

# Everett Independent

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Santa and Mrs. Claus arrived in style thanks to the Everett Fire Department.

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The School Street and Norwood Street municipal parking lot was filled with attendees and activities for all to partake in.

## City of Everett lights Christmas Tree in celebration of the holiday season

Special to the Independent

The City of Everett hosted the annual Christmas Tree Lighting event on Friday, Dec. 6 at Everett Square in celebration of the holiday season.

The City spread holiday cheer with many fun and free activities including live performances, hay rides, train rides, holiday

characters, face painting, balloon creations, food, giveaways, and even a special visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus directly from the North Pole. The jolly couple paraded down Broadway, led by the Everett police and fire departments and Everett High School's award-winning band. Following the arrival of Santa and Mrs.

Claus, they sang some holiday songs on the big stage and then made their way to the Parlin Memorial Library to take photos with attendees.

In addition to the festive activities, Mayor Carlo DeMaria and family threw the switch and lit up the beautiful Christmas tree to spread holiday cheer throughout the communi-

ty.

"The Christmas Tree Lighting is one of my personal favorite annual events because it's always a fantastic opportunity for our community to come together to spread cheer and celebrate the holiday season," said Mayor DeMaria. "I'd like to thank

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## Everett is well prepared for the upcoming winter

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With the snow season now upon us, the City of Everett is well prepared for snow removal measures. Mayor Carlo DeMaria recently met with his senior staff to ensure that the procedures, staffing, and supplies for snow removal and parking enforcement are effectively in place.

All pieces of snow removal equipment, both City-owned and contracted vehicles, along with several snow blowers for City buildings will be

made available for the upcoming season. For major storms, crews will work in coordinated split shifts, utilizing plows, sanders, bobcat front-end loaders and sidewalk plows to ensure the safety of the City's main arteries, side streets, and sidewalks. In the days following major storms, the Department of Public Works (DPW) will continue the work of plowing and coordinating additional snow removal.

The City has reaffirmed its strategy for notifying residents of parking bans.

Parking bans and restrictions will be implemented and enforced ahead of storms. Once the decision has been made to declare a snow parking ban, the information will be made available to residents through robo-calls, postings on Everett Community Television (ECTV), social media (Facebook: /cityofeverettma; Instagram: @cityofeverettma; X (the platform formerly known as Twitter): @EverettGov\_MA), the cityofeverett.com website, and by the activation of

the blue emergency lights along main arteries. Residents can also call 311 or 617-394-2270 for any information.

For this snow season, December 2024 to March/April of 2025, the year used for parking bans will be 2025 – an odd numbered year – thus vehicles should park on the ODD side of the street. For secondary streets – where parking is normally allowed on both sides – parking is ONLY

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## Progress Made

### Seventh-and-eighth grade academy looking to use old EHS building

By Cary Shuman

The issue of using the old Everett High School building for a seventh-and-eighth grade academy will move forward with a neighborhood meeting on the issue set to take place in January.

City Council President Robert Van Campen had requested an update from Mayor Carlo DeMaria on the ongoing efforts "to reclaim the former Everett High School for expanded school purposes, including the relocation of certain other non-educational uses within the facility."

DeMaria spoke at the meeting and provided additional information about the project and the possibility that the Eliot Family Resource Center and the Broadway Boxing Club could continue to operate within the facility using separate entrances.

Frank Tedesco, president of Mount Vernon Group Architects, also addressed the Council, indicating that the project's square footage will be expanded at the building, and the estimated cost for the project would likely rise from \$72 million to



Mayor Carlo DeMaria is pictured after speaking at Monday's City Council meeting.

\$79 million. He said the completed project would be like having "a brand-new school" at the site. Mount Vernon has accomplished a similar "brand new look" with its highly acclaimed renovation project of Beverly High School.

After the meeting, Van Campen expounded on his belief that a neighborhood meeting is necessary at this point in the discussions.

"I'm trying to avoid unnecessary negative impacts, so I'm still analyzing and studying this project just to make sure that ultimately this is going to work for the area," said Van Campen.

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## Councillors Smith, Rogers offer differing viewpoints on live animal testing issue

By Cary Shuman

The City Council voted by a 5-4 margin to send a request by Councilor-at-Large Stephanie Smith to the Legislative Affairs Committee on amending an ordinance on the issue of live animal testing at future life science centers that may be built in Everett.

Councilor-at-Large Katy Rogers spoke against the measure following Smith's opening statement.

Smith noted that last month the Council voted to amend the city's zoning ordinance to create the Everett Docklands Innovation District.

"A component of this district was to include life sciences as a by-right use," said Smith. "This is the first time we've ever included life sciences as a by-right use in any of our zoning, so now as a result, I feel we need to update some of the other ordi-

nances because of that."

Smith said her amendment "was not a result of a corporation or private developer influencing me, and it's not developer driven."

Smith said a life science center in Everett "is the opportunity for job creation and workforce development."

"These are high-skilled high-wage jobs for Everett residents who would otherwise have to commute to other cities that do allow this," said Smith. "This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for us to have economic growth, sustainability and innovation here in Everett."

Smith said her proposal does not lift animal testing completely, instead limiting it "to small vertebrate species such as mice, rats, and fish, and only where [the city] is zoned for life sciences."

Rogers sought a special

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Ward 2 Councilor Stephanie Martins (left) listens to Chief Financial Officer Eric Demas (right) as he responds to her request for an update on ARPA fund distribution to local organizations in the city.

### COUNCIL PRESIDENT ROBERT VAN CAMPEN HOSTS HOLIDAY PARTY

A large crowd of family, friends, and supporters across the city attended City Council President Robert Van Campen's Holiday Party Dec. 4 at Anthony's Malden.

The guests also celebrated Van Campen's 50th birthday with a special cake decorated in his honor.

"He's a role model at a time when we need role models," said friend Chris Connolly in his introductory remarks. "I like to think of Robert as a gentleman and a scholar. He's reliable, he's educated, and he's in for the right reasons for the people of Everett and beyond, being a union general counsel for AFSCME. Everyone appreciates Robert in the city and all that he does as the president of the City Council."

