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## KIWANIS CLUB 39TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT



CARY SHUMAN PHOTOS

Shown above at the 39<sup>th</sup> annual golf tournament hosted by the Everett Kiwanis Club are The State-Line Graphics team, Rick Berardino, Steve Berardino, Chris Dockery, and Arthur Berardino.

Shown to the right, Paulette Goodreau, branch manager of Members Plus Credit Union, and Caitlyn Kenney, marketing manager, volunteering their efforts to assist the Kiwanis Club Golf Tournament.

See more photos on Pages 4 and 5.



## City Council will hold next meeting on August 11

By Cary Shuman

The Everett City Council will hold its next meeting on Monday, Aug. 11 at the Council Chambers.

Council President Stephanie Martins expects a busy agenda, but she said that there are no “big-ticket items” before the Council.

“I have two motions, one for an update on the local businesses’ applications for ARPA funds and the other requesting additional information on the summer jobs program,” said Martins. “I know Councilor [Wayne] Matewsky has a few motions on various matters, in-

cluding a change in flight paths to and from Logan Airport that will affect Everett, and Councilor [Robert] Van Campen has a request for a referendum on the construction of a new professional soccer stadium [that is being planned by the Kraft Group].

The Council usually meets twice a month on the second and fourth Mondays, but it schedules only one meeting during the summer. It is a common practice for city councils to cut back their meeting schedules in July and August. In fact, the Chelsea City Council has no regularly scheduled meeting until September.

## THOUSANDS ATTEND SAND SCULPTURE FESTIVAL

Lillyanna Porrazo and Melanie Ruede enjoying the International Sand Sculpting Festival which took place this past weekend on Revere Beach. See more photos on Pages 6 and 7.



## Mayor DeMaria announces Everett’s National Night Out set for Aug. 5

An evening of fun, connection and community partnership at Glendale Park

Special to the Independent

Mayor Carlo DeMaria is pleased to announce that the Everett Police Department (EPD) will host the City’s an-

nual National Night Out on Tuesday, August 5, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Glendale Park (50 Elm Street).

This free, family-friendly event invites residents of all ages to come together with local first responders for an evening of food, games, activities and interactive demonstrations. Attendees will also have a chance to explore the tools and

equipment used daily by police officers, firefighters and EMTs and to meet the people behind the uniforms who work every day to keep Everett safe.

“National Night Out is an important tradition that strengthens the bond between our community and the first responders who serve us,” said Mayor DeMaria. “It’s a chance for all of us to connect, have

fun and continue building a strong, united Everett.”

The event is made possible through a partnership between EPD and several public safety agencies, including the Everett Fire Department (EFD), Cataldo Ambulance Service, Everett’s 9-1-1 Dispatchers, as well as the Everett Public Schools (EPS). Community organizations such as the Eliot Fam-

ily Resource Center (EFRC) and Radius Recycling are also proud to be part of the event.

National Night Out is celebrated in communities across the country as a way to promote police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie. It aims to foster meaningful connections and create safer, more welcoming places to live.

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## PUBLIC DEFENDER ATTORNEYS DESERVE FAIR COMPENSATION

The ongoing work stoppage by the public defender attorneys who are part of what is known as the Bar Advocates program needs to be resolved by the legislature as soon as possible.

The Bar Advocates are private attorneys who are court-appointed by a judge to represent indigent defendants in all sorts of cases, most notably criminal and mental health matters. An attorney who is a member of the Bar Advocate program chooses one or two days per month in a district court on which they will be available to take cases of defendants. A Bar Advocate typically is assigned to a defendant at the time of a defendant's first appearance in the courtroom, which usually is at the arraignment.

However, for the past four weeks or so, many of the Bar Advocates informally have agreed to stop taking on new clients for a very simple reason: Their compensation rate of \$65 per hour is a joke -- a pathetic joke.

Massachusetts compensates its Bar Advocates at a pittance compared to neighboring states such as Rhode Island (\$112 per hour), New Hampshire (\$125 per hour), and Maine and New York (\$150 per hour).

The \$65 rate in the Commonwealth of Mass. is not even half of the average of those other states.

As a result of the refusal of many Bar Advocates to take new assignments (we would note that they still are providing representation to their current clients), judges are either releasing defendants who are being held on bail or dismissing their cases without prejudice because the law mandates that these defendants must receive hearings within a certain number of days at which they are entitled to have legal representation.

Even though a dismissal of charges without prejudice means that the district attorney can refile the case at a later time, the bottom line is that many defendants who may pose a threat to public safety are being released, which obviously is not a good thing.

How the legislature and the governor allowed us to get to this point is irrelevant -- finger pointing is a useless exercise. However, both the legislature and the governor have the ability to rectify the situation by very simply raising the compensation for Bar Advocates to a rate comparable to our neighboring states.

Bar Advocates, who have spent tens of thousands of dollars to obtain a law degree, are not even being treated as an after-thought by the governor and the legislature. The Bar Advocates are being taken for granted, with the result that public safety -- and justice -- are being sacrificed to the detriment of every citizen of our state.

## Your opinions, please

The Everett Independent welcomes letters to the editor.

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# Independent Forum

## UPCOMING EVENTS AT EVERETT PUBLIC LIBRARIES

### Parlin Adult and Teens

Gaming Club, Parlin Meeting Room, Mondays and Wednesdays in July and August, 2-3pm. Join us for board games on Mondays and multi-player video games on Wednesdays! For ages 12 and up.

Classics & Crafts Movie Night, Parlin Meeting Room. Tuesday, August 5th at 6:30pm. Join us for a casual movie viewing where conversation is allowed and crafting is encouraged! We'll be watching Little Women (2019) and viewers are recommended to be 14 years of age or older.

Silent Reads Society Parlin Meeting Room. Saturday, August 9th, from 12-2pm. Join the Silent Reads Society, a unique book club where we enjoy quiet reading. All are welcome!

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, send email to parlininfo@noblenet.org, or call 617-394-2300.

Computer Basics 101, Parlin Information Desk. Not famil-

iar with the computer? Learn the basics at the library! By appointment only. To register, send email to parlininfo@noblenet.org, or call 617-394-2300.

### Parlin Childrens

Mystery Craft Monday, Stop by the Parlin children's room every Monday for a Grab and Go mystery craft. A self directed arts and crafts program for children ages 3-7.

