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EVERETT CELEBRATES JUNETEENTH AT GLENDALE PARK



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The City of Everett hosted an event in celebration of Juneteenth on Wednesday, June 19, at Glendale Park. Attendees found a spot on the hill at Glendale Park and enjoyed the performances throughout the event. See Page 5 for more photos.

Council postpones action on roof repairs for old EHS building

By Cary Shuman

After hearing a presentation by Supt. of Schools Bill Hart on a plan to convert the old Everett High School into a school for Everett's seventh and eighth graders, the City Council voted by a 7-4 margin against an order that would have committed \$10 million of the ARPA funds for the high school roof improvement project.

In essence, the Council postponed a vote on the plan until it could ascertain the total cost of renovating the 40 classrooms and other areas of the building so it could reopen as a seventh-and-eighth-grade academy. The estimated cost of that project, which would take between 12 and 18 months, is believed to be in the neighborhood of \$50 million.

"The postponement is merely to hold off on the vote [on the roof repairs] until we get the financial details for the buildout of the former high school for the seventh and eighth academy," said City Council President Robert Van Campen.

Van Campen and Councilors Gureline Alcy Jabouin, Holly Garcia, Michael Marchese, Stephanie Smith, Stephanie Martins, and Peter Pietrantonio voted against the order to al-

locate the funds.

Councillors John Hanlon, Anthony DiPiero, Wayne Matewsky and Katy Rogers were in favor of voting on the measure and moving forward immediately to address the overcrowdedness in the Everett schools.

Hart's presentation was both thorough and masterful as he directly provided a well-thought-out solution for "the current and foreseeable space needs of the entire school district," as had been requested in a resolution by Councilors Alcy Jabouin and Rogers.

Hart also cited enrollment numbers showing there is "overcrowded conditions" throughout the district.

Recalling the former Parlin Junior High School set-up from years ago, Hart told the Council, "I would like to return to that option and house seventh and eighth grade students in the same building [the old Everett High School] and focus on the best practices that we can provide those students."

Hart expects that an academy at the old EHS building would be able to house the approximately 1,100 seventh and eighth grade students from throughout the entire city.

Hart said an academy

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Garcia votes in favor of comprehensive opioid bill

Special to the Independent

The Massachusetts House of Representatives passed a wide-ranging opioid bill which covers the licensure of recovery coaches, makes opioid overdose reversal drugs more accessible, protects harm reduction providers, and removes barriers that new mothers in recovery face at the time they give birth.

"I am proud to support this comprehensive bill aimed at preventing opioid-related overdose deaths. This legislation represents a crucial step in addressing the opioid crisis that has devastated so many families and communities," said Representative Judith Garcia (D-Chelsea). "By expanding access to life-saving treatments, enhancing education and prevention efforts, and strengthening support systems for those affected, we are making a significant commitment to saving lives and fostering a healthier future for the loved ones of many constituents I have heard from."

"As families across Massachusetts know all too well, the impact of opioid addiction can be utter-

ly devastating for the individual and for their loved ones, which is why a continued focus on combating substance use is a critical responsibility that we have as elected officials," said House Speaker Ronald J. Mariano (D-Quincy).

In 2023, there were 2,125 confirmed and estimated opioid-related overdose deaths, according to the latest data published by the Department of Public Health (DPH). In 2023, there were 232 fewer confirmed and estimated deaths than 2022.

Recovery coaches

Recovery coaches help people with substance use needs become and stay

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DiDomenico supports bill to boost benefits, services, and promote inclusivity for veterans

Special to the Independent

Senator DiDomenico recently joined his colleagues in the Massachusetts Senate to unanimously pass legislation that will boost support for hundreds of thousands of individuals across the state who have served in the United States military, including nearly 30,000 women veterans and thousands of LGBTQ+ veterans.

The comprehensive legislative package, H.4671, An Act Honoring, Empowering and Recognizing Our Servicemem-

bers and Veterans (HERO Act), would increase benefits for disabled veterans, bolster support for businesses that hire veterans, update the definition of a veteran, expand the scope of the Veterans Equality Review Board, and codify medical and dental benefits.

"I am proud to support this significant investment into benefits and services that will improve lives for Veterans in my district and our state who have sacrificed so much for our country," said Senator Sal DiDomenico. "The

HERO Act demonstrates our support for Veterans from all backgrounds by expanding our health care benefits and support services for service members and their families as well encouraging businesses to hire veterans across the state. I am grateful for Senate President Spilka, and Senator John Velis for bringing this essential package to the floor and moving it swiftly through the legislative process."

The Senate's legislation builds on the historic legislative package filed by the Healey-Driscoll

Administration by including additional provisions which would:

Require a public school district to provide support services to a military-connected student when a parent or guardian is called to active duty.

Create a military spouse liaison to help military spouses with obtaining employment and child care, and deal with other issues facing military spouses.

Allow Gold Star Family spouses to remarry with-

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Everett High School and the Community

Mr. Sutera and The Wave Club Recognized by Portal to Hope



COURTESY PHOTO

Portal to Hope recognized Everett High School Vice Principal John Sutera and the student members and faculty advisors of The Wave Club on Tuesday, May 28, 2024. Mr. Sutera, a longtime Everett educator and administrator, was presented with an Unsung Hero Award by Portal to Hope founder Deb Fallon in thanks for his long and successful support of the organization and its mission. Additionally, Ms. Fallon thanked The Wave Club for holding a successful fundraiser in April in observance of Sexual Assault and Child Abuse Prevention Month. The students sold friendship bracelets, with all proceeds benefiting Portal to Hope and its efforts to help victims of domestic violence through a variety of programs and services. Above, Ms. Fallon is pictured with Wave Club students, advisors Amanda Gil and Riley Dunn, and Mr. Sutera.

TRASH DELAY

Due to the 4th of July Holiday on Thursday
Trash schedule will be as follows: Monday, Tuesday
Wednesday on schedule

Thursday pick up will be Friday, July 5
Friday pick up will be Saturday, July 6

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THREE YEARS AGO THIS WEEK, RACIAL HATRED CAME TO OUR AREA

It was three years ago this week when an unspeakable act of violence, motivated by racial hatred, befell the peaceful seaside community of Winthrop.

The tranquility of a typical, early-summer Saturday afternoon was shattered when a 28 year-old white man, a native of Wareham who had been living in Winthrop for a short time with his wife, shot two Black persons, 60 year-old Ramona Cooper, a retired Air Force veteran who only recently had moved to Winthrop, and 68 year-old David Green, a Winthrop native and retired State Trooper who was beloved in the Winthrop community, in cold blood when their paths crossed on Shirley St. near Cross St.

