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Senator Sal DiDomenico on the Senate Balcony with Dr. Anna Seiders and her family; Everett Superintendent, William Hart; Everett High School Principal, Dr. John Braga; Everett High School Director of Science, Nancy Cianchetta; and Everett Teachers Association President, Kimberly Auger.

DiDomenico honors Everett science teacher

Special to the Independent

Senator Sal DiDomenico honored Dr. Anna Seiders, an Everett High Schools teacher who recently was named STEM teacher of the year in Massachusetts, with a citation at the State House. Anna helps provide students with opportunities to support their learning through internships and job opportunities. She leads

the STEM Club at her school, competing in Ten80 Education's Racing and Autonomous Vehicle Challenges, earning multiple awards, top-five finishes, and even the national title. Additionally, she works with Mass Learning Project as a Community Lead for Project Lead the Way, leading professional development and connecting teachers to valuable resources.

"We are lucky to have this intelligent, passionate, and caring educator in our district inspiring our kids," said DiDomenico. "Our teachers don't make the news, but make all the difference in our children's lives so it was a privilege to celebrate one of our most talented educators and thank her for the thankless work she does every day."

City of Everett celebrates Nepal Day with GBNC

Special to the Independent

The City of Everett joined the Greater Boston Nepali Community (GBNC) in celebrating Nepal Day, welcoming

residents and visitors to Glendale Park for an afternoon of culture, music, food, and community.

On Sunday, August 2, hundreds gathered at Glendale

Park where local vendors filled the baseball field with authentic Nepali cuisine, including Dal Bhat Tarkari, Momos,

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Everett voters have multiple options for State Primary

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Everett voters have several convenient options to cast their ballot ahead of the Massachusetts State Primary on Tuesday, Sept. 1, including in-person early voting and vote-by-mail.

Early voting will be available at Everett City Hall, 484 Broadway, from Saturday, Aug.

22, through Thursday, Aug. 27. Residents who are not yet registered to vote have until Saturday, Aug. 22, to register. Voter registration will be available that day from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Voters who would like to vote by mail must submit their application by 5 p.m. on Tues-

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Hogan promoted to lieutenant in Everett Fire Department

Special to the Independent

Sean Hogan was sworn in as a lieutenant in the Everett Fire Department Monday night in the Council Chamber.

City Clerk Sergio Cornelio administered the oath of office to Hogan, who will begin his 29th year in the department on Aug. 10.

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Fire Chief Joseph Hickey and Mayor Robert Van Campen are pictured with Fire Lt. Sean Hogan (center) following the swearing-in ceremony Monday in the Council Chamber.

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SIGNS OF SUMMER'S END

All in all, this has been a pretty good summer. The weather has been as close to perfect as we could expect for summer activities. The mornings along our coastline have been pleasantly placid for those of us who row on the ocean -- we belong to a rowing club on the South Shore that ventures up and down the coast and as far out as Minots Light -- while the breezes typically have been picking up in the afternoon for the sailors.

Our vegetable and flower gardens -- which are entirely contained in large pots on the patio of our condo --- once again have been superb. We've had more tomatoes than we know what to do -- and nothing beats the pop in our mouths of freshly-picked tomatoes in the summer (as opposed to those tasteless tomatoes that we have to settle for in grocery stores in the winter months).

However, all good things must come to an end, and so too it is with summer. The days now are noticeably shorter. With the sunset inching southward each day, the shadows cast in the late afternoon and early evening are far different than they were in June and July.

The blooming purple loosestrife -- though it is an invasive species, we have to admit it is quite striking with its spiky purple flowers -- is another harbinger that we have reached the back nine of summer. So too, are the tips of the marsh grass; a few weeks ago they were a verdant green, but now they are turning a golden yellow, yet another indication of the inevitable downward trajectory of the summer of 2026.

With parents and children gearing up for the start of the 2026-27 school year in just a few weeks, yet another summer season is sadly winding down.

Our long-time publisher, Andrew P. Quigley, who lived an extraordinary life, used to say, "When you look back on your life, you realize that all you really have are your memories."

What summertime means to us -- whether it be the time we spend with our families and friends or long walks by ourselves on a summer evening -- reinforces the notion that the best things in life are free.

It also is a truism that while life itself is short, summer seems to pass in the blink of an eye. All of us will be saying both to ourselves and to each other on the Tuesday after Labor Day: "Where did the summer go?"

So let's make the most of what is left of the summer of 2026. It never is too late to make memories that will last a lifetime.

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Independent Forum

UPCOMING EVENTS AT EVERETT PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Parlin Adult and Teens

Yarn Club Parlin Fresco Room. Tuesdays 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!

Connolly Center Book Group, Connolly Center Meeting Room. Thursday, August 13th at 12pm. Discuss Martha Hall Kelly's The Martha's Vineyard Beach and Book Club, where two sisters living on Martha's Vineyard during World War II find hope when they start a wartime book club for women. See Kathleen for copies on her twice monthly visits, or call the Parlin (617) 394 2300 or Shute (617) 394 2308 libraries.