Lego Club. Parlin Children's Room. Monday, August 4th from 3-5pm. Come to the Children's Room on Mondays for some free-building lego fun. Open to all ages. Children under 6 years old must be accompanied by an adult. No registration required..

Storytime and Singalong with Karen, Parlin Children's Room. Wednesday, August 6th 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, August 6th at 3pm. Do you have a drama queen or king at home? Drama Class in the Parlin Chil-

dren's Department is the perfect opportunity for your child to put those acting skills to use with our drama coach! Suggested ages 6-14.

Story Time Adventures with Mrs. McAuliffe Parlin Children's Room. Join us on Thursday and Fridays at 11am with Mrs. McAuliffe for our enchanting Story Time!

Rainbow Dance Party with Elijah T. Grasshopper Parlin Meeting Room, Thursday, August 7th at 2PM. Children ages 2 - 8 will have a hopping good time dancing and moving to the beat with special guest Elijah T. Grasshopper.

Friday Family Movies Parlin Meeting Room. Friday, August 8th at 3 pm. Break out the popcorn! Come and watch Raya and the Last Dragon with your friends and family.

Origami Club. Parlin Children's Room. Saturday, August 9th at 12pm. Learn how to fold paper animals of all kinds! Open to all ages and abilities. Paper and instruction will be provided.

Mixed Media Crafts Parlin

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# Sen. DiDomenico moves to eliminate outdated and offensive laws

Special to the Independent

Senator DiDomenico joined his colleagues in the Massachusetts Senate to unanimously pass two separate bills that will bring Massachusetts laws into the 21<sup>st</sup> century by removing offensive language from state statute and repealing outdated, unconstitutional laws that hamper civil rights.

The Senate passed An Act relative to archaic laws, which repeals outdated statutes that criminalized acts now understood to be protected under the Constitution. Senator DiDomenico secured an amendment to this bill that would remove the crime of petit treason from the Massachusetts General Laws. Petit treason is shockingly still in our laws as a crime of killing one's "superior," namely an enslaved person killing their enslaver, a wife killing her husband, or a clergyman killing their superior. DiDomenico has been filing legislation and advocating to remove this language for several years.

Senator DiDomenico spoke in favor of his amendment on

the Senate floor, "There are two individuals that were convicted of petit treason in the commonwealth in 1775 — if you can believe this law has been in existence since 1775 in our state — and it happened in the district I represent today. There were two enslaved people who could no longer endure their enslaver's severe cruelty. Each was convicted and sentenced to death. Mark was the first person, who was hanged publicly, while Phyllis, the second person, was burned to death. Petit treason is archaic and was primarily used for discriminatory purposes, and it should be stricken from the general laws. Removal of this antiquated and offensive statute is an important step towards ensuring our laws reflect our collective commitment to correcting our past history."

This legislation also includes the repeal of centuries-old laws that criminalized sodomy as a 'crime against nature' and so-called 'unnatural' acts between consenting adults. The criminalization of sodomy, which



Sen. Sal DiDomenico

was punishable by up to 20 years in prison, was used to discriminate against LGBTQ+ residents in the past. Any remaining sodomy laws in the United States were invalidated by a U.S. Supreme Court ruling in 2003. The archaic laws bill, S.1034, would also repeal the 18th century law that calls for punishment of up to one year in jail for a person who utters a blasphemy, something now acknowledged to be covered un-

der the fundamental freedoms of speech and religion. Moving forward, a permanent commission of experts established under this legislation would conduct periodic reviews to ensure state laws remain as up-to-date as possible.

Additionally, the bill creates a panel of experts—including bipartisan appointees from the Legislature, the executive branch, prosecutors, and public defenders—would search for any defects or anachronisms in state laws, aided by suggestions from the Judiciary and other officials. The commission would report proposed fixes to the Legislature at the close of every term.

The Senate also passed An Act amending certain laws relative to individuals with disabilities, which strikes the 'r-word,' a derogatory slur for people with disabilities, out of state law in the dozens of instances where it currently appears. This includes renaming an entire chapter of law that prominently includes the r-word.

The bill, S.137, also builds

person-first language into state law, prioritizing terminology like 'person with a disability' that places the individual first. Other outdated references such as 'handicap' or 'needy' to describe people with disabilities are also erased from the law.

Melissa Reilly, advocate for people with disabilities and former policy advisor to Senator James B. Eldridge:

"The Archaic Language Bill, S.137—An Act amending certain laws relative to individuals with disabilities—is really important because all people with disabilities should be treated and respected by others and not mocked or judged or bullied by others for their disabilities. We are all unique and deserve respect, we do not want to be known as The 'r-word.' We all are unique and different. People with disabilities deserve respect. We are able and capable and not disabled. We are hard-working people and we need to be respected and dedicated and have dignity. Please help us to make a difference and support this bill."

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Children's Room. Saturday, August 9th at 11am. Enjoy learning and develop your imagination! Recommended for ages 4-12. Registration is required, sign up online. This program is funded by the Everett Cultural Council.

### Shute Adult and Teens

Golden Minds: Play, Create, Connect, Shute Meeting Room, Monday, August 4th at 10am. Join us for our monthly senior social at the Shute Library! No registration required. This event is open to ages 55-109! Games are generously supplied by the Council of the Aged.

Sketch Studio, Shute Meeting Room, Tuesday, August 5th at 4:30 PM. Come hang with us at our Sketch Studio hour - a weekly drop-in art session at the Shute Library!

Resume Writing, Shute Adult Department. Book a one-on-one resume assistance appointment at the Shute Library and let a librarian help you craft a resume tailored to your strengths and aspirations. Sign

up for a thirty minute session at both the Shute Library. Fridays by appointment only.

Computer Basics 101, Shute Adult Department. Tech Newbie? No Problem! Learn to power up, click around, type like a pro, explore the digital world, and even send your first email. Book your Friday adventure with technology today! By appointment only on Fridays. Please call the Shute Library to register for an appointment.

### Shute Children's

Story to Screen: Book & Movie Club Shute Meeting Room. Mondays @ 2:30 PM. It's time for films and fun! Munch on popcorn and watch How to Train Your Dragon, based on Cressida Cowell's bestseller. Recommended for children 8 and up.

Miss Val's Storytime Pals Shute Children's Room. Mondays at 10 AM and Tuesdays at 12 PM. What's better than a good story? Sharing it with friends! Join Miss Val at the Shute Library for Fairytale

Fun!