Mr. Van Campen's son, John, also spoke to the gathering, stating, "As a member of the City Council, he works tirelessly to make our community a better place. For as long as I can remember, he has been deeply involved in public service, taking on all the responsibilities that come with it. He's someone who generally cares about others and their well-being. He's a great dad. He's taught me that

leadership isn't about the title, it's about service."

Robert Van Campen thanked the tremendous crowd for their support, jesting, "This is overwhelming to me. I woke up this morning and I said to Lisa, 'What if no one comes to this [event]?' But we're all here and I'm grateful for that."

Van Campen said cordially, "We have to get back to a world where we can disagree with each other without being enemies."

Van Campen expressed his appreciation to the many councillors and school committee members in attendance for their service in the city.

"Public service is hard," said Van Campen. "The folks that I serve with, they come at this work with a genuine interest in solving the problems face. At the end of the day, we may have disagreements, but we're not enemies. We're fellow citizens."

Van Campen concluded his remarks by thanking his wife, Lisa, and his children, John and Lily, for their support, encouragement, and understanding of his being a busy councillor. "I love you guys very much," he said.



City Council President Robert Van Campen welcomes Kelley Naumann and Alex Naumann to his Holiday Party at Anthony's, Malden.



Robert Van Campen welcomes Saugus Town Moderator Steve Doherty and Town Meeting Member Sue Palomba to the Holiday Party.



Melrose City Councilor Shawn MacMaster, former Melrose Mayor Rob Dolan, and City Councilor Mark Garipay are pictured with Everett City Council President Robert Van Campen.



Former city councillor Al Lattanzi and Supt. of Schools William Hart.



Robert Van Campen and his mother, Marie Van Campen.



City Council President Robert Van Campen, with Marie Tozzi and LA Zawodny.



DJ Mike Phillips (right) and Sue Phillips.



Guests from the family, from left, Shawn Morrow, Mikayla Morrow, Susan Van Campen, Linda Morrow, Shawn Morrow Sr., Jake Morrow, and Ashley Brown.



City Council President Robert Van Campen, with his wife, Lisa Van Campen, son, John, and daughter, Lily.



Colleagues on the City Council turned out to support Council President Robert Van Campen at the Holiday Party. From left, are Councilors Michael Marchese, Stephanie Martins, John Hanlon, Katy Rogers, Guerline Alcy-Jabouin, Stephanie Smith, Robert Van Campen, Holly Garcia, and Anthony DiPierro.



City councillors and members of the School Committee are pictured with Robert Van Campen at his Dec. 4 Holiday Party at Anthony's, Malden.

**Thank you for kicking off the holiday season with me!  
I am honored by your support.**

**City Council President Robert Van Campen & Family**



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allowed on the side of the street where the house numbers are odd when a snow parking ban is declared. This rule will apply for the entire snow season. However, for streets that are one-sided parking, vehicles must remain on the side that is usually allowed. As always, there is no parking permitted on main arteries during a snow parking ban.

- Main arteries include:
- Alpine Ave. - Both sides.
  - Bellrock Avenue - Entire length.
  - Broadway - From Boston to Malden line.
  - Bryant Street - Entire length.
  - Bucknam Street - From Norwood to Belmont Street.
  - Chelsea Street - From Everett Square to Everett Avenue.
  - Elm Street - From Ferry Street to Revere line.
  - Ferry Street - From Malden line to Chelsea Street.
  - Fuller Street - Entire length.
  - Garland Street - Eastern side from Woodlawn Street to Lawrence Street.
  - Hancock Street - From Broadway to Malden line.
  - High Street - From Broadway to Ferry Street.

- Lawrence Street - Entire length.
- Lynn Street - Entire length.
- Main Street - Sweetser Circle to Malden line.
- Nichols Street - From Ferry Street to Chelsea line.
- Norwood Street - From Bucknam Street to Everett Square.
- Second Street - Entire length.
- Tileston Street - Entire length.
- Tremont Street - Entire length.
- Union Street - Entire length.

Failure to follow snow parking ban regulations will result in the ticketing and towing of vehicles.

The Department of Public Works would like to remind residents to not throw snow back onto the street when shoveling. This hinders the efforts of the City to effectively plow roadways and is subject to fines. When possible, residents are asked to wait until the storm is over before removing snow from driveway entrances to avoid shoveling multiple times. Plows do not intentionally push snow in front of driveways; however, it is a part of the necessary

efforts to keep roadways clear. Also, using objects to reserve parking spaces on City streets is prohibited by City ordinance.

In the event there are snow banks that make it difficult to place trash bins on the sidewalk, residents may place trash bags on top of the snow banks to be collected for removal. Please note that this will only be allowed when snow banks are too high and make it inaccessible for residents to place trash bins regularly on the sidewalk.

The Everett Fire Department is also asking residents to help clear snow at least three feet around fire hydrants. This is important for helping emergency personnel with quickly accessing fire hydrants during emergency situations.

The Mayor and his administration ask that all residents help the City achieve a successful snow removal season by following these regulations and thank everyone in advance for their cooperation. For more information, please call the Constituent Services Department at 617-394-2270.

## City of Everett launches communication boards improving accessibility at City Hall

Mayor Carlo DeMaria is pleased to announce that the City of Everett has recently launched communication boards to assist individuals with limited spoken language ability in accessing City services.

The initiative, which began in collaboration with City Councilor Holly Garcia, will expand City Hall's accessibility options to help individuals with limited speaking abilities with communicating with City staff. The boards display illustrations with short descriptors to help those with limited speaking abilities express themselves by gesturing or pointing to the images to communicate. With the help of a communication board, a person can gesture to a service they are looking for or ask or answer questions that will help a City staff member assist a constituent.

"We constantly strive to ensure residents know that City Hall and the services that are provided are available to everyone," said Mayor DeMaria. "I want to thank all those in-



An example of the communication boards available at City Hall that will be used to assist individuals with limited spoken language ability in accessing City services. (Photo courtesy of the City of Everett)

involved with introducing communication boards to key offices and for furthering our commitment to increasing accessibility in all that we do."

