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The Mbangu family, Patrick, Anaiah, Nevaeh, and Gladys enjoyed an afternoon at Rivergreen Park.

Photos by Katy Rogers

The City of Everett and the Mystic River Watershed Association held a firefly celebration at Rivergreen Park on Monday afternoon. 32 firefly sculptures (which illuminate at night) have been installed at Rivergreen Park. Resources were on hand to educate residents on the importance of pollinators.

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Zili Misik performed at Rivergreen Park.



Sisters Yasmin and Ellen Mota also enjoyed their coloring books at the Firefly Celebration.

## 'Play My Way' starts Encore Boston Harbor

The Massachusetts Gaming Commission (MGC) in partnership with Encore Boston Harbor (EBH) and GameSense launched "Play My Way," a voluntary budgeting tool available on electronic games at EBH. Play My Way is designed to allow Wynn Rewards players the ability to monitor the amount of money they spend, and to support their decision to continue or stop play.

Play My Way is an innovative budgeting tool currently available to patrons at Plainridge Park Casino, MGM Springfield and now accessible at EBH.

Play My Way is an optional benefit for Wynn Rewards players, which allows them the opportunity to personalize their play by setting a budget before they begin gambling.

"Encore Boston Harbor has collaborated with the Massachusetts Gaming Commission, the Massachusetts Council on Gaming and Health and GameSense, to develop responsible gaming strat-

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## Council hears of school overcrowding -- again

By Independent Staff

School overcrowding once again reared its head at Monday night's City Council meeting.

Several speakers during the public participation expressed concerns about the overcrowding situation at several of the city's schools.

Former City Councilor Fred Capone noted that many of the schools are far exceeding the student capacity for which they were designed: the high school by 400, the Whittier by 150, the Parlin by 250, and the Lafayette by 150.

An appropriation order of several items that totaled \$4,014,000 had included a \$2 million request for modular units to alleviate overcrowding at the George Keverian that would be placed in front of the school.

Superintendent Priya Tahiliani had explained

that the Keverian is overcrowded by about 200 students and needs to have the modular classrooms. She noted that the modular classrooms would not be ready before September, 2023, at the earliest. She also noted that other schools would need to have modular classrooms added to their structures.

However, the line item was removed from the appropriation by the councilors, who all agreed that the future use of both the old high school and the former Pope John XXIII site should be explored before approving appropriations for modular classrooms.

The councilors voted to retain the following appropriations, which included many items for the schools: School Alarm Panels, \$200,000; Keverian School Heat Units, \$56,000; Fire Ladder Truck, \$76,000;

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## Artists selected for the Annual Everett Community Art Walk

Staff Report

Integral Arts Everett is proud to announce artists have been chosen to be featured in the upcoming Everett Community Art Walk October 1 - November 5, 2022.

"We received a stunning array of applications across many visual art forms, and we are truly inspired by the level of artistry, hard work, and talent among our applicants. We couldn't be more well-pleased to showcase their work," says Karyn Alzayer, Founder and Board President of Integral Arts Everett.

With organizations across the city ready to host over 40 pieces of artwork, the Everett Community Art Walk is poised to present an engaging art adventure. At the same time, the Art Walk will be showcasing local artists

and boosting traffic to local businesses. Artwork will be sprinkled across the city in local businesses and community organizations. Visitors will be invited to explore the city during the month of October to discover them all. This scavenger hunt exhibit will be free and open to the public, suitable for all ages.

The Everett Community Art Walk will feature the work of 25 local artists from local cities including Everett, Malden, and Medford. Participating artists are Karyn Alzayer, Nicayla Arzola, Salma Belguedari, Martha Chason-Sokol, Carina Flores-Sucuqui, Joanna Garren, Eleanor Gayhart, Evelyn Gayhart, Sioux Gerow, Jay Guananka, Linda T. Hurd, Yana Lapaix, Kien Lau, Lou Lim, Komal Markan,

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EVERETT

COMMUNITY

ART

WALK

Oct 1-Nov 5, 2022

Explore local businesses

Connect with local artists

Engage with our community!



City of Everett, MA

2022 Democratic Party State Primary Unofficial Results - September 6, 2022

Total Registered Voters: 22,564										Ballots Cast: 3102					Percentage Voting: 0.1375									
Ward & Precinct	1-1	1-2	1-3	1-3A	2-1	2-2	2-2A	2-3	3-1	3-2	3-3	4-1	4-2	4-3	5-1	5-2	5-3	6-1	6-2	6-3	Totals	%		
Governor																								
Sonia Rosa Chang Diaz	27	17	17	21	49	22	22	25	53	38	15	45	57	34	34	20	34	38	28	39		635	20.47%	
Maura Healey	136	74	42	38	156	56	48	99	198	118	73	151	142	114	134	141	98	125	96	143		2,182	70.34%	
Write-in	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	2	1	2	1	0	2	0	1	1		17	0.55%	
Blanks	14	13	5	3	10	4	6	13	28	12	16	15	37	9	9	18	15	14	15	12		268	8.64%	
Totals	179	104	64	62	216	83	76	138	279	169	105	213	237	159	178	179	149	177	140	195		3,102	100.00%	
Lieutenant Governor																								
Kimberly Driscoll	86	49	30	35	100	36	40	77	133	77	53	111	122	78	92	84	66	84	66	94		1,513	48.77%	
Tami Gouveia	21	13	15	4	32	20	11	18	34	33	10	29	32	23	30	17	29	28	19	36		454	14.64%	
Eric P. Lesser	36	23	11	15	50	13	14	21	62	34	21	39	33	31	35	47	27	33	35	42		622	20.05%	
Write-Ins	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0		8	0.26%	
Blanks	35	19	8	8	33	13	11	22	50	24	20	34	49	25	21	31	27	32	20	23		505	16.28%	
Totals	179	104	64	62	216	83	76	138	279	169	105	213	237	159	178	179	149	177	140	195		3,102	100.00%	
Attorney General																								
Andrea Joy Campbell	68	40	27	34	104	48	40	62	116	84	46	86	96	73	88	69	61	68	48	84		1,342	43.26%	
Shannon Erika Liss-Riordan	64	29	22	15	59	22	21	32	95	38	26	75	71	48	51	62	47	66	51	61		955	30.79%	
Quentin Palfrey	23	16	10	5	23	2	4	20	26	24	13	27	30	18	19	24	18	18	18	32		370	11.93%	
Write-Ins	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	1		9	0.29%	
Blanks	23	19	5	8	30	10	11	24	41	22	19	25	40	19	20	24	22	25	22	17		426	13.73%	
Totals	179	104	64	62	216	83	76	138	279	169	105	213	237	159	178	179	149	177	140	195		3,102	100.00%	
Secretary of State																								
William Francis Galvin	129	69	34	41	135	46	45	79	185	119	65	150	138	91	107	118	103	118	93	117		1,982	63.89%	
Tanisha M. Sullivan	29	23	24	17	66	28	23	43	68	34	24	45	64	56	53	43	35	44	37	66		822	26.50%	
Write-Ins	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1		11	0.35%	
Blanks	20	11	6	4	14	8	7	16	26	15	15	16	35	11	18	18	11	15	10	11		287	9.25%	
Totals	179	104	64	62	216	83	76	138	279	169	105	213	237	159	178	179	149	177	140	195		3,102	100.00%	
Treasurer																								
Deborah B. Goldberg	128	64	45	44	160	60	56	104	177	123	72	157	150	112	135	133	115	128	99	157		2,219	71.53%	
Write-Ins	2	1	0	0	3	4	0	1	5	1	1	3	2	0	1	0	1	0	1	2		28	0.90%	
Blanks	49	39	19	18	53	19	20	33	97	45	32	53	85	47	42	46	33	49	40	36		855	27.56%	
Totals	179	104	64	62	216	83	76	138	279	169	105	213	237	159	178	179	149	177	140	195		3,102	100.00%	
Auditor																								
Christopher S. Dempsey	69	44	18	20	95	38	25	36	102	64	38	94	77	54	61	67	54	68	51	62		1,137	36.65%	
Diana DiZoglio	75	34	37	33	89	34	37	73	121	76	44	88	94	74	90	81	68	78	62	108		1,396	45.00%	
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	2	0		13	0.42%	
Blanks	35	26	9	9	29	10	14	29	55	28	22	31	62	31	27	31	27	31	25	25		556	17.92%	
Totals	179	104	64	62	216	83	76	138	279	169	105	213	237	159	178	179	149	177	140	195		3,102	100.00%	
Representative in Congress																								
Ayanna S. Pressley	123	62	44	47	168	65	55	97	182	109	62	140	159	108	127	132	109	124	88	154		2,155	69.47%	
Write-Ins	1	2	0	0	6	3	1	3	1	2	3	8	2	4	4	2	3	3	2	2		52	1.68%	
Blanks	55	40	20	15	42	15	20	38	96	58	40	65	76	47	47	45	37	50	50	39		895	28.85%	
Totals	179	104	64	62	216	83	76	138	279	169	105	213	237	159	178	179	149	177	140	195		3,102	100.00%	
Councillor																								
Terrence W. Kennedy	137	77	47	41	158	63	53	102	193	117	74	167	146	115	147	138	119	130	105	166		2,295	73.98%	
Write-Ins	1	1	1	3	2	2	0	3	2	1	1	2	2	1	2	1	1	1	1	2		30	0.97%	
Blanks	41	26	16	18	56	18	23	33	84	51	30	44	89	43	29	40	29	46	34	27		777	25.05%	
Totals	179	104	0	62	216	83	76	138	279	169	105	213	237	159	178	179	149	177	140	195		3,102	100.00%	
Senator in General Court																								
Sal N. DiDomenico	140	73	49	44	171	66	61	110	208	133	79	177	180	122	155	142	122	136	110	171		2,449	78.95%	
Write-Ins	1	2	1	2	5	1	0	2	5	1	2	2	3	2	0	1	1	1	3	1		36	1.16%	
Blanks	38	29	14	16	40	16	15	26	66	35	24	34	54	35	23	36	26	40	27	23		617	19.89%	
Totals	179	104	64	62	216	83	76	138	279	169	105	213	237	159	178	179	149	177	140	195		3,102	100.00%	
Representative in General Court - 28th Middlesex District																								
Joseph W. McGonagle	113	73		26	48			74	193	101	64	140	121	87	112	97	82	107	91	113		1,642	59.80%	
Guerline Alcy	62	29		34	28			59	75	58	37	66	104	64	62	77	63	67	47	74		1,006	36.64%	
Write-Ins	0	0		0	1			0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	1	0	0	0		6	0.22%	
Blanks	4	2		2	6			5	11	10	4	7	10	6	4	5	3	3	2	8		92	3.55%	
Totals	179	104		62	83			138	279	169	105	213	237	159	178	179	149	177	140	195		2,746	100.00%	
Representative in General Court - 2nd Suffolk District																								
Daniel Joseph Ryan			45																			45	70.31%	
Write-Ins			0																			0	0.00%	
Blanks			19																			19	29.69%	
Totals			64																			64	100.00%	
Representative in General Court - 11th Suffolk District																								
Judith A. Garcia					76		31															107	36.64%	
Roberto Andres Jimenez-Rivera					78		18															96	32.88%	
Leo Robinson					51		20															71	24.32%	
Write-Ins					0		0															0	0.00%	
Blanks					11		7															18	6.16%	
Totals					216		76															292	100.00%	
District Attorney																								
Marian T. Ryan	126	68	47	42	160	61	51	99	180	114	67	154	150	109	135	133	113	123	106	157		2,195	70.76%	
Write-Ins	1	0	0	2	2	1	1	1	6	0	1	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		27	0.87%	
Blanks	52	36	17	18	54	21	24	38	93	55	37	55	86	49	42	45	35	53	33	37		880	28.37%	
Totals	179	104	64	62	216	83	76	138	279	169	105	213	237	159	178	179	149	177	140	195		3,102	100.00%	
Sheriff																								
Peter J. Koutoujian	129	64	42	43	160	63	54	96	182	119	69	164	153	108	135	137	118	124	100	159		2,219	71.53%	
Write-Ins	2	1	1	3	2	2	0	1	3	1	2	2	5	1	0	0	1	2	1	0		30	0.97%	
Blanks	48	39	21	16	54	18	22	41	94	49	34	47	79	50	43	42	30	51	39	36		853	27.50%	