Book Talk: Summer Reading Edition Shute Meeting Room. Wednesdays at 10 AM. Have you been keeping up with your summer reading? Drop in to share your opinions, get recommendations, and find out what everyone else has been reading (and doing) during summer break!

Tune In: Music Class at the

Library! Shute Meeting Room. Wednesday, August 6th from 2-3:30PM. Join us at the Shute Memorial Library for a fun and interactive music class where you'll learn to read music and sing! This program is recommended for ages 10-14. Materials for this program have been generously provided by the Friends of the Everett Public Libraries.

Master Builders: Lego Free-play: Shute Children's Room. Thursdays from 3-5PM. Free-play session with Legos and other building blocks. Bring a buddy, or make a new one, as you explore your imagination brick by brick! We provide the space and the materials to let your vision take shape. What will you create?

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EVERETT KIWANIS CLUB HOLDS 39TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT



In an admirable display of community service, Everett High School students (from left) Akanksha Neupane, Casey Martinez, Ana DaSilva, Gabriel DeSouza, and David Flores served as volunteer attendants at the Everett Kiwanis Golf Tournament.



The Kiwanis Golf Tournament Committee, Chairperson David LaRovere, Past Kiwanis President John Mackey, Caitlyn Kenney, and Past Kiwanis President John Mattuchio.

Cary Shuman Photos

The Everett Kiwanis Club held its 39th Annual Golf Tournament July 25 at Mount Hood Golf Course in Melrose. Tournament Chair David LaRovere and the committee welcomed 33 golfers to the event that featured closest-to-the-pin and hole-in-one

contests, prize drawings and a steak luncheon inside the clubhouse. Expertly painted sponsors' signs by State- Line Graphics were on display at each hole. The Kiwanis Club generously donates all proceeds from the tournament to scholarships for Everett High School students.



Tournament competitors Derek White, Andy Lyne, and Jaffar Shiek.

Everett man indicted for selling firearms

Special to the Independent

An Everett man has been indicted by a federal grand jury in Boston for trafficking firearms. Joao Victor Da Silva Soares, 21, was indicted on one count of dealing firearms without a license and one count of conspiracy to engage in the business of dealing in firearms without a license. He will be arraigned in federal court in Boston on July 30, 2025. Da Silva Soares was previously charged by criminal complaint in January 2025.

According to the charging documents, between August and September 2024, Da Silva Soares supplied firearms for sale in Eastern Massachusetts. Specifically, on Aug. 26, 2024, Da Silva Soares allegedly delivered two AM-15 rifles and sold them for \$6,000 in a parking lot in Malden. It is further alleged that on Sept. 11, 2024, Da Silva Soares participated in another sale involving a total of five firearms (consisting of rifles, pistols and a shotgun) outside a residence in Milford.

The charges of conspiracy and engaging in the business of dealing firearms without a license each provide for a sentence of up to five years in prison, three years of super-

vised release and a fine of up to \$250,000. Sentences are imposed by a federal district court judge based upon the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines and statutes which govern the determination of a sentence in a criminal case.

United States Attorney Leah B. Foley; Bryan DiGirolamo, Acting Special Agent in Charge of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives, Boston Field Division; Michael J. Krol, Special Agent in Charge of Homeland Security Investigations in New England; and Patricia H. Hyde, Field Office Director, Boston, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's Enforcement and Removal Operations made the announcement today. Valuable assistance was provided by the Massachusetts State Police and the Malden and Milford Police Departments. Assistant U.S. Attorney John Reynolds of the Organized Crime & Gang Unit is prosecuting the case.

The details contained in the charging documents are allegations. The defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

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Nguyen, Long T	Gear Jr, William R	11 Dyer Ave	\$868,000
130 Francis St LLC	Scoppa, Josephine H	130 Francis St	\$900,000
Fuentez, Edwin A	Shiner, Jason W	14 Trunfio Ln	\$625,000
Casseus, Sadie	Darocha, Gisely R	162 Chestnut St	\$875,000
174-178 Ferry Street Rt	Everett Closing LLC	174 Ferry St	\$3,160,000
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Martinez, Josseline Y	Stanton, Rachael	19 Garland St	\$530,000
Nascimento, Aldo	Hai, Josephine W	32 Pearl St #32	\$715,000
Borja, Pedro D	Hovhanessian, Cara	38 Pearl St #2	\$515,000
Glen Ferry LLC	412-414 Ferry Street LLC	412 Ferry St	\$1,850,000
Yang-Tran, Tiffany	Johnson, Cameron	50 Floyd St #4	\$610,000
Rong, Lei	Olivar, Jason	74 Clinton St	\$770,000
Rai, Shekhar	90 Swan St Developement	90 Swan St	\$1,305,000
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A photograph of four men standing together outdoors on a golf course. From left to right: the first man wears a blue and white horizontally striped polo shirt; the second man wears a blue and red polo shirt with a red stripe across the chest and a blue baseball cap; the third man wears a white polo shirt with thin blue horizontal stripes and a small logo on the chest; the fourth man wears a light blue polo shirt with a small black logo on the chest. They are all smiling and have their arms around each other's shoulders. The background shows a grassy area with large trees and a clear sky.

# It's that time of year again!



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21ST ANNUAL REVERE BEACH INTERNATIONAL SAND SCULPTING FESTIVAL

Photos by Marianne Salza

Revere Beach Partnership, that’s mission is to enhance and preserve America’s first public beach, held its 21st Annual Re-

vere Beach International Sand Sculpting Festival on the July 25,26, and 27 weekend, filling the boulevard with local and global visitors.

