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EVERETT RESIDENTS HELPING WITH KIWANIS EVENT



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EPS Director of Human Resources and Employee Relations Elaine Monge, in her role as Kiwanis Lieutenant Governor, is pictured at a Chelsea Kiwanis event with Chelsea Firefighter Kevin DeJesus, Deputy Chief Joe Conlon, and Firefighter Irvans Cyprien, a former Everett High School football star.

City officials take next steps to address school overcrowding crisis

Special to the Independent

The City of Everett and Everett Public Schools (EPS) are taking the next steps toward addressing one of the most significant challenges facing the school district: overcrowded classrooms and a lack of adequate space for Everett's growing student population.

Residents are invited to a community meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 30, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Parlin School, 587 Broadway, where City and school officials will present potential solutions for overcrowding in Everett's kindergarten through eighth-grade schools. Residents will have an opportunity to hear about the options being considered, ask questions and provide feedback as the City works toward a long-term solution.

Everett's schools have faced significant space challenges for years. Classrooms and other areas originally designed for different purposes have been converted to accommodate students as enrollment needs have outgrown available educational space.

"I've seen kids learning on

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Champions of Kindness

Everett High basketball players aid motorist on Revere Beach Parkway

By Cary Shuman

The first day of practice is two months away but members of the Everett High School boys basketball team are already champions.

Players from the team came to aid of a motorist whose vehicle stalled on Revere Beach Parkway in the middle of heavy traffic.

During a Peter Eliopoulos report that aired Monday night on WCVB-TV, Robin Gay explained her dire situation and the ensuing act of helpfulness by the Everett players.

"When I pulled out of the parking lot [after volunteering at Phunk Phenomenon Dance Complex Friday evening], my car just died," said Gay. "Cars were literally flying, so I kind of went into a panic state, and my biggest fear was that someone was going to hit me."

But the Crimson Tide contingent sprung into action, pushing the car away from the oncoming traffic and into a parking space at an adjacent lot.

"We are taught here at this high school that it doesn't matter if we don't know the person – if you see somebody in trouble, go help them," basketball

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Everett High basketball players push a car toward a safe spot after the vehicle stalled out on Revere Beach Parkway.

Council approves resolution in support of striking workers at Encore Boston Harbor

Special to the Independent

The Everett City Council unanimously approved a resolution offered by Ward 6 Councilor Peter Pientrantonio at its Sept. 14 meeting expressing its support for Locals 25 and 26 [Teamsters and UNITE HERE labor unions] "to receive new contracts from Encore Boston Harbor that provide the union members with better wages and healthcare benefits."

More than 1,300 workers have been on strike at the 5-star resort/casino since Sept. 4, 2026.

"About four weeks ago, I got an email from a gentleman about Encore Boston Harbor not negotiating in good faith," said Pietrantonio. "I'm hoping that we can support Local 25 and 26. We have about 500 workers that live in Everett and

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FALL ARRIVES

After last week's summer-like weather, where temperature hit the mid-80s for a couple of days, much-cooler weather arrived this past weekend, Combined with the strong winds from a developing nor'easter later this week, it is clear that fall is here.

Aside from the change in the weather, the signs of summer's end have been unmistakeable.

Our tomato plants, which provided such a bountiful harvest since the beginning of July, now only have green fruit on the vine. Whether they will ripen depends on how much sunshine and warmth we get in the next few weeks, though we know from long experience that many will never make it to maturity. On the other hand, we have a neighbor who loves green tomatoes and he'll be welcome to them.

Nearby, the basil is still doing well, providing plenty of aromatic leaves. But they too, are not growing with the same vigor as they did just a few weeks ago.

Our cucumber plants continue to sprout the yellow flowers that inspired so much hope in July -- and we had a great year for cukes as well -- but the chances of the new buds developing are slim at this time of year.

Meanwhile, our potted annuals, especially our petunias, that have brought so much joy since early June, have grown leggy and "spent." We already are replacing them with colorful chrysanthemums.

The landscape is shifting colors, too. The marsh grass, a verdant green throughout the summer, has turned to a golden yellow. Goldenrod may be an invasive weed to some, but its blossoming these past few weeks along a nearby hillside has brought a yellow sea of joy to our eyes when we drive past it.

The so-called Montauk daisies -- native to Japan, but popular along our coastal areas for their salt-spray tolerance -- are ready to burst forth with white flowers, bringing color to our gardens when everything else is fading.

There are noticeably fewer birds. We no longer have the daily spectacle of the nearby colony of common terns. As the farthest-migrating birds in the world that see more hours of daylight than any other creature, they flew off for their annual migration to South America a few weeks ago.

Terns are fearlessly and aggressively territorial. Larger birds, whether they be seagulls, crows, red-tailed hawks, or osprey, who dare to cross the terns' "airspace" near their platform always were far outmatched when confronted by two or three terns working together to chase them off.

The terns also are aerial acrobats. They regularly alight from their nesting platform in unison every five or 10 minutes and fly in a seemingly chaotic, yet clearly disciplined, formation before returning to rest for five or 10 minutes -- and then repeating the sequence.

We even miss their non-stop screeching, which by mid-summer had become a staple of our local ambience.

Other birds in our "neighborhood" have followed suit. The osprey nests atop the poles in the marshes and harbor beacons sit abandoned until next spring. There are noticeably fewer egrets. Though a few are still hanging around, they'll all be gone shortly.

Aside from the transformations of the landscape and among the animal world, the ultimate measuring stick for the changing of the seasons is the shrinking daylight.

However, even this gloomy indicator of fall's arrival has a plus side. With the sunrises and sunsets moving southward as the earth tilts on its axis, the sun once again is rising over the ocean where we live, providing spectacular sunrises. When there are some clouds above the horizon, the rising sun lights them up in vivid red and orange hues.

Further north, the trees in New England are displaying their spectacular fall foliage, a blanket of color that our region soon will inherit. It is the reason that autumn is the most popular time of year for cruise ships traversing through Boston as they make their way northward from New York City for stops in Newport and Boston, and then along the Maine coast to Montreal and Quebec.

As much as we may want to hold onto the summer, we have to let it go. Autumn has arrived and we have no choice but to embrace it.

