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Mayor Robert Van Campen, (center) MassDOT representatives and community members smiling for a group photo.

Everett residents 50 and older invited to participate in Golden Gears Program

Special to the Independent

Everett residents 50 and older are invited to participate in the Golden Gears Program on September 27 at the Gazebo at Rivergreen Park.

MassDOT will host up to 20 older adults for a bikeshare confidence clinic designed to help participants become more comfortable using the local bikeshare system and navigating bicycle infrastructure.

The clinic will take place from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., with an optional “ride refresh” beginning at 8 a.m.

Made possible through an AARP Community Challenge

Flagship Grant awarded to the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT), the program will provide Everett residents with free, hands-on instruction, guided rides and peer support to encourage the safe and comfortable use of bikeshare and other active transportation options.

Everett joins Worcester and Springfield as one of the inaugural host communities for the initiative.

“Creating transportation options is only part of the equation. We also need programs



Samantha Silversberg, Undersecretary of Transportation Policy, talking at a podium.

that help people feel confident taking advantage of them,” said Mayor Robert J. Van Campen. “This initiative gives older adults the support and encouragement they need to try bikeshare, stay active and remain connected to their community. We’re proud that Everett was selected for this program, and

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DiLoreto to lead Everett football against Arlington on Friday

By Cary Shuman

Everett High School head football coach Rob DiLoreto will lead his team into the season opener against Arlington High School Friday (6 p.m.) holding strong emotional ties to both schools.

DiLoreto worked at Arlington High School from 1996 to 2025 before leaving to become the vice principal at Everett High School at the start of the 2025-26 academic year. He held positions in Arlington as a teacher, athletic director, and dean of students. He also coached football and lacrosse during his 29-year tenure at AHS.

“I don’t want to say bitter-sweet, but it will definitely be an emotional game for me,” said DiLoreto Monday. “I have wonderful memories of my time working in Arlington. I will always have a special place

in my heart for the community, but I also know that I have a job to do in Everett, my hometown, and I’m honored and excited to be here, and there’s no place I’d rather be.”

When DiLoreto coached Arlington High football, it was a member of the Greater Boston League. Arlington left the GBL in 2007 to join the Dual County in 2007. Arlington later moved to the Middlesex League, its current home.

DiLoreto had a special relationship with Arlington High hockey coach Ed Burns, who coached the Spy Ponders for 50 seasons and won eight state and Eastern Mass. titles and 28 GBL championships.

“Mr. Burns was a legend and he mentored me,” recalled DiLoreto. “When I took over as athletic director, we became good friends, and he taught me

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BOB MARRA PHOTO

Jamauri Dulin (2) is all alone and off-and-running to a touchdown after catching a pass as the Everett bench cheers him on during the Everett vs. Peabody pre-season game where the Crimson Tide came out on top 21-20. See Pages 4 and 5 for more photos.

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REMEMBERING 9/11

For every generation of Americans for the past near-century, there have been seminal events for which those who were of a certain age can recall “where they were” when they “heard the news.”

Every member of the Greatest Generation could recall with vivid clarity the announcement by President Roosevelt of the Day of Infamy of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. A generation later, everyone knew where they were when the announcement of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy came across our TV screens. A generation after that, the Challenger space shuttle disaster riveted our nation.

And then, on September 11, 2001, every American watched with horror and disbelief as the Twin Towers of the New York World Trade Center and the Pentagon building in Washington, D.C. came under attack from a terrorist organization we barely knew existed.

In each case, long-held views about our world and our nation were shattered. Before Pearl Harbor, we had thought that the thousands of miles of oceans separating us from the warlords of Europe and Asia would keep us out of harm’s way. John F. Kennedy’s assassination made us realize that history could be altered by a single bullet. The Challenger disaster made us aware that despite three decades of travel in space and despite our prowess in the realm of technology, in the end, everything we do as humans is subject to failure, because that is the human condition.

As we viewed the images on our TV screens on 9/11 of the fireballs in the upper parts of the Twin Towers, and then watched with horror and disbelief as those skyscrapers crumbled, trapping thousands of our fellow Americans, we realized that America no longer was insulated from the sort of outside terrorist threats that had plagued almost every other country the world over.

Every American knew that our lives would be different from that point onward.

However, in the immediate aftermath of the 9/11 attack, it became clear that countless of our fellow Americans responded with incredible strength and bravery. Police officers and firefighters responded fearlessly without regard to the impending danger to their own safety in order to save the lives of their fellow Americans.

A total of 343 firefighters and 71 police officers perished when the towers crumbled, and hundreds more suffered lifelong illnesses because of the toxic air they inhaled while searching for survivors both that day and beyond.

There were many civilian heroes as well, most notably the “young man with the red bandana” who led occupants of the towers to safety and the passengers who thwarted the hijacking of the plane that was headed for the White House when it crashed into Pennsylvania farm fields.

The events of 9/11 deeply affected the Boston area. The two planes that struck the Twin Towers, United Airlines Flight 175 and American Airlines Flight 11, took off from Logan Airport that fateful morning, carrying a total of 147 crew and passengers who mainly were from our area, including American flight attendant Kathleen Nicosia from Winthrop and United employee Marianne MacFarlane (who was headed for a vacation) from Revere. Their names and those of all of the passengers and crew are marked on the 9/11 memorial at Logan which is located just outside of Terminal A.

It is hard to believe that 25 years have passed since 9/11, and even harder to conceive that there are millions of a younger generation of Americans who have been born since that day and who have no first-hand knowledge of that tragic event.

So let us resolve to remind ourselves, and to inform the young people we know, that this was a day not merely of great tragedy, but that it also was a day of great heroism that exemplified the best of what America stands for.



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UPCOMING EVENTS AT EVERETT PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Around Everett/Virtual

Everett: East to West Book Club, Saturday, September 19th at 2pm. The Everett Public Library (WA) and the Everett Public Libraries (MA) are excited to partner together for a coast-to-coast book club! Read the book selected by each library and attend a virtual discussion with patrons across the country. For the first meeting, we are reading *The Boys in the Boat* by Daniel James Brown, chosen by the librarians of the Everett Public Library in Everett, Washington! Pick up your copy at the Parlin or Shute Memorial Library.

