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zel Whitley.”

Proud of his nickname and his Irish heritage

Larson is proud of his boxing nickname, which is “Lionheart.”

“I fought in the Golden Gloves and this guy said, ‘hey kid, you fight with the heart of a lion, when you turn professional, I’ll come watch you fight, so I couldn’t think of a better

name to call myself. I feel the name fits me well.”

Fighting six days ahead of St. Patrick’s Day, Larson will pay tribute to his Irish heritage by wearing a custom-made plaid kilt and plaid trunks.

His focus is on the fight

Kenny Larson said he is not looking past his undefeated opponent.

“I’m not going to think

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One of the targets of the smear campaign was Cynthia Sarnie who said, “My vote is never bought or sold. I was never offered a job. The city is so divided, and we need to stop the hatred.”

Millie Cardello said on the extension of the contract, “I vote the way I see fit. I like and respect the superintendent, and I am elected by the people. I vote based on facts and this is about the students and teachers.”

Tahiliani said that she still has a desire to lead the schools and is “more motivated to work on your behalf.”

Six members voted in opposition to extending Tahiliani’s contract to 2026. Those voting not to extend the contract included Mayor Carlo DeMaria, Cynthia Sarnie, Joseph LaMonica, Michael McLaughlin, Jason Marcus

and Millie Cardello.

The four members voting in favor of extending the contract were Jeanne Cristiano, Mike Mangan, Marconi Almeida Barros and Samantha Lambert.

The idea of extending the contract was first brought up more than a year ago when some School Committee members thought that Tahiliani was not given a fair opportunity to lead the schools under normal conditions due to the COVID-19 pandemic. They said that many of the programs that Tahiliani proposed in her interview for the position in late 2019 were sidelined due to the pandemic. Added fallout due to the pandemic, such as the drop in the MCAS scores as well as remote learning issues, prevented Tahiliani from accomplishing many of her educational objectives for the Everett Public Schools. She officially started her job as Superintendent in March 2020.

Mangan, chair of the Everett School Committee, said Tuesday, “I wish the vote would have gone in her favor. “Based on the things we asked the superintendent to do, in terms of school security, CTE development, the cleanliness of the schools, her work in addressing the social-emotional learning impact on students following the pandemic - and seeing and hearing the overwhelming support she received from students and parents - I wish the vote would have gone a different way, but unfortunately it didn’t. I respect everybody’s opinion and decision. But personally, I wish she would have gotten the contract extension.”

LOCAL STUDENTS IN THE NEWS

LOCAL STUDENTS EARN ACADEMIC HONORS AT ST. JOHN’S PREP

St. John’s Prep recently announced the names of students who earned academic honors for the second quarter of the 2022–2023 school year, which ended on January 20, 2023. Students who qualified for the Headmaster’s List earned grades of A- or above in all courses; students who qualified for the Principal’s List earned grades of B+ or above in all courses; and students who qualified for the Honor Roll earned grades of B or above in all courses.

The following student was named to the academic honors list for the Second Quarter 2022–2023.

EVERETT
Head of School List
Nicholas Vogel ‘26

Martins introduces zoning amendment that would create more affordable housing units

Special To The Independent

Ward Two City Councilor Stephanie Martins has introduced an amendment to the zoning ordinances that would promote the creation of affordable housing units in smaller developments and conversions taking place in Everett.

The inclusionary zoning rules currently in place require that 15 percent of the units in developments with 10 or more units be affordable.

Martins’ amendment, which was proposed at the Feb. 27 meeting of the Council’s Legislative Affairs Committee, would lower that number from 10-unit residences to six-unit residences, thus leveraging private development to create more non-government subsidized housing units for low-and-moderate income residents.

Revising zoning ordinances that have become obsolete has been a recurring topic between the Everett City Council and the Planning Board.

In her opening remarks to the Committee, Martins articulated well the intent of her proposal, while also stressing the urgency of the matter.

“This is something that can’t wait so we can create affordable units for our residents – I cannot even imagine how many affordable units we’re going to miss out on [projects] that are going through the Planning Board right now,” Martins told Committee Chair Michael Marchese and Committee members, Councilors Stephanie Smith, Darren Costa, and John Hanlon.

Martins said the only change she is seeking to make is to Section B-1 [of the city’s ordinances], “starting [the minimum for affordable housing units in a development] at six units instead of ten.”

“We’ll start seeing one unit here and there in every neighborhood – it’s something small, but it



Ward Two City Councilor Stephanie Martins.

adds affordable housing,” said Martins. “We have a huge pipeline and it’s something that I would love this committee to consider. This is a small tweak [to the ordinances] that will have a big effect.”

Martins added that she had conversed with officials in Revere and Lynn, and the proposal “has really been effective.”

Councilor Smith spoke against Martins’ proposal to amend the ordinances.

“I applaud my fellow councilor’s efforts, but this is band-aid to a larger problem,” said Smith. “Councilor Costa and I have worked with Attorney [Matthew] Lattanzi, Mr. [Jay] Monty [of the Planning Department] and have engaged with the Massachusetts Housing Partnership on exploring our options for affordable housing and doing a revamp of zoning – this is just a band-aid for that solution. I don’t know if that six [units] is the magic number. I don’t know if ten [units] is the magic number. I don’t think we can just make a decision and say, ‘fingers in the air, that’s the magic number.’ We have more work to do to decide what is that number.”

Smith said her research on the issue determined that the communities of Malden, Revere, and Brockton took between eight months and 16 months to change similar ordinances. “We can’t do it overnight. I agree that we need to change it, but I’m not here to piecemeal together ordinances. We need more analysis.”

Martins responded directly to Smith’s com-

ments.

“We need to start from somewhere,” countered Martins. “So, I’m starting with the number first, and then we go through the scale, and the income, and then we adjust the number. I’m just saying that we start from six [units], because while we wait now, we’re missing out on multiple units that are being approved and could have been included as an affordable unit.”

Martins also expressed concern that developers were building below the 10-unit minimum to bypass Everett’s affordable housing requirement.

Councilor Costa wanted to know whether individuals who own a six-family residence and might want to renovate one of the apartments “are obligated to convert one [apartment] to affordable housing.”

Martins responded that one of the renovated units would have to be dedicated to being an affordable unit.

In concluding her presentation, Martins reinforced the notion that projects with six or more units are investment properties and small buildings and no longer just an ordinary multi-family home situation.

“Slowing down the conversions and perhaps discouraging people from doing it, might be a good side effect, so we have less of what’s happening in the city right now. I don’t see that as a bad thing,” said Martins.

Martins’ amendment remains in the Legislative Affairs Committee and requires at least three favorable votes to move out of committee where it will subsequently be referred to the Planning Board for consideration before it returns before the City Council for a final vote.

Martins said she hopes residents will email members of the Legislative Affairs Committee and request that they vote for a favorable recommendation of her proposal.

