



Shown above, the Everett High School Crimson Tide Marching Band plays in front of The Greater Boston Food Bank. Shown right, members of the Everett High School Crimson Tide Marching Band accept the Nally Award, shown with The Greater Boston Food Bank President & CEO Catherine D'Amato and Danny Nally, the originator of the Nally Award.



## The Greater Boston Food Bank's 17th annual Chain of Giving draws attention to food insecurity during the holidays

Special to the Independent

On Thursday, November 10, The Greater Boston Food Bank (GBFB) held its 17th annual Chain of Giving event in its original format, a tradition engaging civic and community leaders to draw awareness to the critical issue of food insecurity

in our region and GBFB's Hunger Free Holidays campaign in support of hunger relief this holiday season.

Sponsored by Affiliated Managers Group (AMG), the event featured a formal speaking program including remarks from Governor Charlie Bak-

er, Attorney General and Governor-Elect Maura Healey and Boston Mayor Michelle Wu and GBFB President and CEO Catherine D'Amato. Also in attendance were Massachusetts Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito, Salem Mayor and Lieutenant Governor-Elect Kim Driscoll,

State Senator Sal DiDomenico and beloved Boston Red Sox mascot Wally the Green Monster among other VIPs.

Attendees formed a human chain from GBFB's loading dock to its freezer, passing along over 1,200 turkeys to be distributed

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## Career Achievement

### EHS star quarterback Ellerbe receives Bouvier Jewelers Award

By Cary Shuman

Everett High captain Karmarri Ellerbe received the Bouvier Jewelers Award at the E Club Awards Dinner Nov. 17 at Spinelli's.

Head football coach Rob DiLoreto presented the prestigious annual award which goes to the most outstanding senior on the Crimson Tide football team.

DiLoreto told the gathering that Ellerbe was a four-year varsity letter winner and two-year starter at quarterback, leading the Tide to a 17-3 record while continuing the streak of Greater Boston League titles.

"This season, Karmarri was a bruising runner, rushing for 888 yards and scoring 10 touchdowns on the ground," noted DiLoreto. "He also threw for 750 yards, including eight touchdown passes. For his career, he rushed for 1,056 yards and threw for 1,784 total yards, and most impressively, he av-



Everett High School football star quarterback Kamarri Ellerbe, recipient of the Bouvier Jewelers Award, is pictured at the E Club Awards Dinner, with his mother, Nikeisha Ellerbe (far right), his twin sister, Karyana Ellerbe (far left), his uncle, Keone Coleman (second from right), and Everett High head football coach Rob DiLoreto.

eraged 9.6 yards per carry."

Concluding his remarks, DiLoreto told Ellerbee publicly, "I just want to say, you've been a tremendous leader and I

love you like a son."

Ellerbe reflected on his career in the vaunted Crimson Tide program and the honor of receiving the Bouvier Award.

"It feels great to receive

this award because the whole city, all the seniors and my teammates really supported me," said Ellerbe. "I couldn't have done

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## Costa will serve as City Council's liaison to the Planning Board

By Cary Shuman

The City Council's Legislative Affairs Committee appointed Ward 3 Councilor Darren Costa as the Council's liaison to the Planning Board and the Planning and Development Department at its Nov. 14 subcommittee meeting.

In his new position, Costa said he will report back findings from Planning Board meetings to his colleagues on the City Council. He indicated that Ward 3 residents have approached him about "revisiting some of the business zoning" regulations that haven't been modified in several years.



Ward 3 Councilor Darren Costa.

Costa is a graduate of Fairfield University and holds an MBA degree from Suffolk University with a concentration in accounting and finance.

Councilor-at-Large Stephanie Smith was named an alternate for the position.

## Council approves coffee shop for proposed residential property

By Cary Shuman

The Everett City Council voted unanimously at its Nov. 15 meeting to grant a mixed-used special exemption to Parkway Ventures LLC at 1911-1919 Revere Beach Parkway that will allow a 1,500 square-foot, coffee shop on the street level in a proposed residential building.

David O'Neil, an Everett attorney with offices at 391 Broadway, spoke on behalf of Parkway Ventures LLC and M&M Realtors LLC, owner of the

parcel on Revere Beach Parkway.

O'Neil told the Council that the property is currently Circle Floors Warehouses located on the corner of Buell Street and Revere Beach Parkway.

"The project is a residential building replacing some warehouses that the Vesprini family has operated out of for a while," O'Neil told the Council. "We would like to have the ability to have a little coffee shop in the lobby."

O'Neil added that

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## DeMaria announces tree lighting

Special to the Independent

Mayor Carlo DeMaria is pleased to announce the City of Everett will be hosting the annual Christmas Tree Lighting on Friday, Dec. 2 from 5pm to 8pm at Everett Square located at the intersection of Broadway and School Street.

Join Mayor DeMaria and family as they throw the switch and light up the beautiful Christmas tree to kick off the holiday season with the most wonderful celebration of the year.