The communication boards were provided to

some of the most frequently visited offices at City Hall, including Constituent Services, Collector's Office, Health Department, City Clerk's Office, and Mayor's Office.

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"point of personal privilege" to speak on Smith's motion, and Council President Robert Van Campen approved the request.

"While I believe Council Smith's attentions are sincere in this matter, I do believe the Davis Company has dubious intentions, as was demonstrated two years ago, as well as during a public meeting the other night, in which they pitched animal testing to residents despite an ordinance already existing," said Rogers. "To me, that is direct interference in our municipal process, our government, and democracy as a whole."

Rogers issued a statement on the matter Tuesday stating, "If we allow

animal testing in Everett, we cannot undo it or reclaim the cruelty-free reputation residents have worked so hard to establish. The proposed Innovation District will thrive regardless of animal testing. The Davis Company, a \$4 billion real estate corporation, is committed to developing the area with or without it and should not be attempting to push amending it for profit. Allowing animal testing does not alter the district's trajectory but does compromise the ethical standards established by Everett residents.

Animal testing serves a private corporate agenda, not the public good. The ordinance was a constitu-

ent-led initiative, shaped by community voices to reflect Everett's values. Amending it undermines transparency and trust, principles we value in our community partnerships.

While animal testing may not harm the average resident directly, it offers no tangible benefits either. In contrast, maintaining Everett's cruelty-free status strengthens our advocacy for broader animal protections and positions us as a compassionate, forward-thinking community. By upholding the ban, we set a crucial precedent: companies must innovate with the community, not against it. This is not about stifling progress; it's about ensuring

## The Platters return to the Regent Theatre with acclaimed 'Very Merry Christmas Show!'

Special to the Independent

The Rock n' Roll, Vocal, and Grammy® Halls of Fame culture icons, The Platters® (theplatters.com), defacto members of the Marvel® Cinematic Universe® (MCU) music family, bring their critically acclaimed Very Merry Christmas Show back to The Regent Theatre, 7 Medford Street in Arlington for one show only on Thursday, December 19, 2024, at 7:30 p.m.

The Platters, founded and named by Herb Reed in the mid-50s, continues today with Lance Bernard Bryant, Omar Ross, Jovian K. Ford, and Brittney Nicole Bellamy. Collectively, they lend their harmonically smooth voices to taking audiences on a festive holiday-themed soiree via a magical, interactive, sonic-driven sleigh ride fueled by music from across the decades. The Platters weave many of their major evergreen hits, including "The Great Pretender," "My Prayer," and "Smoke Gets In Your Eyes," together with family fun holiday classics geared toward a night of joyful memories and family fun accompanied by their band Sonic Evolution. At the invitation of former East Boston and Revere native Frederick J. Balboni, Jr. (bcg-hre.com), the successor to



Shown (left to right) Jovian Ford, Omar Ross, Brittney Nicole Bellamy, and Lance Bernard Bryant.

Herb Reed, asked Everett Public Schools national award-winning

Music Director Gene O'Brien to join the group on stage during their only Boston area date. Accepting the invitation, Everett High School choral director Corey Crofoot was tasked by O'Brien to create an all-inclusive school and community choir to showcase the diverse talents of the students of the performing arts community. Members of the choir from the First Parish in Lexington will also be join the choral ensemble. The Platters became citizens of the MCU in 2021, with one of their timeless hits, Twilight Time, placed on the breakthrough Marvel® — Disney+® streaming television series WandaVision. This past July, Only You (and You Alone), the song that first launched the vocal group

onto the national music charts, recently took the top spot on the critically acclaimed soundtrack of Marvel's international blockbuster Deadpool & Wolverine. According to Balboni, Jr., Reed's hand-picked, direct successor and international keeper of his legacy, "We look forward to involving talented students and community members to come together and share the stage with us to showcase their talents. It helps us entertain the greater community so they can take time out of their busy lives to enjoy the season's spirit. " He continued, "Our family show will have plenty of surprises, including a special guest appearance by Santa himself.

Winthrop-based classic rock and soul group Smokin' Joe and The Henchmen will open the holiday show.

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Van Campen said that Eliot Family Resource Center provides "critical services to the community, but I am still questioning whether those impacts - adding a seventh-and-eighth-grade project - would be too great in this congested area."

Van Campen asserted that the neighborhood "is fully supportive of reclaiming the building [the old Everett High School] for school purposes. That's something I'm fully supportive of but the open question is whether these non-educational uses (Eliot Center, Broadway Boxing Club) can coexist for a greater use of the building for school purposes, and that's still the question that has to be answered."

Mayor DeMaria agreed with Van Campen's request to hold community meetings on the project and an additional request by Councilor-at-Large

John Hanlon that residents should be able to participate in the meeting remotely from their homes.

### Everett Arts & Culture Events

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## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE: THE SCOURGE WITHOUT END

When we heard the news last Friday morning that a 32 year-old woman had been shot and killed in broad daylight on a busy Chelsea street, the first thought that immediately crossed our mind was: The husband or boyfriend did it. Just a few hours later, police announced that they had arrested a suspect, the victim's 31 year-old estranged husband who, according to news reports, had called police to turn himself in.

We've been in the news business for longer than we care to remember and the world has changed in ways that were unimaginable when we began our career in journalism more than 50 years ago. But despite the changes in technology and societal attitudes regarding countless issues, the one constant that has remained is the pathology of domestic violence.

It still is the case today, just as it always has been, that a woman is more likely to suffer violence by a partner than from any other source. The statistics tell the tragic story: Nearly half of all women murdered in the United States are killed by a current or former intimate partner; 1 in 4 women will experience physical violence from an intimate partner in their lifetime; 1 in 3 women will experience some form of sexual violence from an intimate partner in their lifetime; and 1 in 6 women will experience stalking from an intimate partner in their lifetime.

It also has remained true that the most dangerous time for a woman in a relationship is the period when she first decides to leave her partner. The victim in the shooting this past week had been married to the suspect for 18 years, but they had become estranged only within the past two weeks.