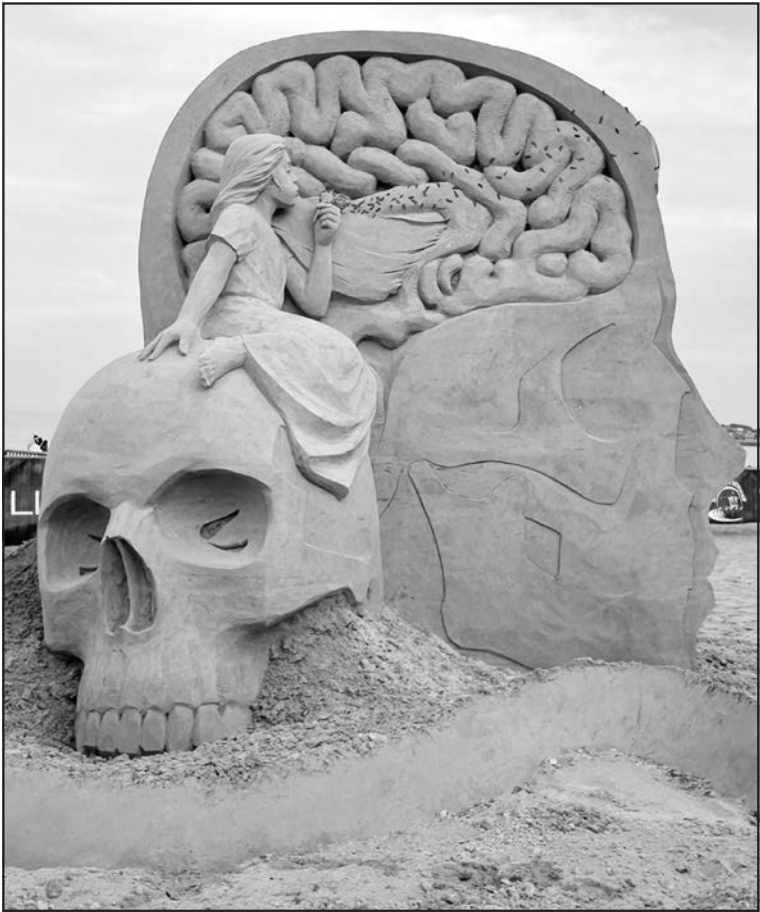
“We are proud of this event,”

said John Hamel, Chairman, Revere Beach International Sand Sculpting Festival, who expressed his appreciation for the organizing team, sponsors, and volunteers. “As chairperson, I can speak for everyone in saying how grateful we are for the master sand sculptors who have come from all over the world and graced this beach with beautiful works of art.”

Abe Waterman, of Canada, won both the People’s Choice Award and first place for his piece, “Delicate Balance.” Second place was awarded to “Deep Sleep,” by Slavian Borecki, of Poland; and third place was awarded to “I See You,” by Henneke Supply, of Belgium. Mayor Patrick Keefe was also presented a golden shovel in appreciation for his instrumental commitment and passion for the festival, and his dedication to the City of Revere throughout the year.



This year’s Sand Sculpting Festival theme celebrated the nation’s upcoming 250th anniversary of the American Revolution, with historical reenactors like Revere resident, Tom Coots, and Jonathan Lane, Executive Director, Revolution 250.



First place winner, “Delicate Balance,” by Abe Waterman, Canada.



“Catch Your Dreams,” by Jobi Bouchard, Canada.



Third place winner, “I See You,” by Hanneke Supply, Belgium.



“Ink,” by Bouke Atema, The Netherlands.



“The Rise of AI,” by Matt Deibert, of New Jersey.



“Intrepid Innocence,” by Damon Meri, Florida.



Second place winner, “Deep Sleep,” by Slavian Borecki, Poland.



“I Want to Break Out,” by Jimmy Bejko, Boston.

21ST ANNUAL REVERE BEACH INTERNATIONAL SAND SCULPTING FESTIVAL



Visitors admiring the sand sculptures at Revere Beach on July 26.



The Caiazza Family, of Malden, walking along Revere Beach Boulevard, with The Sicari Family, visiting from Italy.



Maddie Smith, Carley Gagnon, of East Boston, Kayla Connolly, Halle Rogoff, and Sarah Horgan, of East Boston.



First place winner, and People's Choice winner, Abe Waterman, of Canada.



KJ sitting on Aiden's shoulders, with Maisie and Vivian, of Rhode Island.



Tatiana and her children, August and Eleanor Hathaway, of Brain-tree.



Visitors gathering to learn the winners of the 21st Annual Revere Beach Sand Sculpting Festival on July 26.

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# Local municipal officials call for state action to keep food waste out of the trash

Staff Report

While residents across the Commonwealth have just experienced a record-breaking heatwave in some areas, municipal officials are acting on a less-often-discussed contributor to the climate crisis: food waste. Fifty-one municipal officials from 17 cities and towns across Massachusetts, includ-

ing Revere, Boston, Everett, Lynn, and Chelsea, made that connection and urged the state to take action in a letter delivered this week to Governor Maura Healey and Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) Commissioner Bonnie Heiple.

While landfill space in Massachusetts is rapidly filling up, food waste decomposing in landfills produces methane, a potent greenhouse gas. And according to EPA data, landfills are one of the largest sources of methane emissions in the Bay state. MassDEP estimates that food waste accounts for more than 25 percent of the waste stream after recycling, or over 1 million tons per year.

“We ask the State to put in place concrete plans, funding

and technical assistance to increase composting infrastructure, working in partnership with communities like ours to divert food waste and minimize the climate impact of discarded food,” the letter states “An expansion of sustainable waste management practices will benefit our residents and our economy. Communities like ours are ready to partner with the state to expand composting in (Massachusetts.)”

Local municipal officials who signed the letter include Revere City Councilors Juan Pablo Jaramillo, Marc Silvestri, Angela Guarino-Sawaya, Ira Novoselsky, Michelle Kelley, and Robert Haas, III; Chelsea City Councilors Kelly Garcia, Tanairi Garica, Roberto Jimenez-Rivera, and Melinda Vega; Boston City Councilors Henry Santana, Ruthzee Louijeune, Julia Mejia, Enrique Pepén, and Gabriella Coletta-Zapata; Lynn City Councilors Natasha Megie-Maddrey and Nicole McClain; and Everett City Council President Stephanie Martins.

“Keeping food waste out of our landfills is not just an environmental imperative, it’s a moral one,” said Chelsea City Councilor Kelly Garcia. “In Massachusetts alone, more than 1 million tons of food waste end up in our trash every year, contributing to methane emissions that are over 80 times more potent than carbon dioxide. By expanding composting infrastructure and supporting local communities, we can cut these emissions, create healthy soils, and build a more sustainable future. I’m proud to join municipal leaders across the state in calling for this urgent action.”

Massachusetts currently generates over six million tons of waste per year, with a growing percentage exported to other states. In 2024, Clean



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*Mayor*



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Everett Arts & Culture Events

“Birds of Everett”

Photography by Jeffrey Parente



Stop by The Well Coffee House 983 Broadway in Everett to discover a selection of bird photography by Everett resident Jeffrey Parente.

See more on Instagram @jeffparentephoto

Exhibition made possible by a grant from the Mass Cultural Council, Everett Cultural Council and with thanks to The Well.

