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Show (above) Mayor Carlo DeMaria presented a proclamation to those who have lost a loved one to addiction or have been affected in any way during Everett's Overdose Awareness Day.

Right, the purple flags and banner in recognition Everett residents lost to substance use disorder. See page 5 for more photos.



Much-anticipated vote on renovations to old EHS building set for Monday

By Cary Shuman

The City Council, returning to its regular schedule of meetings, is expected to vote on borrowing \$72 million to create a junior high academy at the old Everett High School on Broadway at its meeting Monday night.

In a presentation at a Council meeting, Supt. of Schools William Hart proposed that the old EHS building be transformed into an academy that would house all seventh and eighth grade students in the city. That plan would also alleviate some of the overcrowded conditions throughout the school district. Mayor Carlo DeMaria has voiced his support for the junior high academy.

The Council did vote to appropriate \$10 million in APRA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds for roof repairs to the building at an Aug. 19 special meeting but postponed the vote on the \$72 million order.

The measure will need a super-majority (eight councilors to vote 'yes')

for it to pass.

Council President Robert Van Campen, who was unable to participate in the Aug. 19 meeting due to a bout with COVID, said in an interview that he was looking forward to asking questions about the project at Monday's meeting.

"I entered public service to solve problems," said Van Campen. "It would be irresponsible to allow our current school overcrowding crisis to continue unabated and unaddressed."

"As the City Council takes this matter up for consideration, my hope is that the concerns of our school community, as well as those Ward 5 residents who are directly impacted, are heard. While our best option may be to reclaim the former EHS as a renovated, first-class learning environment for our seventh and eighth graders, it is imperative that this facility only be used for school purposes. I have expressed my views, and those of my constituents to Mayor DeMaria and Supt.

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DiDomenico proud of passage of comprehensive maternal health bill

Special to the Independent

Governor Maura Healey recently signed a comprehensive maternal health bill into law which creates a state licensure pathway for midwives and lactation consultants, encourages the creation of more freestanding birth centers, establishes a grant program to address maternal mental health and substance use disorder, and expands the statewide universal postpartum home visiting program. Senator Sal DiDomenico proudly supported this legislation which also mandates that insurers provide coverage for postpartum depression

and major depressive disorder screenings for perinatal individuals.

"My colleagues and I took decisive action last month to improve and expand maternal health care options for people throughout Massachusetts," said Senator Sal DiDomenico. "These changes will narrow racial inequities and improve health care outcomes for parents across the Commonwealth. This will go a long way towards our overall goal of making our state more welcoming and inclusive of families of all backgrounds and income

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DeMaria and City of Everett fight to prevent overdose deaths by sharing recovery options at Glendale Park

Special to the Independent

The City of Everett hosted an informational event at Glendale Park on Thursday, August 29, in recognition of International Overdose Awareness Day.

Mayor Carlo DeMaria was joined by residents and local community or-

ganizations to proclaim International Overdose Awareness Day in the City of Everett. The event shared information and resources that are available to support those who are struggling with substance misuse, as well as friends and family who may know someone who is struggling with substance

use disorder. Those who attended had the opportunity to learn more about the services provided, as well as meet individuals in the community who can provide help to those who may need it.

"There are many in our community who struggle with substance use disorder," said Mayor DeMaria.

"We need to remove the stigma and remember that this disease not only affects the individual, but it also has a disastrous impact on families and the community. There are too many families in Everett that have suffered losses due to overdoses, so I'm

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Jonathan DiBiaso makes successful debut as QB coach at BC

By Cary Shuman

Former Everett High All-Scholastic quarterback Jonathan DiBiaso made his debut as the Boston College quarterbacks coach a successful one, as the Eagles defeated Florida State, 28-13, in a nationally televised game Monday night.

BC quarterback Thomas Castellanos was 10-for-16 for 106 yards and rushed for 73 yards. He passed for two touchdowns and rushed for a third score. It was the Eagles' first game under new head coach Bill O'Brien.

In a post-game interview, Castellanos credited the BC coaching staff for devising an outstanding



Jonathan DiBiaso.

game plan.

O'Brien promoted DiBiaso from his offensive analyst position that he held in the Eagles' 2023 season. Prior to that, DiBiaso had coached at the University of Pittsburgh and Vanderbilt.

DiBiaso is one of the greatest high school quarterbacks in Massachusetts state history. At Everett High School, DiBiaso threw 103 touchdown passes and led the Crimson Tide to three consecutive Division 1 state titles. After attending Phillips Exeter Academy in New Hampshire, DiBiaso played college football at Dartmouth College and Tufts University.

Jonathan is the son of legendary high school football coach John DiBiaso and Maureen DiBiaso. His father is the head football coach at Catholic Memorial High School in West Roxbury and second in all-time victories

among all Massachusetts football coaches.

Having played football for his father's dynastic Everett High teams and been a superlative Pop Warner signal caller before that, Jonathan received excellent tutelage throughout his football career in Everett, and he has carried forth that wealth of knowledge and experience into the football program at BC, which is one of the nation's elite academic institutions.

BC hosts Duquesne University in the home opener Saturday at Alumni Stadium in Chestnut Hill before an early-season showdown at Missouri next weekend.

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL



PHOTO COURTESY EVERETT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Long-term substitute teacher Carmen Falzone, EPS Assistant Superintendent of Teaching, Learning, and Student Success Dr. Margaret Adams, STEM teacher Glen Arruda, and Superintendent William Hart are pictured on the first day of school at the Keverian. See Page 12 for more photos

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levels. I want to thank Governor Healey, Senate President Spilka, Senator Friedman and Representative Decker for their leadership on these urgent issues.”

The legislation creates a state license that certified professional midwives must receive in order to practice midwifery, and requires certain insurance providers, such as MassHealth, to cover doula and midwifery services including prenatal care, childbirth, and postpartum care. The new law creates the Board of Registration in Midwifery within the Department of Public Health (DPH) to license and provide oversight of licensed certified professional midwives. Licensed certified professional midwives would be required to coordinate emergency care if needed and would also be able to issue prescriptions for certain drugs, under regulations to be promulgated by the Board and DPH. This language also ensures equitable reimbursement of certified nurse-midwives by requiring that they receive payment rates equal to those for the same services performed by a physician under MassHealth.

To encourage the creation of more freestanding birth centers, which operate independent from hospital systems, the law requires DPH to promulgate updated regulations governing the licensure of freestanding birth centers to ensure safe, equitable, and accessible birth options.

The legislation also requires that MassHealth cover noninvasive prenatal screenings to detect whether a pregnancy is at increased risk for chromo-

somal abnormalities for all pregnant patients regardless of age, baseline risk, or family history. The law requires health insurers to provide coverage for medically necessary pasteurized donor human milk and products derived from it, serving as a critical source of nutrition for the growth and development of babies, particularly for vulnerable premature infants. To better support new mothers in their feeding journeys, the law also authorizes the Board of Allied Health Professionals to license lactation consultants to ensure their services are eligible for reimbursement through the patient’s insurance.

The legislation provides critical support for birthing people and their families during the postpartum period, including requiring DPH to conduct a public awareness campaign about perinatal mood and anxiety disorders, and to develop and maintain a digital resource center that will be available to the public. It also requires that perinatal individuals be offered a screening for postpartum depression and major depressive disorder, and that those services be covered by health insurance plans. To better address barriers in access to care and reduce racial inequities in maternal health, the law expands the universal postpartum home visiting program administered by DPH and provides coverage for the program’s services.

Additionally, the law requires DPH to develop and disseminate public information about pregnancy loss to the public and perinatal health care workers to prioritize the physical and mental health

care of patients affected. It also requires DPH to establish a program to conduct fetal and infant mortality reviews (FIMR) to identify social, economic, and systems level factors associated with fetal and infant deaths and inform public health policy programs. The legislation also includes a provision that will allow Massachusetts residents to use earned paid sick time in the event of a pregnancy loss.

