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John Van Campen, Mayor Robert Van Campen, Marie Van Campen, First Lady of Everett Lisa Van Campen, and Lily Van Campen during the Inaugural Ball Saturday, Jan. 10 at the Edward G. Connolly Center. See Pages 4-5 and 8-9 for more photos.

Everett City Government Inaugural Ball was a first-class event

By Cary Shuman

Everett city officials and residents enjoyed the Inaugural Ball Saturday, Jan. 10 at the spectacularly decorated Edward G. Connolly Center.

The capacity crowd enjoyed hors d'oeuvres, a buffet dinner catered by Rita's, and a lavish dessert table, followed by dancing to the music of Clockwork Northeast.

Mayor Robert Van Campen, First Lady Lisa Van Campen, and their children, Lily Van Campen and John Van Campen and members of the City Council and School Committee par-

ticipated in a well-orchestrated individual grand entrance to the hall, partly to the Black Eyed Peas' hit song, "I Gotta Feeling," that appropriately includes the Jewish phrase, "Mazel Tov," which means Congratulations and Good Luck.

Prior to introducing Mayor Van Campen for his welcoming remarks, City Clerk Sergio Cornelio, the program's master of ceremonies, said,

"I want to thank everyone that helped put this [inaugural ball] together – it was a team effort. I call them the Sisters

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City Clerk Sergio Cornelio, the program's master of ceremonies at the Inaugural Ball.

DiDomenico spent 2025 bringing funding and legislative wins home to his district

Special to the Independent

Senator Sal DiDomenico worked tirelessly throughout 2025 to deliver millions of dollars to his district, secure legislative victories that will protect residents' rights and freedoms, and meet with countless constituents, advocates, and colleagues throughout the communities he represents. DiDomenico also worked with colleagues to help pass budgets and bills that funded critical public services across the state, including funding another year of free Universal School Meals, providing early education and care support, and boosting cash benefits for families in need.

"I couldn't be prouder of the



work I have accomplished this year alongside my team to stand up for working families, ensure we provide the best learning environment for our children, and deliver essential resources

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Moment of silence observed for former city councilor Donald Harney

The Everett City Council observed a moment of silence for former city councilor Donald Michael Harney at its meeting Monday night at City Hall.

Councilor-at-Large Michael Marchese offered words of tribute to Mr. Harney, who died on January 8, 2026.

"Don was a former councilor and worked for the administra-

tion under the former mayors," said Marchese. "He was a very nice guy, and he lived in Everett his whole life."

In addition to his outstanding service in Everett, Mr. Harney was a beloved community leader in Chelsea, where he served commendably as the executive of the Chelsea Chamber of Commerce.

TRASH DELAY
Due to the Martin Luther King Holiday on Monday January 19th, Trash will be delayed by one day
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Our Office will be closed on **MONDAY, JAN. 19** in observation of **MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY**. The office will reopen on Tuesday, Jan. 20. Deadlines for ads & copy is Friday, Jan. 16.

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REMEMBERING DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

For those of a certain age, it is hard to imagine that 2026 will mark 58 years since the assassination of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in Memphis while he was standing on the balcony of the Lorraine Motel on April 4, 1968. Recalling how we felt when he first heard the news of Dr. King's murder still brings chills and a deep sense of sadness that never has subsided.

For those who are too young to have been alive in that era of American history, there are a few things that everyone should know about Dr. King that should provide inspiration to all of us.

First, Dr. King was fearless. He knew from the inception of his rise to prominence of the Civil Rights movement that he would become a target for those who opposed change. Yet, even though he often told others that he believed his death would be imminent, he did not relent in his fight to continue his work in the civil rights movement.

Second, Dr. King stood for the rights of all Americans, not merely those of color. He was in Memphis because he was working with striking sanitation workers, whose pay and working conditions he was seeking to help improve. He also was an outspoken critic of the Vietnam War because he knew it to be an unjust war, not only for poor Americans who could not get a college deferment for the draft, but also for the people of Vietnam, whose homeland was being bombed into oblivion at great profit for the American military-industrial complex.

Third, Dr. King spoke forcefully about the economic inequality that existed in the 1960s -- and that has been exacerbated exponentially today -- making the attainment of the American Dream all but impossible except for a select few.

If Dr. King were alive today, there is no doubt that he would be in the forefront of the protests against the barbaric deportation program by the federal government.

Dr. King's words ring as true today as they did two generations ago. His "I Have A Dream" and "I've Been to the Mountaintop" speeches are among the most powerful orations not only in American history, but in all of Western civilization.

All of us should learn from the example set by Dr. King. His life was a testament to the idea that each of us has the power to change the world -- and that each of us has the capacity to inspire others, whether through our words or deeds, whether on a small or large scale, to make the world a better place. Many of our fellow citizens have followed the path set by Dr. King and many more will do so in the years ahead.

Dr. King often would say, "The arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice." Admittedly, that "bend" often has taken a less-than-direct path in recent years.

But as we celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day this Monday, let us recall not only his memory and the many things that he accomplished, but let us also resolve never to yield to the forces of intolerance, prejudice, and hate that continue to plague our country and the world today.

Independent Forum

UPCOMING EVENTS AT EVERETT PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Gaming Club Parlin YA Room. Tuesdays and Thursdays at 3pm. Join us for board games and video games at the library! Bring your own or play what we have here. For ages 12 and up.

Yarn Club Parlin Fireplace Room. Tuesday, January 20th 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!

Watch Anime! Parlin YA Room. Wednesdays at 3pm. Come by our new Watch Anime Club in the YA Room at the Parlin Library. Vote on and watch your favorite anime with your friends! Recommended for ages 11+.

