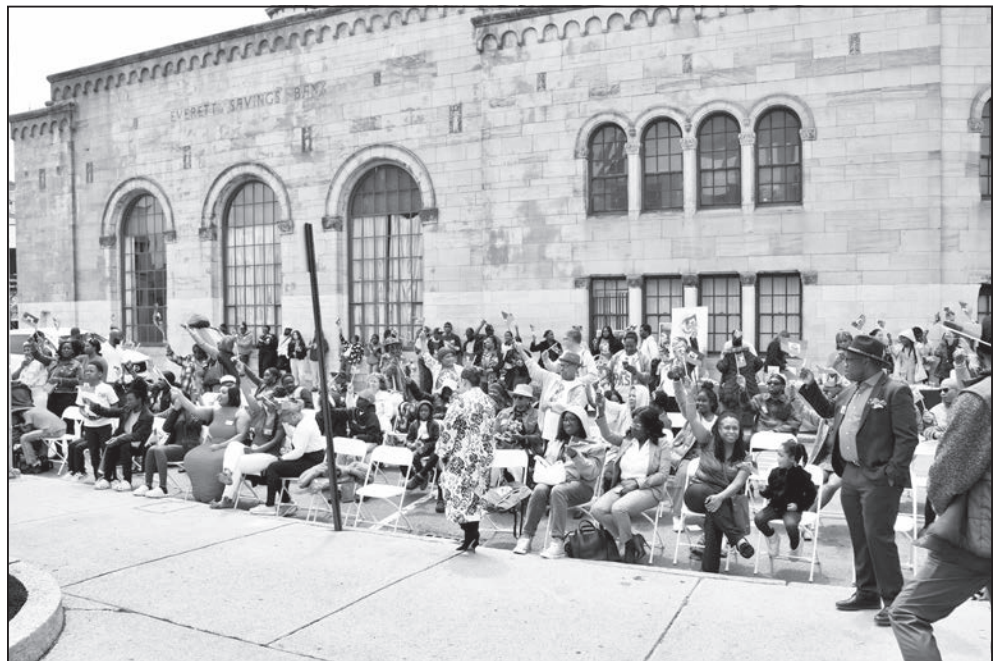
In celebration of Haitian Heritage Month, which is recognized every year in

May to celebrate and honor the culture and contributions of Haitian Americans to the United States, the City of Everett is hosting this free event for all to participate in. The City will be joining in observances across the country for all to learn about and partake in this celebration of Haitian culture.

Hosted by Jean Rubens, the event will feature mu-

sical guests Alan Cave, Super Duke and Gig, along with a group dance performance by KS Dance Studio and a fashion show. The event will have free admission and all are welcome to attend.

For more information, please visit cityofeverett.com/events/haitian-heritage-month-celebration-2024.

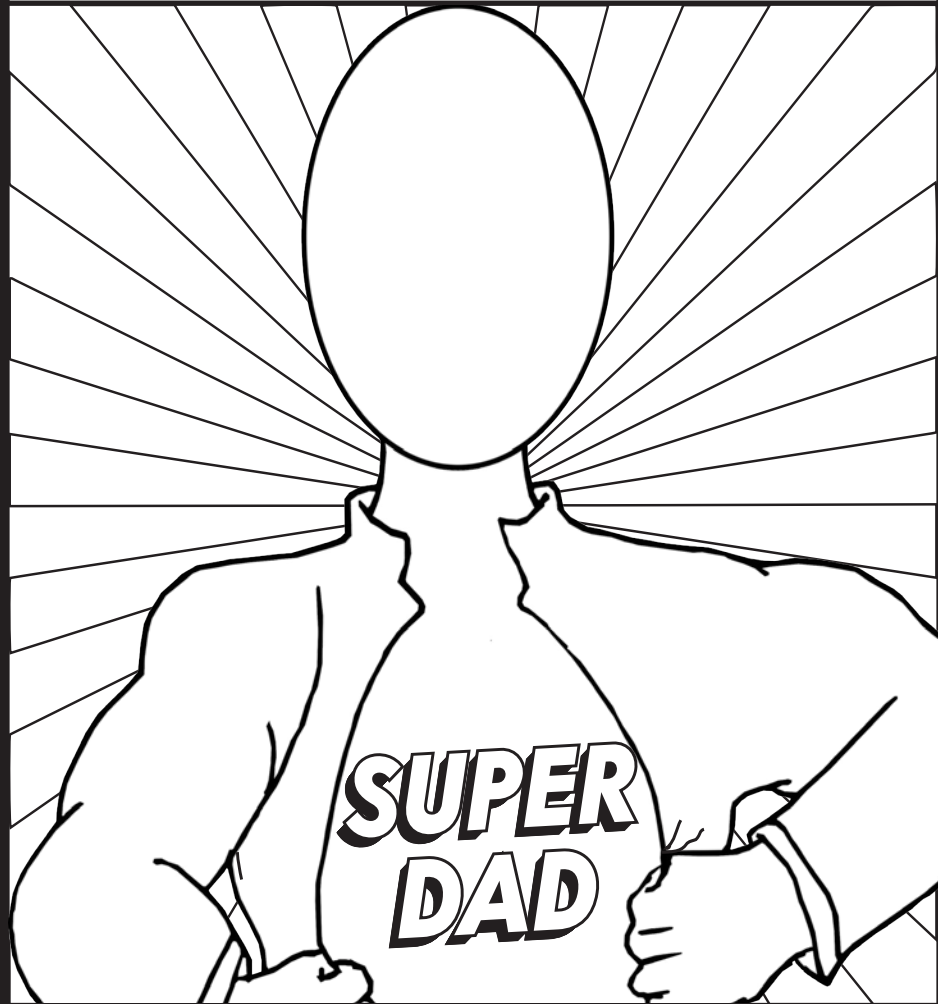


Attendees filled Church Street to raise the Haitian flag at Everett City Hall.



The City of Everett joined with community members and elected officials to raise the Haitian flag at City Hall in celebration of Haitian Flag Day and Haitian Heritage Month.

NOT ALL HEROES WEAR CAPES FATHER'S DAY COLORING PAGE



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LEST WE FORGET...

Although the Memorial Day weekend signifies the start of the summer season and is observed by families and friends who gather for barbecues and similar festivities, we should keep in mind that Memorial Day is our most solemn national holiday in which we remember those who gave their lives in defense of our country.

Their sacrifice in the many wars our nation has fought since our country's founding should serve as a reminder that freedom isn't free.

Although today we technically are at peace, the world feels anything but peaceful. Totalitarian adversaries either are wreaking havoc, most notably Russia in Ukraine and Iran in the Middle East, or are threatening to do so, No. Korea and China being the most prominent.

If the lessons of the past and present teach us anything, it is that we cannot take our freedom for granted. Our military men and women who at the present time are providing humanitarian and military aid in far-off places around the globe could be called upon to engage in a far different and far more dangerous mission at a moment's notice.

We should keep in mind too, that the willingness of our military personnel to serve in defense of our country not only places them in harm's way, but also imposes great sacrifices upon their families.

This realization made us think back to the roots of Memorial Day, which originally was known as Decoration Day in the aftermath of the Civil War, with the proclamation by Gen. Logan on May 5, 1868, in which he declared:

"The 30th day of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village, and hamlet churchyard in the land. In this observance no form or ceremony is prescribed, but posts and comrades will in their own way arrange such fitting services and testimonials of respect as circumstances may permit. Let us, then, at the time appointed, gather around their sacred remains and garland the passionless mounds above them with choicest flowers of springtime; let us raise above them the dear old flag they saved from dishonor; let us in this solemn presence renew our pledges to aid and assist those whom they have left among us as sacred charges upon the Nation's gratitude, the soldier's and sailor's widow and orphan."