In addition, an article in this week's New York Times has highlighted another dangerous time period for women: According to the Times, the second-leading cause of death (other than from the pregnancy itself) for women who are pregnant or recently postpartum is domestic violence.

What also was not surprising about Friday's tragic event is that a gun was used by the perpetrator. The mere presence of a firearm in a domestic violence situation increases the risk of homicide by 500% and more than half of intimate partner homicides are by firearm.

Fortunately, the U.S. Supreme Court recently let stand laws that exist in every state that require a person with a domestic violence restraining order to turn in his guns. However, there had not been a restraining order between the parties involved in Friday's tragedy.

Domestic violence cuts across all racial and economic lines. Just the week before Friday's incident (in which the victim and the suspect, both of whom are Haitian immigrants and are Black), it was announced that the Cohasset man who allegedly murdered and dismembered his wife -- both of whom are white -- at Christmas time two years ago will stand trial next year. We also would note that today's Massachusetts domestic violence laws stem from the 1970s after an incident in that wealthy suburb of Cohasset in which the husband shot and killed his wife and then shot and wounded his children before turning the gun on himself.

We generally conclude our editorials by offering our view on what lawmakers or individuals can do in order to bring about societal change. However, when it comes to domestic violence, we have no ready solution to this long-standing problem. We can only recommend to women and anyone who is in an abusive relationship to end it immediately and seek help from law enforcement, the courts, and the many services available to victims of domestic violence in our communities. (In Chelsea, HarborCOV offers services for victims of domestic violence. Its 24 hour hotline number is 617-884-9909.)

## ANOTHER DICTATOR BITES THE DUST

The demise of the dictatorship in Syria this weekend that brought to an end 50 years of brutal rule by the Assad family -- Bashar al-Assad had succeeded his father, Hafez al-Assad -- was startling to most observers. The Assad regime had successfully fought off a rebel army more than a decade ago, and though Syria had been divided into areas of control by various rebel groups and the government, the Assad regime, bolstered by the Russians and the Iranians, seemed secure.

However, the denigration of Iran's military capabilities by Israel this past year and Russia's weakened position because of its war in Ukraine left the Assad regime vulnerable to the rebel factions who never had gone away over the past decade.

What caught everyone by surprise, including Bashar al-Assad himself, was the rapidity of the rebels' advance from their stronghold in a tiny portion of northwestern Syria in the city of Idlib to the capital of Damascus, hundreds of miles away.

The images of Syrians rejoicing in the streets amidst the toppled statues of Hafez al-Assad were reminiscent of what happened in the immediate aftermath of the fall of so many other Middle East dictators, including Saddam Hussein in Iraq and Muammar al-Gaddafi in Libya.

The quick end to the al-Assad regime brought to mind a phrase by a character in the novel, *The Sun Also Rises* by Ernest Hemingway, about how bankruptcy befalls someone: "Gradually and then suddenly."

We join with the Syrian people in their joy and pray that their future, whatever path it may take, will be peaceful.

# Independent Forum

## UPCOMING EVENTS AT EVERETT PUBLIC LIBRARIES

### Parlin Adult and Teens

Crochet Workshop Series Parlin Meeting Room. Tuesday, December 17th 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 working on wearable crochet looks. 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](http://bit.ly/eveprograms)

Yarn Club Parlin Fireplace Room. Tuesday, December 17th 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, December 18th from 3-5pm. 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.

Murder/Mystery Book Group, Connolly Center Meeting Room. Thursday, December 19th at 12pm. In Anne Perry's *A Christmas Vanishing*, Mariah arrives for a Christmas visit to find her friend vanished and her invitation rescinded. Has her friend run off with another man? Was she kidnapped? See Kathleen for copies on her twice monthly visits, or call the Parlin (617) 394 2300 or Shute (617) 394 2308 libraries.

Resume Writing, Parlin

Information Desk. Do you need help sprucing up an old resume or creating a new one? Sign up for a thirty minute session at the Parlin. By appointment only. To register, please call or send email to Kathleen, 617-394-2300 or [slipp@noblenet.org](mailto:slipp@noblenet.org)

Computer Basics 101, Parlin Information Desk. Not familiar with the computer? Learn the basics: how to start up and shut down a computer, perform mouse and keyboard functions, use applications, learn Microsoft Word, navigate the Internet, set up an email account, and more! By appointment only. To register, please call or send email to Kathleen, 617-394-2300 or [slipp@noblenet.org](mailto:slipp@noblenet.org).

### Parlin Childrens

Lego Club. Parlin Children's Room. Monday, December 16th from 3-5pm. Come to the Children's Room after school on Mondays for some free-building lego fun. Open to all ages. Children under 6 years old must be accompanied by an adult. No registration required.

Storytime and Singalong with Karen, Parlin Children's Room. Wednesday, December 18th 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, December 18th 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.

Storytime Adventures with Mrs McAuliffe,

Parlin Children's Room, Thursday, December 19th at 11:00 Join Children's Librarian Mrs. McAuliffe for our enchanting Story Time! Listen to stories about the different ways our community celebrates the holidays during this special edition of Story Time Adventures. Learn about Christmas, Hanukkah and Kwanzaa. Bring a friend or make a new one in our circle of friends.

Crafternoon Parlin Craft Room. Thursday, December 19th at 3pm. Join us for a holiday themed craft project Suggested ages 3 and up.

Friday Family Movies Special Holiday Double Feature! Parlin Meeting Room. Friday, December 20 at 3 pm. Break out the popcorn! Come and watch 2 family classics back to back, *A Charlie Brown Christmas* and *Rudolph the Rednosed Reindeer*.

Fluency Fun Fridays! Parlin Children's Room. Friday, December 20th at 3pm. Level up your fluency game! Drop by the Children's Room for an afternoon of fun board games like *Scrabble* and *Bananagrams*, word searches and crossword puzzles. Suggested ages 5-12.

Origami Club. Parlin Fireplace Room. Saturday, December 21st at 12pm. Learn how to fold paper animals of all kinds! Open to all ages and abilities. Paper and instruction will be provided.