NOTE: This event is completely virtual. Register below to receive the Zoom link before the event. Have questions? Email Aubri at askaggs@noblenet.org or call 617-394-2300.

Parlin Adult and Teens

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.

FRED Talks Parlin Meeting Room, Tuesday, September 15th at 7pm. Give a FRED Talk at the library! Or listen to presentations from other Everett community members on their field of expertise. You never know what new piece of knowledge you could walk away with! Register online to present, or call 617-394-2300 to sign up.

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!

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+.

Author Event - Jenn Bouchard,

Parlin Meeting Room, Wednesday, September 16th at 7pm. Jenn Bouchard presents her novel *Palms on the Cape*!

El Restaurante/The Restaurant, Parlin Meeting Room, Saturday, September 19th at 12:00 pm. For adults who want to practice Spanish and eat good food! Play customer or waiter and learn how to navigate a meal from making a reservation to asking for the check. Space is limited, sign up is required. Sign up on our website or call Kathleen (617) 394 2300.

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, September 14th 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, September 16th at 11am. Join us for a fun-filled morning of singing and storytelling with Karen! Suggested ages 0-6.

Creative Drama Class. Parlin Children's Room. Wednesday, September 17th at 3pm. Children ages 5 - 12 will enjoy using creativity and imagination through role-playing, improvisation, and storytelling.

Tune In: Music Class at the Library! Parlin Meeting Room. Thursday, September 17th from 3-4:30pm. Join us for a fun and interactive music class where you'll learn to read music and

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Trade in your old treasures for new at the library

The Everett Public Libraries are excited to announce the third annual Great Everett Jewelry Exchange!

As you clean up your house this Fall, make a pile of your unwanted jewelry. During the month of September, bring it to the Parlin or Shute Libraries and exchange the jewelry for tickets to be used at our jewelry sale! Two pieces of jewelry are worth one ticket.

On October 3rd, 2026, visit the Parlin Memorial Library to trade in those tickets for new treasures! Ticket holders get an early look from 12:00 to 1:00 pm. Doors open to all from 1:00 to 4:00 pm where jewelry will be sold for \$1 per piece. All funds go to the Friends of the Everett Public Libraries.

Have questions? Contact Kathleen at (617) 394 2300 or email slipp@noblenet.org.



Patrons "shop" for new pieces at the 2025 Great Jewelry Exchange.

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I look forward to joining residents at Rivergreen Park for the clinic."

The initiative builds on ongoing investments in safer, more accessible transportation throughout Massachusetts while helping older adults take advantage of expanding micromobility options in their communities. In addition to the clinic, the program will include educational resources, participant feedback and outreach materials that can serve as a model for communities across the Commonwealth.

"This program is intentionally practical," said Kristopher Carter, MassDOT Chief Innovation Officer. "It is about meeting people where they are, answering questions, providing hands-on support, and helping older adults feel comfortable and confident using available transportation options that

may be less familiar to them. Bikeshare can be a convenient and affordable way to connect to trails, transit, local destinations, and community life, and we want more people to feel empowered to use it."

Residents who are interested in attending the Golden Gears program can scan the QR code or go to www.mass.gov/info-details/golden-gears to register.

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a lot about the history of Arlington. He's the greatest high school hockey coach in the history of Massachusetts hockey. In 50 years, he never had a losing season which is amazing. I have a lot of respect for the entire school system in Arlington and the town."

DiLoreto will put his past allegiances aside as Everett begins the 2026 season at home against a very good Arlington football team that went 7-4 and qualified for the MIAA playoffs last season.

"Arlington is a good program," said DiLoreto. "Jon-

athan Nascimento, who is an Everett guy and played here, is a great guy, and this is his first year as head coach, and there's a lot of excitement."

Freshman Michael Walsh will start at quarterback

Everett's offense will be piloted by a ninth grader, Michael Walsh.

"He's earned the job and we're very proud of the work he's put in," said DiLoreto. "I believe he's only the second freshman to start a season at quarterback. I know that Matt Nuzzo also started as a fresh-

man and Jake Willcox played a game or two as a freshman."

Interestingly, Walsh's grandfather was an Everett High football captain in the 1960s.

Other Starters On Offense

Last year's quarterback, Tyler Freni, will move to the starting tailback position. Steven Thomas will start at the H-back position. Freni and Thomas are also team captains.

Senior captain Jamauri Dulin and Jeremiah Joseph, junior Roshon Belony, and sophomore Jerol Zamor will be part of the receivers corps. Zamor is the younger brother of former Everett High standouts Ish Zamor (who is a wide receiver at The Citadel pursuing his graduate degree) and Christian Zamor (who is a junior linebacker at Bentley University).

The Everett offensive line includes left tackle Kellyson Linhares, left guard Guerlins Christalin, senior captain and center Omarian Ayala, right guard Moises Interiano, and right tackle James DeSouza. Senior captain Armani Negrón will be the starting tight end and also have a major role in the Everett defense. Freni and Thomas will start on defense at linebacker positions. Senior

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James DeSouza (44) eyes his prey, Peabody quarterback Dom Mercier.



Armani Negrón (1) and Steven Thomas (8) make sure this Peabody run is at an end.



Tyler Freni (7) breaks behind the block of Guerlins Christalin (52) and finds his way through the Peabody defense.



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EVERETT VS. PEABODY PRE-SEASON GAME



Head coach Rob DiLoreto didn't necessarily agree with an official's call that ruled "incomplete pass" on what appeared to be a Peabody "catch and fumble" recovered by Everett. The official's opinion prevailed.



Quarterback Tyler Freni (7) keeps his balance as he tries to find some running room out of the pocket.



Linebacker Steven Thomas (8) gets a grasp of Peabody quarterback Dominick Mercier to stop a short Peabody gain.