# Sports

## EVERETT’S AGGANIS ALL-STARS



Everett High School softball coach Stacy Poste-Schiavo is pictured with her program’s three Harry Agganis All-Stars, Ashley Seward, Peyton Warren, and Alexa Uga, following the 27th annual game played at Fraser Field in Lynn.

## Peter Forte Sr. rejoins Everett High School football coaching staff

By Cary Shuman

Peter Forte, known to many as the “Bill Belichick of Youth Football” in recognition of his amazing record of success, has joined the coaching staff at Everett High School.

Crimson Tide head coach Rob DiLoreto has announced that Forte will return to the program as a freshman football coach. Forte will join longtime youth sports leader Jay Holt (who was DiLoreto’s teammate and classmate at Everett High) and former Everett High standout Dylan Cyprien on the freshman staff.

Forte, whose three sons, Peter, Joe, and J.W., were captains in the EHS program, is a mas-



Peter Forte

ter of the fundamentals and a superb in-game technician. He guided Everett Crimson Tide Pop Warner football teams to national, regional, and state

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## Food Waste // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 8

Water Action and MASSPIRG launched a campaign called Plate to Planet with a goal of reducing food waste and diverting all organics from disposal. To reach the goals in its 2030 Solid Waste Master Plan, the state must more than double its rate of food diversion from landfills and incinerators.



## East Boston Farmers Market

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Shown right, Fun-damental Basketball Camp Director Tony Ferullo (center), with instructional staff, from left, Mystic Valley Regional basketball players Calvin Damas, Anna Batista, Katie Guo, and Mitchel Damas.



Mystic Valley Regional Charter School boys basketball head coach Tony Ferullo hosted the Fun-damental Basketball Camp last week at the Immaculate Conception Parish Center gymnasium. Pictured following the awards ceremony with Coach Ferullo are camp participants D'Andre Lopez (left) and Isaiah Dorneus. (right).



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titles – while maintaining the city’s reputation as a football powerhouse at all levels. Everett youth teams have moved to the American Youth Football and Cheer organization for the 2025 season.

The other assistant coaches on the Everett High School football staff are Duane Sigsbury, Malik Love, Claudy St. Juste, Joe LaMonica, Robbie

Riobe, Erick Brown, Jason Portillo, Gerell Boyce, and John Romboli, and Sid Shrestha. CarolLyn Manuel will be the program’s equipment manager.

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## NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

### BOSTON PROVISIONS CASE CONTINUED TO AUGUST

CHELSEA - The planning board continued its hearing on a proposed Boston Provisions 80,000-square-foot facility on the former Signature Bread site on Justin Drive at its meeting last week.

The case will be back before the planning board at its August 26 meeting. Board members requested additional information on landscaping, lighting, water and sewer, and signage plans.

At that August meeting, the planning board could make recommendations on several permits that the zoning board of appeals (ZBA) would then vote on at its September meeting.

The project requires special permits to establish a seafood processing and distribution facility in the Industrial District and extend the use into the adjoining lot in the Naval Hospital Commercial (NHC) District for parking.

The project was before the ZBA earlier in July for its initial public hearing, where the owners and team from Boston Provisions laid out the case for the food processing facility, which they said will bring jobs and tax revenue to the city while creating minimal traffic and odor issues.

However, a number of residents, many from the Admiral's Hill neighborhood, raised a number of concerns about the project, ranging from traffic and noise to potential odors.

At last week's planning board meeting, representatives from Boston Provisions reviewed much of the presentation they gave previously before the ZBA. They also addressed what they characterized as a number of mischaracterizations of the project they said were raised by opponents at the ZBA meeting.

"We are not here tonight as strangers, we're here as committed employers, partners, and long-term investors who want to bring good jobs, clean industry, and a thoughtful presence to this community," said Michael Garrity, one of the founders of Boston Provisions, the parent company of Wulf's Seafood and Savenor's Butchery. "When I joined Wulf's Fish in 2014, we were a three

person company. We did not even generate enough revenue to pay me a salary, but we believed in a better way of doing business, one grounded in transparency, sustainability, and partnerships."

Today, Garrity said Boston Provisions employs 125 people, many of whom already live in Chelsea or the surrounding area. In addition, he said Boston Provisions plans to double its workforce in the coming years.

Garrity said Boston Provisions is a disrupter to the industrial food complex that dominates the market.

"We are a team of skilled butchers and seafood professionals, we are not a factory line," he said. "We serve top chefs, retailers, and grocers around the New England landscape."

Garrity said Boston Provisions is not a polluter, a source of health and safety concerns, and is not responsible for noise, rodents, or offensive odors.

"We're absolutely not a danger to the community," he said. "Some of the claims made at the July 1 zoning board meeting were not only inaccurate, they were hurtful, deeply personal, and in some cases rooted in prejudice. Chelsea has long stood as a city that welcomes working families and honors its immigrant workforce; that is exactly why we were drawn to Chelsea in the first place."

Garrity stated that the voices of a few dissenters do not rep-

resent the views of all 41,000 of the city's residents.

"That being said, if it were just even a single voice, we would listen," Garrity said. "We would value every comment and work diligently to incorporate community feedback into our community plan. We believe that respectful dialogue is the foundation of a strong community, and we remain committed to listening to all residents."

Garrity asked that if an employee-owned, socially responsible, and locally rooted company like Boston Provisions could not find a home in a district that is already zoned industrial, it could be the location for a by-right industrial tenant not subject to any public review.

"(They) could take over this place tomorrow with little to no investment, bringing more truck traffic, more noise, and far less accountability without offering any transparency, investment, or engagement, which we've committed to do from the start," Garrity said. "The owner of this building and Boston Provisions is investing over \$15 million into this facility, not just in equipment and operations, but in aesthetics, landscaping, drainage, and curb appeal. We're not asking Chelsea to accept a burden, we're offering to bring something better."

Boston Provisions CEO Mike Moniz said that some of the questions and concerns

raised by residents have been reasonable and should be addressed, while others have been fueled by misinformation or misunderstandings.

The new facility at 100 Justin Drive will be a modern, clean, quiet, fully refrigerated site that meets all health, safety, and environmental compliance regulations, Moniz said.

"One of the most hurtful moments during the last hearing was hearing Boston Provisions, Wulf's Fish, and Savenor's Butchery casually lumped in with bad actors and companies accused of human rights violations, exploitative labor, and disregard for the communities where they operate," he said. "This is not who we are; in fact, we are building something fundamentally different."