GUEST OP-ED

Opening doors to careers in the trades:

Why Everett residents should explore apprenticeships and union pathways

By Pat Lucey and Brian Doherty

Everett residents seeking well-paying jobs that do not necessarily require a college degree have an opportunity to find them at the upcoming Everett "Careers in the Trades" Fair from 4-7 p.m. on Thursday, October 1, at Everett High School. That evening, more than 30 employers – from local unions to firms in the architecture, engineering, and construction (AEC) sectors – will be on hand to meet residents and share information about how to earn competitive salaries working in the trades.

The city of Everett is hosting this career fair, with the support of local unions and AEC firms, for two very simple reasons. First, we need more people entering the skilled trades. For every five people who retire from a career in the trades, only two people enter the field. There is a talent shortage and the need for skilled workers is only growing. And second, we need to ensure everyone who seeks a job that will pay them fairly for their hard work can find one. Entry-level jobs in the trades pay significantly more than non-trade entry-level jobs, and provide opportunities for training and skill-building that do not require going to a four-year college.

Here in Everett and the surrounding area, every new school, hospital, housing development, laboratory, and hotel depends on skilled workers. The projects shaping Greater Boston's future cannot be delivered without electricians, plumbers, carpenters, sheet metal workers, masons, painters, HVAC technicians, and equipment operators.



COURTESY PHOTO

The Everett "Careers in the Trades" Fair attendees can learn about the many pathways into the industry.

The Building Trades unions and companies like Suffolk are always looking for hard working people to build with us. Many of the jobs we need to fill do not require a four-year degree. That does not mean the work is easy or that training is unnecessary. It means there are multiple ways to get started and build from there.

Apprenticeships are one of the clearest examples. In the

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Upcoming Events at Everett Public Libraries

Parlin Adult and Teens

Parlin Book Group, Parlin Meeting Room, and Zoom. Monday, September 28th at 6:00 pm. Discuss David Baldacci's Strangers in Time. 18+. Call Kathleen at (617) 394 2300, or send an email to slipp@noblenet.org, for the Zoom link, or join us in person!

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.

New England Ghosts. Parlin Meeting Room. Tuesday, September 29th at 7pm. New England Ghosts explores local history through the lens of spirits and unexplained phenomena. Jonah Knight takes us through six ghost stories (one from each New England state) with magical effects to enhance the legends! This program is suggested for ages 18+

Mahjong Club, Parlin Meeting Room, Wednesday September 30th at 1:00 pm. Want to click the tiles and do the Charleston? Join us for our first ever American style Mahjong Club. It's a fast paced and social game. We have two sets and eight cards, but we can share and learn together. No 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+.

West African Kora, Parlin Meeting Room, Wednesday September 30th at 7:00 pm. Sean Gaskell, who studied in West Africa, plays and teaches us about the West African harp; how it is built, who plays it and when. Be inspired by the music and a Q&A session before the final song.

The Great Everett Jewelry Exchange Saturday, October 3rd, Ticket Holders 12:00 to 1:00, Nonticket holders 1:00 to 4:00 pm. Are you cleaning up your house this Fall? Make a pile of your unwanted jewelry. Bring it to the Parlin or Shute Libraries. Exchange for tickets to our jewelry sale. Two pieces of jewelry are worth one ticket. Ticket holders get the first look from 12:00 to 1:00. Doors open to all from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. If you have questions, please call/email Kathleen, (617) 394 2300/slipp@noblent.org.

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 28th 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 30th 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 30th at 3pm.Children ages 5 - 12 will enjoy using creativity and imagination through role-playing, improvisation, and storytelling.

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.

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Parents or service providers who suspect a child might have an educationally disabling condition are encouraged to contact their child's school. Everett Public Schools will arrange screening and evaluation for any students who are unable to progress effectively in general education because of a disability.

For more detailed information about the policies, procedures, and services available at the Everett Public Schools for special education, please contact Director of Special Education Shamus Brady at 617-394-2400 Ext. 610061 or email at sbrady@everett.k12.ma.us.

Translations of the Child Find Notice can be found at:
www.everettpublicschools.org/apps/pages/ChildFind

BRIAN HERBERT PROMOTED TO POLICE LIEUTENANT; TRAVIS NALLY PROMOTED TO POLICE SERGEANT; JARED CARRERA TAKES OATH AS NEW EVERETT POLICE OFFICER

CARY SHUMAN PHOTOS

Brian Herbert was promoted to Lieutenant in the Everett Police Department and Travis Nally was promoted to Sergeant at a swearing-in ceremony in the City Council Chambers.

Jared Carrera took his oath of office as new patrol officer in the Everett Police Department.

City Clerk Sergio Cornelio administered the oaths to the officers.

Mayor Robert Van Campen, Police Chief Paul Strong, and member of the City Council congratulated the officers following the ceremony.



From left, Ward 6 Councilor Peter Pietrantonio, Councilor-at-Large Katy Rogers, Ward 4 Councilor Holly Garcia, Ward 3 Councilor Anthony DiPierro, Councilor-at-Large John Hanlon, Councilor-at-Large Michael Marchese, Police Officer Jared Carrera, Police Sgt. Travis Nally, Police Lt. Brian Herbert, Police Chief Paul Strong, City Council President Stephanie Smith, Ward 2 Councilor Stephanie Martins, Ward 5 Councilor Vivian Nguyen, and Ward 1 Councilor Michele Capone.



City Clerk Sergio Cornelio administers the oath of office to newly promoted Lieutenant Brian Herbert Monday night in the City Council Chambers.

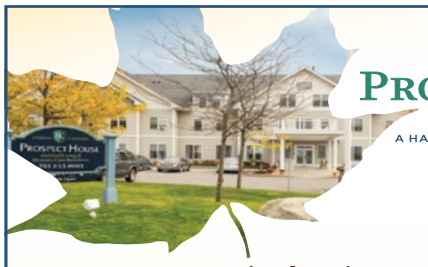


In a strong display of unity and support, Chief Paul Strong and members of the Everett Police Department congratulate newly promoted Lt. Brian Herbert, Sgt. Travis Nally, and Officer Jared Carrera, following the swearing-in ceremony Monday night in the City Council Chambers.

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Jennifer Keefe (left), First Lady of the City of Revere, joins her sister-in-law Stephanie (Keefe) Herbert, and Stephanie's husband, newly promoted Police Lt. Brian Herbert, for a photo following the swearing-in ceremony. Mrs. Keefe is the wife of Revere Mayor Patrick Keefe.



Newly appointed Everett Police Officer Jared Carrera is pictured with the members of his proud family following the swearing-in ceremony Monday night in the City Council Chambers.