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To Whom It May Concern:

This notice is to inform you that a public hearing will be held on Monday March 20, 2023 at 6:00 PM, Everett City Hall, 3rd Floor George Keverian Hearing Room. All interested parties may attend and opinions will be heard regarding the following petition.

Whereas a petition has been presented by:

**Property Address: 23 Gledhill Ave.
Map/Lot: N0-05-000171
Person Requesting: Ms. Rosemonde Paulo
244 Rumney Road
Revere, MA 02151**

REASON FOR DENIAL:

The applicant seeks to convert the existing 2 family residence built approximately in 1894 into a three (3) Family

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

Violations and Zoning:

• The Everett Zoning Ordinance, Section 4(B) (2)b, requires 7,000 s.f. of lot area for a two-family dwelling. Accordingly, the 3,693 s.f. lot is currently nonconforming as to area. The lot is also nonconforming as to frontage. The addition of a third dwelling unit will increase

these nonconformities¹. A special permit is required, pursuant to Section 3(F) of the Zoning Ordinance.

• Pursuant to Section 17.A.1 of the Zoning Ordinance, the existing two-unit residential use would require four (4) parking spaces, but the lot contains only two (2) parking spaces. Therefore, the property is nonconforming as to parking requirements, and your proposal will increase this nonconformity, because six (6) spaces would be required for the proposed three-unit structure. You may either seek a special permit from the Zoning Board of Appeals to increase the parking nonconformity, pursuant to Section 3(F) of the Zoning Ordinance, or participate in the Transportation Demand Management Program

under Section 35 of the Zoning Ordinance.

¹The existing structure is also nonconforming as to front setback. However, I do not find that the purely interior renovation of the structure will increase this nonconformity.

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Board of Appeals
Roberta Suppa - Clerk
March 8, 2023
March 8, 2023**

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RISE’s new residential community amidst resurgence in Everett Square

RISE, a Boston-based minority owned developer and construction firm, has received approval from the City of Everett to move forward with plans for a residential project at 52 School Street.

The project sits amidst Everett Square and the Commercial Triangle – two focal points for the City of Everett. As part of the ‘Envision Everett’ initiative, the city has strategically begun to expand the infrastructure to improve residential quality of living, revitalize underutilized areas, and create opportunities for residential and commercial uses to participate in the city’s growth and advancement.

RISE’s School Street project will add to the housing uptick in the area, bringing 46 rental housing units including studios, 1-Bedroom, and 2-Bedroom unit options, all within a 4-story residential building. 7 of the 46 rental units will be designated as affordable and will be available to individuals and families earning up to 80% of the area median income (AMI).

“Everett is one of the most interesting coastal cities in Massachusetts, said Herby Duverné, Founder and CEO of RISE. “The city has made great strides to expand the economy and improve the quality of living for the 50k + residents that reside here, and RISE is honored to be part of the resurgence happening.”



An artist renderings of the project at 52 School Street in Everett.

The residential community will offer a variety of amenities including a club room and lounge, on-site bicycle storage areas for residents and visitors, a fitness center, work-from-home stations for all hybrid scenarios, and a common outdoor terrace.

With sustainability in mind in one of Greater Boston’s most rapidly progressing coastal cities, 52 School Street will target LEED Gold certification. The building will be Carbon Neutral, utilizing all-electric building systems and on-site renewable energy through rooftop photovoltaic (PV)/solar panels.

Twenty-five percent of the parking spaces on-site will be designated for electric vehicle (EV) charging stations.

School Street is in walking distance of the restaurants along the Square’s Broadway Street and beyond, as well as local green open space parks,

markets, and schools. Building upon Everett’s multimodal options and advances and excellent walkability rating, a Transportation Demand Management (TDM) program will support residents seeking alternative transit.

46 bicycle storage spaces will be available for residents, in addition to 16 bike parking spaces for visitors and the general public. New sidewalks, street trees, and landscaping will be prioritized along School Street, along with a new public crosswalk, street striping, signage and ADA improvements to the surrounding sidewalks will all further enhance the experience and walkable nature of the neighborhood.

BlueBikes membership and subsidized MBTA passes will be made available for building residents – with easy access to the MBTA Orange Line subway system at Welling-

ton Station and Sullivan Square Station and several MBTA bus routes along Broadway/Rt.99 and Main Street.

Dedicated on-site ride-share pick-up and drop-off spots will consider the follow of traffic in and out of the site.

RISE recently received approval from the City of Everett’s Zoning and Planning Board. The project is anticipated to start construction in Q2-Q3 2023.

As a minority-owned developer + construction

firm, RISE’s team delivers a fundamentally different type of equitable development model: one that is committed to generating a combination of strong economic and social returns that foster growth opportunities to lift and enrich entire neighborhoods.

RISE’s depth of experience in development and permitting, combined with the team’s agile mindset, brings the expertise of a large firm and the innovative cost solutions of a midsized firm

together. RISE is building with intentionality to generate economic mobility and social impact for our communities. Our business model is vertically integrated. We source our opportunities internally, entitle internally with experienced staff and build the project ourselves with our construction division. This allows RISE to see the entire picture, eliminate the conflicts and misalignment that exist in the industry today and mitigate the risks associated with the build.

Over 500 households in Everett received \$5.7 million in emergency rental assistance

The Residential Assistance for Families in Transition (RAFT) program, a homelessness prevention program funded by the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), provided a lifeline for 18,317 families in the region, providing more than \$162 million in assistance during FY22. By comparison, FY21 saw 10,251 households receive a total of \$63 million in assistance.

In Everett, 528 households received more than \$5.7 million in emergency housing assistance, accounting for 3.5 percent of all households that received assistance. In comparison, 273 Everett households received \$2.03 million in emergency rental assistance in FY21.

Metro HousinglBoston has documented the effectiveness of RAFT since 2013. This year’s report – RAFT/EHPA in Review – continues this examination of the impact of the pandemic through the infusion of state and federal funds, the expansion of eligibility to access those funds, the streamlining of the application process, and quicker release of dollars. These changes resulted in a complete shift in Metro Housing’s housing payment assistance programs, requiring greater flexibility and increased staff capacity.

Partnerships with community-based organizations provided another valuable way to assist more families in Metro Housing’s region in FY22. Partnerships with the Action for Boston Community Development, Asian Community Development Corporation, East Boston Neighborhood Health Center, The Neighborhood Developers (TND)/CONNECT, WATCH, and Vietnamese American Initiative for Development (VietAID) provided not only venues for getting the word out about available assistance, but also provided places for people to complete applications and get assistance with language barrier issues.

“The pandemic hit

TND’s communities of Chelsea and Revere hard,” says Rafael Mares, Executive Director of TND (The Neighborhood Developers). “Our close, pre-existing partnership with Metro Housing became the bedrock of our response. With their support, our team took on the responsibility to assist tenants in filling out rental assistance applications, Metro Housing staff trained our team, and jointly we developed systems for working together.”