City of Everett, MA

2022 Republican Party State Primary Unofficial Results - September 6, 2022

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Ward & Precinct	1-1	1-2	1-3	1-3A	2-1	2-2	2-2A	2-3	3-1	3-2	3-3	4-1	4-2	4-3	5-1	5-2	5-3	6-1	6-2	6-3	Totals	%		
Governor																								
Geoff Diehl	25	11	8	4	23	16	2	21	34	29	13	33	27	28	27	18	20	22	14	21		396	62.46%	
Chris Doughty	12	12	1	1	27	3	5	7	28	12	12	18	7	17	14	12	8	13	9	10		228	35.96%	
Write-in	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		1	0.16%	
Blanks	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	1	0		9	1.42%	
Totals	37	24	9	5	50	22	7	28	63	42	25	51	34	47	41	30	29							



## Residents to participate in Jimmy Fund Walk

Four residents from Everett will participate in the Boston Marathon® Jimmy Fund Walk presented by Hyundai on Sunday, October 2.

Holly Dow, Sheila Irizarry, Teresa MacDonald, and Stephanie Lafontaine, along with thousands of other walkers, will participate in the iconic annual event that will unite the community to raise funds to support all forms of adult and pediatric care and cancer research at the nation’s premier cancer center, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. The Jimmy Fund Walk has raised more than \$155 million for Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in its 33-year history.

Stephanie Lafontaine will participate as a Walk Hero for the Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk. Heroes are matched with Jimmy Fund Walk teams to give participants an opportunity to connect with patients. Stephanie was diagnosed with inflammatory breast cancer. Stephanie walks on her Match Team, Team IBC.

“I am always amazed by the wonderful people that work at Dana-Farber and am here today because of my dedicated

Inflammatory Breast Cancer care team,” Stephanie writes. “Thanks to them, I have been able to continue my passion for travel, SCUBA diving, and underwater photography.”

“Throughout the past 33 years, the Jimmy Fund Walk has continuously supported life-saving research and cancer care at Dana-Farber. And the pandemic didn’t stop us,” said Zack Blackburn, Director of the Jimmy Fund Walk. “Over the past two years, participants walked virtually and celebrated in their own unique ways. Now, we welcome them to walk the course in person. We are back, we are together, and we are stronger than ever.”

Participants have the flexibility to choose from four distance options: 5K Walk (3.1 miles from Dana-Farber Cancer Institute), 10K Walk (6.2 miles from Newton), Half Marathon Walk (13.1 miles from Wellesley), or Marathon Walk (26.2 miles from Hopkinton). Participants can also choose to join the event virtually by “walking their way” from wherever they are most comfortable—in their neighborhood, on a favorite hiking trail, or

on a treadmill at home. Virtual programming and supporting materials are available.

Along the course, walkers are treated to 12 refueling stations as well as poster-sized photographs of patients – Jimmy Fund Walk Heroes – displayed at each mile and half-mile marker as inspiration. All four routes of the Jimmy Fund Walk end at the Copley Square Finish Line Powered by Schneider Electric with a celebration complete with food, music, and a speaking program.

To register for the Jimmy Fund Walk (#JimmyFundWalk) or to support a walker, visit [www.JimmyFundWalk.org](http://www.JimmyFundWalk.org) or call (866) 531-9255. Registrants can enter the promo code NEWS for \$5 off the registration fee. All registered walkers will receive a bib, medal, and a Jimmy Fund Walk T-shirt.

About the Jimmy Fund

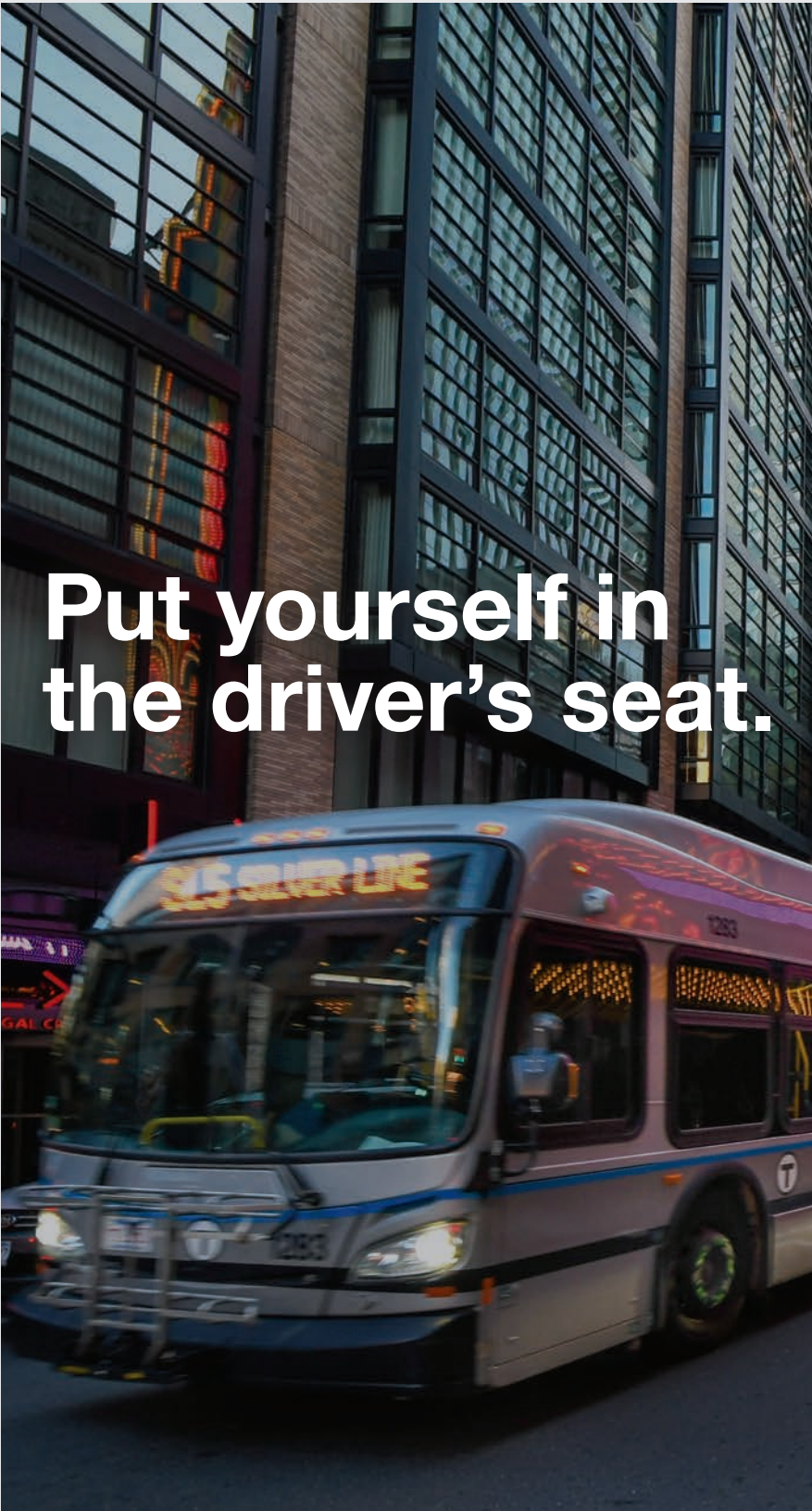
The Jimmy Fund, established in Boston in 1948, is comprised of community-based fundraising events and other programs that, solely and directly, benefit Dana-Farber Cancer Institute’s lifesaving mission to provide compassionate patient care and groundbreaking cancer research for children and adults. The Jimmy Fund is an official charity of the Boston Red Sox, the Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association, the Pan-Mass Challenge, and the Variety Children’s Charity of New England. Since 1948, the generosity of millions of people has helped the Jimmy Fund save countless lives and reduce the burden of cancer for patients and families worldwide. Follow the Jimmy Fund on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram: @TheJimmyFund.

## Local students are awarded scholarships

Direct Federal Credit Union ([www.direct.com](http://www.direct.com)) of Needham recently announced the recipients of their 2022 scholarship program that included several Everett High students.

In addition, Direct Federal Credit Union partners with area schools and organizations to offer students \$1,000 scholarships. 2022 recipients were Gitalia Boyce (Everett High School), Stephanie Santos (Everett High School), Esnaidia Joseph (Dedham High School), Kianna Thomas (Franklin High School), and Bill Ssewanyana (Waltham High School).

“We are proud and honored to recognize these remarkable and deserving students through our annual scholarship program. Each recipient has worked incredibly hard to make a difference in their communities. We wish them the best of luck as they embark on college this month,” said Michael Ferreer, Chief Member Officer at Direct Federal Credit Union.



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Stephanie LaFontaine.

## Art Walk / CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Karen McCune-Barca, Joyce Menna, Jackie Miller, Sarah Morrison, Tina M. Oliveri, Crystal Phan, Diana Sola Chacon, Liya Tedla, Rosene Wine, and Betania Zelalem.

The Everett Community Art Walk is supported in part by a grant from the Everett Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

ett’s website at [inseg-rallartseverett.org](http://inseg-rallartseverett.org) for more information.

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### ALCOHOL ABUSE IS STILL PROBLEM #1

Two years ago the voters of Oregon approved a measure that decriminalized the possession of small amounts of even the most dangerous drugs, while also mandating that tax revenue from the sale of marijuana (which Oregon legalized in 2014) be used for addiction recovery programs.

