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Shown, front row (L-R): School Committee member Joanna Garren, Vice Chairperson Marcony Almeida Barros, Chairperson Samantha Hurley, Superintendent William D. Hart, Massachusetts Secretary of Education Dr. Stephen Zrike Jr., Mayor Robert J. Van Campen, and Webster Extension Assistant Principal Laurie Stokes. Back row (L-R): Assistant Superintendent of Teaching, Learning, and Student Success Dr. Margaret Adams, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services Dennis Lynch, and Assistant Superintendent of Administration and Finance Chris Barrett.

Secretary Zrike attends first day of full-day pre-kindergarten in the EPS

Special to the Independent

Massachusetts Secretary of Education Dr. Stephen Zrike Jr. was on hand to help the Everett Public Schools (EPS) celebrate an historic milestone in early education by attending the district's first day of full-day Pre-Kindergarten on Wednesday, September 9, at the Webster Extension.

Superintendent of Schools William D. Hart, Assistant Principal Laurie Stokes, School

Committee Chairperson Samantha Hurley, Vice Chairperson Marcony Almeida Barros, School Committee member Joanna Garren, and members of the Superintendent's Central Administration team joined Secretary Zrike in welcoming students, families, faculty, and staff to the Webster Extension on this historic day.

Superintendent Hart, with the full support of the Everett School Committee, has opened the district's first-ever full-day

Pre-Kindergarten program at the Webster Extension and Adams School. The free, full-day option is at full capacity, serving more than 280 students for the 2026-2027 school year.

In addition to greeting students as they arrived at school, Secretary Zrike toured the Webster Extension and talked to Assistant Principal Stokes and Superintendent Hart about early education and some of

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Van Campen delivers statement on Sept. 6 cybersecurity incident

Special to the Independent

Mayor Robert Van Campen spoke at Monday night's City Council meeting about the Sept. 6 cybersecurity incident at City Hall.

Following are the mayor's remarks:

Good evening, Madam President, Councilors and members of the public,

I want to take a few minutes tonight to update you and our residents on the cybersecurity incident affecting the City of Everett.

On September 6, the City identified a cybersecurity incident impacting our internal network and technology systems. We responded immediately, working with our IT team, cybersecurity professionals, law enforcement and other partners to secure our systems, investigate what happened and begin the process of safely restoring City operations.

I want to acknowledge what I know has been an incredibly frustrating situation for our res-

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A BIG WIN



BOB MARRA PHOTO

Quarterback Michael Walsh reacts after his run set up Everett's final touchdown in a 22-point fourth quarter on the way to a 42-27 win over Arlington Friday night September 11 at Everett Memorial Stadium. See Pages 4 and 5 for more photos.

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DATA CENTERS: WE HAVE MET THE ENEMY AND THEY ARE US

The massive build-out of data centers recently has aroused the wrath of the American public across the political spectrum. However, this backlash has highlighted a sharp disconnect in modern society: On the one hand, we expect technology to provide us with an on-demand, 21st-century digital lifestyle, but on the other, we eschew the infrastructure required to provide us with the means to implement our way of life.

The enormous scale of the newest data centers is difficult to comprehend. The largest data center for Meta (Facebook) in Oregon presently comprises 4.6 million square feet across 11 connected buildings.

But that is nothing compared to Meta's new center in Louisiana that will cover 3,650 acres (about six square miles), a footprint that is almost four times the size of New York City's Central Park.

The environmental impact of data centers is significant: They require huge amounts of water for cooling; most have their own generators that rely either on their own natural gas turbines or the electric grid (often with diesel generators for back-up) that contribute to air pollution; and the industrial cooling systems and rooftop fans create a constant level of noise.

However, using Meta as an example, hundreds of millions of Americans use Meta's platforms -- Facebook, Instagram, Messenger, and WhatsApp -- not merely daily, but on a constant basis, 24/7.

Americans also rely on the other companies with huge data centers, most notably Amazon for our shopping and Alphabet (which owns Google and YouTube) for our information and entertainment.

To be sure, the trillion-dollar tech firms building these data centers must be required to do more to reduce their impact on local communities and the environment.

But in the end, we have to admit a basic truth: Data centers exist because of our insatiable need and desire to click...click...click...

Your opinions, please

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Independent Forum

UPCOMING EVENTS AT EVERETT PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Around Everett

Books and Brews, Short Path Distillery (71 Kelvin St) . Saturday, September 26th at 1pm. The Everett Public Libraries is partnering with Night Shift Brewing and Short Path Distillery to discuss good books over good brews with great company! This month we'll be reading *The Haves and Have-Yachts* : dispatches on the ultrarich by Evan Osnos. Pick up a copy at the Parlin or Shute Memorial Libraries and we'll see you at Night Shift Brewing to discuss the book.

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.

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!

Mahjong Refresher, Parlin Meeting Room, Wednesday September 23rd at 1:00 pm. sign up required. If you have any questions, call or email Kathleen, (617) 394 2300, slipp@noblenet.org.

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

Murder/Mystery Book Group, Connolly Center Meeting Room. Thursday, September 24th at 12pm. Discuss

Wilkie Collins' *The Moonstone*. See Kathleen for copies on her twice monthly visits, or call the Parlin (617) 394 2300 or Shute (617) 394 2308 libraries.

Solar Energy Explained, Saturday, September 26th at 10:00 am. If you missed it the first time, Mr. Mendez is back to explain how you can lower your electricity bills using Solar Energy without solar panels on your roof This program is available to both renters and owners.