Parlin Childrens

Lego Club. Parlin Children's Room. Monday, August 10th 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 12th at 11am. Join us for a fun-filled morning of singing and storytelling with Karen! Suggested ages 0-6.

Summer Reading Check-In Parlin Children's Room. Wednesday, August 12th at 12 Noon. Catch up on your summer reading challenges at the library. Join us at the library for book suggestions and a group read aloud. Suggested ages 5-12.

Drama Class. Parlin Children's Room. Wednesday, Au-

gust 12th at 3pm. Do you have a drama queen or king at home? Drama Class in the Parlin Children's Department is the perfect opportunity for your child to put those acting skills to use with our drama coach! Suggested ages 6-14.

Story Time Adventures with Mrs. McAuliffe Parlin Children's Room. Friday, August 14th at 11am. Join us on Friday at 11am with Mrs. McAuliffe for our enchanting Story Time! You will be whisked away on magical adventures through the

pages of your favorite books. Bring a friend or make a new one in our circle of friends.

Friday Family Movies Parlin Meeting Room. Friday, August 14th at 3 pm. Break out the popcorn! Come and watch Sneaks, Rated PG, with your friends and family.

Shute Adult and Teens

Ready Player One Games, Shute Meeting Room, Wednesdays at 2:30 PM. Level up your Wednesdays with our ultimate

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day, Aug. 25. The Massachusetts Secretary of the Commonwealth has mailed vote-by-mail application postcards to every registered voter, and ballots are expected to be mailed in early August.

On Primary Election Day, Tuesday, Sept. 1, all Everett polling locations will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Registered Democrats and Republicans must vote in their respective party's primary. Unenrolled

voters (sometimes referred to as Independent voters) may choose either a Democratic or Republican ballot when voting in the primary.

The State Primary will determine each party's nominees for state and local offices that will appear on the November General Election ballot. The Commonwealth's nine statewide ballot questions will be decided during the November election.

For additional information,

including early voting hours, polling locations, voter registration, and vote-by-mail, contact the Everett Elections Department at 617-394-2297 or visit the City's Elections webpage. Residents can also verify their voter registration status, polling location, and voting options through the Massachusetts Secretary of the Commonwealth before Election Day.

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gaming hangout! Grab your friends and dive into fun Nintendo Switch and PlayStation games. Recommended for ages 11 and up.

Shute Children's

Storytime at the Shute 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!

brick by brick! We provide the space and the materials to let your vision take shape. What will you create?

Spintronics - Stem Free-Play Join us at the Shute Memorial Library every Friday afternoon from 2:30 - 4:30 PM for a STEM-based free-play session. Try "Spintronics," and use mechanical circuits to

solve puzzles, or try "Bridge or Bust," and see if you can build a bridge large enough to span the distance and sturdy enough to hold the weight. Both games will test (and expand) your ability to solve problems creatively. Will you rise to the challenge? For Ages 8 and up. Registration is not required.

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Everett hosts monthly Veterans Luncheon at the Connolly Center

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Interim Director of Veterans Services Paul Landry meets Everett veterans at July luncheon

Special to the Independent

Veterans from across Everett gathered at the Connolly Center for the City's monthly Veterans Luncheon, sharing a meal, re-connecting with friends, and welcoming Interim Director of Veterans Services Paul Landry.

Held on the last Wednesday of each month, the luncheon is an opportunity to bring Everett's veteran community together while recognizing the sacrifices they made in service to our country.

This month's luncheon also gave veterans the chance to meet Landry, who recently stepped into the role of Interim Director of Veterans Services. With more than 33 years of leadership in the Everett Police Department and the Massachusetts National Guard, he brings decades of public service and military experience to the position.

"The July Veterans Luncheon was a special occasion because our veterans had the chance to meet and welcome our new Interim Director of Veterans Services, Paul Landry," said Mayor Robert J. Van Campen. "Paul has dedicated his career to serving others, and I know he'll bring that same commitment to the men and women who served our country."

Throughout the afternoon, Landry met with veterans, listened to their stories, and began building relationships with the people he will now serve.

"I am incredibly honored to work with Everett's veterans and help connect them with the services and benefits they've



Group picture of Interim Director of Veterans Services Paul Landry, State Representative Joe McGonagle, Special Assistant to the Mayor Chris Connolly and Everett veterans.



Interim Director of Veterans Services Paul Landry shaking a veteran's hand.

earned," said Interim Director of Veterans Services Paul Landry. "I've worn a uniform for most of my career, and it's humbling to now serve the men and women who sacrificed so much so the rest of us can enjoy the freedoms we have every day."

The City of Everett is proud to recognize and support those

who served our country. While the monthly luncheon is a chance to gather and connect, the City's commitment to veterans extends far beyond a single day.

The next Veterans Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, August 26, at 12 p.m. at the Connolly Center.



Everett residents being served lunch by Connolly Center staff.



Special Assistant to the Mayor Chris Connolly, Interim Director of Veterans Services Paul Landry, and State Representative Joe McGonagle.