Oregon voters recognized that the 50 year War on Drugs has been a total failure that has done nothing to reduce drug abuse and arguably has made the problem even worse, both in their state and nationwide.

However, the shortcoming of the Oregon law is that it ignored the most-abused and harmful drug of them all -- alcohol. And even more ironically, the state legislature in 2021 legalized to-go drinks for restaurant take-out and increased the amount of wine that can be shipped directly to consumers -- and this is a state that is second only to California for its number of wineries and has as many distilleries as Kentucky.

So it should not be surprising that Oregon ranks among the states with the highest prevalence of problem drinking in the country. Last year, 2153 residents died of causes attributed to alcohol, according to the Oregon Health Authority — more than twice the number of people who died from methamphetamines, heroin, and fentanyl combined. In addition, an Oregon business group estimates that the annual cost in lost productivity because of excessive drinking by state residents is \$5 billion per year.

However, alcohol abuse is a nationwide problem. There were more deaths attributed to alcohol (about 108,000) than to drugs (about 106,000) in 2021 in the United States. Here in Massachusetts, we have one of the highest rates of deaths from alcohol poisoning.

Indeed, alcohol abuse is a world-wide problem. Just this past week, a report published by the Canadian Centre on Substance Use and Addiction (CCSA) that followed two years of research and a review of more than 5000 peer-reviewed studies concluded that alcohol in even small quantities can be harmful to our health. The CCSA report recommends that a safe amount of alcohol consumption for adults is no more than two drinks per week. (That’s not a typo -- two drinks per week.) The CCSA report is confirmation of the World Health Organization’s designation of alcohol as a Class A carcinogen a few years ago.

It has been well-known for many years that those who start drinking as teenagers are five times more likely to become victims of alcohol abuse disorder (what formerly was referred to as alcoholism) than those who don’t start drinking until they are 21. In addition, it goes without saying that alcohol far exceeds any drug for the damage and tragedy it wreaks upon families, regardless of socioeconomic status.

The time has come for our public officials and our citizenry to recognize alcohol abuse as an immediate public health emergency and to take action to address this growing -- and largely-ignored -- problem.

WHAT’S WITH ALL THE  
COVERAGE OF THE BRITISH  
MONARCHY?

The passing last week of Queen Elizabeth II saddened all of us. She was a great woman who epitomized what used to be called noblesse oblige, the idea that nobility extends beyond mere entitlement, requiring people who hold such status to fulfill social responsibilities.

Queen Elizabeth understood this sense of duty from the very outset of her ascension to the throne at the age of 25 when she said, “I declare before you all that my whole life whether it be long or short shall be devoted to your service and the service of our great imperial family to which we all belong.”

On another occasion, she said, “Our modern world places such heavy demands on our time and attention that the need to remember our responsibilities to others is greater than ever.”

But as much as the world will miss Queen Elizabeth, the reality is that the British monarchy is an anachronism that only serves as a reminder of the terrible oppression perpetrated by the British Empire through the ages.

And while a majority of Britons may be content to spend hundreds of millions of their tax dollars to support the royal family (and some say that the tourist dollars generated by Buckingham Palace actually are a net positive), it is undeniable that the majority of members of the royal family are unworthy heirs of Queen Elizabeth’s legacy, especially most of her children.

But while Britain may still be enthralled with the vestiges of a long-gone era, what makes the major American media think that we are? The non-stop coverage of her death, funeral proceedings, and accession by Charles has been ridiculous. This is 2022, not 1772.

It’s time to relegate (the term used in the English Premier Soccer League when the bottom three teams are dropped down to the minor league at the end of the season) the monarchy to what it really is -- an historical footnote that is irrelevant in the world today.

*“I cannot lead you into battle. I do not give you laws or administer justice but I can do something else. I can give you my heart and my devotion to these old islands and to all the peoples of our brotherhood of nations.”*

Queen Elizabeth II  
1926-2022

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### GUEST OP-ED

#### Will you own an electric car?

This brings us to the same crisis every community will face. America’s power grids aren’t ready to accommodate millions of EVs plugging in a for a recharge. The prospects of city and regional blackouts are alarming. You can forget charging your car. You won’t be able to charge your cell phone or have air conditioning or heat during a blackout.

I’m not opposed to electric cars. I am opposed to them being crammed down our throats. The manufacturers are being pushed to eventually eliminate all gasoline vehicles. We will see how this goes over the next ten years.

Plan to spend some money. A local salesman talked to me about an electric Mustang. Stickered at \$48,000 but they were asking \$58,000 because as he said, “We can get it.” I didn’t want the car to begin with but was curious about the car.

It sounds time consuming to recharge an EV, although some EVs are promising up to 150-mile charge in a short amount of time.

EVs could mean fewer people on America’s Interstates. Currently in most American communities its much easier to go home to recharge at your own power station. Cross country driving will be out of the question or very difficult in an EV for the next two or three years. Currently an EV will go about 250 to 350 miles on a charge. This means you will always be searching for the next power station. This will be a major lifestyle change.

There are reports that Pilot and Flying J will have charging stations installed by 2025 and are spending a billion dollars to upgrade their facilities. They will also want to recoup their costs.

The car will cost you

more money. You will spend anywhere from \$2,000 (low minimum) to \$6,000 to install a station at your home and this is all variable. To keep your car charged at home will cost you about what you spend on your monthly electric bill now. So, figure your electric bill doubling, if you’re lucky.

You may be wanting something different in your life and an EV may be just what you want. There is a lot to consider and on some level they will impact all our lives, eventually.

Glenn Mollette is the publisher of Newburgh Press, Liberty Torch and various other publishing imprints; a national columnist – American Issues and Common Sense opinions, analysis, stories and features appear each week in over 500 newspapers, websites and blogs across the United States.

### LETTER to the Editor

#### WHAT’S NEXT FOR POPE JOHN?

Dear Editor:

There is a lot of talk about what the future should hold for the Pope John site. Although I no longer serve on the City Council, I am still a resident that cares deeply about the City of Everett. The City purchased the building with the intent of converting it into affordable housing units for seniors and veterans. With well over 600 applicants for the 77 units at St. Therese, the need for more units that our seniors and veterans can afford is clear. Costs continue to rise and the struggle to afford a place to call home continues to grow.

At the same time, our schools are overcrowded and our students need space. Ideally, building a new high school and converting the existing one into a junior high school would alleviate the overcrowding in our schools. However, that plan would take time and not help in

the interim.

Many have called on the City to renovate Pope John and keep it a school. At the same time, funds are being sought to place modular classrooms at the Keverian School and other work is being done in the district to repurpose areas into classrooms. The need for space is real. The City and School Department need to work together and establish a long term plan as they continue to play catch-up and place expensive band-aids on the issue of overcrowding.

The Mayor has stated that there are other alternative locations that could be used and renovated, such as the old high school or other city buildings, while the plan for a new high school works its way through the process. I would like to see the City commit to this and identify the space to be used.

The discourse has turned into a question of what is more important to City Hall - students or senior citizens? It doesn’t

have to be that way. The City can help both groups by repurposing another location to provide relief to our students while allowing Pope John to be utilized for senior and veteran housing.

I would not have voted

to purchase Pope John if the intent was to keep it a school while the City has other, underutilized locations.

Only time will tell what the outcome will be.

Anthony DiPierro

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NEWS IN BRIEF

EHS 1970 REUNION ON OCT. 15

The Class of Everett High School 1970 is holding a party - ‘70 Turns 70 - on Saturday, October 15 at The Continental Restaurant, Route 1, Saugus. Ticket prices are \$50 and the deadline for tickets is October 1st. You can read more details about this party and our class on our Facebook page, “Everett, MA Class of ‘70”. The class of ‘70 has also established a Scholarship Fund. Our first scholarship will be awarded to a deserving graduating senior of the 2023 class. We currently have donations in excess of \$2800 through our GoFundMe account <https://bit.ly/3wAdecL> and personal checks. Anyone interested in attending the ‘70 Turns 70 event can contact the Committee at [everetthsclassof1970@gmail.com](mailto:everetthsclassof1970@gmail.com).

DEMARIA ANNOUNCES HARVEST FEST

Mayor Carlo DeMaria is pleased to announce the City of Everett will be hosting Harvest Fest on Saturday, September 24 from 1pm to 4pm at 150 School Street. In an effort to increase residents’ access to locally sourced produce, this event will have a pop-up farmer’s market featuring locally grown foods. Also, some of the farm vendors will use the Healthy Incentives Program (HIP), which lets SNAP/EBT us-

ers purchase free produce with their EBT card in allotments of \$40, \$60, \$80, depending on their family size. We will also have food and drinks available to all who attend from local organizations and Everett restaurants with live entertainment from local artists and bands. The City is also looking to hear feedback from residents on what they would want from a routine public farmer’s market. It will be a day all about community, food access, family-fun activities and celebrating multiculturalism during Hispanic Heritage Month. All are welcome to attend.

DEMARIA ANNOUNCES SHREDDING DAY

Mayor Carlo DeMaria is pleased to announce that the City of Everett will be hosting Shredding Day on Saturday, Sept. 24 from 9am to 1pm at the Rivergreen parking lot at 1 Rivergreen Drive. The City will be partnering with Stericycle, a specialty document shredding company, to help securely shred unwanted documents. Please be prepared to show proof of residency because it is required to participate in the event and will be checked on site. “Properly shredding important documents containing sensitive information is important to keeping your private information protected,” said Mayor DeMaria. “We wanted to offer residents

the chance to safely and securely dispose of these documents, and by partnering with Stericycle, we can ensure that these items will be properly shredded.” Residents can bring many types of old or unwanted documents that are commonly found in homes like:

- Financial documents
- Medical records
- Newspapers
- Legal documents
- Receipts & invoices
- Tax records
- W-2 and W-4 forms
- Utility bills
- Bank statements
- Contracts
- Pay stubs

Any other documents containing personal information

KITTY CONNECTION ONLINE SILENT AUCTION

Kitty Connection, an all-volunteer non-profit dedicated to rescuing and finding safe, loving homes for local cats and dogs, will hold an Online Silent Auction from 4 p.m., Friday, September 16 through 9 p.m., Sunday, September 18 at [www.myminiauction.com/kittyconnection](http://www.myminiauction.com/kittyconnection). “It’s hard to believe it’s that time of year again, but the fall and winter holidays are already on the horizon. Our upcoming online auction is a chance to shop for holiday items and gifts while helping local pets in need,” said Kitty Connection President Marie Mazzeo. “As always, the proceeds from

THE NUMBER ONE CRIMSON TIDE FAN



Everett Supt. of Schools Priya Tahiliani is pictured at the Xaverian-Everett game Friday night at Everett Memorial Stadium. Supt. Tahiliani joined one of the largest home crowds in recent years in rooting on the Crimson Tide versus Xaverian High School.

this auction will enable Kitty Connection’s volunteers to care for many cats, kittens, dogs and other pets in need until they find forever homes.” Kitty Connection volunteers rescued over 700 cats and several dogs last year, many in need of surgeries and other major medical care. The organization provides critical high-cost medical care, including surgeries, for 30 to 50 cats annually, as well as funds for low-cost medical care to 30 to 50 adopters following adoption of their pets. Volunteers provide foster homes for animals until they are adopted, and Kitty Connection ensures that pets are spayed/neutered, tested for common illnesses, and vaccinated before they go to their new homes. In addition, Kitty Connection runs a low-cost spay/neu-

ter program for pet owners in need and provides education and outreach in the community about the importance of responsible pet ownership. To learn more about Kitty Connection and pets available for adoption, visit: [www.kittyconnection.net](http://www.kittyconnection.net).