In the aftermath of World War I, the term Supreme Sacrifice came into the national lexicon to describe those who gave their lives in that terrible conflict and has been associated with our wars for the past century.

However, prior to that time, President Abraham Lincoln coined a different phrase -- the "last full measure" -- in his speech at Gettysburg to honor the Union soldiers who fought and died to preserve the nation in that epic battle that turned back the Confederate Army.

Lincoln's brief oration rates as the greatest-ever testament to those who have given their lives in defense of their country. We never tire of reading his plain yet profound words, and as the years pass, they seem to take on new meaning. Similar to the state of the nation when Lincoln delivered his speech on November 19, 1863, at the official dedication of the Soldiers National Cemetery at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, we are divided along lines that seem irreconcilable. Not only are we facing challenges to our democratic ideals abroad, but here at home as well.

We are printing the full text of the Gettysburg address in the hope that our readers might draw as much inspiration from it as we do:

"Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.

"Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation, so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure.

"We are met on a great battle-field of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field, as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this.

"But, in a larger sense, we cannot dedicate, we cannot consecrate, we cannot hallow this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

We hope our readers appreciate the eternal truths of Lincoln's sentiments, which are as relevant today as they have been since the founding of our nation.

We wish all of our readers a happy Memorial Day weekend.

ENJOY THE WEEKEND SAFELY

With predictions for a record travel weekend, we urge our readers to ensure that whatever our celebratory activities may be, we do so safely, both for ourselves and for our loved ones.

If friends or family members are showing clear signs of intoxication, we should not hesitate to take their keys, whether from a car or a boat, to prevent a tragedy from occurring.

None of us wants to be included, even indirectly, among the inevitable grim statistics that we will read about on Tuesday morning. It is up to all of us to ensure that we and our loved ones celebrate the holiday weekend in a fun -- but safe -- manner.

Independent Forum

GUEST OP-ED

Memorial Weekend – Savor your time

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

Summer officially begins this weekend and most of us love summer.

Millions of Americans will enjoy having a weekend free from work next weekend. However, not everyone will be vacationing. Keep in mind that many Americans will keep the convenient stores, grocery stores, restaurants and many retail stores open for your shopping pleasure. Many of these hard-working people will have a day off but it may not be Monday or even during the weekend. They are a hard-working group in our country who will make it possible for you to be out and about having a fun weekend. Let them know you appreciate their work. Be kind to them. Tip them as you are able and

don't give them any grief. Most likely they would like to be out enjoying the holiday just like you.

Slow down this weekend. You can drive 65-70 and arrive at your destination just the same as driving 75-80. Take your time and converse some with your passengers. Enjoy the drive and scenery. There are lots of crazy drivers on the nation's highway. People will pass you going 90 mph. Motorcycles will weave in and out of traffic. People will ride your bumper and honk their horns at you. Let them go and focus on your own driving. So many people will be on the highway this weekend that it's critical to not be in a hurry. Leave early so you don't have to hurry. Be sure you are packed the day before you start out. Have every-

thing ready before you go to bed at night. Don't try to do anything extra the day you are traveling.

Cemetery time. It's nice to have all the graves decorated on Memorial Day. The main point is to decorate your family graves when you can. Your deceased family would not want you to have a heart attack over decorating their grave. This is one reason why some people are cremated today -- so the remaining family won't have to stress out about grave maintenance and decoration although, most choose cremation because of cost. You can put flowers on a grave in April or June. Why not select an off day when you can really take the time to visit your family graves and update your remembrances? If you decorate

in a hurry then you are going to miss out on the joy of doing it right.

Honor and remember our soldiers this weekend. Remember those who paid the ultimate price so that you and I can be out and about enjoying the holiday.

Whatever you do this weekend, soak in your time. Wherever you are, be all there and savor the moment.

Glenn Mollette is the publisher of Newburgh Press, Liberty Torch, and various other publishing imprints; a national columnist – American Issues and Common Sense opinions, analysis, stories, and features appear each week in over 500 newspapers, websites and blogs across the United States.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT EVERETT PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Parlin Adult and Teens

Yarn Club Parlin Fireplace Room. Tuesday, May 28th 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!

Parlin Childrens

Storytime and Sing-along with Karen, Parlin Children's Room. Wednesday, May 29th at 11am. Join us for a fun-filled morning of singing and storytelling with Karen! Suggested ages 0-6.

Drama Class. Parlin Children's Room. Wednesday, May 29th 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 30th and Friday, May 31st at 11am. Join us on Thursday and Fridays at 11am with Mrs. McAuliffe for our

enchanted 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.

Crafternoon Parlin Craft Room. Thursday, May 30th at 3pm. Join us for a fun craft project and story time and let your imagination run free! Suggested ages 5 and up.

Fluency Fun Fridays! Parlin Children's Room. Friday, May 31st at 3pm. Level up your fluency game! Join Mrs. McAuliffe for an afternoon of fun board games like Scrabble and Banagrams, word searches and crossword puzzles. Suggested ages 5-12.

Shute Adult and Teens

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.

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Friday adventure with technology today! By appointment only on Fridays. Please call the Shute Library to register for an appointment.

SENATOR DIDOMENICO VISITS GIRLS ON THE RUN STUDENTS IN EVERETT



Last week, Senator Sal DiDomenico joined Lafayette School students participating in Girls on the Run. This nonprofit organization provides evidence-based programs which combine exercise and discussion to promote positive emotional, social and physical development among pre-teen girls.

"I am proud to support this organization that is helping young girls build confidence, stay active, and most importantly, have fun with their friends," said Senator Sal DiDomenico.

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GIRLS SCOUT SUNDAY HELD AT EVERETT RECREATION CENTER



Ward 3 Councilor Anthony DiPierro, Jane Maharjan, Councilor DiPierro's cousin, Ella DiPierro, and Girl Scout Troop Leader Holly Garcia.



Representing Chelsea Girl Scout Troop 62751, Chloe Bourgea, Byanca Ortiz, and Troop Leader Kathryn Bourgea.

Photos by Cary Shuman

Five Everett Girl Scout troops and one Chelsea Girl Scout troop participated in the Girl Scout Sunday event May 19 at the Everett Recreation Center.

The festive event celebrated Juliette Gordon Low's founding of the Girls Scouts organization on March 12, 1912.

"We honor that important moment in history by celebrating the anniversary of Girls Scouts every

year," said Samantha Hurley, who is a member of the Everett School Committee and has been a Girl Scouts adult volunteer for 15 years.

Also having a key role in the event was Ward 4 Councilor Holly Garcia, who has been a Girl Scouts adult volunteer for 15 years.