SENATOR DIDOMENICO STANDS WITH STRIKING NURSES

Special to the Independent

Senator Sal DiDomenico stood with Brigham & Women Hospital nurses and Mass General Brigham home care clinicians in Somerville as they stood on strike for better contracts. “It was inspiring to stand with these brave and essential health care workers across my district,” said DiDomenico. “I was proud to speak in support of the backbone of our health-care system and their efforts to secure a fair contract.”

The Senator brought a carload of coffee and pastries to support those workers on the picket line. DiDomenico will always stand with health care workers who fight for patients over profits.



Sen. Sal DiDomenico’s carload of coffee and pastries he brought to support the workers on strike.



Sen. Sal DiDomenico standing with striking nurses outside the hospital.

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Join us to learn how community feedback has helped shape the design, amenities, and programming of the proposed waterfront park at the proposed New England Revolution Stadium.

VIRTUAL WATERFRONT PARK MEETING

DATE: August 13, 2026
TIME: 6:00 – 8:00 P.M.
MEETING LINK:
<https://vhb.link/virtual-waterfront-park-mtg>

SCAN TO REGISTER FOR THE VIRTUAL MEETING



IN-PERSON WATERFRONT PARK MEETING

DATE: September 24, 2026
TIME: 6:00 – 8:00 P.M.
ADDRESS: Edward G. Connolly Center,
90 Chelsea Street,
Everett, MA 02149



PROJECT INFORMATION AND MATERIALS:
<https://www.revolutionsoccer.net/everett-stadium>

- These meetings will focus only on the waterfront park; discussions about the proposed stadium will take place at separate meetings.
- Spanish and Portuguese interpretation services will be provided.

Greater Boston Stage Company announces Young Company Summer Festival 2026

Special to the Independent

Greater Boston Stage Company is thrilled to announce its Young Company, Summer Festival 2026, featuring five fully staged musicals performed by students in grades 4 through 12. Running August 6–16, the festival brings together nearly 100 young performers from 22 Greater Boston communities to create five fully staged musicals under the guidance of professional directors, choreographers, music directors, designers, and theatre artists.

This year's Summer Festival includes Disney's *The Little Mermaid JR.*, *Singin' in the Rain JR.*, Disney's *Camp Rock The Musical*, *Footloose: The Musical*, and *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*. From Broadway classics to Disney favorites, each production gives students the opportunity to collaborate with professional theatre artists while presenting high-quality performances for audiences of all ages.

"Summer Festival is one of the highlights of our year," says Autumn Blazon-Brown, Director of Education at Greater Boston Stage Company. "Over the course of just a few weeks, students build lasting friendships, develop confidence, strengthen their artistic skills, and create truly remarkable theatre together. Watching their growth from the first rehearsal to opening night is inspiring, and we can't wait to share these productions with our community." The Summer Festival is the culmination of weeks of intensive rehearsal and training, giving students the opportunity to experience the collaborative process of producing professional-quality musical theatre.

Disney's The Little Mermaid JR.

Performed by Act 1 (Grades 4–6)
Friday, August 14 at 5:00 pm
Saturday, August 15 at 12:00 pm



Everett student, Grace J., takes the stage at Greater Boston Stage Company in *Camp Rock the Musical*.

Sunday, August 16 at 12:00 pm
Dive "under the sea" with Ariel, Sebastian, and all your favorite ocean friends in this magical adaptation of Disney's beloved classic. When Ariel dreams of life beyond the ocean, she makes a daring bargain with the sea witch Ursula in hopes of winning the heart of Prince Eric. Filled with unforgettable songs, colorful characters, and heart-warming adventure, Disney's *The Little Mermaid JR.* is a celebration of courage, friendship, and following your dreams.

Performed by students in Act 1 (Grades 4–6), this production showcases the imagination and enthusiasm of Greater Boston Stage Company's youngest Summer Festival performers. Directed

by Katherine Gustafson, choreographed by Abigail Martin, music directed by Carrie Tully, and stage managed by Maisie O'Brien, this family-friendly musical promises a delightful journey beneath the waves.

Singin' in the Rain JR.

Performed by Acts 1 & 2 (Grades 4–9)

Friday, August 14 at 7:30 pm
Saturday, August 15 at 3:00 pm
Sunday, August 16 at 3:00 pm

Step into Hollywood's golden age as silent film stars Don Lockwood, Kathy Selden, and Lina Lamont navigate the exciting transition from silent movies to talking pictures. Featuring classic songs, energetic dance numbers, and timeless comedy, *Singin' in the Rain JR.* captures the excitement, humor, and glamour of one of musical theatre's most beloved stories.

Performed by students in Acts 1 & 2 (Grades 4–9), this joyful production celebrates teamwork, perseverance, and the magic of live performance. Directed by Sarah Morin, choreographed by Mia Gage, music directed by Jacob Petersen, and stage managed by Olivia Da Cunha, audiences can expect plenty of laughter, memorable music, and dazzling choreography.