Tarot for Beginners, Parlin Meeting Room, Saturday, September 26th at 1:00 pm. You've heard about Tarot, a deck of 78 playing cards used for fortune telling and self-reflection. But if you hold a deck, do you

know how it works? Katharine Martin, of the Wellness Consortium, will explain the basics. Space is limited. Registration is required. Sign up on our website or email/call Kathleen, slipp@noblenet.org, (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.

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Lego Club. Parlin Children’s Room. Monday, September 21st 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 23rd at 11am. Join us for a fun-filled morning of singing and storytelling with Karen! Suggested ages 0-6.

Creative Drama Parlin Children’s Room. Wednesday, September 23rd 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 24th from 3-4:30pm. Join us for a fun and interactive music class where you’ll learn to read music and 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. Friday, September 25th 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.

Friday Family Movie! Parlin Meeting Room. Friday, September 25th at 3 pm. Break out the popcorn! Come and watch Garfield with your friends and

family. Rated PG
Origami Club. Parlin Children’s Room. Saturday, September 26th at 12pm. Learn how to fold paper animals of all kinds! Open to all ages and abilities. Paper and instruction will be provided.

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 Me-

morial 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.

Curious Creatures Discover the wonders of the animal kingdom right here at the library! Curious Creatures provides an interactive and hands-on program featuring a captivating selection of mammals, bugs, and reptiles. For ages 6 and up only. This engaging experience includes opportunities to pet and hold a variety of creatures. You will meet 8-10 fascinating animals. Registration is required.

EPS //

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the exciting things that are happening in the EPS. The Secretary said he looks forward to helping the EPS close achievement gaps and improve student achievement — goals proven to be supported by full-day Pre-Kindergarten.

Everett High School Varsity Cheerleaders and Crimson Tide Marching Band members joined the festivities, while the facilities team set up a red carpet leading from Broadway to the front door of the Webster Extension.

Secretary Zrike said he was “so pleased to see so many young learners, to see the cheerleaders, the band — what a festive occasion. Everett does it right on the first day of school for their youngest learners.”

Governor Maura Healey ap-

pointed Mr. Zrike in February of 2026. He previously led the school districts in Holyoke and Salem, which, like Everett, are Gateway Cities. He also served as a teacher and principal on his ascent to the Secretary’s office.

“My thanks to Secretary Zrike for helping us mark this important day,” said Superintendent Hart. “I have no doubt that he left Everett with a strong sense of the welcoming and inclusive environment we create for our students, and an appreciation for the awesome teachers who lead the effort.”

With the opening of Pre-Kindergarten, the EPS has fully begun the 2026-2027 school year across all schools and grade levels.

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Everett storms past Arlington in second half for 42-27 victory

By Cary Shuman

The Everett High School football team overcame a two-touchdown, halftime deficit to defeat Arlington, 42-27, in the season opener at Everett Veterans Memorial Stadium.

Led by freshman quarterback Michael Walsh, the Crimson Tide outscored their former Greater Boston League rival, 35-6, in the second half.

Walsh, making his first start at quarterback, threw three touchdown passes, two to Armani Negron and one to Roshon Belony.

"Our team really responded in the second half in all three phases of the game," said Everett head coach Rob DiLoreto, the former dean of students at Arlington High School.

DiLoreto said one of the deciding factors was the Crimson Tide's excellence on special teams. Everett recovered fumbles on consecutive kickoffs to reclaim possession of the football following scores. Junior

placekicker Lucas Da Silva executed two squib kicks to perfection, with Abraham Pierre and Phil Pimental making the key recoveries to turn the momen-

tum to the Tide.

Tyler Freni picked up where he left off a year ago as a Great-

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Roshon Belony is on his way to the end zone with a fourth-quarter score.



Jeremiah Joseph (4) stretches and tips a pass before making a spectacular catch, which set up Everett's game-tying touchdown.



Tyler Freni (7) finds some running room behind the blocking of Moises Interiano (50)



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BOB MARRA PHOTOS

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er Boston League All-Star. Freni rushed for two touchdowns on runs of four and six yards in the second half. Belony also had a 15-yard run for a touchdown.

“Tyler really carried the load in the run game,” said DiLoreto. “He had two hard-nosed, old-school touchdowns inside the 10-yard line where he lowered his pad level, squared up his shoulders, and willed himself into the end zone.”

The defensive line asserted itself in the second half, limiting the Spy Ponders to one score.

“Linemen Dan Lubrena and James De Souza, Armani Negron (linebacker), and Phil Pimenta (defensive back) played really well on defense,” credited DiLoreto. “I’m just really proud with how our kids responded after being down, 21-7, at the half. Things didn’t look so good, but we didn’t panic, we stayed true to ourselves, and we really turned it around and played a really strong second half.”

Walsh joined Super Bowl champion Matt Nuzzo as freshmen who have started at quarterback in Week 1.

“I thought Michael had a really solid game,” said DiLoreto. “He made some incredible plays with his feet, running and scrambling for first downs. His passes were accurate, and it was nice to see him perform so well in his varsity debut.”

Everett hosts the state’s top-ranked team, Xaverian High School of Westwood, Friday at 6 p.m.

“They’re ranked No. 1 in the state for good reason,” said DiLoreto. “They opened with a big 42-26 win over Bishop Feehan in overtime. They return a lot of players from a state championship team, so we know that they’re going to be very well coached, extremely disciplined – and their quarterback, Will Wood, has committed to Penn State, so we know we have our hands full. We are going to work hard to prepare for Xaverian, and we’ll show up ready to play Friday night.”