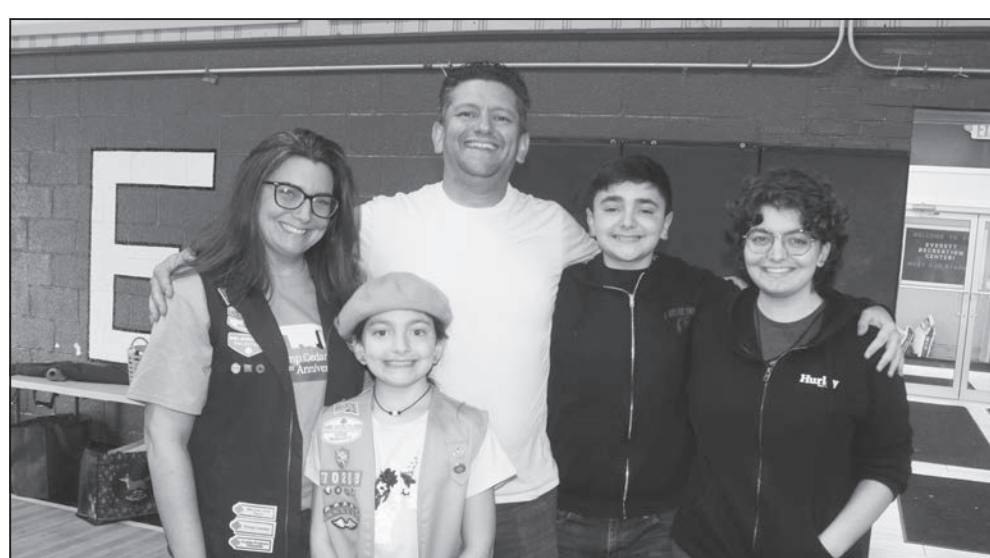
"We're very pleased that our Girls Scouts had a great time at the event," said Garcia, a former Girl Scout herself.



Ward 3 Councilor Anthony DiPierro, Eric Mazzeo of the Everett Youth Substance Abuse Prevention Program, Ward 4 Councilor Holly Garcia, School Committeewoman Samantha Hurley, and Councilor-at-Large Katy Rogers.



Patricia DiDomenico, Ward 3 Councilor Anthony DiPierro, Sen. Sal DiDomenico, Ward 4 Councilor Holly Garcia, Councilor-at-Large Katy Rogers, and Ward 2 Councilor Stephanie Martins.



Girls Scouts Leader Samantha Hurley, with her husband, Deputy Fire Chief William Hurley III, their daughter, Girl Scout Ava Hurley, son, William Hurley IV, and daughter, Alyssa Hurley, at the International Girls Scouts Event Sunday at the Everett Recreation Center.



Girl Scout Grace Gilbert, with her family, including Hannah Gilbert and Brian Gilbert, Christine Gilbert, and Rose Flanagan.

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The City of Everett is seeking qualified firms to provide BUS TRANSPORTATION SERVICES FOR EVERETT PUBLIC SCHOOLS (ATHLETICS, EVENTS, FIELD TRIPS).

Bid Documents will be available after 9 a.m. on May 28, 2024, at Purchasing - Everett, MA - Official Website (cityofeverett.com) All bids shall be submitted to the Everett Purchasing Office prior to June 13 at 11:30 a.m. at the address listed above. The contract will be awarded under the provisions of M.G.L. c. 30b to the lowest cost responsible and responsive

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If any changes are made to this IFB, an addendum will be issued. Addenda will be posted to the City's webpage. The City of Everett reserves the right to reject any and all bids, or to award or not to award the contract for any reason the Mayor determines to be in the City's and/or the public's best interest.

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- LEGAL NOTICE - CITY OF EVERETT



EVERETT CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE FY2025 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

To all interested parties,
The Everett City Council, in accordance with Section 6-5 of the City Charter, shall conduct a public hearing at a special meeting of the council on Monday, June 10, 2024 immediately following the Public Hearing on the FY2025 Proposed Budget Appropriations in the City Council Chambers at Everett City Hall, Third Floor, 484 Broadway, Everett, MA 02149.

At said hearing, the public shall be allowed to speak on the proposed City of Everett's Fiscal Year 2025 Capital Improvement Plan.

A copy of the corresponding plan documents is available for public inspection in the City Clerk's Office in the FY2025 City Budget Book. A copy of these documents has been posted to the Budget Department section of the city's web site as a part of Budget document. A link to download the proposed FY25 City Budget document can be found at the following web page: <https://cityofeverett.com/document/fy-2025-mayors-proposed-budget-5-16-2024/>,
Questions and comments may be directed in advance of the public hearing to the Legislative Aide for the City Council, Michael Mangan at Michael.Mangan@ci.everett.ma.us or 617-394-2237.

Robert VanCampen, President
Michael Mangan, Legislative Aide
May 22, 2024

- LEGAL NOTICE - CITY OF EVERETT



EVERETT CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE FY2025 PROPOSED BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS

To all interested parties,
The Everett City Council, in accordance with Section 6-4 of the City Charter, shall conduct a public hearing at a special meeting of the council on Monday, June 10, 2024 at 6:00 PM in the City Council Chambers at Everett City Hall, Third Floor, 484 Broadway, Everett, MA 02149.

At said meeting, the public shall be allowed to speak on the proposed City of Everett's Fiscal Year 2025 Proposed Budget Appropriations including the General Fund Budget, the Water/Sewer Enterprise Fund Budget and the ECTV Enterprise Fund Budget.

A copy of the corresponding budget documents is available for public inspection in the City Clerk's Office. A copy of the FY2025 City budget documents has also been posted to the Budget Department section of the city's web site. A link to download the proposed FY25 City Budget document can be found at the following web page: <https://cityofeverett.com/document/fy-2025-mayors-proposed-budget-5-16-2024/>,
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CITY OF EVERETT PARTICIPATES IN KIDS TO PARKS DAY EVERETT'S YOUTH AND THEIR FAMILIES PARTICIPATED IN A DAY OF FUN AT SWAN STREET PARK

On Saturday, May 18, the City of Everett hosted the annual Kids to Parks Day event at Swan Street Park.

Hundreds of residents of all ages joined in this nationally recognized initiative that seeks to get youth and families outside and off their electronic devices to utilize and enjoy their community's recreational resources, parks and playgrounds. Celebrated on the third Saturday of May every year, the event featured various activities, interactive games, inflatable attractions, characters, face painting, music and more for all to enjoy.

"I want to thank all the volunteers and organizations that participated, and everyone who came,"

said Mayor DeMaria. "I'm happy that we were able to offer this fun event for all the children and families of our community."

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



The scene at Swan Street Park for Kids to Parks Day.



The inflatable bouncy castle had a steady line of eager kids waiting their turn.



Snapping a photo with Rex from Toy Story.



An attendee after visiting the free face painting booth.



City employees handed out free shirts and water bottles to all who attended at Mayor DeMaria's tent.



Families had the opportunity to meet with Paw Patrol.



The colossal rock-climbing inflatable was a hit with younger attendees.



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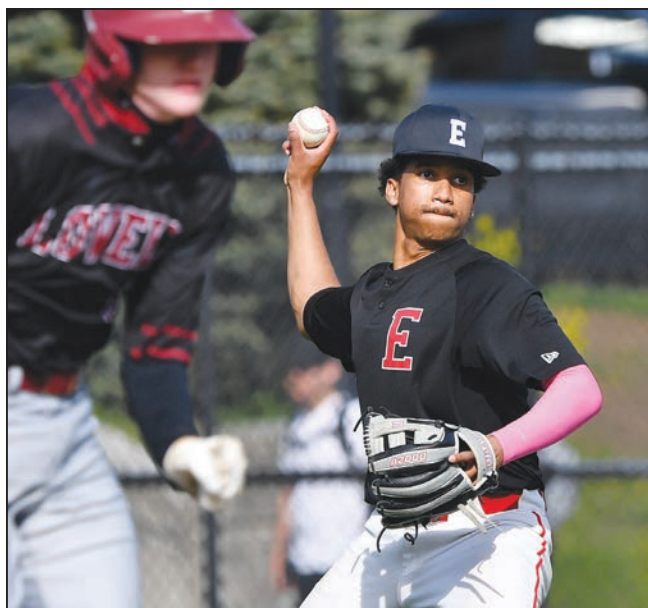
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Starting pitcher Nordeivy Santana (9) helped himself with some defense as he fielded a bunt and threw to first to get the out.