Murder/Mystery Book Group, Connolly Center Meeting Room. Thursday, January 22nd at 12pm. Discuss Martin Walker's Bruno, Chief of Police! See Kathleen for copies on her twice monthly visits, or call the Parlin (617) 394 2300 or Shute (617) 394 2308 libraries.

Tarot for the New Year, Parlin Meeting Room, Saturday, January 24th at 12:00 noon. In this 90-minute workshop, Katie Martin of the Wellness Consortium will guide

participants through reflective prompts to uncover the themes they wish to invite into the new year. Participants are encouraged to bring their own tarot decks. No prior experience is needed. Space is Limited. Registration is required.

Parlin Childrens

Grab n Go Crafts, Stop by the Parlin and Shute children's rooms every Monday for a Grab and Go craft. A self directed arts and crafts program for children ages 3-8. Crafts can be taken home or crafted with a friend or caregiver at our children's tables. No registration required, while supplies last.

Lego Club. Parlin Children's Room. Monday, January 19th from 3-5pm. Come to the Children's Room after school on Mondays for some free-building lego fun. Open to all ages. Children under 6 years old must be accompanied by an adult. No registration required.

Storytime and Singalong with Karen, Parlin Children's Room. Wednesdays at 11am.

Join us for a fun-filled morning of singing and storytelling with Karen! Suggested ages 0-6.

Storytime Adventures with Mrs. McAuliffe, Parlin Children's Room, Thursdays and Fridays at 11:00. Join Children's Librarian Mrs. McAuliffe for our enchanting Story Time! You will be whisked away on magical adventures through the pages of your favorite books. Bring a friend or make a new one in our circle of friends.

Shute Adult and Teens

Ready Player One Games, Shute Meeting Room, January 21st at 2:30 PM. Level up your Wednesdays with our ultimate gaming hangout! Grab your friends and dive into fun Nintendo Switch and PlayStation games whether you're racing, battling, or teaming up for co-op fun, there's something for everyone. No registration required. Recommended for ages 11 and up. This program will run every Wednesday from

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Van Campen holds talks on three-phase development on Lower Broadway

Two new hotels are part of the first phase

Special to the Independent

Mayor Robert Van Campen hosted a press conference on Tuesday, Jan. 6 - his first full day in office as the new mayor - in the Speaker George Keverian Conference Room at Everett City Hall.

Van Campen spoke to a large contingent of media and answered questions about the City of Everett's Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with Wynn Resorts that was signed in the final hours of former Mayor Carlo DeMaria's Administration.

Following is Mayor Van Campen's statement on the city's MOA with Wynn Resorts:

"Shortly before I was sworn in, my predecessor finalized

an agreement with Wynn Resorts in relation to its proposed three-phase "East of Broadway" development on Lower Broadway in Everett. All three phases have already undergone an extensive review under the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act (MEPA) process. The originally proposed first phase, which included a garage, a day-and-night club, and a theater, received local approval in December 2022.

What is now emerging as a new first phase, two hotels totaling approximately 800 rooms, must still go through Site Plan Review before the Everett Planning Board.

While I did not negotiate this agreement, it is important to be clear: this project will move forward under my administra-



Mayor Robert Van Campen
speaks at the press conference
Jan. 6 in the Speaker George
Keverian Conference Room at
City Hall.

tion. My focus now is on making sure it delivers real, lasting value for the people of Everett. And there are benefits.

Once fully operational, the development is projected to generate close to \$12 million annually in revenue for the city

and significant infrastructure investments. Wynn Resorts has committed roughly \$15 million toward transportation improvements in Everett, including expanded and dedicated bus lanes, and another \$25 million toward a future commuter rail stop.

This project also redevelops a formerly polluted site, turning it into something productive and accessible. Every phase of construction will be 100 percent union built, under a project labor agreement that guarantees union jobs at Wynn properties in Everett.

A key public safety and traffic improvement included in the agreement is a pedestrian bridge spanning all of Broadway. The bridge will connect directly into the casino and theater while also providing landing points on both sidewalks, allowing pedestrians, families, and people with pets to cross safely without interrupting traffic flow. The goal is to eliminate dangerous street-level crossings altogether.

I support the core of this agreement: continued revitalization of the waterfront, strong union job opportunities during

construction and long after opening, and major transit investments that benefit the entire region.

I want Everett to be a destination, not a drive-through. Somewhere people want to live, work, and play.

At the same time, as someone who inherited this deal, I'm also inheriting its challenges. I am concerned about traffic and congestion in an area that is already heavily traveled, and I have real questions about the location and feasibility of the proposed commuter rail stop. Those are issues that matter to residents who live here every day, and they deserve careful attention.

As mayor, my responsibility now is to push for solutions, accountability, and smart planning as this project moves forward so that growth strengthens our city rather than overwhelms it."

Phases one and two were estimated to be valued at \$325 million in March 2024.

Construction could begin as early as spring 2026, and the hotel portion of the project is currently anticipated to open in 2028."

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2:30 to 4:30 PM unless otherwise noted on our online calendar.

Artisan's Circle, Shute Meeting Room. Thursday, January 22nd at 5:30 PM. Join Artisan's Circle, a creative open studio with a relaxed, welcoming space for artists and crafters of all levels to work, connect, and get inspired! Bring your own craft and supplies (BYOC) and enjoy creating alongside a

community of makers. Open to ages 18 and up, no registration required. We meet every other Thursday from 5:30 to 7:00 PM. Check our online calendar for updates!

Shute Children's

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can be taken home or crafted with a friend or caregiver at our children's tables. No registration required, while supplies last.

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!