Armani Negron (1) has his hands on the ball but could not hold as he is tackled by an Arlington defender.



Phillip Pimenta (19) and Tyler Freni (7) wrap up Arlington's Ryan Scull (4).



James DeSouza (54) gives running back Tyler Freni a celebratory lift after Freni scored to give Everett the lead in the fourth quarter.

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EHS Roundup

EHS BOYS SOCCER TO HOST LAWRENCE AND ANNUAL ALUMNI GAME SAT.

The Everett High boys soccer team came up short in its two opening-week contests with non-league opponents Waltham and Methuen. In the 4-1 loss to Waltham 1st Wednesday, the Tide played well, but were unable to cash in on their chances. "It was an unfortunate loss," said EHS head coach Rodney Landaverde. "The scoreboard didn't reflect the effort the boys displayed, especially in the first half which we dominated in possession and opportunities but could not score." Senior Cesar Rengifo netted the Crimson Tide's first goal of the season from a long cross by senior captain Rene Lainez. "Sophomore Merlin Christailin also had his first varsity start and had various dangerous plays," noted Landaverde. "Merlin demonstrated he is ready to compete at the varsity level." This past Saturday the Tide dropped a 1-0 decision at

Methuen. "It was another great game where we possessed the ball well and created a few great opportunities from senior Cesar Rengifo and junior captain Saymon Coelho and junior Daniel Henriquez, who hit the crossbar on a 30 yard shot," said Landaverde. "But unfortunately, Methuen connected on a corner kick and we could not get back in the game." "I am very ambitious and optimistic with this team," Landaverde added. "They have demonstrated resilience and a positive attitude. I am very confident going into this three-game week and opening up our GBL play against Chelsea and Malden. Our three captains, Rene Lainez, Kevin Renderos, and Saymon Coelho, are ready to keep the boys hyped and hungry for an exciting week." The Crimson Tide were scheduled to host Chelsea yesterday (Tuesday) and Malden tomorrow (Thursday). This upcoming Saturday, Landaverde and his crew will be hosting the annual Alumni game at 9 a.m. before the varsity kicks

off at 12 noon against Lawrence. A tailgate will be held at 10:30 prior to the varsity contest. Interested alumni should contact Landaverde at rlandaverde@everett.k12.ma.us. "We are excited to welcome back all alumni and having them cheer us on in the stands at Everett Stadium," Landaverde added.

Everett will entertain GBL rival Revere next Tuesday.

VOLLEYBALL TEAM WINS OPENER, 3-1

The Everett High girls volleyball team opened its 2026 season with a 3-1 triumph over Greater Boston League (GBL) rival Chelsea last Wednesday.

"I did not know what to expect, because we have so many new players, and the returning players are all being asked to do something different than what they have done in the past," said long-time EHS head coach Michael Fineran. "All things considered, it went as well as we could have hoped. We were focused and energetic to start the match. We also served well, which makes a big difference when you want to build momentum."

The Tide tallied 30 aces in the match, including a team-high six from senior QiongQiong Chen. Co-captains Melissa Meireles and MariaJose Cardenas had five each, as did junior Cecilia Da Silveira. Captain Cassandra Tayag and junior setter Abigail Falkowski had four.

"We also held our own in the front row," said Fineran. "Cardenas and Meireles each had six kills, and Tayag had five kills and a block. Senior Kiana Flores and juniors Giyanna Desamours and Jane Maharjan held off Chelsea's attackers and helped Falkowski and sophomore Yahaira Pineda Tejada set up our offense."

Everett took the first set 25-

18, thanks to four aces in six serves from Cardenas and three kills from Tayag. Cardenas had three kills and Tayag had two aces, a kill, and a block in the 25-20 second set win.

Da Silveira had four aces and Chen had two kills in the third set, a 25-21 Chelsea victory, but Chen served the Tide to a 7-0 lead in set four, and Meireles followed that with three aces in five serves to build a 12-1 lead. Junior Eloira Philippe had two kills and a block, and she served the final point of the match, which ended with a kill by Meireles.

Fineran and his crew have a busy week on tap. They traveled to GBL foe Lynn English this past Monday and then will entertain GBL rival Lynn Classical today (Wednesday) and non-league opponent Lawrence tomorrow (Thursday). They will have a return match at Chelsea next Monday and will host GBL foe Somerville next Wednesday.

EVERETT GIRLS SOCCER OPENS WITH 0-0 DRAW

The Everett High girls soccer team opened its 2026 season with a nil-nil draw at Lowell last Thursday.

"It was a tough match between both squads," said EHS head coach Dom Perssuiite. "Lowell is very good at playing a high line and keeping us in an offside position. However, we kept breaking through the line, but fell short of putting the ball into the back of the net."

"We had multiple opportunities to bury the ball into the net, but the Lowell goalie played very well too. She was quick off her line and took control of our well-placed crosses," Perssuiite continued. "Even though we had some missed opportunities, that doesn't take away

from the massive effort the team put forward.

"Notable standouts were Rosa Romero in the midfield, Sofia Arana-Quintanilla on defense, Julianna Rivera in her debut in goal, and Brianna Santos at the striker position. Connie Paz Hernandez played very well on the wing, crashing to the net."

The Lady Crimson Tide have a busy week ahead with six matches in 11 days. They were slated to play at East Boston this past Monday and to make the short trek across the Parkway to Chelsea yesterday (Tuesday) to open their Greater Boston League (GBL) schedule. They will host GBL foe Malden tomorrow (Thursday) and will make the long trip to non-league foe Lawrence on Saturday.