Thanks to the quick response of Winthrop police and the heroism of Sgt. Nicholas Bettano, the suspect was shot in the street when he refused to put down his weapons (he was armed with two handguns). It is believed that the shooter, whose belongings later were found to contain white supremacist and anti-Semitic literature, was en route to the nearby local temple and synagogue with the intent of perpetrating a mass shooting incident before he was stopped by Sgt. Bettano.

To be sure, both Ramona Cooper and David Green happened to be in the wrong place at the wrong time. However, given that the shooter did not fire his weapon at white passers-by, his intent to shoot Cooper and Green solely because they were Black is undeniable.

Those of us who live in the Boston area like to think that we are immune from the sort of bigotry-inspired acts of violence that make the headlines in other states where gun laws are non-existent. However, the Anti-Defamation League recently reported that acts of anti-Semitism have spiked in Massachusetts in the past three years, more than doubling from 2020 to 2022 and then increasing a whopping 189 percent in 2023 from 2022. The sad fact is that no place in America today is immune from the virus of prejudice.

For those of us who have called this area our home for many years, we still shudder whenever we visit Winthrop and drive down Shirley St. toward Cross St. -- the events of June 26, 2021, are just too terrible to contemplate.

However, the best way that we can honor the memories of Ramona Cooper and David Green is never to forget that tragic and horrible day and resolve to do whatever we can to end the evils of racism and all other forms of prejudice that are far too prevalent throughout our society.

NO END IN SIGHT FOR HOUSING CRISIS

Everyone on all sides of the political and economic spectrums are in agreement that there is a drastic shortage of housing in this country. But similar to the adage about the weather, though everyone is talking about it, no one is doing anything about it.

The spike in interest rates to tame inflation over the past few years has been seen as one of the chief causes of the housing shortfall. Higher interest rates lessen the demand for some goods (such as automobiles) and services, but they also serve to put a lid on the supply of both new homes (because high interest rates impact home builders) and older homes (because existing owners cannot afford to give up the low rates on their current homes).

With fewer homes on the market at a time of surging demand because of the coming of age of Millennials and the influx of immigrants, the prices for new homes and rents are continuing to increase even in the face of higher interest rates. Zillow reports that the median home price in Massachusetts is \$629,000, an increase of 8.8% in the past year -- with the median price of a home in the Boston area now almost \$1 million, an increase of 10.9% in the past year.

It is estimated that given our larger population, the U.S. has failed to meet the demand for housing of all types, both single-family homes and multi-family rentals, by more than two million units per year ever since the Great Recession, thus creating the housing crisis we have today. But with interest rates still at their highest levels in decades, new home construction will continue to fall far short of demand for the foreseeable future. Higher interest rates also will continue to have the ripple effect of keeping Baby Boomers and Gen Xers in their current homes (where they have low interest rates), thereby further decreasing the inventory of homes on the market for younger home-buyers.

In addition to high interest rates, a host of other factors -- restrictive zoning laws, supply chain issues, a shortage of construction and trade workers, and the conversion of single-family homes to short-term rentals such as Airbnb -- also are contributing to our housing shortage.

The lack of housing has two other significant impacts: The first is that it affects our other significant impact it reduces the mobility of the nation's workforce. Individuals no longer can just pull up stakes and leave for greener pastures (and new job opportunities) when home prices are out of reach everywhere.

The housing shortage also affects our national mood. Ever since our founding, America has been a land of opportunity. But with the American Dream now out of reach for most American families, pessimism about the future has replaced the optimism that prevailed for every previous younger generation in our society.

In short, what it comes down to is this: Our society is failing to meet the demand for shelter -- which is among the most basic of all human needs -- and no one has a solution to this ever-worsening problem.

Independent Forum

UPCOMING EVENTS AT EVERETT PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Parlin Adult and Teens

Yarn Club Parlin Fireplace Room. Tuesday, July 2, 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!

Puzzle Club Parlin Fireplace Room. Wednesday, July 3, at 3pm. Piece together fun and friendship at the Parlin puzzle table! We'll have puzzles of all shapes and sizes to work on together. Recommended for ages 10 and up.

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

Computer Basics 101, Parlin Adult Department. Tech Newbie? No Prob-

lem! Learn to power up, click around, type like a pro, explore the digital world, and even send your first email. Sign up for a thirty minute session, Tuesdays at the Parlin by appointment only.

Parlin Childrens

Lego Club. Parlin Children's Room. Monday, July 1, from 3-5pm. Come to the Children's Room 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.

Youth Crochet Club Parlin Meeting Room. Tuesday, July 2, at 3PM. Are you looking to try a new hobby this summer? Have you thought to yourself, what does it mean to crochet, anyway? If you said yes, then Youth Crochet Club is the place for you! Join us as we learn basic stitches and craft cool creations. Hooks and yarn have been generously provided by the Friends of the Everett Public Librar-

ies, so just bring yourself and a friend! This club is recommended for kids 10 and up, and registration is required. Sign up online today!

Storytime and Sing-along with Karen, Parlin Children's Room. Wednesday, July 3, at 11am. Join us for a fun-filled morning of singing and storytelling with Karen! Suggested ages 0-6.

Firework Chalk Art. Parlin Courtyard. Wednesday, July 3, at 12pm. Happy Birthday America! Join us in the courtyard on Wednesday July 3rd at noon. Wear your red, white and blue! Lite up the courtyard with patriotic sidewalk chalk art. All ages welcome.

Drama Class. Parlin Children's Room. Wednesday, July 3, 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.

Closed Thursday Jul 4, 2024 in honor of Independence Day

No children's room activities on Friday 7/5.

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.

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.

FKO EVERETT CHILDREN LEARNING URBAN DANCE FROM PHUNK PHENOMENON



COURTESY PHOTO

Shown Phunk Phenomenon brings urban dance to For Kids Only (FKO) Everett. Phunk Phenomenon Dance Complex is a non-traditional dance studio who works with FKO Everett children weekly. Children have fun while expressing themselves and building self-esteem.

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engaged in their recovery process. The bill establishes recovery coach licensing and oversight within DPH, and mandates that all health plans cover recovery coach services without cost-sharing or prior authorization. The bill also directs the Bureau of Substance Addiction Services (BSAS) to study and report on barriers to certification, credentialing, and other employment and practice requirements for recovery coaches, and requires them to create a peer support program for recovery coaches consisting of mentorship, technical assistance on billing and employment practices, and resources.

Opioid overdose reversal drugs

The bill mandates that all health plans cover opioid overdose reversal drugs, such as naloxone, without cost-sharing or prior authorization. It also requires substance use disorder treatment facilities to educate on and dispense at least two doses of opioid overdose reversal drugs to an individual upon discharge, as well as requires hospitals to educate on and prescribe or dispense at least two doses of opioid overdose reversal drugs to an individual with a history of opioid use or opioid use disorder upon discharge.