Everett Police Lt. Brian Herbert, pictured with his wife, Stephanie Herbert, their daughter, Gianna Herbert, and their son, Jennaro Herbert, following the swearing-in ceremony.



From left, Everett Police Chaplain, Bishop Robert G. Brown, Police Officer Jared Carrera, Police Sgt. Travis Nally, Police Lt. Brian Herbert, and Police Chief Paul Strong.



Newly promoted Everett Police Sgt. Travis Nally, pictured with his father, Donald Nally, his grandmother, Judith Cutting, his wife, Lucia DeRosa, and his mother, Mary Beth Nally, following the swearing-in ceremony.

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are looking for fair wages."

At the conclusion of his remarks, Pietrantonio received sustained applause from the many workers in attendance at the Council meeting.

Following the 11-0 vote in favor of the resolution, Council President Stephanie Smith proclaimed, "The Everett City Council supports Local 25 and Local 26."

Ward 1 Councilor Michele Capone thanked Pietrantonio "for putting this item on the agenda."

The Council also approved a motion by Ward 2 Councilor Stephanie Martins to send the resolution to Encore Boston Harbor officials.

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EHS Roundup

TWO WINS FOR EHS BOYS SOCCER

The Everett High boys soccer team got on the winning track with a pair of victories over Malden and Lawrence last week.

The Tide shook off a 5-1 loss to Greater Boston League (GBL) rival Chelsea last Tuesday. "We had a great first half, creating many opportunities, but the half ended 0-0," said EHS head coach Rodney Landaverde. "In the second half we got our first goal of the season by Saymon Coelho."

Chelsea quickly tied it off a breakaway and scored four more after a red card left the Tide shorthanded the rest of the way.

However, Everett traveled to GBL foe Malden last Thursday and turned in a totally different showing, dominating in possession and shots on net, for a 2-0 victory.

Coelho opened up the scoring by converting a penalty kick. Later on, junior Daniel Henriquez netted his first goal of the year off a deflection.

Benjamin Lopez stepped up in net and earned a shutout in place of senior Diego Teixeira, who was out with injury. Senior Lucas Hercules also stepped up and managed most of the 80 minutes in the midfield with senior captain Rene Lainez out of action with an injury.



The Everett High boys soccer program once again held a successful Alumni Game this past Saturday at Everett Stadium. After the contest, there was a tailgate. The alums then rooted on the 2026 Tide team to a 3-1 victory over Lawrence.

On Saturday, the Tide hosted non-league opponent Lawrence at Everett Stadium and had a great day of dominating possession and creating multiple opportunities while rotating a lot of players in a 3-1 triumph. Goal-scorers were Christopher Lopez Rivera, Daniel Henriquez, and Saymon Coelho.

Freshman Samuel Rengifo earned his first varsity assist, Sophomores Ziad El Bribri, Merlin Christailin, Mateus Callahan Bueno, and Calleb De Souza also stepped up and played valuable minutes.

Senior Luca Cruz (sibling of EHS 2022' grad and GBL all-star Luan Cruz) also got some minutes on defense alongside senior Sebastian Styl.

Landaverde and his crew, who now stand at 2-3 on the season, were scheduled to take on GBL rival Revere yesterday (Tuesday) and former GBL foe Arlington on Friday.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL DEFEATS ENGLISH

The Everett High girls volleyball team earned a 3-1 victory at Greater Boston League (GBL) rival Lynn English last Monday. The Tide dropped the opening set, 25-18, though they played well, leading by a score of 18-17 late in the set, thanks to senior Kiana Flores's second ace in a run of five serves. However, a couple of lapses in the Tide's passing game allowed the Lady Bulldogs to take the set.

Everett responded well in the second set, with co-captain Melissa Meirelesh serving an ace and delivering a kill to help propel the Tide to a 5-0 lead that they never relinquished. Junior outside hitter Elora Phillippe had three kills, and Flores served the final three points of the set for a 25-18 win.

Meireles served Everett to a 7-1 lead to start the third set. The Tide kept their momentum, as fellow co-captain MJ Cardenas had three kills and three service points, and captain Cassandra Tayag had two aces and two kills. Junior Naima Fleurima and senior QiongQiong Chen each had a kill in the 25-22 win.

Everett rode that momentum into the fourth set. Flores had two aces and four points, Phillippe had five kills, and Tayag had five serves, two aces, a block, and a kill. Sophomore setter Yahaira Pineda had six serves and an ace as Everett closed out the match with a 25-17 win.

The Tide dropped its next two subsequent contests with GBL adversary Lynn Classical last Wednesday and non-league foe Lawrence last Thursday.

"We played strong teams who serve tough, and one mistake steamrolled into another in each of the losses," said EHS head coach Michael Fineran. "Against Classical, we could not muster much of an offense, and we let their servers push us around.

The first set was back-and-forth early on. Flores served with Everett down 8-7, but in a blink, Classical ran away for a 25-8 win. The second set was over even faster, with the Lady Rams taking a 25-6 victory.

The Tide put up more of a fight in the third set. Phillippe had four service points, an ace, and two kills. Tayag had a block and a kill. Junior libero Giyanna Desamours and junior setter Abigail Falkowski each had two serves to pull Everett close, 19-17, before falling 25-19.

In the match the next day with Lawrence, Falkowski had her best game yet with team-highs in serves (11), aces (2), and kills (4). Junior Jane Maharjan hit all four serves in, staying perfect for the season. Junior CeCilia Da Silveira had four serves in and a kill, and freshman Maria Cunha had her first career serve in, as well as her first kill.

"We dropped the match, but we got better as it went on," said Fineran. "We are going to need to put the bad plays behind us and build on the good things we did."

Fineran and his crew, who stand at 2-2 on the season, were scheduled to take on GBL opponents Chelsea this past Monday, Somerville today

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Classes now offered to be a certified basketball official

Board 130 of the International Association of Approved Basketball Officials (IAABO) will host classes for anyone interested in becoming a certified basketball official. The classes will be held at 895 Boston Road, Haverhill on October 5, 6, 13 and 14 at 6:30 p.m. The course and exam for prospective referees are conducted online at iaabou.org. Those who attend the classes and pass the exam will receive $50 off their first year of membership with IAABO Board 130, which includes all of Essex County.

For more information on the classes, email Dan Bryant at daniel.bryant@comcast.net.

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(Wednesday), Medford next Monday, and Medford next Wednesday.