Key Findings from RAFT/EHPA in Review FY2022:

- Rental arrears remained the largest category for assistance. In FY22, \$80 million was awarded for arrears, the largest amount ever.
- Total rental stipend assistance increased to 42 percent of all EHPA assistance, totaling more than \$67 million. In FY21, it represented only 22 percent of assistance.
- The average housing assistance benefit increased from \$6,167 in FY21 to \$8,870 in FY22.
- Mortgage assistance in FY22 totaled \$1.8 million, a decrease from the \$2.5 million in FY21.
- The total number of Black/African American households helped in FY22 jumped to almost 8,000, a seven-fold increase over FY20.
- In FY22, 1,121 Asian households, or 6% of the total – received assistance. In FY20, 21 Asian households, or 1% of the total – were assisted.
- The number of Hispanic/Latino households receiving assistance continues to see a sharp increase. In FY22, 6,548 households received assistance, compared to 3,289 in FY21 and 554 in FY20.

“COVID-19 has im-

pacted all of us in so many ways, but none as severe as families with low incomes not being able to pay your rent or mortgage while facing eviction or foreclosure,” said Chris Norris, Executive Director of Metro Housingl-Boston. “RAFT has been a lifeline for thousands of households over the years, and its importance during the pandemic cannot be overstated. However, until more permanent, viable solutions are identified and implemented, a safety net for those most at risk of homelessness needs to be dependably and heavily funded.

“The data in this report shows the need for a more sustainable solution, from additional rental assistance vouchers and the production of below-market-rate housing to the critical shortage of affordable housing in the metro Boston area.”

To access the full report, visit bit.ly/EHPAR-report.

Serving more than 25,000 households annually, Metro Housingl-Boston is dedicated to mobilizing wide-ranging resources to provide innovative and personalized services that assist families in avoiding homelessness, maintain housing stability, and achieve economic security. With more than 30 years’ experience piloting and implementing housing programs, it has solidified their position as an industry-leading expert on navigating the affordable housing field. Metro HousinglBoston is committed to making sure that every person in Greater Boston will always have a place to call home. Visit www.metrohousingboston.org, facebook.com/MetroHousingBoston, or follow on Twitter at @MetroHousingBos.

DEMARIA ANNOUNCES SENIORS ON THE ROAD “BEEHIVE THE MUSICAL” FEBRUARY 13

Mayor Carlo DeMaria and the Council on Aging have planned a special trip to The Greater Boston Stage Company, formally known as The Stoneham Theater to see “Beehive The Musical,” Wednesday, May 3, 2023. We will celebrate the girl groups of the 1960’s, such as The Supremes, The Shangri-La’s, Lulu, The Vandella’s and many more. Relive the music you danced to on your living room floor. Our bus departs the Connolly Center at 1pm for a 2pm show and will return you to the Connolly Center. For information or reservations please see Cathi at The Connolly Center. Space is limited to 30 people. For additional information, please call 617-394-2270.

COVID TESTING AT RIVERGREEN PARK ENDING MARCH 31

The City of Everett would like to advise residents that after Friday, March 31, 2023, the Covid-19 testing site at Rivergreen Park, 1 Rivergreen Drive, will no longer be available.

The Commonwealth is ending its “Stop the Spread” testing initiative and closing the remaining 11 testing sites across the state, including the Everett site at Rivergreen Park. Residents can still get tested at the site until Friday, March 31, during regular hours, which are Monday through Friday, 7am to 7pm and Saturday, 12pm to 6pm. The site is closed on Sunday.

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health encourages residents to access private locations

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such as pharmacies and use home tests if you are in need of testing.

To find locations near you where you can get tested, visit www.mass.gov/info-details/find-a-covid-19-test.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS AT THE EVERETT PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Parlin Adult and Teens Bingo! Parlin Meeting Room. Wednesday, March 15th at 1:00 pm. Can’t get enough Bingo? Join us for our Bingo afternoon! Prizes awarded. We have space for 12 people. If you have any questions, call (617) 394 2300.

Chess Club Parlin Fireplace Room. Wednesday, March 15th from 3-5pm. Play, learn, and practice chess at our club meetings every other Wednesday. All ages and skill levels are welcome. Call 617-394-2300 with any questions. No registration required.

Thursday Night Movies, Parlin Meeting Room. Thursday, March 16th at 6:30 pm in the Parlin Meeting Room. Join us for Shazam! (PG-13) in anticipation of the sequel’s release. Popcorn and hot chocolate provided by the Friends of the Everett Public Libraries.

Parlin Childrens Friday Family Mov-

ie Night! Parlin Meeting Room. Friday, March 17th at 3 pm. Break out the popcorn! Come and watch The Muppets with your friends and family.

Shute Adult and Teens Resume Writing, Shute Adult Department. Do you need help sprucing up an old resume or creating a new one? Sign up for a thirty minute session at both the Parlin and Shute Libraries. By appointment only. Please call 617-394-2302 for the Parlin Library and 617-394-2308 for the Shute Library to register for an appointment.

Computer Basics 101, Shute Adult Department. Not familiar with the computer? Learn the basics: how to start up and shut down a computer, perform mouse and keyboard functions, use applications, learn Microsoft Word, navigate the Internet, set up an email account, and more! By appointment only. Please call 617-394-2302 for the Parlin Library and 617-394-2308 for the Shute Library to register.

Yarn Club, Shute Meeting Room. Tuesday, March 14th at 3pm. Come chit chat and stitch! Bring your crocheting, knitting, or any other yarn craft and sit and socialize with other members of the crafting community. Recommended for ages 14-109!

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**- LEGAL NOTICE -**
CITY OF EVERETT

BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSION
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Public Hearing
Monday, March 20, 2023, @ 6:30 PM

This notice is to inform you that a public hearing will be held on Monday, March 20, 2023, @ 6:30 P.M. at Everett City Hall, 484 Broadway, 2nd Floor, room 27. Opinions will be heard regarding the following application:

An application has been presented to the License Commission from Nirani, Inc., DBA Zuzu Momo Restaurant, 289 Main Street, Everett, MA 02149 for the Alteration of Premises for outside patio dining.

A copy of the application is on file and available in the Office of Inspectional Services, room 26 located at City Hall, 484 Broadway, Everett, MA 02149 and can be viewed by request during regular City Hall business hours by contacting ISD at 617-944-0211.

All interested parties may attend.

Phil Antonelli
Chairman
March 8, 2023

SPRING FORWARD THIS SUNDAY

This Sunday, March 12, marks the start of Daylight Savings Time when we set our clocks ahead an hour.

Yes, we lose an hour of sleep, but the time for sunset magically will move from 5:46 PM on Saturday to 6:48 PM on Sunday, giving us an extra hour of daylight in the evening. (Conversely, we lose an hour of daylight in the morning because sunrise also moves up an hour, from 6:01 AM on Saturday to 6:59 AM on Sunday.)

Even though Daylight Savings Time has occurred in March for quite a few years, for those of us who grew up when Daylight Savings Time did not begin until mid-April, the earlier start to the Daylight Savings season is a bit jarring.

