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EHS FOOTBALL GETS READY FOR THE SEASON



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Practice has started for the Everett High School football team. Pictured above, An MIAA league official explains some of the new rules to Crimson Tide players during Saturday's practice at Everett Stadium. Right the team practices drills. See page 7 for more photos.



Pietrantonio predicts 40 percent turnout for Tuesday's election

By Cary Shuman

Director of Elections Danielle Pietrantonio is predicting a 40 percent turnout for the State Primary Election on Tuesday, Sept 6.

"I think we'll have approximately 7,500 to 8,000 voters," Pietrantonio said Tuesday. "We've gotten a little over 2,000 people who have voted by mail or voted early so far. Early voting continues for the rest of week, and we're still getting ballots by mail."

The main event in Everett is the 28th Middlesex

District Democratic state representative race matching incumbent Joseph McGonagle against candidate Guerline Alcy. McGonagle was first elected to the seat in 2014 and took office in January, 2015.

Everett voters who reside in the 11th Suffolk District (Ward 2-1 and Ward 2-2A) will be voting for three candidates for the seat. Chelsea Councillor-at-Large Leo Robinson, Chelsea District 5 Councillor Judith Garcia, and Chelsea School Com-

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MCGONAGLE THANKS MBTA FOR BUS REPLACEMENTS



State Rep. Joe McGonagle switched up his commute to the State House last week by checking out the MBTA Orange Line shuttles that are replacing Orange Line service until September 18 while the MBTA performs essential maintenance and structure studies. "I had a great, very comfortable and convenient ride on the new shuttles. Obviously, this whole situation is not ideal but I'm grateful to those who are helping to make the best of the situation. Kudos to the MBTA, the various private bus companies, local and Boston police and all those making this endeavor possible. Hopefully the Orange Line repairs move smoothly and normal commutes can return soon but until then I highly suggest checking out this great alternative!"

See you in September: Council will address five resolutions by Smith

By Stephen Quigley

When the City Council reconvenes in September, there will be some leftover items that the councillors will need to address.

"We been trying to work on these issues since June," Councilor Stephanie Smith said of five resolutions she has filed, but which have

yet to be taken up by the council.

The five resolutions that will appear on the agenda in September deal with a wide range of issues. They are:

C036022 Resolution/s/ by Councilor Stephanie V. Smith:

That the Director of the Board of Health and the

Administration provide a written response in two weeks as to what is the plan for the ARPA funds for \$300,000 through the MA Dept of Public Health, Bureau of Substance Addiction Services (accepted by the City Council in April).

C036222 Resolution/s/ by Councilor Stephanie V. Smith:

That the Administration provide the cost-benefit analysis of outsourcing the Wellness Center vs. keeping it in house, as well as the breakdown of the current contract, e.g., approx. how many people are outsourced today, what are the job responsibilities of

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EHS students complete internship program at MPCU

Special to the Independent

Five students benefited from the full force of Members Plus Credit Union's commitment to Everett High School when they were invited to participate in a high-visibility internship program with banking and marketing professionals.

EHS students and rising juniors Suzanne Maharjan, Luis Santana, Alyssa Parziale, Kaesta Sandy, and Xiomara Perez Puerta had the honor of working with Senior Vice President of Marketing Janis Caines at Members Plus Credit Union (formerly Everett Credit Union) this summer.

"The real-world experience is different from what I can teach them in the classroom," said EHS Marketing CTE Instructor Siobhan Sullivan, who helped conceive and organize this valuable in-



MPCU President & CEO John J. Murphy and EHS Marketing CTE Instructor Siobhan Sullivan are pictured with summer interns Suzanne Maharjan, Luis Santana, Alyssa Parziale, Kaesta Sandy, and Xiomara Perez Puerta.

ternship opportunity. "It really is important for the students to have these in-

ternship opportunities so they can expand their marketing knowledge.

"I'm truly grateful to Janis and the rest of the team at Members Plus Credit

Union (MPCU) for believing in our students and giving them this amazing opportunity," said Sullivan.

MPCU has been supporting Career and Technical Education (CTE) since Everett High launched the program in 2018, and its team members serve on the Marketing Program Advisory Committee, providing support and feedback to ensure students are learning the most current workplace skills.

The interns had to complete an official application process, including an

interview with MPCU Director of Human Resources Dana McKenzie. "I was so impressed at how well they worked together as a team, and how they all had such a positive attitude," said McKenzie of the students.

During their summer internship, the students were tasked with creating a marketing campaign for a new teen checking account product. Teens between the ages of 14-17 will be eligible to open a

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TRASH DELAY

Due to the Monday, Sept. 5th, Labor Day Holiday, Trash will be delayed by one day.

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## NEWS IN BRIEF

teaching Elementary Music in Saugus. I debated it for a while and then decided to do it. Who knew I would stay in education for the next 30 years."

As the years went on John moved up the chain at Saugus Public Schools continuing as a Middle School Drama Teacher, President of Saugus Teachers Association, Fine Arts Director and Elementary Principal at Lynnhurst Elementary School. John took a position at the brand new A.C. Whelan Elementary School In Revere, a position he held for several years before becoming a member of the Winthrop School Committee Member and the eventual Superintendent of Schools.

Macero enjoyed his many positions throughout the years. "In all honesty each position brought some joy. I loved teaching theater and directing productions. I loved challenging students and helping them gain confidence and perform. While in Revere, I especially loved being the Principal of The AC Whelan Schools. AC Whelan was one of 15 schools in the State who was allowed to expand the school day. As Superintendent in both Winthrop and Stoneham, I was able to participate in building projects including the new high school and middle schools in both Winthrop and Stoneham."

His most memorable times included transitioning the A.C. Whelan School in Revere to an expanded day school, the completion of the new high school/middle school

His tenure also faced many challenges. “The budget was always the biggest challenge until COVID came along. When it came to the budget, I always felt we never had enough money. Our students are competing with the world and need all the resources we can get to allow them to be successful in competing in the 21st century. COVID forced us to rethink how to deliver education in an entirely different way. We will be better for it in the future but during this transition it was the most difficult experience both physically and emotionally I have ever gone through.

When asked what led to his decision to finally retire, Macero added, "I felt it was time. I loved what I did, but personally felt it was time for me to leave and begin a new chapter. My wife, Trudy, and I plan to do some traveling. I would like to be able to get more involved in my first love which is Theatre. We shall see. I would just like to say it has been an honor and privilege to have been able to serve our students, staff and families over the years in Everett, Saugus, Revere, Winthrop and Stoneham."

Mayor Carlo DeMaria is pleased to announce that the Everett Citizens Foundation Grant Funding application for year four, round one is now available. The request limit for this round of funding is set at \$10,000. All applications are due Friday, September 23.

"This has been and continues to be a great opportunity for organizations to receive additional funding," said Mayor DeMaria. "The Everett Citizens Foundation seeks to assist organizations that have a positive impact on the residents of Everett."

Any nonprofit organization in the community can apply. Applications can be found online at [www.CityofEverett.com](http://www.CityofEverett.com), then click Business and Development and then Everett Citizens Foundation.

For questions or concerns regarding the application or eligibility, please email [ECFoundation@ci.everett.ma.us](mailto:ECFoundation@ci.everett.ma.us).

The Federal Emergency Management Agency will be sending almost \$12.6 million to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to reimburse the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) for renting hotel rooms to use as non-congregate shelters during the COVID-19 pandemic. EnVision in Everett was one of the hotels used.

The \$12,596,877 Public Assistance grant will reimburse MEMA for setting up four regional non-congregate facilities throughout the Commonwealth by renting hotel rooms for low-income and homeless populations who tested positive for

mittee member Roberto Jimenez-Rivera are the Democratic candidates for the seat in the district that includes all of Chelsea and a portion of Everett. Chelsea District 1 Councillor Todd Taylor is unopposed in his bid for the Republican nomination.

State Rep. Dan Ryan of Charlestown is unopposed in the Second Suffolk district that also includes one precinct in Ward 3 in Everett.

State Sen. Sal DiDomenico is unopposed in his bid for re-election.

Eric P. Lesser of Longmeadow. The Republican candidates seeking the nomination for lieutenant governor are Leah V. Allen of Danvers and Kate Campanale of Spencer.

There are three Democratic candidates for attorney general, Andrea Campbell of Boston, Shannon Liss-Reardon of Brookline, and Quentin Palfrey of Weston. James McMahon of Bourne is the lone candidate seeking the Republican nomination for attorney general.

Secretary of State William Galvin of Boston is being challenged for the Democratic nomination by Tanisha Sullivan of Boston. Rayla Campbell of Whitman is the lone candidate seeking the Republican nomination for secretary of state.

Christopher Dempsey of Brookline and Diana DiZoglio of Methuen are the Democratic candidates for state auditor. Anthony Amore is the lone candidate seeking the Republi-

- EnVision in Everett (101 rooms, from September 23, 2020, through July 16, 2021)

- Hilton Garden in Pittsfield (95 rooms, from December 2, 2020, through April 27, 2021)

- Holiday Inn in Taunton (155 rooms, from November 20, 2020 through March 28, 2021)

- Four Points Sheraton in Wakefield (140 rooms, from January 18, 2021 through March 7, 2021)

The state also provided laundry service, cleaning service, and security service at the hotels.

“FEMA is pleased to be able to assist the Commonwealth of Massachusetts with these costs,” said FEMA Region 1 Regional Administrator Lori Ehrlich. “Providing resources for our partners on the front lines of the pandemic fight is critical to their success, and our success as a nation.”

FEMA's Public Assistance program is an essential source of funding for states and communities recovering from a federally declared disaster or emergency.

So far, FEMA has provided more than \$1.2 billion in Public Assistance grants to Massachusetts to reimburse the commonwealth for pandemic-related expenses.

can nomination for state auditor.

