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## CITY COUNCILORS CELEBRATE RELOCATION OF VETERANS AFFAIRS OFFICE



Several City Councilors recently joined the Everett Veterans Affairs staff to celebrate the relocation of the office to the 1st floor of The Edward G Connolly Center, ensuring accessibility for all. Shown (left to right) are Councilor at Large John F. Hanlon, City Council President & Ward 2 Councilor Stephanie Martins, Veterans Agent Gerri Miranda, Director of Veterans Affairs Antoine Coleman, Ward 1 Councilor Wayne Matewsky, and Ward Three Councilor Anthony DiPierro.

## Council discusses impacts of lithium battery facility

By Cary Shuman

The Everett City Council discussed the safety impacts of a lithium battery storage proposal for 20 acres in the Docklands District of the city at its meeting Monday night.

“The only good thing I can see from this project is that it will be union-built, Ward 1 Councilor Wayne Matewsky said. “We’ve been exposed to too many hazards, chemicals, and fire safety issues over the years. I was hoping for something like an Assembly Mall activity regarding hotels and restaurants.”

Fire Chief Joseph Hickey expressed his serious concerns about the project, especially if a fire were to occur at the facility.

In the end, the Council voted to send a letter to officials and schedule a meeting with State Representatives Joseph McGonagle, Judith Garcia, and Dan Ryan, State Sen. Sal DiDomenico, and Congresswoman

Ayanna Pressely to discuss the issue and express its concerns about the safety of the proposal. Councilor Michael Marchese also requested the presence of representatives from the Davis Company at the meeting.

Fire Chief Joseph Hickey expressed his serious concerns about the safety of the project, noting that a lithium battery fire would have to burn out itself over the course of time as opposed to being extinguished by firefighters through regular procedures.

During the discussion with Chief Hickey, Councilor-at-Large Katy Rogers highlighted the need for a new fire station in that part of the city.

“The development of a lithium battery facility further highlights the urgent need for a new fire station,” said Rogers. “I want to ensure we have a modern state-of-the-art safety facility in this vicinity to serve the growing needs of Everett.”

## DiDomenico attends DOC reentry simulation

Special to the Independent

Senator Sal DiDomenico recently joined a Department of Corrections (DOC) simulated training, hosted by Executive Office of Public Safety and Security,

to experience the journey navigated by individuals returning to their community after being released from incarceration. During the 2-hour interactive training, attendees assumed the role of a returning

citizen and simulated the first 30 days post-release.

“I want to thank the Healey-Driscoll Administration and Secretary Reidy for hosting my colleagues and me to learn what life looks like for individuals after they are released from prison,” said Senator Sal DiDomenico. “There are many obstacles that people face when returning to their communities after prison and these are the kinds of events that help inform how we as a state can better support them to ensure everyone has a chance to get ahead and reduce recidivism.”



Senator Sal DiDomenico (third from left) with State House colleagues at the reentry simulation event.

## CONGRATULATIONS, KAYSHAUN



Everett High boys track star Kayshaun Eveillard displays the first-place medal that he brought home in the 300 meter dash at last Monday's Greater Boston League (GBL) Championship Meet that was held at the Reggie Lewis Athletic Center in Roxbury.

The Independent Newspaper Group Office will be Closed on Monday, Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> in observation of President's Day. We will reopen on Tuesday at 9:30 am.

Deadlines are Friday, Feb. 14 at noon



**TRASH DELAY**

Due to the President's Day Holiday on Monday February 17<sup>th</sup>, Trash will be delayed by one day  
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## TRAFFIC SPEED CAMERAS ARE A BAD IDEA -- RED LIGHTS ARE BETTER

As our regular readers know, when it comes to the issue of motor vehicle safety, we take a back seat (pun intended) to no one.

However, we believe that the budget put forward by Gov. Maura Healey that would allow local and state authorities to place traffic speed cameras on our roadways is misguided.

In a nutshell, the legislation provides that tickets for \$25 may be issued to persons operating 11 miles or more over the speed limit and \$100 to those driving more than 25 over the limit. A first offense within any two-year period would result in a warning. In addition, the tickets would not go on a person's driving record for insurance purposes. They would essentially be the same as a parking ticket.

Our objections are as follows:

First, state law requires that, absent exigent circumstances, a police officer must issue a citation for a moving infraction at the time and place of the violation. This ensures that the officer is giving the citation to the person who is committing the violation. However, the traffic cameras only will be capturing a license plate, which means that the ticket will be sent to the registered owner without regard to whether the owner was actually the operator of the vehicle. If your child (or spouse, friend, or somebody else) is speeding in your car, you're stuck with the ticket and the hassle of trying to prove your innocence.

Second, local authorities (who are limited to installing one camera per 5000 of population in their communities) presumably will be installing these cameras on their most heavily-traveled roadways. However, this invariably means that non-residents, who may not be familiar with the speed limit on those roads, will be the ones who will be subject to getting a ticket. This will be doubly true because the speed limits on almost every local road in this state are poorly-marked and often change (up or down) without warning. In some communities, there is a discreet sign at the entrance to the town that the speed limit in that community is 25 m.p.h. "unless posted otherwise." Given the scattershot nature of speed limit postings across the state's 351 cities and towns, issuing speeding tickets based on a camera will be inherently unfair and arbitrary.

Third, the cameras will not deter those drivers who are the real problem: Habitual traffic offenders who speed excessively on a routine basis. In fact, the cameras will give them a green light (again, pun intended) to speed. If the tickets under the new system will have no real consequences for either their license or their insurance premiums, these habitual offenders will be able to drive as they like with impunity. For the juvenile-minded members of the Fast and Furious crowd, the ticket will not even be a slap on the wrist.

And that brings us to our fourth problem with the new law: Relying on traffic cameras to enforce the traffic laws on the main roads in our state will make our roadways less safe. Traffic stops by police officers do not merely deter unsafe drivers, but they also remove from our roads persons who have suspended licenses, court warrants, vehicles that are unregistered and uninsured, and drivers who are under the influence -- 40 percent of speeding drivers in fatal crashes had a blood alcohol content of 0.08 percent or above. A camera will address none of those issues -- leaving criminals and those under the influence to operate on our roads without fear of the possible consequences.