It also requires pharmacies in areas with high incidence of overdose to maintain a continuous supply of opioid overdose reversal drugs and to report to DPH if they are unable to maintain compliance with this provision due to insufficient stock or supply.

Patient education

In an effort to prevent opioid misuse, the bill requires prescribers to be educated on pain treatment, including appropriate non-opioid alternatives to pain treatment. It also requires pharmacists to provide printed educational materials issued by DPH on non-opioid alternatives for the treatment of pain to patients prior to dispensing an opioid.

Harm reduction

The bill protects public health or harm reduction organizations and their agents who provide drug-checking services, such as needle exchange

programs, to reduce the risk of accidental overdose from civil liability or professional disciplinary action from a board of registration, as well as from being criminally charged or prosecuted for possession of drug paraphernalia, unlawful possession of controlled substances, and conspiracy to violate the Controlled Substances Act (the CSA).

It also protects individuals who seek drug-checking services on substances intended only for personal use from being criminally charged or prosecuted for possession of drug paraphernalia, unlawful possession of controlled substances, and conspiracy to violate the CSA while on the premises of a public health or harm reduction organization providing said services.

Ensuring non-discriminatory treatment

The bill clarifies DPH's authority to enforce anti-discrimination protections for people with substance use disorder who are on public health insurance. It also prohibits life insurance companies from limiting or refusing coverage to individuals solely because they obtained an opioid overdose reversal drug for themselves or others. It also prohibits discrimination on the basis of lawful possession and use of a medication for the treatment of an opioid-related substance use disorder, such as methadone or buprenorphine.

Pregnant people on medications for addiction treatment

The bill removes "physical dependence upon an addictive drug at birth" from the conditions necessitating a child abuse and neglect report, thereby exempting pregnant people taking medications prescribed by their doctor from automatic investigation by the Department of Children and Families (DCF). It requires DCF, in consultation with DPH, the Office of the Child Advocate (OCA), and stakeholders, to promulgate regulations on the care, treatment, and reporting of substance-exposed newborns (SENs).

Having passed the House of Representatives 153-0, the bill now goes to the Senate for its consideration.

McGonagle addresses City Council and residents

Rep. Joseph McGonagle chose the Everett City Council meeting on Monday night "to address misinformation being circulated concerning the Mass House of Representatives and myself regarding veterans' benefits."

Following are his remarks:

Good evening Mr. Pres., Councilors, members in the audience and citizens at home watching on ECTV. I'm here to address misinformation being circulated concerning the Mass House of Representatives and myself regarding veterans' benefits. For those of you who don't know this, I am the son of a Korean war veteran who rose to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in the United States Reserve. At a very early age, it was instilled in me to honor and respect all veterans.

During debate of the 2025 State Budget an amendment was proposed about housing for veterans. Let me tell you that



Rep. Joseph McGonagle at the Everett City Council meeting.

Federal and State statute MGL 115, that was created by the Mass Legislature in 1861, already gave preference to Veterans in housing and employment, financial education, medical, dependents, and surviving spouses death benefits. This was nothing but a spin spot vote, by the Republican Party, to provide a biased interpretation to sway public opinion on veterans' benefits. The vast majority of House Members including my-

self found this amendment shameful that our Republican colleagues would use veterans for political gain, like one of your colleagues is using today. I and my colleagues, including the Speaker of House did not want to be part of that repugnant strategy.

Massachusetts has the most generous veterans' benefits in the nation. The Fiscal Year 2025 Budget we passed in April included historic levels of funding for veterans. \$7.7 million for homeless veterans. \$8.3 Million for outreach centers. Through MGL Chapter 115, low-income veterans will receive direct support for expenses such as housing, food, healthcare and other basic living costs. Today this funding is at \$68.2 million. In May of 2024, the house passed the Heroes Act, which will increase financial benefits to former service members and ensure that women, disabled, and LGBTQ veterans have the same equal

access to V.A. benefits.

On June 5, the House passed the Housing Bond Bill which included \$20 million to establish a veteran supportive housing program, including wrap around services. Chapter 40A Housing guarantees 10% so called affordable units go to veterans. We here in Everett took it one step further. Working with the Mayor and his administration and especially Matt Lattanzi, we secured an additional \$1million for first time low-income and veteran home buyers.

I am disturbed to see anyone attempt to impugn my integrity towards veterans without reaching out to myself or my office for a truthful response. In these challenging times it is critical to avoid politicking and pandering false information. I hope this clarifies the action taken by the House of Representatives and myself with these false accusations.

Thank you.

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would open more space in the five neighborhood schools where seventh and eighth grade students currently attend. Hart cited the example of some students in the district having to start their lunch break as early as 10:20 a.m.

"That is not ideal," said Hart. "All these things impact their learning, and that's obviously my concern," said Hart. "My plan is simple. I need space. And with your help and with your support, I can provide a learning environment that will get these young people in the right place physically, emotionally, and of course, their ability to move further on."

Hart took questions from the councilors about the plan.

Councillor Smith asked if the old EHS building would require more than \$10 million to implement the plan.

Hart said that he will in fact need more than the \$10 million (for the cost of the roof repairs) to complete the entire project of converting the building into a school for seventh and eighth graders.

Hart added that his plan would not affect the current occupants of the building including the pre-school program and the Eliot Family Resources Center.

Van Campen, who represents the neighborhood where the building is situated, told Hart, "I am concerned about adding a seventh-eight-grade academy on top of all the other uses

in the building."

Van Campen also brought up the topic of using the old Pope John XXIII High School for additional academic space. In the ensuing portion of the meeting, Mayor's Chief of Staff Erin Deveney explained that the Administration would ultimately like to create affordable housing units, housing for veterans, and housing for seniors at the Pope John site.

Councillor DiPierro implored his colleagues to take up the matter right away. "This has been debated for two years," said DiPierro. "We need to end the gridlock. We need to make a decision for our children. There is a decision in front of us and we need to take a path for-

ward. Our community has needs for more classroom space. It has needs for veteran and senior housing. It has needs for a new high school. This is what we have to do for our residents, for our children, for their future. Something needs to be done."

Van Campen is hoping that the Council can receive a report on the build-out from Mayor Carlo DeMaria detailing the exact amount of funds required to convert the old Everett High School building into an academy for all of Everett's seventh and eighth grade students.

Van Campen said that upon receipt of that report from the Mayor, the Council would vote on the matter at its next meeting on July 22.



