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Everett woman gets support from UMass Lowell on path to become a physician

By Seth Daniel

Many years ago, as a child, Everett’s Shakira Fedna watched as a man was beaten outside her home nearly to death, and in the ensuring chaos, she recalls seeing a woman – a doctor – rush to the scene and care for the man, maybe saving his life.

It was with that one event at a young age that Fedna, 19, has embarked on a pre-med pathway at UMass Lowell, and not seeing a lot of women of color or students from Everett in the program, she has relied on a support network initiated by the college called Medical Profession Admission Gap Initiative and Collaboration, or MAGIC, that has helped her adjust and continue on her pathway to that dream that formed long ago.

“I have always wanted to do medicine since I was younger,” she said. “When I lived in Haiti growing up...I was at home and there was a fight outside and this man was beaten

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CONCERT KICK OFF



PHOTO BY DAVID RIVERA

Jenn Levy (lead vocalist) and Hal Holiday (founder, lead vocalist) starting the concert last Thursday, July 15, in Wehner Park. Though cancelled once due to rain, the concert kicked off the upcoming summer series. See Page 7 for more photos.

Fire study suggests adding fourth station, re-purposing Central Fire

By Seth Daniel

The recently-released Fire Study done by Municipal Services recommends adding a fourth, new Fire Station as the City continues to grow, but controversially also suggests re-purposing the recently-renovated Central Fire Station into an EMS, or ambulance, outpost.

The Fire Study came out earlier this month from Donald Bliss, former New Hampshire Fire Marshal and owner of Municipal

Services, and made 65 recommendations, of which only a fraction were controversial. The hope, Bliss said at a meeting two weeks ago, was to provide a roadmap forward as the City and its Fire Service continues to evolve.

A chief recommendation of the report – aside from the in-house ambulance issue that was resolved separately last week – was to construct and open a new fire station in the southern section of the City, preferably Lower

Broadway.

“Based on what we see for your growth, we recommend a new Fire Station for the southern section of the city,” said Bliss. “I have to say your existing headquarters has some difficulties, particularly using it as an administrative headquarters. It’s not accessible to the public. You have to walk through the crew quarters area to get to the Fire Chief and Fire Prevention Offices. It’s really not designed for the operations of an

urban Fire Department. We would encourage if there is a new station developed, that it would become the administrative headquarters.”

The study recommended keeping the recently-renovated Hancock Street station, the Ferry Street Station and building a new Fire Station and Headquarters on Lower Broadway in the Robin Street area, or any other place on the eastern side

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Pressley secures \$750,000 in community project funding for Island End River Area Flood Resiliency project

Staff Report

Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley announced the successful inclusion of \$750,000 in federal community project funding for the City of Chelsea’s and City of Everett’s Island End River Regional Coastal Flood Resiliency project.

Congresswoman Pressley visited the Island End on June 2, and voiced her support for the initiative by the two cities to build in flood protection to protect the New England Produce Center – a critical food source for the region.

Funding for the project, which Pressley has been advocating for through Congress’ Community Project Funding initiative, will be used to advance a regional flood resilience plan to protect the cities of Everett and Chelsea. This



Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley speaks to officials from Chelsea and Everett during her June 2 visit to the Island End River site.

project would provide critical flood and sea level rise protection for highly populated regions that not only host life-critical food security and energy essential infrastructure but are also prone to coastal flooding and record coastal storms.

“As Congress works to advance bold investments

in the nation’s infrastructure, environmental justice must be front-and-center, and that means protecting our cities and towns from the ongoing and long-term impacts of climate change. This funding will help Chelsea and Everett, two frontline communities, enhance their climate resiliency and help prevent further climate change-related disaster,” said Congresswoman Pressley. “I thank City Manager Ambrosino, Mayor DeMaria, and all of our advocates for their close partnership throughout this process, and look forward to seeing this important project across the finish line.”

Said Mayor Carlo DeMaria, “The New England region relies the distribution of fresh produce from warehouse facilities located in Everett and Chelsea, which moved from the Faneuil Hall Marketplace

in the 1960s to our Market Street neighborhood,” said Everett Mayor Carlo DeMaria. “In addition, we have electric generation facilities, fuel storage facilities, and commuter rail service in the area. All of this area has a history of flooding and will experience more in the future. This will be not only a huge economic disruption, but promises to be a huge environmental catastrophe with sea level rise, increasing and more frequent storm surge. I commend Ayanna Pressley taking on this enormous and under-appreciated task, because the consequences of doing nothing would be nothing short of disastrous.”

GreenRoots Director Roseann Bongiovanni said they were glad to have hosted Pressley last month and were excited that she

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Several candidates seeking election to School Committee

By Seth Daniel

The Everett School Committee has historically been less than competitive over the years in political races, but the cap has seemingly been removed from the bottle this year, and not only are there several contested races, but as of this week there will be at least one Preliminary Election contest for School Committee, and likely two.

On Monday, Ward 6 School Committee was assured a Preliminary on Sept. 21 when incumbent Member Tom Abruzzese and current Ward 6 City Councilor Michael McLaughlin were certified for the ballot – joining already-certified Catherine Tomassi Hicks.

“That’s the way it

should be,” said Abruzzese. “I’ve been on and off the School Committee for 20 years and it’s the first time I’ve been involved in a Preliminary. I can’t even recall there being a Mayoral Preliminary and I remember back to George McCarthy and Mayor Plunkett. It’s exciting and it will be new and different. Hopefully my record speaks for itself. I’d like to think I had a big part in our new superintendent being chosen. If that’s the legacy, that’s fine with me.”

It was questionable whether or not Abruzzese would turn in signatures due to the fact that his long-time colleague, Chair Frank Parker, decided last month to not run for re-election. However,

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ZBA considers Second Street building, addition to Broadway

By Seth Daniel

The Everett Zoning Board (ZBA) is considering two building projects on the Second Street/Broadway corridor this month that would keep the momentum going on and near the Commercial Triangle.

The first project includes a nine unit, new construction building at 523-531 Second Street, just off of the Parkway, and across the street from the Commercial Triangle hotbed. The current use is industrial, and the building would be demolished to make way for the three-story residential building.

The developer, Jeremy Seeger, had developed a

building successfully on Laurel Street, which started out very controversially, but ended up as a successful re-use of an old heating oil depot.

Attorney Anthony Rossi is representing him and said it is a pretty straightforward project, with nine units in a new building that met most zoning standards. The building is across the street from the old Silver Fox Function Hall, which some public officials have said recently has also been sold for potential development. That could not be confirmed, however.

The Second Street matter did get a public airing at the ZBA on Monday.

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Everett Public Schools summer programs are shining brightly

Special to the Independent

Bigger and better. That is the easiest, most effective way to describe the summer programming introduced this month by the Everett Public Schools for all grades.

While high schoolers are also benefiting from a wide array of new offerings, for the first time, the district is offering K-8 academic programs at multiple schools, as well as

enrichment opportunities in music, technology, fitness and athletics, chess, languages, and arts. This gives families greater flexibility, and students more chances to reconnect with their classmates after the tumultuous 2020-2021 school year. All programs are free and include breakfast, lunch, and snacks. This is a tremendous enhancement

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Supt. Priya Tahiliani visits with Parlin Site Coordinator Alessandro Cornelio, and Parlin Principal Dennis Lynch last week to check up on the K-8 summer programming there.

Pressley urges Biden administration to support Haitian community amid ongoing political crisis



The COVID-19 pandemic has overwhelmed the nation's already limited public health infrastructure. Gang violence and bloodshed and ongoing kidnapping of civilians have displaced thousands from their homes. A report conducted by the United Nations Office for the Coordinating

Additionally, the lawmakers called on DHS to finally halt all deportations of Haitian migrants amid the political crisis and the continued spread of COVID-19, noting that the Biden Administration has deported more than 2,000 Haitian migrants since the start of the administration—despite placing moratorium on deportations of immigrants already in the coun-

Last week, the lawmakers issued a statement condemning the assassination of President Moïse and calling for swift and decisive action to bring political stability and peace to Haiti and the Haitian people.



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"You can see, hear, and feel genuine enjoyment among our students and staff when visiting our schools and classrooms," says Superintendent Private

Locations for these programs are spread across the district and city, from Everett High, to elementary schools, to Glendale, Rossetti and 7 Acre parks.