Roshon Belony (9) looks to evade a Peabody tackler near the sideline.



Wide receiver Jeremiah Joseph (4) steps away from a Peabody tackler after a long pass during first quarter action of Everett's pre-season game at Peabody Friday, September 4.

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EVERETT HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS IN SOCCER ACTION AGAINST WINTHROP

Everett came up on the short end of a 5-1 score in a pre-season girls soccer match at Winthrop on September 3. Everett travels to Lowell Thursday for a 5 p.m. game at Cawley Stadium to start the regular season.

BOB MARRA PHOTOS



Everett goaltender Julianna Rivera blocks a point-blank shot of a Winthrop attacker.



Rosa Romero (11) battles Winthrop's Lola Ferrara for a loose ball near midfield.



Everett's Bertha Flores slides in front of Winthrop's Aoifel Turner to break up a Viking offensive. More photos on Page 7.

EHS Roundup

EHS BOYS SOCCER OPENS 2026 SEASON

The Everett High boys soccer team was scheduled to open its 2026 season yesterday (Tuesday) against Dual County League opponent Waltham.

Coach Rodney Landaverde's crew took on Beverly from the

Northeastern Conference in a scrimmage on Friday. "It was a 1-0 loss, but I was very happy with the boys' performance," said Landaverde. "We had lots of great continuation after our jamboree performances the week before. We have a great roster of players with experience and young additions who

are ready to compete. "We're very excited for the season-opener on Tuesday. It will be a great test against a new opponent from a very competitive league," Landaverde added. The Crimson Tide will travel to Methuen of the Merrimack Valley Conference on Saturday before opening their Greater Boston League schedule next Tuesday afternoon against Chelsea at Seven Acre Field.

EHS GIRLS SOCCER READY FOR 2026

The Everett High girls soccer team has been working hard in anticipation of its 2026 season-opener at Merrimack Valley Conference opponent Lowell tomorrow (Thursday). "The season is looking bright this year," said EHS head coach Dom Pursuitte. "We have many returners along with a lot of new faces. The returners are already helping out the freshmen, showing them the ins-and-outs of high school soccer."

The 2026 edition of the Lady Crimson Tide will be led by a trio of captains, Sofia Ara-

na-Quintanillia and Kayla Andrade, who are the team's only seniors, and junior Gissell Lemus, a starter who is returning for her third year with the varsity program.

The Lady Crimson Tide have been impressive in their pre-season scrimmages. They defeated Waltham, 2-0, and Bedford, 1-0, in a Jamboree at Medford last Sunday.

"We had a very good showing given that the girls have not played together as a team," said Pursuitte. "We were a little rusty, but once we got going, we held our own. My returners really stepped up and showed the newbies what high school sports are all about. Notably, Rosa Romero played very well in the midfield, along with freshman Brianna Santos. All three of my captains took charge as well," said Pursuitte.

Although his squad came up short by a score of 5-1 in a scrimmage with Winthrop this past Thursday, Pursuitte saw a lot of encouraging signs in his team's performance.

"The score did not reflect the true nature of the game," Pursuitte said. "We started flat

in the first half, but eventually found ourselves playing our game in the second half. Our lone goal came from returning right-winger Connie Paz Hernandez. There was a scramble in the box, and after many deflections, Connie netted her first goal of the pre-season.

"This scrimmage was an eye-opener for us, but we have already adjusted and improved on what went wrong," Pursuitte added. "This team is very eager to learn from their mistakes and improve on every aspect of the game."

"The goal this year is to keep building up the program and, of course, to make it to the state tourney," said Pursuitte. "I have very high hopes for this season. With the returners and the new faces, the program now has more options than ever before. This will allow me to move players into better-suited roles without sacrificing other positions. As I start my sixth season with the girls, I look forward to showing what we can do as a program. All of my girls have been working hard

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Everett goaltender Julianna Rivera shields the ball from a Winthrop forward.



Everett's Odalis Sandoval (10) gets a step on a Winthrop defender.



Everett's Kayla Andrade (8) and Gissell Limus (4) block a Winthrop drive.

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and are looking forward to this season. As a program, we are very excited and optimistic for this season."

Among the newcomers this season is goalkeeper Julianna Rivera, who also plays basketball for the school. "She and Kaylyn Rivera (the returning keeper) will be giving each other healthy competition for the top spot between the pipes," noted Persuittie.

After tomorrow's opener, the Lady Crimson Tide will travel to non-league foe East Boston on Monday and then will make the short trek across the Parkway to take on Greater Boston League rival Chelsea on Tuesday.

EHS GIRLS VOLLEYBALL OPENS SEASON TODAY

The Everett High girls volleyball team is scheduled to open its 2026 season today (Wednesday) when the Lady Crimson Tide host Greater Boston League (GBL) rival Chelsea.

Coach Michael Fineran's squad has been working hard in the pre-season and engaged in a tri-scrimmage at Wilmington with Georgetown last Tuesday.

"We played well, especially our serving," said Fineran. "We also played with tempo and a competitive spirit that bodes well for the season. You can't put too much stock in the outcomes, and we saw things we needed to work on, but it was an encouraging sign for a team that has eight first-time varsity players."

Senior middle Cassandra Tayag will captain the 2026 edition of the Tide. "Cassandra has been an outstanding back row passer the past two seasons, but she will also see time in the front row this year. She brings energy and leadership every time she steps onto the court.

"Co-captains Melissa Meireles and MariaJose Cardenas, both four year players, helped set a positive tone from the start of tryouts, and both of them are capable hitters and passers," continued Fineran. "QiongQiong Chen and Kiana Flores have also been with the program for four years, and they should be key contributors throughout the year. Kiana is a defensive specialist with a powerful serve. QiongQiong is a versatile player who works as hard as anyone.

"Elora Philippe, a junior, is our most dynamic hitter. Five

other juniors make the jump to varsity this year, including dual-threat Abigail Falkowski, who will set from the back row and become a hitter in the front. Cecilia Da Silveira and Naimi Fleurima will get crucial minutes hitting and blocking," Fineran said.