More broadly, if communities take the cheap way out, so to speak, by replacing officers with cameras, the entire community will be a lot less safe. We realize that every city and town in the state will soon be facing major budget issues and that many cities also are having a hard time filling the ranks of their police departments, but there is no substitute for having police officers patrolling our streets. In our view, if these cameras begin to replace police officers, our communities will be far less safe.

Finally, there is no doubt that most of these speed camera tickets will be issued to otherwise law-abiding and safe drivers, including many seniors, who might happen to exceed by a few miles the statutory threshold for a few seconds. We are being only semi-facetious in suggesting that drivers who obsessively are watching their speedometers and looking for changes in speed limit signs will add immeasurably to the plague of distracted driving. Driving 11 miles over the speed limit on most of our roadways is not unsafe, but the new law would punish normal everyday driving behavior.

But we have a better suggestion: If our state officials want to introduce traffic cameras, we think they should do so at red light intersections. More than 1100 persons nationwide, of whom half were pedestrians and bicyclists, were killed (and more than 100,000 were injured) in 2022 by motor vehicle operators who ran red lights. Statistics show that red light cameras reduce serious accidents of the horrific "T-bone" variety by 25 percent (although there is some evidence that rear-end accidents may increase).

Large, clear signage at every red light intersection proclaiming that cameras are in use would be a huge deterrent to anyone who might be tempted to run a red light (i.e., every driver on the road).

In addition, by requiring that communities must conform the light signalizations on their local roads to nationally-accepted standards, this will make intersections safer for everybody.

So we urge our legislators, if they are inclined to introduce traffic cameras in Massachusetts, to allow these devices to be placed at red light intersections in order to achieve the goal of improving roadway safety with the least amount of intrusion upon everyday, law-abiding citizens.

# Independent Forum

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## NEWS IN BRIEF

### NEW DATE ANNOUNCED FOR EVERETT'S LUNAR NEW YEAR CELEBRATION

Mayor Carlo DeMaria is pleased to announce that the City of Everett will host the rescheduled second annual Lunar New Year Celebration on Saturday, Feb. 15 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Edward G. Connolly Center (90 Chelsea Street). The original date for the event was postponed due to last weekend's snow storm.

The City of Everett will be joining in celebrations across the world with a Lunar New Year Celebration for all to partake in with food and entertainment to ring in 2025. This year marks the beginning of the Year of the Snake, which is one of 12 animals in the Chinese zodiac. All are welcome to celebrate the Lunar New Year as a community.

Celebrated on the second new moon after the winter solstice, Lunar New Year marks the beginning of the new year in the traditional Chinese lunar-solar calendar. Although Lunar New Year is observed worldwide, it is commonly celebrated in China – along with many other countries in East Asia – with performances, dances, festivals, parades, music, and

acrobatics.

For more information, please visit [cityofeverett.com/events/lunar-new-year-2025-1](http://cityofeverett.com/events/lunar-new-year-2025-1).

### CITY OFFICES CLOSED MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17 AS EVERETT OBSERVES WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY

City offices will be closed to the public on Monday, Feb. 17, as Everett observes the Washington's Birthday holiday. City offices will re-open on Tuesday, Feb. 18, and City Hall will have extended hours for residents (8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.).

Observed on the third Monday in February, Washington's Birthday is a federal holiday in the United States that celebrates the birth of America's first president George Washington. Commonly referred to as Presidents' Day, the holiday also celebrates all those who have served as presidents of the United States.

Monday's observance will delay trash and recycling pickup by one day. Please place your trash and recycling bins neatly on the sidewalk on the day after your regularly scheduled pickup for this week only.

If you have any questions, please call the Constituent Ser-

vices Department by dialing 311 or 617-394-2270.

### DEMARIA ANNOUNCES TRANSPORTATION SERVICE FOR OLDER ADULTS AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Mayor Carlo DeMaria is pleased to announce that Door2Door by SCM is offering a transportation service for older adults and persons with disabilities within Everett and to border communities including Chelsea, Revere, Malden, Medford, and Somerville.

Riders may call the reservations department at 617-625-1191 and press 2 for reservations between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Mondays through Fridays excluding holidays two weeks to two business days in advance.

Social rides will be available from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on a first-come, first-served basis Mondays through Fridays excluding holidays. Space is limited. Initial funding is limited so every request may not be accommodated, but those that are unable to be provided will be tracked. Door2Door Transportation asks riders to please be patient as they work through the kinks that are bound to arise with this new service.

## Healey-Driscoll Administration announces DCR's free family programming for school vacation week

As part of the agency's commitment to providing safe and fun recreational opportunities for young people across the state, the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) announced its lineup of February school vacation week programming. This year, the agency is offering families 79 free, engaging and educational programs at 20 state parks and watersheds ranging from guided hikes to animal tracking, craft making, and maple sugaring. Programs will run from Saturday, February 15, through Sunday, February 23, with the goal of inspiring kids to get outdoors and experience the beauty of the Massachusetts State Parks system.

"School may be closed for the week, but we're continuing

the learning in outdoor classrooms. Our February school break programming is a great way for us to teach kids about the natural world around them and help inspire the next generation of environmental stewards," said DCR Commissioner Brian Arrigo. "We hope this slate of fun and educational programming brings some new and curious minds to our properties next week. Our team of park interpreters looks forward to meeting and welcoming students across the state."

To celebrate school vacation week, DCR is waiving parking fees at parks offering programming. In addition to offering programming DCR is extending public skating hours during the week at its agency-managed rinks from 10 a.m. until 2:50

p.m. daily. DCR will also continue to offer its regular programming, including self-guided hikes, and visitor centers will be open for people to enjoy exhibits. For details about staffed programs and self-guide activities, visit DCR's website.

Additionally, DCR is offering adaptive programming during February vacation week.

DCR encourages participants to tweet, post, and tag photos on social media using @MassDCR. DCR is promoting this year's February break programming with engaging videos and fun graphics on its social media channels, including X (Twitter), Instagram and Threads. For a full list of all programming offered during

## ICE Boston arrests illegal fugitive wanted for robbery

Special to the Independent

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement apprehended an illegal Brazilian fugitive wanted for armed robbery in his home country. The officers arrested the 38-year-old alien in Everett on Jan. 22.