### Shute Adult and Teens

Romance Book Club, Shute Meeting Room. Tuesday, December 17th at 6 PM. Calling all romance lovers! Join our Romance Book Club at the Shute Library! We'll meet every third Tuesday of the month (unless otherwise

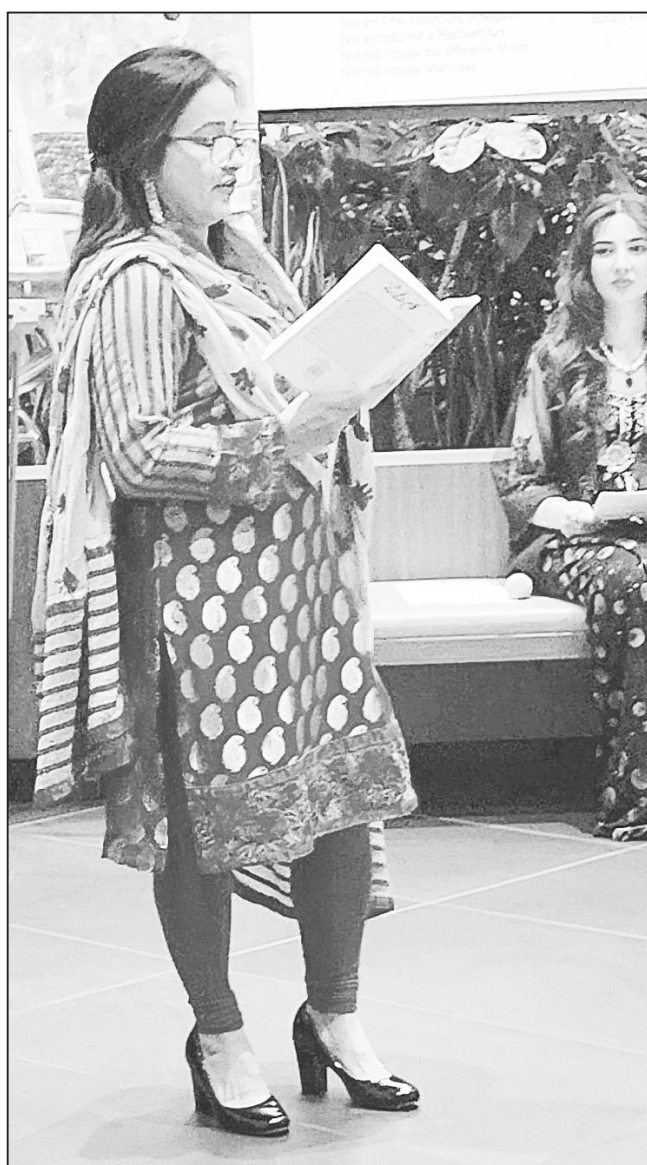
noted on our calendar). No registration needed—just bring your love for all things romance! For ages 18 and up. The book of the month is *Life's Too Short* by Abby Jimenez. We'll have light refreshments and snacks thanks to the Friends of the Everett Public Libraries. Limited copies will be available to borrow at our circulation desk.

Crafty Conversations: Wall Hanging Ed., Shute Meeting Room. Thursday, December 19th at 7 PM. Join us for Crafty Conversations: Wall Hanging, a cozy winter crafting session where you'll create unique snowflakes to hang on a decorative branch. Add your own personal touch to your winter decor. Suggested for ages 14 and up. Registration is required. This program is generously funded by the Friends of the Everett Public Libraries.

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. By appointment only. Please email [shuteinfo@noblenet.org](mailto:shuteinfo@noblenet.org) or call 617-394-2308.

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## EVERETT RESIDENT CELEBRATES POETRY



The American Association for Arab Women in Malden celebrated poetry with an international recital at 350 Main St. in Malden. Everett resident Komal presented a piece by Baba Bulla Shah titled "Bulla ki Jaana mein kon" to represent India.

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all of the sponsors, participants, volunteers and everyone who attended for making this event another tremendous success. Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays, 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](http://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: /city-

ofeverettma and /mayor-carlodemaria. Instagram: @cityofeverettma and @mayorcarlodemaria. X: @EverettGov\_MA and @Mayor\_DeMaria. All are welcome to attend the upcoming events.



From left: State Senator Sal DiDomenico, Tricia DiDomenico, First Lady Stacy DeMaria, Mayor Carlo DeMaria, and former City Councilor Al Lattanzi.



The Everett High School Band led by Music Director Gene O'Brien paraded down Broadway to Everett Square to kick off the evening festivities. See Page 6 for more photos.



Attendees ready for the hay ride to begin.



City of Everett Youth Development and Enrichment Department handed out free popcorn to attendees.



From left: City of Everett ECTV/Communications Event Coordinator Bobby Barrett, Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Cathy Draine, First Lady Stacy DeMaria, Mayor Carlo DeMaria, and Zion Church Ministries' Bishop Robert G. Brown.



At the Mayor's tent from left: Catarina Patterson, Gerri Miranda, First Lady Stacy DeMaria, Mayor Carlo DeMaria, and Cathy Draine and her daughter Ailey.



Everett's official Christmas tree is lit for the holiday season.



Attendees staying warm by the fire.



Santa and Mrs. Claus took photos with attendees inside of the Parlin Memorial Library.

# CITY OF EVERETT LIGHTS CHRISTMAS TREE IN CELEBRATION OF THE HOLIDAY SEASON

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A young attendee gets their face painted inside the balloon creation and face painting tent.



Santa and Mrs. Claus, along with other holiday characters, sang some songs with attendees.



Attendees received free balloons and face painting as part of the festive activities.



Mayor Carlo DeMaria and First Lady Stacy in front of the City of Everett's official Christmas tree.



Mayor Carlo DeMaria and family celebrated the holiday season with the community at the City of Everett's annual Christmas Tree Lighting.



Mayor's Office Executive Manager Dolores Lattanzi and former City Councilor Al Lattanzi.



Everett Department of Public Works employee Pedro Rivera sang holiday tunes for attendees.