**TASTE OF CHELSEA IS ON SEPT. 19**

The annual Taste of Chelsea will be on Monday, Sept. 19 from 5 to 8 pm at 99 Marginal Street, Chelsea. The event is co-hosted by HarborCOV and the Chelsea Chamber of Commerce. The highly visible and popular Taste of Chelsea has traditionally brought together corporate and local sponsors, area food and beverage vendors, volunteers, survivors and more than 500 ticket

holders each year. The pandemic’s impact was severe on our communities, especially on survivors’ isolation, stress, financial instability and even fewer options for safety. Over the last year, HarborCOV has provided financial assistance for a range of pandemic-related costs like hotels, housing, food, medication and technology for hundreds of families to keep them as safe, healthy and connected as possible. Our local restaurants, which have so generously donated their food, staff time and operational costs to the Taste of Chelsea over the last 19 years, are also still working hard for their own survival and recovery from the pandemic. Purchase tickets on line, visit <https://harborcov.org/tasteofchelsea/about> or call 617-884-9799.



# Homeowners: Help Is Here

## Are you behind on your mortgage payments because of the COVID-19 pandemic?

The Massachusetts Homeowner Assistance Fund (Mass HAF) is a state program that provides financial assistance to homeowners who are at least 3 months behind on their mortgage.

Mass HAF has helped hundreds of homeowners - find out if it can help you!

visit [massmortgagehelp.org](https://massmortgagehelp.org)

This project is being supported, in whole or in part, by federal award number HAF0174 awarded to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts by the U.S. Department of the Treasury.





## OBITUARIES

### Muriel Elsie Roos

A woman with profound faith, known by many as a “prayer warrior”

Muriel Elsie (Carpenter) Roos, passed away on Sunday, September 11 at the Newbridge on the Charles Nursing Facility. Muriel died peacefully and was found in a manner that shows her true spirit; she was found kneeling by her bedside, all showered and done up as if going to church- undoubtedly praying to Jesus. She was 94 years old.

Muriel was born in Chelsea on November 21, 1927 to her late parents, Orlando Carpenter and Florence May (Parsons) Jones. She is the loving mother of Diane Nowell and her late husband, Paul Nowell of Stoneham, Donna Schiller and her husband, Stephen Schiller of Weymouth and Judy Russi and husband, Lawrence “Larry” Russi of Revere; a cherished grandmother of Skipper Carino, Matthew Carino and his wife, Genevieve Phelps, Audra DeBaets and her husband, Kevin DeBaets, Amanda Schiller, Coralie Russi and her husband, Joseph “Joe” Agron and Sarah Russi; adored great-grandmother of Shane, Davey, Karina, Adam, Mia and Alexander; dear sister of the late Margery L. Warford, Doris Carlino, and June Semon. She is also lovingly survived by many nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews.

Muriel was raised and educated in Everett and later lived in Malden at the Heritage Senior Building before living at the Jack Satter house on Revere Beach. She was formerly married to Harold P. Roos, with whom she began her family. She was a devoted housewife and mother of three daughters. She worked various jobs while raising her girls, later holding a job she adored as a Customer Service Representative at the Bible Gift Shop located in Maplewood Square in Malden, a place for her to evangelize to others when she wasn’t busy taking



the train into Downtown Crossing to tell people about Jesus. Muriel was a woman with profound faith, known by many as a “prayer warrior”. She would often pray for people and minister to the homeless and help encourage people who were downtrodden by spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Her family looked to her for strength, wisdom and guidance because she was a strong, loving and faithful mother, grandmother and friend.

Muriel was a member of many churches and a devout supporter of ministries and outreaches. She never missed an opportunity to usher someone up to an “Altar Call”-to give themselves to the Lord. Having met Muriel means having been asked,

“Do you know Jesus?” As the trumpets sound off in heaven for the arrival of a new Queen Muriel, let us all remember one of her favorite verses, “16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

17 For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.” (John 3:16-17)

Family is respectfully invited to attend a Graveside Service on Thursday, September 15 at 11 a.m.in Puritan Lawn Memorial Park, 185 Lake Street, Peabody.

In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to Glendale Christian Lighthouse Church, 701 Broadway, Everett, MA 02149.

Muriel always carried a \$1, \$5 or \$10 bill for someone in need on the street, perhaps we can all to add that to our pockets in remembrance of Muriel and pass on her spirit of caring for those in need.

The staff at Vertuccio & Smith Home for Funerals is honored to have assisted the family in completing funeral arrangements. To send online condolences, please visit [www.vertuccioandsmith.com](http://www.vertuccioandsmith.com).

### Raffaella ‘Phyllis’ Ciampa

Of Everett

Raffaella “Phyllis” (Giordano) Ciampa of Everett entered into eternal rest peacefully at home, surrounded by her loving family. She was 95 years old.

Born in East Boston, Phyllis lived in Everett for most of her life. She was the beloved wife of the late Joseph A. Ciampa for over 67 years prior to his passing, dear and devoted mother of Judith Ciampa and her husband, Piero Calvani of Italy, Candice Bleiler and her husband, Eric of Wellesley and Robert Ciampa and his wife, Michelle of Natick; sister of the late Nicholas Giordano, Gloria Clark and Mary Palladino; loving “Nona” of Claudio and Giulia Calvani, Evan and Eric Jordan Bleiler and his wife, Eugenia and Samantha May Cazeau and her husband, Carrington and loving great “Nona” of Ava Mariah Bleiler. Oliver Bleiler, Sophie Bleiler and Goeli Parrotta.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to



attend Phyllis’ visitation in the Cafasso & Sons Funeral Home, 65 Clark St. (Corner of Main St.) Everett, Thursday, Sept. 15 at 8:30 a.m. followed by a Funeral Mass in St. Anthony’s Church, 38 Oakes St., Everett, at 10 a.m. Interment Glenwood Cemetery, Everett. Contributions in Phyllis’ memory to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN, 38105 or to the Monastery of Poor Clare, 215 E. Los Olivos Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93105 would be sincerely appreciated.

Parking with attendants on duty.

### Eileen Frizzi

Of Revere, formerly of Everett

Eileen (Lombardi) Frizzi, of Revere, formerly of Everett, died on September 8 at the age of 78.

Eileen was born and raised in Everett by her late parents Ralph and Rose (Goodman) Lombardi. She worked many years at Schrafft’s Candy Factory and later at Toys R US at Northgate Shopping Plaza.

The beloved wife of Anthony Frizzi of Revere, she was the devoted mother of Nicole Reynolds and her husband, Mark of Billerica. Anthony Frizzi, Jr. of Rockland and Anthony Perullo of Winthrop, cherished grandmother of Chloe Reynolds; dear sister of Teresa D’Albenzio of Derry, NH, Lorraine Smith of New Bedford, Patricia Tranfaglia of East Wareham, Andrea Lapham of Hawaii and the late Ralph Lombardi Jr, Gloria Cimmino, Lori Paratore, and Mary Lombardi. She is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

Funeral from the Paul Buonfiglio & Sons-Bruno Funeral Home, 128 Revere St, Revere on Thurs-



day, September 15 at 9 a.m. followed by a Funeral Mass in St. Anthony’s Church, Revere at 10 a.m. Relatives and friends are kindly invited. Visiting hours will be today, Wednesday, September 14 from 4 to 8 p.m. Interment will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett.

For guestbook, please visit [www.buonfiglio.com](http://www.buonfiglio.com).

## Encore / CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

egies since day one,” said Jenny Holaday, president of Encore Boston Harbor. “Play My Way is a natural extension of those efforts, empowering our guests with new technology to proactively manage their playing decisions.”

Play My Way is intended to help players make decisions about gambling, allow them to monitor and understand their playing behavior in real time, and support their decisions. The Play My Way program is the latest tool added to MGC’s wide-rangin and unique responsible gaming framework known as GameSense.

“Providing players with all the necessary information and resources available will help them make well informed decisions about their gambling, including when to stop and how much to spend,” said Mark Vander Linden, MGC’s Director of Research and Responsible Gaming. “Play My Way supports informed player choice by giving people the opportunity to set a budget before they begin, and then reinforcing that decision through the gambling session. We’re thrilled that this tool is now available at each Massachusetts casino.”

Patrons at EBH can sign up for Play My Way by inserting their Wynn Rewards card into any slot machine, electronic game, or at the Play My Way Kiosk at the GameSense Info Center. Card holders will be prompted to choose a voluntarily daily, weekly and/or monthly budget to track their spending at EBH. Once enrolled, patrons will receive automatic notifications as they approach and reach the budget they set. If a player continues to play, notifications will be received at 25% intervals. This program is voluntary, and a player can un-enroll or adjust the budget at any time.

“Responsible gaming

is always front of mind in all the work we do at the Massachusetts Gaming Commission, and Play My Way is another tool to help patrons keep their gambling safe and fun,” said MGC Chair Cathy Judd-Stein. “Encore Boston Harbor has embraced this program as a tool that can help their customers. The launch of Play My Way at Encore Boston Harbor marks a completion of the MGC’s goal of offering a uniform platform for slot machine players to set a budget and track their play at any Massachusetts casino.”

Play My Way was originally rolled out as a pilot program at Plainridge Park Casino in 2016 and recently at MGM Springfield in April 2022. Now a fixture at both properties, Play My Way currently has nearly 32,000 patrons enrolled between the two properties. Play My Way at EBH is a custom-designed application developed by IGT. The integrated play management software utilizes a simple, easy to understand interface that includes graphics to aid players.

Patrons who are interested in learning more about the program are encouraged to visit the GameSense Info Center inside EBH to talk with a GameSense Advisor about the program.

“For many, gambling can be a fun form of entertainment, but much like other fun activities, it’s easy to spend more time playing than originally intended – and as a result, exceed your entertainment budget,” said Marlene Warner, Executive Director for the Massachusetts Council on Gambling and Health. “Play My Way allows players to voluntarily pre-commit to a spending budget and then adds helpful transparency to their spending in real-time, empowering them to make informed and healthy choices.”