The district's summer programming will end during the first week of August, after which EPS leadership will perform a thorough review of feedback from site coordinators and teachers. "This summer has been a great beginning of our new refreshing approach to summer learning," Superintendent Tahiliani concluded. "As always, we will make any necessary adjustments and seize on any and all opportunities for growth."

Adrien endorsed for Mayor by Environmental League of Massachusetts Action Fund

“Everett is on the front lines of the climate crisis,” said Adrién. “We see it in the high asthma rates for those living next to the Mystic Generating Station, the history of heavy pollution in the Mystic and Malden River, the contaminated land in the former Monsanto site, and more. Everett deserves a mayor that will not only take the city to a healthy sustain-

Another goal would create a sustainable and equitable future for all

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This notice is to inform you that a public hearing will be held on Monday, August 2nd, at 6:30 P.M. at Everett City Hall, 2nd Floor, in room 27. Opinions will be heard regarding the following application:

An application has been presented to the License Commission from Bone Up Brewing Company, 85 Tileston Street, Everett, MA., for an Alteration of Licensed Premises. All interested parties may attend.

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The image shows the East Boston Savings Bank logo, which includes a compass rose with 'N', 'S', 'E', and 'W' and the text 'East Boston Savings Bank' and 'Home of Respectful Banking'. To the left is a Newsweek award graphic that says 'AMERICA'S BEST BANKS 2011'. Below the award is a small house icon with 'OWN YOUR LENDER' and 'NMLS # 457291 Member FDIC | Member DIF'. At the bottom left is a Facebook icon and the URL 'Facebook.com/EastBostonSavingsBank'. The phone number '800.657.3272' and website 'EBSB.com' are on the right.

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NOT VACCINATED? COVID-19 WILL GET YOU -- AND YOUR FAMILY

When we were writing about COVID-19 last year at the height of the pandemic, we often put it this way: COVID-19 is a hunter and we, the human animal, are its prey.

In the summer of 2021, another way to think about it is this: COVID-19 is a microscopic version of the alien monsters in the popular sci-fi movies A Quiet Place or The Tomorrow War in which the aliens have invaded Earth and are seeking to exterminate the human race. In both of those films, the humans have banded together to fight the aliens in order to avoid extinction. In particular, the heroes in those movies do whatever they can to protect their families. However, unlike in the movies, many of the humans on our planet, especially here in the United States, are not acting with the same degree of rationality and unity in fighting COVID-19.

Virus infections and hospitalizations are rising sharply across the United States thanks to the Delta variant, an updated version of the virus, that is both more transmissible and causes more serious disease.

However, as President Biden succinctly put it, the new surge in cases is occurring almost entirely among those who are not vaccinated.

More than 160 million Americans have received vaccinations, roughly half of the country. However, the vaccination rate varies widely depending upon the geographic region. In the Northeast and the West Coast, vaccination rates are in the range of 70 percent, compared to under 40 percent in large areas of the South and middle of the country.

Predictably, the increase in infections, hospitalizations, and deaths are surging in those under-vaccinated areas. The numbers don't lie. It was reported last week that the seven-day moving average of new COVID-19 cases across the country increased by 16%, but that 93% of those cases were among counties with low vaccination rates.

In states with high vaccination rates, new infections are occurring almost solely among the unvaccinated. In the state of Maryland, which has a high vaccination rate, 99% of new COVID cases are occurring in persons who are not vaccinated.

The Delta variant that is now prevalent in the U.S. and across the globe is more than twice as transmissible as the original version of COVID-19. Fortunately, all three of the vaccines being used in this country (Pfizer, Moderna, and J&J) are highly-effective against infection by the Delta variant.

In addition, we have more than enough of the vaccine to inoculate every American against this dreaded disease. America is the richest country in the world and we have used our wealth to encourage the development and production of vaccines and to purchase a supply sufficient to immunize every American.

The incredible success in developing successful vaccines has been the equivalent of a 21st century Manhattan Project, which was the scientific effort to develop the nuclear bomb that eventually ended World War II.

So why are so many of our fellow citizens hesitant to get the vaccine?

President Biden noted that misinformation -- and outright disinformation -- on social media platforms are killing people. He also should have added that disinformation campaigns on certain so-called mainstream news networks similarly are contributing to vaccine hesitancy.

If you are relying on your Facebook friends or some other on-line (or mainstream news network) to persuade you from getting the vaccine, then you are a victim of bad information that can harm you and your families.

In short, the simple -- but brutal -- truth is this: If you and your loved ones are not vaccinated, it is inevitable that COVID-19 will find you, just like those science-fiction aliens in the movies. And just like the movies, for all too many of the unvaccinated, the outcome will be deadly.

Independent Forum

GUEST OP-ED

Fast track to turmoil

Dr. Glenn Mollette

A happy and secure life does not mean immediate gratification.

We have heard these words before, "I want it all and I want it now." Wanting the things of life as quickly as possible is natural. Some climb the career ladder quickly achieving epic heights at young ages. Many burn the candle at both ends in order to have the biggest house the finance company will allow. Some want to have a certain number of children by a certain age along with a mega career, housing, cars and all that a segment of society considers successful.

However, is your mental sanity worth the stress of all that it usually takes to get as much and as fast as you can? The common

consensus by many is, "I don't want to wait until I'm old to have a nice house." Or, "I don't want to wait to enjoy the finer things of life."

An old acquaintance bought an expensive house in California a few years back and remarked, "I couldn't wait to get into that incredible house and then I couldn't wait until we sold it." Another friend remarked, "The greatest day in my life was when I bought my boat and the second greatest day was when I sold it." Our view of life's wants and needs change throughout life. We look at some things as if we can't live until we get them. After awhile we realize life was simpler and more manageable before we had them.

Consider pacing yourself. Remember this word

as much as possible -- afford. Try to buy, drive and live with the afford word as your ongoing theme. If you can't afford it you certainly don't need it, whatever it is. Don't overbuy on your house. Buy what you can afford now and maybe soon you can sell and buy greater. If you are living beyond what you can afford you will end up losing ground. Getting behind with making payments on property or having to file bankruptcy will only put the things you want out of reach. Destroying your credit rating only dismantles what you will want to buy next.

So, take your time. Trying to spend more and buy more than you can afford does not make you a greater person in anyone's minds or eyes. Keep in mind that it's your life and

there's nothing better than living life with peace of mind. If you can be comfortable, eat well and have a good daily life of health then what more do you really want? If you want more, then take your time, do good and more will probably become available to you. The wisdom writer of Proverbs said in 15:16, "Better a little with fear of the Lord than great wealth with turmoil."

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MassDOT prioritizes Mystic Pedestrian/Bike bridge for federal infrastructure funding

By Seth Daniel

The long-hoped-for Mystic River Pedestrian/Bike bridge that would connect a critical missing link for the Northern Strand Trail has been prioritized as one of three projects by MassDOT to receive federal infrastructure funding.

Last week, MassDOT releases the news that three projects statewide had been submitted for funding under the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant program. The program is run by the U.S. Department of Transportation and takes applications from the 50 states for competitive funding to help travel and safety for pedestrians, bicyclists, rail and public transit customers.

The \$32 million pedestrian/bicycle bridge runs from the Encore Boston Harbor casino HarborWalk, which is the current terminus of the Northern Strand, to the Draw 7 Park in Somerville on the shores of the Mystic River. It would connect bike paths in Somerville, Cambridge and Boston -- as well as an Orange Line Station on the banks at Assembly Row. It joins projects in Lynn and Springfield.

The state application seeks \$25 million in federal RAISE Grant funding for the Mystic

River Bicycle and Pedestrian Bridge. The project would provide important pedestrian and bicycle access from the Lower Broadway neighborhood of Everett, including the recently opened Encore Boston Harbor resort, to the MBTA Orange Line Assembly Station, read the application.

"This federal discretionary grant program gives us an opportunity to take on multi-modal projects that will increase and improve safer public travel options across the Commonwealth," said Acting Transportation Secretary and CEO Jamey Tesler. "RAISE Grants have the potential to open doors to safer, more efficient, and more secure travel where we have seen a demand from the public for improved connections and we appreciate the support of community members and advocates who have worked closely with members of the MassDOT team to put forth these comprehensive project applications."

Encore had put forth the money long ago to design and engineer the Bridge, which has a striking curved design and a suspension aspect that mimics the Zakim/Bunker Hill Bridge further up the corridor.