EVERETT PUBLIC SCHOOLS
121 Vine Street, Everett, MA 02149

— CHILD FIND NOTICE —

In accordance with IDEA and Massachusetts Chapter 71B, all public schools must provide special education for children determined to be educationally disabled. The law requires a school district to identify such children from 3 to 21 years of age. This law applies to all children, including those in non-public schools, pre-schools, and hospital settings. In addition, children of migrant or homeless families are entitled to public education.

Parents or service providers who suspect a child might have an educationally disabling condition are encouraged to contact their child's school. The Everett Public Schools will arrange for the screening and evaluation of any students who are unable to progress effectively in general education because of a disability.

For more detailed information about the policies, procedures, and services available at the Everett Public Schools for special education, please contact William Donohue in the Special Education Office at 617-394-2400 Ext. 610061 or email at wdonohue@everett.k12.ma.us.

Translations of the Child Find Notice can be found at:
www.everettpublicschools.org/apps/pages/ChildFind

— AVISO DE ENCONTRAR NIÑOS —

De acuerdo con IDEA y el Capítulo 71B de Massachusetts, todas las escuelas públicas deben brindar educación especial a los niños que se determine que tienen discapacidades educativas. La ley exige que un distrito escolar identifique a dichos niños de 3 a 21 años de edad. Esta ley se aplica a todos los niños, incluidos aquellos que asisten a escuelas privadas, centros preescolares y hospitales. Además, los hijos de familias inmigrantes o sin hogar tienen derecho a la educación pública.

Se recomienda a los padres o proveedores de servicios que sospechen que un niño podría tener una condición de discapacidad educativa que se comuniquen con la escuela de su hijo. Las Escuelas Públicas de Everett se encargará de la selección y evaluación de cualquier estudiante que no pueda progresar eficazmente en la educación general debido a una discapacidad.

Para obtener información más detallada sobre las políticas, procedimientos y servicios disponibles en las Escuelas Públicas de Everett para educación especial, comuníquese con William Donohue en la Oficina de Educación Especial al 617-394-2400 ext. 610061 o correo electrónico a wdonohue@everett.k12.ma.us.

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A LOOK AT EXCELLENCE IN THE EVERETT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Civics in Action

EPS Eighth Graders Participate in Statewide Initiative

Working in teams, Keverian and Whittier school eighth graders participated in a statewide project to identify and address an issue or concern they believe calls for civic action. The effort is funded through a grant from the Department of Secondary and Elementary Education (DESE) to promote history and social sciences. Support was also provided by EdTechTeacher.

The Keverian School students presented their projects on May 17, 2024, while the Whittier School held its fair on May 21, 2024. The Science Fair-style event gave students the chance to talk about their ideas and with classmates, teachers, and judges.

The following four teams were selected to participate in a regional showcase on June 3, 2024, at the DCU Center in Worcester:

WHITTIER

The STAR Group: Students Together Are Resilient

Giovanna Perin, Melissa De Oliveira, and Emely Vieira

Something's Rotten! Food Waste and Composting

Marlin Salazar Lucero, Naima Fleurima, and Keylin Vargas De Leon

KEVERIAN

Hallway Classes Aren't Real Classes

Abigail Falkowski and Cecilia Da Silveira

Accessing Tech for All Solimar Barahona Salinas and Sebastian Arredondo

Other topics students explored included:

- Creating a student organization to help support new students to our school community
• Creating more sports opportunities for youth
• Housing and homelessness

- Teen mental health
• Cultural clubs for cultural equality
• Gentrification
• The LGBTQ+ community

Instructional Coach Marena MacLaughlin coordinated the effort, in collaboration with Tom Driscoll from Ed-TechTeacher. Whittier School teacher Lisa Norberg, Keverian School teacher Maggie Moran, and Curriculum Intern Gianna Martin also provided invaluable assistance in sharing this opportunity with eighth graders.

Special thanks to Ms. Norberg, who secured a Donor's Choose grant and received a new printer for her classroom. The printer proved to be a big asset to the students as they created and prepared materials for their displays.



Vieira, Ms. Norberg, and Instructional Coach Marena MacLaughlin.

COURTESY PHOTOS

The Prom King

DiDomenico Leads Fundraising Effort for the Class of '24

Congratulations to Everett High School (EHS) Senior Class President Salvatore DiDomenico for delivering on an ambitious promise to his classmates: Free prom tickets.

DiDomenico, who is also the EHS student representative to the School Committee, led an incredibly successful fundraising effort that generated more than \$50,000. He solicited corporations, local businesses, organizations, individuals, and elected officials to donate to the cause. The result was free prom tickets for every member of the Class of 2024. This year's Senior Prom was held last month at the Danversport Yacht Club.

Shown right, DiDomenico holds a poster with the name of every individual and company that donated to the cause following the School Committee meeting held on Monday, May 20, 2024.



- Oliveira's Restaurant
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State Representative Dan Ryan
City Council President Robert Van Campen
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Village Bar and Grille



From left: Guidance Counselor Melissa Disario, Assistant Principal Cara Fidalgo, eighth graders Keylin Vargas DeLeon, Marlin Salazar Lucero, and Naima Fleurima, Principal Michael McLucas, and eighth-grade Civics Teacher Lisa Norberg.

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EVERETT CELEBRATES JUNETEENTH AT GLENDALE PARK

The City of Everett, in partnership with the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE), 98.1 The Urban Heat and Zion Church Ministries, hosted an event in celebration of Juneteenth on Wednesday, June 19 at Glendale Park.

The community united in celebration with live music, free food and activities to partake in. The event featured live performances by Talib Kweli, Skyzoo, Landon Word-

swell, Rayell, and The Woo Factor to create an unforgettable day of music and unity.

"I'm glad we were able to come together as a community to celebrate Juneteenth at Glendale Park," said Mayor Carlo DeMaria. "Thank you to everyone who celebrated with us and took part in the festivities. Happy Juneteenth, 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.

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Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Cathy Draine speaking to attendees.



Marv Neal from 98.1 The Urban Heat speaking to attendees.



Bishop Robert G. Brown speaking to attendees.



Janey David performed Lift Every Voice and Sing and the Star-Spangled Banner.



Shown (left to right) are Marcia Brown, Bishop Robert Brown, Chief Paul Strong, Mayor Carlo DeMaria and Bishop Regina Shearer.



Attendees enjoying the Juneteenth festivities.



Mayor Carlo DeMaria speaking to attendees.



Shown (left to right) are City Council Presidents Robert Van Campen, Mayor Carlo DeMaria, School Committee member Samantha Hurley, City Councilor Holly Garcia, State Senator Sal DiDomenico and Bishop Robert Brown.