Pietrantonio, a member of a prominent Everett family, and her election team have been busy in the months leading up to the election. It is a job that demands perfection, but Pietrantonio enjoys the excitement and the daily interaction with residents in her politically minded hometown.

"This is honestly my dream job," said Pietrantonio in a profile that appeared in local newspapers last fall. "I have always wanted to work in elections and being able to work in the city I grew up in is simply a dream."

Pietrantonio said the polls will be open at 12 locations (for voters in the 18 different precincts) throughout the city from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Election Day.

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A SHORT STORY ABOUT  
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UNFAIR ADVANTAGE.


POLIO.

As one of the last American children to contract polio, Jeffrey Galpin grew up in a world of iron lungs and body casts, alone with his imagination. His story would be dramatic enough if it was just about his battle with this dreaded disease.

But Jeffrey Galpin did more than survive polio. He went on to a list of achievements in medical research—including being the principal investigator in applying the first gene therapy for HIV/AIDS.

Dr. Galpin actually credits his own incurable condition for giving him the focus that made him so passionate in his research. His story leaves us with two of the most compelling messages we know. Don't give up, and remember to give back. If Dr. Galpin's story inspires just one more person to make a difference, then its telling here has been well worth while.

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A black and white portrait of Dr. Jeffrey Galpin, an older man with glasses, wearing a dark suit jacket over a blue button-down shirt. He is smiling slightly and looking towards the camera.



# Mass BADGE votes to honor Rangel with Courageous Award

Mass BADGE Board of Directors have unanimously voted Wilton Rangel as this year’s recipient of the 2022 Courageous Award, which recognizes the extraordinary courage, resilience, and strength of our community partners.

The award ceremony will take place during Mass BADGE’s 25 Anniversary Black Tie Gala on October 8, at the Seaport Hotel in Boston.

Rangel, owner of the popular Everett Brazilian restaurant, Oliveira’s Steak Bar & Grill for more than a decade, unfortunately tragically lost his restaurant to fire in 2021. Despite the total loss of his business, Rangel showed immense courage



Wilton Rangel.

to overcome his hardship by continuing to support his displaced employees and the Everett community during the pandemic.

“Mr. Rangel displayed courage and perseverance during the darkest struggle of his life and is a real inspiration” states Raoul

Goncalves, Mass BADGE Founder and President. “He exemplifies the true meaning of the Courageous Award.”

This award is named in memory of Eric “DJ Littles” Palmariello (1977 – 2012). A longtime Mass BADGE member and supporter, Eric lost his life after a brief battle with cancer. Eric’s legacy is one of honor, courage, and resiliency,” said Goncalves. “His battle was tragic, yet inspirational and his compassion for helping those less fortunate never wavered, even during the battle of his life.”

For more information about Mass BADGE [www.MassBADGE.org](http://www.MassBADGE.org)



Ryan McCormack and Jarrett Temple met with Mayor Carlo DeMaria to donate \$1,000 to the Summer Youth Work Program.

## DEMARIA ACCEPTS \$1,000 DONATION FOR SUMMER YOUTH WORK PROGRAM

Mayor Carlo DeMaria met with representatives from Holcim, Ryan McCormack and Jarrett Temple, to accept a donation of \$1,000 towards the Summer Youth Work Program.

The Summer Youth Work Program gives Everett’s youth a chance to experience employment during the season. It provides those who participate valuable work experience and the ability to

clean up and take care of our community.

This donation from Holcim, formerly known as Aggregate Industries, will help continue funding this vital program to Everett’s community.

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these outsourced personnel, the number of free offerings (if any), the detailed cost breakdown of the \$340K (invoices if possible), the return of funds (if any) Everett is getting due to the hours being reduced 15 hours per week from the contract, and any activities the city is subsidizing.

C036322 Resolution/s/ by Councilor Stephanie V. Smith:

That the Procurement Director come before the City Council at the first meeting in September to explain the process for bidding for Senior Meals delivery.

C036422 Resolution/s/ by Councilor Stephanie V. Smith:

That the Administration comes before the City Council at the first meeting in September to provide an update on the Pope John disposition.

C036522 Resolution/s/ by Councilor Stephanie V. Smith:

provide an update on the hiring of a Recreation Director which has been open for over 2 years.

In business that came before the council at its August meeting, councilors failed to change the language in the linkage fee ordinance.

Councillors sought to reduce the time that developers would have to pay the fee from seven years to three years.


DeMaria said he vetoed the change because, “It lacked clarity on which buildings (to include).”

Matt Lattanzi, the city’s Director of the Planning & Development Department, said that the linkage fee only starts being paid when the person pulls an occupancy permit, not when the developer pulls a building permit.

Councilor-at-Large Irene Cardillo said that since no developer was grandfathered, it would be unfair to require the developers to shorten the time to pay the linkage fee.

Councillor Stephanie Martins offered a possible solution, suggesting that the “change should be made going forward.”

However, the measure to change the ordinance required a supermajority of eight votes. Councillors John Hanlon, Al Lattanzi, and Irene Cardillo voted against the ordinance change, resulting in a vote of 7-3 in favor (Councilor Jimmy Tri Le was absent), thus leaving the existing ordinance intact.




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#### ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

**484 BROADWAY  
EVERETT,  
MASSACHUSETTS 02149**  
**PHONE 617-394-2498**  
**FAX 617-394-2433**

To Whom It May Concern:

This notice is to inform you that a public hearing will be held on Monday September 19, 2022 at 6:00 PM, Everett City Hall, 3rd Floor George Keverian Hearing Room. All interested parties may attend and opinions will be heard regarding the following petition. Whereas a petition has been presented by:

**Property Address: 27 Auburn Street**  
**Map/Lot: L0-03-000234**  
**Person Requesting: Mr. Josias DeVargas**  
**Ms. Luiza Bruna Vargas**  
**27 Auburn Street**  
**Everett, MA 02149**

**PROPOSAL:**

The applicant seeks to convert the existing one-story pool house at the rear of the property into a single (1) family dwelling

**Reason for Denial:**

- There will two (2) residential buildings on the same lot
- The current building is an existing non-conforming structure for a residential building, in that the rear yard is only 4'-0" in depth and the left side yard is only 2.8 feet.

**Zoning:**

Section 3 General Requirements paragraph C which states the following:

Existing non-conforming structure or uses may be extended

or altered, provided that such extension, alteration or change of use shall be permitted only upon the grant of a Special Permit by the zoning board of appeals after a public hearing and a finding by the board that such extension, alteration or change of use shall not be substantially more detrimental to the neighborhood than the existing non-conforming use or structure. (Ord. of 4-29-91)

Section 3 General requirements paragraph 13 which states the following:

Any lot, which is to be occupied for residential purpose shall have a frontage of at least twenty (20) feet wide on one or more streets and there shall be not more than one (1) structure of the type permitted for each such lot. (Ord. of 4-11-88; Ord. of 4-29-91)

Section 4 Dwelling Districts b) Dimensional requirements line (6) Side Yard which states the following:

- Four (4) feet minimum with a total of sixteen (16) feet

Section 4 Dwelling Districts b) Dimensional requirements Line (7) Rear Yard which states the following:

- Twenty-five (25) feet

minimum, except for open decks and porches which may encroach into the required rear yard providing that in no case shall the rear yard be less than fifteen (15) feet measured to any part of the porch or deck.

**MARY GERACE – Chairman**  
**Board of Appeals**  
**Roberta Suppa - Clerk**  
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**Property Address: 134 Linden Street**  
**Map/Lot C0-06-000194**  
**Person Requesting: 134 Linden Street LLC**  
**140 Tremont Street**  
**Everett, MA 02149**

**PROPOSAL:**

To demolish the existing Lodging house and construct a three (3) story Twelve (12) unit residential building

**Reason for Denial:**

The proposed use as a Twelve (12) unit building is not permitted is this Zoning District Permit was denied in accordance with the City of Everett Zoning Ordinance Appendix A as follows:

**Violations:**

- A twelve (12) unit residential use is not permitted.
- Front Yard setback is shown to be 10'-9" where 14.3 feet is the average.
- The FAR (floor area ratio) for the proposed building is 1.47, where 0.5 is the limit.
- Parking shown on the lot only indicates 6 spaces where 24 are required.
- Parking Access Road is shown to be only 13'-11"

**Zoning Ordinance:**

- Section 4 Dwelling Districts (a) Uses quoted below:
- Uses. Within any dwelling district as indicated on the zoning map, no building, structure or premises shall be used and no building or structure shall be erected which is intended or designed to be used in whole or in part for any industry, trade, manufacturing, or commercial purposes, of for other than the following specified purposes:
- A single or double semi-detached dwelling existing at the time of the first enactment of, the Zoning Ordinance may be converted to provide not more than a total of three (3) dwelling units provided that the following standards are met: Any addition shall comply with the front, side and rear yard requirements and height limitations of the Zoning Ordinance.