"Rule changes allow teams to carry two liberos per set this year," Fineran noted. "Jane Maharjan and Giyanna Desamours will split that duty. Sophomore Yahaira Pineda Tejada jumps to varsity from the freshmen squad, and she will be our second setter. Fellow sophomore Tabita Dos Santos can hit from the right side. Freshman Maria Cunha can set and hit from the middle or right side.

"Our goal is to make the state tournament, which requires a minimum of 10 wins," Fineran added. "I don't know what our record will be. Most years I have a better sense of where we stand. The teams I have taken to the tournament have all had six-footers, and we don't have any. But we do have talent, grit, and focus. This is a great group to work with, and they are giving me their best effort every day. Win or lose, that's all I can ask for."

After today's match with Chelsea, Fineran and his crew



Everett's Tiffany Aguilar steps her way past a pair of fallen players

will trek to GBL foe Lynn English on Monday and host GBL rival Lynn English next Wednesday. The season-opener with non-league opponent Lawrence that had been scheduled for last Thursday has been moved to September 17.

The Tide will meet their seven GBL foes (Chelsea, Revere, Lynn Classical, Lynn English, Medford, Malden, and Somerville) twice each. Contests with non-league opponents Lawrence (2), Lowell (2), Winthrop, and Saugus will complete their 20-game schedule.

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Everett stands with the community for International Overdose Awareness Day

Special to the Independent

The Everett community gathered at Glendale Park for International Overdose Awareness Day to remember those lost to overdose, stand with individuals and families affected by addiction and recognize those working every day toward recovery.

For Mayor Robert J. Van Campen, the observance carries a deeply personal meaning. Last year, he lost his brother to a drug overdose, an experience he shared while addressing residents at the event on Monday, August 31.

“Last year, I lost my own brother to a drug overdose. I can’t say enough how proud I am of him, his fight and everything he did to overcome,” said Mayor Robert J. Van Campen. “I look out at a number of faces today and I want you to know that I’m not just the Mayor of Everett, I see each of you and I know your struggle, I understand it. And I think you are all heroes in my mind helping yourselves and helping others overcome each and every day.”

The annual observance brought together residents, first responders and community organizations working to prevent substance use and support people in recovery. Organizations

shared information about treatment, recovery and prevention resources, while the Everett Fire and Police Departments highlighted their intervention programs and continued efforts to connect residents with help.

Eric Mazzeo, Assistant Director of Youth Substance Use Prevention, shared his own experience as a person in recovery and how it informs his work with young people in Everett.

“My job specifically is I work with the youth and I do substance prevention. And as the mayor said, I don’t even look at this as a job. This is my life. I’m a person in recovery first, and I care about people,” said Mazzeo. “That’s how I got into this is by being heavily involved in a 12-step program and doing the work and helping others, and then being able to come back to the city that I grew up in, the city that I love dearly, and be able to help the youth.”

Kenny Pina, a person in long-term recovery and Owner and CEO of Patty’s Sanctuary Sober Living, also spoke about the importance of community support and thanked the City, Everett Fire Department and Everett Police Department for

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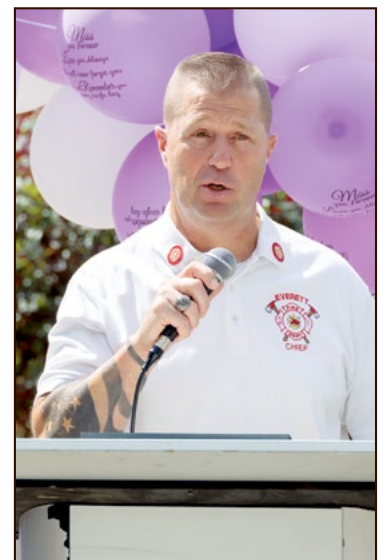
Mayor Van Campen talking with Eric Mazzeo, Assistant Director of Youth Substance Use Prevention, and a community member.



Mayor Van Campen smiling with workers from the Aftermath Addiction Treatment Center.



Police Chief Paul Strong talking at the podium.



Fire Chief Joseph Hickey talking at the podium.



Mayor Van Campen, Chief Strong, City Councilor Stephanie Martins, two members of the DEA, a police officer and a community member smiling for a group photo



Police Chief Paul Strong shaking a resident’s hand.



Eric Mazzeo, Assistant Director of Youth Substance Use Prevention, talking at the podium.

Football //

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Kamari Washum will start on the defensive line.

Jakari Jules and Godson Delisme will be key contributors at cornerback.

Two tuneups for the opener

Everett had two pre-season scrimmages at Catholic Memorial and Peabody.

“We played well, so I feel like our team is ready for a Week 1 game,” said DiLoreto. “The kids are really excited. We had a very positive practice Monday, and the team can’t wait to play Friday night [at Everett Veterans Memorial Stadium] before a large home crowd against an old GBL team, renewing a rivalry. It should be a good night for high school football.”

The coaching staff

DiLoreto will be joined on the Everett sidelines by assistant coaches Duane Sigsbury, Claudy St. Juste. Eric Browne, Malik Love, Robbie Riobe, Jason Portillo, Gerell Boyce, Peter Forte, Joe LaMonica Jay Holt, Lukas Denis, Anthony Nazzaro, and Dylan Cyprien.

Connors coaching at Revere High

Former Everett High standout Dan Connors, who was a standout lineman on Everett High Super Bowl championship teams and later starred at Springfield College, is an assistant football coach and defensive coordinator for Revere High School.

Lou Cikatelli is beginning his 25th and final season as the Revere head football coach, having announced that he will retire at the end of the season.

Please Recycle



Rosh Hashanah, literally meaning "head of the year," is the Jewish New Year. It is the first of the Jewish High Holy Days that occur in the early autumn of the Northern Hemisphere.

As we welcome the new year, may it be filled with love, joy, and prosperity for all. Happy Rosh Hashanah!



Robert Van Campen
Mayor of Everett

Sending my best wishes for a sweet and happy new year. May Rosh Hashanah bring peace and unity.