At the Mayor's tent from left: Catarina Patterson, Gerri Miranda, First Lady Stacy DeMaria, Mayor Carlo DeMaria, and Cathy Draine and her daughter Ailey.



A young attendee taking a photo with a minion.



From left: President of the Everett Chamber of Commerce Dan Cameron, First Lady Stacy DeMaria, and Mayor Carlo DeMaria.



Attendees had the opportunity to participate in arts and crafts while waiting to see Santa and Mrs. Claus.



Buzz and Woody taking a photo with an attendee at the City of Everett's annual Christmas Tree Lighting.



The Everett Police Department brought the mobile Bear Force One to the event to let attendees know about their upcoming Polar Plunge event to benefit the Massachusetts Special Olympics. From left: Everett Police Lieutenant Larry Jedrey, First Lady Stacy DeMaria, and Mayor Carlo DeMaria.

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### EVERETT CRIMSON TIDE FALL ALL-SPORTS AWARDS NIGHT

The EHS Crimson Tide Athletic Department head by Athletic Director Tammy Turner and Superintendent William Hart hosted the annual all-sports awards dinner at Anthony's of Malden. Coaches and student

athletes that competed throughout the fall season, usually ending by the first week in November, gathered to enjoy an evening together, showing support for their coaches, seniors and team play.



Head Coach Dom Persuitte with the EHS Girl's Soccer Team. See Page 8 for more photos.



Cheering Coach Taylor Leo and Asst. Coach Katelyn Mastrocola with the EHS All-Star Sarah Tiberri.



Head Coach Michael Fineran with the EHS Volleyball Team.



Soccer Coach Dom Persuitte with EHS All-Stars Yelsa Garcia and Emilia Maria-Babcock.



Head Coach Taylor Leo and Asst Coach Katelyn Mastrocola with the EHS Football Cheering Squad.



Volleyball Coach Michael Fineran with EHS All-Stars Victoria Rodriguez and Sonia Costanza Flores.



Head Coach Justin Flores and the Crimson Tide Football Coaching Staff and the EHS Football Team.



EHS Athletic Director Tammy Turner was the Master of Ceremonies for the event.



Everett Superintendent of Public Schools William Hart welcomes the coaches, athletes and families to the dinner.

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### EVERETT CRIMSON TIDE FALL ALL-SPORTS AWARDS NIGHT



EHS Athletic Director Tammy Turner with Asst. AD Steve Gallagher and Everett Superintendent of Public Schools William Hart at the Annual EHS All Fall Sports Awards Dinner at Anthony's in Malden.



Head Coach Brendan Haesy with the EHS Cross Country Team.



Soccer Coach Rodney Landaverde with EHS All-Stars Luvens Hector, Bryan Ribeiro, and Kareem Drissi.



Head Coach Rodney Landaverde with the EHS Boys' Soccer Team.



Field Hockey Coach Nicola Jones with EHS All-Stars Justin Contreas Chacon, Jasmine Salvador Lopez, and Luiza Velev.



Head Coach David Peach and the EHS Golf Team.



Head Coach Nicola Jones with the EHS Field Hockey Team.

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Football Coach Justin Flores with EHS All-Stars Yariel Ortiz, Carlos Silva Rodriguez, Joao Barreiros, Emmanuel Santiago, and Marvin Desruisseaux.



Head Coach Chris Chase with the EHS Unified Basketball Team.



# La Colaborativa deploys \$2 million climate future initiative to empower young adults

Special to the Independent

La Colaborativa recently announced the launch of its Climate Future Initiative, the largest climate-tech workforce training, career readiness, and economic development program in the Metro North Region.

“We’re grateful to the Healey-Driscoll Administration, MassCEC, and Senators Warren and Markey for catalyzing meaningful strides towards ensuring the clean energy transition uplifts, rather than exploits, Latinx and immigrant communities.” said Gladys Vega, President/CEO of La Colaborativa.

In total, the multilingual program represents a \$2 million investment overseen by La Colaborativa, with financing provided by the U.S. Department of Labor through Senators Warren and Markey, coupled with major grants through the Mass. Clean Energy Center (Mass-CEC), the Executive Office of Economic Development (EOED), and MassHire Metro North Workforce Board. It sets the stage for the development of La Colaborativa’s Center for Economic De-

velopment at 50 Heard St.

“Through a cross-sector partnership convened by La Colaborativa, this approach recognizes that we can only overcome the displacement crisis, poverty, and community violence by deliberately empowering our youth and young adults.” said Dinanyili Paulino, EVP of La Colaborativa.

Centered on galvanizing an equitable, dynamic 21st century economy, the program aims to diversify the next generation of climate-tech leaders.

“With a forecasted shortage of over 38,000 climate-tech jobs across the Commonwealth, La Colaborativa is committed to fostering the advancement of our young people through high-paying jobs in the HVAC, electrical, energy efficiency, and green construction realms,” said Alex Train, COO of La Colaborativa.

In turn, developing an adept, agile climate-tech workforce will accelerate the decarbonization of the Metro North Region, foster climate preparedness, and achieve an unmatched quality of life by lowering household costs, mitigating air pollution, and generating tangible economic

benefits for low-income residents.

With La Colaborativa spearheading the effort, the multilingual program will be implemented in partnership with Franklin Cummings Institute of Technology, the Green Jobs Academy, TNEC-UMass Lowell, and the North Atlantic Regional Council of Carpenters. This multifaceted approach will directly train and equip over 143 young adults, ages 18 to 24, and mid-career adults for careers in a variety of fields. Moreover, through its Youth Development Department, La Colaborativa will carry out a career exploration and job readiness program, enabling 15 youth, ages 16 to 18, to gain exposure to the host of post-secondary and career opportunities in the sustainability, clean energy, and climate resilience sectors. Simultaneously, over 1,000 residents will be positioned to thrive in the climate-tech space through contextualized ESOL classes, career readiness, and job search assistance.