"We are pleased that the Mystic River Bicycle and Pedestrian bridge is being considered for a RAISE Grant and are in full sup-

port of providing greater access to the City of Everett and a direct connection between Everett and the MBTA Orange Line at Assembly Station," said Rose Salisbury, spokesperson for Encore Boston Harbor.

Mayor Carlo DeMaria said the bridge has been part of his vision for that area over a period of many years, and it's exciting to see it prioritized.

"The Mystic River Pedestrian Bridge has been a vision of my administration for many years as it will provide safe and direct pedestrian and bicycle access from the Northern Strand Trail to the MBTA station in Assembly Row and connect with other planned trails in Charlestown, Somerville and Medford," he said. "It connects not only Everett, but the entire North Shore to the regional trail and transit network. I want to thank Governor Baker and Secretary Tessler for recognizing the incredible potential of this bridge and their commitment to securing the necessary funding resources to see it completed."

Patrick Herron, director of the Mystic River Watershed Association (MyRWA), said this will be the most important missing link in the path to the Mystic River, if funded.

"The Mystic crossing from Everett to Somerville is the missing link

to connect residents of the North Shore to the Orange Line and better access to Somerville and the City of Boston," said Herron. "We are grateful for the work of MassDOT and the Cities of Somerville and Everett for their response to the overwhelming community support for this project. This is exactly the kind of active transportation links we need to be making to public transportation and the high density of jobs in the area for a sustainable economy and resilient communities."

The three MassDOT RAISE Grant applications are subject to selection by the USDOT and specific RAISE Grant Program criteria which includes investments in transportation projects with local and regional impacts that also achieve national objectives. Previously, the program has awarded over \$8.9 billion to projects throughout the nation. For this round of grant applications, USDOT has appropriated \$1 billion total in RAISE grants prioritizing projects that can improve racial equity, reduce the effects of climate change, and create jobs, with a maximum grant of \$25 million for one project proposal and a total for each state of \$100 million. This round of RAISE grants is scheduled to be awarded by November 22, 2021.

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Everett Schools begin planning for September

By Seth Daniel

With the first day of school just a bit over a month away, the Everett Public Schools (EPS) are already starting to plan for the upcoming school year so that things get off to a good start in the wake of nearly a full year of remote learning.

Supt. Priya Tahiliani said they have started working on the plan, focusing on six areas for the re-opening, including:

- Safe Facilities
- Technology
- Social Emotional Wellness
- Staff Hiring
- Educator Training
- Vaccination Clinic

One of the biggest preparations is getting things ready and moving ahead with technology. Supt. Tahiliani said when she arrived, Everett was behind in the world of technology, and due to the pandemic, the district moved at light speed to try to catch up.

She said they are really focusing on the district’s technology capabilities now that they know what they can do from a year of remote learning.

“Every student in the district will be allowed a ChromeBook – not just for remote learning but for in-person learning with technology,” she said.

“The overall goal of

this is to close the homework gap for students that don’t have connectivity,” she said. “We have shown tremendous growth in technology at EPS. To be honest, when I came in and found where the district was on this, we were not a leader in this area. But we have moved forward and wide very fast.”

In addition there are 200 Dell laptops secured for the STEM program, and they have six Mac Carts for computer teachers that have to move from classroom to classroom at the elementary levels. They have begun replacing outdated SmartBoards with ClearTouch TVs for the classrooms, also making sure all educators are provided Mac laptops to help teach their classes.

Facility safety has also been heavily focused on, she said, noting that the air conditioner projects at the Keverian and Everett High are underway and complete or will be completed. Heating projects at the Lafayette and English Schools will be done by the fall.

There has also been a robust program put in place to replace filters and clean HVAC systems – as well as to service the air purifiers that were put in place last year in the midst of COVID-19.

Hiring teachers is another major piece of this

puzzle, and to date Tahiliani said they have filled 16 of the 55 open positions – with new teacher orientation beginning on Aug. 23.

“Our interview and hiring process is ongoing and it reaches more people and has more of a process than was done previously here,” she said.

Additionally, at the Administrative level, Everett High Asst. Principal Cory McCarthy will be transitioning to the Chief Equity Officer for the district, and Kelly-Ann Cooney will become the Director of English Learners.

There is also a robust curriculum, called the Open Circle Curriculum, that is being implemented to help with social-emotional wellness. That includes targeted interventions, restorative justice training, new student clubs, meditation/self-awareness implementation and social-emotional learning through art and music.

The first day of school for grades K-12 will be a half-day on Aug. 31.

There will be full days of school on Sept. 1 and 2 for all grades, with no school on Friday, Sept. 3, or Monday, Sept. Sept. 6. School for K-12 will resume after the Labor Day holiday on Sept. 7, with pre-K coming for their first day on Sept. 7.

FROM THE MAYOR’S OFFICE

Meet the team: Asima Memic

What do you do in the City?

“I worked down the Connolly Center in the beginning, delivering food to the seniors and delivering what they need, Here in the Facilities now, I make sure the City Hall is clean and presentable for not only our residents, but for the workers at City Hall.”

What is your favorite part about working for the City?

“I love the team work



dynamic a the City of Everett. We all help each other out, and together we make the community better.”

What is the biggest

lesson you’ve learned from your roll?

“I think the biggest lesson is that we need to always help one another, and learn from one another as well.”

What do you like to do when your are not working?

“Spending time with my family and my kids going to the beach and enjoying this warm weather!”

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badly, half to death, over what I think was a money conflict. He was lying on the street half-dead and there was a crowd and no one knew what to do because there was no one really trained in medicine. Then a Black woman came to help him and I was mesmerized by her. I asked my mom what she was, and my mom said she was a doctor. From then on, I wanted to be the kind of person that could save a life.”

Fedna went to elementary school in Malden, but moved to Everett before high school, graduating Everett High in 2019. She went to college at UMass Lowell and is majoring in Biology on a pre-med track with a Spanish minor. She was excited to begin her pathway to being a doctor, but quickly realized there weren’t a lot of people like her – specifically Black women – in the program, and also not a lot of urban kids from places like Everett.

That’s where MAGIC stepped in and helped her connect with other like students in order to get acclimated and to feel comfortable in a situation that could become overwhelming and derail her dream.

“The program gave me a group of people with a similar background as me and helped me navigate my first year on campus,” she said. “Because there is not a lot of representation in my field, it’s been great to find people that are confident and helped me see that I can do it too...”

Chemistry Associate Teaching Prof. Khalilah Reddie started the MAGIC program when he saw bright students falling by the wayside and noticed they were mostly from urban schools or were students of color.

For Reddie, who teaches multiple sections of Organic Chemistry, the program is focused on providing support to students from groups that are underrepresented in medicine, including Black, Hispanic and Southeast Asian American students. Many, like Fedna, are first-generation college students who come from school districts that don’t offer many advanced-placement science classes or prepare them well for the critical-thinking section of the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT), Reddie said.

“These kids aren’t given a fair chance from the get-go,” Reddie said. “They are playing catch-up from the day they start college. Most of them are behind on every metric – reading, chemistry skills – but we can give them a fair shot. We can provide



Everett’s Shakira Fedna, a biology major at UMass Lowell on a pre-med track, said without the help of innovative programs designed to help diverse students from places like Everett, she would have given up on her life-long dream of being a physician. Now, she has been accepted into a highly-selective prep program at UMass Medical School and continues into her junior year this August at UMass Lowell on the pre-med track. She is shown here at her job working at CVS as a pharmacy tech.

equity in their educational pathway.”

So with support from the Kennedy College of Sciences and Vice Provost for Academic Affairs Julie Nash, Reddie started MAGIC in fall 2019. Francine Coston, associate director of Multicultural Affairs, and Shontae Praileau, coordinator of College-Based Advising, helped Reddie to structure MAGIC and then identify incoming first-year students and rising sophomores who showed academic promise and a strong interest in pursuing medical and other health careers.

That fall, 40 first- and second-year students enrolled, including Fedna, who also works as a pharmacy tech at a CVS store. MAGIC provides twice-weekly tutoring in Chemistry I and II for first-year students and Organic Chemistry I and II for sophomores. The students also learn about the medical school admission process.

Fedna, who has been accepted in the UMass Medical School’s BaccMD program, was going to drop her pre-med dreams when she was having trouble with biology her first year, and focus on public health. However, with MAGIC and Reddie’s support, she pushed on.