Where the existing building is already non-conforming, any alteration shall not increase the existing non-conformity. Parking in accordance with this Zoning Ordinance shall be provided for any additional dwelling units. (Ord. of 4-29-91)

- The offices of a doctor, dentist or other member of a recognized profession, teacher or musician residing on the premises; provided there is no display or advertising except for a small professional name plate.
- Customary home occupations, such as dressmaking or millinery or the leasing of rooms or the taking of boarders, conducted by owner occupants only; provided there is no display or advertising visible from outside, except for an announcement card or sign of not more than two, (2) feet square area, and that such uses be confined to not over one-third of the total floor area occupied by each family.
- Schools, except private vocational schools, public libraries, fire stations, art museums, churches, parish houses and Sunday School buildings, membership clubs and social and recreational buildings and premises, park, water supply reservations, soldiers and sailors memorial buildings, except those chief activity of which is one customarily carried on as a gainful business.
- Real estate signs, referring only to the premises or tract on which they are located, and having an area not exceeding eight, (8) square feet.
- Truck gardens and greenhouses, provided that any greenhouse heating plant shall be distant not less than twenty, (20) feet from any street or lot line.
- Hospitals, not for the insane or feeble-minded; provided that no building be within thirty (30) feet of any street or lot line.
- Public or charitable institutional buildings not of a correctional nature, providing that no building thereon be within thirty, (30) feet of any street or lot line.
- Railroad or street railroad passenger stations or rights-of-way including customary accessory services therein; not including switching, storage, or freight yards or sidings.
- Cemeteries, including any crematory therein, which is not within a distance of thirty feet of any street or lot line.
- Telephone central buildings without garages or yards for service or storage.
- A garage in which no business, service or industry is conducted is permitted but only on the same lot with a principal building to which it is accessory. On any such lot, such garage space

may be provided for two (2) motor vehicles, and for one (1) additional motor vehicle for each two thousand (2,000) square feet by which the area of the lot exceeds three thousand (3,000) square feet. However, garage space for one (1) motor vehicle may be provided in any case for each family for which residence is arranged on the lot. Not more than one (1) such vehicle shall be a commercial vehicle, and it shall not exceed two and one-half, (2 ½) tons capacity. In such a garage, space shall not be leased to non-residents for a commercial vehicle, nor for more than one (1) vehicle of any kind for each resident on the lot. Such a conforming garage may be erected on the lot previous to the erection of a principal building on the same lot but where thus erected earlier than the principal building the garage shall be so placed on the lot as not to prevent the eventual practicable and conforming location of the principal building. Community or group garages: which may be permitted on the otherwise vacant lot, shall only be permitted in the Dwelling District upon the grant of a Special Permit by the Zoning Board of Appeals. There shall be no service for gain to other the owners or tenants of such garages. No such garage shall conduct a repair shop. (Ord. of 4-29-91)

- Agriculture, horticulture or floriculture and the expansion or reconstruction of existing structures there-on for the primary purpose of agriculture, horticulture or floriculture. (Ord. of 4-29-91)
- Temporary mobile home placed on the site of a residence destroyed by fire or other holocaust, for the purpose of providing temporary shelter while the residence is being rebuilt, but not to exceed twelve (12) months. (Ord. of 4-29-91)
- The following uses shall only be permitted in the Dwelling District upon the grant of a Special Permit by the Zoning Board of Appeals:
- Uses, whether or not on the same parcel as activities permitted as a matter of right, accessory to activities permitted as a matter of right, which activities are necessary in connection with scientific research or scientific development or related production. The Zoning Board of Appeals may grant such permit provided that it finds that the proposed accessory use does not substantially derogate from the public good.
- Community or group garages which may be permitted on an otherwise vacant lot. There shall

be no service for gain to other than the owners or tenants of such garages. No such garages shall conduct a repair shop.

- Open-air markets of any type shall be prohibited. The sale of used household goods by residential occupants on their premises, normally referred to as garage sales, shall be allowed providing that such sale not continue for a period of more than seven (7) days in any year, except by Special Permit of the Zoning Board of Appeals. (Ord. of 4-29-91)
- (17) Conversion of Dwelling. No new dwelling unit created by the conversion of an existing dwelling shall be permitted unless the requirements of minimum lot area and off street parking are satisfied for all dwelling units in existence and proposed in the dwelling after the conversion or enlargement. (Ord. 02-046 of Oct. 22, 2003)
- Section 4 b) Dimensional Requirements line 4 Front Yard which states the following: Twenty (20) feet minimum except where the average front yard of a least two (2) buildings on the same side of the street and within two hundred (200) feet of the lot are less than twenty (20) feet, and the front yard may be equal to the average of those buildings but not less than ten (10) feet. Porches may encroach ten (10) feet onto the required front yard. Stairs shall be excluded from any front yard restrictions. (Ord. of 6-29-87)
- 3) Section 4 Dwelling districts b) Dimensional Requirements 2) line C which states the following: C. All other uses-----0.5 maximum floor area ratio (Ord. of 6-29-87; Ord. of 4-29-91 Ord. of 7/16/2002; Ord. of 11/13/2007)
- Section 17 Off-street Parking line 2
- Off-street parking facilities shall be provided in accordance with the requirements as outlined below. Where the Term "gross square feet" is used, it shall mean the total occupiable floor area measured within the exterior walls of the building. (Original Ord. Of 2-26-1965, 6-29-1987 2. Multifamily dwellings----- 2 spaces per dwelling unit.
- 5) Section 17 Off-street Parking section O line 5 which states the following: All parking areas shall have an access road with a minimum of eighteen (18) feet to Allow ingress and exiting at same time.

**MARY GERACE – Chairman**  
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## ENJOY A GREAT -- AND SAFE -- LABOR DAY WEEKEND

With the weatherman predicting a superb Labor Day weekend, we hope that all of our readers will have a chance to make the most of the final weekend of the summer season.

The Summer of '22 overall has been a great one that, we hope, has created memories that will last a lifetime for our families. The coming Labor Day weekend promises to give us one final opportunity to enjoy the outdoors in whatever way we choose.

However, as always, we urge our readers to do so safely, not only for ourselves, but also for our family members, friends, and loved ones, whether we are on land or on the water.

None of us wants to be a tragic statistic, and that means making sure that we ourselves and those around us do not overindulge in alcohol. Yes, accidents do happen even under the best of circumstances, but generally speaking, no one ever gets hurt by being sober. It's when two beers become four or more that the chances for a tragedy increase exponentially.

We wish all of our readers a happy -- and safe -- Labor Day weekend.

## SCHOOL'S BACK -- DRIVE WITH CAUTION

With schools back in session this week after the summer vacation, morning rush-hour commuters need to re-adjust our driving habits to ensure that we take into account the thousands of children who will be filling our streets during our morning commute.

We'll be honest and admit that school buses, school crossing guards, etc. are a pain in the neck, especially if we're running a bit late on our way to work.

But that is no excuse for ANY sort of driving behavior that does not take into account the safety of the children in our communities.

Every morning commuter needs to be a patient and defensive driver, especially in the first few weeks of school, when youthful exuberance typically results in kids dashing out into the street to greet friends for the start of the new school year.

Each of us is responsible not only for our safety, but also for the safety of others when we are behind the wheel of a motor vehicle -- and that is doubly true when school is back in session.

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LETTER to the Editor

DOCTORS URGE VACCINATIONS FOR STUDENTS RETURNING TO SCHOOL

To the Editor,

“As schools in the Commonwealth prepare to open for the new academic year, the physicians of the Massachusetts Medical Society (MMS), the Massachusetts Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics (MCAAP) and the Massachusetts Academy of Family Physicians (MassAFP) strongly encourage parents and guardians to ensure that their children are up to date on all vaccinations and boosters, including those that reduce the effects of and transmission of COVID-19 and those required to attend school.

“The importance of in-person learning and its positive effect on the mental, emotional, and physical well-being of children cannot be understated. Public health officials, school officials, school districts, and families must work collaboratively toward a shared goal of an academic year with as little disruption as possible. Vaccines are safe and remain our most effective public health tool to prevent outbreaks of COVID-19 and interruption of day-to-day learning that will result from a significant increase of positive cases.

“COVID-19 is still here, it is still a threat to public health, and there exists the likelihood of a surge in the fall and winter. Therefore, it is critically important that schools be prepared to shift quickly to preventive measures proven to reduce the spread of COVID-19 should community data suggest a significantly increased risk of contracting COVID-19 within the school or in the community.

“Our organizations will work closely with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) and the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) and continue to monitor key data and base real-time COVID-19 guidance on relevant and current public health data. We wish all students, school staff, and families a safe and productive school year.”

Dr. Theodore Calianos, President, Massachusetts Medical Society

Dr. Mary Beth Miotto, President, Massachusetts Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics

Dr. Emily Chin, President, Massachusetts Academy of Family Physicians

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joint account with a parent or guardian, receive a contactless debit card with access to more than 30,000 fee-free ATMs. The account includes no minimum balance or monthly service fees and access to digital banking. The interns also supported retail and back-office personnel.

The interns also assisted with a community service project in which MPCU collected 400 backpacks and filled them with school supplies. The backpacks will be donated to schools and youth programs in the communities the credit union serves (Everett, Medford, Dorchester, Norwood, and Plymouth).

In addition to Caines, the interns worked directly with Marketing Administrator Leo Lemos and Everett Branch Manager Sarah O'Toole. “The students were a pleasure to have in our branch, and they came to work with a positive attitude and showed great initiative each and every day,” said O'Toole. “Besides working hard on their marketing project, once done they would come and ask us what they could do to help out our branch.”

Caines and Lemos are both EHS graduates.

On the last day of their internship, the students presented their campaign for the new teen checking account in front of a panel which included: Lemos, Caines, McKenzie, and President and CEO John J. Murphy.

“I was so impressed with their work on this campaign,” said Sullivan, who attended the presentation. “The students now have a tangible campaign they created that the credit union is going to run. It's so amazing!”

While the internship officially ended on August 17, the working relationship between MPCU and the marketing program is just beginning.

“The credit union's philosophy is “people helping people”. I am proud that Members Plus is actively involved with the Everett High School CTE program,” said Caines. “This internship has provided practical knowledge, tools, and hands-on experience to these talented students as they begin their professional development and explore opportunities in our credit union and in the financial industry.”

For more information about EHS's Marketing CTE program, or if your business is looking for marketing interns, please reach out to Ms. Sullivan at 617-394-2490.



EHS students and MPCU interns Suzanne Maharjan, Luis Santana, Alyssa Parziale, Kaesta Sandy, and Xiomara Perez Puer-ta and MPCU Marketing Administrator Leo Lemos.