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Van Campen - they were very instrumental in helping the design and picking the band. Obviously, that includes First Lady Lisa Van Campen, she was very involved and very helpful. This was a great team effort, and I'm so happy I could work with you. Thank you and thank you to my staff. Thank you to all the elected officials and all the hard work you put into your campaigns and the hard work you put in every day, making sure that the City of Everett is truly the greatest place in the Commonwealth to live."

Mayor Van Campen told the admiring crowd, "People have asked me since Election Day what do you want to do over the next four years. I want to make the City of Everett the coolest city in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. And I'm looking at this room right now and

at least for a night, we've made the Connolly Center the coolest place in the City of Everett."

Van Campen thanked Cornelio "for the incredible work that you and your staff did to put this together."

"This is a community event tonight. This is a celebration of this city, everyone in this city," concluded Van Campen.

At Monday night's City Council meeting, Councilor-at-Large Wayne Matewsky commended Cornelio and the inaugural ball organizing committee, stating, "This has to be one of the nicest events in my 40-plus years that the community got together. It was first class. I want to compliment our city clerk [Cornelio] who orchestrated it and ran it, along with his staff and the new mayor. Every one of my family members and guests enjoyed it so much."



Karen Luke, Eric Williamson, Mayor Robert Van Campen, Senior Director of Community Impact for Eliot, Lilian Patino, and Deacon Jorge Patino.



Mark Puleo, School Committee Vice Chair Marcony Almeida-Barros, Mayor Robert Van Campen, Councilor-at-Large Guerline Alyc Jabouin, Frantzy Jabouin, and Roe Noelsaint.



Stephanie McCollaugh, founder of Clean Up Everett, pictured with her husband, Frank Wiggins.



Peter Sikora, John Sullivan, Mark Mayo, Mayor Robert Van Campen, Mike Bruno, Leroy Herd, and Steve Guskiewicz.



Councilor-at-Large Katy Rogers and her mother, Patricia Rogers.



Legislative Aide Nicholas Saia, Rajesh Keshar, Ward 3 Councilor Anthony DiPietro, Kristen Bairos, and Krista Fiorentino.



School Committeewoman Margaret Cornelio and her husband, Antonio Rocco Cornelio.



School Committeeman Joseph D'Onofrio and his sister, Michaela Tejeda.



Mayor Robert Vampen and his wife, Lisa Van Campen, Councilor-at-Large Michael Marchese and his wife.

EVERETT CITY GOVERNMENT INAUGURAL BALL

CARY SHUMAN PHOTOS



Wanelle Galvoa, Ward 2 Councilor Stephanie Martins, and Thawanny Pessoa.



Ward 2 Councilor Stephanie Martins, pictured with her brother, Giancarlo Martins, and his wife, Tatiana Martins (right).



Former Franklin Town Councilor Cobi Frongillo, Cambridge Vice Mayor Burhan Azeem, and Ward 5 Councilor Vivian Nguyen.



Ward 3 Councilor Anthony DiPierro, pictured with his parents, TinaMarie Saldutti and Ciriaco DiPierro.



Catarina Patterson, Council on Aging Director Dale Palma, and Carol Dello Russo.



City Council President Stephanie Smith, her husband, Michael Hart, and their children, Harry Hart and Harlowe Hart.



Mayor Robert Van Campen joins Ward 6 Councilor Peter Pietrantonio for a family photo at the Inaugural Ball.



Making their entrance to the Inaugural Ball, School Committee Chairperson Samantha Hurley and her husband, Deputy Fire Chief Will Hurley.



Matthew DiDomenico, State Sen. Sal DiDomenico, Tricia DiDomenico, Sal DiDomenico, and Jasmine Salvador.

EVERETT POLICE DEPARTMENT PROMOTION CEREMONY

Three officers in the Everett Police Department took their oaths of office for promotions during an impressive ceremony Monday night in the City Council Chambers.

Neil Burke was promoted to Police captain, Heather Dupon was promoted to lieutenant, and Eric Williamson was promoted to sergeant in front of an audience of proud family member, EPD colleagues, and residents.

City Clerk Sergio Cornelio

administered the oaths of office followed by the individual badge-pinning ceremonies.

Mayor Robert Van Campen and members of the City Coun-

cil joined Police Chief Paul Strong in congratulating the officers on their promotions. Former Police Chief Steven Mazzei attended the ceremony.



City Clerk Sergio Cornelio administers the oath of office to Everett Police Captain Neil Burke.



City Clerk Sergio Cornelio administers the oath of office to Police Lieutenant Heather Dupont.



City Clerk Sergio Cornelio administers the oath of office to Sergeant Eric Williamson.



Everett Police Capt. Neil Burke and family.



Everett Police Sgt. Eric Williamson, pictured with his mother, Jeanette Tate, (right) and his girlfriend, Karyn Luke (left), at the swearing-in ceremony Monday in the Council Chambers.



Everett Police Chief Paul Strong, Capt. Neil Burke, Lt. Heather Dupont, Sgt. Eric Williamson, and Mayor Robert Van Campen, pictured at the swearing-in ceremony Monday in the Council Chambers.



Everett Police Sgt. Eric Williamson and family.



Everett Police Lt. Heather Dupont, pictured with her husband, Matt Dupont (right), daughter, Soleil Dupont (left), and son, Matthew Dupont.

EVERETT POLICE DEPARTMENT PROMOTION CEREMONY



The Everett Police Department shows its support for Capt. Neil Burke, Lt. Heather Dupont, and Sgt. Eric Williamson at the swearing-in ceremony Monday night in the City Council Chambers.

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for our most trusted local organizations and schools," said Senator DiDomenico. "It is the honor of my life to represent our communities in the Senate, and I look forward to making even more transformative changes in this second year of our two-year session in 2026."