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NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

FORMER EAST BOSTON SPORTS STAR POWERS IS THE NEW PRINCIPAL AT THE BRADLEY SCHOOL

EAST BOSTON - McKenzie Powers, arguably one of the greatest all-around female athletes in East Boston history, is the new principal of the Manassah E. Bradley Elementary School.

Powers, 36, who has been a teacher at the school for 13 years and served as the instructional coach for the last two years, officially started in her new position Aug. 10. She succeeds Claire Carney, who was appointed as the new Boston Region 1 School Superintendent.

In preparation for the 2026-27 academic year that begins next week, Powers attended a new school leaders' professional development program and the August Leadership Institute which was held for all principals in the Boston school district.

"I've been in the school building setting it up and getting everything ready for staff and students," said Powers. "I've held a few 'Meet the Principal' events to connect with families. I'm working very closely with our new Region 1 superintendent, Claire Carney, who is our former principal, and she's been a huge help supporting me in this transition process."

During their years as professional colleagues at the school, Carney and Powers, working with former Region 1 Supt. Dr. Tommy Welch, helped elevate the Bradley into a national award-winning school, one of the top performing schools in the City of Boston, and a model for urban education.

Carney congratulated Powers on her new position, praising her leadership potential and local roots.

"McKenzie is an incredible

school leader and she's ready to hit the ground running," said Carney. "She is a lifelong East Boston resident and brings incredible passion to this work. She's very competitive, so she's going to make sure that the school stays competitive, does really well, and continues to grow. She has a real passion for special education and supporting all students in thriving and being welcomed into a school community. I can't wait to see all the great things that she does with the Bradley, both now as her regional school superintendent and also a parent of that community."

Aimee Galego succeeds Powers as the instructional coach at the Bradley School which has 310 students in grades K-6.

Strong ties to Eastie

McKenzie is the daughter of Patricia Powers and the late Stephen Powers, who passed away in February, 2025.

"They were definitely a big part of me getting into education," said McKenzie.

Born and raised in East Boston, Powers attended the Patrick J. Kennedy Elementary School, the Umana Barnes School, and East Boston High School, graduating in 2008.

She excelled as a youth in ice hockey, Little League baseball and soccer before becoming a standout in the East Boston Girls Softball League led by Robyn and Richard DiMeo. Powers became a three-sport captain and Boston City League All-Star at East Boston High School for the girls' soccer and softball teams and the boys' ice hockey team.

Upon her graduation, Powers received the Boston Public High School Scholarship to attend Northeastern University, where she was a four-time All-American in women's club hockey.

She received her Bachelor's Degree in Psychology and Education from Northeastern and

her Master's Degree in Special Education at UMass Boston.

"I did my student teaching at the Bradley, and once I did that, I loved the school so much that I wanted to remain a part of it," said Powers. "I became a substitute teacher, and I quickly got a job as the technology teacher. Shortly after that, I became a classroom teacher and remained there until now."

Powers said she is excited to be the leader of the Bradley School.

"I'm extremely excited to be the principal," said Powers. "I've been a part of the Bradley community for 13 years now, and it's my home. Claire has done an incredible job with our school, and we're excited to continue with the work she's done here, just to continue to think through how we can grow and improve and support our families as much as possible. I'm also excited to work with an amazing staff who is very dedicated to its work, extremely supportive, and always focused on doing what's best for the students in East Boston."

CHELSEA CUTS RIBBON ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNITS

CHELSEA - Affordable housing is at a premium in Chelsea and across the state, and city leaders are taking a unique approach to help provide more affordable units.

Last week, following a series of renovations, city officials cut the ribbon on the first city-owned and managed affordable housing property in Chelsea's history at 55 Heard St.

Now known as Chelsea 55, the six three-bedroom unit apartment building went into receivership in 2025. The city secured authorization from the board of assessors and the city council to purchase the building as part of its efforts to expand affordable housing op-

WINTHROP CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HOLDS END OF SUMMER BASH



Former Chelsea High School sports great Bobby Breau and his wife, Linda Fucillo Breau, and family are pictured at the End of Summer Bash held recently in French Square, Winthrop Center.

tions in Chelsea.

After the purchase, the city's public works department began renovations on the building to ensure conditions were habitable and comfortable for its future occupants. While renovations were underway, the city launched its first affordable housing lottery, which had more than 300 applicants.

The first family was scheduled to move into Chelsea 55 on Sept. 1, with more families to follow throughout the month. Priority for the units has been given to current residents, families, veterans, and anyone recently displaced from Chelsea.

City Solicitor Cheryl Watson Fisher said the property at 55 Heard St. was an example of a building in the city that fell into disrepair with the owners running out of resources and walk-

ing away, leading to it ending up in receivership.

"These properties sit vacant, deteriorate, and drain resources from neighborhoods all around," said Fisher. "Often, what comes next is worse ... investors buy these properties, do the minimum, and flip them at prices that push longtime Chelsea families out of the neighborhoods."

Chelsea 55 represents a different choice, the city solicitor said.

"Rather than stand by while the cycle repeats itself, the city decided to be part of the solution instead of contributing to the problem," Fisher said. "This property is the city's first affordable housing development owned and managed by the city. It's true that we can

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take a building on the edge of being lost and turn it into something that actually serves the people who live here.”

City Manager Fidel Maltez said Chelsea 55 didn't happen by accident.

“It happened because we asked ourselves a different question,” Maltez said. “Instead of accepting the status quo, which Cheryl has shared, that we see here in Chelsea, what if the city used the tools already in front of us to meet our community's needs directly? That meant thinking outside of our traditional playbook, and it meant that a lot of people across the city ... working together and willing to do something that had never been done before.”

Maltez thanked the board of assessors for helping to make the project financially possible. He also thanked the city council who believed in the vision and gave its support for the project.