"This Brazilian fugitive is facing significant charges in his home country, so he attempted to flee justice by coming here," said ICE Enforcement and Removal Operations Boston acting Field Office Director Patricia H. Hyde. "Every day he was hiding out in Massachusetts, he posed a significant threat to our residents. ICE Boston will not allow New England to become a safe haven for the world's criminal elements. We will continue to prioritize public safety by arresting and removing egregious alien threats."

U.S. Border Patrol apprehended the Brazilian alien Oct.

15, 2020, after he illegally entered the United States. The Border Patrol issued him a notice to appear before a Department of Justice immigration judge. The Brazilian alien was returned to Mexico Oct. 16, 2020.

The Border Patrol arrested the Brazilian national after he illegally entered the U.S. a second time April 2, 2021. An immigration judge ordered the alien released on bond Sept. 27, 2021. Authorities in Brazil, issued an arrest warrant for the Brazilian fugitive May 20, 2024, for armed robbery, an offense carrying a possible 16-year prison penalty. The Brazilian fugitive remains in ICE custody following his arrest.

Members of the public with information can report crimes or suspicious activity by dialing the ICE Tip Line at 866-DHS-2-ICE (866-347-2423) or completing the online tip form.

### Everett Arts & Culture Events

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# Critical and significant drought conditions declared in several regions

Special to the Times-Free Press

Following nearly six months of below-normal precipitation, Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) Secretary Rebecca Tepper declared the Central and Northeast regions have been raised to a Level – 3 Critical Drought. The Southeast, Cape and Islands regions have been elevated to a Level – 2 Significant Drought. The Connecticut River Valley and Western regions still have their previous statuses: Level 2 – Significant and Level – 1 Mild Drought.

As outlined in the Massachusetts Drought Management Plan, a Level 3 – Critical Drought, Level – 2 Significant Drought, and a Level – 1 Mild Drought require detailed monitoring of drought conditions. These levels also require ongoing coordination among state and federal agencies to implement water use restrictions. Additionally, engagement with municipalities, including local Boards of Health, is essential. This includes providing technical outreach and assistance to water suppliers and affected municipalities.

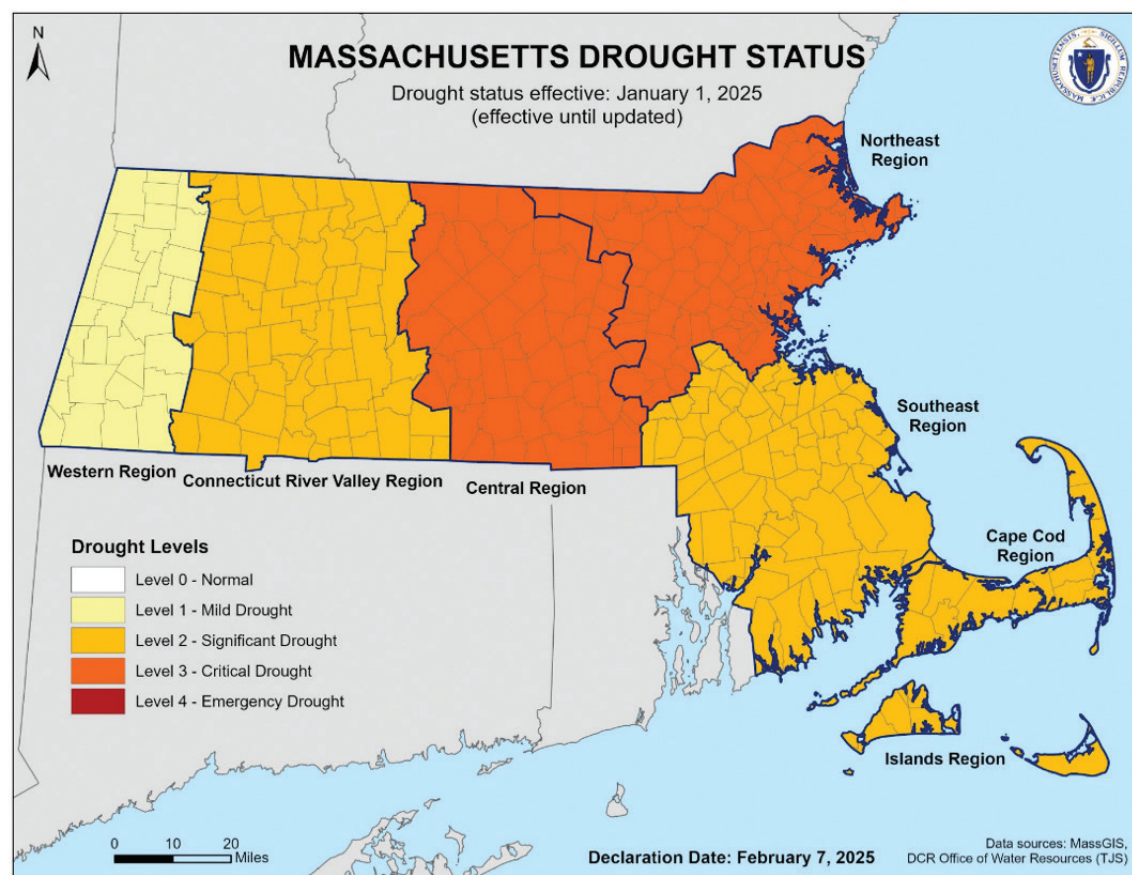
“Even with winter weather, several regions in our state are facing below-average precipitation,” said EEA Secretary Rebecca Tepper. “To avoid overtaxing our water systems, we must prioritize indoor water

conservation. It’s essential that everyone follows state guidance and local water restrictions to ensure our drinking water stays available for everyone.”

Over the past month, most of the state received between 1-2.5 inches of rain and snow, which is 1-13 inches below normal. Overall, most of the state has been in an 8-13 inch deficit since August. The Cape and Islands region is experiencing a 3.8-6 inch deficit in precipitation. Despite the recent rain and snowfall, streamflow and groundwater have worsened in nearly all regions, and recharge that typically occurs at this time of the year to reservoirs and groundwater lagging. Residents can report dry environmental conditions they are experiencing and submit photos to support state drought monitoring efforts here.

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) will continue to provide technical assistance to communities on managing their water systems, including assistance on the use of emergency connections and water supplies.

It is important to note that the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA) water supply system is not experiencing drought conditions, as defined within its individual



plan. However, private well users and other sources of water within the same river basins are impacted by drought conditions. All sources of water, regardless of their location or type of withdrawal, ultimately draw from the same river basin. It is important for all users to do their part to conserve water.