As workforce training progresses, La Colaborativa will institute intensive career counseling,



COURTESY PHOTO

La Colaborativa recently announced a \$2 million climate future initiative that will focus on climate-tech workforce training, career readiness, and economic development in the region.

job readiness, financial education, and leadership development programming. Distinguished by an emphasis on integrative wraparound services for all participants in the workforce training and youth career exploration pathways, the program will encompass intensive case management, living wage stipends to reduce economic barriers, transportation, food and clothing assistance, and access to childcare. La Colabo-

rativa will expand private sector partnerships to directly place participants in well-paying jobs, with ongoing case management provided to promote retention and mobility.

A throughline across the program, diminishing obstacles commonly faced by BIPOC residents is essential to furthering the Commonwealth’s competitiveness, enriching the local economy, and eradicating poverty.

Interested residents of

Chelsea, Everett, Revere, East Boston, and Lynn can apply directly by visiting La Colaborativa’s website at <https://www.la-colaborativa.org>, calling (617) 889-6080, or stopping by 63 6th St. in Chelsea between 10:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M. Monday through Friday.

La Colaborativa, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to the empowerment of Latinx and immigrant communi-

## EHS Roundup

### EHS BOYS BASKETBALL OPENS SEASON AT REVERE

The Everett High boys basketball team will open its 2025 season tomorrow (Thursday) evening when coach Gerry Boyce and his Crimson Tide made the short trek eastward on the Revere Beach Parkway to meet Greater Boston League (GBL) rival Revere.

The season-opening tip is set for 7:00.

“We are fortunate to have a dedicated group of players who display exceptional chemistry and character,” said Boyce. “Our captains, Jevaun Berberena, Tyson Chhun, and Henrique Pinto, will provide strong leadership both on and off the court, guiding our promising roster that includes Geordiell Morales.

“As we prepare for the challenges ahead, we recognize that our team is currently developing in areas such as experience and size,” Boyce continued. “This season, we are focused on fostering growth and improvement each week. Our aim is to cultivate a strong work ethic,

demonstrate tenacity, and concentrate on one game at a time to maximize our potential. I am optimistic that with our commitment to learning and teamwork, we will see significant progress throughout the season.”

In addition to the trio of captains Berberena, Chhun, and Pinto, the Crimson Tide varsity roster includes Antonio Iraola, John Luna, Deyvid Xavier, Benji Joseph, Jamill Nelson, Adam Aitmes-saoud, Jayden Sanchez, Cristian Vasquez, Sean Burnett, Jayden Alsaindor, Richardson Lamerique, and Geordiell Luna Morales.

The Crimson Tide presently are scheduled to play GBL foes Lynn English, Lynn Classical, and Malden twice each and GBL foes Revere, Chelsea, Medford, and Somerville once apiece.

Non-league opponents include Newton South, East Boston, Brockton, and Brookline, plus Lincoln-Sudbury and another non-league foe to be determined in a holiday tournament at King Philip Regional HS during the Christmas break.

After the opener with

Revere, Boyce and his crew will host GBL fierce rival Lynn English on Tuesday in a key early-season league matchup. The opening tip with the Bulldogs is set for 7:00 and a packed house is expected to be on hand at the EHS gym.

### WINTER SPORTS SEASON IN FULL SWING THIS WEEK

The 2025 winter sports season kicks into high gear this coming week for Crimson Tide athletes.

The EHS girls basketball team will entertain Greater Boston League (GBL) opponent Revere tomorrow (Thursday) evening at 6:00. They will host GBL rival Lynn Classical next Thursday, also at 6:00.

Coach Riley Dunn and her squad are scheduled to meet GBL foes Chelsea, Malden, Revere, Somerville, Lynn English, and Lynn Classical twice each and GBL rival Medford once.

Non-league opponents include Lowell (2), Ac-ton-Boxborough, Brockton, Gloucester, and Marblehead.

The EHS hockey team,

which once again will be a co-op team with Malden and Revere headed by coach Craig Richards, will open its season tomorrow (Thursday) with GBL foe Somerville at the latter’s Veterans Memorial Rink at 5:30.

They will play at Keefe Academy on Sunday and will host the Lynn English/Lynn Classical co-op squad at Allied Veterans Rink next Wednesday at 7:00.

Coach Jehu Cimea and the EHS girls and boys indoor track teams will open their GBL season next Thursday (December 19) with a tri-meet against GBL foes Medford and Revere at the Reggie Lewis Track and Athletic Center in Roxbury. All of the GBL meets once again this season will take place at the Reggie, with each school competing in three tri-meets and one dual meet with their seven GBL opponents.

In addition, Cimea and his crew will compete in the usual array of MSTCA and MIAA meets throughout the winter, beginning with the MSTCA Winter Festival for large schools this Sunday at the Reggie.

## NEWS BRIEFS

### EPL SEEKING YOUNG ADULT VOLUNTEERS FOR SPRING 2025

Mayor Carlo DeMaria is pleased to announce the Everett Public Libraries (EPL) are seeking enthusiastic, library-loving, and community-minded young adults to apply to become a volunteer for the spring 2025 season.

Young adults aged 14 to 17 are encouraged to ap-

ply for the following volunteer opportunities:

- **Library Pages:** Help keep the library organized by performing tasks such as shelving books, organizing collections, and other assigned projects.

- **Study Buddies:** Provide homework help and tutoring to kindergarten through eighth grade students.

- **Tech Help:** Assist library guests with basic technology needs ranging

from using computers to navigating cell phones.

The volunteer positions will offer applicants the opportunity to learn a variety of skills, earn service hours, and contribute to their community through serving library patrons. Applications are available until Tuesday, Dec. 31. To apply, visit [www.everettpubliclibraries.org/teen-volunteering](http://www.everettpubliclibraries.org/teen-volunteering) or visit the Parlin Memorial Library (410 Broadway) or

the Shute Memorial Library (781 Broadway) to learn more and apply. For questions, please email [eve@noblenet.org](mailto:eve@noblenet.org) or dial 617-394-2300.

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Contract Documents may be obtained, at

no charge, on or after December 11, 2024 at 9 a.m. from the City of Everett’s website at <https://www.ci.everett.ma.gov> Official Website.