“This is what it looks like when a city government, across all of our departments, and our elected leadership come together and actually solve a large problem instead of just kicking the can down the road,” said Maltez. “I'll be clear, Chelsea 55 is a pilot; I am not pretending that this is going to solve all of our problems in Chelsea and I am not pretending that this is going to be the answer of how we are going to solve affordability in Chelsea. But this is real, this is a tangible start. It is six units where families can now afford to stay in our community and call it home.”

If Chelsea 55 proves successful in providing stable, affordable transitional housing that meets the needs of residents and the city's budget, the administration may pursue similar opportunities to purchase additional buildings, said Deputy City Manager Devon Fields. She said the city will be tracking the success of the program over the coming year

to see how viable purchasing future units for the city may be.

HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE CONSIDERS DONATION ARTWORK

REVERE - As work continues on the new Revere High School at the Wonderland site, plans are in the works for a large art piece to honor those who have donated to the school's construction.

At last week's high school building committee meeting, committee members highlighted the design plans for the piece, which would be on the south wall on the second floor in the heart of the school near the cafeteria.

The design working group of the building committee is still working on the final form of the donor wall installation.

“Details are still forthcoming, but the idea is that there is this implied crashing wave, the bubbles that occur when a wave crashes in the ocean, so it is building on the wave concept of the entire building,” said Dawn Guarriello, the project architect and designer from Perkins Eastman.

The proposed size of the wall installation is 60-feet wide by 24-feet tall. Guarriello said the size and the height of the installation and its placement on the second floor wall will give it plenty of visual appeal from across the heart of the school area.

“That's quite a big space; you can see it directly across from where one enters and exits the auditorium at the top of the community stairs,” she said. “The details we are still working out, but it may be like a third dimension that pops out and has a texture that supports the color. A lot of these circles have colors and textures that relate to nature, so our hope is to tie it all back to Revere and a lot of the history of Revere

and the beach and textures and colors that exist in your community.”

Three sizes of the circular bubbles would be used to display the names of people, families, or organizations who have donated to the building of the school.

The building committee agreed that the design team should move forward with more detailed plans on the artwork and how the donor wall artwork will be installed.

“One piece that the team really thought about ... was how to maintain the themes we have already done in the design planning process and we liked this particular motif because it's dynamic,” said Superintendent of Schools Dr. Dianne Kelly.

Kelly noted that the complete artwork doesn't need to be completed before the school opens.

“These bubbles will all be installed so that the artwork is complete,” she said. “Then over the years, somebody could say they want to buy a large-size circle for a loved one or a remembrance; or even because I am new to the Revere community and we could take that piece down, have it engraved ... and then put it back up.”

The superintendent said people would not have to decide right away if they wanted to make a donation, noting that the city will be paying off the debt service for the construction well after the building opens. The money from the donations would be placed in the high school building stabilization account.

“The other thing that I will point out is that the piece of art itself will have all different size circles, but we tried to pick a few that we thought might be somewhat affordable to people, but also represent a significant donation to the school,” said Kelly.

The proposed donation levels on the concept art presented at the building committee

meeting were \$1,000; \$2,500; and \$5,000.

School and building committee member Stacey Bronsdon-Rizzo said the concept presented by Guarriello best represented the new high school being in Revere.

NEIGHBORHEALTH AND BOSTON MEDICAL CENTER CELEBRATE 10 YEARS OF EXPANDING ACCESS TO CARE IN WINTHROP

WINTHROP - NeighborHealth and Boston Medical Center (BMC) celebrated ten years since the historic opening of a shared facility in Winthrop, Mass., marking a decade of collaboration to bring comprehensive healthcare services closer to home for patients in Winthrop and surrounding communities.

The shared clinical facility at 17 Main Street opened to patients in 2016 to address the need for more convenient access to primary, specialty and rehabilitation care in Winthrop, East Boston and Revere, communities geographically separated from many of Boston's major health care facilities. The spacious waterfront building, designed by leading healthcare design firm ingenuity, provides convenient access to NeighborHealth's Family Medicine and Specialty Care services, including sports medicine, gastroenterology, pulmonology, podiatry and endocrinology, alongside BMC's state-of-the-art Physical and Occupational Therapy clinic and gym.

The anniversary celebration brought together dozens of leaders, providers, staff, patients and community members to recognize the patients and care teams who have shaped the partnership over the past decade.

“Over the past 10 years, this partnership has made it easier

for our patients to get the care they need, closer to where they live and work,” said Dr. Mothusi Chilume, Medical Director, Family Medicine at NeighborHealth. “By bringing primary, specialty and rehabilitation services together in one location, we are helping patients spend less time navigating the health care system and more time focusing on their health. That kind of access is what community-based care is all about.”

Over the past decade, the partnership has helped create a more seamless experience for BMC and NeighborHealth patients in need high-quality rehabilitation services north of Boston, allowing access to skilled care without crossing the harbor.

“This facility is a testament to what hospitals and community health centers can achieve when we work together,” said Karen Mattie, Senior Clinical Director, Boston Medical Center. “By joining BMC's leading rehabilitation care with NeighborHealth's family medicine expertise, we have created a model that has allowed our organizations to respond to thousands of patients' needs in a more connected way. This partnership continues to be an example of how collaboration can strengthen the continuum of care and create lasting value for communities.”

In addition to providing an integrated model of care for Winthrop and surrounding communities, the space continues to bring two leading employers to the beachfront community. Earlier this year, NeighborHealth was named a 2026 USA Today Top Workplace and BMC was named a 2026–2027 Best Regional Hospital by U.S. News & World Report.

For more information about NeighborHealth and BMC's Winthrop location visit: www.neighborhealth.com.

NEW Health expands access to primary care with addition of three new providers

North End Waterfront Health (NEW Health), a community health center in Boston, announces it is expanding access to primary care with the addition of three new providers to its medical staff: internist Dr. Catherine Yu, pediatrician Dr. Patricia Guglietta, and family nurse practitioner Bianca Dias-Pigott. The new providers strengthen the health center's ability to meet the growing demand for primary care services. New patients – both adult and pediatric – are being accepted immediately from throughout the City of Boston, with a

particular focus on individuals who live or work in the North End, Waterfront and Charlestown neighborhoods of Boston. Patients who live or work in Cambridge, Chelsea, Everett and Somerville are also accepted.