Below are recommendations for communities and individuals living and working within a Level 3 – Critical Drought,

Level 2 – Significant Drought, and Level 1 – Mild Drought region, including those utilizing a private well. Residents and businesses are also asked to check with their local water system in case more stringent watering restrictions are in place.

**For Regions in Level 3 – Critical Drought**

- Residents and Businesses:
- Minimize overall water use;
  - Follow state water conservation actions and any local water use restrictions;
  - Monitor total household water use shown on your water bill for sudden increases, which often indicate leaks. Use the MA Home Water Use Calculator tool to evaluate household water use;
  - Fix any toilet or faucet leaks immediately. Check for leaks in homes and businesses regularly by:
    - Checking water meters for constant dial movement
    - Using dye tabs to check for toilet leaks
    - Conducting regular inspections of all pipes and fixtures, including those located in utility rooms, crawlspaces, and other hidden areas
  - Use dishwashers rather than handwashing dishes. Run the dishwasher only on a full load;
  - Aggressively reduce indoor water use by:

Reducing shower length and consider using a shower timer

Running washing machines only on a full load

Not letting water run while brushing and shaving

Replacing old fixtures and appliances with water-efficient ones. Make sure toilets, faucets, and showerheads are WaterSense labeled

- Stop all non-essential water use; and,
- Be extra cautious with outdoor fires, grills, and flammable materials.

Immediate Steps for Communities/Municipalities:

- Provide timely information on the drought and on water conservation tips to local residents and businesses taking advantage of the state’s library of outreach materials;
  - Enforce water use restrictions with increasingly stringent penalties;
  - Strongly discourage or prohibit washing of hard surfaces (sidewalks, patios, driveways, siding); personal vehicle or boat washing; and,
  - Establish or enhance water-use reduction targets for all water users, identify top water users and conduct targeted outreach to help curb their use.
- Short- and Medium-Term Steps for Communities/Municipalities:
- Establish a year-round wa-

| Region                   | Drought Level Declaration     | Previous Month                |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Western                  | Level 1 – Mild Drought        | Level 1 – Mild Drought        |
| Connecticut River Valley | Level 2 – Significant Drought | Level 2 – Significant Drought |
| Central                  | Level 3 – Critical Drought    | Level 2 – Significant Drought |
| Northeast                | Level 3 – Critical Drought    | Level 2 – Significant Drought |
| Southeast                | Level 2 – Significant Drought | Level 1 – Mild Drought        |
| Cape Cod                 | Level 2 – Significant Drought | Level 1 – Mild Drought        |
| Islands                  | Level 2 – Significant Drought | Level 1 – Mild Drought        |

ZONTA INTERNATIONAL 2024 AMELIA EARHART FELLOW

Members of the Zonta Club of Chelsea & North Shore and the Zonta Club of Malden recently celebrated the remarkable achievements of Zonta's District 1 Amelia Earhart Fellowship recipients. Amelia Earhart Fellowship is a unique and prestigious award program started in 1938 in honor of Amelia Earhart the famed pilot and Zonta member. This \$10,000 Fellowship is awarded annually to up to 30 women internationally pursuing Ph.D./doctoral degrees in aerospace engineering and space sciences. Candidates are evaluated based on their academic achievements, research proposals and leadership potential. Women who demonstrate a superior academic record conducting

research applied to aerospace engineering or space sciences are eligible. The Fellowship recipients honored at this event were Kierra Wilk a Ph.D. Candidate at Brown University studying Planetary Science, Mennatallah Hussein is a Ph.D. student in the Department of Aeronautics and Astronautics at MIT and Madelyn Hoying's Ph.D. research is in the Tearney Lab at MGH investigating aerospace physiology leading to novel medical devices for long duration space flight. Zonta International is a leading global organization of professionals empowering women worldwide through service and advocacy. For more information, please visit the website; Zonta.org.



Left to Right: Lee Farrington, Barbara Lawlor, Mary Jane O'Neill, Diane Cambria, Diane Raycraft Zonta 1 District Governor, Sheila Arsenault, Janice Tatarka Zonta Club of Chelsea & North Shore President, Georgia Green, Christine DePrizio, Joan Lanzillo-Hahesy, Janice Sikorski



Left to Right: Kierra Wilk Fellowship Recipient, Janice Tatarka Zonta Club of Chelsea & North Shore President, Diane Raycraft Zonta's District 1 Governor, Maria Luise Zonta Club of Malden President, Mennatallah Hussein Fellowship Recipient, Madelyn Hoying Fellowship Recipient.

**CITY OF EVERETT** Carlo DeMaria  
*Mayor*

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# City of Everett Holds Monthly Lunch and Learn

The City of Everett recently held its Lunch and Learn for the month of January at Everett City Hall. This month's program, entitled "Cultural Understanding in the Workplace," is the first in a three-part series. This month's program focused on cultural humility and how it can be utilized in the workplace to enhance collaboration and the services that are provided by the City.

City staff were pleased to be joined by Bishop Regina Shearer, executive pastor of Zion Church Ministries. During the

program, she engaged with City staff by encouraging attendees to think about past experiences of visiting another country or interacting with other cultures and sharing what was different than what they are used to in the United States or within their own culture. Following the exercise, she connected the experiences with the importance of listening, seeing, and respecting differences even if the individual does not fully understand the reason why a culture may do something a certain way. She also encour-

aged open dialogue between City staff to learn from each other and the different experiences they all shared to be able to better understand each other.

Lunch and Learn is a monthly program created and moderated by the City of Everett's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Department. The program is an opportunity for City staff to come together, share ideas and experiences, and discuss new topics while enjoying lunch. The series is a part of the City's commitment to engage, educate, and elevate.



City of Everett Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Cathy Draine and Bishop Regina Shearer.



Bishop Regina Shearer speaking to attendees.



Mayor Carlo DeMaria and City staff gathered alongside Bishop Regina Shearer for the Lunch and Learn for January.



City staff gathered inside the Keverian Room to learn about an important topic from Bishop Regina Shearer.

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school vacation week visit DCR's website.

Highlights from next week's February break programming include:

**Boston Region**

Dream Street StoryWalk® at Roxbury Heritage State Park, 183 Roxbury St., Boston

Saturday, February 15 - Tuesday, February 25, 9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Visit Dream Street, where everyone is special, and children believe their dreams will come true! This magical story celebrates the Roxbury neighborhood where the author and her cousin, award-winning illustrator Ekua Holmes, grew up.