City of Everett Director of Veterans' Affairs Antoine Coleman handed out free slush to attendees.



City of Everett staff, elected officials and community members joined together in celebration of Juneteenth.

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A LOOK AT EXCELLENCE IN THE EVERETT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Crimson Tide Track Races to New Levels

Team Wins 3 GBL Titles, Sets Three School Records

When he returned from the 2024 Greater Boston League (GBL) Outdoor Track Championships, Everett High School head coach Jehu Cimea had to sprint for the Crimson Tide record book — eraser in hand.

In what was literally an historic day for the Everett High track team, three Crimson Tide track athletes set new school re-

ords at the GBL Championships, held on Monday, May 20, at Somerville's Dilboy Stadium:

- Sophomore Kayshaun Eveillard broke the 400-Meter record with a time of 51.31 — just eclipsing the previous mark of 51.34 held by Peter Duperier. (Earlier this year, Kayshaun set the school standard in the 200 with a time of 23.22,

breaking another record held by Duperier.)

- Senior captain Darrynn Desrameaux broke the shot-put record with a throw of 33' 11". The previous record was held by fellow teammate and captain, Layla Betancur-Cardona, who recorded a throw of 33' 2.5" earlier in the season.

- Senior captain Shane MacKenzie broke Ken-

neth Bailey's discuss record (133') with a throw of 133' 8".

In addition, the Crimson Tide recorded for four first-place finishes at the GBL Championships:

- Desrameaux: Shot put and Discus
- Senior Kaesta Sandy: Javelin
- Senior captain Dawens Germain: High jump.



Everett High School softball captain Emma Longmore is pictured with her parents, Alanna Longmore and Mike Longmore, and her friend, Dom Pellegrino (left) following the Harry Agganis All-Star Game Sunday at Fraser Field in Lynn.

Crowning Moment

Longmore puts on a show at shortstop in Agganis All-Star Softball Game

By Cary Shuman

Representing Everett High School as a student-athlete for the last time, Emma Longmore made a statement about her athletic versatility and superior talent.

Longmore, the Crimson Tide's GBL All-Star second baseman this season, moved over to the starting shortstop position for the North team at the request of Danvers coach Mark Veillieux. Hence, there were two challenges presented to Longmore: playing a new position and adapting to the artificial turf at Fraser Field, which is used exclusively for baseball except once a year for the Agganis Softball Game.

Seven innings at shortstop later, Longmore had handled a busy day with flawless precision. From fielding hard-hit grounders to making the longer throw to first base to chasing down and catching bloop fly balls, Longmore had a 1.000 field percentage.

Asked about her perfect day in the field and the experience of participating in an all-star game against the best players in the region, Longmore said, "It was fun competing against some of the players on [non-GBL] teams like St. Mary's (Lynn) and Arlington Catholic. The competition was excellent. I'm not really a big fan of turf. I'm so used to playing on dirt, but I thought it was still a good challenge for me before I move on to college."

Longmore will be attending Bridgewater State University where she will be a candidate for the Bears' softball team and studying criminal justice.

"I love the school. It's such a nice campus," she said.

Earning eleven varsity letters

Emma Longmore was a four-year, starting infielder in Coach Stacy Poste-Schiavo's program, helping the Tide win consecutive GBL titles. A senior captain, Longmore was the leadoff hitter with a potent .500 batting average.

Longmore also played field hockey for four seasons and was an ice hockey cheerleader for three seasons, leaving Everett with 11 varsity letters.

Praise for her softball coaches

Emma Longmore said as she will miss her softball coaches, Stacy Poste-Schiavo and Jen Nigro, and her teammates.

"Coach Stacy is probably my favorite coach I ever had," said Longmore. "She took me in when I was a freshman. I didn't really know her that well. But soon after, I loved her

as a coach. She was such a good person to me. Even though I was a freshman, she didn't treat me any differently than anyone else on the team. She always believed in me to my full potential. She's an amazing person and amazing coach and anyone is really lucky to be coached by her."

Longmore's connection to Jen Nigro goes back all the way to kindergarten.

"Coach Jen was my gym teacher from kindergarten to eighth grade at the Madeline English," said Longmore. "She has watched me grow. I'm thankful for all her support and guidance all those years. I've just been extremely grateful to have had the opportunity to play softball for Stacy and Jen."

An early start in Everett softball

Longmore began playing organized softball in the fifth grade in the Everett Girls Softball League.

"I was on the same team with Gianna Masucci, but I played against Bryanna Mason," said Longmore, recalling her long-time friendship with her fellow Everett High softball captains. "Gianna [this year's GBL MVP] and I have been the shortstop and second base duo for a while. Gianna is very talented."

Then as now, Emma's parents, Mike Longmore and Alanna Longmore, have been on every step of her journey, including Emma's last-ever high school game Sunday at Fraser Field in Lynn.

"My parents have always been my biggest supporters, especially my dad," said Emma. "He's never been one to criticize me enough to make me quit. But he's also never pushed me to the point where he himself wanted it more than me. My father played three sports in high school. That's where I get my athleticism from. My mom has always supported me and been to every single one of my games, and I can't thank my parents enough for their incredible support. I can't wait for them to watch me play college ball."

Emma also spoke proudly of her twin brother, Justin Longmore, who was the starting catcher for the Everett High School baseball team.

"It was my father and brother who taught me how to play sports and field a baseball," said Emma, who also has an older brother, Tyler, a licensed electrician.

Emma Longmore said she is working this summer at a clothing store, and then it's off to Bridgewater for new goals to conquer and new fields on which to excel.



From left: Sophomore Kayshaun Eveillard, Shane MacKenzie, senior captain Jalen Jones, and Senior Captain Darrynn Desrameaux



From left: Senior Kaesta Sandy; 4 x 100 Meter Relay team members Isabella Pimenta, Yelsa Garcia, and Zyelle Cannon-Mathias, and Kaesta Sandy; and Jalen Jones and Dawens Germain.

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CITY PAWS

By land or by sea

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

As you plan your summer fun, remember that many services and transportation options are pet-friendly. Day trips, weekends away, more extended vacations, and a meal on a patio can often include your dog. There are also some options for traveling with cats.

Tours

A recent social media post brought this topic to mind. The couple visited Boston with their dog and raved about how dog-friendly the city was. They were happy they could bring the pup on a tour of the Freedom Trail. It makes sense since that popular route happens in public spaces. The tour site mentions that “Dogs are not permitted in the historic burying grounds or the historic sites’ buildings.”

Ferries

These visitors and their

dog also took a harbor tour. We know that Bay State Cruise Company is one we have enjoyed with Poppy. They say, “Yes, we love dogs and they are allowed aboard at no additional charge. They are required, however, to have a leash.”