They will play at GBL adversaries Revere next Tuesday and Lynn Classical next Thursday.

EHS FIELD HOCKEY TEAMS OPENS SEASON

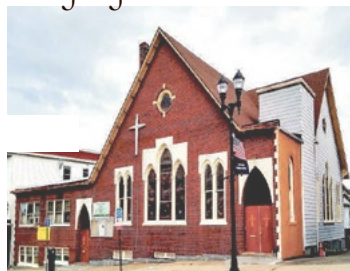
The Everett High field hockey team came up on the short end of a pair of contests with Lowell and Arlington Catholic last week to open their 2026 season.

New EHS head coach Yasmine Akib's squad is comprised of seniors Emely Flores, Laika Lara, Justin Contreras, Allia Polynice, and Mialie Vernet; juniors Christopher Pena; sophomores Zahra Fedhal, Kimberly Ramirez, and Meryrm Lkouassen; freshmen Arsema Mehari, Kelly Aguilar, and Daniella Brito; and eighth-grader Camila Landaverde.

The Crimson Tide were slated to host Saugus this past Monday and will travel to Arlington Catholic tomorrow (Thursday), Amesbury on Friday, Rockport next Monday, and Malden next Wednesday.

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Mayor Robert Van Campen and Fire Chief Joseph Hickey congratulate Adrian Rodriguez after he received an Official Citation commending his swift and courageous actions during a house fire in Everett.



Adrian Rodriguez, pictured with his proud family, including Alijah Rodriguez, Neurielis Rivera, and Mariano Rodriguez Jr.



From left, are Councilor-at-Large John Hanlon, Ward 3 Councilor Anthony DiPierro, Ward 6 Councilor Peter Pietrantonio, Councilor-at-Large Katy Rogers, Councilor-at-Large Michael Marchese, Ward 4 Councilor Holly Garcia, City Council President Stephanie Smith, Citation recipient Adrian Rodriguez, Mayor Robert Van Campen, Fire Chief Joseph Hickey, Ward 1 Councilor Michele Capone, Ward 2 Councilor Stephanie Martins, Councilor-at-Large Guerline Alcy-Jabouin, and Ward 5 Councilor Vivian Nguyen.

OBITUARIES

Walter L. Currant Jr. Lifelong resident of Everett

Walter L. Currant Jr., 73 a lifelong resident of Everett died Saturday September 12 in Wakefield.

Born in Malden, January 9, 1953, he was the son of the late Water L. and Jane (Oberlander) Currant.

Walter was a graduate of Everett High School Class of 1971. He was a longtime bartender at Zeke’s Pub in Everett. Walter had a passion for the cars he had over the years, especially his Lincoln’s.

Walter was the loving brother of Philip Currant and his wife Cynthia, Jane Newbegin and her husband Richard all of Wakefield and the late Donna McDonough. He is also survived by his 6 nieces and nephews, and grandnieces and



grandnephew. Visitation for relatives and friends will be held at the McDonald Funeral Home, 19 Yale Ave., Wakefield on Tuesday September 22, 4-7 p.m. Funeral Services will be private.



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FKO to honor Co-Founder Debbie Kneeland Keegan's 40+ years of leadership

Special to the Independent

For Kids Only Afterschool (FKO) will celebrate the legacy of co-founder Deborah Kneeland Keegan at its annual Helping Families Gala on Friday, October 23, 2026, at the Hyatt Regency Boston Harbor. The event will honor Keegan's more than 40 years of leadership and service to children and families while raising critical scholarship funds to ensure local children have access to high-quality before school, afterschool, and summer care and enrichment programs.

In January 2026, Keegan transitioned from her role as Executive Director after more than four decades of leading FKO. She now serves as Strategic Advisor, continuing to support the organization's mission, staff, and advocacy efforts on behalf of children and families. Keegan co-founded FKO with her sister, Connie Grayson, in 1984 after recognizing the need for safe, nurturing spaces where children could learn, grow, and build meaningful relationships during the out-of-school time (OST) hours. What started as a small program serving just five children in the basement of an American Legion has grown into a thriving organization reaching more than 1,800 children each year across 18 school- and community-based locations in Chelsea, Everett, Peabody, Revere and Winthrop.

Keegan's legacy extends far beyond the growth of FKO, shaping the broader OST field through decades of advocacy, innovation, and leadership. She has worked alongside state legislators, agencies, community leaders, and fellow advocates to shape policy, secure resources, and elevate OST learning and care as an essential part of child development and family well-being. Her work has helped advance initiatives focused on access, inclusion, and workforce development, including FKO's Count Me In! Inclusion initiative and the Commonwealth's first registered apprenticeship for OST educators. Through

these efforts, Keegan has helped strengthen the field and expand opportunities for children, families, and the professionals who support them across Massachusetts.

"When we began, we believed that every child deserved a safe and nurturing place where they could discover their passions, feel seen, valued, and find their voice," Keegan shared. "What has grown from that simple vision has been one of the greatest joys of my life."

Throughout her time at FKO, Keegan helped build an organization centered on supporting children, strengthening families, and creating opportunities for young people to learn and thrive. She credits the dedication of FKO's staff, families, community partners, and supporters as essential to the organization's growth and impact.

Following Keegan's transition, the FKO Board of Directors elected Briana Flannery as Executive Director. Flannery brings more than 20 years of experience within FKO, having served in a variety of leadership roles throughout the organization. She is a graduate of Bentley University and earned a master's degree in organizational leader-

ship from Wheelock College.