The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT, and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. Story Walk® is a registered service mark owned by Ms. Ferguson. This StoryWalk®

is provided by Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation Interpretive Services.

Ice Skating Party at Steriti Rink, 561 Commercial St., Boston

Friday, February 21, 12 - 4 p.m.

Join DCR and Boston Harbor Now as part of the Highland Street Foundation's Winter Camp for a day of ice skating at the Steriti Memorial Skating Rink in Boston's North End neighborhood. Choose from sessions lasting 45 minutes each, starting at 12 p.m., 1 p.m., 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. Rental skates will be provided for free! Skate and dance along with music by DJ WhySham, enjoy

Regina Pizzeria, Munchkin Donut Holes, and drinks when not on the rink. Don't forget to bring a water bottle!

Pre-registration is \*highly\* encouraged for groups of 10

or more or if you have a time constraint, but there will be capacity for walk-ups during all skating sessions. Ice

Skating Party at Steriti Memorial Rink! at Highland Street Winter Camp Tickets, Fri, Feb 21, 2025 at 12:00 p.m. | Eventbrite

The Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), an agency of the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, oversees 450,000 acres of parks and forests, beaches, bike trails, watersheds, dams, and parkways. Led by Commissioner Brian Arrigo, the agency's mission is to protect, promote, and enhance our common wealth of natural, cultural, and recreational resources for the wellbeing of all. To learn more about DCR, our facilities, and our programs, please visit [www.mass.gov/dcr](http://www.mass.gov/dcr). Contact us at [mass.parks@state.ma.us](mailto:mass.parks@state.ma.us).

**OBITUARIES**

**Carmella "Bella" DiMare**

She had a kind disposition and a heart of gold

Carmella A. "Bella" DiMare of Westford passed away peacefully surrounded by her loving family on Monday, February 3rd. She was 92 years old. Born in Somerville and raised in Medford, she was the cherished daughter of the late Frank and Antoinette (Iapicca) Albano.

Bella had a kind disposition and a heart of gold. She truly was an angel. The old saying states that "God broke the mold after she was born" and that is an understatement. Bella was known to make friends everywhere she went and touched everyone's heart in their own distinct way. Bella loved to sing. She would sing for everyone and everywhere. She enjoyed going to concerts and was invited on stage twice to sing personally with David Foster. Bella enjoyed playing bingo at the Westford Senior Center, watching her beloved Red Sox on TV and traveling with her Charlie to Aruba, Las Vegas, the Caribbean and all throughout Europe. Bella will be greatly missed by those who had the privilege to know her.

Bella was the beloved wife of 66 years to Charles R. DiMare, Jr. She was the devoted mother of Charlene Costa and



her husband, Stephen of Westford, Charles "Chip" DiMare III and his two daughters of Peabody, and Christina DiMare of Topsfield.

Relatives and friends visited with Bella's family at the Dello Russo Funeral Home,

306 Main St., Medford, on Saturday, February 8th followed by a Mass of

Christian Burial celebrated in the Immaculate Conception Church, 489 Broadway, Everett. Services concluded with entombment at Holy Cross Cemetery, Malden.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Bella's name to the Cameron Senior Center, 20 Pleasant St., Westford, MA 01886.

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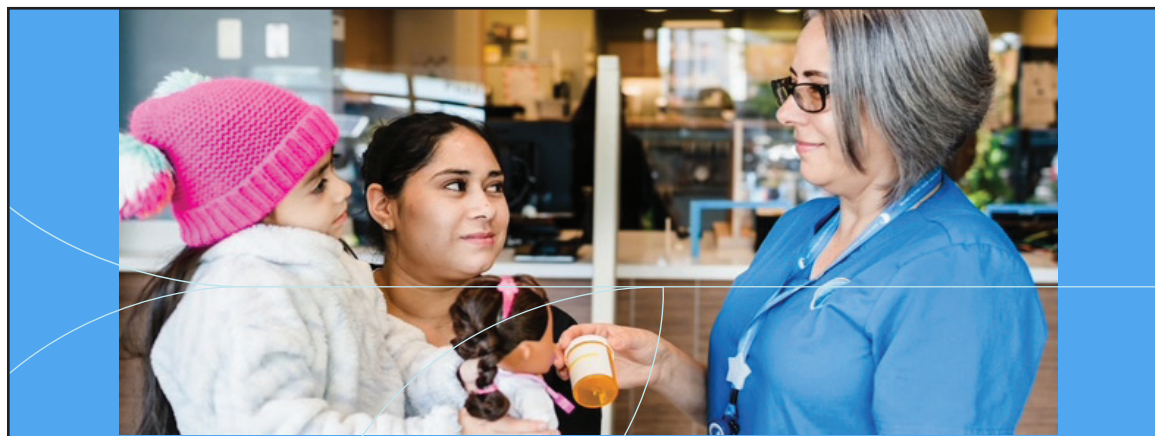
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## HOCKEY SENIOR CHEERLEADERS HONORED AT FINAL HOME GAME



Senior Elahni Cesar with her friend, Christopher Bien-Aime.



Senior Captain Mae Kelley with her mother Lisa Kelley, sister Lyla Kelley, brother Kenney and family and friends.

## EHS Roundup

### EVEILLARD IS GBL CHAMPION IN 300

Everett High boys track star Kayshaun Eveillard brought home a first-place medal in the 300 meter dash at last Monday's Greater Boston League (GBL) Championship Meet that was held at the Reggie Lewis Athletic Center in Roxbury.

Kayshaun's sprint of 36.68 was faster by a nose -- by 0.01 (one one-hundredth) of a second, to be precise -- over Revere's Jeremy X, whose official clocking was 36.69.

The next highest-finisher for the Tide was Fabrice Michaud, who took a fourth-place medal in the shot-put with a toss of 40'-8.5". Teammate Gaetano Foster earned a sixth-place medal in the shot with his toss of 37'-7.5".

Lucas Nunez scored two points and earned a fifth-place medal in the mile with a clocking of 59.98. Luvens Hector scored a point and a sixth place medal in the 55m hurdles with a time of 8.88. Luvens also turned in a strong performance in the 300 dash with an eighth-place finish in 39.80.