2025 Annual Budget

Budget priority funding wins for statewide programs thanks to Senator DiDomenico's unrelenting advocacy:

- \$180 million for Universal Free School Meals ensuring all students in Massachusetts can receive free breakfast and lunch at school, regardless of their family's income.

- Fully annualizes the Fiscal Year 2025 10% increase to Transitional Aid to Families with Dependent Children (TAFDC) and Emergency Aid to the Elderly, Disabled and Children (EAEDC) benefit levels to help families move out of deep poverty. Additionally, the budget ensures that pregnant women can access TAFDC, regardless of where they are in their pregnancy.

- \$50.5 million for the Massachusetts Emergency Food Assistance Program to ensure individuals and families across our state have access to food when in need.

- Maintain the annual child's clothing allowance, providing \$500 per child to help eligible families buy clothes for the upcoming school year.

- \$360 million for the Commonwealth Cares for Children

(C3) grant program, which is matched with \$115 million in funds from the Early Education and Care Operational Grant Fund, for a total investment of \$475 million. Despite the loss of federal funds after the COVID pandemic, the Commonwealth has maintained this vital early education program which has lowered costs for families and increased opportunities for teachers in the field.

- \$10.8 million for pediatric palliative care services which provides invaluable comprehensive care for children living with life-limiting or end of life illnesses, as well as support for their families.

- \$517.6 million for income-eligible early education and child care.

- \$20 million for grants to Head Start programs to promote school readiness for young children in low-income households.

- \$20.1 million for the Healthy Incentives Program to support healthy food access for households in need.

- \$35 million for Family Resource Centers (FRCs) to maintain mental health resources available to families.

- \$3.1 million for the Boston, Cambridge and Everett fire department hazardous material response teams.

- \$20.6 million for employment services programs to help people with lower incomes move toward economic security

- \$15.5 million for the Commonwealth Preschool Partner-

ship Initiative (CPPI), matching \$5 million in general revenue for a total of \$20.5 million, to support a pathway to universal pre-kindergarten expansion, including in Gateway Cities and the Summer Step Up program.

- \$15 million for early literacy initiatives and programs.

- \$1.25 million for the Young Mothers Experiencing Acute Trauma Pilot Program, a behavioral intervention program that works to stabilize and support young women, most of whom are mothers, who are traumatized survivors of abuse and neglect.

- \$1.25 million for the Prostate Cancer Action Council.

Senator DiDomenico secured additional statewide amendments in this year's budget totaling approximately \$750,000 that will provide additional support to the ALS Association of Massachusetts, the Boston Housing Authority, and the Pediatric Palliative Care program.

Legislative Work

- Senator Sal DiDomenico filed over 85 bills during this 2025-2026 Legislative Session. DiDomenico's legislation focuses on a wide range of issues ranging from supporting working families, to providing the best education for our youngest generation, to protecting worker rights, to making our government work better for people regardless of their background or spoken language.

- DiDomenico proudly

co-sponsored and played a key role in getting the Transit Worker Safety bill signed into law. This decisive action will protect essential employees by finally holding people accountable who assault them while they are on duty.

- The Senator filed a groundbreaking Anti-Poverty Omnibus Bill which would, if passed, lift up Massachusetts working families and individuals in the short- and long-term by putting cash in pockets, expanding employment rights, and providing meaningful wealth-building opportunities.

- In response to the flagging literacy rates among young students across our state, DiDomenico filed an Early Literacy Bill, S.338, which would ensure our students are being taught with curriculums that are backed by science and are proven to be effective. Senator DiDomenico has been leading on this fight to ensure all our children learn how to read and write, regardless of their zip code, alongside advocates, teachers, and families from all over our state.

Top legislative highlights that Senator DiDomenico helped pass through the Senate:

- A bill to make K-12 schools cell phone free, a move supported by 2 out of 3 parents with students according to a recent poll.

- One of the nation's strongest data privacy bills, giving consumers more control over their data and with a focus on protecting children.

- Continued our commitment to reproductive freedom, protecting health care providers and patients, and preserving rights for transgender citizens through the Shield 2.0 Act—now law.

- Fought back against politically motivated book bans while protecting librarians and educators from personal attacks.

- Made it illegal for landlords to pass the cost of brokers' fees onto renters—now law.

Local Funding Wins Annual Budget

Senator DiDomenico's local amendments in the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget totaling \$625,000 supported local schools as well as trusted local organizations and programs.

Fair Share Dollars

DiDomenico secured \$750,000 in key investments going directly into his community from a funding bill using this year's Fair Share dollars. These resources will go towards local projects in the district such as playground enhancements, athletic and theater programs, creating sensory classrooms, assisting with repairs in our schools, new bleachers in a high school gym, after-school programming, traffic calming measures on our streets, and new signalization for drivers and pedestrians.

EVERETT CITY GOVERNMENT INAUGURAL BALL

CARY SHUMAN PHOTOS



The Everett School Committee, At-Large Joseph LaMonica, Ward 2 Joanna Garren, Ward 4 Robin Babcock, Chairperson Samantha Hurley, Ward 1 Margaret Cornelio, Mayor Robert Van Campen, First Lady Lisa Van Campen, At-Large Millie Cardello, Ward 6 Joseph D'Onofrio, and Vice Chair Marcony Almeida Barros.



Making their entrance to the Inaugural Ball, Councilor-at-Large Guerline Alcy Jabouin and her husband, Frantzy Jabouin.



Mayor Robert Van Campen delivers remarks at the Inaugural Ball.



Making their entrance to the Inaugural Ball, Mayor Robert Van Campen and First Lady Lisa Van Campen.