When Daylight Savings began in April, it was a sure sign that spring was in the air and that summer was around the corner. It also coincided with the start of the Little League season, another harbinger of summer.

But with Daylight Savings now coming in mid-March, when the weather is still chilly, Daylight Savings occurs when the weather is not even remotely spring-like.

Still, we’re happy to have that extra hour of daylight in our evenings. The weather may not be great, but at least it’s bright at 7:00 PM -- a signal that although spring may not quite have arrived, winter surely is fading fast.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS -- THE REVERE BEACH SAND SCULPTING FESTIVAL IS JULY 28-30

Speaking of the coming summer season of 2023, the Revere Beach Partnership, in coordination with the City of Revere and the Department of Conservation and Recreation, recently announced that the 19th Annual Revere Beach International Sand Sculpting Festival, one of the premier events of the summer season in Greater Boston, will take place from July 28-30.

The theme for this year’s event will be “Celebrating 90 Years of Kong” and will feature a centerpiece sand sculpture highlighting an epic King Kong battle. The event’s signature master sand sculpting competition will feature 15 master sand sculptors, three days of live entertainment, gourmet food trucks, specialty food vendors, exhibitors, and amusement rides, as well as some special King Kong-themed surprises that will be announced closer to the event.

As always, the festival promises to be fun for everyone, regardless of age, and will be a family-friendly event.

Revere Beach proudly is America’s oldest public beach and has been undergoing a new Renaissance-era in the past decade and the festival will give long-time residents of the Boston area an opportunity to see firsthand the transformation that has occurred in recent years.

With good weather, the festival could attract up to a million people. Fortunately, the Blue Line has a stop at Revere Beach (and at Wonderland) and offers the best means of transportation for visitors.

So mark your calendars now to be sure to check out what has become one of the most-anticipated events of the summer season in the Greater Boston (and beyond) area.

Independent Forum

GUEST OP-ED

Working together, an essential for every family

Dr. Glenn Mollette

I was not quite five years old when I stood, looking up the steps to our upstairs, yelling “Mommy hurry, Mamaw is dying.” My grandmother Ina Hinkle and aunt Maude Hinkle were in the room trying to comfort my Mamaw Mollette. Throughout the morning she had been sick. She had complained about pain and Grandma Hinkle and Aunt Maude were constantly rubbing her arms trying to comfort her.

Life was different back in that day. My dad had driven our only car to West Virginia to work his shift in the coal mine. We didn’t have a hospital in our county and Doc Ford was the lone medical doctor. He routinely had 10 to 20 people waiting to see him.

We didn’t have a paramedic unit in Martin County. Our local funeral home would take people to the hospital in their hearse but there was no medical care rendered on the way. I got that ride twice. Once, when I split my head open playing with a first cousin. The second time was after a bad car wreck while driving my first old Chev-elle to high school.

We didn’t have a telephone at that time. We didn’t have a telephone

until I was nine years old and then it was an eight-family party line. Thus, there was no way my mother could call for help or drive to ask for help for my Mamaw.

Racing down the steps to my plea and the calls of Grandma Hinkle and Aunt Maude, who were now calling in unison with me to my mother Eula, “Come Eula, she is dying!” As we gathered around Mamaw’s bed we stood as she breathed her last few breaths and departed her body to be with Jesus. There wasn’t anything else we could do but cry as we held to her lifeless body.

The words of those Sainly women standing in the room that day were “She is now with the Lord.”

My sister Wanda recalls she was a junior in high school at that time. There were semester tests that particular day at school. “Mamaw asked me not to go to school that day saying, ‘Don’t go, I’m going to die today.’” As many of us would probably reply, she said “Mamaw, you aren’t going to die. You’re going to be fine.” As we age, we know our bodies and we know when things have changed. Mamaw knew it was her last day.

When my dad came home from the coal mine,

he went into Mamaw’s room where her body lay and bent over and hugged her. A little later the funeral home came for her body.

The funeral home brought her body back to our house where her casket and flowers were placed in a bedroom just off from our living room. Many family members and friends visited our house the next couple of days.

Mamaw Mollette’s husband, my grandfather Lafe, whom I never met, died about a year or so before my dad and mom married. For the next 19 to 20 years, I don’t know the exact number, Mamaw Mollette lived with Mom and Dad and our family. She visited for weeks with her other sons who lived in West Virginia but most of her time was spent with us. I got less than five years with Mamaw but my two sisters and two brothers spent many years with her.

We grew up in a small house with one bathroom. There were eight of us living in the house. We only had four small bedrooms and a hallway with a twin bed. We had guests all the time. Very often other family members were visiting and my mother worked nonstop to feed and take care of ev-

erybody. Looking back, I wonder how Mom and Dad were able to keep it all together. I was on the tail end of the family so being worried about access to the bathroom and space wasn’t much of a concern at that stage.

My hat is off to my dad and mom for making a place for Mamaw all those years. They worked together. Life was not always easy but it was all we knew and we did the best we could. Mom and Dad stayed together for over 60 years and both are now buried in the garden where they worked together for most of their lives.

The point of all this is that families can make it if they will work hard, love each other, and be very patient. Every family has ups and downs. No family is perfect. No one lives life without problems and troubles. Treating each other with love and respect, and everyone working together are essentials for every family.

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.

FKO out-of-school time educators complete first college course

Recently, twelve employees at For Kids Only Afterschool (FKO) Out-of-School Time Apprentices completed their first college course in their recently expanded roles as full-time out-of-school-time (OST) educators. Anthony Maurais, Derek DiLisi, Elida Flores, Hayley Precopio, Jason Hennessey, Keila Fernandes De Pina, Killian Driscoll, Laura Baptista, Jesenia Bey, Leila Ribeiro, Nuala Richards, and Tashira Godding were among those who completed the course.

FKO has been fortunate to recruit dedicated, passionate staff who love working with children, yet with the extremely competitive labor market, keeping passionate workers in programs has never been harder for childcare providers. Utilizing fund-

ing from COVID-relief grants, FKO creatively designed what is believed to be the first apprenticeship model program for the OST workforce in the Commonwealth.

As part of the apprenticeship model, FKO’s cohort of full-time workers are enrolled in an early childhood college certificate program targeted specifically to the learning needs of OST educators through a partnership with North Shore Community College (NSCC). Funded in part through the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Cares Early Educator Career Pathways Program, there are no costs to staff. The cohort is also benefiting from weekly community of practice sessions facilitated by NSCC, weekly 1:1 meetings with an assigned mentor, and

on the job training to help put their new skills into practice.