“As our communities continue to grow, so does the need for accessible, high-quality primary care,” said Vincenzo Scibelli, CEO of NEW Health. “We’re excited to welcome these talented providers, whose experience, compassion, and commitment to community-based care will help us con-

tinue delivering exceptional care to patients of all ages and of many cultural backgrounds. All our new providers are bilingual.”

Dr. Catherine Yu joins NEW Health as an internal medicine physician with additional specialty training in infectious diseases. She earned her medical degree from the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine and completed her residency at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield, Massachusetts. Fluent in both English and Spanish, Dr. Yu is passionate about improving access to care and serving the diverse medical needs of the community.

Joining the pediatric team is Dr. Patricia M. Guglietta, an experienced primary care pediatrician who graduated from Harvard College and the University of Connecticut School of Medicine. Before coming to NEW Health, she spent more than 20 years at MGH Chelsea, where she served as the sole pediatrician in the refugee program. During her tenure, she was part of a team recognized with a Partners in Excellence Award and was a finalist for the Schwartz Center Compassionate Caregiver Award. Fluent in Spanish, Dr. Guglietta has extensive experience in complex pediatric care, school advocacy, and caring for refugee families. She looks forward to growing NEW Health's pediatric practice while providing compassionate, equitable, and collaborative care to children and families.

Bianca Mara Dias-Pigott, MSN, APRN, FNP-C is a Family Nurse Practitioner specializing in Family Medicine. She is fluent in English and Portuguese and brings a diverse healthcare background shaped by her training and experience in both Brazil and the United States. She earned her Master of Science in Nursing from Duke University and completed her Family Nurse Practitioner clinical training at NEW Health, caring for pediatric, adult, geriatric, and OB/GYN patients. She chose to return to NEW Health because of its commitment to compassionate, culturally sensitive care and its mission to improve the health and well-being of the community. Passionate about building lasting relationships with individuals and families, she strives to empower patients through education and partnership in their healthcare journey.



SDhown (left to right) are family nurse practitioner Bianca Dias-Pigott, internist Dr. Catherine Yu, and pediatrician Dr. Patricia Guglietta.

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Patients can make appointments with new providers at www.newhealthcenter.org or by calling (617) 643-8070.

As a federally qualified health center and an affiliate of Massachusetts General Hospital and Boston Medical Center, North End Waterfront Health (NEW Health) extends its world-renowned healthcare services to people who live and work in and around Boston's North End, Waterfront and Charlestown neighborhoods. NEW Health is committed to improving the quality of health and life for those it serves by

providing high quality health care that is consumer oriented, culturally appropriate, neighborhood-based, affordable, and produces positive outcomes. NEW Health is a 2023 Health Center Quality Leader (HCQL), the only Massachusetts health center to receive a Gold badge from the Health Resources and Services Administration, among the top 10% of health centers nationwide.

NEW Health has been serving the North End of Boston and the surrounding community since 1971. In addition to primary care services for all patients, many specialty services are also offered including dental, vision, behavioral health, obstetrics, gynecology, laboratory services and x-ray services. NEW Health is a private, non-profit corporation that is governed by a community-based Board of Directors and licensed by the Department of Public Health. More information at www.newhealthcenter.org, on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

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Group picture of Police Chief Strong, a police officer, and community members.

their work helping people affected by addiction.

“To be here as someone that is giving back to the community and not taking from the community means something to me today. I love the City of Everett,” said Pina. “Everett right now is at the forefront for prevention on opioids and addiction. I have the police, the fire department, the mayor, and the community standing with me because I don’t stand here alone. And when you’re from Everett, you’re not alone. You have community.”

Everett has made significant progress in reducing overdoses and overdose deaths in recent years. The Everett Fire Department reported 130 overdoses in 2018, compared with 34 in 2025. Deadly overdoses have also declined, from 12 in 2021 to four in 2025.

“I think we do a fantastic job as a community,” said Everett Fire Chief Joseph Hickey. “Fortunately, the overdose rate is on the decline. It’s a team

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Mayor Van Campen, Eric Mazzeo, Fire Chief Joseph Hickey, Police Chief Paul Strong and Kenny Pina, Owner and CEO of Patty's Sanctuary Sober Living in a group photo.

sources and ensure that anyone struggling with addiction has a path toward recovery.

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Everett City Hall closed Tuesday due to cybersecurity

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Everett City Hall was closed to the public on Tuesday, Sept. 8 as the City responded to a cybersecurity incident that impacted its internal network and technology systems.

At approximately 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 6, the City discovered the cybersecurity incident and immediately began working with its IT team and cybersecurity profession-

als to investigate the incident and safely restore impacted systems.

Only essential personnel reported to work Tuesday and primarily operated out of the Connolly Center.

Everett Police, Everett Fire, the Department of Public Works, Everett Public Schools and Everett Public Libraries continued to operate as normal.

Third-party systems used by the City for online bill pay-

ments and other online transactions remained operational and can continue to be accessed online.

IT professionals were actively working to secure the City's systems, investigate the nature and extent of the incident and safely restore full City operations.

"Our priority is to ensure the security of our systems and infrastructure while also investigating the full scope of the

incident," said Mayor Robert J. Van Campen. "Our IT department and the Everett Police Department are working diligently to restore full City operations for residents as quickly as possible."

A determination regarding City Hall operations on Wednesday, Sept. 9 will be made as more information becomes available.

"We know a City Hall closure creates an inconvenience

for our residents, and we appreciate their patience while our team works through this," said Mayor Van Campen. "We will continue to be transparent with the community as we learn more and will take the necessary steps to make sure our systems are stronger and more secure moving forward."

(The news announcement above appears on the City of Everett website).

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sing! We'll play games, try out cool exercises, and have a great time making music together. No experience needed—just bring your voice and get ready to have fun! This program is recommended for ages 10-14. Materials for this program have been generously provided by the Friends of the Everett Public Libraries.