Disney's Camp Rock The Musical

Performed by Act 2 (Grades 7–9)

Thursday, August 13 at 7:30 pm
Saturday, August 15 at 7:30 pm
Sunday, August 16 at 7:30 pm

Get ready to rock! Based on the hit Disney Channel Original Movies, *Camp Rock The Musical* follows aspiring singer Mitchie Torres and her friends as they discover confidence, friendship, and the courage to embrace their unique voices. When Camp Rock's future is threatened by a rival camp, the students must come together to prove that teamwork, determination, and staying true to yourself can overcome any challenge.

Performed by students in Act 2 (Grades 7–9), this high-energy musical features beloved songs including "This Is Me" and "We Rock." Directed by Chloe Selznick, choreographed

by Ceris Sperdelozzi, music directed by Abigail Nordan, and stage managed by Landri Elkins, this production is packed with infectious music, dynamic choreography, and nonstop fun.

Footloose: The Musical

Performed by Act 3 (Grades 10–12 & 2026 Graduates)
Friday, August 7 at 7:30 pm
Saturday, August 8 at 8:00 pm
Sunday, August 9 at 5:00 pm

When Chicago teenager Ren McCormack moves to the small town of Bomont, he discovers dancing and rock music have been outlawed. Refusing to accept the town's rigid traditions, Ren inspires a community to rediscover hope, healing, and the joy of self-expression. Featuring iconic songs including "Footloose," "Holding Out for a Hero," and "Let's Hear It for the Boy," this electrifying musical has thrilled audiences for decades.

Performed by students in Act 3 (Grades 10–12 and 2026 Graduates), *Footloose* highlights the advanced talents of Greater Boston Stage Company's oldest Summer Festival performers. Directed by Tader Shipley, choreographed by Erin Faria, music directed by Rena Marthaler, and stage managed by Madelyn Traynor, this production promises powerful performances, exciting choreography, and unforgettable music.

The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee

Performed by Act 3 (Grades 10–12 & 2026 Graduates)
Thursday, August 6 at 7:30 pm
Saturday, August 8 at 5:00 pm
Sunday, August 9 at 8:00 pm

Winner of the Tony Award for Best Book, *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee* follows six delightfully quirky middle school students as they compete for spelling championship glory while navigating friendship, family expectations, and growing up. Filled with clever humor, touching moments, and an award-winning score by William Finn, this be-

loved musical has charmed audiences around the world.

Performed by students in Act 3 (Grades 10–12 and 2026 Graduates), this witty and heartfelt production showcases the versatility and comedic talents of the Young Company's oldest performers. Directed and choreographed by Jamie Cook, music directed by David Girardin, and stage managed by Emma Neary, *Spelling Bee* is a joyful reminder that sometimes winning isn't everything.

"We are incredibly proud of the hard work and artistry these students bring to the stage every summer," says Autumn Blazon-Brown. "The Summer Festival reflects everything the Young Company is about: artistic excellence, collaboration, creativity, and providing young people with professional-level opportunities in a supportive environment."

The Young Company Summer Festival 2026 is supported by an outstanding team of theatre professionals. Sophia Lawder serves as Site Coordinator, with Hannah Estabrook as Access Coordinator. Festival Production Managers Kit Verweij and Shauwna Grillo oversee the productions alongside a talented team of scenic, lighting, costume, props, sound, and technical designers who help bring each show to life.

Tickets are \$25–\$35 and are on sale now. For more information or to purchase tickets, call the Box Office at 781-279-2200 or visit greaterbostonstage.org.

The Young Company at Greater Boston Stage Company, Greater Boston Stage Company is thrilled to announce its Young Company, 395 Main Street, Stoneham, helps the next generation become better artists, better audience members, and better people through dramatic education. Through artistic training and performance opportunities, The Young Company at Greater Boston Stage Company

Van Campen appoints Norilyz Valentin as Director of Information Technology

Special to the Independent

Mayor Robert J. Van Campen has appointed Norilyz Valentin as Director of Information Technology (IT) for the City of Everett.

Valentin brings more than a decade of experience in information technology across municipal government, state government, and the private sector. Throughout her career, she has led technology modernization efforts, strengthened cybersecurity, improved operational efficiency, and implemented innovative solutions that support reliable public services.

“Modernizing City Hall has been one of my top priorities since taking office,” said Mayor Van Robert J. Campen. “Technology should make government more efficient, more secure, and easier for residents to access. Unfortunately, the City’s technology infrastructure is not where it needs to be, and that’s something we’re committed to changing. I’m confident that Norilyz has the experience and leadership to help us build a technology foundation that will serve Everett for years to come.”

“I’m honored to join the City of Everett as Director of



Norilyz Valentin

Information Technology,” said Valentin. “I look forward to partnering with city leadership, employees, and the community to advance technology that is secure, innovative, and focused on delivering exceptional public service.”

Valentin most recently served as Assistant Director of Information Technology for Monitoring and Observability for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, where she led a team of engineers responsible for statewide monitoring operations. She previously served in leadership roles with the City of Chelsea, overseeing technology operations for City Hall, public safety departments, and 911 services while leading projects to improve transparency, resident

services, and internal operations.

Interim Director of IT Neal Ellis said the need for investment became clear almost immediately after he began evaluating the City’s technology infrastructure.