David Huezo-Erazo just

missed a medal with a seventh-place finish in the two-mile run in 12:26.37. Teammate Anthony Whitlow broke into the top-10 in the two-mile with a clocking of 12:50.06.

The Crimson Tide boys also brought home some hardware in the three relay events.

In the 4 x 400, the quartet of junior Adrien Reyes, senior Luvens Hector, junior captain Lucas Nunez, and junior captain Kayshaun Eveillard sped to a third place finish in a time of 3:47.52.

In the 4 x 800, the squad of sophomore Domenico Delle Rosa, freshman Pratyush Darai, junior Carlos Pagan Landeo, and junior Jeremy Whitlow earned a fifth-place medal with their clocking of 10:33.51.

In the 4 x 200, the four-some of freshman Edwiche Jean Pierre, junior Henry Chen, junior Widmaer Georges, and senior David Iwangou finished sixth in a time of 1:48.41.

On the girls' side, Graziella Foster was the top performer for the Lady Crimson Tide with a second-place effort in the

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shot-out with a throw of 28'-5.5". Teammate Fahema Cou-do brought home a fourth-place medal in the shot with her toss of 26'-9.5."

Akanksha Neupane won a fifth-place ribbon in the mile with a time of 6:48.81 and Devonnie Gomez-Walrond earned a sixth-place medal in the 55m hurdles with her clocking of 10.87.

The Lady Crimson Tide's 4 x 800 relay quartet of senior Milena Antonio, freshman Shashi Pokhrel, freshman Elena Ramirez Martin, and junior Akanksha Neupane won third-

place medals with their time of 13:16.42.

### EHS BOYS SET SIGHTS ON TOURNEY

The Everett High boys basketball team was scheduled to make the long trek westward down the MassPike to Worcester to take on North High School this past Monday. The teams had been scheduled to meet last Thursday, but the contest was postponed because of the snowstorm.

Coach Gerry Boyce and his crew, whose record stood at

8-9 before the North contest, need to win two of their final three contests if they want to punch their ticket for a Journey to the Tourney. Teams need to achieve a .500 record for inclusion in the post-season MIAA state tourney.

The Crimson Tide will conclude their 2025 regular season this coming weekend in the Dudley Davenport Tourney at Sharon High School on Sunday and Monday.

### EHS GIRLS HOOP BATTLING TO THE END

Although the Everett High girls basketball team has come up short in its past few contests, EHS head coach Riley Dunn has been pleased with her squad's effort.

In a 61-44 loss to Greater Boston League rival Somerville, Clarice Alexis led the Lady

Crimson Tide with 15 points.

Last Saturday in the EHS gym, senior captain Emilia Maria Babcock was the leading scorer for Everett with 16 points in a 47-28 loss to non-league foe Brookline. In a contest with GBL opponent Malden last Tuesday that was highlighted by Senior Night festivities, the Lady Crimson Tide came up short, 50-18. Gerniah Boyce turned in a strong effort with six points and six rebounds.

This past Friday, the Tide fell by a score of 50-37 to Lynn Classical.

"It was a tough, but hard-fought loss," said Dunn. "We really saw some fight in all the girls. Our bench stepped up when people got in foul trouble. We fought until the end."

Senior captain Emilia Maria Babcock led the Tide with

12 points and pulled down six rebounds in three quarters of play. Julianna Rivera hit for double figures with 10 points to go along with two assists and three boards. Nicole Damaceno, "who worked relentlessly on defense," said Dunn, notched four points and hauled in 12 rebounds.

"We're looking to keep building and keep fighting as we finish the season strong," said Dunn.

The Lady Crimson Tide were scheduled to meet GBL rival Revere last night (Tuesday) and will entertain non-league opponent Lowell tomorrow (Thursday) evening for a 6:30 opening tip. They will travel to two more non-league foes, Gloucester next Tuesday and Marblehead next Thursday to wrap up their 2025 campaign.

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- Implement or establish drought surcharge or seasonal water rates;
- Prepare to activate emergency inter-connections for water supply; and,
- Develop or refine your local drought management plan using guidance outlined in the state Drought Management Plan.

### For Regions in Level 2 – Significant Drought

- Residents and Businesses:
- Minimize overall water use and be particularly mindful of indoor water use;
  - Follow local water use restrictions;
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  - For larger buildings and businesses, conduct water audits to identify areas of leaks and potential water conservation opportunities.
- Immediate Steps for Communities/Municipalities:
- Limit or prohibit washing of hard surfaces (sidewalks, patios, driveways, siding); personal vehicle or boat washing.
  - Establish water-use reduc-

tion targets for all water users, identify top water users and conduct targeted outreach to help curb their use.

Short- and Medium-Term Steps for Communities/Municipalities:

- Establish a year-round water conservation program that includes public education and communication, taking advantage of the state's library of outreach materials;
- Provide timely information to local residents and businesses;
- Implement or establish drought surcharge or seasonal water rates; and,
- Check emergency inter-connections for water supply; and,
- Develop or refine your local drought management plan using guidance outlined in the state Drought Management Plan.

Below are recommendations for communities and individuals living and working within a Level 1 – Mild Drought region.

### For Region in Level 1 – Mild Drought

- Residents and Businesses:
- Minimize overall water use;
  - Fix indoor leaks, such as from toilets, faucets, and showers, which result in more than 60 percent of indoor use; and,

• For larger buildings and businesses, conduct water audits to identify areas of leaks and potential water conservation opportunities.

Communities/Municipalities:

- Establish a year-round water conservation program that includes public education and communication, taking advantage of the state's library of outreach materials;
- Provide timely drought and water conservation information to local residents and businesses;
- Check emergency inter-connections for water supply; and,
- Develop a local drought management plan (learn more here).

State agencies will continue to closely monitor and assess conditions across the state, coordinate any needed dissemination of information

to the public, and help federal, state, and local agencies prepare additional responses that may be needed in the future. The Drought Management Task Force will meet again on Thursday, March 6, at 10:00AM. For further information on water conservation and what residents can do, visit the EEA's drought and water conservation pages.

## North Shore Philharmonic Winter Concert Features music of Ravel, Barber, Rachmaninoff

Special to the Times-Free Press

Russian composer Sergei Rachmaninoff's demanding Symphony No. 3 and Maurice Ravel's delightful "Mother Goose Suite" highlight the program when Music Director Robert Lehmann conducts the North Shore Philharmonic Orchestra in its Winter Concert Sunday, February 23 at Swampscott High School auditorium.