“When I was in high school, I didn’t know anyone from my area that felt they could make it to that dream of becoming a physician,” she said.

“I was working so much trying to pay for school that half the time I didn’t even know why I was doing what I was doing,” Fedna continued. “But I went into biology because I love biology and I knew if I opted out of it, I’d be disappointed in myself. So I decided to stick with it.”

That support is one reason Fedna said she is nothing but happy with her choice to attend UMass Lowell – noting that it was

a school where faculty understood and were willing to give the little extra push to someone like her so that she wouldn’t give up.

Now, she is parlaying that confidence to push into the field of OB/GYN within the medical industry – saying so many in that field do not understand or represent women of color, or women in general.

“My interest has a lot to do with my interest in women’s anatomy and women’s health, but also systemic racism that occurs in OB/GYN,” she said. “I’ve heard a lot of stories about women who aren’t cared for properly or can’t find an OB/GYN. As a person of color, when I look for an OB/GYN, I feel the same way. I want to be that option for women out there looking and concerned about their health.”

She said she would not be where she is without the support of her mother, Rosenie, and her siblings – including Ewnie, Marvin and Samy Fedna.

“Without my mom, I would not be the person I am or where I am today,” she said.

In addition to keeping on the pre-med track at UMass Lowell, Fedna will also be attending the BaccMD program. BaccMD students attend residential summer programs and a monthly book group that introduce them to different medical specialties while preparing them for the MCAT through projects, physics instruction and seminar-style discussions.

Fedna said she encourages any students at Everett High School who want to be doctors not to give up on that dream because of where they come from, or what they look like.

“I want to encourage a lot of pre-meds,” she said. “It’s a long road, but the road does end and it’s very attainable.”

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of Broadway. That would serve to cover an area that isn’t entirely covered correctly – that being the quickly growing Lower Broadway and Commercial Triangle areas. It would also allow for developing a modern administration and situation command center office.

However, the controversy comes in that they don’t recommend that the Department continue to use Central Fire as a traditional station, a recommendation opposed by the Everett Fire Union.

“We believe three stations provide adequate coverage so we would also recommend closing one existing station,” said Bliss. “Maybe keep the headquarters as an ambulance and rescue operations base.”

Union President Craig Hardy said they’ve been calling for a new station, but they don’t agree with closing an existing station.

“We don’t think that’s best,” he said. “We want a new fire station on the south end of the city, but we don’t need to also eliminate a station. We need to add stations.”

That will be a point of contention between the Fire administration, the City and the Union as they use the report to move forward. One key thing is that there will have to be some expansion or new structures to house the department as the City continues to grow.

“The City is going to be experiencing more rapid growth – the Commercial Triangle and the potential expansion of the casino and the expansion of the Silver Line...with some high rises and potential for biotech labs,” said Bliss. “All of this development will have an impact on



The recently-released Fire Study of the Everett Fire Department suggests adding a fourth station in the Lower Broadway area, and then converting the recently-renovated Central Fire Station into an ambulance and EMS center. The Everett Fire Union opposes that recommendation and wants four fire stations and no closures.

your fire service and you will need to be ready for it.”

Hardy said there was another red flag for them in the report, and that was to remove the entire department out of Civil Service – something he said would take away important protections for the Department.

Bliss said by eliminating Civil Service hiring and firing practices, the City could be more nimble to hire and replace fire service workers without the red tape that comes with Civil Service. However, Hardy said what they call red tape is something his union calls job protection and the elimination of politics from the job.

“The Civil Service thing was a red flag for us,” he said. “I think it’s more about a City wish list. Then they parlayed that into racial diversity, and our lack of that. They said we are all white men and we aren’t all white men. The Department is predominately white men, but we have men of color...It’s a tough statement.”

The report by Bliss did

identify that the racial and gender diversity on the Fire Department is not reflective of the City, and he said hiring should take that into account going forward.

“Simply put, your Fire Department does not reflect the population of your city at all,” he said.

Hardy said the Union is not disappointed with all of the study.

“The study is not all bad,” he said. “There are a lot of things in there we agree with...We do think the study was a little skewed to help the City... but the study also did us a lot of favors because it suggests things we’ve asked for over a long period of time.”

One of those is to implement the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standard for manpower that Hardy said they’ve been discussing for years, as well as providing a real health and wellness plan for all members.

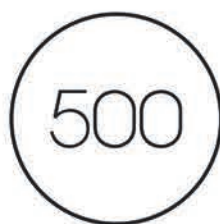
The full study was presented to the Council two weeks ago, and does remain in Committee for further, detailed study.

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HAL HOLIDAY AND THE TONES KICK-OFF SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

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The weather finally co-operated long enough to get the kick-off concert in on Thursday, July 15, in Wehner Park, where Hal Holiday and the Tones got folks dancing and toe-tapping all evening. More concerts are upcoming through the summer.



Lorraine Sacco showing her dance steps to her friends.



Mary Ann (left), and friend (right) showing off their dance steps during the concert.



The Velev Family and a friend waited for the concert to start.



Dave Mitchell (lead guitarist).

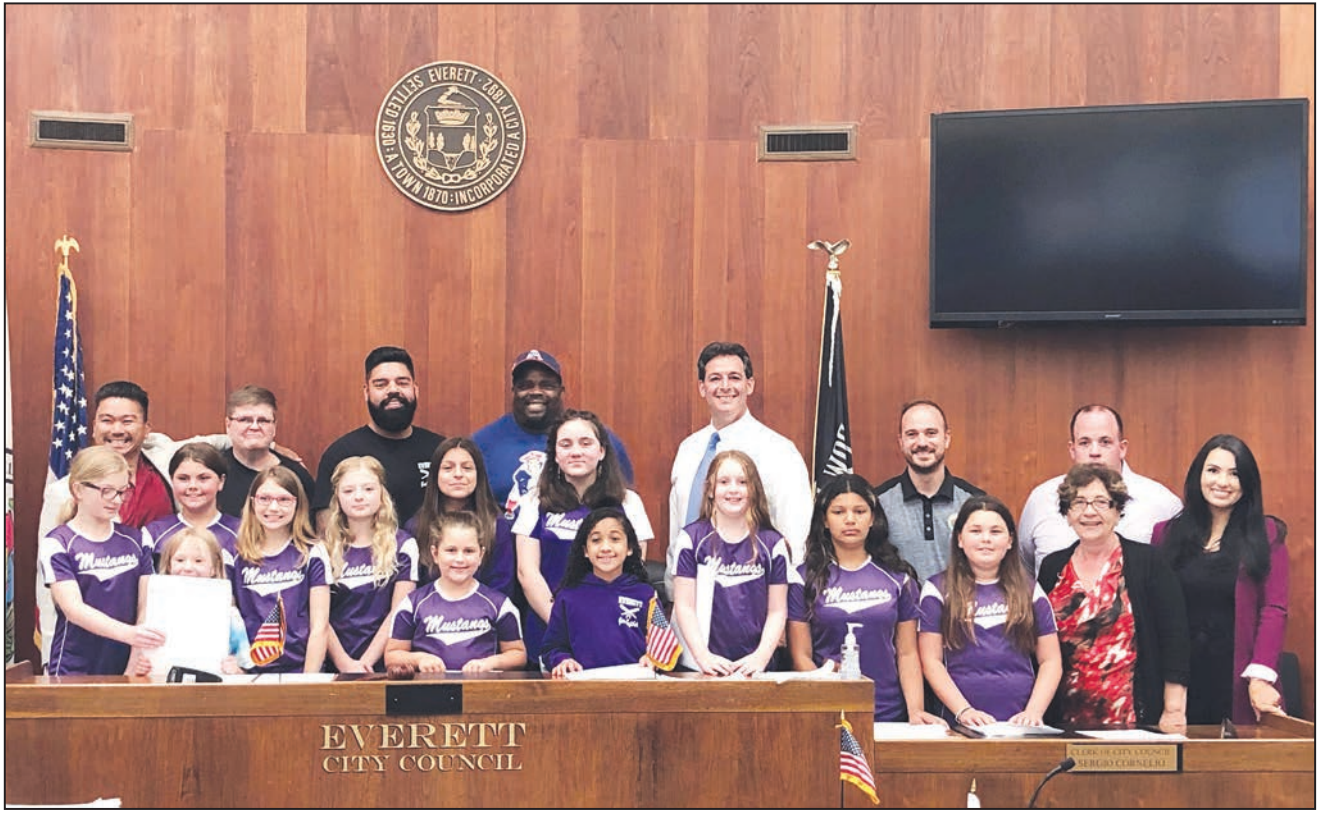


Toby the dog drinking water from an Everett City worker at the concert.