Keegan has expressed strong confidence in Flannery's leadership, noting both her professional expertise and her longstanding connection to FKO. As Keegan's daughter, Flannery has grown up alongside the organization, reflecting the deeply rooted family and community values that have shaped FKO since its founding.

FKO looks forward to honoring Deborah Keegan at the Helping Families Gala, where the annual scholarship fundraiser will provide financial assistance to families who may otherwise be unable to afford high-quality out-of-school-time programming. Since its inception in 2008, the gala has provided scholarships for hundreds of families, helping children participate in FKO programs throughout the communities served.

This year's gala will bring together FKO supporters, community members, and partners for an evening featuring dinner and drinks, raffles, a silent auction, and a live auction. Guests will also enjoy a special performance by FKO children and interactive play stations designed to help adults reconnect with the joy, creativity, and curiosity of childhood while experiencing a



Deborah Kneeland Keegan will be honored for her 40+ years with For Kids Only.

glimpse into the types of activities and experiences children enjoy at FKO every day.

Community members and local businesses are invited to attend the Helping Families Gala, become sponsors, or make a donation in support of Helping Families scholarships. For sponsorship opportunities, ticket information, or to make a donation, please visit <https://givebutter.com/FKO-Gala> or contact Nicole Preston, Director of Development, at 617-201-4672 or npreston@fkoafterschool.org.

For Kids Only Afterschool is a nonprofit organization providing licensed before school, afterschool, summer, and school vacation programming for more than 1,800 children each year in Chelsea, Everett, Peabody, Revere, and Winthrop. FKO creates safe and supportive environments where children build relationships, strengthen social-emotional skills, and discover new interests while supporting the needs of working families.

Everett Arts & Culture

Join The EVERETT cultural council

From public art and performances to cultural festivals and educational programs, our goal is to bring meaningful, enriching experiences to the people of Everett. Serving on the council is an opportunity to support local artists and organizations, help determine funding for community projects, and be a part of making Everett a more vibrant, inclusive place to live. If you're interested in joining the Everett Cultural Council or learning more, please email us at: EverettCulturalCouncil@ci.everett.ma.

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Eversource reaches 500,000 smart meter milestone in Massachusetts

Special to the Independent

Eversource has reached a major milestone in its statewide smart meter rollout, installing its 500,000th smart meter in Massachusetts as the energy company continues bringing the technology and its benefits to customers across the state. The energy company is approximately one-third of the way through its statewide smart meter rollout.

Smart meters are a key part of Eversource's ongoing work to give customers greater visibility into their energy use and modernize the electric system.



Through online tools and the Eversource mobile app, customers with smart meters can see more detailed information about how much electricity they're using and when they're using it, helping them better understand what's driving their energy use and identify opportunities to save. Customers will also receive high-bill or

high-usage alerts, giving them advance notice of potentially higher bills before the end of the billing cycle.

"Reaching 500,000 smart meter installations is an exciting milestone and a reflection of the tremendous work our teams have been doing across Massachusetts," said Jason Valente, Eversource Manager of AMI Deployment. "We've made significant progress since installations began last summer, and every meter we exchange brings another customer the benefits of this technology while moving us closer to a smarter, more responsive electric system. Our teams are proud of how far we've come, and we're looking forward to continuing that momentum as installations move forward across Eastern Massachusetts."

The milestone comes just over a year after the first smart meters were installed in Western Massachusetts in July 2025. The pace has accelerated significantly since then, growing from more than 35,000 meters installed by the end of October 2025 to 500,000 today. Installations are now substantially complete in Western Massachusetts, while crews continue exchanging meters in communities across Eastern Massachusetts. Crews are currently exchanging approximately 60,000 meters each month, with installations underway in dozens of communities across Massachusetts. Eversource is

working to substantially complete the statewide rollout by the end of 2027.

As the number of smart meters grows, so do the benefits. Smart meters do the same basic job as traditional electric meters, measuring how much electricity a customer uses, but automatically communicate that information through a secure network. That gives customers more up-to-date information about their energy use while providing Eversource with greater visibility into the electric system. The technology can help detect outages more quickly and provide better information about what's happening on the grid, supporting safe and efficient restoration. Additional capabilities that will benefit customers are expected to become available as the rollout progresses.

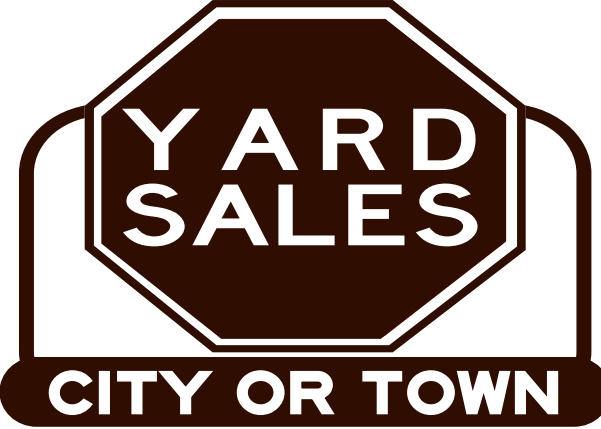
Participation in the rollout has remained strong, with an opt-out rate of less than 1% among Eversource's residential electric customers in Massachusetts. All customers will have their existing meter exchanged as part of the statewide rollout. Customers who choose to opt out of smart-meter technology will instead receive a meter without smart-meter capabilities.

Eversource notifies customers ahead of installations in their community through a series of hard-copy letters. Customers who have not yet received a new meter should

watch their mail for information about their upcoming meter exchange. Eversource will also send emails or text messages prior to installation to customers who have chosen to receive information through those channels. These communications include information about what to expect during the exchange and ahead of their scheduled installation.