“When I started working here, I had a plan. I expected to identify opportunities for improvement and build on what was already there,” said Ellis. “But once I started peeling back the layers, I realized the City’s technology environment was much further behind than I thought. I’ve walked into organizations that needed a lot of work before, but the scope here surprised me. Many of the systems we’re using today are 15 to 20 years behind current standards. The staff has done an incredible job keeping things running with the tools they have, but it’s time to give them the technology they need to do their jobs.”

As Director of IT, Valentin will oversee Everett’s technology strategy, information technology infrastructure, cybersecurity, and digital innovation, while ensuring technology investments support the City’s operational goals and improve services for residents and employees.

OBITUARIES

Lucy Finos Of Wakefield

Lucy A. (Mazzone) Finos of Wakefield, entered into eternal rest at home, surrounded by her loving family on Thursday, July 30, 2026. She was 101 years old. Born in Everett, Lucy lived in Wakefield for many years.

Lucy was the daughter of the late Pietro and Filomena (Ciardiello) Mazzone; the beloved wife of the late Victor P. Finos; the dear and devoted mother of Elizabeth A. Finos of Alexandria, VA, Ralph P. Finos and his wife, Janice Antonellis of Holliston, Trinity and her husband, William Pease of Sarasota, FL and Michael R. Finos of Wakefield; dear sister of the late Alphonse Mazzone, Marino Mazzone, Madeline Mottola, Christine Tavano, Edith DiCicco, Susan Barbo and Mary Starble; loving Noni of Marisa Finos, Elisa Finos, Ashley Nassal, Matthew Finos, Christopher Finos and the late Bianca Nassal and Great-Noni of Parker Nassal, Ardenn Nassal -Ryan, Sutton Nassal-Ryan



and Atlas Nassal-Ryan.

Relatives and friends attended Lucy’s funeral Mass on Tuesday, August 4, 2026 in St. Joseph’s Church, 173 Albion St., Wakefield and burial was at Forest Glade Cemetery, Wakefield. Contributions in Lucy’s memory to Catholic Relief Services, P.O. Box 5278, Tipton, IA, 52772 (crs.org) would be sincerely appreciated. Arrangements by the Cafasso & Sons Funeral Home, Everett.

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Hogan, 54, grew up on Irving Street and is a 1990 graduate of Pope John XXIII High School. He received a bachelor's degree in graphic design at UMass/Dartmouth and owns a business called 1st-In-Grafix, which does boat lettering, truck lettering, and logo design.

Sean is the son of Eileen Hogan and the late Richard "Dick" Hogan, who passed away in 2021.

Sean and his wife, Dawn Marie, have three children, Jake, Kyle, and Paige, who all looked on proudly as their father took his oath of office.

Sean set a great example for his younger brother, Scott, who

is a 20-year Everett firefighter and a former athletic trainer at Winthrop High School.

"I'm so proud of him," said Scott. "It takes a lot of hard work to be a lieutenant, and he did a great job. He deserves it."

Deputy Chief Craig Hyde was among the many professional colleagues in the department showing their support at the swearing-in ceremony.

"I got on the department with Sean in 1998," recalled Hyde. "We got hired with ten members, and there are only eight left, and all eight of us are now officers in the Everett Fire Department. This finishes it off. Sean is a good man."



City Clerk Sergio Cornelio extends a congratulatory handshake to newly promoted Everett Fire Lt. Sean Hogan immediately following the swearing-in ceremony.



Newly promoted Everett Fire Lt. Sean Hogan (center) is pictured with members of his proud family, from left, brother Scott Hogan, mother Eileen Hogan, wife Dawn Marie Hogan, daughter Paige Hogan, son Kyle Hogan, son Jake Hogan, and mother-in-law Barbara Nicholls.



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Showing their support for newly promoted Fire Lt. Sean Hogan are Fire Chief Joseph Hickey and the many other professional colleagues in the Everett Fire Department following the swearing-in ceremony.

Crimson Tide Youth Football draws huge turnout for 2026 season

By Cary Shuman

Crimson Tide Youth Football pre-season practices have begun, and the turnout is impressive.

Nick Olson, beginning his second year as president following the organization's move from Pop Warner to American Youth Football (AYF) in 2025, reports that more than 300 athletes (football players and cheerleaders) are enrolled in the program.

"We started our year with practices at Everett Stadium last week, and this week we're at Sacramone Park," said Olson, a former Everett High football player who served in the United States Marine Corps. "We're encouraged by the large influx of new players. We have double the number of cheerleaders and we have 35 additional football players. We're going to have well over 300 participants this year (ages 6-14)."



Everett Crimson Tide Youth Football and Cheer President Nick Olson, pictured with his son, football player Caleb Olson.

The 14U cheer team, led by coach Deanna Massa, is the

defending state champion and finished in the top five at Nationals in Kissimmee, Florida, Olson noted proudly. The 8U football team was a New England finalist.

The football teams will wear uniforms matching the San Francisco 49ers colors (scarlet and gold) worn by the Everett High football team. "We made sure we put the 'E' stickers on the helmets. We look identical to Everett High School," said Olson.