### Everett Public Schools Public Release Statement

The Everett Public Schools will be participating in the USDA’s Child Nutrition Programs National School Lunch Program (NSLP) for the 22-23 School Year. As part of this program, the Everett Public Schools offer healthy meals every school day at NO COST to the students due to the implementation of the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) for school year 22-23. Students will be able to participate in these meals programs without having to pay a fee or submit a household application.

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CHURCH News

Mystic Side Congregational Church

News and Notes

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

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

**Mystic Side  
Congregational Church  
422 Main Street  
Everett, MA**

Immaculate Conception Parish

News and Notes

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

Weekly Mass Schedule at Immaculate Conception is as follows:

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

12:15 p.m. Spanish Community

4 p.m. Haitian Community

Masses are being held in the Chapel.

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

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

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

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

Zion Church - Everett

News and Notes

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

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

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

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

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

NA Meetings – Mon.

Bring Your Own Book 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.; Thurs. I Can’t But We Can, 8:00 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.

AA Meeting – Saturday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Pastor’s Office Hours: Saturdays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Other times by appointment.

Bread of Life Donations – This outreach is being done to honor the United Methodist Women’s Group, who for so many years were our outreach source. Please bring any food item(s) to church and place in the box located on the altar.

**We are on the Internet  
<http://www.glendaleumc-everett.org>  
Glendale United Methodist Church  
Pastor David Jackson  
392 Ferry Street (across from Glendale Towers)  
Please enter the church by the driveway on Walnut Street  
617-387-2916  
PastorDavidJackson58@gmail.com  
Pastor’s Office Hours: Saturdays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Other times by appointment.**

Glendale Christian Lighthouse Church

News and Notes

Sunday 10:30 a.m. Worship service.

Weds. hour of Power, worship, prayer and Bible Study, via Zoom.

“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters,” Colossians 3:23

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pastorlarry@thelighthousechurch701.net**

Church at the Well Everett

News and Notes

Church at the Well Everett is a new church for Everett. Check us out on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/churchforeverett](http://www.facebook.com/churchforeverett) to view weekly devotions and updates, visit us at [www.foreverett.church](http://www.foreverett.church)

to sign up for our newsletter and see how we can help you, or connect with the Everett Community Aid Network at [www.everettcan.com](http://www.everettcan.com) to request any additional help.

Grace Anglican Episcopal Church

News and Notes

Grace Anglican Episcopal Church is open & welcoming to all.

There are 2 services on Sundays: 10am English, 1pm South Sudanese Dinka

Come all and let us walk together in this season of hope, renewal and new beginnings.

**Grace Anglican Episcopal Church  
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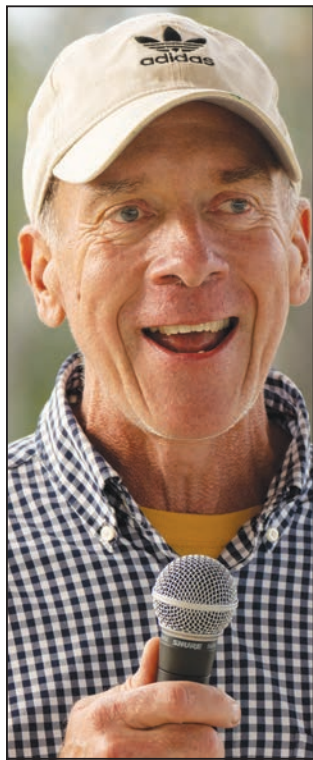
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CITY, MRWA HOST FIREFLY FESTIVAL AT RIVERGREEN PARK



Communications Director Tom Philbin welcomed residents to the event .



Tom Philbin and Marissa Zambino engaged residents at the Mystic River Watershed booth.



Kera Washington of Zili Misik performed.



Residents gathered at Rivergreen Park for the Everett Firefly Celebration.



Nadia Berbicha created a henna design on Jennifer Sanabria.



Lorraine Sacco enjoyed dancing.

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High School Boiler Burners, \$40,000; Keverian School Heaters, \$12,000; Keverian School Cooling Units, \$730,000; and Maddy English Cooling Unit, \$900,000.

City Chief Financial Officer Eric Demas noted these amounts were the result of added costs be-

cause of inflation from the original time that the money for these projects was appropriated.

Councilors also heard from both Tahiliani and Erin Deveney, the Mayor’s Chief of Staff, about both the drawbacks and the positives for using the former Pope John building

as a school, rather than for affordable housing.

Mayor Carlo DeMaria has retained an architectural firm to evaluate the Pope John building for school use. The findings should be ready later in the month.

“A quick fix is not good for students,” said Deveney.

Tahiliani added, “Pope John will not fix all the problems.”

“We need to get the facts here ... we have a lot of questions that need to be answered,” said Councilor Richard Dell Isola, reflecting the sentiments of both his fellow councilors and the city’s taxpayers.



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Ann Marie Kidd and Kevin Kidd enjoyed an afternoon at Rivergreen Park.



Kartik Markan, Komal Markan, Mannat Markan, and Suman Dung attended the Firefly celebration.

KATY ROGERS PHOTOS



Thirty-two Firefly sculptures can be found at Rivergreen Park.



State Rep. Joe McGonagle participated in the event.

Health officials announce fourth human case of West Nile Virus in Massachusetts

Staff Report

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) announced the fourth human case of West Nile virus (WNV) in the state this year. The individual is a male in his 80s who was exposed to the virus in Middlesex County in an area already known to be at increased risk. The risk of human infection with WNV is moderate to high in the Greater Boston area.

In 2021, there were 11 human cases of WNV infection identified in

Massachusetts. WNV is usually transmitted to humans through the bite of an infected mosquito. While WNV can infect people of all ages, people over the age of 50 are at higher risk for severe disease. Most people infected with WNV will have no symptoms. When present, WNV symptoms tend to include fever and flu-like illness. In rare cases, more severe illness can occur. No human or animal cases of Eastern equine encephalitis (EEE) have been detected so far this year in Massachusetts.



Marissa Zampino, Tom Philbin, and Casey Lee provided information at the Mystic River Watershed booth.



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## EHS Roundup

### EHS GIRLS SOCCER SHOWS PROMISE

Although the Everett High girls soccer team came out on the short end of a 6-2 decision to Greater Boston League rival Medford in their season-opener last week, new EHS head coach Domenick Pursuitte saw some positive signs from his squad,

“We had a very tough loss to Medford,” said Pursuitte. “Although the final score was 6-2, we cut the deficit to 4-2 with two goals in under two minutes. There is still a lot of work ahead, but the girls played very well and are showing some promise.”

Lamiah Wyard notched the first goal of the 2022 campaign when she delivered a rocket from 25-30 yards out that found the back of the Lady Mustang net.

Yelsa Garcia scored when a teammate sent a nice through ball past the Medford defense which Yelsa finished for the goal.

Pursuitte and his crew were scheduled to play at Malden yesterday (Tuesday) and will entertain Chelsea tomorrow (Thursday). They will host non-league opponent Latin Academy on Monday and GBL rival Revere next Tuesday.

### EHS BOYS SOCCER EARNS COMEBACK WIN IN OPENER

The Everett High boys soccer team overcame an early 2-0 deficit by scoring three unanswered goals to post a 3-2 triumph over Greater Boston League rival Medford in their season-opener last Thursday.

“We played well, but had a rough start,” said EHS head coach Pedro Blas. “We fell asleep on two corner kicks and went down 0-2 in the first 25 minutes. But the great part is that we fought through adversity and came back to win.”

Joshua Desouza scored the first Everett goal of the 2022 campaign and Plinio Oliveira found the back of the Mustang net to bring the Crimson Tide back to level.

That set the stage for Gabriel Hudson to provide the margin of victory with the go-ahead goal with eight minutes to go.

Blas and his crew were scheduled to host GBL rival Malden yesterday (Tuesday) and will make the trip across the Parkway to meet Chelsea tomorrow (Thursday).

They will trek to non-league rival Peabody on Friday and will play at Revere next Tuesday.

### EHS FIELD HOCKEY PLAYS WELL IN OPENER

The Everett High field hockey team dropped its season-opener to non-league opponent Waltham this past Monday. Although her team came up on the short end of the 4-1 decision, EHS head coach Melissa O'Donnell was pleased with her squad's effort.

“Despite the final score, we played really well,” said O'Donnell. “We had a lot of chances to put the ball in the net but just missed, and our defenders, Jessica Colman, Stephany DeSouza, Tianna Allen, and Taisha Alexandre, were on point, making great plays and getting the ball out.”

“Our first-year goalie, Bethy Palacios, made some great saves to keep us in the game and she saw her first two penalty strokes, going 1-for-1,” added O'Donnell.

Everett's goal was scored on a corner by Omar Marshall, assisted by Kaylee Rossi.

O'Donnell and her crew will entertain Peabody tomorrow (Thursday) evening at 6:15 at the River Green field and will host Northeast Regional next Wednesday afternoon.



DOUBLE TROUBLE: Everett's Chandler Timoleon is hauled down by Xaverian's Jeffrey Prophete (9) and Nick Angelini (55).



TROUBLE AFOOT: Xaverian's Jonathan Monteiro (6) evades Everett's Adonis Santos Ramirez (26) en route to a 95-yard kickoff return that came immediately after Everett had tied the game at 7-7 in the second quarter.

## Football / CONTINUED FROM PAGE 16

building blocks of this team, they're amazing.”

Hasselbeck said he was aware of Everett's great football tradition.

“I've watched film and heard the stories, and I guess we hadn't beaten them in a little awhile, and they have some great athletes on that team. They were making some plays throughout the field, but we just came together to-

day, and we were happy how we did that.”

Matt Hasselbeck is assisting in the Xaverian program as a coach and he and his father, Don Hasselbeck, were on the sidelines. Don Hasselbeck, who stands 6 feet, 7 inches, was a popular member of the Patriots during his years (1977-83) in Foxboro. Chelsea observers fondly remember his guest

appearance at a Chelsea Pop Warner awards banquet in the early 1980s.

Don Hasselbeck delivered an inspirational talk and stayed well after the banquet, signing autographs, and obliging requests for individual photos with the young football players. Mr. Hasselbeck made a positive impression on everyone at that banquet.



CORNERED: Christian Zamor has no running room as he is met by Xaverian's Jonathan Monteiro (6) and Jeffrey Prophete (9)

# First Day At School

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HOLD ON TIGHT: Karmarri Ellerbe holds on to the ball after he caught a flea-flicker pass and ran for a long gain, as an Xaverian defender comes from behind intending to punch the ball loose.