The apprenticeship model is drawing on extensive FKO fundraising with support from the Amelia Peabody Foundation, the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education’s ASOST-Rebound grant, EEC’s Commonwealth Cares for Children’s C3 grant and EEC’s Early Educator Career Pathways Program. With these resources, FKO has expanded existing part-time OST work into full-time positions with benefits for a cohort of 22 staff members. Work is underway to secure public and private funds to continue and expand this important initiative over the long-term. The overall goal for the cohort is to increase worker’s ability to deliver quality enrichment

for school-age youth and to support the retention of skilled workers. With their expanded roles and increased income, group leaders are participating in extensive professional development opportunities and daily planning time to design lessons and activities that support children’s learning and social-emotional recovery after two very difficult years.

FKO is honored to be able to continue to offer this incredible opportunity to those interested in developing classroom, youth development and mentoring skills. To learn more about FKO visit fkoafter-school.org/.

FKO is a nonprofit organization providing out of school time care to communities in and around the Metro Boston area.

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Our Senior Life

Starting Your Own Business



More and more Americans aged 55-64 are starting their own businesses, giving meaning and purpose to a period that used to be defined by rocking chairs and sunsets. But as always, smart financial planning and a solid business forecast are a

must.

LOOK AT THE BIG PICTURE

The first thing to do, even before deciding whether to bring your new goods or services to market, is putting your future

plans in perspective. How active do you intend to be, in particular once you reach retirement age? Do you have any health concerns? Did you have plans to see the world, or were you planning to stay closer to home? Will you ultimately downsize or move into a shared-living situation? How do you plan to disperse your estate? Are there family members who would ultimately take over? All of these decisions will have a direct impact when embarking on a start-up operation and on how you set up the company itself in terms of management and ownership.

INSIDE THE NUMBERS

Leveraging a lifetime of experience and improved financial means, seniors are actually more likely to start their own business, the U.S. Global Entrepreneurship Monitor confirms. In fact, new business activity has consistently risen on a year-to-year basis among this age group. The same rate

has declined among younger Americans, who may be less apt to take financial risks because of budget pressures relating to new families or building their careers. In some cases, seniors have amassed enough wealth that they can bring these ventures without taking out a significant loan — or any loans at all. Seniors with higher aspirations have also had longer to build up significant reserve funds that can smooth the way during the lean early years of a new business.

WHY NOW?

Seniors have decades of learned skills that can now be put to use to further their own financial goals. They've also made key connections over the years that can ease the start-up process, including long-held banking relationships, previous work with various contractors and familiarity with local government permitting and regulations. If they pair this new business with smart lifestyle changes like downsizing, they may also have significantly lower personal expenses. Finally, they usually have lots of experience with planning and executing a comprehensive business plan.

Retiring the Right Way

Smart financial planning starts early and never stops

More than a third of us don't have enough saved for our golden years, according to the National Association of Personal Financial Advisors. That will force many to keep working past the point where they'd like to retire.

Here's how to get organized, overcome common issues and hire a professional to make sure you're set to retire the right way.

ORGANIZING IT ALL

Regularly re-evaluate your future in the years leading to retirement, then be prepared to keep a close eye on market-connected sources of income. It's admittedly a lot to manage, since most people leave the workplace with a stack of retirement-related investments to sort through. Begin by taking a close look at your various mutual funds or stocks, pensions or other benefit programs, and various savings accounts. Consolidating all of it into one neat package will give you a new perspective on where you stand going forward. You'll also be more prepared to react to market changes that often have such a huge impact 401(k) benefits in the future.

SETTING GOALS

Obviously, you're trying to amass enough savings and income to live comfortably outside of the daily work environment. But life has a way of surprising us. So after you've determined what you'll need to cover regular expenses, add a contingency on top of that in case of emergencies. Be aware of the tax implications if you decide to continue working, or elect to return to work, in order to continue building your nest egg. Contact a financial advisor who you can trust to help guide the way.

FINDING A PROFESSIONAL

Ask family and friends for recommendations before partnering with an investment pro, and pay close attention to online reviews. The National Association of Personal Financial Advisors also provides a search function to expand the vetting process. Consider discussing your retirement with several potential candidates, and don't be afraid to ask probing questions — beginning with their credentials. Your advisor should be a certified public accountant or certified financial planner. Determine how long they've been involved with financial ser-

vices, while asking for personal references. Discuss their compensation, which may be fee- or commission-based — or both. Keep

searching until you find someone whose experience, skill set, pricing and approach match your goals.



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DEMARIA PARTICIPATES IN READ ACROSS AMERICA DAY WITH THE EVERETT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Mayor Carlo DeMaria recently participated in Read Across America Day with the Everett Public Schools by reading to students at the Madeline English School and Lafayette School.

The Mayor had the privilege to read “Cat in the Hat” to Mrs. DiCecca’s 2nd grade class at the Madeline English School. He also had the pleasure of reading “A B C” to Mrs. Armstrong and Mrs. Goodhue’s Kindergarten class at the Lafayette School.

“The children were well-behaved and attentive, and I was very impressed by their knowledge of the subjects I asked them about and the quality of the questions they asked me in return,” said Mayor DeMaria.

“The future looks very promising here in Everett.”

Also on hand to do some reading was New England Patriots Center David Andrews as part of the New England Patriots Foundation 2023 Adopt - A - School Program. The Patriots selected the Lafayette School as their choice this year and have donated boxes of school supplies to teachers to be used in their classrooms so far.

During his visit, the Mayor wanted to let the students know how important reading at an early age is to build their knowledge of anything and everything that interests them.

“I suggested to each of them that they get away from their devices and



Mayor Carlo DeMaria alongside New England Patriots’ Center David Andrews.

read at least 20 minutes a day for learning and/or pleasure,” said Mayor DeMaria. “Much to my delight, quite a few said they read at least an hour a day already.”

Mayor DeMaria would like to thank the Madeline English School and Lafayette School for the invitation to participate in Read Across America Day with the students.

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Mayor Carlo DeMaria alongside Mrs. Armstrong and Mrs. Goodhue’s Kindergarten class.



Mayor Carlo DeMaria sharing a laugh with Mrs. DiCecco’s second-grade students.



Mayor Carlo DeMaria alongside Principal Theresa Tringale and the Madeline English Youth Council.



Mayor DeMaria alongside Mrs. DiCecco and her second-grade class.

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Members of the 47th Basic Training Academy stand alongside Harvard University Police Chief Victor Clay (third from left), Middlesex Sheriff Peter J. Koutoujian (fourth from left), Middlesex Special Sheriff Amoroso Cefalo (fifth from left) and members of the Middlesex Sheriff's Office Training Academy staff following their graduation Monday, February 27, 2023. Chief Clay offered the keynote address.

NEW CORRECTION OFFICERS SWORN IN

The Middlesex Sheriff's Office welcomed 21 new correction officers during a graduation ceremony at Memorial Hall in Melrose on Monday, February 27.

The ceremony featured remarks from Sheriff Peter J. Koutoujian, Class President Anna Lyte and a keynote address from Harvard University Police Chief Victor Clay. Chief Clay previously served 28 years with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

"We are proud to formally welcome these 21 men and women to our team," said Sheriff Koutoujian. "For 331 years the mem-

bers of the Middlesex Sheriff's Office have served the community with honor and distinction. These new officers will help us build upon that foundation of excellence as we lead the way in reimagining modern corrections."