Leo, Cafarella return as coaches

Olson announced that legendary coaches Chuck Leo and Frank Cafarella have returned to the program and will lead the Everett 8U football team. One of the players is Leo's grandson, Mance McKinney.

Leo brings more than 45 years of football coaching to the program, with several league, state, and regional titles, and appearances in the nationals on his awe-inspiring resume.

"We're happy to have these two outstanding coaches back and helping our program," said Olson.

Olson said Everett High head football coach Rob DiLoreto has been very helpful to the Crimson Tide Youth Football organization.

"Rob has been very engaged with our program," said Olson. "Any time we've called on Rob for his insight or guidance, he's stepped up and opened the di-

alogue between Everett High and Everett youth football."

Olson is being assisted on the executive board by vice president Julie Carapellucci, treasurer Diana Groux, secretary Ashley Franklin, football director LeRoy Heard, and cheer director Sheena DeSalvo.

Everett will open its regular season against Dorchester on Sunday, Aug. 30 at Everett Stadium.

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develops life skills such as confidence, self-discipline, and collaboration to inspire and prepare young actors for future creative engagement and success. Our process-oriented programming pushes students to the next level by working with exceptional Boston teaching artists and theatre professionals. Students are also provided with opportunities to work on Mainstage productions side-by-side with professionals. The Young Company lives by the idea that Good Theatre Makes Good People. Visit greaterbostonstage.org for more information.

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New England Aquarium applauds Boston flood protection plan

Special to the Times-Free Press

Given its location on Boston's waterfront, the New England Aquarium is particularly vulnerable to the impacts of climate change, experiencing flooding during storm surges, king tides, and other extreme weather. Since 2019, the Aquarium has been among those leading the conversation about sea level rise and the importance of coastal preparedness, advocating for a comprehensive resiliency plan for Boston and championing a downtown waterfront for all—one that is resilient, accessible, and inclusive. The Aquarium is a member of A Better City, Boston Waterfront Partners, the Coalition for a Resilient and Inclusive Waterfront (founding partner), the Green Ribbon



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New England Aquarium.

Commission, and the Wharf District Council—all entities invested in advancing this vision. For the last two years, the Aquarium has engaged with the City of Boston and the

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) as they conducted the Coastal Storm Risk Management Study for the City of Boston.

In response to the release of

the full Draft Integrated Feasibility Report and Programmatic Environmental Assessment, the New England Aquarium is sharing the below statement from President and CEO Vikki N. Spruill.

“The New England Aquarium applauds the City of Boston and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, whose Draft Integrated Feasibility Report would protect lives and billions of dollars in public and private assets along the waterfront and inland from future coastal flood events and sea level rise, while paving the way for an accessible, resilient, and inclusive waterfront for all. The proposed comprehensive system plan is a necessary and wise investment in Boston's future, created through a process that

provides a pathway to federal investment. Now, Boston has the ability and the opportunity to demonstrate what is possible when public leadership, private investment, scientific expertise, and civic ambition come together around the common goal of making our great city a global model for coastal resilience.”

The New England Aquarium is a nonprofit research and conservation organization that has protected and cared for our ocean and marine animals for more than 55 years. We provide science-based solutions and help shape policies that create measurable change to address threats the ocean faces. We inspire action through discovery and help create engaged, resilient communities.

Governor Healey lays out energy affordability priorities

Special to the Independent

Governor Maura Healey called for swift action and passage of her energy affordability legislation to lower energy bills and rein in utility spending. In a letter to members of the conference committee negotiating the final bill, the Governor demanded the utilities stop fighting customer refunds and urged lawmakers to move quickly after their initial meeting to deliver relief for Massachusetts households and businesses by changing how utilities do business, getting charges off bills, and building more local sources of energy.

“It is absolutely outrageous that, at a time when the people of Massachusetts are struggling to pay their energy bills, utility spending, profits and shareholder payouts are skyrocketing,” said Governor Healey. “Enough is enough. Massachusetts ratepayers shouldn't be footing the bill for unnecessary

utility spending or excessive profits. And they shouldn't be locked into paying high energy costs driven by President Trump's Iran war. Passing my energy affordability legislation will ensure ratepayers are getting the best deal for energy, eliminate unnecessary charges from people's bills, rein in utility spending and profits, and lower costs. Utilities also need to drop their legal challenges to our efforts to return money to consumers and stop seeking rate hikes that people simply can't afford.”

“Our energy affordability legislation meets the moment we are in. We need to act as Trump's war drives up energy prices worldwide and utility infrastructure spending raises ratepayer bills,” said Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Rebecca Tepper. “Our administration is ready to act to implement this critical legislation. We're ready to strike charges, procure more

energy, and increase oversight over utility spending.”

Since Governor Healey filed her energy affordability legislation in May 2025, Massachusetts gas and electric utilities have continued seeking higher profits, increasing shareholder payouts, opposing efforts to rein in spending, and pursuing additional rate increases.