As for the facility itself, Moniz said Boston Provisions is not a typical industrial operator.

"Our facility is designed to be clean, climate controlled, odor free and quiet; far cleaner and quieter than many permitted industrial uses," Moniz said. "The only reason we are before you is because a small portion of our operation, a seafood processing area, requires a special permit under the zoning code. Every other aspect of our business is fully allowed by right."

Moniz also urged the residents to pay attention to the noise, odor, and traffic studies that were conducted for the facility.

"These documents provide objective, professionally validated data that reinforce our commitment to operating in a way that respects our neighbors, minimizes traffic impacts, and contributes positively to Chelsea's future," Moniz said.

Chelsea's housing and economic development director, Ben Cares, said he believes the proposal does represent a valuable economic development project for the city.

"I think that we have an obligation to signal to this type of industry that Chelsea is open for business, and to respect and honor businesses like this one," said Cares.

Cares noted that Boston Provisions is making an earnest attempt to address the concerns of the community, as well as the concerns of the zoning and planning boards. He noted that 100 Justin Drive, the former site of Signature Bread and Pillsbury bakery, has been sitting vacant for over four years.

"That's four years of lost opportunity in one of our most important commercial and industrial corridors," Cares said. "Boston Provisions is here to bring this long vacant site back to life, and in doing so, they are bringing with them 125 good paying jobs with a commitment to double that to 250 jobs within three years."

In addition to the residents, many from Admiral's Hill, who spoke in opposition to the project at the planning board meeting, the board was also presented with a petition signed by over 530 people who are against the project.

A number of the Admiral's Hill residents said they did not doubt that Boston Provisions was a modern, state-of-the-art company, but questioned whether the Justin Drive site was the right location for the business.

Eddie Gaffney noted that one of the special permits being requested for the project would allow for seafood processing to be extended into the adjacent Naval Hospital District, although the applicants have stated that the permit is needed for the parking on the site.

"The district does not allow seafood processing with even a special permit," said Gaffney. "As you all know, one of

### ALL CHELSEA AWARDS GALA



Chelsea city officials are pictured at the All Chelsea Awards Gala July 10 at Spring Hill Suites, Revere. From left, are City Manager Fidel Maltez, Rep. Judith Garcia, Supt. of Schools Dr. Almi Abeyta, City Councilor Calvin T. Brown, City Council President Norieliz DeJesus, City Councilor Lisa Santagate, City Councilor Melanie Vega, and Councilor-at-Large Leo Robinson.

# Overnight double lane closures on Route 1 NB and SB over Webster Avenue

Special to the Independent

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (Mass-

DOT) is announcing that it will be implementing overnight double lane closure on Route 1 northbound and southbound

during weeknights for approximately three weeks. These impacts are scheduled to occur Monday night to Thursday night from approximately 10:00 p.m., through 5:00 a.m.

The lane closures are necessary to establish a work zone which will enable crews and contractors to carry out work as part of the ongoing project to clean, paint, and make steel and concrete repairs to Webster Avenue Bridge on Route 1.

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place to guide drivers through the work area.

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## Everett Police Officer to ride in Pan-Mass Challenge this weekend in memory of fellow officer's daughter

Detective Stephen Ramunno honors Ella O'Donnell, who passed away from brain cancer

Special to the Independent

This weekend, Everett Police Detective Stephen Ramunno will once again take part in the Pan-Mass Challenge (PMC), riding in honor of Ella

O'Donnell, who tragically passed away from brain cancer in 2017. Ella was the daughter of Everett Police Sergeant Dennis O'Donnell.

This marks Detective Ramunno's second time partic-

ipating in the annual bike-athon that raises millions for cancer research and treatment at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. The iconic event brings together thousands of riders and volunteers from 43 states and 12 countries in a shared mission: to help cure cancer.

Although Ella was from Peabody, her courageous spirit touched the hearts of many beyond her hometown. During her battle with cancer, the Everett community, police officers, city staff and residents rallied around her and her family, forming what came to be known as "Ella's Army."

The phrase became a powerful symbol of the love and support she inspired.

Ella's legacy lives on through events like the Strike Out Cancer tournament, organized by Everett Charity Softball. Thanks to the generosity of donors and organizations like this, Detective Ramunno exceeded his fundraising goal of \$6,000. Recently, Strike Out Cancer representatives Peter Sikora and Kimberly Nicolo presented a \$1,000 donation to support his ride.

Mayor DeMaria praised Detective Ramunno for his dedication to both Ella's legacy and the broader cause. "I applaud Detective Ramunno for honoring Ella's memory through the Pan-Mass Challenge," Mayor



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Stephen Ramunno at the Pan-Mass Challenge.

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## Additional Chapter 90 resources support infrastructure improvements in Everett, Chelsea, and across the Commonwealth

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The Massachusetts House of Representatives passed a \$1.2 billion transportation bond bill that makes historic investments in local infrastructure, climate-resilient projects, and public transportation. The legislation includes a one-year authorization of \$300 million for the Chapter 90 Program, a 50 percent increase over previous funding levels, to support municipal road and bridge repairs.

In addition to the Chapter 90 increase, the bill allocates \$885 million for three major programs that will address aging infrastructure, improve safety,

and reduce congestion across the Commonwealth.

“Reliable infrastructure is the foundation of opportunity for every community,” said Representative Judith Garcia. “In my district, in gateway cities like Chelsea and Everett, where local crews are already hard at work repairing aging roads, bridges, and culverts, this funding will provide additional resources to support and speed up these critical improvements, making a real difference in people’s daily lives.”

The legislation authorizes \$1.2 billion in bonding for the Chapter 90 Program and additional programs to tackle

critical transportation needs, including:

- \$200 million distributed to all municipalities under the standard Chapter 90 formula.
- \$100 million distributed based solely on road mileage.
- \$500 million for the Lifecycle Asset Management Program (LAMP), which repairs non-federally aided roads and bridges in the worst condition.
- \$200 million for a culvert and small bridge repair program to help municipalities replace or repair aging local bridges under 20 feet.
- \$185 million for congestion mitigation projects, including shared-use paths, intersection upgrades, grade crossing improvements, and sidewalks.

“I’m grateful to work alongside the Everett delegation and my colleagues on Beacon Hill to help bring these investments home. As Chelsea’s only State Representative, it’s an honor to support both Chelsea and Everett in securing the resources needed to keep improving our communities. With this boost to Chapter 90 funding and expanded support for local road and bridge repairs, we’re giving our cities the tools to make lasting infrastructure improvements and create safer streets for everyone.”