There will be plenty for all to enjoy including live musical performances, horse drawn wagon rides, train rides, holiday characters, face painting, balloon creations, food, giveaways and even a special visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus directly from the

North Pole. He will arrive down Broadway at approximately 5pm, led by the Everett Police and Fire Departments and Everett High School's award-winning band! All of this, and so much more can be ex-

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TRASH DELAY

Due to the Thanksgiving Day Holiday on Thurs., Nov. 24, trash will be delayed by one day on Thursday & Friday only. Thurs. pickups will be 11/25 and Fri. pickups will be 11/26. Mon-Weds pickups will be on schedule. Capitol Waste Services, Inc.



Our office will be closed Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> and Friday, Nov. 25<sup>th</sup>




Governor Baker returned two outside sections to the Legislature with proposed amendments and vetoed a total of 24 sections.

lives of students—to break down those barriers to success,” said PepsiCo General Manager and Senior Director Bill Larrabee. “We are proud to be a company that is experiencing enormous growth here in Boston and beyond in management, leadership, and many other positions. As students here evaluate all their career options, we hope they will consider PepsiCo.”

Through December 31, GBFB is inviting individuals and teams to donate online in support of its Hunger Free Holidays campaign. This year, GBFB aims to provide 90 million healthy meals across 190 cities and towns in Eastern Massachusetts. More information on donating as a team or individual is available online at [GBFB.org/Holidays](http://GBFB.org/Holidays).


"I hope that happens because as the councilman from Ward 1, I'm a little concerned with parking," said Matewsky. "Attorney O'Neil has indicated that they're willing to work with the storage company next door, which makes me feel a little more comfortable."



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## HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Thanksgiving is a uniquely American holiday, tracing its roots back 400 years to the Pilgrims and Indigenous People, long before there was even a thought of a United States of America.

Thanksgiving is the ultimate family-centered holiday. It has no religious meaning, no national-celebration connotations, and no required gift-giving. It lacks the commercialism, religiosity, solemnity, and political overtones of all of our other national observances.

It is the only day on the calendar when we have no obligation other than to spend the day with those who mean the most to us. It asks nothing more from each of us (other than for the person who is doing all the cooking!) beyond just showing up and enjoying the company of our family and friends and then having a great meal.

Thanksgiving is a national celebration that serves to remind us how blessed we are at a time when circumstances are so cruel for so many others in a world in which there are more refugees than at any time since the end of World War II thanks to Russia’s aggression in Ukraine.

Even amidst this time of turbulence in our own country, we all can agree that Thanksgiving makes us aware of how much we have to be thankful for. Despite our present trials and tribulations, Americans are remarkably fortunate to be in a country such as ours.

Thanksgiving serves as a rare day for relaxation, reflection, and, inevitably (at least for some of us) a post-dinner nap while watching a football game or an early night of sleep. In a time when so many of us are connected 24/7 to some instrument of communication, it truly is a relief to have a day when we can just shut it all off.

We wish all of our readers a happy -- and restful -- Thanksgiving.

## THANK YOU, NANCY PELOSI

The announcement last week by House Speaker Nancy Pelosi that she will be stepping down from her leadership role in the Democratic caucus (although she will remain as a member of the House) marks an end to one of the most remarkable political careers in American history.

Nancy Pelosi first was elected to the House in 1987 in a special election after raising five children as a stay-at-home mom (which in itself is a remarkable feat!).

She soon rose to a leadership role among her Democratic colleagues for a simple reason: Nancy Pelosi was a lot smarter -- and more politically-savvy -- than any of them.

Her tenure as the first woman Speaker of the House in 2007 was groundbreaking and has paved the way for women to be accepted in the very upper-echelons of our government.

More than any other person, she was responsible for ensuring that the Affordable Care Act -- also known as Obamacare -- passed the House in 2010, a measure that has provided affordable health insurance for millions of Americans.

Despite being the object of what can only be described as hatred by her political opponents, Nancy Pelosi persevered with a determination that far outshone her political rivals and that made her the most successful and consequential Speaker of the House since the departure of Tip O’Neil in 1987.

Compared to both her Republican and Democratic counterparts of the recent past (think of lummoxes like Dennis Hastert, John Boehner, Jim Wright, and soon-to-be Speaker Kevin McCarthy), Nancy Pelosi has been a giant in American politics.

The vitriol engendered by her political opponents finally struck Pelosi personally when her husband of almost 60 years, Paul Pelosi, was attacked by a hammer-wielding assailant who broke into their home three weeks ago.

However, as she has throughout her entire life, Nancy Pelosi continues to move forward.

Despite all of her remarkable political accomplishments, the one moment that always will stand out for us is when she was caught on film in a bunker while the Trump-inspired rioters were rampaging through the Capitol on January 6

“I hope he (Trump) comes,” the 80 year-old grandmother told her staff. “I want to punch him out.... I’ve been waiting for this...I’m gonna punch him out, and I’m gonna go to jail, and I’m gonna be happy.”

That epitomizes Nancy Pelosi -- a tough and dedicated public servant who has devoted almost half of her 82 years in exemplary service to our country.