Customers can learn more about smart meters, installation schedules and the tools available to them at eversource.com/smart-meters.

Eversource (NYSE: ES), celebrated as a national leader for its commitment to sustainability and corporate citizenship, is named among America's Most Responsible Companies by Newsweek for 2026 and recognized as the #1 utility on USA Today's list of America's Climate Leaders for 2025. Eversource transmits and delivers electricity and natural gas to more than 2 million customers throughout Massachusetts, including approximately 1.62 million electric customers in 159 communities and 641,000 gas customers in 122 communities. Eversource harnesses the commitment of more than 10,300 employees across three states to build a single, united company around the mission of safely delivering reliable energy and water with superior customer service. The #1 Energy Efficiency Provider in the Nation, the company is empowering a clean energy future in the Northeast, with nationally recognized energy efficiency solutions and successful programs to integrate new clean energy resources like a first-in-the-nation networked geothermal pilot project, solar, offshore wind, electric vehicles and battery storage, into the electric system. For more information, please visit eversource.com, and follow us on X, Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn.



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Governor Healey launches pilot to expand access to child care

Special to the Independent

Governor Maura Healey announced last week that 30 Family Child Care (FCC) programs across Massachusetts have been selected to participate in a new pilot aimed at expanding access to child care for families.

The programs include locations in Everett, Lynn, and Revere. Through the Department of Early Education and Care's (EEC) Family Child Care Capacity Pilot Program, participating providers will be able to serve up to 12 children, compared to the current limit of 10, while continuing to meet high standards for quality, safety, and regulatory compliance.

The pilot has the potential to create up to 60 additional child care seats across participating

programs. It will also help the state evaluate how expanding capacity at Family Child Care programs can create more options for families while supporting the educators and small business owners who provide care in their communities.

"Families across Massachusetts need more high-quality child care options, and we're using every tool we have to create them," said Healey. "Family Child Care providers are trusted by families and deeply rooted in their communities."

The governor said the pilot program gives experienced providers the opportunity to safely serve more children while helping the state learn what works and how it can continue expanding access for families across Massachusetts.

"Access to quality, afford-

able child care is essential for working families and for a strong local economy," said Revere State Representative Jessica Giannino. "I'm thrilled to see Revere family child care providers included in this new pilot, which will help expand options for parents while supporting the dedicated providers who care for our youngest residents every day. This is a meaningful investment in Revere families, our workforce, and our community."

Everett State Representative Joseph McGonagle also praised the pilot program.

"As we have seen, affordable and safe childcare is becoming increasingly burdensome for families across the Commonwealth," he said. "Everett has some of the hardest working people I know;

families who work multiple jobs and long hours to provide. However, long wait lists and high prices in childcare make this even more strenuous. I am thrilled that Governor Healey recognizes this need not just in Massachusetts, but especially in Everett. I'm grateful that the leaders of Massachusetts will put children and families first."

Lt. Governor Kim Driscoll said family child care providers know their families and communities and play an important role in helping parents get to work and children learn and grow.

"We're giving these small businesses an opportunity to serve more families while making sure quality and safety remain at the center of everything we do," said Driscoll. "This is another practical way we can work with providers to create more child care options in communities across Massachusetts."

The 30 participating Family Child Care programs were selected through an application process that considered licensing history, program experience, staffing capacity, physical

space, and readiness to meet the pilot's additional requirements. The selected programs represent communities across Massachusetts and will allow EEC to evaluate how expanded capacity works across different program settings and regions.

During the pilot, EEC will gather feedback from educators and families, monitor licensing and safety outcomes and collect information about program operations. The results will help inform future decisions about Family Child Care capacity, staffing, group sizes and licensing requirements.

"Every child deserves the opportunity to benefit from high-quality early education, and every family should be able to find care that works for them," said Education Secretary Steve Zrike. "Family child care providers are trusted partners in communities across Massachusetts and essential to making that possible. This pilot will help us expand access for more families while continuing to deliver the safe, high-quality experiences that help children build a foundation for future learning."

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idents, our employees and everyone who relies on City services.

I share that frustration.

I wish I could stand here tonight and provide more details about exactly what happened, what we have learned and when every City system will be fully restored. But this remains an active and delicate investigation. There is information we simply cannot release at this time without potentially compromising that investigation or the security of our systems.

That is not an easy position to be in, particularly because I believe strongly in being transparent with our residents. We will share more information as soon as we are able to do so responsibly and safely.

What I can tell you is that throughout this incident, our essential services have continued uninterrupted. Police, Fire, 911, DPW, our public schools and our public libraries have remained operational. Third-party

online services, including online payment systems, have also remained available.

City Hall will remain closed to the public through Thursday, September 17, as our teams continue this work. We recognize how disruptive it is to have City Hall closed for this length of time, and we do not take that disruption lightly.

That is why our team worked quickly to establish a temporary City Hall operation at the Connolly Center so residents can continue to access core municipal services while our systems are being reviewed and restored. Those services will be available from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Thursday.

I also understand that residents may have questions about their personal information. Our cybersecurity professionals are reviewing the nature and scope of this incident. If that process determines that any individuals require notification regarding their personal information, the

City will notify those individuals and follow all applicable legal requirements.

There is a tremendous amount of work happening behind the scenes right now. Our priority is not simply getting systems back online quickly. It is getting them back online safely and making sure we understand what happened before we do so.