The law ensures that the Maternal Mortality and Morbidity Review Committee will have access to essential records required to conduct thorough and timely reviews of maternal deaths and pregnancy complications. This will enable the Committee to formulate comprehensive recommendations to improving maternal outcomes and prevent mortality. The law’s language also establishes a grant program under the Executive Office of Health and Human Services aimed at addressing maternal mental health. This program will support the establishment or expansion of initiatives serving perinatal individuals, particularly those in underserved populations, to improve mental health, behavioral health, and substance use disorder.

The law establishes a nine-member task force to study the current availability of, and access to, maternal health services and care, as well as essential service closures of inpatient maternity units and acute-level birthing centers. The task force will identify methods of increasing financial investment in, and patient access to, maternal health care in the Commonwealth.

DiDomenico announces new law banning PFAS in firefighter gear

Governor Healey recently signed a bill into law that would phase out the use of PFAS, toxic chemicals, in the protective gear used by firefighters in Massachusetts. PFAS chemicals have been associated with several types of cancer and other negative health impacts.

“I am proud of this legislation that will help our efforts to reduce harmful chemicals and protect our brave firefighters throughout the Commonwealth,” said Senator Sal DiDo-



Senator Sal DiDomenico speaker to current and retired members of the Everett Fire Department, their families and friends at this year’s Annual Firefighters Memorial ceremony.

menico. “This law protects our first responders,

and it is an important step forward in our mission to protect everyone from unsafe and toxic chemicals throughout our communities.”

Starting in 2027, manufacturers and sellers of protective gear for firefighters will be barred from knowingly selling equipment that contains added PFAS chemicals. This change will help protect firefighters in Massachusetts from negative health impacts due to these toxic chemicals.

Health officials announce two additional human cases of West Nile Virus

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) today announced two additional human cases of West Nile virus (WNV) in Massachusetts this year, bringing the total number of human cases to six. One is a man in his 50s who was exposed in Suffolk County; the other is a man in his 80s with exposure in southern Middlesex County.

As a result, WNV risk levels in the following area communities are being raised to high: Saugus in Essex County; Arlington, Belmont, Malden, Medford, and Melrose in Middlesex County; and Chelsea, Revere, and Winthrop in Suffolk County.

“The risk of West Nile virus in Massachusetts will continue until the first hard frost. While the temperatures may be a bit cooler, September is still within the peak time for West Nile virus activity in Massachusetts,” said Public Health Commissioner Robbie Goldstein, MD, PhD. “As we all adjust to our post-summer schedules, one routine that everyone should continue is using mosquito repellent when outdoors.”

There have been 286 WNV-positive mosquito samples so far this year detected from Barnstable, Berkshire, Bristol, Dukes, Essex, Hampden, Middlesex, Norfolk, Plymouth, Suffolk, and Worcester counties. The risk of human infection with WNV is moderate or high in Greater Boston (Middlesex, Norfolk, and Suffolk counties) and is also elevated in parts of Barnstable, Bristol, Essex, Hampden, Plymouth, and Worcester counties.

WNV is usually transmitted to humans through the bite of an infected mosquito. There were six human cases of WNV and no animal cases in 2023. No animal cases of WNV have been detected so far this year.

People have an important role to play in protecting themselves and their loved ones from illnesses caused by mosquitoes.

Avoid Mosquito Bites

Apply Insect Repellent when Outdoors. Use a repellent with an EPA-registered ingredient, such as DEET (N,N-diethyl-m-toluamide), permethrin, picaridin (KBR 3023), or oil of lemon eucalyptus (p-menthane-3,8-diol (PMD) or IR3535) according to the instructions on the product label. DEET products should not be used on infants under two months of age and should be used in concentrations of 30 percent or less on older children. Oil of lemon eucalyptus should not be used on children under three years of age.

Be Aware of Peak Mosquito Hours. The hours from dusk to dawn are peak biting times for many mosquitoes. Consider rescheduling outdoor activities that occur during evening or early morning in areas of high risk.

Clothing Can Help Reduce Mosquito Bites. Wearing long sleeves, long pants and socks when outdoors will help keep mosquitoes away from your skin.

Mosquito-Proof Your Home

Drain Standing Water. Mosquitoes lay their eggs in standing water. Limit the number of places around your home for mosquitoes to breed by draining or dis-

carding items that hold water. Check rain gutters and drains. Empty unused flowerpots and wading pools and change the water in birdbaths frequently.

Install or Repair Screens. Keep mosquitoes outside by having tightly fitting screens on all windows and doors.

Protect Your Animals

Animal owners should reduce potential mosquito breeding sites on their property by eliminating standing water from containers such as buckets, tires, and wading pools – especially after heavy rains. Water troughs provide excellent mosquito breeding habitats and should be flushed out at least once a week during the summer months to reduce mosquitoes near paddock areas. Horse owners should keep horses in indoor stalls at night to reduce their risk of exposure to mosquitoes. Owners should also speak with their veterinarian about mosquito repellents approved for use in animals and vaccinations to prevent West Nile virus (WNV) and EEE. If an animal is suspected of having WNV or EEE, owners are required to report to the Department of Agricultural Resources, Division of Animal Health by calling 617-626-1795, and to the Department of Public Health by calling 617-983-6800.

More information, including all WNV and EEE positive results, can be found on the Arbovirus Surveillance Information web page at Mosquito-borne Diseases | Mass.gov, which is updated daily, or by calling the DPH Division of Epidemiology at 617-983-6800.

Everett residents to participate in Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk

Five residents from Everett will participate in the Boston Marathon® Jimmy Fund Walk presented by Hyundai on Sunday, October 6.

Leanne Meninger, Ryan Yochim, Emma Voligny, Kathy Vitagliano, and Stephanie Lafontaine, along with thousands of

other walkers, will participate in the iconic annual event that will unite the community to raise funds to support all forms of adult and pediatric care and research at the nation’s premier cancer center, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. The Jimmy Fund Walk has raised more than \$176

million for Dana-Farber in its 35-year history, raising a record-breaking \$9.4 million in 2023.

“For 35 years, the Jimmy Fund Walk has continuously supported lifesaving research and cancer care at Dana-Farber. Our goal is to build off of the momentum we’ve established throughout that history, and in 2024, aim to surpass our total from last year by raising \$9.5 million,” says Caitlin Fink, assistant vice president of event fundraising. “Fighting cancer is what we do. The Walk unites our community under a common goal—to defy cancer together.”

One Walk, Four Distances, For All Cancers

The Jimmy Fund Walk is the only organized walk permitted to use the famed Boston Marathon® course, and participants have the flexibility to choose from four distance options: 5K walk (from Dana-Farber’s Longwood Medical Campus); 10K walk (from Newton); Half Marathon walk (from Wellesley); and Marathon walk (from Hopkinton). Walkers can participate virtually as well.

Whatever route participants choose, they will be supported by hundreds of volunteers and treated to refueling stations with refreshments throughout the course. Poster-sized photographs of patients—Jimmy Fund Walk Heroes—are the heart of the event and appear along

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Hart, and look forward to further public discussion before a final vote is taken.”

Councilor-at-Large Katy Rogers said she will be supporting the motion.

“I plan on voting in favor of the old Everett High

School renovation project, as voting to approve the roof repairs was contingent to this proposal,” said Rogers. “It is necessary for the Council to prioritize the ongoing school space shortage. The old Everett High School building pro-

vides a unique opportunity to offer classroom space in a centrally located area of the city, utilize an existing building, and prevents us from being forced to consider less desirable solutions such as modulars.”

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EPS welcomes Dr. Adams

Special to the Independent

The Everett Public Schools (EPS) is excited to announce that veteran educator Dr. Margaret Adams has joined the district as its first-ever Assistant Superintendent of Teaching, Learning, and Student Success.