Members of the 47th Basic Training Academy bring a diverse range of life experiences and skills to the Middlesex Sheriff's Office, with 12 having had prior careers in other jobs; 11 having earned an associate's degree, or higher; and five fluent in two or more languages. In addition, one third of the graduates – in-

cluding the class president, secretary and treasurer – are women.

For the new officers, graduation marked the culmination of 12 weeks of intense classroom and practical training that focused on a wide array of policies, procedures and skills. Included in the training were focuses on implicit bias, de-escalation, Cognitive Behavioral Theory, Mental Health First Aid and defensive tactics. Additionally, all 21 recruits participated in on-the-job training at the Middlesex Jail & House of Correction, working multiple shifts alongside veteran

members of the MSO.

Monday's graduation marked the second such ceremony for the Middlesex Sheriff's Office since November and third in just over a year. The next academy will begin in late March and graduate in June.

The Middlesex Sheriff's Office is currently offering written exams for individuals interested in joining the 49th Basic Training Academy which is projected to start in late summer. Those interested in taking the exam may submit their information at middlesex-sheriff.org/recruitment.

Six Everett High basketball players named GBL All-Stars

Staff Report

Three Everett High players each from the Everett High boys and girls basketball teams were selected to their respective GBL All-Star Teams.


Senior guards Steven Cordero, Kevin Ruiz, and David DeSouza were selected to the GBL Boys Basketball All-Star Team in a vote of the league's coaches.

Senior guard Kayley Rossi, sophomore guard Emilia Maria Babcock,

and junior forward Malai ca Guillaume were selected to the GBL Girls Basketball All-Star team.

The GBL MVPs were Warren Keel of Lynn English and Ava Thurman and Lauren Hennessey of Lynn Classical. The Coach of the Year award recipients were Alvin Abreu (boys) of Lynn English and Tom Sawyer (girls) of Lynn Classical. Abreu and Sawyer led their teams to undefeated records in GBL competition this season.

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CITY OF EVERETT CONCLUDES CELEBRATION OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH

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The City of Everett recently concluded its celebration of Black History Month with the event titled, “Let the Circle Be Unbroken: Black History Month Celebration” at the Recreation Center.

Community members, elected officials and City employees gathered together at the Recreation Center for the final program in a series of events throughout February hosted by the City’s Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Department. The events brought the community together to celebrate Everett’s past and present Black residents, professional athletes who gave back to their communities and those who have made notable contributions to the City’s diverse history.

The event featured spectacular performances from Aashka Dance School, Mestra Isaura Oliveira, Mestre Deraldo Ferreira’s Capoeira and Afro-Brazilian Music and Dance of New England and Uprising Dance Theatre throughout the evening. The performances were not only entertaining but also gave those in attendance a lesson in the history behind the art.

After the performances, attendees were invited to partake in a community

meal with plenty of delicious food.

Mayor Carlo DeMaria would like to thank everyone who put together the events and all who participated in the City of Everett’s celebration of Black History Month.

“I’m glad we were able to celebrate Black History Month with our community,” said Mayor Carlo DeMaria. “Thank you to everyone who came together to put together these programs and all who celebrated with us throughout February.”



Attendees enjoyed an evening of performances from Aashka Dance School, Mestra Isaura Oliveira, Mestre Deraldo Ferreira’s Capoeira and Afro-Brazilian Music and Dance of New England and Uprising Dance Theatre.



Attendees were invited to dance with the performers.



The City’s Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Cathy Draine thanked attendees for celebrating Black History Month with the City of Everett.



Attendees were treated to a delicious meal following the performances for a community meal.



Bishop Robert Brown blessed the food before the community meal.



Elected officials, community members and City employees gathered together at the Recreation Center to conclude the City’s celebration of Black History Month.



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Retired Boston legends, Brady, Ortiz, Garnett, and Rask have unclaimed property

Massachusetts State Treasurer Deborah B. Goldberg has announced the latest grouping of names added to the state's list of unclaimed property owners, and fortunately for you this is one shot that Tuukka Rask can't stop.

Over 50,000 new properties worth millions of dollars belong to individuals and businesses throughout the Commonwealth including Tom Brady, David Ortiz, Kevin Garnett, and Tuuuuuuukka Rask.

This is no Hail Mary pass; it is more of a slam dunk when you visit find-massmoney.com. One in

ten Massachusetts residents are owed money. And unlike athletes that retire, your unclaimed property is always on the roster.

"As Tom Brady likes to say, let's go!" said State Treasurer Deborah B. Goldberg. "And to quote Kevin Garnett after winning the 2008 NBA Championship, anything is possible..... especially when you visit find-massmoney.com."

Unclaimed property includes forgotten savings and checking accounts, un-cashed checks, insurance policy proceeds, stocks, dividends, and the contents of unattended

safe deposit boxes. These accounts have had too much hang time and are turned over to the state after three years of inactivity. This newly released list includes only individuals and businesses with unclaimed property over \$100.

All new individuals and businesses added to the unclaimed property list will be published in the Boston Globe on March 5th and will be in the Boston Herald on March 12th. In addition, the names will be published in over 30 regional and local papers.

So, if you are looking to hit "one out of the pakhk", remember that Trea-

sury releases an updated list of unclaimed property assets every six months as the new accounts are turned over to the Commonwealth. Last year, Treasury processed over 151,000 claims of over \$176 million in property to its rightful owners.

This newly released list includes only individuals and businesses with unclaimed property over \$100. Treasurer Goldberg urges all citizens to check the comprehensive list for all amounts at www.find-massmoney.com or call our live call center at 888-344-MASS (6277).

OBITUARIES

Anne McNeff

Retired Nurse and Longtime Owner of Hotel Stanley in Chelsea



Family and friends are respectfully invited to attend visiting hours on Saturday, March 11 from 9 to 10 a.m. in the Vertuccio Smith & Vazza Beechwood Home for Funerals, 262 Beach St., Revere for Anne M. (Todino) McNeff who died peacefully on Monday, February 13, following a long illness. She was 89 years old. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated following the visitation at 11 a.m. at Immaculate Conception Church, 489 Broadway, Everett. Entombment immediately following will be in Woodlawn Cemetery Columbarium, Everett.

Lodge of the Sons of Italy, St. John the Evangelist choir and she was an avid movie buff.

She was the loving mother of Matthew J. McNeff and her husband, David J. Russo of Watertown; Maria A. Hawkins and her husband, Russell of Burlington, IN, Christina McNeff and her husband, David Bowles of Dunoon, Scotland and the late Peter J. McNeff. She was the grandmother of Sarah and Keith McNeff, the dear sister of the late Palma Nolan, Mary Visone, Helen Jensen, Constance Thomas, Pat, Angelo, John and William Todino. Anne was the former wife of James V. McNeff.