EHS BOYS CROSS COUNTRY WINS PAIR

The Everett High boys cross-country team is off to a 2-0 start after winning its opening two meets of the season in decisive fashion.

In the season-opener vs. Lynn Classical on the Tide's home course at Rivergreen two weeks ago, Chris Portillo finished in first place with a time of 18:16. Teammate Domicicio Delle Rose was next across the line in second place in a clocking of 21:24. Praytush Darai (4th place in 23:09), Michael Lemus (5th place in 23:43), and Tuen Nguyen (6th place in 23:45).

Also turning in strong performances were Brahesh Maharjan (7th, 25:51) and Jad Lahssan (10th, 32:26). Ethan Ngo (11th, 32:59), William Le (12th, 37:33), Arnob Barua 13th, 43:28), and Tenzin Ngodop 14th, 47:06) also competed for the Tide.

Last Wednesday, coach Brendan Hahesy and his crew traveled to Lynn English and returned home with another "W" by a score of 24-33.

Portillo once again was the fastest runner, capturing first place in a time of 19:44, which was 1:29 faster than the second-place Bulldog. Delle Rose (3rd in 21:14), Nguyen (4th, 22:58), (Lemus, 7th, 24:54), and Maharjan (9th, 25:57) completed the scoring for the Tide.

Lahsaan finished 10th with a clocking of 31:09, followed by teammates Ngo (11th, 32:09), Le (13th, 35:16), and Barua (14h, 35:57).

The Crimson Tide are scheduled to run at Medford today (Wednesday) and at Chelsea next Wednesday.

EHS GIRLS RUN TO TWO VICTORIES

The Everett High girls cross country team is off to a fast start, winning their opening two meets of the season vs. Lynn Classical (15-44) and Lynn English (20-40).

The quintet of Shashi Pokhrel (24:29), Lena Serra (25:54), Natalia Dos Santos (29:51), Ana Maciel (29:55), and Eve-Lynn Joseph (32:35) took the top five spots vs. Classical to ensure the shutout,

Aliesha Thelus, Crus Lormistolis, Bao Nguyen, and Carolina Bernardina finished 9-12 and Berthy Muscade and Princika Humagain finished 14th and 15th.

In the win over English, Pokhrel (25:45) and Serra (26:18) once again finished 1-2. Maciel grabbed fourth place, Joseph took sixth, and Nguyen came across in seventh to round out the Everett scoring.

Taina Lopes finished eighth and Thelus came across the line in 10th.

The Lady Crimson Tide are scheduled to run at Medford today (Wednesday) and at Chelsea next Wednesday.

TWO VICTORIES FOR EHS GIRLS SOCCER

The Everett High girls soccer team earned a pair of victories last week over non-league opponents East Boston and Lawrence.

"Our 2-1 over East Boston was a wild, hard-fought, nail-biting game," said EHS head coach Dom Persuitte. "We started flat and just couldn't make connections on the ball and adjust to the way East Boston played. I'll give all the credit to East Boston, as they pressured and were relentless in pursuing the ball and the game's first goal."

The Lady Jets took a 1-0 lead with about 10 seconds left in the first half after Everett conceded a penalty kick. However, once the second half started, the Tide did not let up the gas.

"Everyone was working together as a team, and it looked great," said Persuitte. "We moved the ball from one side to the other effortlessly. It was such a 180 turnaround, and it was great to watch."

The goal scorers for Everett were Brianna Santos and Odalis Sandoval. The first goal came when Sandoval delivered the ball into the 6-yard box. There was a massive scramble, and Santos got her foot to it first.

The second goal came from Sandoval, assisted by captain Sofia Arana-Quintanilla from a quick corner by Tiffany Aguilar. Aguilar played a short corner kick to the top of the 18-yard box. Arana-Quintanilla kicked it to the back post where Sandoval was there for the easy putaway.

"It was great to see the team come together after a flat start," added Persuitte, who highlighted the efforts of Mel Ribeiro and Mel Arana-Quintanilla on defense, Kayla Andrade and Tiffany Aguilar in the midfield, and Bella Mitrano and Odilas Sandoval on the wings. Julianna Rivera played superbly in net and made countless saves in the last 6 minutes to preserve the win.

The Lady Tide came up short in their next contest by a score of 4-2 at GBL foe Chelsea. "It was a very tough game," said Persuitte. "We could not find our footing. Chelsea, just like Lowell, plays a very high defensive line, and we struggled in dealing with that. Simple little mistakes were our big issue.

"However, some positives that came out of the game were that we are starting to move the ball around a lot more compared to past years, and we are using our outside wings and building up plays, something we could never really do," Persuitte said.

Goal scorers were Norma Chavez Velasquez (Sofia), who was assisted by Kayla Andrade on a pure hard-work effort type of play. Johanna Flores scored the second goal, assisted by Odalis Sandoval, who has really stepped into a playmaker role this season.

Persuitte noted the efforts of a number of his players, "Sofia Arana-Quintanilla has been playing cool and calm under pressure," said the coach. "Bella Mitrano has shown vast improvement from the previous season and is one of the reasons we can play out to the wingers. Kayla Andrade is filling in any place we need her, and she thrives at it, especially in the forward position. Lastly, Brianna Santos has an aggressive, full-throttle, being able to body people off the ball style of play."

The Tide bounced back from that defeat in a big way with a 9-0 win at Lawrence. Everett started fast and netted four goals in the first 15 minutes. Six different players scored in the win: Brianna Santos got two, assisted by Johanna Flores and Melany Arana. Johanna Flores also netted two goals, assisted by Kayla Andrade, with her second goal unassisted when Johanna intercepted a pass that she put in the back of the net.

Odalis Sandoval mirrored Flores's second goal by taking on a Lawrence defender and adding another tally to the scoreboard. Freshman Mahiya Begum got her first varsity goal by heading one past the Lawrence goalie.

"Mahiya showed the team how a little extra effort can go a long way on a ball that most would have thought out of play," Persuitte noted. "Begum had herself a great game."

Kaylay Andrade scored, assisted by co-captain Sofia Arana from a well-placed free kick. Santos would have had a hat-trick, but an unlucky bounce off a Lawrence defender resulted in an own goal. Sofia Arana got herself up on the scoreboard after dribbling through the entire midfield and slotting it to the back of the net.

"Overall, the girls played great, and everything is starting to click," said Persuitte. "It feels great to see that happen on the pitch. The start of the second half was great; everything we mentioned at half time and girls did effortlessly.