“We have tremendous instructional leaders and an amazing faculty,” said Superintendent William Hart. “Dr. Adams will play a pivotal role in marshaling this talent to the greatest possible benefit for our students. She is already hard at work, visiting schools, meeting teachers and building leaders, and sitting in on professional development sessions. I look forward to seeing the integral role Dr. Adams will have across the EPS in 2024-2025.”

Joining the EPS Central Administration represents a homecoming of sorts. Dr. Adams began her education career as a student-teacher at the former Centre School in Everett (Summer Whittier).

“I am honored and humbled to return to a community of educators who gave me such a warm welcome and an amazing start to my career 30 years ago,” said Dr. Adams, who addressed faculty and educators during the Back-to-School Convocation on Monday, August 26, 2024. “I am excited to start this new role and serve the students, families and staff of the Everett Public Schools.”

Dr. Adams started her



Dr. Margaret Adams

career as an elementary teacher in second and fourth grade in Framingham. She has served as an elementary principal, a department leader for bilingual and ESL programming, a curriculum leader for literacy, and as an assistant superintendent, and superintendent. Her background spans both urban and suburban districts.

Most recently, she served as the Department Head for Bilingual/ESL Programs in Brockton, Director of Literacy, Title I, ELL in Malden, Assistant Superintendent in Melrose, and Superintendent in Hingham.

Dr. Adams holds a Doctorate in Educational Leadership from Nova Southeastern University, a master’s degree in special education from Lesley University, a Master’s Degree from Harvard Graduate School of Education in Educational Administration, and Bachelor of Science from UMASS/Boston in Mathematics and Elementary Education.



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Archive photo from the City of Everett’s 2017 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony at Central Fire Station. This year’s remembrance will take place at Central Fire Station on Wednesday, Sept. 11 at 8:30 a.m.

DeMaria invites residents to join the City of Everett for 9/11 remembrance ceremony at Central Fire Station

Special to the Independent

Mayor Carlo DeMaria recently announced the City of Everett will host a ceremony in remembrance of the victims of 9/11 on Wednesday, Sept. 11 at 8:30 a.m. at Central Fire Station (384 Broadway).

The City will be hosting a remembrance ceremony to honor the memory of the 2,977 people who were killed due to the Sept. 11 attacks on the United States in 2001. The event

will begin with a moment of silence at 8:46 a.m. in remembrance of the time American Airlines Flight 11 was hijacked by terrorists and crashed into the North Tower of the World Trade Center in lower Manhattan. Following the moment of silence, a bell will be rung in sequence of 3-4-3 in memory of the 343 firefighters that were killed on that day.

“We must never forget the thousands of inno-

cent lives that were taken on that terrible day,” said Mayor DeMaria. “I encourage everyone in our community to gather with us in remembrance of all those we lost on 9/11.”

On the morning of Sept. 11, 2001, terrorists hijacked four commercial planes, deliberately crashing two of the planes into the upper floors of the North and South Towers of the World Trade Center and a third plane into

the Pentagon in Arlington, Virginia. The fourth plane crashed into an empty field in western Pennsylvania due to passengers fighting back and stopping the plane from reaching the intended target of the hijacker. The attacks killed 2,977 people. Since then, the day is remembered annually to honor and never forget the victims and their families along with the heroes who put their lives on the line to help others.

Italian Feast of Saints Cosmas and Damian this weekend

It’s that time of year again when the streets of East Cambridge will come alive for the 99th Annual Italian Feast of Saints Cosmas and Damian this weekend - September 6, 7 & 8 on Warren, Cambridge and Porter Streets in East Cambridge. The three-day fun family event features a wide variety of sweet and savory food, a beer garden, amusement rides, games, parades and music that spans four decades of dance, pop, and rock. Festivities begin on Friday at 6:00pm when Saints Cosmas and Damian accompanied by members of the Society, the North End Marching Band, and the faithful process from their permanent home at 17 Porter Street in East Cambridge to the outdoor chapel overlooking the festival concourse on Warren Street. At 7:00pm, a special healing service with the holy relics of Saints Cosmas and Damian and led by Monsignor Anthony Spinosa (formerly from East Cambridge) from the Basilica and National Shrine of Our Lady of Lebanon will take place at the outdoor chapel.

Warren Street Party Night will begin at 7:30pm with a performance by 1980’s sensation SNAP! Featuring Thea Aus-

tin singing mega hits “I Got The Power”, “Rhythm Is A Dancer” and more. Then 1990’s icon Brenda K. Starr comes to the stage to sing her many top hits such as “I Still Believe”, “What You See is What You Get”, “Breakfast in Bed”. In addition, MC Freddie B and Club Classic DJ Ricky (former STAR FM) will keep the night going and make sure everyone is dancing in the streets!

On Saturday, the festivities begin at 1:00pm as the savory aromas of pizza, fried dough, Italian sausages, peppers, zeppoles, and much more permeate the air around Cambridge, Porter, and Warren Streets, along with continuous entertainment, including Dom Catino’s Sounds of Sinatra show and New England’s internationally acclaimed vocal duo, P2.

At 6:30pm Saints Cosmas and Damian accompanied by members of the Society, the North End Marching Band, the award winning Everett High School Marching Band and the faithful process from their permanent home at 17 Porter Street to the outdoor chapel.

Beginning at 8:00pm, 1980’s hit machine The Original Cover Girls come to Cambridge and

sing their many huge hits such as “Because of You”, “Inside Outside”, “Show Me”, “We Can’t Go Wrong”, and “My Heart Skips a Beat”. Don’t miss this high energy show! At 9:00pm Motown and Grammy Award Winning Legend direct from FOX-TV’s Masked Singer, the iconic Thelma Houston takes the stage! She will be singing all her hits, including her #1 Billboard song and disco anthem “Don’t Leave Me This Way”, “Sunday Morning”, and

“Saturday Night”. Don’t miss seeing this legend at our feast!

The grand finale of the Feast on Sunday begins at 10:30am with an outdoor Mass in honor of the Healing Saints Cosmas and Damian on the Warren Street Stage. At 1:30pm the grand procession with the Saints, accompanied by the North End Marching Band, Northeast Marching Band, winds through the streets of East Cambridge and Somerville as it has for nearly 100 years.

Don’t miss this highlight!

Local favorites Stephen Savio and Seabreeze as well as Smokin’ Joe and his band entertain throughout the day as the food and fun flow through the streets. The parade arrives back on Warren Street at 7:00pm for a welcome back confetti celebration followed by a performance by the founding lead singer LaLa Brooks of the Crystals singing their huge hits from the 60’s and 70’s “Da Doo Ron Ron”, “Then He Kissed Me”,

“Be My Baby” and more!

Brooks was also the star of the Original Broadway Musical “Hair”. In addition, parking is available in Twin City Plaza next to the feast all weekend. Come have a bite to eat, go on a ride, play a game, and enjoy all of our great free entertainment. See you at the Feast! For Feast and vendor information, call (617) 407-1256 or visit www.cosmas-and-damian.org.

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the course as inspiration. All routes will conclude at the Jimmy Fund Walk Finish Line Powered by Schneider Electric at Boston Common, by the corner of Charles and Beacon Street. Finish line activities will include a celebration with food, entertainment, and more.

To register for the Walk (#JimmyFundWalk) or to support a walker, visit www.JimmyFundWalk.org or call (866) 531-9255. Registrants can enter the promo code NEWS for \$5 off the registration fee. All registered walkers will receive a bib, medal, and Jimmy Fund Walk T-shirt.

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RED SOX AND PATS ARE TAKING THE FANS FOR GRANTED

For the third year in a row and fifth time in six years, the Red Sox appear doomed to fail to reach the playoffs, a stretch of futility that the Patriots promise to mimic almost precisely if they fall short of the playoffs for their third straight season and fourth time in five years.