The bill passed the House of Representatives unanimously, 156-0, and now moves to the Senate for consideration.



State Rep. Garcia with Chair of the Joint Committee on Transportation James Arciero and colleagues from the Boston delegation pictured during budget week in the House Chambers.

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DeMaria said. “His ride is a moving tribute to her legacy and a reminder of the Everett community’s strength and heart.”

The Pan-Mass challenge takes place Saturday, August 2 and Sunday, August 3. For more information, including route details, please visit [www.pmc.org](http://www.pmc.org).



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Stephen Ramunno receives a check for \$1,000 from Everett Charity Softball. Shown from left, Kimberly Nicolo, Stephen Ramunno and Peter Sikora.

## CLEAN UP EVERETT CAMPAIGN IN ACTION



Councillor-at-Large Katy Rogers (left) of Clean Up Everett and campaign volunteer Sergio Morales (right) are pictured in front of the Edward G. Connolly Center where they were recruiting residents for the group.

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the most important criteria for granting a special permit is, as I quote from page two of this application, no special permit may authorize a use or activity not otherwise permitted in the district in which the land or structure is located.”

Carol Resnik of Captain's Row noted that the new facility will be close to the Chelsea Jewish Lifecare facility.

“You've got to realize that there is a nursing home with ALS patients,” Resnik said. “They have no freedom, their bodies have betrayed them and they go outside to see the water and get some fresh air. Nothing

will convince me that this kind of place will not emit some kind of odor, not to mention the traffic when those people want to cross the street and those trucks are coming in and out and can't see somebody in a wheelchair or a small child.”

Commandants Way resident Suzanne Perry said she doesn't doubt that Boston Provisions is a highly rated company for raw fish, shellfish, meat, poultry, and packaging.

“I've also read that Boston Provisions is already very committed to Chelsea as a neighborhood, which I think is wonderful,” said Perry. “But the

question is, does this company belong on the edge of a densely populated neighborhood and should a permit be authorized given that 100 Justin Drive is a divided lot. Once we accept the fact that Boston Provisions is a great company, does it belong on this lot?”

Perry said that one of the criteria in zoning is if the project is an appropriate use for the site.

“The area along Chelsea Creek and Eastern Avenue is already zoned for this kind of industry, and would be a great home for Boston Provisions expansion and the jobs that Bos-

ton Provisions has promised to Chelsea workers,” Perry said. “Given these guidelines, and other guidelines on file in the city of Chelsea for your use in making these decisions, it does seem arbitrary and capricious to me that special permits and zoning changes are being considered for 100 Justin Drive.”

Craig Murphy, a trustee of the Admiral Hill Associates homeowners association said one of the bigger issues is looking at the overall planning for the city.

“We have no problems with these guys ... they obviously run a good business and they have been around for quite awhile as they have said, and I'm sure everything they're talking about is probably true or mostly true,” said Murphy. “But why take the risk? The (Boston) Seaport is moving these types of businesses out of there, and Chelsea is raising their hand saying, yeah, come over here.”

is designed to be a moment of togetherness—where poetry breathes outside the bounds of traditional venues and finds a home in the greenery of one of the neighborhood's most cherished parks. Whether you're stepping up to the mic or coming to be moved, this event is an invitation to experience creativity in its most natural form.

Essmaa Litim is no stranger to transforming art into a force for collective healing and liberation. As the founder of Femme Flo—a poetic collective curated to cultivate a community of femme poets in celebration of legacy, past, present, and future—she has become a vital voice in Boston's cultural renaissance. Through her words, she builds worlds where expression becomes empowerment and storytelling becomes survival. Her debut memoir, *Speechless*, and her acclaimed poem “The Laundromat”—a poignant reflection on gentrification in East Boston—have resonated both locally and nationally, amplifying untold narratives with urgency and grace.

With every poem, performance, and public gathering, Litim continues to carve out spaces where truth is honored, healing is possible, and everyone belongs. Now, she brings that same unwavering heart, creative fire, and communal spirit to Park Poetree.

This event is free and open to the public, but RSVP is required at [essmaalitim.com](http://essmaalitim.com) to ensure seating. Attendees are encouraged to bring blankets, picnic snacks, and open hearts. Whether you're a poet, a listener, or simply someone looking to experience the magic of East Boston in full bloom, this is your invitation.

Let the park be your page at Park Poetree.

## CONSCOMM DELAYS VOTE ON NEW HIGH SCHOOL

REVERE - The Revere Conservation Commission (ConsComm) held its regular monthly meeting on Thursday evening, July 10, in the City Council Chambers. Chair Nicholas Rudolph and fellow members Brian Averbach, Joseph LaValle, Bernardo Sepulveda, Amelia Viscay, and Thomas Carleton were on hand

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## CHURCH News

### Zion Church - Everett

#### News and Notes

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### Immaculate Conception Parish

#### News and Notes

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

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

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

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

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

4: Confessions are on Saturdays from

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

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### Church at the Well Everett

#### News and Notes

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for the session.

The first matter on the agenda was a request for a Determination of Applicability from Karie Gavin for the demolition of a garage and the conversion of asphalt/pavement to grass at her home at 23 Frank Ave., a small street that runs between No. Shore Rd. and Mills Ave. in the Riverside section of the Point of Pines.

After a brief discussion with Ms. Gavin about the work to be done, the commissioners determined that the work would not involve a conservation issue and therefore issued a negative Determination of Applicability, which means that the ConsComm will not be overseeing the project.

“This will be a major improvement to the property,”

said Rudolph.

The evening’s principal matter before the commission was a request for a Notice of Intent (NOI) from the City of Revere for the construction of a new Revere High School at 190 VFW Parkway. The site is the former Wonderland dog track.

Claire Hoogeboom, a Wetlands Scientist with LEC Environmental Consultants who has appeared before the ConsComm numerous times in the past year to obtain approval for the delineation of the wetlands and for the demolition of the remaining structures on the site (which is ongoing), presented the request for the NOI.

Hoogeboom was accompanied by a number of members of the team working on the project, including landscape ar-

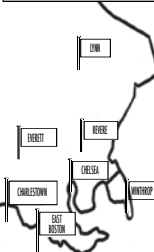
chitects and engineers. She presented charts that showed the many topographical challenges that will be involved with the project stemming from the site’s location near land subject to coastal storm flow; its proximity to the riverfront area; the presence of the Eastern County Ditch (which runs through the site); and the existence of what has become a freshwater pond on the old dog track.