MINOR LEAGUE CHAMPIONS RECEIVE CITATIONS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL



The 2021 Everett Little League Minor League Champions, Athletics, Receive Citations from the City Council Athletics' coaches and players are shown with Councilors Fred Capone, Rosa DiFlorio, Michael McLaughlin, Stephanie Martins, Jimmy Tri Le, and City Clerk Sergio Cornelio.



The 2021 Everett Girls Softball Minor League Champions, Mustangs, Receive Citations from the City Council Mustang coaches and players are shown with Councilors Fred Capone, Jimmy Tri Le, Rosa DiFlorio, Michael McLaughlin, Stephanie Martins, and City Clerk Sergio Cornelio.

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•366 BROADWAY
Attorney Rossi said he is also proposing his own development of 366 Broadway, which would be adding three stories to the top of an existing two-story office building that houses the Super Burrito Restaurant and professional offices. It also includes a very spacious parking lot in the back.
Rossi said he intends to create 20 units of housing in the expanded property, if approved, though he said he's also entertaining the possibility of seizing on the dedicated bus lane in front of the property and making more micro-units.
He said that is all still up in the air right now, but something will be done.
"Either way, it will be developed this year," he said.



A rendering of the proposed development on Second Street just off the Parkway, proposed by Jeremy Seeger, who previously developed an apartment building on Laurel Street.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

EVERETT DEMOCRATIC CITY COMMITTEE TO HOLD MEETING AND 2021 CAUCUS

The Everett Democratic City Committee has two important meetings scheduled. Given the ongoing concerns surrounding Covid, both meetings will be held virtually via Zoom. If you wish to participate in either or both meetings, please send an email to everettdems6@gmail.com to receive a registration link.

The first is the Committee organizational meeting, to be held on Tuesday, July 27, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. This meeting is being held for the purpose of electing new members as well as electing officers to the ward and the city committees. Participation in the organizational meeting is open to all Everett registered Democrats.

The Democratic Committee Annual Caucus will be held on Saturday, July 31st, at 10:00 a.m. Registration will open at 9:30 a.m. and close promptly at 10:00 a.m. Once registration is closed and the caucus begins, no additional registration will be permitted.

The purpose of the caucus is to elect delegates and alternates to the 2021 Massachusetts Democratic Convention. The convention will be held on Saturday, September 25, 2021, at the Tsongas Center in Lowell. Delegates will come together to discuss and vote on the Party Platform.

Participation in the caucus is open to all Everett registered Democrats. Youth, minorities, people with disabilities and LGBTQ individuals who are not elected as a delegate or alternate may apply to be an add-on delegate at the caucus or at www.massdems.org.

EVERETT SENIORS ON THE ROAD AGAIN!!

Mayor Carlo DeMaria and The Council on Aging have planned a long awaited trip to Maine for our annual Lobster Bake for Wednesday September 22, 2021. Our luxury Silver Fox coach will pick us up at The Everett Stadium Parking lot at 8:30am. Our first stop is the famed Stonewall Kitchen, where you will have time to browse through the many

jellies, jams and other on-site made goodies. Our next stop is the fabulous Foster's for a traditional Down East lobster bake. Our meal includes, New England clam chowder, Steamed mussels and Maine Clams, Fresh lobster (or chicken) baked potato and dessert. After our feast, we will stop at When Pigs fly artisan breads, and then to Yummies Candy emporium, featuring over 10,000lbs of bulk candy, packed sweets and vintage products. Reservations must be made in person with our trip coordinators Hazel McNeil and Carol Dello Russo, at The Connolly Center August 9 through August 13. Please make checks payable to The City of Everett. For additional information please call 617.394.2323 or 617.394.2260.

THE COMMUNITY FAMILY AWARDED GRANT FROM THE FOUNDATION TRUST

The Community Family is pleased to announce that it has been awarded a grant from the Foundation Trust for weekly exercise programs at its Everett and Wakefield adult day health centers. The Community Family's Everett and Wakefield centers offers stimulating day programs for elders and disabled adults living in the community but in need of some supportive services.

The Foundation Trust's generous grant will provide a year of weekly exercise programs through Forever Fit, LLC. Forever Fit designs exercise programs for seniors to increase strength and flexibility while reducing the risk of falls. The exercise program at the Everett and Wakefield centers can be done while seated making it possible for everyone to participate.

"There is such a need for safe and engaging spaces for our disabled and senior community members. The Foundation Trust is proud to enter into this partnership to support the social, emotional, and physical well-being of participants at The Community Family," said Lauren Liecau, Manager of the Foundation Trust.

Through this grant the Foundation Trust is improving the overall quality of life for seniors and disabled adults living in our communities. Both The Community Family

and the Foundation Trust are dedicated to restoring dignity and quality of care for older adults living with chronic conditions.

The Community Family is a community-based nonprofit with 43 years of service. This new initiative will positively impact the lives of those attending the Everett and Wakefield centers. Participants at the Community Family's adult day health centers enjoy home-like secure settings where they benefit from nursing care, engaging activities, meals and friendships.

To find out more about The Community Family's service or eligibility visit www.communityfamily.org or call 617-381-6248.

SHOTS FIRED

The Everett Police Department is currently investigating a report of shots fired which occurred at approximately 1130 a.m. on Sunday in the area of Shute Street and Russell Place in Everett. The vehicle involved in the incident has been located by the Everett Police Department.

Initial reports indicated that there may have been an attempted abduction, however, after further investigation the police believe the parties were known to one another. This is an isolated incident and there is no threat to the neighborhood or City at this time.

If anybody has information regarding this incident they are asked to call the Everett Police Department at 617-389-2120.

SUMMER SAFETY MOVIE NIGHT

Please join neighbors and friends for the City's Summer Safety Movie Night happening next week on July 22, starting at 7 p.m., Everett Veterans Memorial Stadium located on Cabot Street.

This is a free event and all are welcomed to attend.

The featured movie will be Space Jam (1996).

Move begins at 8:30 p.m. The event is to promote safety on the roads and will be family friendly. There will be safety activities, giveaways and fun for the whole family, including popcorn for the movie.

COVID TESTING SITE ANNOUNCED

The Everett COVID-19 testing site has been moved to RiverGreen Park, 1



SENIOR COUNCIL ON AGING OUTREACH. The Everett Senior Council on Aging held an outreach luncheon on Monday outdoors to celebrate the summer and re-connect with those that used to frequently attend the Connolly Center, as well as those that would like to attend once it fully opens again. Several seniors are pictured here with Mayor Carlo DeMaria, School Committee Chair Frank Parker and School Committeeman Marcony Almeida Barros.

RiverGreen Drive, as of July 3.

The testing will be walk-up only with no appointment necessary.

Testing times include:

•Monday to Thursday, 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2-7 p.m.

•Friday and Saturday, noon to 6 p.m.

BALDWIN AVENUE PLAYGROUND SURVEY

The City and the design team for the reconstruction of the Baldwin Avenue Playground are looking for public input online. They are looking for resident input via a survey. They would like to know what the residents' ideas, priorities and vision are for the new park. Please participate in the survey by Aug. 1.

To access the online survey, go to www.surveymonkey.com/r/BaldwinParkSurvey1. For questions, call (617) 394-2334, or e-mail Robert Moreschi at robert.moreschi@ci.everett.ma.us.

FREE ANNUAL SENIOR SUMMER BBQ SCHEDULED

Mayor Carlo DeMaria and The Council on Aging have planned their annual Free Senior Summer BBQ for Everett Seniors only, aged 60 and over. This year, due to the changes at The Connolly Center, the Council on Aging has decided to host the event at Anthony's Restaurant, 105 Canal Street in Malden, Friday August 6, at 3 p.m. The COA has chosen the theme of "Willie Wonka and The Chocolate Factory." You will enjoy traditional BBQ fare with entertainment by Doo Wop DeVille. Tickets are available at The Connolly Center, July 19 through July 23 from 9 a.m. until noon. If you need transportation for this event, or have any questions, please call us at 617.394.2323 or 617.394.2260.