Clerk of Committees John Burley and Kim Burley.



Everett Mayor Robert Van Campen and the Everett Police Department.



Michael Longo of Michael Longo Insurance, Councilor-at-Large Wayne Matewsky, Wilton Rangel, owner of Oliveira's Restaurant, and Scott Brown of the Davis Companies.

EVERETT CITY GOVERNMENT INAUGURAL BALL

CARY SHUMAN PHOTOS



Tina Oliveri, Mayor Robert Van Campen, First Lady Lisa Van Campen, and Dave Oliveri.



Ward 4 Councilor Holly Garcia and her mother, Debbie Snow.



City Council President Stephanie Smith and family.



EPS Communications Director David O'Connor and his wife, Siohan O'Connor.



Mayor Robert Van Campen and Supt. of Schools William Hart.



Supt. of Schools Willian Hart, State Rep. Judith Garcia, Mayor Robert Van Campen, First Lady Lisa Van Campen, State Sen. Sal DiDomenico, and State Rep. Joseph McGonagle.



The Everett City Council, Ward 6 Councilor Peter Pietrantonio, Council President Stephanie Smith, Ward 2 Councilor Stephanie Martins, Ward 1 Councilor Michele Capone, Ward 3 Councilor Anthony DiPierro, Mayor Robert Van Campen, First Lady Lisa Van Campen, Ward 5 Councilor Vivian Nguyen, Councilor-at-Large Michael Marchese, Councilor-at-Large Katy Rogers, Ward 4 Councilor Holly Garcia, Councilor-at-Large Guerline Alcy Jabouin, and Councilor-at-Large Wayne Matewsky.



Philip Spaulding, Councilor-at-Large Katy Rogers, Mayor Robert Van Campen, First Lady Lisa Van Campen, Patricia Rogers, Diego Maldonado, Stephanie McColaugh, and Barbara Carlin.

EHS Roundup

VASQUEZ'S BUCKET WITH 2.4 TO GO LIFTS EHS BOYS OVER ENGLISH, 50-48

The Everett High boys basketball team earned a pair of important victories last week, defeating Greater Boston League rivals Lynn English, 50-48, and Somerville, 59-50. The twin wins improved the Crimson Tide's record to 3-5 overall and 3-2 in the GBL.

"Last week was crucial for us, and I'm incredibly proud of how the team responded to some tough competition," said EHS head coach Gerard Boyce. "Our victory over Lynn English was a huge GBL road win against a very strong opponent in a difficult environment.

The contest was a nip-and-tuck affair, especially in the final minutes when the contest was a one-score battle.

Senior captain Cristian Vasquez, who led the Tide in the scoring column with 17 points, sank a pair of clutch pull-up jumpers down the stretch to lift Everett to the win. Cristian's first hoop gave the Tide a 48-45 advantage with 2:30 to go, but English sank three free throws to eventually pull even at 48-48 with 56 seconds remaining.

After an Everett miss and a huge offensive rebound by Nathaniel Nelson, Boyce called a time-out with 22 seconds to go. After the inbounds play, Vasquez coolly took charge, dribbling the ball from beyond the arc as the clock ticked down, and then driving to his left before pulling up from about 15 feet out on the left wing and swishing the game-winner with 2.4 seconds showing on the clock to give the Tide the big win in the Bulldogs' gymnasium.

Samir King-DaCosta (13 points) and Jayden Alsaindor (12 points) also reached double figures for the Tide.

"We knew coming into their gym it would be a battle. It was a tight, back-and-forth contest, and I credit the boys for their mental toughness and composure in the final moments," said Boyce. "We were down for much of the game, but never let the deficit reach double digits. The defensive intensity was exactly what we needed to secure the victory. Making key stops and capitalizing on some crucial turnovers down the stretch made the difference. Securing a win in such a close game like this just might benefit us come tournament time."

Two nights later, Everett knocked off Somerville, another key GBL opponent. Alsaindor led the way with 17 points, with Vasquez striking for 13, Nelson hitting for 10, and captain Adam Aitmessoud adding nine.

"After the intense game against English, it was good to get back on our home court

and focus," said Boyce. "Our approach here was a clear focus on defensive sets and controlling the pace, which the players executed diligently. We set the tone early with aggressive defense and managed to find open shots through effective ball movement.

"We were able to maintain a lead for most of the game, and while Somerville pushed back, our team's resilience shone through in the second half to seal the win," Boyce continued. "It was a solid team effort all around, and the win felt good for team morale as we continue to gel on the court."

The victories ended what had been a tough stretch for the Tide, who had come up short in their five previous contests, including a 75-62 loss at Lynn Classical, which always is a tough GBL opponent.

"We've faced some quality non-league and tournament opponents early in the season that have provided valuable learning experiences, even if the scoreboard didn't fall our way," said Boyce. "This was a

challenging game where Lynn Classical came out strong. We struggled with consistency, particularly in the second half, where we had difficulties finding our offensive rhythm. We used this as a learning experience, focusing on film sessions to correct our defensive rotations and rebounding."

In the King Philip Regional High School holiday tournament, the Tide dropped both of its contests. "In the King Philip holiday tournament opener, we faced a tough Bishop Feehan squad," Boyce said. "The game was closely contested in the first half, but we weren't able to sustain the intensity needed in the second half. Credit to our players, who continued to fight despite the outcome.

"In the consolation game the next day, we came up short against Old Rochester," Boyce continued. "The quick turnaround after the Feehan game tested our depth. We had some good moments, but issues with rebounding and defensive consistency hurt us. We'll use the film from these games to improve our performance as the season progresses."