Second baseman Reinaldo Santiago Riveira (11) scoops a ground ball to end the third inning.

Photos by Bob Marra

Everett fell to Lowell 8-4 in non-league baseball action Friday, May 17 at Glendale Park. The Crim-

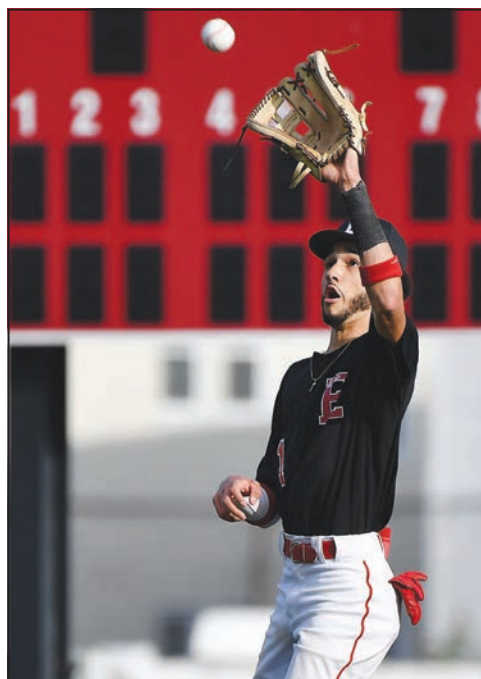
son Tide ends their season Friday with a home game against Greater Lawrence Tech, 4 p.m. at Glendale Park.



Shortstop Albert Santana (3) goes to the ground to keep a ball in the infield but was unable to make the play at first.



Nordeivy Santana (9), playing shortstop in the fifth inning, gets some hop into this throw to first base.



Centerfielder Manuel Alexander Lara (1) fields a fly ball.



Players released balloons in an in-game memorial tribute to the mother of Everett's Jevauv Berberena.

EHS Roundup

SOFTBALL TEAM TOPS MEDFORD TO MOVE INTO TIE FOR 1ST IN GBL

The Everett High softball team earned sweet revenge over Greater Boston League (GBL) archrival Medford with a 5-4 victory over the Lady Mustangs last Wednesday at Glendale Park.

The Lady Crimson Tide's triumph avenged a 5-2 loss earlier in the season and moved Everett into a tie for first place with Medford in the GBL standings. Both teams have only one loss in the GBL.

EHS pitcher Peyton Warren turned in perhaps her best effort of the season, considering the high stakes, allowing only six hits and three earned runs, while fanning five and walking only one, against a Lady Mustang lineup that typically scores in double digits.

Medford grabbed an early 2-0 lead in the top of the first with base hits by three of the first four Lady Mustang batters, but Warren settled down and

pitched shutout softball for the next four innings. Included in that shutout skein was a scary moment in the third when the Medford lead-off hitter singled and the next Lady Mustang lined one right back at Warren.

However, Peyton snagged the liner and tossed over to first for the double-play. "These plays back to the pitcher always scare me, especially since Peyton was hit earlier in the season," said Poste-Schiavo. "But Peyton shows no fear when these hits occur."

The Everett bats finally came alive in the bottom of the third, scoring three runs with a two-out rally. After the first two Lady Crimson Tide hitters struck out, Olivia Dresser singled into the outfield. Bryanna Mason, displaying patience at the plate, drew a walk. Alexa Uga then delivered a base hit into the outfield, scoring both runners. Two more walks and a Medford error loaded the bases for Emilia Maria-Babcock, who worked another base-on-balls, bringing Uga across

the plate for a 3-2 Everett lead.

The Tide tacked on two more in the fourth. Emma Longmore beat out a grounder to shortstop to lead off and Dresser was hit by a pitch. Mason singled up the middle, knocking in Longmore. Alexa Uga then grounded a ball up the third base line, allowing Dresser to score to make it 5-2.

The Lady Mustangs made things interesting in the top of the sixth. A walk and a double (on an error) produced a run. After another error and a stolen base put runners at second and third with no outs, a base hit into short right field left runners at the corners, still with no outs.

Warren struck out the next Lady Mustang, but an infield error loaded the bases with one out and the top of the Medford order coming up.

The next Lady Mustang hit a grounder to short that was fielded by Gianna Massucci, who threw home for the force out. Left-fielder Arabella Cvitkusic then ended the threat by catching a fly

ball for the third and final out, leaving Everett with a suddenly-precarious 5-4 lead.

After a 1-2-3 Everett sixth, the teams headed into the seventh with the GBL championship on the line.

"Before the girls went out on the field, we told them they had to make sure no one got on the bases," said Poste-Schiavo as

Warren and her defense prepared to face the heart of the Medford order.

After the first two hitters both grounded out to lead off the inning, the next batter reached second on an error. However, right fielder Ashley Seward secured a pop fly for the final out for the 5-4 victory.

"The girls and fans were hyped-up for this game," said Poste-Schiavo. "We

lost to them 5-2 in the first game, but we knew they were beatable. Their pitcher has decent speed which we prepared for in practice before by having our freshman coach, Bridgit Cifuni, live-pitch to the team, as well as last year's pitcher, Kristi Skane. We had the pitching machine going as well, so they were

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more than ready to take on the Medford pitcher.

"Their first five batters are good hitters so we had to keep the bottom of their line-up off the bases," the coach added. "Our defense was strong and we made the plays we needed to stop them from scoring more in that sixth inning. Peyton and Emilia were an amazing battery and worked well together to not give them good pitches. We, as coaches, tell them all the time that we can coach them to play, but we can't coach them to play with heart. That comes from them and this game proved that."

The Lady Crimson Tide last week turned in a pair of impressive victories, blanking non-league opponent O'Bryant, 13-0, on Friday, and topping GBL opponent Revere, 16-9, last Wednesday.

In the contest with O'Bryant, Warren tossed her fourth shutout of the season, allowing just four hits over five innings (the game was called in the fifth because of the mercy rule).

In the hitting department, the Lady Crimson Tide had a number of key contributors, including Jayla Davila, Emilia Maria-Babcock, Alex Uga, Arabella Cvitkusic, Ash-

ley Seward, and Bryanna Mason.

In the slugfest with Revere, which is coached by former EHS player Megan O'Donnell, the Tide overcame an early 3-1 deficit in a big way with a nine-run third, paced by freshman Olivia Dresser, who hit a home run to lead off, and Maria-Babcock, who legged out a two-run round-tripper.

"We kept telling the girls to be patient at the plate and to get on," said Poste-Schiavo, whose squad drew a large number of bases-on-balls throughout the contest. "We know Revere is a great hitting team and I have witnessed them coming back and beating teams, so we tried to get as many runs in before their last at-bats. Peyton and Maria-Babcock did a great job working together and our offense helped out a lot with quality at bats when needed."

The Tide were scheduled to meet Somerville yesterday (Tuesday) in their last GBL contest of the season, with a victory assuring Everett of a share of the 2024 GBL title.

They will wrap up their season tomorrow (Thursday) at non-league opponent Cambridge and then

will await word of their final seeding and first-round opponent in the upcoming Division 1 state tournament.

VOLLEYBALL TEAM WITHIN ONE WIN OF STATE TOURNEY

The Everett High boys volleyball team snapped a three-game losing streak and moved within one victory of punching their ticket for a Journey to the Tourney with a 3-1 victory at Greater Boston League (GBL) rival Medford last Wednesday.