"Tiffany Aguila and Rosa Romero held their own in the midfield and are worth noting for their play. Goalies Kaylin Rivers and Juilanna Rivera both got their first clean sheet of the season; although they were not tested as much, they still did their job when called upon," added Persuitte. "Freshman Bertha Flores, sister to Johanna Flores, made a goal-line save with her head when Lawrence got a shot on net and went past the goalie on an awkward cross from the touchline."

Persuitte and his crew were scheduled to travel to Revere yesterday (Tuesday) and to Lynn Classical tomorrow (Thursday). They will host O'Bryant High next Monday and Revere next Wednesday.

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EVERETT WELCOMES PRE-K STUDENTS FOR FIRST FULL-DAY SCHOOL YEAR

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Everett Public Schools welcomed pre-kindergarten students back to school on Wednesday, September 9, marking the beginning of the first school year in which students at both the Webster Extension and the Adams School will attend full-day pre-kindergarten.

The Webster Extension hosted a special first-day celebration for the occasion. Families gathered in front of the school to meet teachers, while students walked down a red carpet as the Everett Crimson Tide Marching Band and cheerleaders performed. Mayor Robert J. Van Campen, Superintendent William D. Hart, Massachusetts Secretary of Education Dr.

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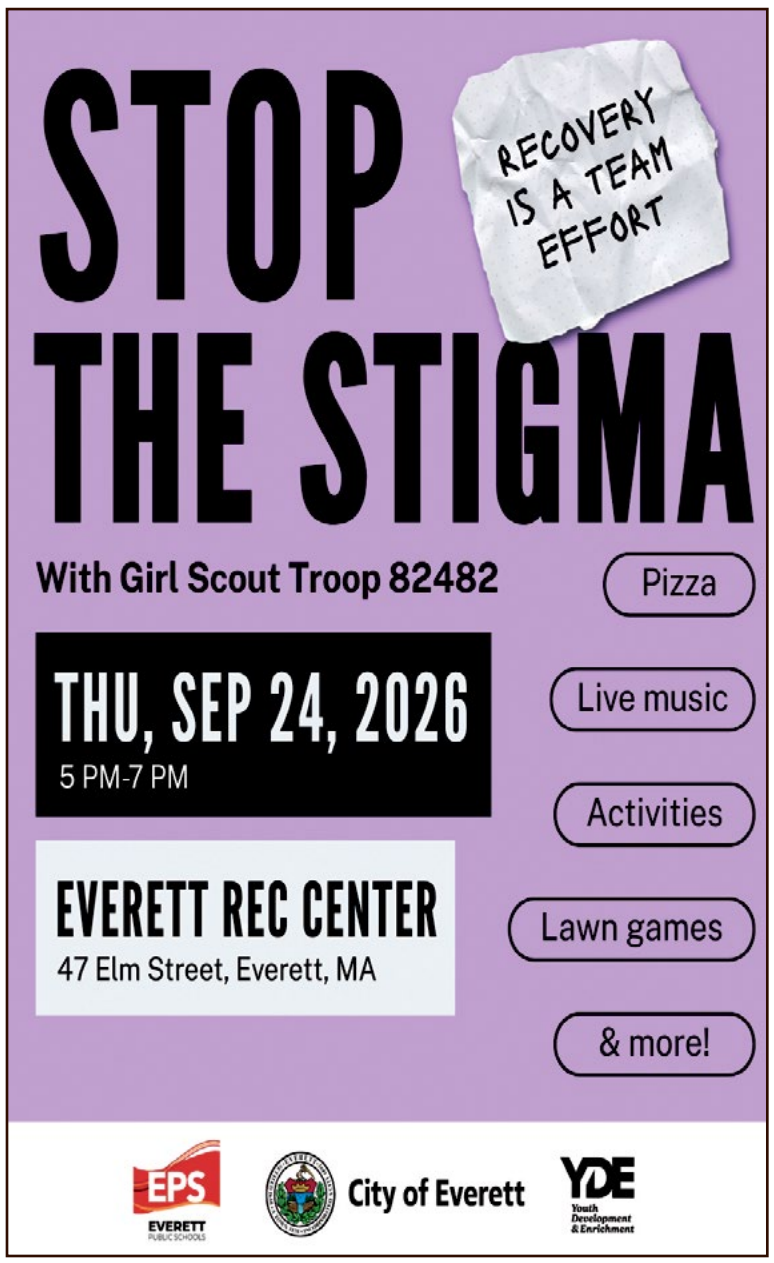
Superintendent Bill Hart and Principal of the Webster Extension School, Laurie Ann Stokes, get ready to greet students on their first day of classes.



Mayor Van Campen talks with Superintendent Bill Hart.



Massachusetts Secretary of Education Dr. Stephen Zrike talks with Mayor Van Campen in a classroom at the Webster Extension.





Principal Laurie Ann Stokes, School Committee Member Joanna Garren, Mayor Van Campen, Massachusetts Secretary of Education Dr. Stephen Zrike, and Superintendent Bill Hart tour a classroom at the Webster Extension School.



A teacher from the Webster Extension walks students into school.

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Mayor Van Campen takes a picture with a Pre-K student.



Principal Laurie Ann Stokes leads a tour of the Webster Extension School as Mayor Van Campen, Superintendent Bill Hart and Massachusetts Secretary of Education Dr. Stephen Zrike join her.



The Everett Crimson Tide Marching Band plays songs for students on their first day.