Boyce and his crew were scheduled to play at Revere last night (Tuesday) and will host Medford tomorrow (Thursday) evening for a 7:00 opening tip-off.

They will embark on the second half of their season on the holiday on Monday afternoon vs. Brookline in the Hoop Dreams Magazine Winter Classic at Cathedral High. They will travel to Malden next Tuesday. The boys have had a busy stretch. We're building a strong program here, and every game, win or loss, is a stepping stone for our growth and resilience.

EVEILLARD, NUNEZ SET SCHOOL RECORDS AT NORTHEAST INVITE

A contingent from the Everett High boys and girl indoor track and field teams competed in this past weekend's MSTCA Northeast Invitational Meet, a meet that attracted hundreds of competitors from across the northeastern states.

"It was a great meet for our athletes," said EHS head



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coach Jehu Cimea. "We set a lot of personal records and two school records were broken."

The top performer for the Crimson Tide was senior captain Kayshaun Eveillard, who earned a second-place medal in the 200 dash with a sprint of 22.52, which was just 0.05 off the winning time, among a field of 246 entrants, and then took third place in the 300 dash in a clocking of 35.59, a time that broke his own Everett High school record of 36.14.

"This was Kayshaun's first meet back from injury, and he had an amazing performance," said Cimea. "He broke his own school record in the 300 meters and the next day he ran a 22.5 in the 200 meters, a personal record (PR) for him. Kayshaun is ranked 3rd in Division 2 in the 300 meters and 7th in the state."

Lucas Nunez also had a great weekend, breaking the EHS record in the 1000 meters with a time of 2:46.95, bettering the previous record of 2:47.28 that was set by Aimen Salih in 2018. The next day, Lucas ran a PR in the 800, finishing in 2:09.41.

Additional Crimson Tide performers who turned in strong performances were Kervens Joseph, who finished 17th (out of a field of 282) in the 55 meter dash in a time of 6.84, and Gaetano Foster, who placed 21st in the shot-put with a throw of 40'-6.25".

On the girls' side, senior captain Shinead Riley sped to a 26th place finish (among the field of 240 entrants) in the 55 meter dash with a sprint of 7.85 and a 35th place finish in the 200 dash in 28.53.

Junior Graziela Foster ranked 27th in the shot-put with a throw of 27'-9.5" and sophomore Kimberly Fuentes Chavez finished in 66th spot among 93 girls in the 800 with a clocking of 2:51.84.

EVERETT GIRLS ROLL PAST ENGLISH, 52-22

The Everett High girls basketball team returned from its vacation break in a big way with a 52-22 triumph over Greater Boston League (GBL) rival Lynn English last Tuesday.

Katerin Landaverde Vasquez turned in a monster performance with 29 points, 10 rebounds, and six steals. "Katerina really stepped up for her teammates," said EHS head coach Riley Dunn.

Julianne Rivera reached double figures in the scoring column with 11 points and Abigail Falkowski hit dubs in the rebounding department, pulling down a team-high 12 caroms.

"Abigail was relentless on the boards," said Dunn. "She displayed consistent hustle on every play."

Casey Martinez turned in a near double-double with a

solid eight points and eight rebounds. Coming off the bench, Ashley Heath and Amanda Verteiro had key defensive steals and kept the intensity up on defense the entire time they were on the floor.

"I was proud of this team effort," said Dunn. "This was a true team win."

Two nights later, the Lady Crimson Tide trekked to GBL foe Somerville and came up short by a score of 54-24. "Somerville was a tough night for us offensively," said Dunn. Landaverde Vasquez and Rivera both had seven points for Everett.

"I was proud of my girls' fight until the final buzzer," Dunn said. "They never quit and that is something to be very proud of."

"We're going to continue to stack the days and keep sticking together," the coach added. "We'll continue to respond to adversity with grit and resilience."

The Lady Crimson Tide, who stand at 2-3 on the season, were scheduled to host GBL foe Revere last night (Tuesday). They will travel to GBL rival Medford tomorrow (Thursday) and return home to entertain non-league opponent Marblehead on Friday for a 6:00 opening tip-off.

They will entertain GBL rival Malden next Tuesday (Jan. 20) with a 7:00 opening tip-off.

OBITUARIES

Lucille Hope Grava

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ni, Maya Grava and Lorenzo DiCesare.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Lucille's Funeral Mass in St. Anthony's Church, 38 Oakes St., Everett, today, Wednesday, January 14 at 11 a.m. Burial will be private. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Lucille's memory to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN, 38105 would be sincerely appreciated.

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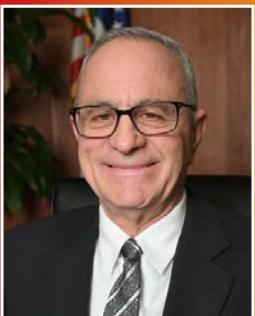
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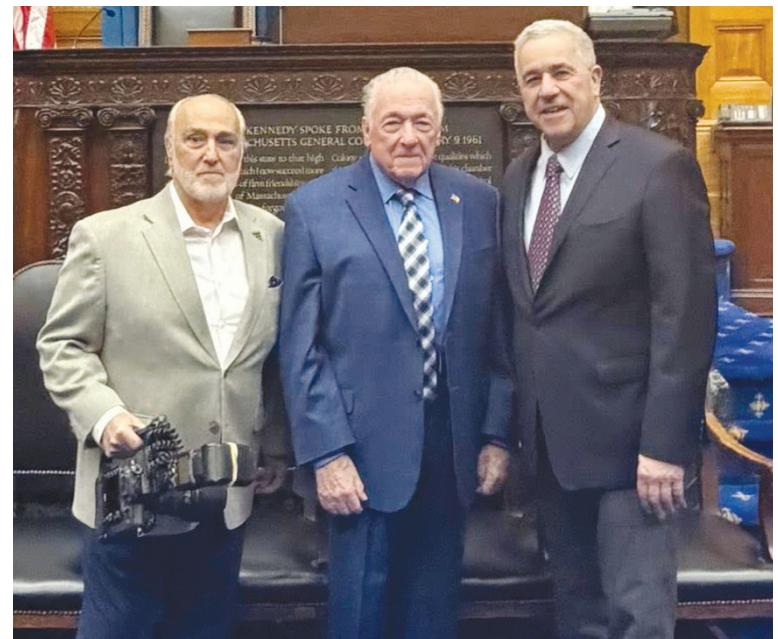
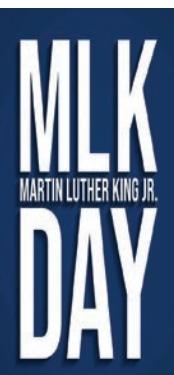