I want to thank our City employees who have adapted under extremely difficult circumstances and continued finding ways to serve our residents. And I especially want to thank our residents for their patience.

I know this has been disruptive. I know people want answers. We want to provide those answers.

As this investigation progresses and we are able to responsibly release additional information, we will continue to update the Council, our employees and the public.

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City of Everett celebrates Brazilian Independence Day at City Hall

Special to the Independent

Residents from across Everett gathered at City Hall on Tuesday, September 8, to celebrate Brazilian Independence Day and recognize the cultural, civic, and economic contributions of Everett's Brazilian community.

The celebration featured live music and dancing, the raising of the Brazilian flag outside City Hall, and remarks from city, state, and consulate officials.

Brazilian Deputy Consul General Maria Helena Pinheiro Penna of the Consulate General of Brazil in Boston addressed attendees during the celebration.

"It is an honor to stand before you today to celebrate our national day, for this historic anniversary of our independence," said Pinheiro Penna. "We do not only look back at the birth of our sovereign nation in 1822; we also look forward to celebrating the vibrant community of Brazilians who call this municipality of Everett home, and forming a bridge of friendship between Brazil and the United States. Brazilians are proud to contribute every single day to the progress of the

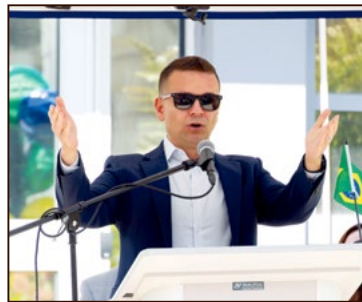
city and the state."

Everett's Brazilian community is an important part of the city's diverse cultural landscape, with residents, families, business owners, and community leaders contributing to the city's neighborhoods, local economy, and civic life.

"For those of us who are thousands of miles away from Brazil, celebrations like this are about so much more than just raising a flag. They're about keeping our culture alive, celebrating music, food, language, traditions, and the Brazilian spirit," said City Councilor Stephanie Martins. "Here in Everett, the Brazilian community has become an important part of the fabric of the city, opening businesses, keeping the storefronts vibrant, creating jobs, providing essential services, and helping move our local economy forward."

"Today's flag raising is really an occasion and a chance for Brazilian residents to see a piece of home represented in this place where you live, work, raise your families, and build that future together," said Mayor Robert J. Van Campen. "I am proud to recognize Bra-

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Vice Chairperson of the School Committee Marcony Almeida Barros speaks during the celebration.



Brazilian Deputy Consul General Maria Helena Pinheiro Penna speaks during the celebration.



Paulo Pinto, CEO of the Massachusetts Alliance for Portuguese Speakers, speaks during the celebration.



A singer performs the U.S. and Brazilian national anthems.

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A band performs Brazilian music during the celebration.



Vice Chairperson of the School Committee Marcony Almeida Barros, Mayor Robert J. Van Campen and City Councilors Stephanie Martins and Guerline Alcy Jabouin hold a proclamation from Governor Maura Healey's office recognizing Brazilian Independence Day.



An Everett resident holds a Brazilian flag during the celebration.



Paulo Pinto, CEO of the Massachusetts Alliance for Portuguese Speakers, dances with an attendee.

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zilian heritage in the City of Everett. On behalf of the City, I say Happy Brazilian Independence Day to everyone here. Thank you so very much for everything you bring to and do for this community. Obrigado.”

“May this occasion remind us that our diversity is one of the greatest strengths, and that our city is better because of the people and families who have chosen to build their lives here,” said Paulo Pinto, CEO of the Massachusetts Alliance for Portuguese Speakers. “Happy Brazilian Independence Day, and long live the friendship between Brazil, our community, and the City of Everett.”

Brazilian Independence Day, celebrated annually on September 7, commemorates Brazil’s 1822 declaration of independence from Portugal by Dom Pedro, who later became the nation’s first emperor.

The Brazilian Independence Day celebration provided an opportunity for Everett residents to celebrate the history, culture, and traditions of Brazil while recognizing the many ways the Brazilian community continues to contribute to the City of Everett.



City Councilor Michele Capone, Vice Chairperson of the School Committee Marcony Almeida Barros, Parlin Principal Darlene Pugnali, Mayor Robert J. Van Campen, Brazilian Deputy Consul General Maria Helena Pinheiro Penna, and City Councilor Stephanie Martins pose for a photo.



Residents hold a Brazilian flag during the celebration.



Attendees listen to remarks during the speaking program.



Members of the band hold a Brazilian flag.



Mayor Robert J. Van Campen, Paulo Pinto, and Vice Chairperson of the School Committee Marcony Almeida Barros pose with staff members and attendees.

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Now Casting: The next voice of Boston Logan International Airport

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Boston Logan International Airport welcomes 43 million travelers a year and soon, each one will be greeted by a voice that captures the spirit of Massachusetts and New England. Today, the Massachusetts Port Authority (Massport) announced the launch of Voice of Logan, a public competition inviting Massachusetts residents to audition for the opportunity to become the official overhead announcement voice of Boston Logan International Airport.

The Voice of Logan is a search for something distinctly Boston – a voice that instills confidence and hometown pride in every traveler, whether they’re visiting for the first time, returning home, or simply passing through.

“At Boston Logan, we have been working hard to go above and beyond for our passengers.

From new concessions to airport upgrades, we want every passenger to enjoy their time here,” said Rich Davey, CEO of Massport. “During this milestone year, it was especially important that we help everyone passing through Logan to feel immediately at home. And there’s no better way to do that than with one of the many diverse, distinct, and deeply proud voices that make up our Commonwealth.”