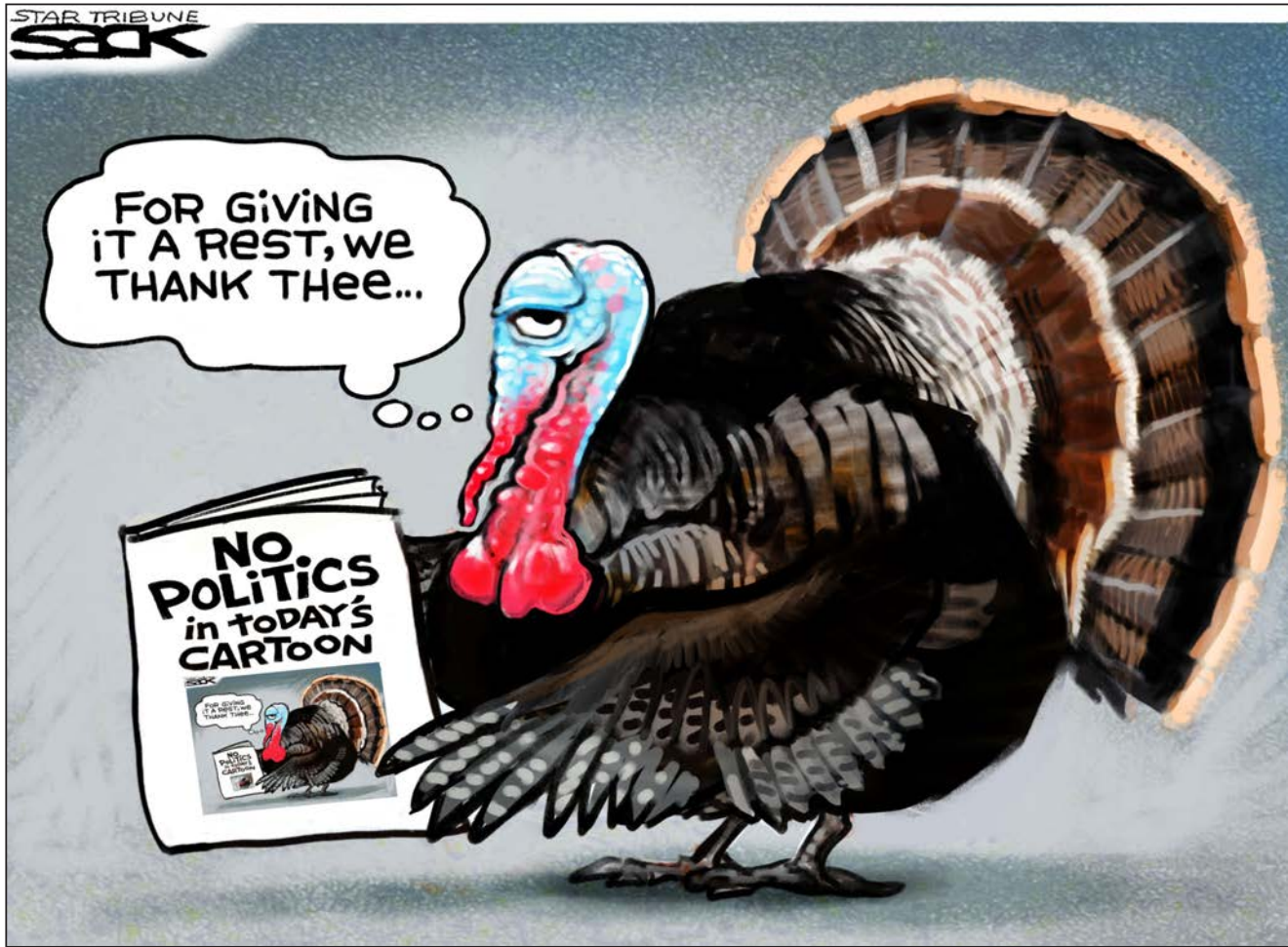
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# Independent Forum



## ABCC kicks off “Operation Safe Holidays”

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To ensure safety for the citizens of Massachusetts, the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission (ABCC) will be conducting alcohol enforcement operations at bars in major Massachusetts cities from Thanksgiving Eve through New Year’s Eve.

The primary objective will be to prevent impaired driving and other alcohol-related harm during the holiday season, which is known for heavy alcohol consumption. The ABCC will focus enforcement efforts at bars identified as the last to sell alcohol to a convicted drunk

driver.

“We want to make sure that everyone gets to enjoy the holidays with family and friends while at the same time avoiding tragedy and staying safe,” said State Treasurer Deborah B. Goldberg, who oversees the ABCC. “Vigilant enforcement and deterring bar owners from over-serving prevents problems before they happen and helps keep people safe.”

The program is run in conjunction with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration’s (NHTSA) Impaired Driving Crackdown,

from Thanksgiving Eve through New Year’s Eve, and is funded through the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security - Highway Safety Division.

“The RMV supports this enforcement work as safety on the roads is critical. Impairment impacts your ability to safely operate a motor vehicle. With December being National Drunk and Drugged Impaired Driving month, we encourage everyone attending holiday parties and social gatherings to have a plan for a designated driver or a rideshare service to bring them home. Be responsible and

make the right decision to keep family, friends and other drivers, pedestrians, and bicyclists safe this holiday season,” said Registrar of Motor Vehicles Colleen Ogilvie.”