Coach Michael Fineran's Crimson Tide squad, which stands at 9-8 on the season, now has three chances to guarantee the .500 record necessary to qualify for the tourney, starting this past Monday with GBL foe Malden; today (Wednesday) hosting non-league opponent Wakefield; and then concluding their season this Friday with a match vs. non-league foe Pioneer Charter.

The Tide defeated both Wakefield and Pioneer in their first meeting earlier this season.

Everett opened its week with a 3-0 loss to Revere

last Monday and then a 3-1 setback to Somerville on Tuesday before rebounding for the key win vs. Medford on Wednesday.

"Our match against Revere at home was a lot more competitive than our first match with them in April," said Fineran. "We took their punches and delivered some of our own before falling in the first set 26-24. We were tied 18-18 in both the second and third sets, but fell to a more poised team, 25-19 and 25-23.

"We had a quick turnaround, playing in Somerville the next day against a team we defeated 3-0 less than two weeks earlier," Fineran continued. "But we knew they'd be fired up for the rematch, and every set seems to come down to a handful of plays that make the difference. For instance, in the opening set, we missed a serve leading 22-20, and wound up losing 25-23, having missed five serves in that set, which squandered a strong set from junior outside hitter Jefferson Umana, who had six kills, five service points, and a block."

Captain Henrique Franca, another junior outside hitter, had two aces and four of his game-high 18 kills

in the set. The Tide only missed one serve in the second set and got a combined seven kills from juniors Bryan Soares Gomes and Steve Flores en route to a 26-16 win.

In the crucial third set, Everett was up, 24-22, but missed their fifth serve of the set and lost 26-24. In the fourth set, junior Sidney Valentim nailed four serves in a row to bring Everett back to within one, 15-14, and Franca had four kills and a block. Sophomore libero Christian Ramirez, returning from an ankle sprain that had kept him on the sidelines for a week, served to tie the match, 24-24, but two attacks that went long sealed the Tide's fate.

"We lost yet another set by two points, 26-24. We know we need to earn everything on the court, and we have had as a mantra all season to take nothing for granted, but losing three games in less than a week to teams we beat earlier was a harsh reminder to work extra hard and to focus even more on doing the little things correctly," Fineran said.

"But I'm as guilty as any of the players at pressing a little too much when the

pressure mounts. Our margin for error is so small, no one wants to be the one to mess up and cost the team. We try to remind each other to not worry about the score and just play, but that's easier said than done," the coach continued. "That's why Wednesday's win over Medford was so important for our confidence."

However, the match didn't start off promisingly for the Tide, who fell behind 8-1 at the start.

"But one thing about our team: no lead is ever safe, for better or worse," Fineran said. "We can't let up when we're ahead, but we never panic when we're down."

Indeed, Everett soon began to chip away at the deficit and an ace by sophomore setter Noel Lopez Ardon helped cut the Mustang lead to 19-17.

Senior Nischal Tamang then served four in a row to make it 24-21, but that would be as close as Everett would get, despite five kills from junior Matheus Queiroz.

In the second set, Queiroz and Umana each had a block and a kill in a tight set, until five serves from

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EVERETT COMMUNITY GATHERS TO PLACE U.S. FLAGS AT VETERAN GRAVES AT WOODLAWN CEMETERY

On Monday, May 20, the City of Everett held the traditional placing of United States flags at the graves of veterans at Woodlawn Cemetery.

In preparation for Memorial Day, residents, elected officials, and City and School Department employees gathered to honor the United States veterans who are no longer with us by taking as



City and School Department employees and officials joined together to help place U.S. flags at the graves of veterans at Woodlawn Cemetery.



Volunteers taking as many flags as they can to place them on veteran-marked graves throughout the cemetery.

many flags as they could and dispersing throughout the cemetery. Those who participated walked throughout the cemetery to ensure every veter-

an-marked grave received a U.S. flag in recognition of their service.

"Everett truly is a great community that cares it about its veterans, and

all of the volunteers have proven that every year we host this effort," said Mayor DeMaria. "Thank you to everyone who took the time to help honor those veterans who are no longer with us. May they rest in eternal peace."

All are welcome to join the City of Everett for the

annual Memorial Day Service that will take place on Monday, May 27, at 10 a.m., at Glenwood Cemetery (entrance on Washington Avenue). Attendees are asked to meet at the Gold Star Pavilion where the ceremony will take place.

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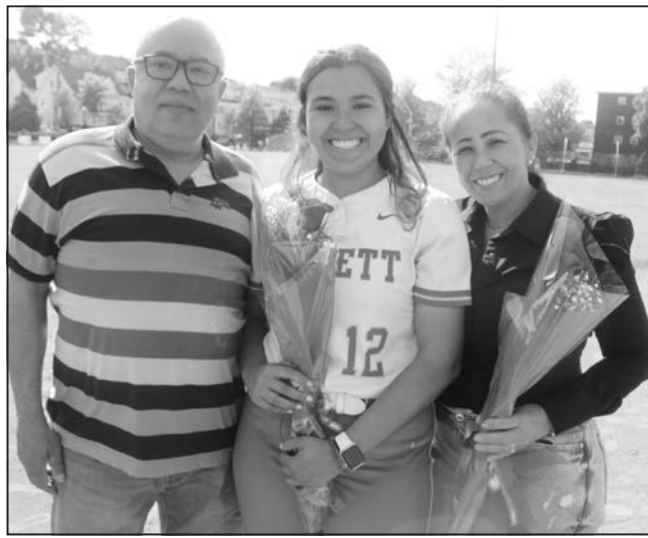


Everett firefighters volunteered to place flags at the graves of veterans at Woodlawn Cemetery.



City Councilor John Hanlon and former City Councilor Al Lattanzi.

EVERETT HIGH SOFTBALL SENIOR DAY AT GLENDALE PARK



Everett High senior Stephany De Souza, with her parents, Emilson and Keila.



Everett High senior Bryana Mason, with her parents, Charlie and Lori Mason.

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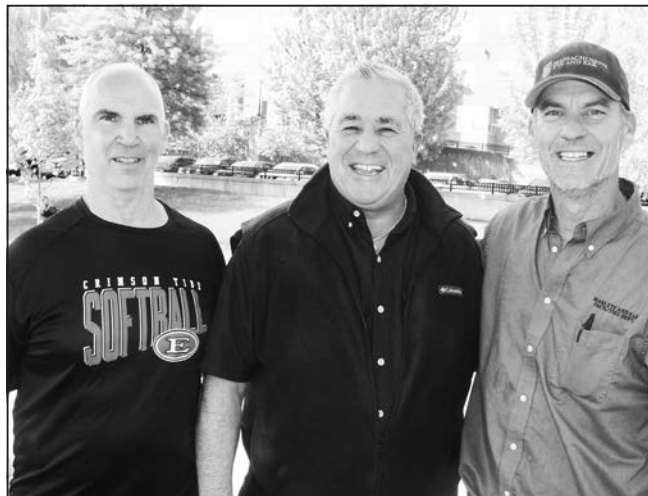
The Everett High School softball program honored its six graduating seniors before its game against Lowell Monday at Glendale Park.

Head coach Stacy Schiavo-Poste and assistant coach Jen Nigro presented flowers to the individual players and their families in recognition of their dedication and support.

The team is enjoying

an outstanding season and was hoping to secure at least a share of the GBL title with a win over Somerville Tuesday. Everett is beginning preparations for the MIAA Tournament.