You’ll find that ferry services, used by residents to reach their homes, are the most pet-friendly. These include the Provincetown Ferries, The Nantucket and Martha’s Vineyard Steamship Authority, Casco Bay Lines in Portland, Maine, and the Block Island Ferry in Rhode Island.

Check the specific regulations for any boat you plan to take. Each may have particular rules. For example, The Casco Bay Line charges for dogs unless they are service dogs or in a carrier.

These services generally ask that you keep your animal on a leash or in a carrier. Pets are often not allowed in food service

areas. In many instances, they may not sit on passenger seats or at dining tables. All ask that the animal be well-behaved and not bother other passengers or their animals.

We add two pieces of advice if you bring your dog on a dock or ferry. For safety, the animal should wear a well-fitting life-jacket and always be on a leash. The ferry services have life jackets for humans but not for animals. Sadly, we know of a dog that drowned at our yacht club because it could not get back onto the dock after diving into the water.

MBTA and Amtrak

The MBTA is a bit pet-friendly. They say, “Service animals are allowed on the T at all times. Non-service dogs are not allowed on the T during peak hours: 7 AM – 10 AM and 4 PM – 7 PM on weekdays.”

Amtrak says you may bring a small dog or cat (up to 20 lbs including



A lifejacket is essential if you bring a dog onto a dock or a boat. We also recommend a leash to help get a dog back to safety once in the water. (Photo by Ariana Kaminski)

carrier) aboard some lines for a fee of \$29 or \$39. Check the Amtrak site for specifics.

Patio Dining with Dogs

For years, we were able to dine with our dogs in Provincetown. Now, many other municipalities have set up restaurant systems to allow legal dining with dogs on patios. We hope this trend continues and

widens.

As with all the exceptions to the old rules that once said, “PETS NOT ALLOWED,” it’s up to those of us who advocate to spend our recreational time with our animals to give the haters no arguments to use against us.

We love it when we walk away from a “dogs allowed” patio and have other patrons say, “We didn’t know you had a dog

with you.” We protect the gradual loosening of municipal rules with good behavior and with support for the political friends of our right to enjoy time with our pets in public spaces.

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

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EVERETT WATER DEPARTMENT RECEIVES AWARD

The City of Everett Water Department recently received the Commonwealth of Massachusetts’ 2024 Public Water System Compliance Award.

The award, given by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP), recognizes the City’s compliance with drinking water regulations in 2023 and the previous five years. To meet the requirements to receive the award, the City of Everett demonstrated excellent water service to the public, no violations or compliance issues, and efforts that support overall public water supply service.

“Maintaining a public drinking supply is a critical city function,” said Mayor Carlo DeMaria. “I think our residents can take comfort in knowing that our Water Department has received this recognition of our work to continuously strive to provide the highest quality of service to our community.”

“Clean and sufficient drinking water doesn’t happen by accident. It’s because of the hard work of people like those being recognized with this award,” said MassDEP Commissioner Bonnie Heiple. “I’m honored to publicly commend the Everett Water Department for their exceptional service and distinguished work protecting the health of their community.”

Through ongoing initiatives such as weekly bacteria sampling, frequent valve exercising, yearly lead and copper sampling and semi-annual hydrant flushing, the Water Department is able to continuously maintain Everett’s drinking water and the proper function of the water system. Additionally, the Department runs the Cross Connection Control Program to prevent hazards from entering the drinking water supply.

For 38 years, MassDEP has recognized and awarded exemplary systems that have reached meritorious service for their work during the previous calendar year. For

more information about the award, please visit www.mass.gov/info-details/2024-public-water-system-awards.

Assistant Water Superintendent Ralph Renzulli (left) and Water Superintendent Ernest Lariviere (right) holding the Commonwealth of Massachusetts’ 2024 Public Water System Compliance Award from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection as well as a Governor’s citation. (Photo courtesy of the City of Everett)

DIDOMENICO INVITED TO SPEAK AT SPECIAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE

Senator Sal DiDomenico and his Chief of Staff, Christie Getto Young, recently spoke at the 2024 Statewide Special Education Conference at Holy Cross College in Worcester. Senator DiDomenico spoke to hundreds of educators about how they can best advocate for more special education support in the State House.

DiDomenico’s speech featured past achievements like his successful

advocacy for historic education and special education funding in the Student Opportunity Act, as well as permanent funding for Universal School Meals. He also covered effective strategies for supporting specific bills or programs with legislators and why educators are uniquely positioned to be strong advocates.

“My wife is a special education teacher and having met with many children benefiting from special education in my district, I know how crucial these educators are for our students,” said Senator DiDomenico, Assistant Majority Leader of the Massachusetts Senate. “It was an honor and a privilege to speak with special educators about how they can support legislative efforts to increase funding for special education programs. I want to thank all of the teachers and organizers for inviting me and planning this fantastic event.”

The Special Education conference was hosted by the Massachusetts Administrators for Special Education. This professional organization represents all administrators of special education throughout the Commonwealth.

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Greystar and Partners Group welcome first move-ins at Anthem Everett

Greystar, a global leader in the investment, development, and management of real estate, including rental housing, logistics and life sciences, and Partners Group, a leading global private markets firm, acting on behalf of its clients, welcomed the first move-ins at Anthem Everett, a newly constructed residential community featuring 450 apartment homes in the blossoming Commercial Triangle District of Everett. Anthem Everett blends an energized feel and an elegant simplicity that offers residents access to everything they need for whatever they do in life.

Located at 484 Second Street and designed by The Architectural Team, Anthem Everett includes a structured parking garage with 564 spaces, approximately 6,500 square feet of ground floor retail, plus an array of high-end amenities. Highlighted by an all-encompassing fitness center, yoga studio with a pilates reformer, and a golf simulator lounge; a resort-style courtyard pool with cabana seating, grilling stations, and a fire pit; a climbing wall; an outdoor theater area; a makerspace for artists and DIY enthusiasts; a pet spa and expansive landscaped dog park; and more, Anthem Everett offers an attractive package to elevate and simplify life.

With daily concierge services, on-site package acceptance including cold storage for groceries, convenient valet dry cleaning, a variety of open concept and private onsite co-working spaces, dedicated nooks for desks in each home, print services and more, Anthem Everett is designed for a truly modern residential experience.

“We’re thrilled to welcome the first residents to their new home at Anthem Everett, where they’ll enjoy a new standard of living at a cost of nearly 20 percent less than comparable newly constructed homes in adjacent municipalities,” said



A look at one of the first move-ins at Anthem Everett.