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“No person has the right to rain on your dreams.”
~Martin Luther King, Jr.

Peter Pietrantonio
Ward 6 Councilor



Rep. Joe McGonagle (right) with City Councilor John Hanlon (center) and Everett native Bruce DiLoreto.

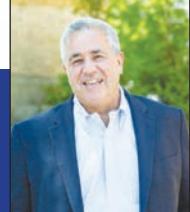
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SCENES FROM THE JANUARY 12 CITY COUNCIL MEETING



Outgoing City Council President Stephanie Martins (right) ceremoniously passes the gavel of leadership to new City Council President Stephanie Smith at the council meeting Monday night.



Ward 5 Councilor Vivian Nguyen is pictured at her desk at the first regular meeting of the City Council for the 2026 session.



Councilor-at-Large Guerline Alcy Jabouin (right) welcomes new member, Ward 1 Councilor Michele Capone, to the 11-member board at the meeting Monday night.



Stephanie Smith began her tenure as the new president of the Everett City Council at the meeting Monday night.

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From State Representative Judith Garcia

MSO issues scam warning involving fake judicial documents

Special to the Independent

As the holiday season continues, the Middlesex Sheriff's Office (MSO) is issuing a warning for residents regarding scams involving fake judicial documents, "Preemptive Bail" and digital currency.

In recent days, the MSO has received numerous notifications from area residents reporting calls from criminals posing as law enforcement members. In each case, the callers alleged residents had warrants for their arrest for failing to appear in court.

In at least three of those in-

stances, residents were sent what appeared to be arrest warrants via text. The warrants – which are fake – indicated charges were for failure to appear and contempt of court.

In all the instances – including those involving the fake warrants – scammers tried to convince residents to pay fines of up to \$5,000.

In one case involving a fake federal warrant, the scammer also sent the resident a document indicating they could post a "Preemptive Bail", which would allow them to "avert apprehension and secure timely

release." The document also indicated that bail involving cash deposits "can be made at locally available kiosks, such as those found at grocery stores and fuel stations."

Another document indicated that the "White House Administration has approved Digital Currency as a method for posting eligible appearance bonds" and included directions on how to pay at an "Authorized Self Service Bonding Terminal".

"We want to be clear: no legitimate court or law enforcement agency will ever carry out its responsibilities this way,"

said Middlesex Sheriff Peter J. Koutoujian. "There is no such thing as preemptive bail, we will never ask you to pay a fine at a gas station or grocery store, and the courts do not accept digital currency. These are all tell-tale signs of a scam."

If you, or someone you know, has been targeted in one of these arrest scams, you are encouraged to contact local law enforcement or the agency that the alleged warrant is from to report the incident. In cases where callers claim to be from the Middlesex Sheriff's Office, we ask that you call either 781-

960-2800 or 978-667-1711 and ask to speak with an investigator in the Inner Perimeter Security (IPS) Unit.

The Middlesex Sheriff's Office is also offering scam awareness and prevention presentations for local organizations within Middlesex County. Since the beginning of November, the MSO has delivered scam awareness presentations in five communities. Organizations interested in hosting a presentation may submit a request on the MSO website at www.middlesexsheriff.org/31/Community.

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CITY OF EVERETT,
MASSACHUSETTS

INVITATION FOR SEALED PROPOSALS

IFB No.: DPW-26-58

Project Name: Fuller Street Park
Renovation
Legal Notice

The City is interesting in bids for the Corporal Arthur Nelson Play Lot Renovation Project (referred to as Fuller Street Park, is located in Everett, MA. The work includes furnishing all labor, materials, and equipment to demolish and remove the existing playground and site features, implement and maintain erosion and sediment controls, obtain required permits, and complete all necessary site preparation, grading, and drainage/utility work for the proposed improvements. New construction includes a bituminous concrete half-court basketball court, a new splash pad with associated equipment and utilities, and new playground equipment (including swings) with required PIP safety surfacing. Additional improvements include new ADA-accessible concrete walkways, site perimeter modular block wall, fencing and gates, and all related appurtenances, including site furnishings (tables, benches, bike racks), a shade shelter, a new flagpole and park signage, and new landscaping and plantings.

All work is pursuant to the requirements of M.G.L.c. 30, § 39M and all other applicable provisions of the Massachusetts General Laws and all other applicable provisions of the Massachusetts General Laws. Specifications, bid documents, and instructions will be available beginning January 14, 2026 via download at <https://cityofeverett.com/bids/>. It is the sole responsibility of the bidder to register as a plan holder. Please note all addendum will be posted to the City's website.