Both of our beloved teams enjoyed unprecedented success through the first two decades of this century, with the Pats winning six Super Bowls and the Sox winning four World Series.

Thanks to that streak of success, both the Sox and the Pats rank among the most valuable sports franchises in the world, even amidst an exponential increase in the value of all pro sports teams worldwide.

Both the Sox and Pats enjoy an incredibly loyal fan base -- and the ownership knows it. They have calculated that the fans will continue to shell out large sums for the "experience" of being at Fenway and Gillette in person, even if it's to watch a mediocre (or worse) product.

When the current owners took over the Sox and the Pats more than 20 years ago, they vowed to reinvigorate what had been moribund franchises for decades -- and they delivered on those promises. For the ownerships of both teams however, the Pats and the Sox today constitute just a piece of their global sports enterprises.

Sad to say, it would appear that the owners of both the Sox and the Pats are content to sit on their past laurels. It would seem that they've grown weary of the pursuit of excellence -- with the result that for local sports fans, there's no longer any joy in Mudville on Sunday afternoons.

THE HOSTAGES ARE JUST PAWNS

The brutal deaths this past week of six innocent civilian hostages who were taken captive by the Hamas terrorists on October 7 has shone a bright light on a simple reality: The hostages are nothing but pawns, if even that, in the ongoing conflict between the Hamas and Israeli governments.

The execution-style murders of the hostages, who reportedly were shot in the head at close range, is shocking but not surprising. Hamas terrorists have the full backing and funding of the Iranian government whose sole, stated goal is to wipe the State of Israel off the map and to kill every Jew they can lay their hands on.

But the barbarity of Hamas and its Iranian masters is nothing new. These are regimes that treat their own people, especially women, with cruelty and inhumanity. Any hint of dissent is crushed with torture, sham trials, and executions.

As for the Israeli leaders, the sad and tragic deaths of the hostages this past week have made it clear that they are not interested in securing the hostages' release. The brutal war in Gaza, in which thousands of innocent civilians have been killed, has dragged on for 11 months with no end in sight. Negotiations to bring about a ceasefire in order for the remaining hostages to be freed have gone nowhere, with both Hamas and the Israeli government blaming the other for the lack of progress.

Whether one believes that the position being taken by the Israeli government is either morally or strategically defensible, the bottom line is that the Israeli government has not prioritized the plight of the hostages, which is painfully evident to the members of the hostages' families, who said in a statement this week, "For 11 months the Israeli government led by Netanyahu failed to do what a government is expected to do—return its sons and daughters home. A deal for the return of the hostages has been on the table for over two months. If it weren't for the thwarting of the deal, the excuses and the spins, the hostages whose deaths we learned of this morning would probably be alive."

All of us join with the family members of the six deceased hostages in mourning the deaths of their loved ones and sharing in their grief. Hopefully, their loss will spur all parties to come to an agreement that will bring the remaining hostages home.

But given the apparent intransigence and indifference of the Hamas and the Israeli leaders, we fear this will not be the last time that family members of the remaining hostages will endure further anguish.

Your opinions, please

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UPCOMING EVENTS AT EVERETT PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Parlin Adult and Teens

Crochet Workshop Series Parlin Meeting Room. Tuesday, September 10th at 6pm. Our Fall series of crochet workshops will guide you through all the essentials, from getting your yarn on the hook to finally finishing that tricky project you've been working on. This week we'll be starting with the basics of yarn, hooks, and crochet stitches. BYO yarn and hooks, or borrow some from the library! Materials have been generously funded by the Friends of the Everett Public Libraries. Suggested for ages 14+. Registration is recommended, sign up online at bit.ly/eveprograms

Yarn Club Parlin Fresco Room. Tuesday, September 10th 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 Trustees Table. Wednesday, September 11th 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.

Connolly Center Book Group, Connolly Center Meeting Room. Thursday, September 12th at 12pm. New York Times bestselling author of Killers of the Flower Moon, David Grann brings us The Wager, a page-turning story of shipwreck, survival, savagery, and a court martial that reveals the shocking truth. See Kathleen for copies on her twice monthly visits, or call the Parlin (617) 394 2300 or Shute (617) 394 2308 libraries.

Parlin Childrens

Lego Club. Parlin Children's Room. Monday, September 9th from 3-5pm. Come to the Children's Room after school on Mondays for some free-building lego fun. Open to all ages. Children under 6 years old must be accompanied by an adult. No registration required.

Storytime and Sing-along with Karen, Parlin Children's Room. Wednesday, September 11th 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, September

4th 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 Craft Room. Thursday, September 12th and Friday, September 13th at 11am. Join us on Thursdays and Fridays at 11am with Mrs. McAuliffe for our enchanting Story Time! You will be whisked away on magical adventures through the pages of your favorite books. Bring a friend or make a new one in our circle of friends.

Fluency Fun Fridays! Parlin Children's Room. Friday, September 13th at 3 pm. Level up your fluency game! Join Mrs. McAuliffe for an afternoon of fun board games like Scrabble and Bananagrams, word searches and crossword puzzles. Suggested ages 5-12.

Origami Club. Parlin Children's Room. Saturday, September 14th at 12pm. Learn how to fold paper animals of all kinds! Open to all ages and abilities. Paper and instruction will be provided.

The Legend of the Inca Empire's Origin. Parlin Meeting Room, Saturday, September 14th at 11:00 am. This is the story of the city of Cusco which became the capital of the Inca Empire. There are many indigenous people who believe the Inca Kingdom will come back. Told in English and Spanish for Children and their Adults.

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Saugus-Everett Lodge of Elks Organization Donates Backpacks and School Supplies



The Everett Public Schools (EPS) extends its sincerest gratitude to the Saugus-Everett Lodge of Elks for making a very generous donation to our students at the outset of the 2024-2025 school year. The Elks delivered 150 backpacks filled with school supplies (inset) to the Central Administration Building on Tuesday, August 27, 2024, which were distributed to EPS schools by custodial staff for the first day of school on August 28th. Elks House Committee Chairman Linda Fuller (left) made the delivery, and Interim Assistant Superintendent Gretchen Manning was on hand to offer thanks on behalf of the EPS.

The Everett Independent reserves the right to edit letters for space, accuracy and clarity. We regret that we cannot publish unsigned letters. Please include your street and telephone number with your submission. The Everett Independent publishes columns, viewpoints and letters to the editor as a forum for readers to express their opinions and to encourage debate. Please note that the opinions expressed are not necessarily those of The Everett Independent. Text or attachments emailed to editor@everettindependent.com are preferred.

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tion and healing resources possible to those who need it. If you or someone you know may be struggling with substance use disorder, please don't hesitate to reach out. The City's Everett Recovery Connection (ERC) and Road

to Recovery programs are ready to assist at any time on any day of the week.

For more information, please call 617-394-2270 or visit cityofeverett.com/resident-services/health-living/substance-use-disorder.

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The City of Everett's Health Department handed out resources.



Community members and City officials joined together for the City of Everett's International Overdose Awareness Day event.



The Everett Fire Department along with the Road to Recovery program handed out resources to attendees.



The Everett Police Department handed out resources to attendees.



The City of Everett's Everett Recovery Connection handed out resources to attendees.



Mayor Carlo DeMaria was joined by residents and local community organizations to proclaim International Overdose Awareness Day in the City of Everett.

EVERETT HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY FOOTBALL



Head Coach Justin Flores and his staff with the 2024 Everett High School Crimson Tide Varsity Football Team.



Head Coach Justin Flores with the EHS Crimson Tide Seniors: Front row: Emanuel Santiago, Elijah Lassiter, Lucas Brito, Carlos Rodrigues, Christ Vernet, Y Ortizariel, and Diego Ayala. Back row: Chris Ruiz, Mark Slyvain, Fabrice Michaud, David Roseme, Kevin Diaz, Marvin Desruisseaux, and Alex Linhares.