The Poste-Schiavo/Nigro-led program has set the standard of excellence with its many titles and its players earning athletic and academic recognition and continuing their careers at the collegiate level.



State Rep. Joseph McGonagle attended the Senior Day ceremonies and congratulated the players and their parents, including Charlie Mason (father of Bryana Mason) and Adam Foster (father of Alessandra Foster) on the team's successful season and their contributions to the program.



Everett High senior Emma Longmore, with her parents, Alana and Mike, brothers, Tyler and Justin, grandfather, Alan, aunt, Lisa, uncle, Alan, and cousins, Anthony and Marco.



Everett High senior Arabella Cvitkusic, with her family, including her parents, Marko and Munevera, and her brother, Benjamin.



Everett High senior Alessandra Foster, with her parents, Josephine and Adam, and brother, Gaetano.



Everett High senior Gianna Masucci, with her parents, Laurie Haskell and Mike Masucci, brothers, Dante and Anthony, and grandmother, Sandra.



Everett High softball head coach Stacy Poste-Schiavo (left) and assistant coach Jen Nigro (right), with softball players representing the Class of 2024, Gianna Masucci, Bryana Mason, Arabela Cvitkusic, Alessandra Foster, Stephany De Souza, and Emma Longmore.

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Tamang pushed Everett's advantage to 20-15. Franca had three kills and two serves to give Everett a 23-17 lead and the Tide won the set, 25-21, to level the match at 1-1.

The Tide continued to maintain their momentum, dominating the third set, with Lopez Ardon and Tamang going on consecutive, long serving runs to build a 17-3 lead which led to a 25-13 win.

"We expected Medford to roar back in set four, though we maintained a lead for much of it, with Umana serving us to an 8-2 lead, and Tamang putting us up 20-14," said Fineran. "Queiroz had another kill and Franca had four more, but as the game tightened, the ghosts of the three-game losing streak started messing with us, and we found ourselves tied 24-24. Finally, Soares Gomes got a kill and Lopez Ardon served the match-winner, 26-24."

Everett will host non-league opponent Wakefield today (Wednesday) for Senior Night before finishing the regular season on Friday against Pioneer.

EVERETT GIRLS SWEEP THROWING EVENTS VS. SOMERVILLE

Although the Everett

High girls outdoor track and field team came up short by a score of 71-54 in their final dual meet of the season against Greater Boston League rival Somerville last week, there were a number of fine performances turned in by the Lady Crimson Tide.

Everett took first place in all three of the throwing events. Senior captain Layla Betancur-Cardona won the shot-put with a throw of 32'-1.25". Fellow senior captain Darrynn Desrameaux won the discus with a spin of 89'-4" and took second in the shot with her toss of 32'-0". Senior Kaesta Sandy completed the Tide trifecta with a win in the javelin with her throw of 88'-11.5".

In addition, junior Fahema Coudo took third in the javelin, giving the Lady Crimson Tide 19 of the possible 27 points in the throwing events.

Guillaume also shone in the meet, taking first place in the triple jump with a final landing of 29'-4", second in the 400 hurdles, and third in the long jump to score nine points on the day.

Junior speedster Zylle Cannon-Mathis won the 100 dash with a sprint of 14.3 and also ran a leg of the winning 4 x 100 relay quartet with teammates Yel-sa Garcia, Isabella Pimenta,

and Kaesta Sandy, who defeated their Lady Highlander rivals by 1.4 second with a PR time of 53.9.

Pimenta won her individual event, the 200 dash, with a clocking of 28.8.

Adding three points to the Everett total with second-place finishes were sophomore Ariana Rouse in the 100 in 14.5; sophomore Casey Martinez in the 1-mile with a time of 7:20.3; and junior Sonia Flores in the 400 dash in 1:17.2.

Scoring single points with third-place efforts were senior captain Suzanne Maharjan in the 2-mile in 17:00 and junior Milena Antonio in the 800 in 3:05.

EVEILLARD, GERMAIN TAKE FIRSTS VS. SOMERVILLE

Senior captain Dawens Germain and sophomore Kayshaun Eveillard took first place in their respective events in last week's dual meet for the Everett High boys outdoor track and field team with Somerville.

Dawens captured the high jump with a personal record (PR) leap of 5'-8" and Kayshaun won the long jump with a flight of 19'-3.5". Kayshaun also took second place in the 400 meter dash with a clocking of 52.5, which

was just 0.6 behind the first-place Somerville runner, to finish with eight points on the day.

Adding three points for the Crimson Tide with second-place performances were: sophomore Anthony Whitlow in the 2-mile run in 11:55; junior Fabrice Michaud in the shot-put with a throw of 39'-10"; sophomore Jonathan Goes in the discus with a PR toss of 87'-1"; and junior Kawan Medeiros in the javelin with a throw of 104'-2.5".

Contributing one point to the EHS scoresheet with third place efforts were: junior David Huezo-Eraza in the 2-mile with a PR clocking of 12:54.6; Luvens Hector in the 400 hurdles; sophomore Adrian Reyes in the 800 in 2:22.6; junior JN Baptiste Orleus in the 200 dash in 25.5; senior captain Jalen Jones in the high jump with a leap of 5'-2" and the triple jump with a final landing of 37'-2"; Medeiros in the long jump with a flight of 16'-9"; junior Trevon Carrington in the shot with a PR toss of 31'-11.75"; Michaud in the discus with a spin of 88'-6"; and junior David Roseme in the javelin with a throw of 93'-3.5".

GIRLS TENNIS IN RUNNING FOR TOURNEY

The Everett High girls tennis team took in a

hard-fought effort, but came up just short to Greater Boston League rival Somerville last week by a score of 3-2.

The Lady Crimson Tide's top player, Yasmine Laabadla, won her match at first singles, 6-4, 6-4. Tracy Pham continued her stellar season at second singles, edging her Somerville counterpart in three sets. In the other singles match, Simran Tamang fell short at third singles.

In the second doubles match, the EHS tandem of Rosena Pun and Alanna O'Brien fell short, 2-6, 3-6, leaving the score tied at 2-2 with the outcome of the first doubles contest remaining.

Nga Ho and Jessica Du accepted the challenge at first doubles for the Lady Tide and engaged in an epic battle with their Lady Highlander opponents.

They took the first set to a tie breaker, falling short in that one, 7-5, but then battled back to win the second set, forcing a third set, in which they came up short.

"This 2-plus hour match came down to the third set and I am so proud of how they fought all the way to the end, especially not having played together this season," said EHS head coach Courtney Menger. "Once again I am so impressed with the

way we have been playing this season and how all of the girls have really stepped up all around, willing to play wherever they may be needed, supporting each other as a team and always fighting to the end.

"We still are trying to make a playoff run, needing to win two of our final matches this week," Menger added. "We look forward to celebrating our seniors on Senior Night and hope to close out the season as well as we have been playing all season long."

Menger and her crew were scheduled to host GBL foe Lynn English yesterday (Tuesday) for Senior Day and will entertain GBL rival Revere tomorrow (Thursday) at the Rossetti courts. They also have a make-up match to be scheduled with Lynn Classical.

BOYS TENNIS COMES UP SHORT

The Everett High boys tennis team dropped a pair of matches this past week to GBL opponents Malden and Somerville.

The major highlight for coach Greg Bluestein's Crimson Tide came in the contest with Somerville in which the duo of Tam Tran and Anthony Fontes won their first doubles match.