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February State revenue collections total almost \$2B

Massachusetts Department of Revenue (DOR) Commissioner Geoffrey Snyder today announced that preliminary revenue collections for February totaled \$1.979 billion, \$163 million or 9.0% more than actual collections in February 2022, and \$49 million or 2.5% above benchmark.1 February 2022 revenue collections were impacted by the elective pass-through entity (PTE) excise. After adjusting for PTE excise, February 2023 collections are \$171 million or 9.5% above actual collections in February 2022, and \$1 million or 0.05% less than benchmark.

FY2023 year-to-date collections totaled approximately \$23.651 billion, which is \$37 million or 0.2% less than collections in the same period of FY2022, but \$999 million or 4.4% above the year-to-date benchmark. After adjusting for PTE excise, FY2023 year-to-date collections are \$1.058 billion or 4.7% more than collections in the same period of FY2022 and \$572 million or 2.5% more than the year-

to-date benchmark.

"February collections increased in withholding, sales and use tax, and 'all other tax' in comparison to February 2022," Commissioner Snyder said. "These increases were partially offset by decreases in non-withholding income tax. The increase in withholding is likely related to labor market conditions and the increase in sales and use tax reflects, in part, continued strength in retail sales. The increase in 'all other tax' is primarily attributable to estate tax, a tax category that tends to fluctuate."

February has historically been the lowest month for revenue, contributing less than 6% of annual collections. Neither individual nor business taxpayers are required to make estimated payments during the month. February is also the month in which refunds reach substantial levels as the tax filing season begins.

Details:

- Income tax collections for February totaled \$972 million, \$47 million or 4.6% below benchmark,

- but \$55 million or 6.0% more than February 2022.
- Withholding tax collections for February totaled \$1.309 billion, roughly equal to the benchmark, and \$81 million or 6.6% more than February 2022.
- Income tax estimated payments for February totaled \$26 million, \$3 million or 14.0% more than benchmark, but \$14 million or 35.0% less than February 2022.
- Income tax returns and bills for February totaled \$71 million, \$10 million or 16.1% more than benchmark, and \$16 million or 29.4% more than February 2022.
- Income tax cash refunds for February totaled \$433 million in outflows, \$60 million or 16.2% above benchmark, \$28 million or 6.9% more than February 2022.
- Sales and use tax collections for February totaled \$674 million, \$71 million or 11.7% above benchmark, and \$70 million or 11.6% more than February 2022.
- Meals tax, a sub-set of sales and use tax, collections for February totaled \$99 million, \$24 million or 31.9% above benchmark, and \$22 million or 29.0% more than February 2022.
- Corporate and business tax collections for February totaled \$48 million, \$16 million or 48.1% above benchmark, \$2 million or 4.1% more than February 2022.
- "All other tax" collections for February totaled \$284 million, \$10 million or 3.5% above benchmark, and \$36 million or 14.6% more than February 2022.

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RESIDENTS
GIVE THOUGHTS
ON NEW CITY
MANAGER

CHELSEA - Several residents gave their input on the qualities and qualifications they would like to see in a new city manager at a council subcommittee meeting on Tuesday night.

The public input session is one of the initial steps in the process to find a replacement for former City Manager Thomas Ambrosino, who stepped down after seven years in the position earlier this year.

Those who spoke said they would like to see a new city manager who is sensitive to the needs of Chelsea's most vulnerable residents, and focuses on issues such as affordable housing.

"I think a city manager, when it comes to Chelsea, which is small in size but has big city problems, I think they should have experience with infrastructure and growth," said Jose Iraheta Zaldana. "Most importantly, (the city manager) has to protect or ensure community members that are most vulnerable can remain in our communities."

Iraheta Zaldana said he also wanted to make sure the city kept the process for hiring a city manager as open as possible, with future opportunity for input from residents.

"I am here to express the need for a culturally responsive city manager, one who understands the needs and the nuances of our community," said School Committee member Katherine Cabral.

She noted that the city and its leaders were resilient and collaborative during the Covid pandemic, and that a new leader would have to continue to reflect the needs of the community.

"From my perspective in education, I think it is important that we have a city manager that continues to think about the needs of the Chelsea Public Schools and continues to collaborate with our

central office, superintendent, and School Committee to ensure that we have a rigorous and quality education for all of our students," said Cabral.

Jonathan Gomez Pereira said affordable housing should be one of the top priorities for the new city manager.

"Housing in Chelsea is super limited, and some of the residents that live here are being pushed out and we need to change that," Gomez Pereira said.

He added that the city and a new city manager should look at enacting a home rule petition for rent control to help ease the burden of housing costs for residents. Gomez Pereira said he works in education, and that housing displacement and education are tied together.

"When someone is displaced from their home, evicted whether legally or illegally, it disrupts the ability of students in the Chelsea Public Schools from getting their education," he said.

As Iraheta Zaldana noted, Gomez Pereira said he hopes the selection process for a new city manager continues to focus on gathering input and feedback from residents.

Residents also have until the end of the day on Friday, March 3 to fill out an online form where they can give input on the city manager search process. The form is on the city's website at www.chelseama.gov under the news section.

MADARO
REAPPOINTED TO
COMMITTEE

EAST BOSTON - House Speaker Ronald Mariano re-appointed Rep. Adrian Madaro as Chair of the Joint Committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery.

This will be Rep. Madaro's second time serving in this role. Rep. Madaro was first appointed to lead this committee in 2021 at the beginning of the last legislative session.

The Joint Committee on Mental Health, Substance

Use and Recovery considers all matters concerning behavioral health, mental health, and substance use disorder, including prevention and early intervention, treatment, and recovery services.

"I'm excited for the opportunity to continue working on these critical issues that affect people's lives and wellbeing," said Madaro. "Mental health and behavioral health are just as important as physical health, and there's still more work to do to provide everyone in Massachusetts access to affordable, compassionate and quality on-demand care."

Last session, Representative Madaro helmed the House's efforts to pass a comprehensive mental health bill in Massachusetts. The Mental Health ABC Act: Addressing Barriers to Care (ABC) produced the largest reforms to mental health care in decades. It was signed into law by former Governor Charlie Baker last August.

The comprehensive legislation continues the process of improving the way mental health care is delivered in the state. This legislation enforces existing mental health parity laws, addresses the emergency department boarding crisis, strengthens school-based mental health programs, and invests in the behavioral health workforce.

"I am incredibly proud of the work we did on the Mental Health ABC bill last session, and the effect it will have on reducing barriers to resources, support, and treatment residents need for their overall wellbeing," said Rep. Madaro. "I look forward to continuing to build upon the work we did last session to ensure that we are addressing the most urgent needs of people and communities facing mental and behavioral health challenges across the Commonwealth".