Story Time Adventures with Mrs. McAuliffe Parlin Craft Room. Fridays at 11:00 am. Join us on Fridays for our enchanting Story Time! You will be whisked away on magical adventures through the pages of your favorite books. Get your wiggles out after the story with singing and stretches. Build a simple craft. Bring a friend or make a new one in our circle of friends. Recommended for children ages 5

and under.

AI Meets Lego: Build Code and Innovate, Parlin Meeting Room Saturday, September 19th from 2:30 - 3:30. Learn how to build robots, program them, and bring them to life! Using LEGO WeDo 1.0, students will explore basic robotics and coding while making their robots move, respond, and perform different tasks. A fun, creative way to learn building, engineering, and programming through play! Recommended for children ages 5 and up. Registration required.

Spirals Circuits and Lights, Parlin Meeting Room Saturday, September 19th from 3:30 - 4:30. Combine art, science, and electronics to create beautiful spiral graph designs and light-up cards. Using Chibitronics materials, students will learn the ba-

sics of paper circuits, connecting copper tape and LED lights to bring their artwork to life! Recommended for children ages 5 and up. Registration required.

Shute Adult and Teens Ready Player One Games, Shute Meeting Room, Wednesdays 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 2:30 to 4:30 PM unless otherwise noted on our online calendar.

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!

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

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.

REP. JOE MCGONAGLE OUT ON PRIMARY DAY



Rep. Joe McGonagle wanted to thank the volunteers who came out to hold signs during primary day, despite the inclement weather. Joe is grateful to once again be the Democratic nominee and looks forward to seeing everyone on election day in November.

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101st Annual Italian Feast of Saints Cosmas and Damian this weekend

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It's that time of year again when the streets of East Cambridge will come alive for the 101st Annual Grand Italian Feast of Saints Cosmas and Damian on September 11, 12 & 13 on Warren and Porter Streets in East Cambridge. The three-day fun family event features a wide variety of sweet and savory food, a beer garden, amusement rides, games, parades and music that spans decades of dance, pop, and rock. Festivities begin on Friday, September 11 at 6:00pm when Saints Cosmas and Damian accompanied by members of the Society, the North End Marching Band, and the faithful process from their permanent home at 17 Porter Street in East Cambridge to the outdoor chapel overlooking the festival concourse on Warren and Porter Streets. At 7:00pm, a special healing service with the holy relics of Saints Cosmas and Damian will take place at the outdoor chapel.

On Friday night the entertainment begins at 6:00pm and Trifecta takes the stage. After their performance the Pop2000

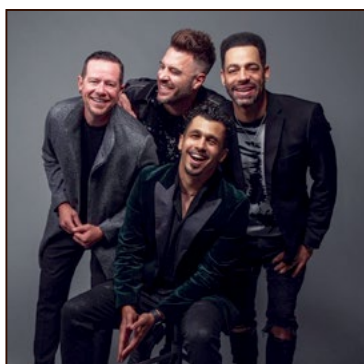


Chris Kirkpatrick

Tour makes its stop at the Feast with Chris Kirkpatrick of NSYNC, OTown, Ryan Cabrera and LFO. Don't miss this exciting and high energy show by some of the biggest recording artists of the 2000's. They will not disappoint!

On Saturday, the festivities begin at 1:00pm as the savory aromas of pizza, fried dough, Italian sausages, peppers, zepoles, and much more permeate the air around Warren and Porter Streets, along with continuous entertainment throughout the day night, including award winning Pop Country Music artist Samantha Rae and Boston's own World Premier Band.

At 6:30pm Saints Cosmas

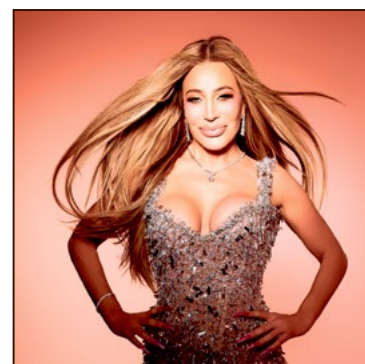


OTown

and Damian accompanied by members of the Society, the North End Marching Band, the award winning Everett High School Marching Band and the faithful process from their permanent home at 17 Porter Street to the outdoor chapel.

Beginning at 8:00pm Saturday night 1980's and 1990's hit machine and pop icon Taylor Dayne performs her many hits including her #1 Billboard chart sensations "Tell It To My Heart", "Love Will Lead You Back", "Prove Your Love", "With Every Beat of My Heart", and so many more!

The grand finale of the Feast on Sunday begins at 10:30am with their annual Mass in honor of the Healing Saints Cosmas and Damian at St. Francis of Assisi Church on Cambridge Street. At 1:30pm the grand procession with the Saints, accompanied by the North End Marching Band, Italian American Marching Band, and Roma Band winds through the streets of East Cambridge and Somerville as it has for over 100 years. Don't miss highlights at 3:00pm on Washington Street in Somerville and 5:00pm at the corner of Cambridge and



Taylor Dayne



The Saints



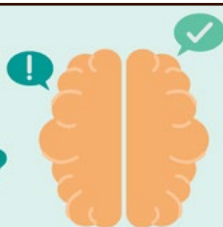
The Drifters

Warren Street in East Cambridge.

Local favorites such as SeaBreeze with Stephen Savio and Smokin' Joe and his band entertain throughout the day as the food and fun flow through the streets. The procession arrives back on Warren Street at 7:00pm for a welcome back confetti celebration followed by a performance by the world famous Drifters! Come hear all time favorites such as "Under the Boardwalk", "Save the Last Dance For Me", "This Magic

Moment", "Stand By Me" and so much more from this iconic group. In addition, parking is available in Twin City Plaza next to the feast all weekend. Come have a bite to eat, go on a ride, play a game, and enjoy all of our great free entertainment. See you at the Feast! For Feast and vendor information, call (617) 407-1256 or visit www.cosmas-and-damian.org or www.italianfeast.org.

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