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# Baker-Polito administration highlights school safety initiatives

Governor Charlie Baker and Lt. Governor Karyn Polito, joined by Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education Jeff Riley, Acting Commissioner of Early Education and Care Amy Kershaw and public safety officials, announced plans to file legislation proposing significant investments in school safety initiatives to support programming, training and resources for schools and districts throughout the Commonwealth. The administration’s proposed investments will expand its ongoing commitment to deliver a safe and secure learning environment for all Massachusetts students.

“As children return full-time to the classroom this fall, we want parents and educators to know that our administration is always working to improve and build on all the resources available to districts to make their schools as secure as possible,” said Governor Charlie Baker. “Our administration has and will continue to provide critical resources for students, staff, families and first responders while making significant investments in training for first responders and school staff so they can protect Massachusetts schools.”

“Children, teachers and staff deserve to feel safe in the classroom, and our

administration’s funding proposal will invest in the resources and programming required to equip school communities and emergency personnel with the tools they need to keep schools safe,” said Lt. Governor Karyn Polito. “We look forward to working with our colleagues in the Legislature to provide critical funding for districts across the Commonwealth.”

Governor Baker signed a supplemental budget with \$15 million for school safety initiatives in October 2018.

To date, as part of the Safe and Supportive Schools Initiative, the Baker-Polito Administration has awarded \$15 million in grant funding, including \$7.5 million awarded to more than 150 districts statewide to invest in security-related infrastructure upgrades and \$7.5 million in grant funding to increase mental health support and to support schools’ hiring of additional mental health and behavioral health specialists. Additionally, the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (EO-PSS) and the Department of Early and Secondary Education (DESE) actively and frequently collaborate on training and best practices for emergency and active shooter responses in school settings. District superintendents

are required each year to attest to that they have a multi-hazard evacuation plan in place, as well as that there is training provided to support that plan.

Public safety officials today also highlighted the Active Shooter/Hostile Event Response (ASHER) Program, an internationally recognized standard adopted by the Commonwealth as part of its ongoing commitment to emergency preparedness and community resilience to promote a statewide model for an integrated active shooter and hostile event response. Through cross-discipline collaboration among first responders and emergency personnel, ASHER is designed to protect communities and help them prepare, respond and recover from crisis events. The ASHER framework has already been implemented in state-run police and fire training academies, and parallel training is being finalized for current state police and fire personnel.

The Baker-Polito Administration will file a supplemental budget request in the coming weeks totaling nearly \$40 million to support critical school safety initiatives and equip students, staff and emergency responders with the training necessary to respond to better respond to threats within schools.

The proposal will include:

- Matching grants for security and communications upgrades in K-12 schools and public higher education institutes
- Grant funding for child care providers to support safety measures and multi-hazard emergency planning
- Grant funding to support districts pilot an anonymous “tip line” to report potential threats
- Funding for a statewide “Say Something” public awareness campaign and corresponding training
- Support for ongoing emergency response training for school officials
- Creation of a comprehensive school safety website

“These safety proposals would support a huge range of children and students, from those in child care to those at public colleges and universities,” said Education Secretary James Peyser. “The key to these proposals is collaboration among different state agencies and different local entities. When we invest in strengthening partnerships between school districts and first responders, we help ensure that schools are safe environments focused on learning and growing.”

“These proposed supports would be a welcome

addition to school districts’ safety planning and infrastructure,” Elementary and Secondary Education Commissioner Jeffrey C. Riley said. “The matching funds for equipment upgrades, plus funding for additional school staff to meet and collaborate with first responders are critical pieces that will help ensure our schools are places where students are safe, healthy, and ready to learn.”

“Nearly 200,000 children are spending time in our early education and care programs across the Commonwealth each day,” said Department of Early Education and Care Acting Commissioner Amy Kershaw. “These resources would provide our programs with the critical resources needed to not only upgrade and modernize their safety and security systems but also to plan, prepare and practice for various emergency scenarios based on the unique needs of our young learners and the early educators who work with them.”

“The Executive Office of Public Safety and Security remains deeply committed to working with our federal, state, and local partners to ensure that schools provide a safe and healthy learning environment for our children and educators,” said Public Safety and Secu-

rity Secretary Terrence Reidy. “We continue to build on vital initiatives, including school resource officer training, security infrastructure investments and the implementation of standardized policies to advance our shared goal of achieving the highest safety standards in school districts across the Commonwealth.”

“As the school year approaches, the Administration’s action support our students and teachers across the Commonwealth to have the resources they need to be and feel safe in the classroom,” said Secretary of Health and Human Services Marylou Sudders. “Today’s proposed investment in the well-being of our children is crucial to the Commonwealth’s commitment to protect students, teachers, staff and our future.”

“As students and staff head back to school across the Commonwealth, we are proud to announce new measures that will proactively invest in student safety and the security of education facilities across all levels,” said Secretary of Administration and Finance Michael J. Heffernan. “We look forward to filing for funding to support these important initiatives in the coming weeks.”

## FEMA awards grant for COVID-19 child care costs

The Federal Emergency Management Agency will be sending more than \$60 million to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to reimburse the Department of Early Childhood Education and Care for steps taken to keep child care centers open during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The \$60,066,850 Public Assistance grant will reimburse the department for purchasing and distributing personal protective equipment (PPE) and supplies to clean and sanitize facilities to all childcare providers at no cost.

By providing masks, gloves, hand sanitizer, cleaning supplies, disin-

fecting wipes and bleach to child care centers, emergency childcare programs were able to remain open to provide priority access for families of emergency personnel, medical staff, and other essential workers between January and December 2021.


“FEMA is pleased to be able to assist the Commonwealth of Massachusetts with these costs,” said FEMA Region 1 Regional Administrator Lori Ehrlich. “Providing resources for our partners on the front lines of the pandemic fight is critical to their success, and our success as a nation.”

FEMA’s Public Assis-

tance program is an essential source of funding for states and communities recovering from a federally declared disaster or emergency.


So far, FEMA has pro-

vided more than \$1.2 billion in Public Assistance grants to Massachusetts to reimburse the commonwealth for pandemic-related expenses.



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This notice is to inform you that a public hearing will be held on Monday September 19, 2022 at 6:00 PM, Everett City Hall, 3rd Floor George Keverian Hearing Room. All interested parties may attend and opinions will be heard regarding the following petition. Whereas a petition has been presented by:

**Property Address: 178-180 Elm Street**  
**Map/Lot: N0-03-000042**  
**Person Requesting: Kaura, LLC**  
**178 Elm Street**  
**Everett, MA 02149**

**PROPOSAL:**

Applicant seeks to construct a fourth-floor addition containing four (4) residential units over the existing first, second and third floors (the first floor being a convenience store) non-conforming structure located on a 3769 s.f. lot within the Business District, as per plan date March 25, 2020.

Violations:

- The existing building is non-conforming in the there



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**Property Address: 46 Liberty Street**  
**Map/Lot: C0-03-000152**  
**Person Requesting: Mr. Hector Angel Trustee**  
**46 Liberty Street Realty Trust**  
**45 High Street**  
**Everett, MA 02149**

**PROPOSAL:**

To demolish the existing two-family house and construct a three (3) story Nine (9) unit residential building.

Reason for Denial:

The proposed use as a Nine (9) unit building is not permitted in this Zoning District

Permit was denied in accordance with the City of Everett Zoning Ordinance Appendix A as follows:

Violations:

- A Nine (9) unit residential use is not permitted.
- The FAR (floor area ratio) for the proposed building is 0.73. where 0.5 is the limit.
- Parking shown on the lot only indicates 12 spaces where 18 are required.

Zoning:

- Section 4 Dwelling Districts (a) Uses quoted below:
- Uses. Within any dwelling district as indicated on the zoning map, no building, structure or premises shall be used and no building or structure shall be erected which is intended or designed to be used in whole or in part for any industry, trade, manufacturing, or commercial purposes, of for other than the following specified purposes:
- A single or double semi-detached dwelling existing at the time of the first enactment of, the Zoning Ordinance may be converted to provide not more than a total of three (3) dwelling units provided that the following standards are met:



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Any addition shall comply with the front, side and rear yard requirements and height limitations of the Zoning Ordinance.

Where the existing building is already non-conforming, any alteration shall not increase the existing non-conformity. Parking in accordance with this Zoning Ordinance shall be provided for any additional dwelling units. (Ord. of 4-29-91)

- The offices of a doctor, dentist or other member of a recognized profession, teacher or musician residing on the premises; provided there is no display or advertising except for a small professional name plate.
- Customary home occupations, such as dressmaking or millinery or the leasing of rooms or the taking of boarders, conducted by owner occupants only; provided there is no display or advertising visible from outside, except for an announcement card or sign of not more than two, (2) feet square area, and that such uses be confined to not over one-third of the total floor area occupied by each family.
- Schools, except private vocational schools, public libraries, fire stations, art museums, churches, parish houses and Sunday School buildings, membership clubs and social and recreational buildings and premises, park, water supply reservations, soldiers and sailors memorial buildings, except those chief activity of which is one customarily carried on as a gainful business.
- Real estate signs, referring only to the premises or tract on which they are located, and having an area not exceeding eight, (8) square feet.
- Truck gardens and greenhouses, provided that any greenhouse heating plant shall be distant not less than twenty, (20) feet from any street or lot line.
- Hospitals, not for the insane or feeble-minded; provided that no building be within thirty (30) feet of any street or lot line.
- Public or charitable institutional buildings not of a correctional nature, providing that no building thereon be within thirty, (30) feet of any street or lot line.
- Railroad or street railroad passenger stations or rights-of-way including customary accessory services therein; not including switching, storage, or freight yards or sidings.

by the Zoning Board of Appeals:


- Uses, whether or not on the same parcel as activities permitted as a matter of right, accessory to activities permitted as a matter of right, which activities are necessary in connection with scientific research or scientific development or related production. The Zoning Board of Appeals may grant such permit provided that it finds that the proposed accessory use does not substantially derogate from the public good.
- Community or group garages which may be permitted on an otherwise vacant lot. There shall be no service for gain to other than the owners or tenants of such garages. No such garages shall conduct a repair shop.
- Open-air markets of any type shall be prohibited. The sale of used household goods by residential occupants on their premises, normally referred to as garage sales, shall be allowed providing that such sale not continue for a period of more than seven (7) days in any year, except by Special Permit of the Zoning Board of Appeals. (Ord. of 4-29-91)
- (17) Conversion of Dwelling. No new dwelling unit created by the conversion of an existing dwelling shall be permitted unless the requirements of minimum lot area and off street parking are satisfied for all dwelling units in existence and proposed in the dwelling after the conversion or enlargement. (Ord. 02-046 of Oct. 22, 2003)
- 2) Section 4 Dwelling districts b) Dimensional Requirements 2) line C which states the following: C. All other uses-----0.5 maximum floor area ratio (Ord. of 6-29-87; Ord. of 4-29-91 Ord. of 7/16/2002; Ord. of 11/13/2007)
- Section 17 Off-street Parking line 2
- Off-street parking facilities shall be provided in accordance with the requirements as outlined below. Where the Term "gross square feet" is used, it shall mean the total occupiable floor area measured within the exterior walls of the building. (Original Ord. Of 2-26-1965,
- 2. Multifamily dwellings spaces per dwelling unit.

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# Sports

## EHS Roundup

### NEW SEASON, NEW COACH FOR EVERETT HIGH GIRLS SOCCER

The Everett High girls soccer team will be sporting a new look this fall under the direction of new head coach Domenick Persuitte.

“It has always been a dream of mine to be a head coach of a high school soccer team, and I have been given a great opportunity here at Everett to help build the program. I am very humbled by this opportunity,” said Persuitte, a teacher at the high school who has served as an assistant coach with the Crimson Tide boys soccer program for the past five seasons.

Persuitte brings a lifelong love for the “beautiful game” and a lengthy background as a player and a coach. Persuitte is a graduate of Barnstable High, where he was the starting keeper for three years and coached the Barnstable JV team while attending Cape Cod Community College. Persuitte also played for the Cape Cod United club team prior to attending Cape Cod C.C.

He transferred to UMAss Boston and was a walk-on who earned the starting keeper position for three seasons for the Beacons, graduating in 2010.

“Soccer has been my saving grace in life. It has always been there for me, even when I walked away while attending communi-

ty college,” said Persuitte.

The 2022 edition of the Lady Crimson Tide will be led by a trio of captains, seniors Leah Ferullo and Lamiah Wyzard and junior Layla Bantan-cur-Cardona.

“Both Lamiah and Layla were named captains by the previous coach and both show excellent captain qualities,” said Persuitte. “I chose Leah as the third as she stepped up to help some underclass who didn’t understand what drills we were doing. She seemed very willing to help those who were struggling, the exact qualities I look for in a captain, it was a no-brainer to appoint her as a captain.”

Everett took part in the Jamboree this past Sunday at Medford and played well. The Lady Crimson Tide scored a 5-0 victory over Chelsea and battled Malden Catholic well in a 1-0 loss.

“On the whole, the team did a fantastic job,” said Persuitte. “Every player stepped up to show the team what they could do. There is a lot of work ahead, but for the first time being on the field together as one team, I was very impressed.

“For the upcoming season, my goal is to be at least .500,” Persuitte continued. “It will be great if we make the playoffs, but there is a lot of work for us to improve on. I am very confident that we will make some noise in the GBL. Every single player so far has shown the drive

and will to be successful this season.”

Persuitte and his crew will open their 2022 season next Thursday (Sept. 8) at Medford.

### FALL SPORTS SWING INTO HIGH GEAR

The 2022 fall athletic season is set to swing into gear this coming week for Everett High sports teams.

The Crimson Tide once again will be competing in the eight-school Greater Boston League with fellow members Chelsea, Revere, Malden, Medford, Somerville, Lynn Classical, and Lynn English.

Coach Jen Spayne and the girls volleyball team will get things rolling when they travel to Medford next Wednesday, Sept. 7.

The boys and girls soccer teams, led by head coaches Pedro Blas for the boys and new head coach Dom Persuitte for the girls, will kick off their seasons next Thursday (Sept. 8) with the boys hosting Medford and the girls trekking to Medford.

The golfers, headed by coach Steve Gallagher, will entertain Medford next Thursday at the Stoneham Oaks course.

Coach Melissa O’Donnell and the EHS girls field hockey team will open up their 2022 season on Monday, September 12, against non-league rival Waltham.

## EHS FOOTBALL PRACTICING DRILLS



Coach Rob DiLoreto makes a point during offensive drills at practice Saturday.

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TRIAL COURT PARTNERS WITH PUBLIC LIBRARY

CHELSEA - The Trial Court announced that it has partnered with the Chelsea Public Library to provide the public with access to virtual court resources and services at the library.

The program, a Massachusetts Trial Court Access to Justice initiative, will provide visitors with access to computer terminals and the internet to search for court resources, such as interpreter services, legal aid, case information and more. Additionally, visitors will be able to contact the virtual court help desk, use library computers and printers to access and print court forms, and use designated library spaces for virtual court hearings. Some court departments have remote services available via a virtual front counter.

Chelsea Public Library Director Sarah G. Jackson said: “The Chelsea Public Library continuously strives to address the needs of the community. Through our partnership with the Massachusetts Access to Justice Project, we seek to increase access to legal aid for members of our community. Our goal is to provide equitable access to judicial assistance by creating a safe space for people to access virtual court hearings, research and print court documents, and obtain access to online legal support. We thank the City of Chelsea and the MA Trial Courts for assisting with the technology necessary to make these resources available to the public.”

“We are excited about the expansion of our partnership with public libraries to bring virtual court services to local communities,” said Trial Court Chief Justice Jeffrey Locke. “It’s been a pleasure to collaborate

the City of Chelsea and Chelsea Public Library to increase access to justice within the community.”

“The Trial Court is committed to providing equal access to the court system for all members of the public and our virtual services are no exception,” said Trial Court Administrator John Bello. “This partnership with local libraries, including Chelsea Public Library, helps ensure that no member of the community gets left behind due to a lack of access to, or understanding of, technology.”

“We are excited to be a part of this forward-thinking initiative between the Trial Court and local libraries such as ours,” said Chelsea City Manager Thomas G. Ambrosino. “I am proud that the City of Chelsea has been able to play a part in providing the technology resources that our residents need to ensure everyone has equal access to justice in our courts.”

First Justice Matthew Machera of Chelsea District Court said: “During the pandemic, many aspects of court business moved into the virtual sphere to ensure the safety of the community while keeping court cases moving forward. It’s imperative that we make sure all members of our community in Chelsea have free and easy access to the technology needed to take advantage of those virtual services. We are grateful for the partnership with Chelsea Public Library to provide access to justice for more of our community.”

The Chelsea Public Library is located at 569 Broadway, Chelsea, MA 02150. The library’s summer hours are Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., Thursday 9 a.m. – 8 p.m., Friday 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., and Saturday 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Information regarding

resources offered via the library will be available on the library’s website at <https://www.chelseama.gov/public-library>. Those with questions about the offered resources or who would like to make an appointment to get extra help contact the library at (617) 466-4350.

BPHC PROVIDES COVID UPDATE

EAST BOSTON - The Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) provided the following updates on the latest COVID-19 trends for the City of Boston:

Levels of COVID-19 virus in local wastewater have increased by 17.8% over the last seven days but have held stable over the past 14 days with a 7.4% decrease, and are now at 520 RNA copies/mL.

(Data as of August 15)

New COVID-19 cases in Boston have decreased by 20.5% over the past seven days, and by 22.7% over the past 14 days.

East Boston reported a total of 143 new cases over this two-week period making it the neighborhood with highest amount of new cases reported.

The other four neighborhoods with high COVID reported cases are Mattapan, Jamaica Plain, Roxbury and the South End.

(Data as of August 15)

Boston has seen 146 new COVID-19 related hospitalizations in the past seven days, which is a 0.6% decrease over the past seven days and a 18.4% decrease over the last 14 days.

(Data as of August 17),

Community positivity is 7.2% as of August 18.

Suffolk county remains at medium community risk, according to the CDC.

With back-to-school season and cooler tem-

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Shown above, Cottage Park Yacht Club Commodore John Cataldo (back, second from left) stands with a Make-A-Wish family and Make-A-Wish Massachusetts and Rhode Island CEO Sean Holleran (back, third from left).



peratures approaching, BPHC is encouraging families to plan ahead by ensuring school aged children and teens are up to date on their vaccinations, including COVID-19. Parents and guardians should schedule a check-up for their child before the school year begins. This is an opportunity to discuss your child’s health, as well as vaccines, with their pediatrician.

Getting as many children and teens up to date on their COVID-19 vaccinations as possible is crucial to these efforts. Vaccines and boosters are our the most effective tools for preventing transmission in school settings. It is important for youth’s emotional wellbeing and academic performance that they experience a more normal school year that doesn’t involve widespread shutdowns and remote learning. A full list of COVID-19 vaccination clinics in Boston is available on the BPHC website.

“Just like getting books and school supplies, making sure your child gets a checkup from their doctor is a very important part of the back-to-school routine,” said Dr. Bisola Ojikutu, Commissioner of Public Health and Executive Director of the Boston Public Health Commission. “I encourage all parents and guardians to use this checkup as an opportunity to get your child vaccinated or boosted for COVID-19 to help keep them healthy, reduce their risk of infection and ensure they can stay in school with minimal interruption.”