Complete instructions for filing bids are included in the Instructions to Bidders. Wage rates for this project are subject to the minimum wage rates as per M.G.L., Chapter 149, Sections 26 to 27H inclusive, as amended. The bidding and award of this Contract will be under the provisions of M.G.L., Chapter 30, Section 39M, as amended. If, at the time of the scheduled bid opening, the bid opening location shall be shut down as the result of an emergency, the bids will be due and opened at the same time and location on the 1st business day the building is able to re-open. Bids will be accepted until that date and time. It is the responsibility of prospective proposers and/or bidders to check that they have received all addenda. Bids shall be awarded to the lowest responsible and eligible bidder. The City of Everett reserves the right to waive any informality in or to reject any and all bids, for any reason the City determines to be in the City’s and/or the public’s best interest.  
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### Church at the Well Everett

News and Notes

Church at the Well Everett is a new church for Everett. Check us out on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/churchforeverett](http://www.facebook.com/churchforeverett) to view weekly devotions and updates, visit us at [www.foreverett.church](http://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.ev-erettcan.com](http://www.ev-erettcan.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.

**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.  
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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.

**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.  
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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.

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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 YouTube.  
For more information, they can be reached online at [zionchurchministries.com](http://zionchurchministries.com) or via email at [office@zionchurchministries.com](mailto: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.  
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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.  
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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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CITY PAWS

# Suddenly, your dog is a senior!

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

The ASPCA says, "Most dogs enter their golden years between seven and 10 years of age, with large/giant breeds becoming seniors earlier than small breeds." The signs of aging are subtle and usually include a bit

of a slowdown. Your dog may be sleeping more and showing signs of stiffness when moving.

Our Westie Poppy is now twelve. At this point, she shows no signs of loss of vision, hearing, energy, muscle tone, skin elasticity, hair, immunity, arthri-

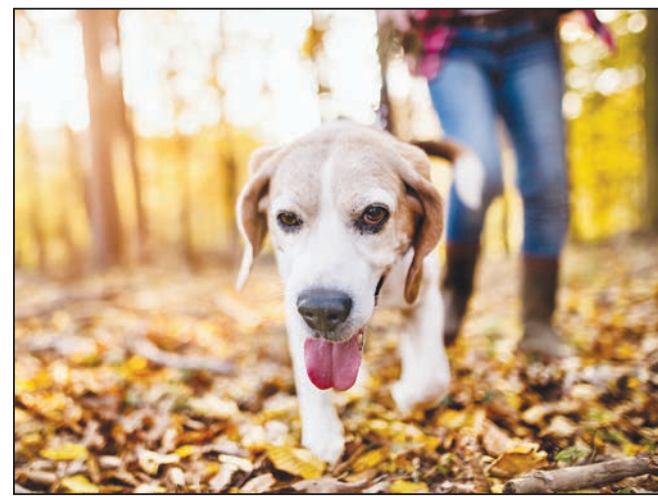
tis, or other joint problems. And Poppy's mental acuity is excellent. She quickly learns new things, remembers her favorite people and places, responds to the same words, and reacts to the same things. You and your veterinary team can use this checklist to communicate how your dog is aging.

grumbling, and being a bit grumpy can happen as pets age, but these are all signs of pain as well. If a dog changes her sleeping position, has more accidents in the house, doesn't want to play, or avoids jumping up on a chair or sofa, you should note the behavior and report it to your vet.

Most veterinary practices suggest twice-yearly checkups for seniors. Discuss weight, exercise, feeding, supplements, and medications at these sessions. Weight control is even more critical in se-

**Maybe It's Not Old Age**

Some things we consider old age can also be signs of pain. Changes in appetite, routine, getting up slowly, heavy panting,



New sights and sounds can stimulate an older dog's brain. Try walking in new places with new paths, smells, sights, and sounds.

niors. It takes teamwork to help a dog lose weight. Make sure you have every member of your household on the team. Discuss your specific guidelines for feeding, restricting extra calories, and exercising to anyone who will be pet sitting, providing daycare, or boarding your senior dog.

Improvements in veterinary science, nutrition, and pet guardian education are helping our dogs and cats live longer, healthier lives. After treatment for something other than old age, that old dog may bring you a leash or a favorite toy.

**Keep up the Exercise**

We all understand that daily exercise is essential for dogs' physical conditioning and weight control. However, more and more research tells us that exercising the brain is important to prevent dementia and improve dogs' quality of life. In dogs, dementia is called canine cognitive dysfunction (CCD). Many lifestyle habits that help human brain health also apply to dogs.

Think about how tired highly-activated brain cells make you when you

take a class, learn a new skill, read up on a new topic, or spend time in a new setting or with new people. It can be exhausting. Remember this when deciding on the proper brain workout for your dog.

New sights and sounds may stimulate an older dog's brain. You can try walking in new places, training new behaviors, and playing games appropriate to a dog's age and physical abilities. Old dogs might enjoy a food puzzle toy that rewards their efforts to get at the food with a steady flow of treats. (Ensure those treats are healthy and part of your dog's daily food intake.)

Knowing your dog is vital. A devoted sniffer may love a good game of find-the-snack. More time with other dogs and people may stimulate a social butterfly. A shy or anxious dog may prefer to sit back and watch or play a quiet game of "push that ball to me."

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Get ready! Learn how these routes will change:

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- 104
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**Bus Network Redesign: Phase 1 Changes**  
Beginning December 15, 2024

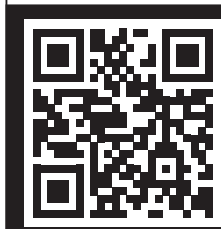
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Future Route	Discontinued Route Segment
86	Route 86
104	Route 104
109	Route 109
110	Route 110
116	Route 116
	Route 117

**Route 104** will turn east toward the airport. **Route 109** will still run between Everett Square and Sullivan Square.

**Route 109** will be extended from Sullivan Square to Harvard Station, replacing this part of **Route 86**.

**Routes 116 and 110** will continue to serve these streets. **Route 117** will be discontinued.



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