The ABCC will also be working with local police departments that have identified high-risk locations in their communities.

Alcohol is involved in 40 percent of traffic crash fatalities resulting in 17,013 fatalities and injuring an estimated 275,000 people annually. Data indicates that well over 50% of impaired driving arrests originate at bars.

## State Fire Marshal offers cooking safety tips for Thanksgiving

Special to the Independent

Fire Marshal Peter J. Ostroskey is urging residents to make fire safety a priority in the kitchen as we approach Thanksgiving Day, the number one day for home fires in Massachusetts.

“Each year, we see about twice as many fires on Thanksgiving as on the next-closest day,” State Fire Marshal Ostroskey said. “Don’t let a fire ruin this special time with your family and loved ones. Practice fire safety when cooking and heating your home, and be sure you have working smoke and carbon monoxide alarms that can alert you to danger.”

### Cooking Safety Tips

There were 678 Thanksgiving Day fires in Massachusetts from 2017 to 2021, and 87% of them started with cooking activities at home. These Thanksgiving Day fires caused seven civilian injuries, seven fire service injuries, and more than \$3 million in estimated losses. State Fire Marshal Ostroskey offered cooking safety tips that everyone can follow to stay fire-safe in the kitchen this year:

Be sure your oven is empty before turning it on.

Wear short or tight-fitting sleeves when cooking.

Turn pot handles inward over the stove.

Remember to “stand by your pan” and stay in the kitchen when boiling, frying, or broiling.

Use a timer when baking or roasting and never leave the house with the oven running.

The best way to respond to a stovetop fire is to “put a lid on it” and turn off the heat.

The best way to respond to an oven or broiler fire is to keep the oven doors closed and turn off the heat.

If the fire is not quickly snuffed out, leave the house and call 9-1-1 from outside.

### Thanksgiving 2021

Residential cooking fires on Thanksgiving Day dropped by more than 20% last year, falling from 127 in 2020 to 97 in 2021.

After a devastating fire in New Bedford on Thanksgiving 2020 that caused severe injuries and displaced almost 30 people, there were no fires attributed to turkey fryers last year. Fire safety experts strongly discourage the use of outdoor gas-fueled turkey fryers that immerse the turkey in hot oil. There are no outdoor turkey fryers that have a listing from an independent testing laboratory such as UL or ETL, and the risk of hot oil spilling or igniting is high. The National Fire Protection Association states that home use of “turkey fryers that use cooking oil, as currently designed, are not suitable for safe use by even a well-informed and careful consumer.” They recommend using new “oil-less” turkey fryers.

### Gas Ovens: A Source of Carbon Monoxide

Generally, the confined space of a closed gas oven used for cooking does not produce enough carbon monoxide (CO) to present any dangers, but it can present a hazard if used for several hours consecutively – such as when roasting a turkey. If you have a kitchen exhaust fan, use it; if not, crack a window for fresh air when using the gas oven for a prolonged period. Working CO alarms are vitally important to protect you and your loved ones from carbon monoxide poisoning.

**Home Heating: #1 Source of Carbon Monoxide, #2 Cause of Fires**

Heating is the second leading cause of fires on Thanksgiving and the primary source of carbon monoxide in the home. Give your furnace an annual check-up, have chimneys cleaned and inspected by a professional at the beginning of heating season, and place space heaters on flat, level surfaces where in locations where they won’t be bumped or tripped over. Keep a three-foot “circle of safety” free of anything that can burn around all heat sources.

For more information, contact your local fire department or the Department of Fire Services’ Thanksgiving web page.

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this without my team, my family, and everyone in Everett behind me.”

Ellerbe began playing football at the age of five in the Crimson Tide Pop Warner organization. “The first year in Pop Warner I played quarterback and in the other years, I played a lot of positions,” recalled Ellerbe. I just kept learning and working hard and in my junior year I became the starting quarterback. Coach DiLoreto helped me grow as a person and as a player, and I hope the best for him and the program.”

Ellerbe is considering Anna Maria College and other schools for the next chapter in his academic and athletic career.

Karyana Ellerbe, Karmari’s twin sister, offered a touching tribute to her

brother in an interview following the awards program.

“He’s my biggest supporter and I’m his biggest supporter,” said Karyana, who is an EHS cheerleader. “I actually made his football poster, and he was my football player. He’s so strong-willed and just such a great person to be around. I look up to him because he does things that I couldn’t even imagine doing. He leads teams. I’m honored to have him as my brother.”

Karmari’s Ellerbe award presentation was one of the highlights in what was an outstanding dinner that reaffirmed the E Club’s status as one of the premier and most esteemed high school booster organizations in Massachusetts. The two

guest speakers, Olympic silver medalist and NCAA champion (Princeton) rower Gevvie Stone and former Boston College quarterback Scott Mutryn, were in a word, phenomenal, delivering inspirational messages about commitment, perseverance, staying positive, and never giving up in pursuit of one’s goals.

A graduate of Tufts University School of Medicine, Stone is a resident physician at the Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center. Mutryn, who holds an MBA degree from Boston College, works in financial services in addition to being the sideline reporter for BC football’s radio broadcasts with play-by-play commentator Jon Meterparel and analyst Pete Cronan.