As profits have risen, National Grid, Eversource, Berkshire Gas and Liberty Gas have all sought rate increases in the past year, some as high as 55 percent, driven in part by significant infrastructure spending that also increases utility profits. Governor Healey has opposed those increases, and her administration has consistently argued before the Department of Public Utilities for stronger oversight and lower utility profit levels.

The utilities, which also earn profits from other arms of their businesses like transmission investments, have fought ef-

forts to return exorbitant profit back to ratepayers. Earlier this year, FERC ordered the New England transmission owners to return approximately \$1.5 billion in profits collected over the past decade after advocacy by then-AG Healey and current AG Campbell. FERC also cut the allowed return on equity going forward. The transmission owners appealed this ruling, called for a slower rollout of the refund, and doubled down on increasing transmission profits going forward. Governor Healey and AG Campbell opposed this proposal and rallied all New England Governors to oppose the proposal.

Meanwhile, shareholder payouts keep going up. Last year, Eversource and National Grid shareholders received billions in direct payouts.

Governor Healey's energy affordability legislation gives the state new tools to lower energy bills by bringing more affordable energy online, re-

ducing unnecessary costs for customers, and holding utilities accountable for excessive spending and profits. In her letter to the conference committee, she highlights key provisions that should remain in the bill to reduce costs, strengthen oversight and help deliver more affordable, reliable energy across Massachusetts. This includes changing how energy is purchased to get the best deals, eliminating fees and profit adders paid to utilities, getting charges off bills, avoiding unnecessary utility spending, bringing more energy into Massachusetts faster and more affordably and allowing the DPU to initiate audits of the utilities. Governor Healey also urged the committee to include protections for ratepayers, communities and the environment from higher costs and other negative impacts driven by data centers, in keeping with her recently released framework.

Markey, Pressley release report showing success of fare-free transit

Special to the Independent

Senator Edward J. Markey (D-Mass.), member of the Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee, and Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley (MA-07) released a new report, Making Transit Free, Frequent, and Reliable: Massachusetts shows the need for federal investment in fare-free transit, detailing the need for increased federal investments in fare-free transit. Senator Markey and Congresswoman Pressley are lead sponsors of the Freedom to Move Act, which would provide \$25 billion to communities to pilot fare free service and expand existing transit service.

“From Worcester to Boston

to the Merrimack Valley, Massachusetts is showing the nation what is possible when transit goes fare-free,” said Senator Markey. “Our report shows that fare-free transit saves families money, increases ridership, and helps make transit easier and simpler for passengers. More transit riders can mean less congestion, cleaner air, and safer streets. This report provides a roadmap for bringing those benefits to communities across the country. Congress should pass the Freedom to Move Act and help any community go fare free.”

“The data doesn’t lie and this report makes plain what we’ve long known: fare-free transit is essential to building connected communities, improving mo-

bility, and making life more affordable for our families,” said Congresswoman Pressley, Co-Chair of the Future of Transportation Caucus. “Transit equity is an economic, racial, and climate justice issue, and it’s time we invest in public transit as the public good that it is. That’s why Congress must pass our Freedom to Move Act to continue to support fare-free transit across our state and nation.”

Massachusetts has become a national leader in fare-free transit through a range of programs serving urban, suburban, and rural communities. Regional transit authorities in Worcester, the Merrimack Valley, and elsewhere have launched systemwide or targeted fare-free

service, while Boston has eliminated fares on several heavily used bus routes. The Commonwealth has also supported statewide pilot programs that have helped transit agencies test and expand fare-free operations.

Drawing on data from these efforts, the report examines how fare-free service is working across different transit systems and communities. The Massachusetts experience shows how eliminating fares strengthens public transit when paired with reliable service and sustained investment. It also demonstrates that communities nationwide could pursue similar programs with stronger federal support.

The Massachusetts evidence points to five core lessons.

Fare-free transit:

1. Lowers costs for riders
2. Brings riders back to transit
3. Leads to long-term ridership gains
4. Makes transit easier to operate
5. Works best when paired with operating support

Senator Markey and Congresswoman Pressley have long championed fare-free transit in Congress. In July 2025, they re-introduced the Freedom to Move Act which would provide \$25 billion in funding for transit agencies to offer fare free service and improve on existing transit service offerings.

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and Sel Roti. Throughout the afternoon, attendees enjoyed traditional music, cultural performances, and Nepali dance, creating a vibrant celebration of one of Everett’s many diverse communities.

“Everett is proud to be home to so many cultures and traditions, and Nepal Day is a wonderful example of what makes our community unique,” said Mayor Robert J. Van Campen. “It’s always inspiring to see so many people come together to celebrate, learn from one another, and enjoy a day that reflects the diversity of our city.”

Founded in 1989, the Greater Boston Nepali Community is a thriving association of Nepal

living throughout the greater Boston area. Today, the organization includes more than 600 students, professionals, and families.

“On behalf of the GBNC, I would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to the City of Everett for partnering with us in celebrating Nepal Day 2026 for the fourth consecutive year,” said Sandip Bhattarai, President of the Greater Boston Nepali Community. “This event is a wonderful opportunity to share Nepal’s rich culture, traditions, music, dance, and cuisine while bringing together people from all backgrounds in the spirit of unity and inclusion. We sincerely thank Mayor Robert Van Campen,

the City Council, city officials, volunteers, sponsors, and our community partners for their continued support. Their commitment to celebrating diversity has helped make Nepal Day a meaningful and successful community tradition. We look forward to continuing this valued partnership for many years to come.”