OBITUARIES

Rose Marie Constance

Retiree of McKinnon's Meat Market in Everett

Rose Marie (Bille) Constance of Peabody, formerly of Everett, entered into eternal rest in the Brudnick Center for Living in Peabody, surrounded by her loving and caring family. She was 91 years of age.

Born in Everett, Rose was a lifelong resident before transitioning to the Brudnick Center these last few years. She worked at McKinnon's Meat Market in Everett until she retired at age 80.

Rose was an avid Red Sox fan. She enjoyed baking, cooking and entertaining her family and friends. There was never a lack of food at the Constance household. Rose also loved ballroom dancing with her late husband, Richard on Saturday nights.

She was the daughter of the late Grace (DeSalvo) and Frank Bille; the beloved wife of the late Richard J. Constance for over 66 years prior to his passing in 2020; the dear and devoted mother of Frank Constance and his wife, Mary Louise Dusseault of Mashpee, Gracie Flammia of Stoneham and Dianne Wallis and her husband, Brian of Danvers; the loving grandmother of Bobby Flammia, Matt Flammia, Shaina Rose Flammia and her fiancé, Joe Badolato, Brianna Rose Wallis, and Cale Wallis and lov-



ing great-grandmother of Adrienne Flammia, Eva Rose Badolato, Ellie Badolato and Elizabeth Badolato; dear sister of the late William Domenico, Thomas Domenico, Anthony Bille, Joseph Bille and Frank Bille. Rose is also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, grand-nieces, grand-nephews and friends.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Rose's visitation in the Cafasso & Sons Funeral Home, 65 Clark St. (Corner of Main St.) Everett, Thursday, May 23 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. with a funeral home service to follow at 1 p.m. Services will conclude with Rose being laid to rest with her dear husband, Richard at Puritan Lawn Memorial Park, Peabody. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Rose's memory to Catholic Charities, 275 W. Broadway, S. Boston, MA 02127 would be sincerely appreciated. Parking with attendants on duty.

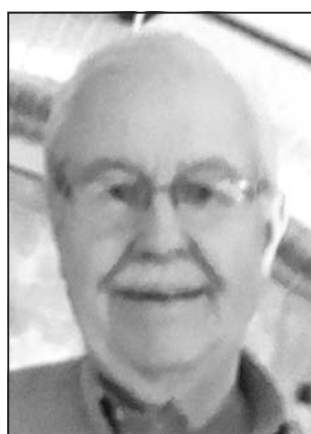
George Pearson

April 9, 1948 ~ May 9, 2024

George I. Pearson Jr. of Everett passed away peacefully on May 9.

A late member of the Schiavo Club in Everett, George was a member of the Columbia Masonic Lodge of Boston. He was a Mason for 53 years.

He was the beloved son of the late Molly (Lyne) and George I. Pearson;



loving brother of Constance Pearson, David and his wife, Cheryl Pearson, Cyril Pearson and John Pearson; cherished uncle of David Pearson Jr. He is also survived by a cousin, Anna and her husband, Donald James and many good friends

Funeral arrangements were by the Salvatore Rocco & Sons Funeral Home, 331 Main Street, Everett. Interment was in Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett.

Garcia votes in favor of major healthcare legislation

Special to the Independent

The Massachusetts House of Representatives last week passed comprehensive legislation that aims to restore stability to the health care system, bolster accountability within the industry, and control health care spending to ensure that everyone in Massachusetts has access to quality, affordable health care. The bill also includes important updates to how the Commonwealth regulates and monitors the health care market, informed by the Steward Health Care crisis. This legislation is the largest update to health care laws since 2012.

"I am immensely proud to support this landmark healthcare legislation that places health equity as one of our state's priorities," said Representative Judith Garcia of Chelsea. "This legislation represents a significant step toward ensuring that every resident of Massachusetts has the opportunity to lead a healthy life. I commend my colleagues in the legislature for their dedication and collaboration on this vital issue, and I look forward to seeing the positive impact this bill will have on the lives of our constituents."

"This bill is the most significant health care market oversight and cost containment legislation in more than a decade, and is a continuation of the Commonwealth's long-standing effort to ensure that everyone in Massachusetts has access to quality, affordable health care," said House Speaker Ronald J. Mariano (D-Quincy).

"This legislation will help stabilize our health care system, and ensure accountability from all stakeholders, as we continue to recover from the aftereffects of the pandemic. By strengthening oversight and making much needed reforms, this legislation will not only steady the industry, but will also help control costs for consumers," said Representative Aaron Michlewitz (D-Boston), Chair of the House Committee on Ways & Means.

"This legislation looks to the past, present, and future of health care in the Commonwealth. It closes loopholes and shines a light on blind spots that allowed Steward to exploit

Massachusetts patients for profit," said Representative John J. Lawn, Jr. (D-Watertown), House Chair of the Joint Committee on Health Care Financing. "It protects and preserves underpaid community hospitals that are the lifeblood of medicine in the Commonwealth. And it plans for stable and affordable health care growth moving forward. This bill delivers on the House's commitment, under the visionary leadership of Speaker Mariano, to high-quality, affordable health care for all Massachusetts residents."

The legislation passed this month continues the House's commitment to bettering the Commonwealth's health care system, as was demonstrated during the passage of Massachusetts' landmark health care reform laws of 2006 and 2012.

Strengthening oversight

To prevent hospitals and other providers from exploiting the same gaps in the state's regulatory structure that Steward Health Care exposed, the bill passed makes important updates to the Commonwealth's laws that govern the oversight of hospital systems and other provider organizations. The bill also makes important reforms to prevent acute care hospitals from selling their most valuable asset, their land, to REITs. When Steward sold their hospital properties to Medical Properties Trust (MPT) in 2016 for \$1.25 billion, Steward agreed to lease back their former properties from MPT for exorbitant rents,

siphoning away important resources and depriving the hospital operations and patients from needed investments. The House bill prohibits the future leasing of land from REITs for the operation of a hospital's in-patient facilities and requires increased disclosure of other lease arrangements as part of the licensure process with the Department of Public Health (DPH).

Addressing the rising cost of health care

To address the rising cost of health care in Massachusetts, the bill reforms the HPC and the health care cost growth benchmark by establishing a benchmark-setting process that is more responsive to market pressures, while also raising expectations on providers to meet the Commonwealth's cost containment goals:

- Reconstitutes the HPC board from 11 to nine members who have more current, relevant experience and insight into the trajectory of the healthcare market

- Establishes a Technical Advisory Committee within the HPC to adjust the benchmark based on market conditions, such as inflation, labor and workforce development costs, and the introduction of new pharmaceuticals, medical devices, and other health technologies

- Changes the current annual benchmark to a three-year benchmark beginning 2026-2029 which will allow health care entities greater flexibility to address unexpected expenses, and give the HPC greater insight into lon-

ger-term trends

- Gives the HPC increased enforcement authority when a health care entity exceeds the benchmark, and when a first performance improvement plan (PIP) is not successful, by allowing the HPC to suggest elements of a new PIP and to conduct Cost and Market Impact Review (CMIR), which may result in a referral to the Attorney General

The bill also establishes a dedicated Division of Health Insurance (DOHI) to review health insurance rates for affordability for consumers and purchasers of health insurance products. Currently, the same state agency that reviews auto insurance policies reviews health insurance, an insurance product that is essential to the well-being of residents and an important aspect of one of the Commonwealth's largest economic sectors. This bill raises the assessments on insurance companies to pay for increased staff to give health insurance products the scrutiny they deserve.

Protecting independent community hospitals and slowing further market consolidation

This legislation includes several policies to advance the House's long-standing policy goal of protecting low-cost, high-value health care providers and of avoiding further market consolidation by larger hospital systems.