Gary Kerr, Senior Managing Director of Development at Greystar. “This is a testament to the progressive policies and processes enacted by the City of Everett, which enable developers like Greystar to make substantial investments in housing that meet the needs of the moment and provide bountiful options for the community.”

Anthem Everett’s apartment homes feature stylish wide-plank flooring throughout, plush carpeted bedrooms, oversized windows and closets, spacious kitchen pantries, modern two-tone cabinetry and under-cabinet lighting, quartz countertops, stainless GE™ appliances, keyless entry, and Honeywell smart thermostats.

Anthem Everett is located less than a mile from the Chelsea MBTA Station, the only MBTA station that provides direct access to South Station and North Station, as well as to the Seaport and multiple bus lines.

With move-ins now underway, a list of available homes and more information about Anthem Everett can be found at <https://anthemeverett.com/>.

Anthem Everett is the second community to deliver as part of Greystar’s \$730 million investment in Everett. Beyond Anthem Everett and Mason, which opened last year and delivered 330 units at nearby

101 Mill Road, Greystar is developing Maxwell (384 units) and 1690 Revere Beach Parkway (741 units across two phases). Combined, these projects will also deliver more than 100 affordable units to Everett.

Greystar is making various community improvements throughout Everett’s Commercial Triangle. These include enhancing the streetscape with a new public outdoor space with multimodal connections, improved pedestrian walking paths and sidewalks. Additional contributions include \$125,000 donation to the Mayor’s Everett Summer Youth Job Program (or similar City of Everett youth program), a Greystar-hosted annual career path education program, an annual Greystar Giving volunteer day in Everett and an annual community block party fundraiser on Vale Street.

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out the penalty of losing their annuity benefit.

Highlights of the Senate Bill Include:

Benefit Expansion

Expands access to Behavioral Health Treatment: Allows veterans to be reimbursed for visits to outpatient behavioral health providers.

Increases the Disabled Veteran Annuity: Increases the annual annuity for veterans with a 100% service-connected disability, surviving spouses, or Gold Star Parents from \$2,000 to \$2,500.

Increases the Vet-Hire Tax Credit: Increases to \$2,500 a tax credit for small businesses hiring chronically unemployed or low-income veterans. Eligible veterans include those receiving SNAP benefits, chronically unemployed veterans, and unemployed service-connected disabled veterans.

Increases access to the Active-Duty Buyback program: Lengthens the timeframe for veterans in public service to participate in the Active-Duty Service Buyback program and allows retroactive participation for veterans who missed the buyback opportunity. This program will enable veterans to purchase up to four years of active-duty service time toward their state retirement.

Prevents the “COLA Cliff”: Ensuring that a cost-of-living adjustment in Social Security benefits will not affect veterans’ eligibility for Chapter 115 benefits in the middle of the state fiscal year.

Increases Local Flexibility for Veterans Property Tax Exemptions: Creates two separate local options. The first allows municipalities to double the veteran property tax exemption without doubling all other exemption clauses. The second ties the annual property tax abatement amount to inflation, allowing exempted property tax amounts to increase with inflation.

Eliminates the Fee for Specialty License Plates for Veterans: Waives specialty license plate fees on specialty veteran license plates and creates a new woman veteran license plate decal.

Allows municipalities to increase the property tax obligation of a veteran in exchange for volunteer services.

Commitment to Inclusivity and Greater Representation

Broadens the Chapter 115 Definition of Veteran: Aligns the state Chapter 115 program definition of a veteran with the Unit-

ed States Department of Veteran Affairs definition. This change allows more veterans to be eligible for annuity, Chapter 115 benefits, access to the Massachusetts Veterans Homes, and other state-provided benefits. This only applies to EOVS programs and does not affect any other agency or entity.

Expands the Scope of the Veterans Equality Review Board (VERB): Expands the scope of the Board beyond ‘Don’t Ask Don’t Tell’ discharges to include discharges related to Military Sexual Trauma, Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, Traumatic Brain Injury, mental health conditions, or HIV discharges.

Expands the definition of a veteran dependent: Expanding the Chapter 115 definition of “dependent” to support more dependents based on the Family Court definition.

Updates Dependent Residency Requirements to Align with Current Practices: Updating dependent residency requirements to align with current practices.

Modernization of Veterans Services

Codifies Dental Assistance Benefits: Ensuring veterans receive essential dental care by codifying dental benefits for Chapter 115 recipients.

Codifies Medical Assistance Benefits: Providing consistent care to veterans by codifying medical assistance benefits.

Codifies Authority for Veterans Cemeteries: Ensuring proper management and care of veteran’s cemeteries by codifying the authority for EOVS to continue administering and maintaining the state’s two Memorial Veterans Cemeteries.

Modernizes statute language for inclusivity and standardization: Revise Chapters 115 and 115A to ensure gender-neutral and inclusive language while removing antiquated references.

Allows municipalities to deliver chapter 115 benefits by direct deposit.

Initiates a Study on the Use of Alternative Therapies for Veteran Mental Health Disorders: Establishing a working group to study the potential benefits of alternative therapies, such as psilocybin, in treating veterans suffering from mental health disorders.

Separate versions of the bill having been passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives; the chambers will now move to reconcile the differences before sending the bill to the Governor’s desk.

How to Keep Dogs Safe This Summer

Special to the Independent

Hot Weather Tips from the Animal Legal Defense Fund

As summer approaches and temperatures rise, so does the danger of dogs dying in hot cars, left to overheat by negligent owners.

Even on a day when it’s 70 degrees outside, the temperature inside a car can hit 90 degrees in just 10 minutes. On a hot day, the temperature inside a closed car can shoot as high as 116 degrees in the same amount of time.

What can you do to keep dogs safe this summer? The Animal Legal Defense

Fund, the nation’s preeminent legal advocacy organization for animals, has some tips.

1. Never leave a dog in a hot car.

Leaving an animal in a car for any amount of time is dangerous. Cracking a window doesn’t eliminate the risk of heatstroke or death, and in some states negligent owners can face up to one year imprisonment.

If you have your dog with you:

- Plan to visit animal-friendly restaurants and shops.
- Bring a friend who can stay with your dog while you run into a store.

• Leave your dog at home where he is safe and comfortable in the air conditioning.

2. If you see an animal in distress, call 911.

Calling 911 is the first step to saving that animal’s life. Most states allow a public safety officer to break into the car and rescue an animal if his life is threatened.

3. Know your rights.

Social media posts have circulated across the country urging people to break a window if they see a dog trapped inside a hot car, but you should know your local laws.

- Only 12 states — Arizona, California, Colorado,

Indiana, Kansas, Massachusetts, Wisconsin, Florida, Ohio, Vermont, Oregon, and Tennessee — allow “good Samaritans” to break a car window to save an animal.