Nepal Day is one of many cultural celebrations held throughout Everett each year, reflecting the City’s commitment to embracing its diverse communities and creating opportunities for residents to learn from and celebrate one another.



A group of women smiling. PHOTOS COURTESY THE CITY OF EVERETT



A Nepali family behind their food stand.



A Nepali vendor talking with a customer about his Chutney stand.

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Nepali community leaders smiling for a group photo in front of the City banner.



A group of students and adults from Nepali Class Boston posing for a group photo.

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Mayor Robert J. Van Campen with Sandip Bhattarai and another Nepali community leader.



Councilor Holly Garcia with Nepali community members.



People walking across Glendale Park checking out the different vendors.



Vendor selling a customer Nepali food.

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Special to the Independent

This Friday, Suffolk Downs will commemorate the 60th anniversary of The Beatles' legendary 1966 Suffolk Downs concert with a free tribute concert by 4EverFab at The Amp, the site's new 600-person outdoor amphitheater.

In celebration of the 60-year anniversary of The Beatles' legendary August 1966 concert at Suffolk Downs, The HYM Investment Group is excited to host the 4EverFab Beatles Band for a free tribute concert at The Amp, plus local food trucks, beer from on-site brewery Twisted Fate Brewing, and family-friendly activities, Friday, August 7 from 6 to 9 p.m.

The Amp at Suffolk Downs located at 125 Salt Street, Revere, MA 02151

All are welcome to attend, free ticket reservation encouraged.

In 2017, Suffolk Downs, located in both East Boston and Revere along two MBTA Blue Line Stops, was purchased by HYM and its investors with a vision to create a welcoming neighborhood designed around new ways of living and working. Today, the 161-acre site at Suffolk Downs is being reborn as a new urban district with a dynamic mix of uses and offerings connected and supported by public open space, neighborhood retail, and civic spaces. Suffolk Downs will deliver 5.2M SF of life science and office space, 10.15M SF of residential space, 450K SF of retail space, 400K SF of hotel space and over 40 acres of open space. Phase 1 of the redevelopment broke ground in May 2022 on the Revere side of the site and the first building, Amaya, delivered in 2024. The second multifamily building at Suffolk Downs, Portico, officially broke ground in 2025 and will deliver 473 units of housing to the Revere community upon completion.

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CITY PAWS

Helping rescue animals

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

There are many ways you can help dogs in rescue situations. You could volunteer with a rescue group or shelter and see what assignments might fit your lifestyle and schedule. You could walk dogs and play with cats, giving critters one-on-one attention while they are in the shelter. If you have more time, you could visit and assess potential adoptive homes. You could also help transport animals to and from shelters, foster homes, or new families.

Foster Homes

If you’ve ever wondered whether there’s room in your

life for another dog or cat, you might try fostering an animal. This is simply providing shelter, training, comfort, and affection to an animal in your home for a few weeks. Your assessment of the animal can be used to match them with a permanent home that will suit their personality, activity level, and behavior.

Fostering depends on your own animals as well as the rescue. Our second Westie, Maggie Mae, was a social butterfly who loved spending time with other dogs. We fostered dogs until she reached her senior years and needed more of our attention. You also have to be sure the incoming dog has been

cleared as free of any issues that might harm your family, including children and animals.

One of our mentors in Westie Rescue used to say, “All rescues come with baggage. We have to help them unpack.” This has always been the approach we’ve taken with the dogs we fostered, and we passed on this advice as we delivered dogs to their new homes.

Home Visits

Home visits fit into our current lifestyle. With each request, we can choose to take on the task or not. Since we don’t have a car, we often visit homes accessible by MBTA. Our understanding of city life helps us



Swiffer was one of our rescues who became part of our family when his adoptive humans became friends we consider to be family.





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We also answer questions about the breed, and warn of possible dangers around the house that someone who has not lived with a tenacious terrier might not spot.

Transporting

Many rescue groups move dogs long distances with volunteer drivers. We’ve driven some of these runs and helped coordinate a Westie transport group for many years. A route is planned from the foster home that has the dog to where the pup can be handed over to the adoptive family. Coordinating transport is the type of job that can be done by any reliable per-

son from their home.

There are also opportunities to transport by air if you are traveling between cities and would be willing to take a small dog in the cabin with you. We’ve been the local connection for volunteers flying into Logan.

Leaders & Worker Bees

Every rescue group needs leadership and worker bees. People make phone calls to shelters, pick up dogs at homes where they are being surrendered, take the dogs in rescue to veterinary visits, nurse them after surgery or as they recover from neglect, injury, or illness.

Finally, you can provide financial support. From writing a check to devoting your life, there is a place for you if you’d like to do your bit to help homeless animals. Pick a group, pick a task, and give it a try. Each success along the way will fill your heart with joy.