MEDITATION FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

Mayor Carlo DeMaria and The Council on Aging are happy to announce Mindful Meditation for seniors at The Connolly Center. The schedule is as follows; Fridays, July 23, August 8, August 20 and September 3 at 8:30 a.m. This class is designed for you commune with your inner self, promoting self-awareness and the well-being of mind body and spirit. Please join Anna Noble from East Boston Health for this rewarding class. Reservations are required by calling 617.394.2260 or 617.394.2323. Class size is limited to 20 people.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Bread of Life mobile food pantry at the Lafayette school in Everett needs volunteers to help distribute free groceries on Thursdays from 3 to 5pm. Call Charlene @ 781-824-0564 or email charlene.wilson@breadoflifemalden.org The Bread of Life mobile food pantry distributes food to needy families every Thursday from 3-5 p.m. at the Lafayette School in Everett.

MASS HUMANITIES GRANTS AVAILABLE

Mass Humanities announces new grants for organizations across Massachusetts as they continue to recover from the impacts of the coronavirus. Through funding provided to the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) by the American Rescue Plan, the "Sustaining the Humanities through the American Rescue Plan (SHARP)" grants will provide up to \$20,000 in support for eligible non-profit organizations and tribal entities.

Applications are open with a final deadline of August 4. Mass Humanities expects to make awards by mid-September.

For more information: <https://masshumanities.org/sharp/>.

EVERETT SCHOOL PARENT INFO CENTER

The Everett Public Schools Parent Information Center (PIC) at the Keverian School will continue to be open this summer to register children in all grades for the 2021-22 school year.

The hours on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday are 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The hours on Wednesday are 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

The hours on Friday are 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Appointments are suggested and can be made online at the Everett Public Schools website.

As a change this year, each student enrolled will be given a new children's book in their native language.

DEMARIA TO HOST COMMUNITY MEETING

Mayor DeMaria is pleased to announce that he will be hosting community meetings for each ward of the City, now moving to in-person meetings. Each meeting will be with a different ward of the City of Everett to learn more about the current issues facing the specific neighborhood.

The schedule for the meetings is as follows:

•Ward 5: Aug. 17, 7-8:30 p.m. in Swan Street Park. The meeting will be in person.

COUNCIL ON AGING/CONNOLLY CENTER

Mayor Carlo DeMaria and The Council on Aging, together, have been working diligently to be able to offer programming to our senior residents to slowly open up The Connolly Center while maintaining current safety practices and protocol. We are happy to announce our "Coffee Clutch" program.

The Connolly Center will be open Mondays and Fridays only. There will be two sessions offered to Everett Seniors, and one session offered on Friday. Each session will allow a maximum of 24 seniors. There will be 6 tables of 4 people each for a 90 minute session. Seniors will have the opportunity to see old friends, enjoy a snack and coffee and scheduled entertainment. Safety protocols, such as mask wearing, temperature checks and social distancing are mandatory. Our staff is required to sanitize before and after each session.

The "Coffee Clutch" Schedule is as follows:

Monday from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Monday from 10:45 a.m. to noon

Friday from 10 a.m. to 12 noon

Reservations are a must. To make a reservation please call Margaret @ (617) 394-2323.

PFIZER VACCINE CLINIC AT NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS

Mayor Carlo DeMaria is pleased to announce that the City of Everett in partnership with Curative will be distributing Pfizer vaccines to the community at local parks beginning on Thursday July 22 between 4-7 p.m.

"The City of Everett has been committed to vaccinating the entire community," said Mayor DeMaria. "Our continued partnership with Curative will allow for additional residents to get vaccinated. We are proudly furthering our efforts by continuing to bring vaccination sites into our neighborhood parks."

Each vaccine clinic will be a walk-up site and no appointment is needed. The schedule for the vaccine sites is as follows:

•July 22nd – Swan Street Park, 4pm-7pm

•July 29th – Glendale Park, 4pm-7pm

•August 5th – Meadows Park, 4pm-7pm

Residents ages 12 and over are eligible to receive the Pfizer vaccine. Please be advised that the Pfizer vaccine is a two-dose vaccine. Once the first dose is administered, Curative will provide more information regarding the second dose.

Real Estate Transfers

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Jones, Lillian E	Gomez, Migdalia M	54 Madison Ave	\$740,000
Pizziferri, Nicola	Silva, Lillian	1 Nielson Ave	\$650,000
Doresca, Vayola	Kharel, Akriti	34 Pearl St #34	\$610,000
Nyasembi, Betty D	Bank Of America NA	15 Russell Pl	\$425,000
Vu, Mai	Ferguson, Craig-Oliver	72 Union St	\$560,000
Qiu, Xiaocun	Jiang, Yuning	120 Wyllis Ave #417	\$518,518
Gurung, Bikash	Jones, Eric V	60 Ashton St	\$480,000
Lones-Arita, Juan J	Escobar, Hugo	147 Belmont St	\$575,000
Phan, Paulina P	Bradford Condo Corp	170 Bradford St #3	\$690,000
Zinnel LT	Tacu, Adriana	859 Broadway #1	\$246,000
Dahal, Bimal	Urevich-Popov, Ivan	881 Broadway #40	\$250,000
Nguyen, Tho T	Mclaughlin, Nancy	193 Bucknam St #B	\$601,000
Everett Broadway LLC	Dexter Street RT	12 Dexter St	\$9,200,000
Jacques, Jessica	Huang, Huili	205 Ferry St #105	\$268,000
Perez, Luz M	Nepomuceno, Andreia	26 Freeman Ave	\$565,000
Lianos, Christopher	Mucciarone, Lisa S	21 Locust St	\$500,000
Everett School Street LLC	Holmes, John K	52 School St	\$1,400,000
23 Thorndike Street RT	Intelligent Mems Design	23 Thorndike St	\$890,000
Knowles, Chester E	CMM Renovations LLC	12 Woodland St #17	\$282,000
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A unique production of Romeo and Juliet starts Aug. 14

Special to the Independent

The age-old vendetta between the Capulets and the Montagues erupts this August in Chelsea Square. Shakespeare’s beloved romantic tragedy will be staged in the streets, parks, and by the fountain, as well as in the windows of the Chelsea Theatre Works. Audiences will move with and be creators of the action of this immersive production.

The evening begins at 6:00 with Live Music, Street Performances, and Craft Brews at the pop-up BearMoose Beer Garden on Winnisimmet Street by the Chelsea Theatre Works. Guests are encouraged to enjoy dinner via take-out or delivery from Chelsea’s exciting culinary delights. Romeo & Juliet, performed in a bilingual adaptation (English/Spanish), begins in front of the Chelsea Theatre Works at 7:45. The production is designed to engage English speaking and Spanish speaking audiences alike.

Composer Demetrius Fuller, best know to Apollinaire audiences for his compositions for Chelsea People, is creating the soundtrack for the production, which he will perform live with musicians Nate Fuller and Emi Nishida. Sound Designer/Music Director David Reiffel rounds out the musical team. This is David’s 25th show with Apollinaire-standouts include A Midsummer Night’s Dream (Norton nominee- Outstanding Fringe Production) and A Beautiful Day... and Stupid F***ing Bird (Norton winners- Outstanding Fringe Production). His work has also been heard coast to coast from the Oregon Shakespeare Festival to Boston’s SpeakEasy Stage and Commonwealth Shakespeare Company. He won the Norton award for Outstanding Musical Direction.

The cast of 25 is helmed by newcomers Mishka Yarovoy and Emma Laird, both current BFA students at Boston University, as Romeo and



PHOTO BY DANIELLE FAUTEUX JACQUES
Mikhail Yarovoy as Romeo, Emma Laird as Juliet.

Juliet, and Apollinaire favorites Brooks Reeves (The Strange Undoing of Prudencia Hart, A Midsummer Night’s Dream, Three Sisters) as Friar Lawrence and Ann Carpenter (The Strange Undoing of Prudencia Hart, The Visit, Uncle Vanya) as the Nurse. This production also features Alan Kuang as Tybalt, Sandra Seone-Serí as Benvolio, Ethan Williams as Mercutio, Paola Ferrer as the Prince, and Karina Beleno Carney and Phil Thompson as Lady and Lord Capulet.