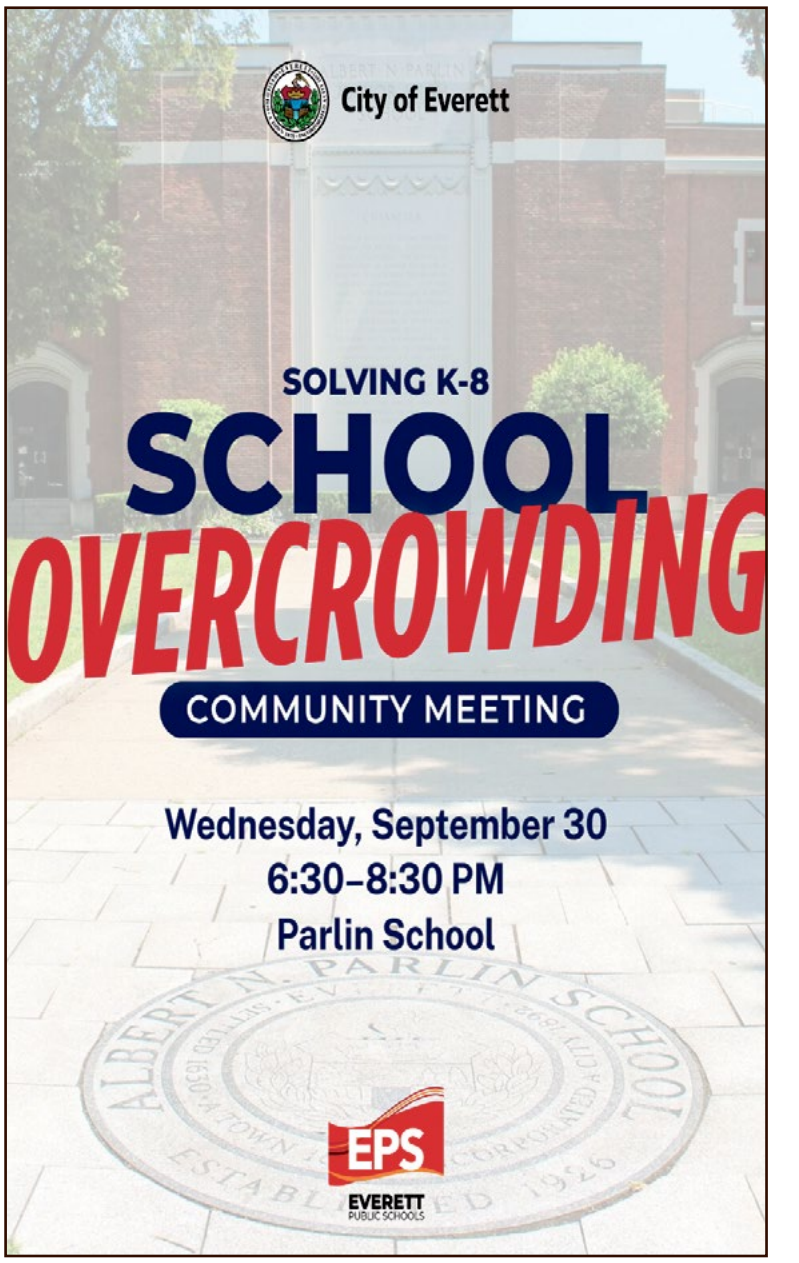
Superintendent Bill Hart talks with Mayor Van Campen, Massachusetts Secretary of Education Dr. Stephen Zrike, and School Committee Member Marcony Almeida-Barros



Mayor Van Campen talks with parents of a student at the Webster Extension School.



Mayor Van Campen greets students for their first day.



Healey-Driscoll administration announces $2m in fire safety funding

Special to the Independent

The Healey-Driscoll Administration is making nearly $2 million available to local fire departments in support of fire and life safety efforts that protect Massachusetts' most vulnerable residents.

The annual Student Awareness of Fire Education (SAFE) and Senior SAFE grants fund trained firefighter-educators who deliver age-appropriate safety education to school-aged children and older adults, as well as the associated costs of smoke and carbon monoxide alarms, teaching equipment, and other expenses.

"Consistent, statewide fire and life safety education has helped make Massachusetts one of the most fire-safe states in the nation," said State Fire Marshal Jon M. Davine. "The SAFE and Senior SAFE grants are a vital part of that educational strategy. I strongly encourage every local fire department to apply."

The SAFE grants contributed to the steepest decline in child fire deaths in Massachusetts history. In 1994, there were more than two dozen child fire fatalities; the SAFE grants were launched the following year and child fire deaths never again reached even half that number, declining at a rate about 30% steeper than fire deaths overall.

The Senior SAFE grants were launched to provide education, smoke and carbon monoxide alarm installation, and other services to reduce fire-related fatalities among older adults, who now represent the age group most likely to die in a fire. As Massachusetts' older adult population increased by about 28% since 2017, per capita fire deaths have fallen by nearly 29%.

Fire departments of every city, town, fire district, and eligible state authority can apply to share $1.8 million in funding for SAFE and/or Senior SAFE expenditures. Departments must meet certain requirements, including mandatory fire data reporting, to be considered. The Notice of Funding Opportunity, grant application, and eligibility requirements are available on the Department of Fire Services' website. Applications must be submitted by 5:00 pm on September 29.

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Stephen Zrike, and community leaders joined students, families, teachers, and staff for the celebration.

"It was a really exciting first day of classes for students at the Webster Extension and the Adams School," said Mayor Robert J. Van Campen. "I'm grateful to Massachusetts Secretary of Education Dr. Stephen Zrike for joining us as we welcomed students for their first day and took a tour of the Webster Extension. The Adams School and Webster Extension are truly incredible places to learn with exceptional teachers and staff."

"There is something special about the first day of school, and Everett certainly knows how to make its youngest students feel welcomed and excited to learn," said Education Secretary Steve Zrike. "The expansion of full-day pre-kindergarten at the Webster Extension and Adams School is an important step in giving more children a strong start, and I'm grateful to the educators, staff, families, and community partners who helped make it a reality."

Following the celebration, Mayor Van Campen, Secretary Zrike, and Superintendent Hart toured the Webster Extension, led by Principal Laurie Ann Stokes.

"I echo the sentiments of Secretary of Education Dr. Stephen Zrike, who called it a festive occasion and noted that 'Everett does it right' when it comes to staging a signature event like last Wednesday's opening of full-day pre-kindergarten," said Superintendent William D. Hart. "It was great to celebrate the historic occasion with not only Secretary Zrike but Mayor Van Campen, School Committee Chairperson Samantha Hurley, Vice Chairperson Marcony Almeida Barros, and the faculty and administrators who made full-day Pre-K a reality at the Adams and Webster Extension."

Research from the University of Minnesota has found that children enrolled in full-day pre-kindergarten programs are better prepared for kindergarten, showing greater gains in literacy and language development, math skills, socioemotional development, and physical health compared to their peers in half-day programs.

The celebration marked the start of an exciting new chapter for Everett's pre-kindergarten students, who begin the school year in a full-day learning environment for the first time.

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Overcrowding // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

top of and under stairwells. I've seen locker rooms and storage spaces converted into classrooms. That is unacceptable. Some of our schools are feeling this more than others, but the reality is we have a serious space problem that we cannot continue to put off," said Mayor Robert J. Van Campen. "The decisions we make now will help determine how the next generation of Everett students learns. We have been studying this problem, looking carefully at our options and developing plans that we believe can meaningfully address the crisis in front of us. Now we need the community to be part of that conversation."