The Crimson Tide Coaching Staff. Kyle Pena, Jason Portillo, Alvin Reynolds, Head Coach Justin Flores, Claudy St. Juste, Holvin Pena, Joseph Solomon, and Eric Browne.

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The 2024 EHS Crimson Tide Varsity Cheerleaders.

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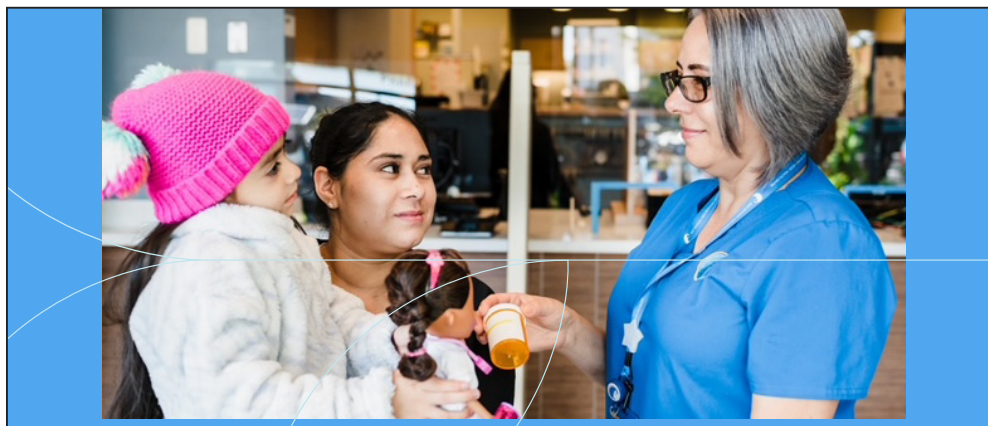
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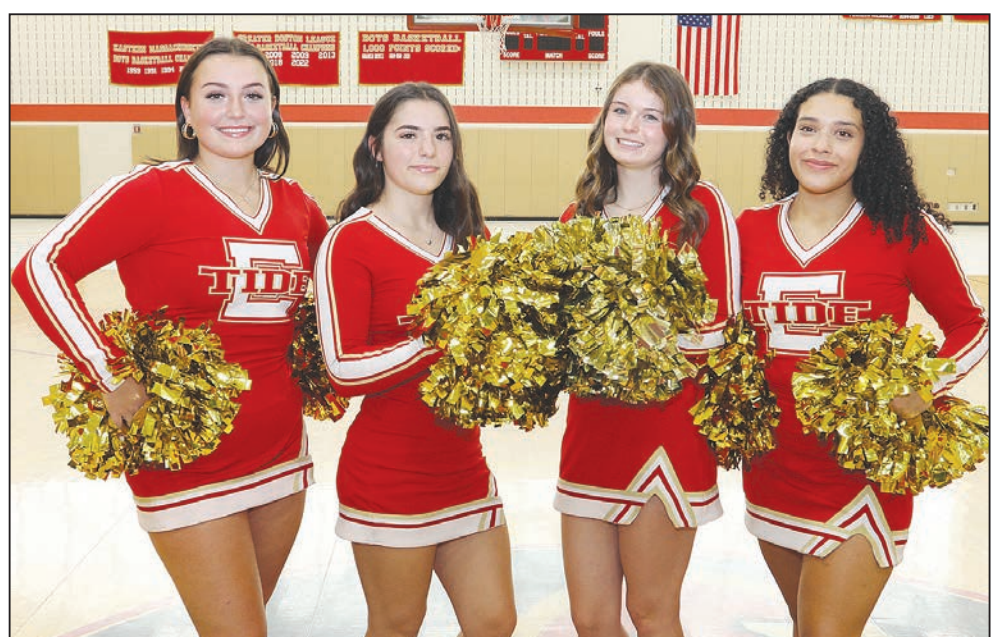


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The EHS Varsity Cheering Captains; Alexa Uga, Angelina Papa, Sarah Toberii, and Jackeline Salvador.

EVERETT IN FOOTBALL ACTION AGAINST ARLINGTON

Everett tuned up for their 2024 season with a controlled scrimmage against Arlington Tues-

day, August 27 at Veterans Stadium. The Crimson Tide, still smarting from their omission in the 2023

MIAA Division 1 playoffs despite a one-loss season, have arranged their schedule to avenge last year's

inequity, adding Taunton, Brockton, and Mansfield along with rivals BC High and Xaverian, to neutral-

ize the Power Ranking deficiencies that result from a less-competitive Greater Boston League schedule.

Everett will still face GBL rivals Medford, Lynn Classical, and Revere.

BOB MARRA PHOTOS



DOUBLE COVERAGE: Gidion Legall (5, left) and Joao Barrios make sure that no Arlington receiver will haul in this pass.



HAVE A SEAT: Linebacker Joao Barrios provides an unceremonious escort to a seat for the Arlington quarterback.



HOMEWARD BOUND: Yariel Ortiz fights off an Arlington defender on his way to the end zone after catching a long pass.



BAD INTENT: Chris Ruiz (54) has his sights on the Arlington quarterback.

Everett High football team hosts Mansfield Friday in season opener

By Cary Shuman

With an expected "Red Out" at Everett Veterans Memorial Stadium, the Everett High football team will open its 2024 season against Mansfield High Friday at 7 p.m. Everett fans are being

encouraged to wear red jerseys in a show of unity and support for head coach Justin Flores' contingent on opening night. Flores said his team has had a strong preseason and is ready to play Mansfield, a perennial state title contender.

"They're a very good team," said Flores. "They're a disciplined team. They're going to be tough up front. They have good size from their line to their skill posi-

tions. They're going to look to run downhill on us and try to deceive us a little bit in the passing game. Carlos Rodriguez returns as the starting quarterback

for Everett. "He's ready to go," said Flores. "I'm so excited to see him with more of a grasp of the offense mentally. He also put in a lot of work this

offseason to physically tune up his body." Flores said that the election for team captains was set to be held Tuesday.

EHS Roundup

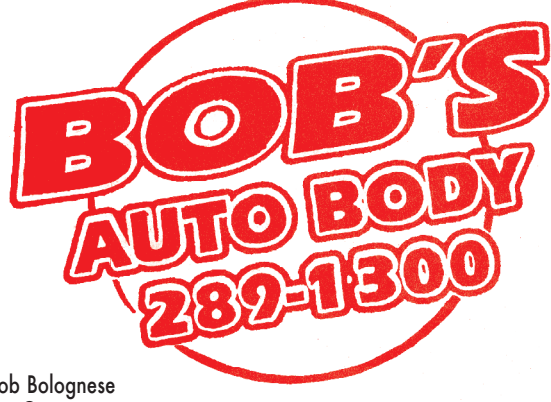
EHS VOLLEYBALL TEAM OPENS SEASON TODAY

The Everett High volleyball team will open its 2024 season today (Wednesday) when long-time head coach Michael Fineran and his squad host Greater Boston League

(GBL) rival Malden on the court at Everett High. "We had a great turnout, with over 90 students registering for tryouts," said Fineran. "We have a deep varsity team, with 16 players led by two captains: our setter Victoria Rodrigues,

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Mikko Nissinen's *Swan Lake* by Rosalie O'Connor.

A LOOK AT EXCELLENCE IN THE EVERETT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Making a House Call

Madeline English School Professional Development Session Focus on Belonging and Acceptance

Two educators from the Ron Clark Academy (RCA), a highly acclaimed nonprofit academy in Atlanta, led a professional development session at the Madeline English School on Monday, August 26, 2024.

Dean of Students, and creative writing teacher Susan Barnes led the discussion, which will help Madeline English School teachers and leaders implement a House System that fosters support and teamwork among students. This school-wide initiative is being supported by Ev-

erett Public Schools (EPS) Equity Consultant Victoria Privott. Schools around the world have implemented the RCA House System as a dynamic way to create a powerful and positive school climate. Students are celebrated for their efforts through a process

that builds character, empowers academic excellence, fosters school spirit, enhances relationships, and promotes a culture of belonging for all.