Project Estimate: \$800,000

Seal Proposals will be received until February 5, 2026 at 2:00 PM at the Procurement Department City Hall, Room 14, 484 Broadway, Everett, MA

02149

Site Visit: Please refer to Bid Manual
The City reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive informalities when deemed in the best interest of the City.

Kiara M. Freeman
Chief Procurement Officer
City of Everett

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CITY OF EVERETT,
MASSACHUSETTS

REQUEST FOR SERVICES

Project No. # 26-14

Project Name: DESIGNER REQUEST FOR SERVICES at EVERETT HIGH SCHOOL
Legal Notice

The City of Everett ("Owner") is seeking the services of a qualified "Designer" within the meaning of M.G.L. Chapter 7C, Section 44 to provide professional design and construction administration services for the Everett High School Feasibility Study project, as further defined in the Request For Services, located in Everett, Massachusetts. Selection of a Designer will be made by the Designer Selection Panel of the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA") in accordance with the MSBA's Designer Selection Procedures. The Owner is seeking design services to conduct a Feasibility Study, which will include the development and evaluation of potential alternative solutions and continue through the Schematic Design Phase of the preferred alternative initially. Subject to the approval of a Project by the MSBA and further subject to adequate funding authorized by the Owner, the contract between the Owner and the Designer may be amended to include continued designer services through design development, construction contract documents, bidding, award of construction contract(s), construction administration, final closeout, and warranty period of the potential

Project. A potential Project may include a renovation of the existing school, a renovation and addition to the existing school, and/or new construction. The duration of the Feasibility/Schematic Study is estimated from March 2025 to Summer 2027. The estimated construction budget for a potential Project may range from \$400,000,000 to \$550,000,000, depending on the enrollment and solution agreed upon by the Owner and the MSBA and ultimately approved by a vote of the MSBA's Board of Directors. The Fee for Basic Services will be negotiated. The selected designer will be required to execute the standard MSBA Designer contract.

Categories of designers' consultants shall include: Architecture, Educational Programming, Civil Engineering, Landscape Architecture, Structural Engineering, Fire Protection Engineering, Plumbing Engineering, HVAC Engineering, Electrical/Lighting, Data/Communications, Environmental Permitting, Geotechnical Engineering, Geoenvironmental Engineering, Hazardous Materials, Cost Estimating, Kitchen/Food Service Consultant, Laboratory Consultant, Acoustical Consultant, Specifications Consultant, Library/Media, Technology Consultant, Audio Visual Consultant, Theatrical Consultant, Sustainable/Green Design/Renewable Energy Consultant, Code Consultant, Accessibility Consultant, Traffic Consultant, Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment Consultant, Site Surveying, Security Consultant, and Door Hardware Consultant. The RFS will be available on or after January 14, 2026, through the Chief Procurement Officer, Kiara Freeman, Kiara.freeman@ci.everett.ma.us, and the Owner's Project Manager, Eileen Long, ELong@LeftFieldpm.com. Questions pertaining to the RFS shall be directed to the Chief Procurement Officer, Kiara Freeman via email Kiara.freeman@ci.everett.ma.us and the Owner's Project Manager, Leftfield, LLC., c/o Ms. Leena Long via email ELong@LeftFieldpm.com. A briefing session will take place on January 21, 2026, at 3:00 PM at Everett High School, 100 Elm Street, Everett, MA 02149. Submission of applications shall be

submitted no later than February 11, 2026 - 12:00 PM to Kiara M. Freeman, Chief Procurement Officer, 484 Broadway, Room 14, Everett, MA 02149. Applications submitted by fax or by electronic mail will not be considered. The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all responses if the Owner determines, within its own discretion, that it is in the Owner's best interests to do so.

Kiara Freeman
Chief Procurement Officer

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CITY OF EVERETT,
MASSACHUSETTS

INVITATION FOR SEALED PROPOSALS

IFB No.: MUN-26-07

Project Name: Everett Police Roof
Replacement
Legal Notice

The City is interesting in bids for the removal of all existing roofing materials to the structural decking and replacement with new materials to meet current building code regulations, located at 45 Elm Street, Everett, MA 02149. All bids for this project are subject to the applicable provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 30, § 39M and Chapter 149, §§ 44A-44H inclusive and all other applicable provisions of the Massachusetts General Laws and all other applicable provisions of the Massachusetts General Laws. Specifications, bid documents, and instructions will be available beginning January 14, 2026 via download at <https://cityofeverett.com/bids/>. It is the sole responsibility of the bidder to register as a plan holder. Please note all addendum will be posted to the City's website.

Estimated Cost of Construction:
\$500,000

Seal Proposals will be received until January 28, 2026 at 2:00 PM at the Procurement Department City Hall,

Room 14, 484 Broadway, Everett, MA 02149

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Kiara M. Freeman
Chief Procurement Officer
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NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF
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Premises: 16 Hamilton Street, Unit 10, Everett, MA 02149

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Salvatore S Triolo and Anna M Triolo to Citizens Bank, N.A., and now held by Citizens Bank, N.A., said mortgage dated May 16, 2016 and recorded in the Middlesex County (Southern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 20601, Page 426. Said Unit will be conveyed together with an undivided percentage interest in the Common Elements of said Condominium appurtenant to said Unit and together with all rights, easements, covenants and agreements as contained and referred to in the Declaration of Condominium, as amended.

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The Everett High School Crimson Tide Seniors of the Indoor Track Team



Captains: front row: Anthony Whitlow, Zoe Massiah, Akanksha Neupane, Isabella Pimenta, and Shinead Riley. Back row: Antonio Iraula, Kevens Joseph, Lucas Nunez, Kayshoun Eveillard, Graziella Foster, and Jeremy Whitlow.