The Sept. 30 meeting will focus specifically on kindergarten through eighth-grade overcrowding and options for creating new middle school space. Overcrowding at Everett High School remains a separate priority and will be addressed through its own planning process.

"This is about our students," said Superintendent William D. Hart. "They deserve classrooms and school buildings that give them the space and environment they need to learn, grow and succeed. I'm excited that this process is moving forward, and it's important that our families and residents have a voice as we consider what the future of Everett's educational facilities should look like."

While planning for long-term solutions continues, the City has also been investing in existing properties that could play a role in Everett's future.

The City has used millions of dollars of ARPA grant funding to stabilize and preserve the former Everett High School, an approximately 350,000-square-foot public asset in a central location. The building's roof was replaced last summer, environmental remediation is nearly complete, and design work is underway for new heating and cooling equipment. Together, these improvements will help prepare the property for future use.

The City is also using grant funds to remediate the former Pope John XXIII High School property, another building that could provide additional flexibility as officials evaluate Everett's long-term educational needs. Design work is underway to replace the roofs over both sections of the 160,000-square-foot building.

"Preserving buildings like the former Everett High School and Pope John gives us options," said Mayor Van Campen. "The former high school alone gives us roughly 350,000 square feet in a central location. As community conversations unfold about the best path forward, we want assets like these available as part of the decision-making process rather than allowing them to deteriorate while we debate the future."

The work builds on the administration's commitment earlier this year to move the school planning process forward quickly while ensuring major investments are made carefully and responsibly.

The Sept. 30 community meeting is intended to bring that work directly to residents. City and EPS officials will walk attendees through the challenges facing the district, potential solutions and the considerations involved in each option before hearing questions and feedback from the community.

Community Meeting
Wednesday, Sept. 30
6:30–8:30 p.m.

Parlin School, 587 Broadway, Everett

Residents, parents, educators and members of the Everett community are encouraged to attend.

Careers // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2

building trades, apprentices combine classroom instruction with paid, on-the-job training. They learn from experienced tradespeople, develop technical skills and gain a foundation in safety, quality and teamwork. Union pathways can also provide access to structured training, strong benefits, fair wages and opportunities to advance.

A person does not need to arrive knowing exactly which trade is right for them. They need curiosity, a willingness to learn and the commitment to show up, work safely and contribute to a team. Over time, a craftsperson can become a foreperson, estimator, superintendent or project manager or build a business of their own.

From Suffolk's perspective as a construction manager, this workforce is essential to the success of every project. The workforce of the future will pair hands-on expertise with the ability to adapt to new tools and new ways of working. That combination is already helping us build more safely, efficiently and predictably.

A career decision is easier to make when people have clear information and can speak directly with those who know the answers. Sometimes, all it takes is one conversation with someone who can explain the path and help a person see themselves in it.

The Everett "Careers in the Trades" Fair will create exactly that opportunity. Unions and AEC firms will be there to talk with students, families, career changers and anyone curious about what comes next.

Attendees can learn about the many pathways into the industry. They can ask questions, compare options and begin to understand what a future in the trades could look like without having to make a decision that day.

We encourage Everett residents to come, ask questions and explore whether a career in the trades could be right for them. These careers offer the chance to earn a good living, develop valuable skills and take pride in work that strengthens our communities.

The path may begin with an apprenticeship, a training program or an entry-level opportunity. What matters most is a willingness to learn, work hard and keep growing.

For anyone ready to take that first step, the Everett "Careers in the Trades" Fair is a place to start.

Everett "Careers in the Trades" Fair

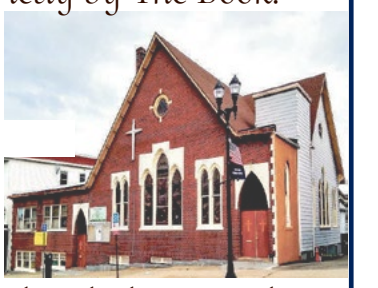
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EVERETT HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1969 CELEBRATES 75TH BIRTHDAYS

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Members of the Everett High School Class of 1969 celebrated their 75th birthdays at a get-together Saturday at Prince Restaurant in Saugus.

Several classmates turn 75 this year, the, 57 years after their graduation from Everett High School.

Under the leadership of chairperson John DiNapoli, the guests enjoyed a delicious buffet luncheon, a special 75th birthday cake, and other desserts – but more importantly it was an opportunity to celebrate a happy and momentous occasion alongside Everett friends with whom they share wonderful memories.



Kevin Carmody, Sheila Taymore, Frank Boylan, and John DiNapoli.



Donna Parisi, Lou Hery, Rosie Ciulla, Patti Napoli, and John Mackey.



Rosalie Tutrone, Phillip Cravotta, and Lillian Cravotta.



Celebrating their 75th birthdays, Greg Washington, Quetin O'Donnell, Billy Hagan, Jeanne Shea, Marie Ruggiero, Cheryl Salvi, and Fred Joyce.



Donna Parisi, Denise Rush, Eda Canter, Cathy Saia, Gary Restaino, and Roz Canter.



Birthday Party chairperson John DiNapoli, Chucky Interbartolo, Anne Hurst, Joe Bordonaro, Fred Habeeb, Lenore Habeeb, and Angela DiNapoli.

Kindness // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

player Emanuel Lerbot said to the Channel 5 reporter in an interview.

Gay offered the group a financial reward, but the players declined. "To them, it was just like, 'we're really glad that you're safe."

"The impact they had was just unbelievable," added Gay. "You don't realize what people are going through, but the littlest things make a difference. And hopefully the kindness keeps spreading."

Basketball player Gerardo Cubias said, "You feel great after doing something good. It was amazing to help her."

"Regardless of who you are, just be you and just show kindness and to whoever needs help, just help and that's it,' said senior captain Jayden Alsaindor

Summing up the feelings of everyone who watched the report, news anchor Ed Harding praised the Everett group, stating, "Way to go, guys."

Yes, it was heartwarming to see such these wonderful Everett student-athletes unhesitatingly helping a person in need of immediate assistance.

(The Channel 5 report was the basis of this story).



COURTESY IMAGES

Everett High School basketball captain Jayden Alsaindor is pictured as he was interviewed on a WCVB-TV Channel 5 report on the team's aid to a motorist whose car stalled out on Revere Beach Parkway.