Performances are FREE! (No pre-registration required)

Performances are Saturdays August 14, 21, 28 • Free! • Sat. @ 7:45

In case of rain: 617-887-2336 • Rain dates: Sundays Aug. 15, 22, 29 & Mon. Aug. 30

Pre-show begins at 6:00 • BearMoose Beer Garden opens at 6:00

Chelsea Square • in the park & street by the

Chelsea Theatre Works, 189 Winnisimmet Street, Chelsea

The production will move through the street and the park with some scenes in the windows of the Chelsea Theatre Works. Audiences will be on their feet following and joining the

action. Run-time is about 90 minutes.

Press Night: Saturday August 14, 7:45 (pre-show begins at 6:00)

(Press are also welcome at all performances.)

Information/Directions/Parking Information: www.apollinairetheatre.com

In case of rain, call (617) 887-2336 to check status. Rain dates: Sundays Aug. 15, 22, 29 & Mon. Aug. 30

Cast: Alan Kuang, Amber March, Ann Carpenter, Ashley Lyon, Beatrice Beutel, Brooks Reeves, Demetrius Fuller, Dylan C. Wack, Eliana Ulloa, Emma Laird, Ethan Williams, Fernando Barbosa, Gayane Kaligian, Jaime Hernandez, Karina Beleno Carney, Katie Ryan, Kevin McGrath, Laura Hubbard, Luz Lopez, Makhamahle Kekana, Mikhail Yarovoy, Paola M. Ferrer (Atehortua), Phil Thompson, Sandra Seone-Serí, Yaritsa Sanchez

Directed by Danielle Fauteux Jacques

Asst. Directors Brooks Reeves, Carla Mirabal Rodríguez

Sound Design/Music Director: David Reiffel

Composer: Demetrius Fuller

Sound Systems De-

sign: Ben Blier

Musicians: Nate Fuller, Emi Nishida

Costume Design: Elizabet Rocha

Lighting Design: Christopher Bocchiaro

Fight Director: Matthew Dray

Dialect Coach: Antonio Ocampo-Guzmán

Asst. Lighting Design: Ciara McAloon

Asst. Sound Design: Ben Harris

Asst. Scenic Design: Victoria Rojo

Asst. Costume Design: Jasmine H. El-Shurafa

Props Master: Kevin McGrath

Props Artist: Paul Benford-Bruce

SM: Emily Larson

PSM: Jolie Frazier-Madge

ASM: Emma Hunt, Jessica Brennan, Joshua Rajman, Luis Mena, Sierra Hoss, Carmen Catherine Alfaro

PA: Miguel Dominguez, Sache Register, Alex Potbisky

House Managers: Kaycee Swierc, Yeimi Benitez

Major Support from MassDevelopment, The City of Chelsea, Chelsea Heritage Grant Celebrations, and the Chelsea Cultural Council. Sponsorship support from MassPort.

Apollinaire Theatre creates unique encounters with plays that inspire and wildly entertain. Our programs -Teatro Chelsea, Apollinaire Play Lab, Apollinaire in the Park, Resident Artist Program- complement our production season and cultivate an ecosystem of artists of all ages and career stages in our home for adventurous art, the Chelsea Theatre Works. Apollinaire productions include Hir by Taylor Mac, Cry It Out by Molly Smith Metzler, The Strange Undoing of Prudencia Hart by David Greig, A Midsummer Night’s Dream, Three Sisters & Uncle Vanya by Anton Chekhov, A Beautiful Day in November on the Banks of the Greatest of the Great Lakes by Kate Benson, and Songs of the Dragons Flying to Heaven by Young Jean Lee.

LOCAL STUDENTS

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CRAFTS IS A SAINT MICHAEL’S COLLEGE GRADUATE

Molly Darling Crafts of Everett graduated May 13 from Saint Michael’s College with a Bachelor of Arts in Music & Education Studies.

On a perfect day for its first outdoors Commencement since 1979, Saint Michael’s welcomed several hundred vaccinated and distanced guests as nearly 300 members of the still-larger 437-member Class of 2021 graduated during separate morning and afternoon ceremonies to meet state COVID safety guidelines. The graduates’ perseverance through a pandemic was a recurring theme in remarks from speakers at the two nearly identical 90-minute ceremonies, the morning one for those receiving bachelor of arts degrees, while the afternoon ceremony was for bachelor of science and master’s degree recipients. Including August/December 2020 graduates, degrees conferred to the Class of 2021

at the College’s 114th Commencement include: 91 master’s, 151 B.S.’s., and 195 B.A.’s. Of those, 305 were expected to attend the two Thursday ceremonies - both of which were livestreamed so families or non-present graduates at home could watch via a College website link. Several hundred signed in to watch each livestream.

About Saint Michael’s College

Saint Michael’s College, founded in the great Catholic intellectual tradition, which also recognizes the principles of social justice and compassion, is a selective, fully residential Catholic college in Vermont’s beautiful Green Mountains. Our closely connected community delivers internationally-respected liberal arts and graduate education near Burlington, one of the country’s best college towns. To prepare for fulfilling careers and meaningful lives, young adults here grow intellectually, socially, and morally, learning to be responsible for themselves, each other and their world.

EPS students enjoy a variety of programming

Special to the Independent

After an unpredictable year characterized by altered routines and disrupted schedules, the Everett Public Schools this month is enjoying the return of a time-tested part of its yearly calendar: The Extended School Year (ESY) Program overseen by the district’s Special Education Department.

“A big shout-out to Special Education administrators Shareen Mustafa and Ashley Lambresa and our dedicated team of teachers, specialists, and paraprofessionals for planning and implementing the essential ESY services outlined in students’ Individualized Education Plans (IEPs),” said Superintendent of Schools Priya Tahiliani. “This program is so important to so many of our students on a yearly basis, and all the more so following the events of 2020-2021.”

This summer, the EPS is offering ESY classes at the Lafayette School, the Webster School, and Everett High. K-8 students are enrolled at the Lafayette, and the Webster is home to the Integrated Learning ESY Program for students in pre-kindergarten

through fifth grade. Everett High hosts EASELS, which stands for Everett Academy of Students’ Enrichment for Life Skills.

Like all summer programming being offered this year, an emphasis is being placed on reconnection among students and teachers, social interaction, and refamiliarization with classroom routines — in addition to the critical services and social and emotional learning that the ESY program provides to students.

Students enrolled in the ESY program are also enjoying the enrichment camps we are offering to all students, including sports and fitness camps, game and book clubs, music and band camps, and art classes.

“It is a relief and a joy to see our special education students reunited with our teachers and staff,” said School Committee member Samantha Lambert. “ESY is all about interaction and growth, and I know I speak for my colleagues when I say how grateful we are to resume our usual summer programming for our students and families.”

The largest of Everett’s three ESY programs is

offered at the Lafayette, where 75 students in kindergarten through eighth grade are in school from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Students receive speech and language therapy, occupational therapy, and physical therapy in small-group and individual sessions. Students work to meet the targeted goals outlined in their IEPs, as well as those detailed in their fourth-quarter progress reports. Teachers and students are working hard to reinforce concepts introduced at the end of the school year.

At the Webster, an average of 65 students per day are attending the Integrated Learning Program. The youngest students are developing independence within school routines, as well as building their academic readiness skills. Older students are focusing on maintenance of their academic and social skills. Speech and language therapy and occupational therapy group sessions are offered, while a physical therapist and physical education teacher are co-directing a gym class. Webster students are engaging with their peers in the classroom, at lunch, and during recess.

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OBITUARIES

Michael Longo

US Postal Service retiree

Michael Longo, 74, of Everett, formerly of Revere, passed away most expectedly in the comfort and consolation of his home on July 14.

Michael gave 25 years of service to US Postal Service (Cambridge Central Branch) retiring in 2012. A late member of the US Army National Guard, Michael held a membership with St. Andrew's BBC Club of Chelsea for many years.

The beloved husband of 49 years to Jerri A. (Hall) Longo, he was the devoted father of Michael J. Longo and his wife, Pamela of Chelmsford; adoring grandfather to four grandchildren: Tiberius B., Maxfield D., Dezlan S. and Vivienne C. Longo; dear brother of Josephine Piccardi and her late husband, Hugo of Revere and Salvatore Longo and his wife, Linda of Somersworth, NH. He is also lovingly survived by many



nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews.

All services were held privately in accordance with Michael's many instructions and directives to his family and extended family.