Boston Logan is more than the gateway to New England, it’s a snapshot of the region the moment you arrive. In Terminal C, more than 40 championship banners from iconic teams like the Boston Red Sox and New England Patriots welcome passengers with a sense of hometown pride. Throughout the airport, travelers can get a true taste of the area, whether it’s a stop at the legendary Legal Sea Foods or a slice from neigh-

borhood favorite Santarpio’s Pizza. And along the Terminal B-C Connector, the spirit of the region comes alive through the sounds and stories of musicians who got their start right here in Massachusetts.

Here’s how Massachusetts residents can get involved:

Submit Your Audition | Monday, September 14 – Sunday, October 4, 2026

The submission period launches on Monday, September 14. Massachusetts residents are invited to submit a short audition via <http://voiceoflogan.com/>.

Official Launch Event | Thursday, September 17, 2026, 1:30–3:30 p.m.

Interested contestants are encouraged to attend an official kickoff event live at Boston Logan. Voice of Logan ambassadors will be on site to meet and greet contestants, provide helpful coaching on submis-

sions, and share more about the contest. They will then have the opportunity to record and submit their audition in the Voice of Logan submission station. Contestant hopefuls can register to attend here.

Voice of Logan ambassadors include:

- Rich Davey, Massport CEO
- Lisa Donovan, co-host of Billy & Lisa in the Morning on KISS 108 FM
- Amaka Ubaka, WHDH 7 News Morning Anchor
- Matt Shearer, WBZ News-Radio reporter and Boston content creator

Location: Boston Logan Airport, Terminal A, Departure level

When: Thursday, September 17, 2026, 1:30–3:30 p.m.

Media is asked to arrive and set up by 1:15 p.m.

Media parking is available in Terminal A limo lot

Media should RSVP to

bcrawley@massport.com

Public Voting | Saturday, October 24 – Wednesday, October 28, 2026

Contestants will be evaluated based on judging criteria, such as “the Boston vibe,” clarity of delivery, and a brief written response of why they should be the Voice of Logan and will be narrowed down to the top five based on total score. The general public will be invited to vote on the selected top 5 and ultimately select the official Voice of Logan. Public voting begins on Saturday, October 24 and can be accessed via this link: <http://voiceoflogan.com/>.

The next Voice of Logan will be announced on November 5 and will be the voice welcoming travelers to Boston Logan starting in mid-November.

Additional details, eligibility requirements, and submission instructions are available at <http://voiceoflogan.com/>

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AM to leena.long@leftfieldpm.com and kiara.freeman@ci.everett.ma.us. Late submission will not be opened. The City reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive informalities when deemed in the best interest of the City. Kiara M. Freeman Chief Procurement Officer City of Everett

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Pets come with benefits

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

As we think back on the friends our dogs have introduced us to along the way, we have a lot of reasons to thank our three Westie girls. Yes, they came with a lot of responsibility, but they also bring bundles of joy.

Between meeting neighbors through their dogs and our rescue and transport work, we stay in constant contact with close friends, even when they are at their vacation homes and across the country. We wouldn't have met these people without our furry friends.

Think of the times you've cuddled your cat or relaxed with your dog. Think of the way you feel when your pet is so happy

to see you. Think of the times when you really don't feel like going out but do it anyway, and, thanks to your dog, you get exercise and social interaction.

The Centers for Disease Control says a pet can improve your health by decreasing blood pressure, cholesterol levels, triglyceride levels, and feelings of loneliness.

Pets Contribute to Healthy Aging

As you prepare a list of pros and cons, you might consider how a pet could improve your life as you age. The University of Michigan surveyed adults aged 50–80 about the benefits and challenges of having a pet in February of this year and compared the results to prior

surveys.

The survey found, "... the percentage of adults aged 50 to 80 who say having a pet gives them a sense of purpose has grown to 83% today from 73% in 2018." "In addition, 70% of current pet owners over 50 say having a pet connects them with others, in a time when rates of loneliness and isolation among older adults are high." "And 63% say having a pet helps reduce their stress, while 44% say it helps them stay physically active."

While this survey focused on older adults, we're sure people of any age receive the same benefits from having pets. If you look back to the pandemic, many people of all ages adopted dogs.



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The Human-Animal Health Connection

Pet Partners (formerly The Delta Society) has studied and promoted the human-animal health connection since 1977. A group of physicians founded it to support both animals and humans.

Pet Partners' program trains both people and dogs to take part in animal-assisted activity and animal-assisted therapy programs. Tufts' "Paws for People" at Tufts Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine in North Grafton is an affiliate.

Tufts describes their program. "At Tufts Paws for People, our volunteers work with diverse populations of people with any of the nine species of animals we register. We welcome volunteers with unique perspectives and experiences in terms of national origin,

culture, socioeconomic background, ethnicity, ancestry, color, sex, gender identity and expression, education, age, languages spoken, veteran status, religion, disability, sexual orientation, and beliefs, which help us strengthen our impact." This is important because their programs serve all these groups.

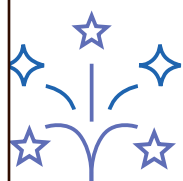
Be thankful for all the good your pet does for you. And be sure to share some of the health benefits of knowing an animal with others. That could be as a neighbor whose well-behaved dog is a joy to meet on the street, or an official animal therapy team.

One way some Boston-area dog people share dogs' benefits with the community is by letting some of the thousands of students who miss their own dog have a bit of dog time with our dogs as a surrogate bundle of joy.



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