Members of the Everett High School boys basketball team are interviewed by Channel 5 reporter Peter Eliopoulos in the school gymnasium.

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Discover the Freedom Trail in a new light – after dark – on the official Freedom Trail Lantern Tours. Freedom Trail Foundation announces the return of the unique Lantern Tours, offering visitors and residents the opportunity to experience the sinister history and mystery of the Freedom Trail by lantern-light! The annual Lantern Tours will be offered on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays at 6 p.m. until October 30, and Wednesday, October 28. Official Freedom Trail historic sites' evening Crypt Tours at King's Chapel and Old North Church also return this fall.

Duels, the grave of a ruthless pirate, punishments of convicted witches and more: all real and explored on the Freedom Trail Lantern Tours. Investigate the ghoulish side of Boston's iconic red-lined-path and hear historic tales too dark and macabre for daytime. Join Freedom Trail Players, darkly garbed with lanterns, and bring true accounts of appalling crimes, spies and assassins, to life on these 90-minute walking tours.

Lantern Tours start from the Boston Common Visitor Information Center plaza and illuminate the Granary and King's Chapel burying grounds as the final resting places of convicted pirates and others connected to Boston's less-illustrious past. Locations such as the Boston Massacre Site and the former site of the Old Gaol (Old Jail), adjacent to the Old State House and home to many of old Boston's most infamous criminals, are also featured along the way on the Freedom Trail.

Led by 18th-century costumed guides, Freedom Trail Foundation walking tours are $17 for adults, $15 for seniors/students, and $8 for children 12 and under. Purchase of a ticket includes a $1 donation to the Freedom Trail Foundation's Preservation Fund, which helps support preservation projects at official Freedom Trail historic sites. Tickets may be purchased at the Boston Common Visitor Information Center (8:30 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.) or online at TheFreedomTrail.org. Lantern Tours may also be scheduled as a private group tour year-round. For more information about the Lantern and Crypt Tours, please contact the Freedom Trail Foundation at 617-357-8300 or visit TheFreedomTrail.org.

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Fresh and Local

Pantry treats

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

For us, a stockpile of pantry treats began with our introduction to the Freshé line of tuna and salmon meals, which combined legumes, vegetables, fish, and a promise of high quality and sustainability. Each tin provides a complete, high-protein meal that is as easy to enjoy as opening the can.

The founders of Freshé expanded their offerings with lines of "Henry and Lisa" tinned and frozen fish. We expanded our stock of pantry treats with offerings from Patagonia Provisions, Costco, Trader Joe's, Row 34, and Fishwife. We eat our main meal at midday and often enjoy a bowl of rice topped with a selection from our high-protein tins.

Vegetables Too!

In addition to our fishy treats, we have upped our vegetable game with premium tinned and bottled veggies and legumes from Dan Barber's Row 34 canned selections, Trader Joe's canned legumes, Jovial Beans, and others. These products all have simple ingredients, great nutrition, and long use-by dates.

Higher Quality/Higher Cost

Many of our choices have a higher price tag than the other offerings on the shelf. However, they also have fewer ingredients, higher standards, higher-quality ingredients, and trusted sources and manufacturers.

In some cases, like canned trout, we stock both Fishwife for eating out of the can or over rice, and Trader Joe's for making trout pâté or adding to a salad. Both are excellent products, but Trader Joe's is lower cost, still high quality, and works well as a recipe ingredient.

The Fishwife contains smoked trout, olive oil, garlic, and salt. The Trader Joe's version has smoked trout, canola oil, and salt, plus possible additional ingredients that may matter for someone with allergies. We use it to make a trout pâté for an appetizer, and we keep it on hand.

We also watch for sales on many of our tinned pantry items. We stock up on Fishwife, Row 34, Jovial Beans, and Patagonia when they are on sale online or in the supermarket. So we save when we can. However, we strongly believe that these products are worth the cost. The quality is outstanding, and when we turn to our tinned-treat shelf for a quick supper, we know we are having a special meal, so we slow down and enjoy it.

Simple to Serve

We have to admit that since Ed loves to eat at the kitchen sink, he will sometimes pop open a can and eat it as is, without leaving the kitchen. Penny is happiest with tinned fish over brown rice. (And, by the way, that brown rice is the frozen packets from Trader Joe's cooked for three minutes in the microwave.)For a fuller meal, you can combine some of the offerings into a salad or a combined plate. A good tin of smoked salmon pairs well with Jovial Cannellini Beans and some Row 34, Badger Flame Beets. We also find our stash a great way to enhance a meal of leftovers. Often, protein is the missing element that balances a meal. Tinned protein gives you plenty of options.

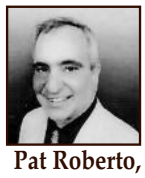
Beyond feeding us at home, our tins can also be added to picnics, roofdeck suppers, or as a cool item to introduce to friends at a potluck. We discovered Trader Joe's tinned trout when a neighbor brought a trout pâté to a roof deck gathering.

When you consider the cost of dining out or takeout when you're tired, our pantry options boost all our budgets: food, energy, and time.

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Literacy Coalition awards DiDomenico and Young for newly signed law

Special to the Independent

Senator Sal DiDomenico and his Chief of Staff, Christie Getto Young, were honored at an event by the Mass Reads Coalition and presented with awards for helping pass Massachusetts' new evidence-based literacy standards. This summer, Governor Maura Healey signed Senator Sal N. DiDomenico's landmark literacy legislation into law. This new law will transform how the Commonwealth teaches children to read to ensure every student learns this essential skill.

"I am honored to receive this award alongside my chief of staff, and it was a joy to celebrate with the advocates, parents, educators, and experts who fought for years to make these needed literacy changes a reality," said Senator Sal N. DiDomenico, Senate Chair of the Conference Committee and the lead Senate bill sponsor. "I could not have gotten this bill passed without Christie, who worked tirelessly to draft this bill, lead it through the legislative process, and work out the final details in the conference committee. This new law will ensure all our students learn the essential skills of reading and writing, and early literacy curriculum will be evidenced based in every community throughout the Commonwealth."

Mass Reads is a powerful statewide coalition of educators, parents, literacy experts, and policy advocates, driving the movement to ensure every child in Massachusetts reads on grade level. State Representative Simon Cataldo and State Representative Danillo A. Sena, who lead on this bill in the House, were also recognized at the event.



Senator Sal DiDomenico and Christie Getto Young with their awards alongside Mary Tamer.



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