Remembrances may be made to Tuft's Medical Center, (Cancer Center), 800 Washington St., 7th Floor, Boston, MA 02111.

To send online condolences, please visit www.vertuccioandsmith.com

Funeral Arrangements entrusted to the care and direction of the Vertuccio & Smith, Home for Funerals.

Marguerite "Peggy" Bruno

Retired CHA-Everett Hospital Cafeteria Worker

Marguerite P. "Peggy" (Albano) Bruno, 96, of Everett entered into eternal rest on Friday, July 16 surrounded by her loving and devoted family.

Born in East Boston, Peggy lived in Everett for most of her life. She was a cafeteria worker, retiring from the CHA-Everett Hospital after many years of service. Peggy enjoyed attending the monthly socials at the Edward G. Connolly Center in Everett where she could dance the afternoon away with her friends. She also liked to travel with her many friends visiting different places.

The beloved wife of the late Alphonso A. Bruno, she was the dear and devoted mother of Sandra C. Manganaro and her husband, Anthony, Jr. of Wakefield, Victor Bruno and his wife, Diane of Revere and Barbara Bruno of Everett; sister of Carmen Albano of Stoneham and



the late Anthony, Joseph, James and Frederick Albano and Mary Patuzzi; loving grandmother of Jason A. Manganaro and his wife, Layla, Adrienne Mattson and her husband, Mark, Lauren Parker and her husband, Shawn and loving great-grandmother of Miranda, Roman and Leo Manganaro, Carlisle, Nicole and Cameron Mattson and Jaxon Parker. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend "Peggy's" visiting hours in the Cafasso & Sons Funeral Home, 65 Clark St. (Corner of Main St.) Everett, Friday, July 23 from 4 to 7 p.m. Her funeral will be from the funeral home, Saturday at 9 a.m. followed by a Funeral Mass at the Blessed Mother of the Morning Star Parish in Our Lady of Grace Church, 59 Nichols St., Everett-Chelsea at 10 a.m. Interment Holy Cross Cemetery, Malden. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Marguerite's memory to the Alzheimer's Association, 309 Waverley Oakes Road, Waltham, MA 02452 would be sincerely appreciated. Parking with attendants on duty.

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MVES offer tips to beat the heat this summer

We have already had many heat waves descend upon us this summer and it is expected they will continue throughout the season. During these hot and humid summer months, Mystic Valley Elder Services (MVES) recommends that it's a good idea to keep a close eye on the older adults in our lives.

Older adults are much more likely to develop heat-related illnesses than younger people because as we age our bodies don't adjust as well to drastic changes of temperature. Also, some medications that older adults are taking can affect the way their bodies regulate heat. Here are some tips and resources to help you beat the heat.

- Slow down and avoid strenuous activity. Don't try to do too much on a hot day.

- Wear lightweight, loose-fitting, light-colored clothing. Light colors will reflect heat and sunlight and help maintain normal

body temperature. Protect your face with a wide-brimmed hat.

- Eat well-balanced, light, regular meals. Avoid high protein foods that increase metabolic heat.

- Cover windows that receive morning or afternoon sun with drapes, shades, awnings or louvers. Outdoor awnings or louvers can reduce the heat that enters a home by up to 80%.

- Air-conditioning can provide a lot of relief in the summer. On the most unbearably hot days when it's too hot for fans to be effective, air-conditioners can even help you stay safe. If you don't have air conditioning, stay on your lowest floor, out of the sun. Electric fans do not cool the air, but they do help evaporate perspiration, which cools your body.

- The heat affects more than just people. Our pets can be in danger when the temperature rises. Keep your animals safe and

healthy in this heat. Do not leave them in a hot car or without water.

Staying Hydrated

The ability to feel thirst lessens with age so you may not realize when you need to drink more. You may find you have to use the bathroom more often, losing more fluid. As we age, our bodies start losing muscle (which holds water) and gain fat (which cannot hold water). Medications that increase urination or help constipation can also cause dehydration.

Dehydration occurs when you don't have enough fluid in your body. It can cause serious health problems, but luckily is easy to prevent. Dehydration may be caused or worsened by diarrhea, vomiting, overheating, diabetes, high fever, or excessive sweating. If you experience any of these, be aware and make sure you are drinking plenty of fluids.

Hydration tips:

- Don't wait until you are thirsty to drink; by this time you are already dehydrated.

- Keep a glass of water near you and drink from it regularly.

- Eat foods which contain water (fruits, soups, gelatin).

- Keep a full water bottle in the refrigerator and take a drink every time you open it.

- Drink extra in extreme heat to replace the water lost from sweating.

- Start and end the day with a cup of water.

- Do not replace water with alcohol or caffeinated drinks.

- Recognize when your body is asking for more water.

In extreme heat, it's important that we watch out for each other and stay informed about how to remain healthy and safe when the thermometer climbs. Stay cool, hydrated and out of the harmful rays of the sun.

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CHURCH News

Mystic Side Congregational Church

News and Notes

Mystic Side Congregational Church is located in Everett, on Malden-Everett border, at 422 Main Street. We offer a warm, inviting atmosphere, and all are welcome. Our Sunday Church service starts at 10:30 a.m. and Communion is offered on the first Sunday of each month. A very pleasant coffee hour

and socializing follow our services. Parking is available in our lot next to the church on Wyllis Ave. (one way off Main Street). We look forward to welcoming you this Sunday.

**Mystic Side
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Immaculate Conception Parish

News and Notes

Our Parish Staff: Father Joseph Chacha Marwa, S.M.A. Administrator; Father Ernest Egbedike, S.M.A. Parochial Vicar; Secretary Barbara Cannon

Weekly Mass Schedule at Immaculate Conception is as follows:

Saturday (Sunday Vigil) 4 p.m., Sunday a.m., 9 a.m. (Family Mass), 11 a.m., and 5:30 p.m.

12:15 p.m. Spanish Community

4 p.m. Haitian Community

Masses are being held in the Chapel.

Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held every Thursday from 7:45 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel. Each Thursdays' adoration

will conclude the Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament at 6:30 p.m. All are invited to spend a few moments with Our Blessed Lord

Bring a Book-Buy a Book - We have a new Fundraiser Program in the back of the Church. It's called Bring a Book-Buy a Book. All books are a dollar and any money collected will go towards our Stain Glass Fund. Brink a Book and Buy a Book and make a donation. Our selections are great and varied. Please stop by the table and see what we have. Thank you

Immaculate Conception Parish
489 Broadway
Everett, Mass 02149
Phone 617-389-5660

Zion Church - Everett

News and Notes

Senior Pastor Bishop Robert G. Brown will be hosting Virtual Masses to bring the people together, spiritually while they can't physically. Their virtual sanctuaries can be accessed via their face-

book page, "Zion Church Ministries."

For more information, they can be reached online at zionchurchministries.com or via email at office@zionchurchministries.com

Glendale United Methodist Church

News and Notes

Glendale United Methodist Church is open to all and we welcome people of all faiths, race, nationalities and sexual preference. No one is ever turned away. If you are looking for a new home church, we would like you to check us out and let us know what we can do to make church a better fit in your life.

Bible Study: Consider joining us for Bible study on Sunday. We meet in the Church Parlor off the Chapel from 9:30 to 10:00 a.m.

Sponsor the bulletin! For a \$5 donation, you can dedicate the Sunday bulletin to recognize family, friends, or special occasions. There is a sign-up sheet in the Pastor's study. Feel free to choose your particular week and leave a copy of your dedication in the mail in that is on the Pastor's door. Please contact the Pastor if you have any questions.

Boy Scout Troop 814: Meet in Cooper Hall on Tuesday evenings from 6-9 p.m. Cub Pack 11 meets on Saturday mornings.

NA Meetings - Mon.

Glendale Christian Lighthouse Church

News and Notes

Sunday 10:30 a.m. Worship service.

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News and Notes

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Grace Anglican Episcopal Church

News and Notes

Grace Anglican Episcopal Church is open and welcoming to all.

There are 3 services on Sundays: 10 a.m. English, 1 p.m. South Sudanese (Dinka) and 3 p.m. Haitian Creole.

Come all and let us walk together in this season of

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Fred Capone with his mother, Rose.



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Fred with the Jackson family.



Fred with the DeVito and Sachetta families.



Fred with Pat Mattuchio.



Fred with his wife, Michele, and their son, Zach.



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