The bill passed the House of Representatives with a 152-1 vote. It now goes to the Senate for consideration.



Rep. Judith Garcia and State House Representatives following the vote.

FRESH AND LOCAL

Chinatown Shopping List

front of 1 Harrison Avenue and by the Chinatown Gate with tables and seats to enjoy an outdoor meal.

Buy Dessert First

We begin with an attitude of Carpe Diem and buy dessert first. You'll find bakeries scattered around the neighborhood. We have a few favorite items, but try something new each visit to expand our Asian dessert experience.

Custard and Portuguese tarts are always on our list. We suggest you buy a sampling of these treats from several bakeries and find out which best sat-

isfies your sweet tooth. Top Bread and Great Taste usually have both tarts.

One thing we love about the desserts from Chinatown is that they are often less sweet and heavy than the Western versions. This is especially true of cakes. Consider one from this neighborhood if you want to end a meal with a celebration cake. In many cases, they will offer both individual and full-size cakes. You can buy one portion before you order a larger one. In addition to sweets, many bakeries have selections of savory items. (We love barbecue pork buns.)

Groceries

For many years, we shopped at a large Chinatown market. Then, Penny took a "Boston Chinatown Tours - Food, Fun, Fables" with Jacqueline Church and began shopping at Jia Ho Supermarket on Washington Street. This is a much smaller market with excellent produce and meat departments,

We'll stock up on chicken feet and ground pork at the meat counter. If you buy chicken feet, ensure the butcher understands you want 12 feet, not 12

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By Penny & Ed Cherubino

We maintain multiple shopping lists. We consult the list of foods from mainstream markets daily to determine if we should stop somewhere during our walks. We also have specific lists for stores and neighborhoods we visit for particular items. One of the most used is our Chinatown list.

Boston's Chinatown is a fabulous food destination. We bring a shopping cart and visit multiple shops. Often, we treat ourselves to lunch at one of the restaurants or take-out places. There are parks in

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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.

Zion Church - Everett

News and Notes

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

Zion Church Ministries via livestream on Facebook and YouTube.

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

Immaculate Conception Parish

News and Notes

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

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

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

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

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

4: Confessions are on Saturdays from 3:00-3:45

at the Confession Boots in the Chapel, and at 11:15 a.m. 12:00p.m. in Spanish.

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

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

Immaculate Conception Parish
489, Broadway,
Everett MA 02149 Phone
Call 6173895660

Glendale Christian Lighthouse Church

News and Notes

Sunday 10:30 a.m. 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

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Church at the Well Everett

News and Notes

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

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

Grace Anglican Episcopal Church

News and Notes

Grace Anglican Episcopal Church is open and welcoming to all.

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

Come all and let us walk together in this sea-

son of hope, renewal and new beginnings.

Grace Anglican Episcopal Church
67 Norwood Street,
Everett, MA
Church Phone
617-387-7526 or
617-389-5765

Mystic Side Congregational Church

News and Notes

Mystic Side Congregational Church is located in Everett, on Malden-Everett border, at 422 Main Street. We offer a warm, inviting atmosphere, and all are welcome. Our Sunday Church service starts at 10:30 a.m. and Communion is offered on the first Sunday of each month. A very pleasant coffee hour

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

Mystic Side Congregational Church
422 Main Street
Everett, MA

Fresh & Local // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

pounds. Penny uses Google Translate on her phone to clarify things and ask questions.

The produce section has herbs by the bunch. Thai basil, scallions, garlic, ginger, galanga, garlic chives, Chinese cabbage, Persian cucumbers, and Asian pears are often on the Chinatown list.

Then we'll tour the rest of the store, adding fresh and dry noodles, sauces, different kinds of vinegar, and a few housewares items to the cart.

Specialty Shops

For fish, we'll stop on Hudson Street at Happy Family Fish. Once there, it's hard to resist picking up some cha siu pork or another prepared meat from Boston Great Barbeque two doors down. There are numerous places to stop for coffee or tea. In addition to food



We love buying individual portions of cakes, like this one, from Chinatown bakeries before ordering a large one for a special occasion.

shops and restaurants, you'll find herbalists, Traditional Chinese Medicine practitioners, hair salons, gift shops, kitchen supplies, and liquor stores.

Planning Your Visit

We highly recommend Jacqueline Church's Chinatown Tour for a great introduction to this neighborhood and culture. An-

the best way to enjoy this Boston treasure is to wander the streets and soak up the architecture, community, and lively atmosphere.

There are parking lots in and near Chinatown for those arriving by car. The MBTA is another alternative, with access via bus routes and the orange, red, or green lines. For those coming from outside the city, South Station is steps away, making the commuter rail an option.

Do you have a question or topic for Fresh & Local? Email Penny@BostonZest.com with your suggestion.

other resource is a map and list of the businesses from www.chinatown-mainstreet.org. However,

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Mayor Carlo DeMaria & Family
and the entire City Government

City of Everett to host Memorial Day Service

Special to the Independent
Mayor Carlo DeMaria is pleased to announce the City of Everett's 2024

Memorial Day Service will take place on Monday, May 27 at 10 a.m., at Glenwood Cemetery (entrance is located on Wash-

ington Avenue). The ceremony will honor veterans of the United States armed services who have made the ultimate

sacrifice. Attendees will have the opportunity to hear from guest speakers and pay tribute to those who have served our

country and are no longer with us. Those who plan to attend are asked to meet at the Gold Star Pavilion

where the ceremony will take place. All are welcome and encouraged to attend this service.

EVERETT COMMUNITY GATHERS TO PLACE U.S. FLAGS AT VETERAN GRAVES AT GLENWOOD CEMETERY

On Tuesday, May 14, the City of Everett held the traditional placing of United States flags at the graves of veterans at Glenwood Cemetery.

United States veterans who are no longer with us by taking as many flags as they could and dispersing throughout the cemetery. Those who participated walked throughout the cemetery to ensure every veteran-marked grave re-

ceived a U.S. flag in recognition of their service.

"Walking throughout the entire cemetery to search for the graves of veterans isn't the easiest task, but it's the least that we could do for those who sacrificed so much for all

of us," said Mayor Carlo DeMaria. "Everyone who participated proved once again that we have a great community that appreciates our veterans here in Everett."

The Mayor would like

to thank everyone who volunteered to place flags at Glenwood Cemetery. All are welcome to participate in the second flag placing at Woodlawn Cemetery (302 Elm Street) from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Monday, May 20.

Those who are interested in participating are asked to contact Veterans Agent Gerri Miranda at Gerri.Miranda@ci.everett.ma.us. For more information, please contact the Veterans Affairs' Department at 617-394-2320.



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U.S. flags were placed on the graves of veterans at Glenwood Cemetery.



The Everett community gathered at Glenwood Cemetery to place flags at veteran-marked graves in preparation for Memorial Day.



Volunteers gathered to place flags at Glenwood Cemetery.



Volunteers of all ages were welcome to place flags at the graves of veterans.

We salute our fallen heroes who made the ultimate sacrifice. Their legacy lives on in our hearts.

STATE SENATOR SAL DIDOMENICO & FAMILY

HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY!
FROM THE OFFICE OF STATE REPRESENTATIVE JUDITH GARCIA

The City of Everett's Facilities Maintenance Department ensured volunteers received flags to place at veteran-marked graves.

A nation that does not honor its heroes will not long endure. We remember and honor our fallen heroes this Memorial Day.

ANTHONY DIPIERRO WARD 3 COUNCILOR

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