Each House has unique properties such as its own

color, symbols, nation of heritage, history, and more. Over time, each House also starts to take on its own values and personality driven by the culture of the students and staff within it. Under the house model,

when one of us wins we all win. The initiative aligns with the district's Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging (DEIB) goals, which is central to the work Ms. Privott is leading throughout the district.



From left: Madeline English School Head Teacher Joe Marchese, Assistant Principal Anastasia Kolokithas, Ron Clark Academy (RCA) teacher Susan Barnes, Assistant Principal Tiffany Boyake, and RCA administrator Junior Bernadin.

The Assessment? Awesome!

More than 500 Students Take Advantage of District-Wide Initiative



The Everett Public Schools (EPS) held successful assessment days for students entering kindergarten and first and second grades on August 20-21, 2024, at every elementary school in the district. The math and literacy assessments are required by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, and they provide teachers with a deeper understanding of a student's learning profile. More than 500 students took advantage of the early assessment period, which saves valuable time when the school year begins. Every student who attended received a backpack, school supplies, and a book. Thanks to Tier II Math and Literacy Directors, Jaqueline Fallon and Audra Lessard, for coordinating the assessment days and to the EPS educators who staffed the events.

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who has played all four years on varsity; and our libero Sonia Flores, who has been on varsity since her sophomore year.

"They are two of nine seniors on the team, including two players who are returning to volleyball this year: Ashley Seward and Clarice Alexis," said Fineran. "Both are great athletes, and we will look to them to fill the void left by last year's all-star middle hitters, Nicole Brandao and Kaesta Sandy.

"We will also rely on senior Tanessa Duvilaire and returning juniors Juliette Romboli and Amanda Verteiro to build off of their experience in the tournament last year," Fineran continued. "Shaeendra Hall and Lindsey Cherichel-Paul have the potential to score a lot of points for us, too. On the defensive side, transfer Cassandra Tayag and sophomore Kiana Flores add speed and hustle to a stellar group that includes seniors Kayleigh McMahon, Murielle Campo, Trinh Dang, and Emill Nogueira.

"As always, our goal is to earn a spot in the state tournament, and to do so, we will need 10 wins," the coach noted "It will not be easy, since every team in our league is competitive, and we have strong non-league opponents from Lowell, Lawrence, and Saugus. The experience of playing in the tournament last year should give us the confidence knowing we have what it takes, and I know that none of us felt satisfied with the 3-1 loss to Westford Academy."

The Lady Crimson Tide will play their seven GBL rivals (Somerville Medford, Malden, Chelsea, Revere, Lynn English, and Lynn Classical) twice each and non-league foes Lawrence (twice), Lowell, and Saugus.

"Andrea Kendrick and Charlotte Mezoff return as assistant coaches," Fineran added. "With their help, the future looks promising: we carry 27 players on two junior varsity teams, including 20

ninth graders."

The varsity squad members are: Senior captain Victoria Rodrigues, senior captain Sonia Flores, senior Murielle Campo, senior Trinh Dang, senior Tanessa Duvilaire, senior Kayleigh McMahon, senior Clarice Alexis, senior Ashley Seward, senior Emilly Nogueira, junior Nicole Damaceno, junior Amanda Verteiro, junior Juliette Romboli, junior Lindsey Cherichel-Paul, junior Shaeendra Hall, sophomore Kristina Tayag, and sophomore Kiana Flores.

The Junior Varsity team will be led by coach Andrea Kendrick. The members of the team are: junior Zoe Massiah; sophomores Maria Jose Cardenas (captain), Melissa Mereiesm, Qiong Qiong Chen, Samantha Pacheco Lemus, Keilyn Molina Martinez, and Nayma Jean; and freshmen Elora Philippe, Tatiana Chacon Tejada, Abigail Falkowski, Jane Maharjan, Cece da Silveira, and Habiba El Sharkawi.

Members of the all-freshman junior varsity B squad, coached by Charlotte Mezoff, are: Djenaya Alexis, Thayssa Andrade, Marcella Ballmer, Elouise Da Silva, Giyanna Desamours, Naima Fleurima, Kiara Garcia, Lena Ghoubal, Ailyn Hoyos-Reyes, Taisha Jean-Pierre, Jaycee Nguyen, Marlin Salazar Lucero, Ludmila Sancore, and Luanna Silva.

After today's match with Malden, the Lady Crimson Tide will make the short trek across the Parkway to Chelsea on Monday and will entertain Lynn Classical next Wednesday.

NEW SEASON, NEW COACH FOR EHS BOYS SOCCER TEAM

The 2024 edition of the Everett High boys soccer team will feature a new head coach, former Crimson Tide star Rodney Landaverde, when the EHS squad opens its 2024 season tomorrow (Thursday)

at Greater Boston League (GBL) rival Medford.

"We are excited to get the season rolling," said Landaverde, a member of the EHS class of 2018. "Our tryouts went well. We had 150 kids participate in the week-long tryouts and had a lot of great talent competing for roster spots. We have finalized our three squads and are definitely looking to build on that and compete for a playoff spot this season.

"We have a mix of upperclassmen and underclassmen on the varsity side who are starting to work well together and understand our team principles," Landaverde continued. "There are some returning varsity players who I am confident will lead the team with their experience.

"We have a brand-new coaching staff in assistant varsity coach Carlos Andres Ruiz, junior varsity coach Joshua Crespo, and freshman coach Matt Lerret (who is a substitute teacher at the Keverian School). We are building a culture in Everett that promotes team-play, discipline, and exciting soccer," Landaverde added.

The members of the varsity team are: seniors Santiago Arredondo, Jefferson Carballo, Kareem Drissi, Anthony Fontes, Luvens Hector, Bryan Ribeiro, David Severe, Antony Henriquez, Henrique Pinto, Timothy Villanueva Figueroa, Jared Valdivieso Arias, and goalkeeper Douglas Landaverde; juniors Gabriel Garcia, Lucas Rabelo-Araujo, Daniel Pinho, and goalkeeper Adailson Souza; sophomores Kevin Renderos, Efrain Ramos, and Rene Lainez; and freshmen Jonathan Hernandez and Hig-or Lima.

The Crimson Tide will play an 18-game schedule with 14 contests against their seven GBL rivals (Somerville, Medford, Malden, Chelsea, Revere, Lynn English, and Lynn Classical) and four matches vs. non-league opponents Lowell, Marblehead, B.C. High, and



SMOOTH OPERATOR: Everett has high hopes for quarterback Carlos Rodrigues, here finding some running room against Arlington.

Boston International.

After tomorrow's opener with Medford, the boys will play at Malden on Tuesday and will host archrival Chelsea next Thursday.

EHS FIELD HOCKEY OPENS SEASON FRIDAY

The Everett High field hockey team will open its season this Friday when coach Nicola Jones and her crew host non-league opponent Hamilton-Wenham on the turf field at 7-Acre Park at 4:15.

With Revere and Malden being the only other Greater Boston League schools that have a field hockey program, the majority of Everett's contests will be against non-league opponents, including Hamilton-Wenham, Greater Lowell, Haverhill, Northeast Regional, Waltham, Arlington, and Lowell.

The Crimson Tide will make the long treks to Greater Lowell on Mon-

day and to Haverhill next Wednesday.

EHS GIRLS SOCCER SET TO OPEN SEASON

The Everett High girls soccer team opened its season yesterday (Tuesday) with a match against non-league opponent Brockton on the turf field at 7-Acre Park.

"We are all extremely excited to kick off the season," said EHS head coach Domenick Persuittie.

The 2024 squad will be led by a trio of captains, seniors Yelsa Garcia and Emilia Marie-Babcock, both of whom have been four-year starters, and junior Casey Martinez, who is a three-year starter.