Based on current trends, BPHC’s recommendations remain unchanged. Proper COVID-19 safety and mitigation practices are our best tool for driving our metrics down further. Residents should continue to adhere to the following strategies to prevent COVID-19 transmission:

Stay up to date on your COVID-19 vaccinations to reduce your risk of severe illness.

COVID-19 vaccines are recommended for everyone ages 6 months and older.

Booster doses are recommended for everyone ages 5 years and older.

Second booster dose are recommended for everyone ages 50 and older, as well as moderately to severely immunocompro-

mised individuals who are 12 or older.

Wear masks indoors, especially in crowded indoor settings like public transportation.

Test for COVID-19 before and after attending large gatherings, especially if you know you will be around high-risk individuals, such as seniors, those who are immunocompromised, and those who are unvaccinated.

Stay home and isolate if you are sick or test positive for COVID-19. If you test positive, contact a health care provider about oral antivirals or monoclonal antibody therapy.

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health is offering free telehealth services for Paxlovid, an oral antiviral that has been proven to reduce the risk of hospitalization and death from COVID-19 significantly. For more information, visit their website.

Gather outside and choose outdoor activities as often as possible.

Open windows and doors to ensure good indoor ventilation.

Vaccine and booster trends (data as of August 15):

- 74.5% of Boston residents are fully vaccinated.
- 42.2% of fully vaccinated Boston residents have received a booster.
- 48.1% of Boston children ages 5-11 are fully vaccinated.
- 73% of white children ages 5-11 are fully vaccinated, 69% of AAPI children are fully vaccinated, 35% of Latinx children are fully vaccinated, and 29% of Black children are fully vaccinated.
- 13.4% of Boston children ages 6-months to 4-years old have received one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine.
- 23% of white children ages 6-months to 4-years old have gotten their first dose, 20% of AAPI children have gotten their first dose, and 3% of Black and 3% of Latinx children have gotten their first dose.

.500 in the tournament to lead all players from the 11 regional championship teams and the host Stafford team. A left-handed hitter and first baseman, Newhall had seven hits in 14-at-bats. He drove in two runs and scored three.

“Shea was dialed in,” said Lynn Coach Rich Avery. “Whenever he got up and we needed a big hit, he just seemed to put the ball where someone wasn’t and got on base.”

Newhall’s memorable performance earned him a spot on the prestigious 2022 Babe Ruth World Series All-Tournament Team.

Appropriately enough, Newhall, who is sophomore at St. Mary’s High School, received an elegantly designed baseball bat which may require a separate space on the talented Newhall family’s ever-expanding trophy shelf.

The Lynn team, led by Manager Leon Elwell, won its first three games in pool play before losing to Torrance, California in the final game before the single-elimination round. Interestingly, Torrance’s pitching coach, Harrison Mingham, had played against Greater Lynn Babe Ruth in the 2015 Babe Ruth World Series. Mingham went on to play college baseball for Marymount California University.

Lynn was ousted from the tournament by Rapid City, South Dakota. Pitt County, a powerhouse from Greenville, North Carolina, defeated Torrance, 10-7, to win the world championship.

The competition was really tough at the World Series,” said Avery. “Obviously when you get to that point, all the teams are regional champions. Even the host team (Stafford, Virginia) was very good. The whole tournament was an awesome experience for the players and the coaches.”

Lynn third baseman Jared Paone and catcher Kyle Cummings were named to the Babe Ruth World Series All-Defensive Team. Each player received a “Gold Glove” award from Babe Ruth officials.

Lynn officials expressed their appreciation to team parents and fundraisers Jill Avery, Yasmene Driscoll, Lysa Newhall, and Joanne Marks.

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# Massachusetts unemployment and job estimates for July

The state’s July total unemployment rate dropped by two-tenths of a percentage point at 3.5 percent over-the-month, the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development announced Friday.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics’ preliminary job estimates indicate Massachusetts gained 13,500 jobs in July. This follows last month’s revised gain of 5,800 jobs. The largest over the month private sector job gains were in Professional and Business Services, Education and Health Services, and Other Services. Employment now stands at 3,680,100. Since the employment trough in April 2020, Massachusetts

gained 629,100 jobs.

From July 2021 to July 2022, BLS estimates Massachusetts gained 134,500 jobs. The largest over the year gains occurred in Professional, Scientific, and Business Services, Leisure and Hospitality, and Education and Health Services.

The July unemployment rate of 3.5 percent was the same as the national rate reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The labor force decreased by an estimated 7,500 from 3,773,100 in June, as 800 more residents were employed, and 8,300 fewer residents were unemployed over-the-month.

Over-the-year, the state’s seasonally adjusted

unemployment rate was down by 2.2 percentage points.

The state’s labor force participation rate – the total number of residents 16 or older who worked or were unemployed and actively sought work in the last four weeks – was down two-tenths of a percentage point at 65.8 percent. Compared to July 2021, the labor force participation rate was up 0.2 percentage points.

July 2022 Employment Overview

Government gained 12,800 jobs over the month. Over the year, 4,500 jobs were lost.

Professional and Business Services gained 5,500 jobs over the month. Over the year, 34,300 jobs

were added.

Education and Health Services gained 5,200 jobs over the month. Over the year, 30,200 jobs were added.

Other Services gained 1,400 jobs over the month. Over the year, 6,900 jobs were added.

Information gained 1,300 jobs over the month. Over the year, 5,200 jobs were added.

Manufacturing gained 900 over the month. Over the year, 8,400 jobs were added.

Financial Activities gained 500 jobs over the month. Over the year, 2,600 were lost.

Construction lost 600 jobs over the month. Over the year, 9,500 jobs were added.

Trade, Transportation, And Utilities lost 1,200 jobs over the month. Over the year, 16,400 jobs were added.

Leisure And Hospitality lost 12,300 jobs over the month. Over the year, 30,700 jobs were added.

Labor Force Overview

The July estimates show 3,634,600 Massachusetts residents were employed and 130,900 were unemployed, for a total labor force of 3,765,600. The unemployment rate was down 0.2 percentage points at 3.5 percent from the June rate of 3.7 percent. Over-the-month, the July labor force was down by 7,500 from 3,773,100 in June, with 800 more residents employed and 8,300 fewer residents

unemployed. The labor force participation rate, the share of working age population employed and unemployed, dropped at 65.8 percent. The labor force was up 8,300 from the July 2021 estimate of 3,757,200, as 90,000 more residents were employed, and 81,700 fewer residents were unemployed.

The unemployment rate is based on a monthly sample of households. The job estimates are derived from a monthly sample survey of employers. As a result, the two statistics may exhibit different monthly trends.

## Foxboro weekday commuter rail service pilot to start September 12

On Monday, September 12, a one-year weekday Commuter Rail service pilot between South Station and Foxboro station will start, allowing riders to travel easily and directly between Boston and Foxboro. In spring 2020, the MBTA cancelled its Foxboro Weekday Service Pilot due to the pandemic. The service starting on September 12 is a one-year pilot program offering 11 inbound and 10 outbound weekday trains between Foxboro and Boston via the Fairmount and Franklin Commuter Rail lines.

“We’re excited to again launch this weekday service pilot between Foxboro and South Station, providing access to transit for more Commuter Rail riders,” said MBTA General Manager Steve Poftak. “We appreciate the collaboration with the Kraft Group, including in offering free parking at the station for the duration of the pilot. We continue to be committed to improving public transit across all of the communities we serve, and we look forward to analyzing the pilot’s data upon completion

of the pilot.”

“We’re thrilled to welcome commuters back to Foxboro station this fall,” said Brian Earley, Vice President and General Manager of Patriot Place. “As the workforce continues to return to in-person work, Foxboro station’s commuter-friendly schedule, free parking, and 500-plus parking spaces create an easy, efficient, and cost-effective option for commuters. We greatly appreciate the partnership of the MBTA, MassDOT, and Town of Foxborough as we work to relaunch

this weekday commuter service in a way that inspires economic development and is beneficial to the community and commuters alike.”

“As passengers continue to return to the Commuter Rail, we are proud to offer a reliable service that meets their changing needs,” said Abdelah Chajai, CEO of Keolis Commuter Services. “In partnership with the MBTA, we are offering more regular service throughout the day, and now we are expanding service to the Foxboro com-

munity. These are all examples of how the MBTA and Keolis are adapting to meet the current and future needs of our Commuter Rail passengers.”

On weekdays, there will be a total of 21 trips between South Station and Foxboro station. This includes 11 inbound trips and 10 outbound trips. A full list of trains to and from Foxboro station can be found at [mbta.com/Foxboro](https://www.mbta.com/Foxboro). Foxboro station is in Zone 4 with a regular Zone 4 one-way fare costing \$8.75, a regular Zone 4 round-trip fare costing

\$17.50, and a regular Zone 4 monthly pass of \$281 on CharlieTicket or \$271 on the mTicket app.

Trains between Foxboro and South Station travel on the Franklin and Fairmount Commuter Rail lines. Not all trains will stop at Hyde Park, Ruggles, or Back Bay stations. Passengers should check each line’s schedule at [MBTA.com](https://www.mbta.com) for details.

Foxboro Station Parking: Parking prices will be free to riders, as these costs will be paid during the pilot by Kraft Group.

## Region // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 12

### COUNCIL AMENDS ORDINANCES RELATED TO PROPOSED LIFE SCIENCE CENTER

REVERE - The City Council voted unanimously to amend the ordinances related to the life science center being proposed at the Suffolk Downs site that is being redeveloped by HYM Investment Group.

The vote – which will reduce the Biosafety Level (BSL) at the life science center from BSL-3 to BSL-2 and create restrictions on the testing of certain types of animals - is considered a major victory for the many residents who had expressed concerns about the potential research and laboratory testing that would be done at the facility.

Council President Gerry Visconti, who proposed the amended ordinances in tandem with Ward 1 Councillor Joanne McKenna, outlined the amendments at the outset of the discussion.