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Dyna Louis and family.



Guest Speaker Olympian Gevvie Stone.



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Guest Speaker Scott Mutryn, and President Michael LaCourt.



Executive Director Carl Colson, Guest Speaker Gevvie Stone, and President Michael LaCourt.



Dyna Louis, and Carl Colson.



Award Recipient Karmarri Ellerbe and President Michael LaCourt.



Everett Clerk of Committee John Burley and his family have been long-time supporters of The E Club of Everett. Mr. Burley is pictured at the dinner with his daughters (from left), former EHS standout softball pitchers Rachelle Folan (Stony Brook University) and Rebecca Burley (Framingham State University), and Amanda Patterson (UConn).

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# NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

## COMMISSION APPROVES LIQUOR LICENSE

CHELSEA - Tired of waiting for state action on a home-rule petition that would allow the city to issue a certain amount of liquor licenses by a request for proposals process, the Licensing Commission voted last week to issue an all-alcohol license to the proposed Kushala Sip Coffee House on Pearl Street.

The owners of the coffee house initially came before the commission this summer, and commissioners supported the business plan and proposal, but held off on issuing the license as they waited for the state to approve the home-rule petition. Under the petition, the five new liquor licenses granted to the city due to new census data would be issued under a proposal process and returned to the city if they were no longer used by the initial applicant.

“The ABCC (the state’s alcohol licensing commission) and the state legislature, right now, they are not going to pass too much by the end of the year, and then they have to start over again with a whole new state legislature,” said City Solicitor Cheryl Watson Fisher.

Commission Chair Marnie MacAlpine said she was in favor of issuing the liquor license to Kushala.

“Given the fact that there hasn’t been an outpouring (of proposal applications), and that we are all in agreement that the Kushala Sip Coffee House was a different kind of facility coming to the city, which was one of our reasons for wanting to go that route in the first place, I would like to see if anybody would like to make a motion to approve a license for them,” said MacAlpine.

The commission unanimously voted to grant the license.

McAlpine also noted that the owners of the coffee house are getting closer to an opening date.

“They are nearing the end of their work, so this will hopefully line up right in time with them being able to get going and have that license upon opening their doors,” she said.

At the July hearing on the license, applicant Dalia Valencia said she has owned the Kushala Sip Coffee House in Stoneham since 2015 and was looking to expand.

The Stoneham location does not have a liquor license.

“I’m from Mexico originally, and the coffeehouse is a concept that is very popular in my country,” Valencia said at the time.

“When I opened seven years ago in Stoneham, I wanted to (serve alcohol), but it wasn’t easy because it was a very small space

that was not able to accommodate that.”

Valencia is proposing 50 seats inside and 10 seats outside and the coffee house would serve food in addition to craft coffees and alcohol.

In other business, the commission held a disciplinary hearing on noise complaints for Nocturno restaurant at 158 Broadway.

Nocturno owner Nelson Molina said a new door and soundproofing was recently installed at the location which should cut down on the noise and complaints from a nearby condominium building.

Commission members agreed that Molina was taking steps to address the complaints and did not take any disciplinary action.

The commission also granted an entertainment license to P’onde Juancho at 404 Broadway, allowing the restaurant to operate several televisions in its premises.

## BUSSING RAISES CONCERNS

EAST BOSTON - Several residents of East Boston vented their frustrations regarding the activities of Boston Public School (BPS) buses to Jackie Hayes, the Assistant Director of Contract Operation and Fleet for BPS, at the November 7 Harbor View Neighborhood Association meeting.

The idling and use of residential parking by BPS buses have pushed many residents to their breaking points as they ask for some sort of solution. Although there seems to be new frustration with the buses, some say these issues have been apparent for years.

One resident explained that for at least six years, buses have been idling, waking people in the wee hours of the morning and taking up parking spaces by the Bennington Street Cemetery.

“I think that is a long enough time to try and mitigate. You know, I understand that on a daily basis you’ll take complaints, try to mitigate it – again, that has been going on for six years – we need a solution,” said the resident.

Elsewhere on Bennington Street, others see the same issues continuously happening with seemingly no end in sight. The ideal solution, at least for residents, is for there to be off-street satellite locations for buses to wait before they eventually head out on their routes.

Unfortunately, for those who would like to see those satellite locations as a solution – it is not going to happen anytime soon, according to Hayes.

While Hayes indicated that BPS is seeking additional space for its buses, she said, “The reality is

that space is at a premium, and when the city uses space, they have to pay for it, and it is expensive.”

“We do not have a budget at this time for additional parking lots around the city,” she added.

Hayes did emphasize that although a satellite location might not be in the cards currently, BPS will still work with neighborhood associations for alternative fixes for the issues.

For now, the solution seems to rest upon the residents, as Hayes suggested that individual incidents be reported online via the BPS transportation support portal. Hayes advised against sending incidents by email, citing that reports to the portal are the most efficient way to get incidents to BPS.

This resolution was not up to snuff for at least one resident, as they said, “With all due respect, I have been doing it [reporting issues] for the last six, seven years on a daily basis ... nothing has been done – nothing.”