Concert time is 3:00 p.m. Tickets will be available at the door or can be purchased in advance at [www.nspo.org](http://www.nspo.org) for \$30, \$25 for seniors and students. Children 12 and under are admitted free.

Also on the concert program is the First Essay for Orchestra by American composer Samuel Barber.

Rachmaninoff, renowned for his works for piano, wrote three symphonies, with some 40 years separating the first and third. Critics claimed that the Third was too much of a "modern" piece and it was not well-received by audiences. Over the years, however, Rachmaninoff's Third Symphony has earned its place in the symphonic Repertoire for



Music Director Robert Lehmann conducts the North Shore Philharmonic Orchestra "Winter" concert Sunday, February 23 at Swampscott High School.

its orchestral color.

Ravel, well-known his affection for children and animals, originally wrote a piano suite for four hands based on the famous Mother Goose stories in 1908 and four years later wrote the Orchestration. The imaginative, medodic music evokes the wonderment of the characters "Pavane for Sleeping Beauty", Tom Thumb, the Laideronette—Empress of

the Pagodas, "Beauty and the Beast", and, finally, a celebration of nature in The Enchanted Garden.

Barber wrote the Essay for Orchestra in 1937—(it was later retitled "First Essay for Orchestra)—apparently at the invitation to the celebrated Italian conductor Arturo Toscanini, who conducted the first performance with the NBC Symphony Orchestra in a program that



The North Shore Philharmonic Orchestra performs its "Winter" Concert Sunday, February 23 at Swampscott High School.

included Barber's now-famous "Adagio for Strings." The Essay form of musical composition develops a complex and thoughtful work from a single thesis.

The North Shore Philharmonic Orchestra is playing its 76th season. Staffed largely by volunteer players, the NSPO is committed to providing afford-

able access to quality classical music. The Orchestra strives to develop, train, and provide opportunities for young musicians, while providing a large range of programs covering the full range of symphonic and pops repertoire for a diverse public. For full concert information, visit [www.nspo.org](http://www.nspo.org) or contact [info@nspo.org](mailto:info@nspo.org).

### UPCOMING EVENTS AT EVERETT PUBLIC LIBRARIES

The library will be closed in observance of Presidents Day on Monday February 17th.

**Blind Date with a Book** This February, don't judge a book by its cover! Visit the Parlin or the Shute libraries and have a meet-cute with your new favorite book. Already wrapped and waiting are some wonderful reads - but you won't know what they are until you check them out and unwrap them! Feeling a little more daring? Fill out one of our "Blind Date with a Book" surveys and our librarians will match you with a book we think you'll fall in love with. It will come to you wrapped and with some special surprises generously provided by the Friends of the Everett Public Libraries. Available while supplies last!

#### Parlin Adult and Teens

**Yarn Club** Parlin Fireplace Room. Tuesday, February 18th 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!

**Thoreau and the Underground Railroad**, Parlin Meeting Room. Tuesday, February 18th at 7:00 pm. An exploration of Thoreau's participation in the Underground Railroad, his abolitionist views, night in jail and how his writings have historically inspired civil rights movements around the world.

**Table Top Gaming Club**, Parlin Meeting Room. Wednesday, February 19th at 3:00 pm. Play board games and hang out with friends at the library! Every Wednesday, from 3-5pm, enjoy good games and even better company! Recommended for ages 12+.

**The 80's Comedy Boom** in Boston, Parlin Meeting Room. Wednesday, February 19th at 7:00 pm. Veteran arts journalist Nick Zaino takes the audience

through the rip-roaring 80s comedy boom in Boston, from the dearth of clubs in the late 70s to the Hub's swinging heyday with comedians like Steven Wright, Lenny Clarke, Jimmy Tingle, Steve Sweeney, Barry Crimmins, Paula Poundstone, Bobcat Goldthwait, Janeane Garofalo, Marc Maron, David Cross.

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#### Parlin Childrens

**Movie Matinee** Parlin Meeting Room, Tuesday February 18th at NOON. Come to the library and watch Spiderman, Far From Home. Enjoy a free movie and popcorn with family and friends.

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**Storytime and Singalong** with Karen, Parlin Children's Room. Wednesday, February 19th at 11am. Join us for a fun-filled morning of singing and storytelling with Karen! Suggested ages 0-6.

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**Drama Class**. Parlin Children's Room. Wednesday, February 19th at 3pm. Do you have

# EVERETT HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT ATHLETES SIGN FOR COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

Last Wednesday just before the end of the day at Everett High School and small group of family and friends gathered to watch Kevin Diaz and Amelia Maria Babcock sign to their respective colleges. Diaz was given a full 4-year football scholarship at Franklin Pierce University in New Hampshire, and Babcock a full 4-year basketball scholarship at Eastern Connecticut State University.

EHS Athletic Director Tammy Turner was pleased to announce the scholarships, and coaches for both athletes added to the accolades of their hard work and good grades, as well as team players. A short highlight video was shown for each athlete, then Kevin Diaz and Ameillia Maria Babcock signed their letters of intent with families and friends by their side.



EHS Athletic Director Tammy Turner welcomes the families and friends.



Football Asst. Coach Victor Ruiz spoke on the dedication and work ethic of EHS Football Star, Kevin Diaz.



Head Coach of the EHS Crimson Tide Girl's Basketball Team Riley Dunn proudly introduces her player, Amelia Maria Babcock, signing with Eastern Connecticut State University.



Kevin Diaz EHS Class of 2025 will be attending Franklin Pierce University in the fall on a 4-year football scholarship. Shown with his mom Amy, Grandmother Betty Gonzalez, and Emayla Diaz and Ediell Diaz.



EHS Student/Athlete Kevin Diaz with family, friends, Asst. Coach Victor Ruiz at the EHS cafeteria last Wednesday afternoon.



EHS Sr. Amelia Maria Babcock with her parents, Everett School Committee member Robin Babcock and Silvestre Valdez.



Amelia Maria Babcock with family, friends, Head Coach Riley Dunn at the EHS Cafeteria last Wednesday afternoon.