“Currently the way the ordinance reads is that the City allows for a life science building with a BS-Level 3,” said Visconti. “What Councillor McKenna and myself have proposed is a reduction in that Bs-Level 2.”

Visconti and McKenna also proposed an amendment “that if any animal testing takes place in the SDOD District (Special Development Overlay District), it will prohibit the testing of the following species: cats, dogs, rabbits, monkeys, chimpanzees, and other related primates.”

Visconti also stated that HYM Managing Director Thomas O’Brien’s intention “was always to put no more than a BS-Level 2 [at the life science center]. He [O’Brien] has agreed

to the changes regarding the animal testing.”

Any other life science buildings outside the SDOD will have to be done by special permit “as well as prohibiting any animal testing.”

Visconti called the amendments “significant changes” to the city’s ordinances.

Zoning Subcommittee Chair Patrick Keefe, who presided over the discussion, said after the vote approving the amendments that, “Revere is a fast-growing community with excellent access to Boston and more industries want to be a part of our city.”

Keefe added, “I’m excited that Revere is becoming an attractive canvas to many great sources of industry, employment, and community partnerships. Massachusetts is leading the nation in the life sciences and Revere ought to be part of that amazing growth. Thomas O’Brien and HYM are showcasing what we already knew: Revere is a special place to be.”

### COUNCIL SEEKS MORE REMEDIATION FROM MASSPORT

WINTHROP - The Winthrop Town Council has signed onto a letter

asking Massport to provide additional remediation efforts in relation to the planned runway safety area improvement project for Runway 27 at Logan Airport.

“This is a runway safety area improvement, it is not a runway extension,” said Precinct 3 Councilor Hannah Belcher, who wrote the letter, at the council’s August 16 meeting. “The draft environmental impact report came back from Massport. It was open for public comment and they extended the period from the 8th to the 22nd, which gave us time to get a letter in front of the council to sign and send over,”

Belcher said the draft report didn’t mention a lot of Winthrop-specific issues because the scope of the project is entirely within Boston boundaries.

“But it undoubtedly impacts our waterways toward Snake Island and the Elks,” said Belcher. “The letter outlines that we understand the importance of this (runway project) and that it’s a safety issue and an FAA mandate, however it asks for a few things, like air quality monitors and studies, and we ask them to speed up the sound insulation project, and we are asking for funding for trees.”

Councilor-At-Large Tracey Honan thanked

Belcher for working on the letter to Massport.

“It is very pragmatic and well written,” said Honan. “We know this project has to happen because it is an FAA requirement, however, I was pleased to see she asked for remediation, specifically regarding the tree funding.”

In other business, Town Clerk Denise Quist updated the council on the changes in precinct lines as a result of the 2020 federal census. Overall, Quist said 348 households had to change precincts.

“Every 10 years, when the federal census is calculated, the state makes the decision on the town’s precincts, causing some to be reprecincted,” said Quist. “Each precinct cannot have more than 4,000 voters in it, therefore, some residents are changing precincts to fit this.”

The 2020 census saw the population of Winthrop grow from 15,893 residents in 2010 to 19,316 in 2020, Quist said.

There were 41 people who changed from Precinct 1 to Precinct 5, 53 from Precinct 4 to Precinct 6, 93 from Precinct 6 to Precinct 1, 52 from Precinct 4 to Precinct 6, and 109 from Precinct 1 to Precinct 2.

“Hopefully, this will not happen again for another 10 years,” said Quist.

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FRESH AND LOCAL

Add a pinch of time

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

There’s a difference between food that takes time to prepare and food that is time-consuming. Plenty of delicious recipes call for hours of preparation. However, they don’t need your attention throughout the process. Sometimes adding a pinch of time means less work for the cook.

Autumn and the holiday season bring busier schedules and may need food that you want to make in larger batches. Traditional recipes and warming comfort food can fit nicely into meal planning for a busy cook. The bonus is that many of these oldies-but-goodies need few ingredients and use common pantry items.

Recipe Guidance

We love it when a recipe points out the time you’ll need to make it and breaks it down into understandable segments. For example, Marc Bittman’s recipe for gravlax lets you know that it will take “at

least 24 hours, largely unattended.” A recipe for Butternut Squash with Orange Oil and Caramelized Honey in the book “Ottolenghi Test Kitchen Shelf Love” notes: “Prep time: 15 minutes, Cook time: 40 minutes, Infusion time: 20 minutes to 1 hour.”

In addition, recipe developers often include suggestions for what you can prepare ahead. Even if they don’t, as you hone your cooking skills, you’ll learn that you can sauté aromatics and rewarm them as needed.

Make Your Own Timeline

You can also create a do-it-yourself assessment of how much of your tentative time a recipe will take. Let’s take Mina Stone’s recipe for Revithia sto Fourni (Oven Chickpeas) from “Lemon, Love & Olive Oil.” It begins by soaking dried chickpeas overnight. Soaking means planning ahead, but it won’t take much of your time.

Next day you put the chickpeas in an ovenproof dish with a lid, add fresh water, quartered onions, unpeeled garlic cloves, bay leaves, salt and olive oil. That step only takes moments and pantry ingredients. You don’t have to add shopping time to your day. Cover and bake for four hours.

Finally, add lemon juice, more olive oil, black pepper and correct the seasoning. With the addition of some cheese, bread, and olives you have a traditional Greek meal. You also have a pot of lovely chickpeas to use in other ways.

Again, this is a quick process for the cook. While this recipe in its printed form seems long and daunting and takes more than 16 hours to prepare, those are not contiguous hours and your engaged time between each step is brief.

Other Slow Cook Methods

Braise, roast, poach,



A traditional beef stew requires some chopping of ingredients. However, once braising in the oven or simmering on a low burner, the cook is free to do other things.

Plan Ahead to Slow Down Your Food

The second paragraph of The Slow Food international manifesto reads, “We are enslaved by speed and have all succumbed to the same insidious virus: Fast Life, which disrupts our habits, pervades the privacy of our homes and forces us to eat Fast Foods.”

As you plan meals, re-

member that you might be able to prepare a healthier, more delicious, and less expensive meal in line with the Slow Food philosophy by adopting recipes that take a long time to create but very little time away from other activities.

Do you have a question or topic for Fresh & Local? Send an email to Penny@BostonZest.com with your suggestion.

The Huntington announces new COVID protocols

The Huntington announces revised COVID protocols for the new musical Sing Street and all performances at the Calderwood Pavilion at the BCA. Face masks will be encouraged for evening performances and required for all matinee performances. The Huntington previously dropped the requiring of proof of vaccination or negative COVID test for audience members at the end of June.

The Huntington received incredibly positive feedback from patrons over the past year, praising the company’s thoughtful COVID policies and efforts to keep artists, staff, and audiences safe and healthy at the theatre. While most businesses have now dropped mask-wearing requirements, The Huntington developed this new policy to provide options to audience members and be as inclusive and welcoming as possible after receiving

feedback that some patrons are more comfortable if others are wearing masks and some prefer to attend and not wear masks.

Calderwood Pavilion Mask Policy: Masked Matinees: Masks covering patrons’ mouth and nose will be required for all audience members during matinee performances and must be worn at all times except when actively eating or drinking concessions, which are available

at intermission for purchase and consumption in the lobby only. Mask requirements will be enforced by front of house staff.

Masks encouraged evening performances: All patrons are encouraged to wear a mask, except when actively eating or drinking concessions, for everyone’s comfort and safety. Mask wearing is not required and will not be enforced.

Huntington staff mem-

bers are fully vaccinated and will continue to wear masks during interactions with audience members.

Any patron interested in attending a different performance will be able to exchange their tickets by contacting The Huntington’s ticketing services staff. The Huntington asks that any patron experiencing any COVID symptoms stay home and contact ticketing services for more information about exchanges.

These COVID policies will be effective at the Calderwood Pavilion through October 9, 2022, and The Huntington will continue to evaluate and update these policies as the situation evolves. For the most up-to-date information on health and safety policies and season shows, please visit The Huntington’s website: huntingtontheatre.org/plan-your-visit/covid-19-public-health-policies.

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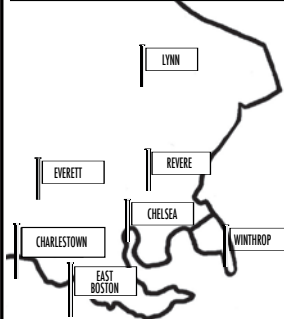
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CHURCH News

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

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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](http://zionchurchministries.com) or via email at [office@zionchurchministries.com](mailto:office@zionchurchministries.com)

Glendale United Methodist Church

News and Notes

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**Pastor's Office Hours:**  
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News and Notes