The members of the varsity squad are: seniors Alondra Flores, Yelsa Garcia, Emilia Maria-Babcock, and Hilary Monja; juniors Casey Martinez, Kathleen Desouza, Gisele Erazo, Luna Sepulveda Masselli, and Gabriella Lones Rivera; sophomores Kayla Andrade, Sofia Arana-Quin-

tanilla, Layla Leles, and Mariana Rodrigues; and freshmen Ashley Heath, Giselle Lemus, Rosa Romero, Nicole Lemus, Leilany Rodrigues, Mariana Franca, and Tiffany Aguilar.

Assisting Persuittie in the coaching duties will be assistant coach Bridget Cifuni and JV coach Leah Ferullo.

After yesterday's opener with Brockton, the Lady Crimson Tide will host Greater Boston League (GBL) rival Medford tomorrow (Thursday) at 4:15 at 7-Acre. They will travel to Methuen Saturday morning before returning home to entertain Malden on Tuesday.

Persuittie and his crew will play an 18-game schedule, with 14 of their matches coming against their seven GBL rivals (Chelsea, Medford, Malden, Revere, Lynn Classical, Lynn English, and Somerville) and four with non-league foes Brockton, Methuen, Lowell, and Beverly.

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CHURCH News

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.

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.

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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.

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

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Zion Church - Everett

News and Notes

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 You Tube.

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

Glendale Christian Lighthouse Church

News and Notes

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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.

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Grace Anglican Episcopal Church

News and Notes

Grace Anglican Episcopal Church is open and welcoming to all.

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

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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.

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LA COLABORATIVA DEPLOYS FIRST CONTAINERIZED URBAN FARM IN CHELSEA

CHELSEA - La Colaborativa, a preeminent Latinx-led nonprofit organization focused on empowering Latinx residents and enhancing quality of life, is excited to announce the launch of the youth-centered Freight Farm Urban Agriculture Program.

Beginning this community-centered project, La Colaborativa has deployed the first containerized urban farming unit in Chelsea and the greater region, which will be operated by youth enrolled in La Colaborativa's workforce training programs.

"For decades, we have worked diligently to address health disparities and environmental injustice in Chelsea and the greater region," said La Colaborativa Executive Director Gladys Vega. "With our new Freight Farm, we're thrilled to embark on a transformative project that will empower youth, advance urban agriculture, and enhance the health of our community."

This marks the beginning of a major food security and health equity project aimed at boosting access to healthy, culturally familiar produce, including hydroponically grown herbs, lettuces, greens, and other vegetables.

"As climate change and gentrification intensify, residents across the community are grappling with rising prices and grave food insecurity," said Alex Train, COO of La Colaborativa. "We're excited to deploy this unique model to address social determinants of health, while setting out pathways for our youth to pursue careers that can transform their community."

The ultimate aim of the project is to prevent chronic diseases through locally-grown, culturally familiar produce and healthy cooking techniques, and the environment while launching a new youth development program focused on training young adults for careers in the food security, culinary, and nutrition fields.

In conjunction with Freight Farms, a pioneer in container farming technology, La Colaborativa is operating the first containerized urban farming unit in Chelsea.

Harnessing the power of technology, the unit will cultivate up to 12,000 pounds of fresh produce for the community each year. Grounded in the principles of health equity, La Colaborativa's efforts aim to address social determinants of health by increasing the volume, variety, and quality of fresh produce. Distributed through its large-scale food pantry and mobile market, El Verdulero, fresh vegetables from the freight farm will reduce the detrimental effects of food deserts, improve physical and mental health, and lessen household costs - a vital lifeline as rent, utility, and living costs sharply grow.

Through La Colaborativa's Youth Development Program, a cohort of young adults interested in pursuing careers in climate resilience, food security, and environmental disciplines will gain hands-on experience operating the

Freight Farm. Looking towards our shared future, this partnership introduces a multifaceted program aimed at empowering youth to cultivate skills and pursue career ambitions that reveal economic opportunity. In parallel, youth will be connected to educational and career pathways that can positively impact the community. Youth contributing to the freight farm will also be supported through robust mentorship and leadership development activities.

The project is informed by a lineage of environmental justice. Over 30 years ago, La Colaborativa established the Chelsea Green Space Committee. Since then, La Colaborativa has spearheaded air quality mitigation, health equity, open space, and food security initiatives that have dramatically improved the environment of Chelsea.

Building off of this foundation, this new initiative seeks to catalyze lasting economic opportunities for youth, with the ultimate goal of fostering generational community development through environmental justice.

EASTIE LATIN MUSIC AND DANCE FESTIVAL RETURNS SEPTEMBER 21

EAST BOSTON - The annual East Boston Latin Music & Dance Festival brings a day filled with Sonidos De La Gente (Sounds of the People) to East Boston Memorial Park Saturday, September 21, 2024. Now in its third year, the festival will feature a variety of local artists and dance groups spread across two stages from 1:00 - 7:30 PM. The FREE family-friendly event is organized by Sen. Lydia Edwards' office in conjunction with ZUMIX, Veronica Robles Cultural Center, East Boston Main Streets, and the City of Boston.

The 2024 festival will include the salsa sounds of Puerto Rican singer, composer and bandleader Jesus Pagan y su Orquesta, the vibrant Colombian rhythms of La Rockola as well as the incomparable Veronica Robles' Mariachi Band and the unique Andean sounds from Omar Clavijo y su Son Latino. The afternoon will also include performances by youth musicians from ZUMIX.

Dance groups will include Salsa y Control (Salsa), Samba Viva (Baiana, Malandro, Maculelé, Axé), Bajucol folkloric dancers, and Veronica Robles Cultural Center's youth dancers.

The East Boston Latin Music & Dance Festival will also feature local and independent restaurants serving food and drink throughout the event.

"I am proud to serve the wonderful community of East Boston, and delighted to join local residents as we celebrate the rich Latin American cultures that bring so much vibrance to this corner of the city," said Sen. Lydia Edwards. "I invite everyone to come visit Eastie on 9/21 to enjoy great music, dance, food, and festivities!"

This festival takes place at East Boston Memorial Park, a beautiful spot adjacent to the MBTA Airport Station on the Blue Line and the Mary Ellen Welch Greenway. Attendees are encouraged to use public transportation including

the MBTA East Boston ferry.

El Festival de Música y Baile Latino de East Boston regresa con una celebración de un día de duración el 21 de septiembre de 2024

El Festival anual de música y baile latino de East Boston trae un día lleno de "Sonidos De La Gente" al East Boston Memorial Park el sábado 21 de septiembre de 2024. Ahora en su tercer año, el festival contará con una variedad de artistas locales y grupos de baile repartidos en dos escenarios de 1:00 a 7:30 p.m. El evento familiar GRATUITO está organizado por la oficina de la senadora Lydia Edwards en conjunto con ZUMIX, el Centro Cultural Verónica Robles, East Boston Main Streets y la Ciudad de Boston.

El festival 2024 incluirá los sonidos de salsa del cantante, compositor y director de orquesta puertorriqueño Jesús Pagán y su Orquesta, los vibrantes ritmos colombianos de La Rockola, así como el incomparable Mariachi de Verónica Robles y los sonidos andinos inigualables de Omar Clavijo y su Son Latino. La tarde también incluirá actuaciones de jóvenes músicos de ZUMIX.

Los grupos de baile incluirán Salsa y Control (Salsa), Samba Viva (Baiana, Malandro, Maculelé, Axé), bailarines folclóricos de Bajucol y jóvenes bailarines del Centro Cultural Verónica Robles.

El Festival de Música y Danza Latina de East Boston también contará con restaurantes locales e independientes que servirán comida y bebida durante todo el evento.