Even though it may seem like nothing has been done, Hayes assured residents that their work in contacting BPS with issues had led to the retraining of drivers as well as instances of speaking with drivers every time incidents occur.

She also defended the BPS bus drivers saying, “Frankly, our drivers work really hard, and they are under incredible stress every day... the vast majority of our drivers are lovely humans that decided to do work with kids.”

Overall, Hayes made it clear that the BPS will not stop working to quell the issues with buses around East Boston.

“We continue to be committed to trying to figure out how to make it work. We continue to be committed to taking every complaint or concern that is raised and running it down so that we can figure out how to make this work effectively for everyone,” said Hayes.

## SERINO NOT TO SEEK THIRD TERM

REVERE - The City Council’s youngest member will not be running for reelection in 2023.

Ward 6 Councillor Richard Serino announced his plans not to seek a third term at the beginning of Monday night’s meeting. Serino said the one-year lead time to the 2023 municipal election will give potential candidates plenty of time to decide if they want to run for the open seat next year.

“Earlier this month, people of Revere went to the polls in a statewide election day,” said Serino. “That election having passed, though nearly still a year away, we are now officially on our municipal

## CHELSEA BOYS SOCCER 2-1 OVER WOBURN IN MIAA DIVISION ACTION



**VICTORY AND DEFEAT:** Chelsea players Jefferson Ruiz (10), Bryan Medrano (12), Kevin Garcia Fortin (17), Henry Vazquez (41) and Juan Carlos Suarez Lopez celebrate as Woburn players absorb defeat after the Red Devils eliminated Woburn from the MIAA Division 2 soccer playoffs with a 2-1 overtime victory Saturday at Woburn High School.

election cycle for the 2023 city election. As we begin to contemplate candidacies, I wanted to announce tonight to my constituents in West Revere and North Revere, that I will not be seeking reelection to the Revere City Council in 2023.”

Serino said it might seem unconventional for a councillor to announce reelection plans so far in advance of the election, but he said he was doing so because he had made up his mind. Like his Ward 6 predecessor, Charlie Patch, Serino said he wanted to give enough lead time for decent, good candidates in Ward 6 to consider a run.

“This decision to not seek a third term on the council was not made in haste, but after careful consideration and much discussion with my family and closest friends,” said Serino. “Having turned 30 this year, I have spent some time contemplating

and reassessing my goals for myself in both my personal and professional life and where I see myself when my current term expires in 2024 and beyond. Having had the honor of being elected by the people of Ward 6 in 2019, I came onto the council in January, 2020 with a set of goals, including promoting economic development in the ward and the city, helping to alleviate flooding in West Revere, and working towards solutions to traffic flow in the ward.”

On the economic development front, Serino said he made a commitment during his campaign to promote economic development in the ward. He pointed to the closing of the Showcase Cinema in 2020 during the height of the pandemic, and its current transformation into an Amazon warehouse and shipping facility.

“I was disappointed, and ideally would have

preferred to see a development built in its place that was entertainment driven and would draw families to the site,” he said. “However, in the end, I was glad that the redevelopment of the movie theater did not bring more residential units, but rather will bring job opportunities for Revere residents, revenue from increased property taxes, and new excise taxes paid to the city.”

The councillor also noted that he made a commitment to fight for commercial development and oppose any residential development on Squire Road, which he said he views as the ward’s main business corridor.

Serino also thanked the mayor and the water and sewer department for fixing some of the flooding and drainage issues in the ward.

“When it comes to traffic patterns in the ward, I

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# OBITUARIES

## Natale Pesce

MWRA Retiree

Natale, A. “Ned” Pesce of Methuen, formerly of Everett, entered into eternal rest on Tuesday, November 8 in the Cedar View Nursing Center in Methuen after being in failing health.

Ned was born in Everett and lived in Methuen for many years. He worked for the Massachusetts Water Resource Authority “MWRA” as a water treatment operator prior to his retirement.

Ned was the beloved husband of Angela (Ruggerio) Pesce for over 47 years; the dear son of the late Mary (Bono) and Natale Pesce; the dear and devoted father of Derek Pesce and his partner, Amy Hanson of Clinton; the loving brother of Fran Pesce of Framingham and the late Anthony and Robert Pesce.

Funeral arrangements



were by the Cafasso & Sons Funeral Home, 65 Clark St. (Corner of Main St.) Everett. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Natale’s memory to the American Heart Association, 300 5th Avenue, Waltham, MA 02451 would be sincerely appreciated.

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think I have been pretty bold, to say the least,” said Serino. “Although it was controversial, I listened to my residents of Sigourney Street and Derby Road, who for years have been plagued with speeding vehicles going to and from Squire Road. As the ward councillor, I advocated to the Traffic Commission to change the one ways on those streets.”

Serino said the change was met with a lot of criticism, and understandably so for the streets that were impacted as a result.

“But you know what, we tried something that had not been tried before by my predecessors, albeit for 60 days, and because we took that initial step, we have the attention of the traffic commission and the administration to take a serious look at the traffic flow on the streets off of Squire Road that they see every day,” said Serino.