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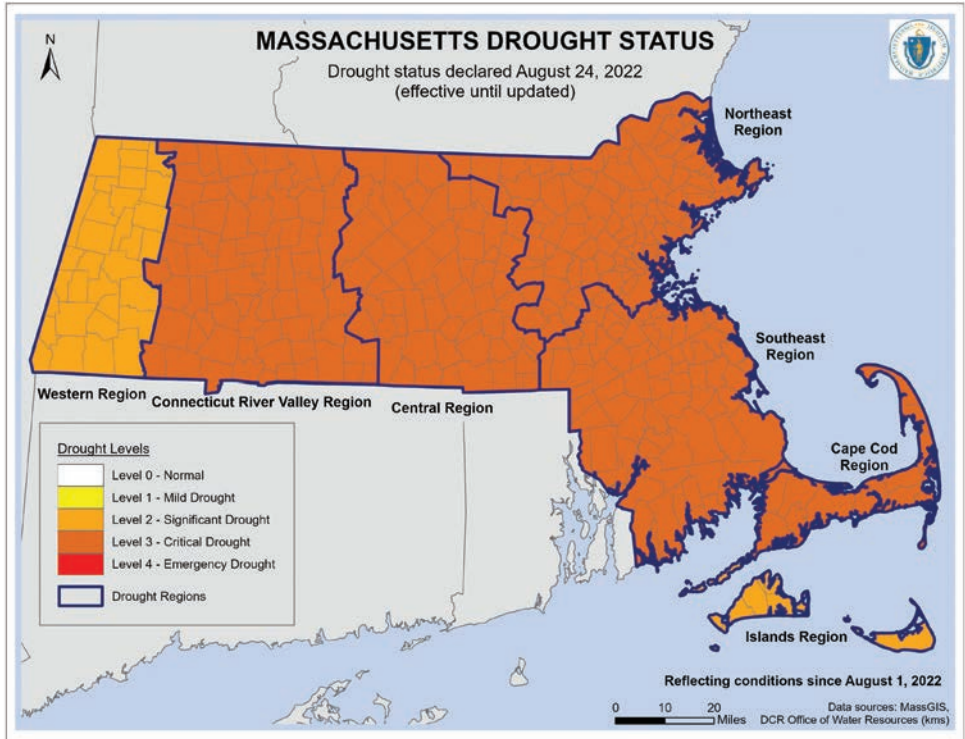
# Risk of wildland fires increases as drought persists

Special to the Independent

With the risk of wildland fires increasing due to below average precipitation across the state, Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) Secretary Beth Card today declared that the Cape Cod Region will join the Connecticut River Valley, Southeast, Northeast, and Central Regions as a Level 3-Critical Drought. Additionally, the Islands and Western Regions will also elevate to a Level 2-Significant Drought. As outlined in the Massachusetts Drought Management Plan, a Level-3 Critical Drought and a Level 2-Significant Drought calls for the convening of an inter-agency Mission Group, which has already begun to meet, to more closely coordinate on drought assessments, impacts, and response within the government. These efforts are in addition to Level 1-Mild Drought actions, which recommends detailed monitoring of drought conditions, close coordination among state and federal agencies, and technical outreach and assistance to the affected municipalities.

“Massachusetts continues to experience drought conditions in all regions of the state, which is not only depleting public water supplies, but is also elevating the risk of wildland fires,” said Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Beth Card. “It is critical that we all practice water conservation methods and adhere to local requirements to decrease the stress on our water systems and ensure essential needs, such as drinking water, habitats and fire suppression, are being met.”

“The impact of the current drought conditions are being felt throughout the commonwealth, from damaging wildfires to dry riverbeds and wells,” said MEMA Acting Director Dawn Brantley. “The recent rains help but won’t end the drought so it is



more important than ever to prevent wildfires and for residents to conserve water in our day-to-day activities.”

From August 1, 2022, to August 22, 2022, rainfall ranged mostly between 0.5 inch to 1 inch across the state, with a few localized higher and lower totals. Precipitation numbers are trending below average for the month of August. The Cape Cod, Islands, and Western Regions of the state were most impacted by the lack of precipitation. Additionally, since the onset of the drought, regions are experiencing between a four and ten inch deficit in precipitation. Streamflow has also been the most affected index with extreme low flows all across the state, where dry streambeds, increased ponding, higher temperatures in rivers, and increased nutrients and algal blooms are occurring. Furthermore, groundwater levels are declining in each region of the state.

Caution is also advised as fire activity has increased across the state as drought conditions have set in, and wildfires in remote areas with delayed response are now burning deep into the organic soil layers. Drought induced fire behavior can result in suppression challenges for fire resources and result

in extended incidents. As a result of fire conditions, the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) has implemented a temporary ban on all open flame and charcoal fires within state park properties. During the temporary ban, which is in effect until further notice, small portable propane grills are still allowed at campgrounds and recreation areas where grilling is permitted.

Currently, there are over 12 wildfire incidents across the state that are active and require daily mop up and monitoring. This year’s fire season has been extended due to dry conditions. Since the start of the fire season, there have been over 840 wildfires, burning approximately 1,432 acres of land. It is critical that everyone remains aware of how the drought has increased the risk of wildland fires in the state, and the public is asked to exercise extreme caution when using grills and open flames to ensure fires are properly and completely extinguished.

The agricultural sector also continues to experience impacts resulting from the ongoing drought, which includes some depletion of water sources and production acreage, irrigating crops on a more consistent basis due to current precipitation deficits,

high temperatures, low soil moisture, and significant increase in operating costs due to increased labor, maintenance of equipment, and increased irrigation. Consumers are encouraged to purchase fresh fruits, vegetables, and other products at local farm stands and retail stores throughout the Commonwealth.

On August 15, 2022, United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Secretary Vilsack announced the designation of nine Massachusetts counties as primary natural disaster areas and three counties as contiguous disaster areas due to the 2022 drought. A USDA Secretarial disaster designation makes farm operators in the primary and contiguous counties eligible to be considered for assistance from the Farm Service Agency (FSA), such as FSA emergency loans, provided eligibility requirements are met. Farmers in eligible counties have eight months from the date of the disaster declaration to apply for emergency loans. The nine primary counties are: Barnstable, Bristol, Dukes, Essex, Middlesex, Norfolk, Plymouth, Suffolk, and Worcester. The three contiguous counties are: Franklin, Hampden, and Hampshire. For more information, please visit the USDA’s Disaster Assistance Programs’ webpage.

It is important to note that the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA) water supply system is not experiencing drought conditions, as defined within its individual plan. Private wells, local streams, wetlands, vernal pools, and other water-dependent habitats located within MWRA-serviced areas are being impacted by drought conditions while water quality in ponds can deteriorate due to lowering of levels and stagnation.

Below are recommendations for communities and individuals living and working within a Level 3 – Critical Drought, Level 2 – Significant Drought and Level 1 – Mild Drought region, including those utilizing a private well. Residents and businesses are also asked to check with their local water system in case more stringent watering restrictions are in place.

**For Regions in Level 3 – Critical Drought**  
Residents and Businesses:

- Stop all non-essential outdoor watering.
- Minimize overall water use.

**Immediate Steps for Communities:**

- Adopt and implement the state’s nonessential outdoor water use restrictions for drought; Level 3 restriction calls for a ban on all nonessential outdoor water use.
- Provide timely information on the drought and on water conservation tips

to local residents and businesses.

- Enforce water use restrictions with increasingly stringent penalties.
- Strongly discourage or prohibit installation of new sod, seeding, and/or landscaping; washing of hard surfaces (sidewalks, patios, driveways, siding); personal vehicle or boat washing; filling of swimming pools.
- Establish or enhance water-use reduction targets for all water users and identify top water users and conduct targeted outreach to help curb their use.

**Short- and Medium-Term Steps for Communities:**

- Establish a year-round water conservation program that includes public education and communication.
- Implement or establish drought surcharge or seasonal water rates.
- Prepare to activate emergency inter-connections for water supply.
- Develop or refine your local drought management plan using guidance outlined in the state Drought Management Plan.

**For Regions in Level 2 – Significant Drought**  
Residents and Businesses:

- Minimize overall water use.
- Limit outdoor watering to hand-held hoses or watering cans, to be used only after 5 p.m. or before 9 a.m.
- Follow local water use restrictions, if more stringent.

**Immediate Steps for Communities:**

- Adopt and implement the state’s nonessential outdoor water use restrictions for drought; Level 2 restriction calls for limiting outdoor watering to hand-held hoses or watering cans, to be used only after 5 p.m. or before 9 a.m. If local restrictions are more stringent, continue to keep them in place during the course of the drought.
- Limit or prohibit installation of new sod, seeding, and/or landscaping; watering during or within 48 hours after measurable rainfall; washing of hard surfaces (sidewalks, patios, driveways, siding); personal vehicle or boat washing; filling of swimming pools.
- Establish water-use reduction targets for all water users and identify top water users and conduct targeted outreach to help curb their use.

**Short- and Medium-Term Steps for Communities:**

- Establish a year-round water conservation program that includes public education and communication.
- Provide timely information to local residents and businesses.
- Implement or establish drought surcharge or seasonal water rates.
- Check emergency inter-connections for water supply.
- Develop or refine your local drought management plan using guidance outlined in the state Drought Management Plan.

**For Regions in Level 1 – Mild Drought**  
Residents and Businesses:

- Toilets, faucets and showers are more than 60% of indoor use. Make sure yours are WaterSense efficient.
- Limit outdoor watering to one day a week (only from 5:00 pm – 9:00 am), or less frequently if required by your water supplier

**Immediate Steps for Communities:**

- Adopt and implement

## Breakheart Reservation in Saugus

Due to active wildland fires, the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) will continue to close Breakheart Reservation, 177 Forest Street, Saugus. DCR staff will remain on site to instruct visitors about the closure. An announcement will be made prior to the re-opening of the park. For updates, please visit the agency’s Twitter page: @Mass-DCR.

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Practicing water conservation now will greatly help reduce water use to ensure essential needs, such as drinking water and fire protection, are being met, habitats have enough water to support their natural functions, and to sustain the Commonwealth’s water supplies in the long-term. State agencies will continue to monitor and assess current conditions and any associated environmental and agricultural impacts, coordinate any needed dissemination of information to the public, and help state, federal and local agencies prepare additional responses that may be needed in the future. Furthermore, the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) will continue to provide technical assistance to communities on managing systems, including emergency connections and water supplies assistance.

“The need for conservation of water has never been greater,” said Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection Commissioner Martin Suuberg. “Citizens are again encouraged to conserve water and follow the conservation measures established by their local water suppliers.”

The Drought Management Task Force will meet again on Wednesday, September 7, 2022, at 1:00PM. For further information on water conservation and what residents can do, please visit EEA’s drought page and water conservation page. To get the most up-to-date information on the drought indices, go to the state’s drought dashboard page.

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