She noted that the school, which will house students in grades 9-12, will have at-grade parking underneath it at an elevation of four feet, with the school itself elevated well-above (19 feet) the 100-year flood plain (which is 11 feet). There will be five tennis courts, a bank of EV charging stations, and two synthetic-turf,

multi-purposed playing fields, one of which will have a geothermal heating system underneath it that will provide heat to the high school.

There also will be a wildlife mitigation area with osprey nests. In addition, there will be outdoor learning areas, courtyards, and boardwalk paths.

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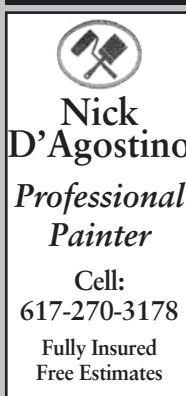
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Pie for Breakfast

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

Have you heard the phrase, “As American as Apple Pie.” Pie in America is so essential to our culture that the Library of Congress dedicated a blog post, Pie•ology: A Full Filling Story, to the subject.

In that juicy article, author Jennifer Harbster explained, “New England became known as the ‘pie belt’ and rightfully so. Pies were a staple in New England households and it was not uncommon to serve pie for breakfast.” If you are someone who looks forward to a piece of pumpkin pie on the days after Thanksgiving or a slice of blueberry pie in the morning, you are merely continuing a long tradition.

**What Counts as Pie?**

Harbster wrote, “Not only do we have the traditional savory meat pies and the sweet dessert pies, but we also have pocket pies. These handheld pies are

made by folding the dough over a filling and baking.” We are happy to go along with that definition, as it opens up a world of traditional pies for our enjoyment.\*

Pocket pies can make an excellent handheld breakfast on a grab-and-go morning. Their size means that even from frozen, these breakfast pies can be ready after 8 to 15 minutes in an air fryer or 15 to 20 minutes in an oven. Pop one or two in to bake when you wake, and they’ll be ready in the time it takes for your morning routine.

**Homemade Pies**

The pocket pie with the best story is the Cornish Pasty. It was a handy meal that miners in Cornwall were able to eat in the dreadful conditions of the mines. Their wives would make a pastry crust and fill one end with beef, potatoes, onions, and rutabaga; create a dough barrier, and fill the other end with fruit pie filling. The thick,

crimped pastry edge served as the handle for the miner to hold in his dirty hand and toss away when he finished his meal.

While many cooks don’t make pies because they lack the skill of making a good crust, they can try their hand by using a good commercial crust. We usually have both puff pastry, pie and pizza dough in our freezer.

**Store Bought Pies**

Another option can be found in the supermarket, where you can buy both fresh and frozen pies, as well as hand pies. We are fortunate to have vendors who offer empanadas, samosas, and fatayer at our farmers’ market. Those in the Greater Boston area are fortunate to have great frozen empanadas available at Capone’s Foods in Union Square, Somerville.

Since so many cultures have traditional pies and hand pies,



This delicious blueberry pie replaced a birthday cake for Ed. The next day it served as Penny’s breakfast.


you can sample a wide selection, dine in, or take out from restaurants. We’ve saved a list of “40 Pies from Around the World” that we plan to use as a pie discovery bucket list. We’ve already checked off the Jamaican Paddy, Samosa, Spanakopita, Australian Meat Pie, and the others mentioned above.

The next time you need a conversation starter, ask people to share their pie story or whether they eat pie for breakfast. Ed’s birthday pie was an extension of the Lemon Meringue pies a neighbor baked each year for Penny’s birthday. And, with a family of pie bakers, Penny has even received a raisin pie, also known as a funeral pie, that is said to sweeten a sad time. Reflect on your past and prepare to share your own pie story once the conversation is underway.

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

# LEGAL NOTICE

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CITY OF EVERETT  
LEGAL NOTICE  
INVITATION FOR BIDS  
IFB # 26-08-  
Pavement Markings at Various Locations

The City of Everett, the Awarding Authority, invites sealed bids for Pavement Markings at Various Locations throughout the City for the 2025 season, in accordance with M.G.L. c.30, §39M and the bid documents prepared by the City of Everett Purchasing Department.

The Work: consists of the repainting of existing pavement markings, and the application of pavement markings in new locations and related work at various locations in the City of Everett, as directed by the Executive Director of Public Works and Engineering or his designee.

Bid documents and specifications will be available beginning July 30, 2025 at the City of Everett’s website: Purchasing - Everett, MA - Official Website (cityofeverett.com).

Sealed bids, clearly marked: “IFB #26-08- 2025 Pavement Markings at Various Locations,” must be submitted no later than 1:00 PM on August 13, 2025 to: Monica Ford, Interim CPO, City of Everett, Purchasing Department, 484 Broadway, Room 14, Everett, MA 02149, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud in Room 14 at Everett City Hall.


A 5% bid deposit is required. Prevailing Wage Rates apply. OSHA 10 Certification is required for all workers on site. The successful bidder must furnish a 100% Performance Bond and a 100% Payment Bond in the contract sum with a corporate surety approved by the Owner (City of Everett). Cost Estimate: \$125,225.00. This is a three-year provisional Contract. The City reserves the right to extend the contract for up to two (2) additional one-year terms, at the sole discretion of the City and subject to funding availability and vendor performance. Any such extension shall be under the same terms, conditions, and pricing as the original contract, unless otherwise agreed upon in writing by both parties. Valuation for purposes of MassDOT Prequalification is based on first year times three

(3) to arrive at an estimated total prequal contract value. The estimated value provided in this Invitation to Bid is for one year. Vendors are expected to be able to provide their services over three (3) years at three (3) times the initial estimated value. All bidders must be pre-qualified by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation as follows. The MassDOT Prequalification Office will provide the city with an official and waiver contractor bid lists for all contractors pre-qualified in the specified class of work within the parameters of this project. Only those bidders listed in the official or waiver contractor lists issued by the MassDOT Prequalification Office will be allowed to obtain an official proposal book. MassDOT prequalification of contractors with the class of work as, Pavement Markings (Options), for the project with an estimated value of \$375,675.00 (3 yrs. x \$125,225.00) will be required.

The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids if it is in the public interest to do so.

-Monica Ford  
Interim Chief Procurement Officer

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