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## JOHNSON, ROEBUCK APPOINTED TO PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES



The Everett City Council confirmed the appointments of Joanne Johnson and Karen Roebuck to three-year terms on the Library Board of Trustees at Monday night's meeting. Pictured following the vote from left, are Councilor-at-Large Katy Rogers, Library Trustee Janet Colameta, Councilor-at-Large Stephanie Smith, newly appointed Trustee Joanne Johnson, newly appointed Trustee Karen Roebuck, Ward 5 Councilor Robert Van Campen, and Ward 4 Councilor Holly Garcia.

## POLICE CHIEF STRONG, FIRE CHIEF HICKEY SPEAK AT EVERETT CITY COUNCIL MEETING



Police Chief Paul Strong and Fire Chief Joseph Hickey are pictured prior to speaking at Monday night's City Council meeting. Chief Strong discussed with the Council the steps being taken to ensure that public safety concerns are addressed at the state-run emergency shelter at the EnVision Hotel. Chief Hickey spoke about the potential impacts of the Jupiter lithium battery proposal for Everett and updated the Council on his accomplishments during his first year as chief of the Everett Fire Department.

## Fire safety tips to keep your Valentine's Day safe

This Valentine's Day, make sure your romantic gestures stay memorable for the right reasons. When lighting candles and cooking a special meal, the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®) says to closely monitor food cooking on the stove or in the oven, and to use candles with caution.

"If you're celebrating Valentine's Day at home this year, your plans likely include a special meal and candles," said Lorraine Carli, vice president of Outreach and Advocacy at NFPA. "Our goal is to help ensure that everyone enjoys the holiday with fire safety in mind."

According to NFPA, cooking is the leading cause of reported home fires and home fire injuries year-round. Unattended cooking is a factor in over one-quarter (29 percent) of reported home cooking fires and half of the associated deaths.

Simple cooking safety tips include the following:

- Stay in the kitchen when frying, grilling, or broil-

ing food.

- Have a "kid and pet-free zone" of at least 3 feet (1 meter) around the stove.
- Keep a lid nearby when cooking. If a small grease fire starts, slide the lid over the pan and turn off the burner.
- Set a timer to remind you that you are cooking.

Candles are also a leading cause of home fires and must be used with caution and supervision. NFPA data shows that half of all candle fires started when a flammable object – such as furniture, bedding, curtains, home décor, or clothing – was too close to a lit candle. In 21 percent of home candle fires, the candle was either left unattended, discarded, or otherwise misused. More than one-third of candle fires (36 percent) started in the bedroom.

Consider using batter-operated flameless candles, which proved a similar look and feel to real candles while eliminating the risk of fire.

If you do plan to use real candles, NFPA recommends the following:

- Don't use lit candles in bedrooms, bathrooms, and sleeping areas.
- Use stable candle holders and place candles where they can't be easily knocked over.
- Keep candles at least one foot away from anything that can burn.
- Keep hair and loose clothing away from the flame.
- Don't burn a candle all the way down --- put it out before it gets too close to the holder or container.
- Store matches and lighters up high, out of children's reach, preferably in a locked cabinet.
- Never leave a burning candle unattended.
- Blow out candles when you leave the room or go to bed.

For more information about cooking and candle safety, visit our cooking safety and candle safety pages.

In addition, NFPA encourages the public to make sure they have working smoke alarms and develop and practice a home escape plan.

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ful half mountain/half woman whose face cannot be seen, protector of nature. A program the whole family will enjoy. Told in Spanish and English for children and their adults.

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MIDDLESEX DIVISION  
CIVIL ACTION NO.:  
2481CV02991

NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing vs. The Heirs, Devisees and Legal Representatives of the Estate of Frank E. Strom, et al  
ORDER OF NOTICE BY PUBLICATION  
TO: The Heirs, Devisees and Legal Representatives of the Estate of Frank E. Strom  
WHEREAS a Complaint for Declaratory Judgment and to Foreclose Mortgage was filed in the Middlesex County Super-

rior Court against you; and WHEREIN the Plaintiff seeks a declaratory judgment to clear a cloud on title and foreclose a certain Mortgage dated May 6, 2004 and recorded in the Middlesex County Registry of Deeds at Book 42722 at Page 193

We COMMAND YOU if you intend to make any defense, that on 4/14/25 or within such further time as the law allows you do cause your written pleading to be filed in the office of the Clerk of Court named above, in said Commonwealth, and further that you defend against said suit according to law if you intend any defense, and that you do and receive what the Court shall order and adjudge

therein. Hereof fail not, at your peril, or as otherwise said suit may be adjudged and orders entered in your absence. It is ORDERED that notice of this suit be given to the above-named Defendant(s) by publishing this Order of Notice in the Everett Independent a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Everett at least 20 days before said return day. Dated this 14th day of January, 2025. So Ordered, (Bloomer, J) Justice of the Superior Court Matthew Day Clerk of Court 1/29/25, 2/5/25, 2/12/25 EV

## CHURCH News

### Glendale Christian Lighthouse Church

#### News and Notes

Sunday 10:30 a.m. Worship service.

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Rev. Larry Russi, Sr.  
Pastor  
pastorlarry@  
thelighthousechurch701.net

### Church at the Well Everett

#### News and Notes

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

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](http://www.everettcan.com) to request any additional help.

### 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)

### Mystic Side Congregational Church

#### News and Notes

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

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

**Mystic Side Congregational Church**  
422 Main Street  
Everett, MA

### Glendale United Methodist Church

#### News and Notes

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

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

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

Boy Scout Troop 814: Meet in Cooper Hall on Tues. evenings from 6-9 p.m. Cub Pack 11 meets on Saturday mornings. NA Meetings – Mon. Bring Your Own Book 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.; Thurs.

I Can't But We Can, 8:00 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.

AA Meeting – Saturday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

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

Bread of Life Donations – This outreach is being done to honor the United Methodist Women's Group, who for so many years were our outreach source. Please bring any food item(s) to church and place in the box located on the altar.

**We are on the Internet**  
<http://www.glendaleumc-everett.org>  
**Glendale United Methodist Church**  
Pastor  
David Jackson  
392 Ferry Street  
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#### News and Notes

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

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

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

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

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

4: Confessions are on Saturdays from

3:00-3:45 at the Confession Boots in the Chapel, and at 11:15 a.m. 12:00p.m. in Spanish.

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

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

**Immaculate Conception Parish**  
489, Broadway,  
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Phone Call 6173895660

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