He added that two of the initiatives he is most proud of during his time in office is the creation of the city’s veterans fund, and an ordinance calling for later meeting start times, giving residents a better opportunity to participate after typical work hours.

With more than a year to go as the ward councillor, Serino reiterated that his announcement was not a resignation or a goodbye speech. He added that it also did not necessarily mean he would not run for city-wide office in the future.

“I have determined that two full terms, or four years, will have been an adequate time for me to complete the work that I

set out to achieve as the Ward 6 Councillor, and that after this term, it is not only appropriate, but it is right, for me to step aside and clear the way for someone else in West Revere, or perhaps North Revere, with new ideas and a fresh perspective,” he said. “My remarks tonight should also not be taken as a farewell to Revere politics, as I would certainly consider and entertain the possibility of a run for councillor at large or higher office sometime beyond 2023 and a few years down the line if the time is right and I feel that my experience and voice can contribute to a future conversation in the city.”

## MBTA PROPOSES CHANGES TO INITIAL REROUTING OF WINTHROP BUS ROUTES

WINTHROP - The MBTA has made adjustments in the latest draft of its massive Bus Network Redesign project to address some potential Winthrop route issues.

The MBTA held a virtual public meeting to go over the system-wide changes it made to its bus routes since the release of an initial draft of the plan in May.

Since May, T officials said they have received and reviewed 20,000 comments about the bus route changes.

“The public feedback was key,” said MBTA bus route project manager Doug Johnson. “We re-

viewed all the comments from May to September and beyond and incorporated them into the revised bus network.”

While the MBTA could not incorporate every change that was requested, Johnson said the new bus network is just as was proposed in May in that it would still increase service by 25 percent across the network and double the number of high frequency corridors (defined as a bus leaving a stop at least every 15 minutes, seven days per week) across the system.

“We ended up making changes to 85 of the 133 proposed routes in the May, 2022 draft bus network,” said Johnson. “The changes include new routings, restoration of existing routes, the addition or subtraction of routes, and modifications to frequency of service.”

In Winthrop, the routes affected are the 119 and 120 buses, extensions of existing routes that will be replacing the 712 and 713 buses.

Concerns had been raised that the new routes previewed in May would cut service to a number of areas of the town.

The 119 and 120 routes were adjusted in the latest draft under the general heading of “rerouting to provide better connections to medical facilities, senior housing, and other destinations, or at the request of the municipalities,” according to Johnson.

The 119 bus would travel from Winthrop to Revere via Orient Heights Station. Changes from the

May draft of the MBTA plan include extended service to Cottage Hill and the Winthrop Public Landing ferry parking lot. Bus frequency would be every 30 minutes or better from 5 a.m. to 10 p.m., seven days per week, and every 45 minutes or better from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m.

The 120 bus would travel from Winthrop to Maverick via Orient Heights. Changes from the May draft of the MBTA plan include extended service to Cottage Hill and the Winthrop Public Landing ferry parking lot and be rerouted through Orient Heights. Bus frequency would be every 30 minutes or better from 5 a.m. to 10 p.m., seven days per week, and every 45 minutes or better from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Still, it could be a few years before riders see changes to the majority of the bus routes.

“We anticipate implementation of the new network to take about five years, beginning in 2023,” said Johnson. “Over that five year period, we intend to make changes to routes incrementally every year until by the fifth year, the whole network is in place.”

The Bus Network Redesign is one portion of an overall Better Bus Project for the MBTA, he added. That project aims to transform, modernize, and decarbonize the entire bus fleet, create more dedicated bus lanes and signalization, update and modernize bus stops, and modernize how the MBTA collects fares for its bus trips.

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING  
Project File No. 611982  
A Live Virtual Design Public Hearing will be hosted on the MassDOT website below to present the design for the proposed Shared Use Path Connection at the Route 28/Wellington Underpass in Medford, MA.  
WHEN: 7:00-8:00 PM, Thursday, December 8, 2022  
PURPOSE: The purpose of this hearing is to provide the public with the opportunity to become fully acquainted with the proposed Shared Use Path Connection and Wellington Underpass. All views

and comments submitted in response to the hearing will be reviewed and considered to the maximum extent possible.  
PROPOSAL: The project proposes to construct a shared use path connection and new pedestrian and bicycle underpass to connect the northbound and southbound sides of the Fells Parkway along the Mystic River in the City of Medford, Massachusetts. The purpose of this project is to improve multi-modal accommodations and pedestrian safety by connecting a transportation network gap between MacDonald Park and Station Landing. Proposed improvements include the construction of a hot mix asphalt shared use path, cement concrete sidewalks, a timber boardwalk structure with overlooks, pathway lighting, signs, pavement markings,

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**Mystic Side  
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Zion Church - Everett

News and Notes

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News and Notes

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## MCGONAGLE DELIVERS COATS, WINTER ITEMS TO VETERANS

Last week, Rep. Joe McGonagle delivered dozens of Home Depot buckets containing coats and other winter items to veterans across Everett and its neighboring communities

as part of the Legislature’s “Coats4Vets” initiative. These buckets came in addition to the dozens he handed out at the City’s Veteran’s Day event. “Giving back to our

veterans in one the causes closest to my heart, so I am very grateful to have this opportunity to help in a worthwhile fashion,” said McGonagle. “It’s no secret that our veterans are

often forgotten or neglected so to be able to help in just a small way is a good start while we work on bigger solutions. It is especially poignant at this time of year with Veterans Day

and Thanksgiving, to be extra grateful for their sacrifice. I owe all my thanks to Rep. Steven Xiarhos, Rep. Kip Diggs, Senator Su Moran and Senate President Karen Spilka for

sponsoring the event that collected all these items. I’d also like to thank Everett Director of Veterans Affairs Antoine Coleman and his team for helping to organize the distribution.”