NO ROOM TO ROAM: Everett quarterback Karmarri Ellerbe is tackled by Xaverian's (45) and (15)



SCORE TIDE: Jayden Williams lands in the end zone for an Everett that made the score 28-13.



# Orange Line closure work is 82-percent complete

Special to the Independent

MBTA General Manager Steve Poftak today announced that 82% of the work taking place along the Orange Line is complete and track work taking place between Dana Bridge and North Station will allow for the removal of three more slow zones, which will bring the total number of slow zones removed to five.

Work taking place in this area includes track and tie replacement, rail installation, track alignment, and tamping. Crews have worked tirelessly to finish tie replacement work between the Dana Bridge and Community College station with current tie replacement work taking place at the North Station portal, which began on September 9. Tie replace-

ment work involves crews operating hi-rail heavy equipment to remove old ties and install new ties. This critical tie replacement will remove three of the six slow zones that the T aims to address during the shutdown. Crews have already completed work to remove slow zones at Jackson Square and between Downtown Crossing and State. Finishing this important work and removing these slow zones allows for faster, more reliable service for Orange Line riders.

Orange Line riders should note that, when Orange Line trains begin running again on Monday, September 19, slow zones will continue to be in place temporarily for about one week where the work was performed. In the rail industry, after

new track and ballast installation, and due to the amount of track area disturbed during work, it is a given that slow zones need to temporarily remain in place. This is because it takes time for the new track and ballast to “settle” as trains repeatedly run over these areas.

Additionally, 64 new Orange Line cars are now available when service resumes, supporting riders during peak commuting periods. This is up from 30 cars when the Orange Line shutdown first started. This is also over a full complement of new Orange Line cars ready to serve riders.

As of today’s reporting, 82% of the planned work has been completed.

Overall, teams have completed approximately 65% of rail replacement



MBTA spokesperson holds a press conference on progress on Orange Line repairs and new train cars.

and 90% of track replacement. The full depth track replacement includes the ballast, ties, and rail.

About 99% of the special track work is complete. The special track renewal work includes replacing things like cross-over areas.

About 99% of Cologne eggs and rail fastener work is finished near Tufts Medical Center station. Cologne eggs are the fasteners that allow crews to directly affix rail to the concrete pads, which are also utilized on certain parts of the Orange Line. The MBTA is in the process of installing the final five new eggs with 395 fully complete.

There has also been excellent progress on the on-

going signal testing at Oak Grove and Malden Center stations with about 84% of these signal upgrades complete.

For more information, visit [mbta.com/BBT2022](http://mbta.com/BBT2022) or Orange Line Track and Signal Upgrades, or connect with the T on Twitter @MBTA, Facebook /TheMBTA, or Instagram@theMBTA.

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Wednesday, September 14, 2022	Saturday, September 17, 2022
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# Despite recent rain, drought continues in Massachusetts

Practicing water conservation significantly benefits water supply systems

Following recommendations made by the Massachusetts Drought Management Task Force, Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) Secretary Beth Card today declared that except for the Southeast Region that saw improvement at the regional scale, all other regions within the Commonwealth will remain at their current drought levels. This includes the Cape Cod, Connecticut River Valley, Northeast, and Central Regions remaining at a Level 3-Critical Drought, and the Islands and Western Regions remaining at a Level 2-Significant Drought. The Southeast Region has been upgraded to Level 2 – Significant Drought from a Level 3-Critical Drought. When a Level-3 Critical Drought and a Level 2-Significant Drought have been declared, the Massachusetts Drought Management Plan calls for the convening of an interagency mission group, which is already meeting,

to more closely coordinate on drought assessments, impacts, and responses within state government. These efforts are in addition to Level 1-Mild Drought actions, such as detailed monitoring of drought conditions, close coordination among state and federal agencies, and technical outreach and assistance to impacted municipalities. “While recent precipitation across the state has brought some improvements to streamflow and local water supplies, we still have a ways to go. The Commonwealth continues to experience widespread drought in every region of the state,” said Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Beth Card. “To avoid oversteering water systems, we all must adhere to local water use requirements and practice water conservation methods in an effort to ensure essential needs, including drinking water, fire suppression, and habitats, continue to be met.” “While a good deal of helpful rain has fallen over the past few days in many areas of the Commonwealth, it is important to remember that the drought’s impacts have

taken months to develop and will take more than a few days of rain to resolve,” said MEMA Acting Director Dawn Brantley. “Hopefully, we will continue to get additional rain, but until then, we need to continue to be mindful about our day-to-day water use and remain vigilant in preventing brush and wildfires in our communities.” Rainfall received during the later part of the month of August provided a much needed relief throughout the Commonwealth, particularly within the Southeast Region of the state where improvements were significantly made; however, the northern part of the region was still lagging. In addition, other northern parts of the Commonwealth, as well as Cape Cod, Martha’s Vineyard, and Nantucket saw less than 2.5 inches of rainfall during the month of August. Significantly, the recent rains have helped in the near term to lower fire danger and decrease the potential for newly ignited wildland fires, which have seen an increase in 2022. To date, approximately 905 wildland fires have been reported, burning an

estimated 1,485 acres. 137 fires were recorded this August alone during some of the highest drought indices since 2016. In comparison, there were only 24 wildland fires reported in August 2021. 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, which remains in effect until further notice. During the temporary ban small portable propane grills are still allowed at campgrounds and recreation areas where grilling is permitted. 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. Ongoing drought conditions also continue to impact Massachusetts’ agricultural sector. These impacts vary across the state and include some depletion of water sources and production acreage, an increase in irrigation of crops, lower than normal

yields, undersized fruits or vegetables, and higher operating costs. Nevertheless, with plenty of produce to sell, consumers are encouraged to purchase fresh fruits, vegetables, and other products at local farm stands and retail stores throughout the Commonwealth. To assist farms, on August 15, 2022, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) designated 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. For more information, please visit the USDA’s Disaster Assistance Programs’ webpage. Additionally, following this designation, the U.S. Small Business Administration

(SBA) announced on August 30, 2022, that federal Economic Injury Disaster Loans are now available in the designated and contiguous counties. Small businesses, small agricultural cooperatives, small businesses engaged in aquaculture, and most private nonprofit organizations with economic losses due to drought would be eligible for the loans. 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, and Level 2 – Significant Drought region, including those utilizing a private well. Residents and businesses are also asked

See DROUGHT Page 13

# Maintenance tips for keeping up your garden through the fall

As the autumn season approaches, it’s an excellent time for homeowners to examine their gardens and prepare them for the cooler temperatures to come. Although you may think of gardening only during the summer months, caring for your garden during the fall can help it survive the winter season and produce a healthy crop next year. Whether you’re growing a vegetable garden, flower bed or even trees and shrubs, these fall garden maintenance tips will ensure your entire landscape is ready for temperatures to drop.

**1. Clean Up Vegetable/Herb Gardens**  
If you’re not sure where to begin on your fall garden maintenance checklist, the best place to start is by removing all dried plants and weeds in your garden bed. Keeping such plants in your garden over the winter could lead to pests and disease, thus preventing a healthy garden next year. For this reason, be on the lookout for any spent crops, as well as plants that are infested with disease. Tilling your garden is an excellent way

to expose any dried plants or weeds. It will also reveal any pests hiding in your garden, including fall armyworms, which are most active during the fall. As you remove plant debris from your garden, now is also an excellent time for removing gardening supplies. Items such as stakes, cages and labels should be gathered and put away to be used again next spring.

**2. Prepare Your Perennial Garden for Winter**  
Although the gardening season may be coming to a close, your perennial

plants will continue growing until they go dormant in late fall. To prepare them for the colder temperatures, be sure to remove all weeds and any parts of the plant infested with disease or pests. If you’re planning on adding more plants to your garden, consider planting spring-blooming bulbs this fall while the soil is still warm. Don’t forget to continue watering your perennials at least once a week until the ground freezes. Once the ground does freeze, cover the crown of your newly planted perennials with a 4 to 5-inch layer of bark mulch. This mulch may also be used to cover perennials that are sensitive to frost.

the first sign of hard frost. Planting anytime between September through November will allow your new trees to establish their roots before winter sets in.

**4. Plant a Cover Crop**  
A cover crop may be spread over your garden to prevent erosion and weed growth. It may consist of mustard, clover, peas or even a combination of cover crops. Once spring arrives, the cover crop may be turned over to add nutrients to the soil.

**5. Plant Fall Crops**  
While the summer growing season may be over, there are still many plants you can grow over the winter. The most common frost-tolerant crops for fall planting include broccoli, cauliflower, kale, lettuce, parsnips, garlic, cabbage, collards and spinach. Many of these crops not only grow well during the fall, but they taste better after a light frost. Be sure to cover your plants as soon as any frost is forecasted to ensure your garden survives the winter.

fertilizer is best applied in late fall before the first frost, as it will help plants endure the approaching cold temperatures. The Lawnifi Fall Fertilizer Box, in particular, has three separate bottles of liquid fertilizer in it that help your garden recover from the hot summer temperatures it just endured as well as prepare for the colder temperatures ahead. This product is a great fall fertilizer for lawns and gardens. If you prefer traditional, granular fertilizers, Lawnifi Foundation is a slow-release granular fertilizer option that comes in a 25-pound bag and lasts for three months. With a 29-0-5 NPK formulation, Lawnifi Foundation is the perfect granular fertilizer for lawns and gardens. The two percent iron included in Lawnifi Foundation’s mixture helps plants carry oxygen throughout the leaves, roots and other parts of the plants to promote a green, healthy yard. Following these simple fall garden maintenance tips will help your plants survive the cold temperatures of winter. Whether you plan on growing a cool season crop, or you simply want to protect your garden, this fall garden checklist will ensure a healthy, thriving garden next spring. This article was written by Sod Solutions Content Strategist, Valerie Smith. For all media inquiries or for high-resolution photos, contact Cecilia Brown at [cecilia@sodsolutions.com](mailto:cecilia@sodsolutions.com) here.

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**3. Care for Trees and Shrubs**  
For those who have trees and shrubs, autumn is the perfect season to check on your shrubbery and prepare them for winter. One way to care for your trees this fall is to cover the soil around them with mulch. Adding a fresh layer of mulch around the base of your tree will protect the roots from harsh winter conditions. Avoid covering the trunk with mulch, however, as this could cause rot and other diseases. In addition to mulching, fall is also an ideal time to prune your shrubs once dormancy has started. If you’re looking to establish more trees and shrubs on your lawn, fall is the best time to plant while the ground is still workable. Generally, the ideal time to plant new trees is six weeks before

**6. Apply Fall Pre-Emergents**  
Pre-emergent weed killers are used for controlling weeds before they appear above the ground. To promote a weed-free garden next year, consider applying fall pre-emergents to your garden once all plant debris is removed.

**7. Apply Fall Fertilizer**  
Similar to fall lawn care, many gardens and trees can benefit from fertilizer before winter sets in. Fall

A black and white photograph of three women smiling and posing together. They appear to be of different ages, with the woman in the center being the youngest and the two women on either side being older.