"Estoy orgullosa de servir a la maravillosa comunidad de East Boston y encantada de unir a los residentes locales mientras celebramos las ricas culturas latinoamericanas que aportan tanta vitalidad a este rincón de la ciudad", dijo la senadora Lydia Edwards. "¡Invito a todos a visitar Eastie el 21 de septiembre para disfrutar de buena música, baile, comida y festividades!"

Este festival se lleva a cabo en East Boston Memorial Park, un hermoso lugar adyacente a la estación MBTA Airport en la Línea Azul y Mary Ellen Welch Greenway. Se anima a los asistentes a utilizar el transporte público, incluido el ferry MBTA East Boston.

COUNCIL TO CONTINUE DEBATE ON PROPOSED TRANSLATION AND INTERPRETATION ORDINANCE

REVERE - The city council will continue debate on a proposed ordinance for providing interpretation and translation services for public meetings and documents.

During a public hearing on Monday night, Council President Anthony Cogliandro moved the ordinance to a future meeting of the legislative affairs subcommittee.

While the proposed ordinance was in subcommittee in the spring, Cogliandro noted that it has changed significantly since it was first presented in April.

At Monday night's public hearing, Claire Inzerillo from the city solicitor's



Wednesday was the Town of Winthrop's first day of school, students and parents arrive early at the William P. Gorman Fort Banks Elementary School.

office outlined the city administration's opposition to the proposed ordinance.

While Inzerillo praised the intent of the ordinance, she said it would conflict with the city's recently adopted Language Access Plan (LAP) and cause budgetary issues.

"A dedicated group of city employees have been implementing the LAP since its adoption earlier this year, and we are making great progress in the collection and categorization of material from our various department over a century old."

When the LAP is fully implemented, Inzerillo said it will provide notices for availability for interpretation of public meetings and for small group interactions.

"An example of this is when we have a business owner come in to talk about a small business loan, which happens quite often," Inzerillo said. "The city's offerings for interpretation will exist on a by-request basis once this initial collection phase has been completed."

Vital city documents will be translated following federal Housing and Urban Development guidelines where a language is spoken by either 5 percent of residents or 1,000 people, whichever is less.

"For all services, however, written or spoken, residents will be able to request their language with the city making a good faith effort to provide said language service," said Inzerillo. "There are detailed policies and procedures and a timeline, which are outlined in the LAP that city staff use to ensure meaningful access to services by all the folks who are living in our community."

While the ordinance before the city council is well intended, Inzerillo said, it sets unreasonable standards that conflict with the LAP the city is working on. She noted that in the month of August alone, there were 21 municipal meetings that would have had to be translated under the ordinance, several of which had either minimal or no attendance from residents.

"This demonstrates why our LAP operates on a by-request basis for interpretation services, to ensure that we are not wasting precious time, energy, or money in a needless manner," Inzerillo said.

"We stand on the opposing side tonight because of the fundamental budgetary differences that exist between the two. A city the size of Lynn or Worcester may have the bandwidth to provide this ... for all meetings and all documents, but with a new high school on the horizon and a small group of employees we have at city hall, the proposal before you right now is unobtainable."

TOWN CONTINUES WORK ON FIRE STATION SITE SELECTION

WINTHROP - The town basketball courts on Walden Street and the old middle school are the two sites the town is focusing on as a potential site for a new fire station.

Last November, voters rejected an approximately \$40 million debt exclusion vote that would have funded the building of a new fire station at the Wadsworth Building site on Winthrop Street, replacing the two current stations on Pauline Street and Shirley Avenue, both of which are over a century old.

At last week's regular town council meeting, Town Manager Tony Marino said the town is finalizing survey questions for residents on their thoughts about the fire station location.

Council President Jim Letterie also provided an update on how and when a possible debt exclusion vote for one of the two sites could appear on an election ballot.

"At our last meeting, the council approved a request from the school committee to put an override on the ballot," said Letterie. "Now we are looking at potentially there is a firehouse, potentially there is a citizens' petition to put 3A on. So I asked the town clerk to call to see what other options we have, and my understanding is ... we could have a separate ballot, a town ballot for either a citizens' petition or a debt exclusion for this November or whenever we choose."

Letterie said there would be an additional cost to the town if there is a separate

ballot for either or both questions.

Town Clerk Denise Quist said if there was a ballot question during the presidential election in November it would cost the town close to \$16,000 because the town has to abide by all state laws related to early voting and notifications to voters.

"If we do that, and then we have another ballot question anyway in a month or so, that will be another additional \$16,000," said Quist.

In addition to the efforts to select a site for a new fire station, Marino said there are also plans underway for potential repairs to reinforce the floors in the engine bays of the Pauline Street station.

"There's a plan in place to put a small retaining wall down there so we can isolate just where the bays are so we can remove the floor, put the fill in, and then pour a new concrete floor over that," said Marino. "Then we are also getting pricing and plans, we would lose the steam boiler at that point, for what minisplits and electric heat would cost upstairs."

Marino said there is no imminent threat for the floor to fall in at the Pauline Street station, but that it is something that the town needs to address.

"We are looking at potentially taking one of the engines out that we don't use on a regular basis and maybe putting it over at the old DPW garage ... so there would be closeby access for it, but we would also lose half the weight on the floor," said Marino. "We are looking at a few different things, but we want to get a fine-tuned cost before we bring it to the council."

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Meeting new neighbors

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

September is a month for meeting new neighbors. Nationwide, most moves happen in the summer months. For some, it's from a desire to settle in before the new school year begins. In Greater Boston, thousands of undergraduates, graduate students, faculty, and educational support staff descend on the area with a crush of September 1st move-in dates.

Some of you will meet new people and dogs who have moved into your building, block, or neighborhood. Others will be learning their way around a new home and may appreciate a friendly welcome. In either case, having a dog beside you will increase your opportunities to meet new neighbors.

How to Introduce Dogs

It's always best to introduce dogs in neutral territory. We recommend not

sharing close quarters with a new dog. Your dog may consider the hallways and elevators in your building part of its domain, while the new dog may still need to learn its elevator and common area manners.

One of the best suggestions we read was to think about how your dog reacts to other dogs on routine walks. Reactions may range from barking and growling to total indifference.

Most of your introductions to new dogs will happen serendipitously while you are out and about. You must be alert for a reactive dog's sounds and body language as it approaches you. If your dog is reactive, put a hand up as a stop sign when a strange dog approaches and tell the person with the dog that your pup needs a little extra space.

We've had foster dogs who were afraid of their own shadows, scared of men, highly protective of Penny, and others who

were friendly with everyone. These pups were also trying to adjust to a new home, new guardians, and new territory. For this reason, we try to be very understanding when approaching a new dog. After asking if we can say hello to the dog, we don't touch but instead offer the back of our hands for the dog to sniff.

Make a Date to Introduce Dogs

Occasionally, you'll want to introduce your dog to a specific friend or neighbor's dog. Dogtopia.com suggests you make this like meeting someone new for coffee rather than a dinner date. With a secure 4-6 foot leash (no retractable leashes for this task), pace a routine walk behind the dog you plan to introduce and slowly catch up. Walk a little together with the humans between the dogs to judge how the dogs are reacting before deciding to move closer.



Creating a happy pack of dogs who walk comfortably together takes time. But it's worth the effort.

If necessary, try again on another day. Just like people, some dogs make quick friendships, while others take time to relax together. Some dogs favor one breed over another or are afraid of certain dogs.

Check Before Introducing

We'll let the American Kennel Club add a final word on introductions.

"Just because you're saying hello to your neighbors doesn't mean your dog has to. If you have a very social pet who loves people and greets them appropriately, you may want them to say hello. But first, check to see if your neighbors like dogs and want to greet your pup. Some people are nervous or afraid of canines, while others are allergic

or would just prefer to keep their distance. It's important to respect your neighbors' boundaries and comfort levels. Similarly, not all dogs are going to be comfortable meeting strangers."

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