Rep. Joe McGonagle joined area residents to deliver dozens of Home Depot buckets containing coats and other winter items to veterans across Everett.

## McGonagle secures \$600,000 in economic development bill

Last week, Governor Charlie Baker signed the long awaited Economic Development bill which came out of House and Senate Budget Conference Committee with a grand total of \$3.76 billion, including \$600,000 secured by Rep. Joe McGonagle to design and construct a new park in Everett Square to improve pedestrian access and safety and create opportunities for outdoor dining, farmers markets and other activities. “I am so grateful to my colleagues in both the

House and the Senate for working together to pass this bill,” said Rep. McGonagle. “In addition to the funding for hospitals, housing development and clean energy investments, among many other things, I am thrilled it includes the \$600,000 to revitalize Everett Square. A downtown space for people to gather as a community outdoors is greatly needed and I look forward to this project. Thanks especially to Speaker Mariano, Chair Michlewitz and Chair Cusack for their hard work in facilitating this success.”

## Updates to MOR-EV Program announced

The Baker-Polito Administration is announcing several changes to the Massachusetts Offers Rebates for Electric Vehicles Program (MOR-EV Program), which provides rebates for the purchase or lease of electric vehicles (EVs), in order to continue efforts to reduce air pollution and to increase access to clean transportation options across the Commonwealth. Light-duty battery electric vehicles (BEVs) and fuel cell electric vehicles (FCEVs) purchased or leased for at least 36 months now qualify for a rebate of \$3,500 for eligible applications received on or after November 10, 2022. Additionally, annual and lifetime vehicle caps for the number of fleet electric vehicles acquired with a gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) of 8,500 pounds or less have been eliminated. Eligible Plug-in Hybrid Electric Vehicles (PHEVs) with an all-electric range of 25 miles or greater will continue to receive rebates of \$1,500. These changes are being announced following Governor Charlie Baker signing An Act Relating to Economic Growth and Relief for the Commonwealth on Thursday, November 10, 2022,

which provides \$50 million in funding for electric vehicle incentives. “The Baker-Polito Administration has taken an aggressive approach to reducing harmful greenhouse gas emissions in an effort to improve air quality, mitigate the impacts of climate change, and achieve the state’s emissions reduction goals,” said Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Beth Card. “By making these significant changes to the MOR-EV Program, more people will be eligible to receive rebates that offset the cost of electric vehicles purchases, making them more affordable and further accelerating our efforts to decarbonize the transportation sector.” The MOR-EV Program aims to provide air pollution emission reductions for the Commonwealth by increasing the use of electric vehicles. Funded by DOER and administered statewide by the Center for Sustainable Energy (CSE), the MOR-EV Program provides rebates for the purchase or lease of battery electric vehicles, fuel-cell electric vehicles, and plug-in hybrid electric vehicles. Further changes to the MOR-EV Program are expected to be

announced in the Spring of 2023. Since June 2014, the MOR-EV Program has issued more than \$54 million in rebates, incentivizing the purchase of more than 26,000 electric vehicles. Earlier this year, an independent report was commissioned that determined the program has been cost-effective while providing a number of recommendations for program design. For additional information regarding MOR-EV, including all eligibility details, please visit the program’s webpage. Additional details regarding rebates for electric vehicles greater than 8,500 pounds GVWR can be found by visiting the MOR-EV Trucks Program website. “Reducing emissions in the transportation sector is critical to meeting our greenhouse gas reduction goals and will make our communities cleaner, healthier places to live,” said Department of Energy Resources Commissioner Patrick Woodcock. These changes to the MOR-EV Program will keep pace with the marketplace and ensure the ongoing sustainability of the program, which will not only help reduce emissions but will also lower our reliance on

fossil fuels.” The funding for the program comes from the signing of An Act Relating to Economic Growth and Relief for the Commonwealth, which promotes economic development, strengthens health and human services, advances clean energy and resiliency, expands affordable housing production, and invests in Massachusetts communities, businesses, and workers. The legislation included funding for several proposals introduced by the Baker-Polito Administration in the FORWARD economic development bill that was filed in April and in multiple supplemental budget proposals, including the most recent proposal from August to close out Fiscal Year 2022 (FY22). The bill is funded by a combination of state resources, including FY22 surplus revenue, and federal funds from the American Rescue Plan Act Fiscal Recovery Fund (ARPA-FRF). Several other changes to the MOR-EV program will need to be pursued after additional plans are developed for implementation.

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