• Almost all of those states require “good Samaritans” to contact law enforcement before breaking into the car.

• In 14 states, only public officials such as law enforcement and humane officers can legally break into a car to rescue an animal (Delaware, Illinois, Maine, Maryland, Minnesota, Nevada, New Hampshire, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Virginia, and Washington).

• In New Jersey and West Virginia, although it is illegal to confine an animal in a hot car, no one has the statutory authority to break into a vehicle to save the animal, not even law enforcement.

4. Let people know it’s not okay to leave an animal unattended in a car.

If you see someone leave their animal in a parked car, consider politely approaching them and letting them know that even if it’s a pleasant day outside, the temperature inside the car can skyrocket fast. The Animal Legal Defense Fund has created a printable flyer you can download at aldf.org/hotcars.

For more information on keeping dogs safe this summer visit aldf.org/hotcars.

BIGGIO RECEIVES PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD



Founder of the “Wounded Warriors Motorcycle Ride” Andrew Biggio accepted the Grand Lodge “Public Service Award” given by Mass Grand Lodge Order Sons & Daughters of Italy in America (OSDIA) Social Justice Commission. Andrew is seen here with Social Justice Commission Chair State Rep. Jeffrey Turco and Winthrop Mixed Lodge OSDIA #2057 President Agnes Nobile. Andrew continues his work with wounded veterans.

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Glendale United Methodist Church

News and Notes

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

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

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

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

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.

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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701 Broadway, Everett, Massachusetts 02149
617-387-7458
Rev. Larry Russi, Sr. Pastor
pastorlarry@thelighthousechurch701.net

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

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

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.

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SUMMER READING 2024 AT THE EVERETT PUBLIC LIBRARIES

The Everett Public Libraries invite the community to dive into thrilling stories, explore new worlds, and find their next adventure in a book during this year's summer reading challenge. Themed "Adventure Begins at Your Library," the third-annual challenge officially began on June 22nd with a kickoff event at the Parlin Memorial Library.

This year, the libraries challenge readers of all ages to read 900 minutes over the summer. From now until August 17th, participants can track their reading progress, earn prizes, and participate in other fun activities around the library. Participants will receive a free book

from the library by signing up for the challenge, so we invite you to stop by the Parlin Memorial Library or Shute Memorial Library to sign up and get your book. Registration may also be done online using the Beanstack app or at everett.beanstack.com.

Upon completing the challenge, participants will be entered into a drawing to receive a grand prize generously funded by the Friends of the Everett Public Libraries. In keeping with the adventurous theme, readers also have the opportunity to pick up a Summer Reading Passport and complete activities around the libraries in order to earn stamps and additional prizes.



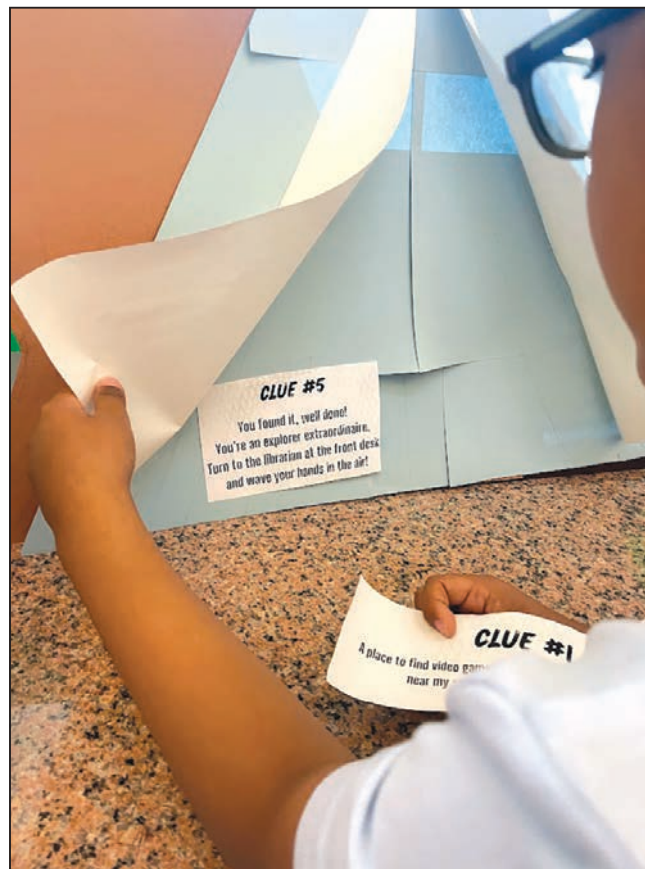
A reader enjoys the camping reading corner.



Staff members welcome participants to the June 22 Kickoff Party.



Participants show their creative sides with chalk.



A young patron finds a scavenger hunt clue.



Library patrons participate in the Kickoff Party scavenger hunt

LOCAL STUDENTS EARN ACADEMIC HONORS

BC HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2024

Recently, Boston College High School welcomed 249 young men

into its alumni network during the school's 160th commencement ceremony. The Class of 2024 included one student from

Beacon Hill, four students from Charlestown, four students from East Boston, four students from Everett, one student from

Jamaica Plain, four students from Revere, and six students from Winthrop, whose names and applicable awards can be found

below along with a news release.

Everett: Christopher Afonso, Ritchny Blaise, Lorenzo Possamai, Cristian Salvador

Afonso was honored with the following awards:

- Stephen J. Collins Modern Language Award

Stephen J. Collins' enthusiasm for language learning inspired students to experience the joy of a language "coming alive." This award is given to a graduating senior who has brought language to life.

- Marci Kearney English Award

The Marci Kearney English Award honors the student in each section of senior English whose passion for life, letters, and the blessing of good company enlivens the classroom in the spirit of Ms.

Kearney.

Blaise was honored with the following awards:

- Kevin O'Neil '90 Memorial Award

This scholarship is awarded to a graduating senior who has overcome adversity to achieve success while at BC High. Kevin was recognized by his classmates in his senior yearbook, "for his valor in facing adversity and triumphing."

Salvador was honored with the following award:

- Marci Kearney English Award

The Marci Kearney English Award honors the student in each section of senior English whose passion for life, letters, and the blessing of good company enlivens the classroom in the spirit of Ms. Kearney.

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Congratulations, Antonio



Congratulations to my son, Antonio Delle Rose, on graduating from Everett High School this month.

He has worked very hard and we are so very proud of him.

Antonio will be at-

tending Wentworth Institute of Technology. He will be majoring in cyber security in the fall.

We love you,
Mom, Dad, Domenico and Giovina Maria Delle Rose