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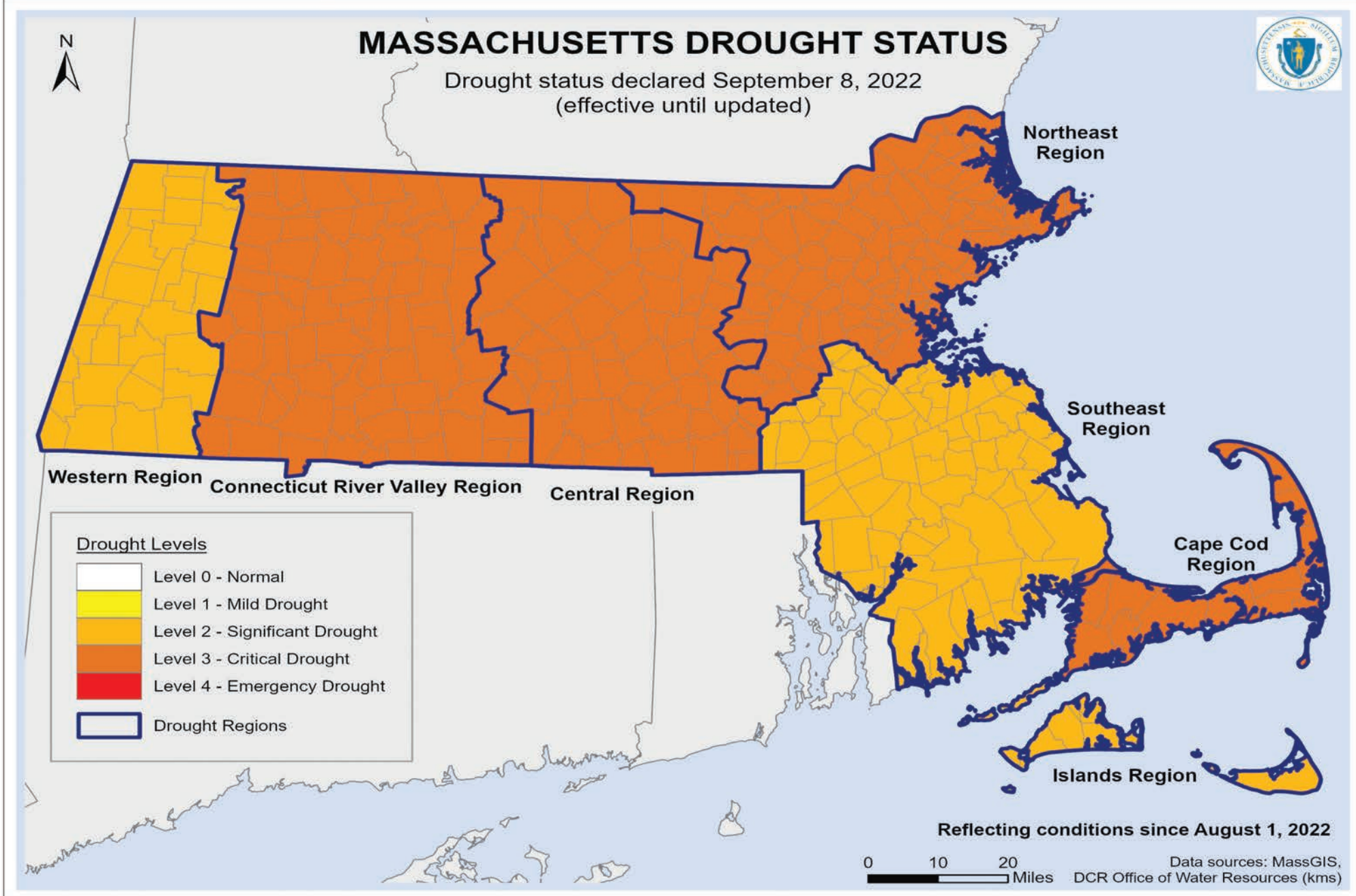
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Shown above, you can see the regions of Massachusetts and their drought levels. Most of the state remains in Level 3 Critical Drought, with the western and southern regions in Level 2 Significant Drought.

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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.

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- 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.

Significantly, the practicing of water conservation methods greatly assists water supply systems by reducing water use, which will help ensure essential needs are being met. These needs include available resources for drinking water and fire protection, supporting the natural functions of habitats, and to better sustain the Commonwealth’s water

supplies in the long-term. Importantly, 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.

“It takes time to recover from a drought. Understanding that fact and the variations in rainfall by location across the Com-

monwealth, water users should continue to follow the advice of their public water system and conserve as much water as possible,” said MassDEP Commissioner Martin Suuberg.

The Drought Management Task Force will meet again on Thursday, September 22, 2022, at 10:00AM. 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. Additionally, the Commonwealth is surveying the public for any drought impacts that are currently being experienced. To participate, please visit the Massachusetts Water Impact Reporter webpage.

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NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

LOOKING AT ATTENDANCE POLICY

CHELSEA - School Committee members have promised to take a closer look at the high school’s E-policy, where students automatically receive an E grade of 60 percent in a class if they have more than two unexcused absences during a quarter.

The committee heard testimony from over a dozen students, teachers, and caregivers at its first regularly scheduled meeting of the new school year on Thursday, Sept. 1.

Many of the comments centered on the attendance policy being unfair, confusing, inequitable, and a detriment for students dealing with mental health issues.

“I would first like to acknowledge the youth that are here tonight and how they inspire me every day at CHS,” said high school history teacher Ilana Ascher. “My students last year expressed many concerns about the e-policy, and they did express their concerns in multiple meetings, and sadly, there has been no change this school year to the E attendance policy. The E-policy is a get-tough mandate and does little to reduce absences or truancy.”

Ascher also said that the coding of absences as excused or unexcused can be arbitrary and biased.

“I had a student who had only three unexcused absences for quarter three and quarter four, no excused absences,” Ascher said. “Instead of the B that she earned both quarter three and quarter four, she received a 60 for my class last year. Is this fair that the student showed complete mastery of my class and her grade and her GPA drops this dras-

tically due to only being absent six days in a 90 day schedule?”

A number of Chelsea High School students relayed similar stories, and several noted that while there is a policy to appeal the unexcused absences, the process is not well publicized and can be confusing and contradictory, pointing out that the E grades cannot be revised for the fourth quarter.

“I’d like to describe my experience with the E-policy as a rollercoaster because you’ll never know what you’ll expect,” said Jaiven Diaz, a junior at Chelsea High. “My personal experience with the E-policy started my sophomore year in the first quarter when I had received my report card and that was the first time that I was notified that I had received an E. My teacher did not tell me, I was unsure of how many unexcused absences we were supposed to have.”

Diaz said his counselor told him that a decision on the grade had not been made yet, but that he had met the criteria for receiving an E.

“I thought that was wrong, because I was not getting a definitive answer and I’m left with questions,” said Diaz. “I went to the Chelsea High website to see if there was information on there as well, and there was not.”

City Councilor Judith Garcia said she was proud of the courage of the students who spoke up about how the attendance policy has failed them.

“I am here to say, as School Committee members, I ask you, many of you who have advocated so much for mental health services and expanding and bettering our schools, take a moment to real-

ly listen to these stories and take action upon it, because it takes a lot of courage to come up here and speak,” said Garcia. “They’re here because they believe, and they know the power of organizing and really fighting for something that is affecting not only them, but affecting other students and their peers in ways that are unfathomable.”

School Committee Chair Kelly Garcia said the committee sees and hears the concerns of the students and promised to work together with them to find an equitable solution to the issues of the attendance policy, including holding focus groups and subcommittee meetings to consider changes.

School Committee member Roberto Jimenez-Rivera said that in considering changes, the committee will also need to have data on the E-policy and who it affects.

“I want to make sure we are actually having conversations around what are the alternatives to make sure that we actually come up with solutions and make sure that we can move something forward,” he said. “This is not supposed to be a punitive policy, but we can see the damage that is being done and I want to make sure we are exploring how do we allow educators to use their expertise to support students, to make sure there is flexibility.”

LOOKING AT CANNABIS REGULATIONS

EAST BOSTON - With an eye on promoting equity in the industry, the city is recommending

COASTAL YOGA OPENS IN WINTHROP



Lisa Mignosa, owner of Coastal Yoga observed her one year anniversary. A ceremonial ribbon cutting, with her family, was held. Shown are her husband Jim and son Tyler and daughter Sydney. The studio is located at 19 Somerset Ave.

that zoning guidelines for cannabis establishments be amended to not only remove the required half-mile buffer zone between dispensaries, but also to change their designation from “Conditional Use” to “Allowed Use” in all non-residential districts.

The city’s Zoning Commission had already enacted zoning that designated cannabis establishments as “conditional use” in commercial and industrial zoning sub-districts before the 2019 creation of the Boston Cannabis Board (BCB), which, according to the city, was “established to develop regulations and procedures for evaluating proposed cannabis establishment licensing applications and ensuring the equitable regulation of the industry.”

Today, 12 cannabis establishments are operating in the City of Boston after they all secured zoning relief from the Zon-

ing Board of Appeals and were also licensed by the BCB – a two-part process that many believe has resulted in redundancies, and in some cases, has put the Zoning Board’s determinations at odds with the BCB’s rulings on the same applications.

“To remedy this situation, the City of Boston has recommended amending the Zoning Code to treat Cannabis Establishments in the same way that retail uses are treated, Allowed in commercial and business sub-districts but remain Forbidden in residential sub-districts,” according to the Boston Planning & Development Agency’s website. “The process for seeking zoning relief through the Zoning Board of Appeal has been made redundant by the Boston Cannabis Boards process and regulations so the time is right to phase out the ZBA requirement.”

In an Aug. 29 letter to

BPDA Director J. Arthur Jemison, District 8 City Councilor Kenzie Bok wrote that she supports the removal of the half-mile buffer zone rule from the zoning code because “as a specialized body considering the emergence of the cannabis industry across the whole city, the BCB is better positioned than the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) to weigh the different factors in considering whether an exception to the half-mile buffer zone is appropriate or not.”

Councilor Bok added that the addition of two new members with “relevant expertise” to the BCB (increasing the board’s ranks from five to seven members) would “help it weigh these issues, and make location considerations more central to the BCB’s grading rubric.”

(The BCB uses a scoring sheet to rate applicants

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that takes into account four criteria, including the business’s diversity and inclusion plan; its employment plan; community feedback and public support; and location, safety, and security.)

“I believe this is an appropriate streamlining of the process, and I believe that we have seen the BCB’s deliberations reflect an enhanced consideration of location dynamics over the past year,” Councilor Bok wrote.

Regarding the second proposed change to the city’s guidelines for cannabis establishments from “Conditional Use” to “Allowed Use” in all non-residential districts, Councilor Bok wrote, “I represent a number of parts of the City in which residential and business uses are extremely cheek-by-jowl; such areas of my district are in fact often home to many more residents than areas of the City commonly described as ‘residential.’ This mix of uses makes for dynamic, vibrant urban neighborhoods, but of course can also result in certain tensions.”

One method developed for addressing tension in these neighborhoods is to designate all business uses as “Conditional,” wrote Councilor Bok, to encourage businesses to meet with residents, as well as to adopt certain “protocols” for “trash pickup, hours of operation, deliveries, curb management, etc.”

Added Councilor Bok: “Throughout my district, there are numerous areas where resident and commercial stakeholders have gotten together and agreed on local business subdistrict zoning that applies ‘conditional’ status to nearly all uses – from cafés to liquor stores. In this situation, it would be strangely inconsistent to remove the ‘conditional’ status only for marijuana retail, as proposed in your

petition. Since the BCB does not consider detailed good-neighbor restrictions to be appropriate for inclusion in Host Community Agreements, your petition would mean that the neighborhoods I represent would have standing to seek agreement on matters such as hours and trash pickup in advance of a ZBA vote for a café, but not for a cannabis shop.”

At an Aug. 29 virtual meeting sponsored by the BPDA on the proposed zoning changes, City Councilor at-Large Michael Flaherty, who described himself as “one of the chief architects” of the half-mile buffer, said the ZBA should continue to uphold this guideline so as not to inundate any one neighborhood with an abundance of cannabis establishments.

Councilor Flaherty also predicted that the city would only have a “limited window” to facilitate the opening of Boston’s cannabis establishments before the industry is “re-classified” at the federal level.

“Stop & Shop and Walgreens – once they get into the business, it’s going to completely change the trajectory of what we’re discussing,” said Councilor Flaherty.

Brian Keith, Chief Operating Officer of Rooted in Roxbury, said they intend to open an equity retail cannabis shop at 331 Newbury St. this November. Which comes after paying rent at the location for the past two years.

Rooted Roxbury also spent an estimated \$150,000 on attorneys, architects, and consultants before they even filed their application with the city, Keith said, while the ZBA process could double those costs and extend the timeframe – something that could cause the applicant to eventually run out of funds and fail as a business.

Elliott Laffer, who

chairs the Neighborhood Association of the Back Bay, said while the time and cost issues that applicants face are legitimate concerns “so is the desire of the neighborhoods to be heard.”

Since residential and commercial uses are so inextricably linked in the Back Bay, Laffer said, “We need to work really hard so that business neighborhood can be viable, but that the residential neighborhood is viable, too.”

Segun Idowu, the city’s Chief of Economic Opportunity and Inclusion, said while it “made sense” to charge the ZBA with evaluating would-be cannabis establishments in the city prior to the formation of the BCB, now, the ZBA process is now nothing more than an “unnecessary barrier,” which can take months to navigate and put an “unnecessary burden” on equity applicants.

As a result, some applicants have found themselves in the unenviable position of having to find another location for their proposed cannabis establishment, or having to sue the city instead, said Idowu.

The BPDA is accepting public comments on the proposed zoning amendments for Boston’s cannabis establishments through Sept. 9 via email at bpdarpz@boston.gov.

TUKER DEFEATS O’SHEA IN DA RACE

LYNN - State Rep. Paul Tucker of Salem defeated former Lynn resident James O’Shea in the race for Essex County District Attorney in Tuesday’s election.

Tucker, former chief of the Salem Police Department, won with approximately 55 percent of the vote in the race that was one of the most hotly contested on the ballot.

Essex County Sheriff

Kevin Coppinger won his race with 53 percent of all votes cast, defeating Virginia Leigh.

Jennifer Armini won the crowded Eighth Essex Democratic primary for state representative with 2,309 votes. The district includes a small portion of Lynn. Tristan Smith finished second with 2,001 votes, followed by Douglas Thompson (1,549 votes), Polly Titcomb (969), Theresa Tauro (965 votes), and Diann Baylis (562).

Armini’s path to victory was paved by her strong, first-place finish in her hometown of Marblehead.

Former state representative Leah Allen was victorious in the Republican Primary for lieutenant governor. Allen will join Republican gubernatorial nominee Geoff Diehl as they face off against Democratic gubernatorial nominee Maura Healey, the state’s attorney general, and lieutenant gubernatorial nominee Kim Driscoll, the mayor of Salem, in the Nov. 8 general election.

Allen and Driscoll each finished first in impressive fashion in their respective races in Lynn.

State Sen. Brendan Crighton and State Reps. Dan Cahill, Peter Capano, and Donald Wong were unopposed in Tuesday’s election.

A NEW WAY OF LEARNING

REVERE - “I knew there was something broken in the system at Seacoast High School,” said Dr. Stacey Mulligan, a principal at Seacoast High School for the past three years: “I realized, these are [students who would benefit from] alternative education.” Dr. Mulligan, now in the role of principal at the new CityLab High School, cited her reasoning for spearheading the transition from the former Seacoast High School, “I want to do

right by the students.”

CityLab High School opens its doors today (Sept. 7), at 15 Everard St., in the Beachmont School building. “This has been an eight-month process,” Dr. Mulligan noted, “where staff, families, and students transformed the school into something the kids wanted.” Since January, CityLab has been developed into a STEAM innovation high school that offers an alternative curriculum model, compared to the traditional high school experience.

At CityLab, students now have the opportunity to learn through hands-on experiences and project-based learning. While the school still offers a core high school education, Dr. Mulligan’s vision also implements career and college-oriented learning opportunities to push students to their full potential. At CityLab, students will have the opportunity to earn college credit, work in studios and labs, and take on apprenticeship programs while still earning their high school diploma.

Dr. Mulligan explained, “I wasn’t here for the creation of Seacoast, and the school did a good job of getting kids their diploma, but I decided to look for more.” Dr. Mulligan, working with Assistant Principal Stacey Livote, took her search to the Massachusetts Department of Education, where she connected with Dr. Sarah Cherry-Rice, a design partner at DesignReady, a nonprofit that helps develop non-traditional school curriculum to accelerate students learning and career-readiness skills.

“Before, kids were sent to Seacoast with no choice in their education,” Dr. Mulligan noted. Now, “The school is meant to be exploratory for different paths, because every student can have a different path,” Dr. Mulligan explained. She stressed her praise for her partners in this transformation: “I couldn’t have done it with-

out my Assistant Principal, Stacey Livote and Dr. Sarah Cherry-Rice.”

Dr. Sarah Cherry-Rice, of DesignReady, further explained the nonprofit’s mission in redesigning education: “Our goal is to re-imagine what high school looks like, by working with high schools, industry, and higher education.” She explained the “connected pathway” style of education, which CityLab now bolsters, “Students design their path, they’re in the driver’s seat.” The goal? “A high wage job,” Dr. Cherry-Rice explained.

CityLab is a pioneer, Dr. Cherry-Rice explained, as it is the “first full high school model” of connected pathway learning. “The students are excited to design their pathway,” she noted. She then explained the schools model: In ninth grade, students learn in the CityLab building, and in 10th grade, students begin to be able to venture out and explore other learning opportunities such as college courses and apprenticeship programs, while still also learning in the building for at least half of the time. By 11th and 12th grade, students will spend more time learning in external environments, “Hence the CityLab name,” Dr. Cherry-Rice noted.

“We want to give students industry opportunities,” she explained, “and give them their autonomy.” Another big change, Dr. Cherry-Rice explained, is that “teachers are more facilitators of learning, as opposed to lecturers. [The classroom experience] will be more project-based, and hands on.”

These educators, and their students and staff alike, have expressed their excitement about the new school and curriculum. Under the guidance of Dr. Mulligan, Ms. Livote, and Dr. Cherry-Rice, CityLab opens its doors as a breath of fresh air to education in the City of Revere.

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## Everett Crimson Tide fall to Xaverian in home opener

By Cary Shuman

When the Everett High football team responded to Xaverian’s first touchdown with a 33-yard TD run by speedy junior Damien Lackland, one the largest Everett home crowds in the past three years thought it was “game on” at Everett Memorial Stadium.

But just as quickly, Xaverian regained the momentum with an electrifying 95-yard kickoff by Jonathan Monteiro, a junior from Randolph.

Henry Hasselbeck, the Hawks’ star-in-the-making quarterback and member of a famous football family, and Michael Oates, a UConn-bound baseball catcher, took the game over from there.

Hasselbeck, who previously attended Belmont Hill School, completed his spectacular debut for Xaverian with 227 yards passing, three TD passes, and an amazing play for a score in which he soared above the turf the last five yards into the end zone. Oates rushed for 165 yards and showed brilliantly how to utilize one’s blockers on a well-executed screen play for a 79-yard touchdown.

“I was very impressed with the entire Xaverian team,” said Everett head coach Rob DiLoreto, whose program had won its last 12 regular season games. “They played very disciplined. They played very fast, clean, and phys-



TURNING THE CORNER: Jayden Prophete (3) tries the wide side around the Xaverian defense but stepped out of bounds.

ical football in all four phases – coaching, offense, defense, and special teams. They outplayed us.”

DiLoreto agreed that Monteiro’s 95-yard kickoff return for a touchdown (after Everett had tied the game at 7-7) was a major momentum-turner.

“They made three, really big plays on kick returns, and those plays had a huge impact on the outcome,” said DiLoreto. “Specifically, that one

kick return right after we tied the game – that was tough to recover from. We will be putting more emphasis on special teams’ execution in practice this week. I feel very confident that our team will improve from this loss, and better days lie ahead.”

Everett quarterback Kamarri Ellerbe threw touchdown passes to Kevin Ruiz and Jaiden Williams for the other Everett scores. Giacobbe Ward provided a defensive high-

light with an interception in the end zone on the final play of the first half.

Everett (0-1) plays at Somerville (0-1) Friday (6 p.m.) in the Greater Boston League opener.

### Xaverian coach Fornaro’s comments

Xaverian head coach Al Fornaro was very happy with his team’s performance versus Everett.

“We played very well,” said Fornaro. “It’s not lost on us that they were

a senior-driven team last year. They’re young and a good football team. But it is very satisfying that we could come out, execute, obviously with a new quarterback. This game is circled for everybody. Right now, I believe this [Xaverian-Everett] is the premier non-league game in the state.”

### Hasselbeck’s first post-game interview

Xaverian QB Henry Hasselbeck, the 6-foot-3-

inch son of former NFL quarterback Matt Hasselbeck, and grandson of former New England Patriots tight end Don Hasselbeck, talked to reporters after the game.

“I’m just happy to end up with a win,” said Hasselbeck. “We just have athletes out there that helped us get there. Those big boys up front might not get the credit they need, but they’re the

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