ARRIGO NOT
TO RUN FOR
RELECTION

REVERE - In an announcement that stunned

'80 FOR BRADY' VIEWING FOR SENIORS



Kathleen Brennan, Karen Knapp, Denise Rampelberg, Barbara Stoddard, Mary Vigliotta, and Sandi Lozier shown during the pizza lunch offered following the "80 for Brady" showing for members of the Rossetti-Cowan Sernior Center.

the political community and became the instant frontrunner for "story of the year" in this city, Revere Mayor Brian Arrigo announced last week that he will not be a candidate for re-election in 2023.

With his numerous accomplishments in office and exceptional leadership during the pandemic, Arrigo loomed as a virtual shoo-in for re-election. Some observers had suggested that his impressive record as mayor had set a strong foundation to a run for statewide office last fall.

A two-term city councilor at the time, Arrigo boldly threw his hat into the mayor's race in 2015, and the then 35-year-old official defeated incumbent Mayor Dan Rizzo by 108 votes following a recount. Arrigo held off the strong challenge of Rizzo in 2019 to get re-elected as mayor.

Arrigo talked about his decision to not seek re-election during an interview Tuesday.

"It was a very bitter-sweet decision to make, but ultimately I want to make sure what I'm doing is best for my family and me," said Arrigo. "I think the best thing at this point is to start to think about the next chapter in my life and in my journey. It was a difficult decision to make, but one I've been contemplating for months, and I've talked to my family and very close friends. As the election season begins, I thought it would be appropriate and the right thing to do to announce that I wouldn't be seeking re-election."

Arrigo said he will remain in office through the end of his current term.

"I do plan on staying here. I don't have any jobs lined up, or anything like that," said Arrigo. "I want to make sure that we have a very smooth transition, and the voters will have a decision to make this fall about whom will continue

to lead the city."

Arrigo said when he first took office as mayor in January, 2016, he wanted "to make sure that I handed off the city in better shape what I received."

"I wanted to make sure that the City of Revere was set up for success for generations, and I think we accomplished that," said Arrigo.

Arrigo said he takes great pride in hearing younger residents say how proud they are to be from Revere.

"There are lot of reasons for that. The progress we've made as a city has really proven to people that they deserve better, - and they can be proud to say they're from Revere and they can back it up."

Arrigo deflected his incredible day-to-day leadership during the pandemic, calling it "our work."

"There's no way I can take all the credit for that work," said Arrigo. "There were incredibly hard-working people who went above and beyond on behalf of the residents. I certainly didn't know how to lead a city through a pandemic. There was no playbook. We got through it because of our emergency response team, our public safety people, our city employees who stepped up during the worst time we could imagine. Just the idea we were viewed throughout that dark time in our history as a city that was being innovative and doing things like contract tracing - we were the first community that started contract tracing and try to figure out where the virus was being contracted. I'm immensely proud of all the work that we did together."

Arrigo is credited with developing a positive vision of growth for the city and making Revere a welcoming community for all. "We saw the opportunity for our city to thrive and grow and make things happen. We wanted to cre-

ate a culture of the city that was welcoming to everyone, despite their backgrounds or the language they spoke. Our city has always been open-door for everyone. The generations of immigrants and their stories of laying roots in our city and raising their families - we wanted to continue on that. That's who we are as a community, and I take pride in the growth and development that's we've seen in the city, on Revere Beach, in early like Shirley Avenue.

"We're going to continue to welcome people to the community that we love so much. We're going to drive businesses to plant roots in our city. We're going to continue to make sure people discover our city for what it truly is - which is a beautiful, coastal community that has some of the most wonderful people and impressive landscapes that you really can't find anywhere."

Arrigo said the city has changed a lot since his days as a child growing up and attending schools here.

"I'm incredibly proud of the changes that have been made to our city, the growth that we've seen, and what that means for the future generations of our city," said Arrigo.

City officials, state legislators, and members of the Mayor's Cabinet praised Mayor Brian Arrigo for his outstanding record of public service during his two terms in office.

Following are their comments:

Rep. Jessica Giannino

Since we were elected together (as city councilors-at-large) in 2012, Mayor Arrigo and I have worked together on many issues. I am thankful for his service to the City of Revere, and I wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

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Mystic Side Congregational Church

News and Notes

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

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

**Mystic Side
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Zion Church - Everett

News and Notes

Bishop Robert G. Brown and Zion Church Ministries invites you to join us every Sunday at our 10:00 a.m. Worship Service for a time of worship, praise and preaching, at 757 Broadway, Everett, MA. You can also join

Zion Church Ministries via livestream on Facebook and You Tube.

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

Glendale United Methodist Church

News and Notes

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

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

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

Boy Scout Troop 814: Meet in Cooper Hall on 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.

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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
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Glendale Christian Lighthouse Church

News and Notes

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News and Notes

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Grace Anglican Episcopal Church

News and Notes

Grace Anglican Episcopal Church is open & welcoming to all.

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67 Norwood Street,
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617-389-5765

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Rep. Jeff Turco

Congratulations to Mayor Arrigo on his decision not to seek re-election this Fall. I thank him for his partnership during our time working together for the people of Revere. He has left a lasting imprint on the Commonwealth's fastest growing community. I wish him and his family all my best as he decides a new career direction.

Sen. Lydia Edwards

I want to thank Mayor Arrigo for his years of service. He undoubtedly will serve out his term with grace and distinction.

Chief of Health and Human Services
Lauren Buck

When you work with Mayor Arrigo day in and day out, you get to see how much he cares for the people who live and work in Revere. It's not just a job for him, it's a passion. It has been such an honor to work for him and his absence from City Hall will be acutely felt.

City Council President
Patrick Keefe

Mayor Arrigo has done a terrific job as a public servant. Serving two terms in the corner office, with a global pandemic sprinkled in, can takes its toll on any elected official, never mind one with a young, growing family, and someone who gets his hand in the mix daily.

I'm certain Mayor Arrigo thought long and hard about his work and his accomplishments, and I'm sure it was not an easy choice, but I'm certain he is leaving the city in great shape for the next leader to step up and keep Revere moving forward.

I am grateful for his leadership and looking forward to him finishing his job as strongly as it began.”

Councillor-at-Large
Gerry Visconti

Mayor Arrigo has been a catalyst for the growth in our city and it has been a pleasure to work with him over the years, whether it was during my time on

the school committee or at the city council level. His dedication to the City of Revere is unquestionable and so is the impact he has made to our community as mayor. I wish him, his wife and his wonderful family all the best in their next endeavor.

Ward 5 Councillor
John Powers

Mayor Arrigo has done so many positive things for the City of Revere. We have had a lot of growth in the City, and growth means revenues coming into the City. I supported Mayor Arrigo when he first ran for office, and he's done an excellent job. Getting a new DPW facility, a new Point of Pines fire station – there have been major improvements citywide. Mayor Arrigo, in coordination with Donnie Ciaramella, has led the way for repaving streets and making improvements in our water works, particularly in the Ward 5 area which had been plagued by drainage problems for years. The Mayor was always there for Ward 5 residents and always willing to help. The City is losing a young, talented mayor, who has always put Revere first.

Councillor-at-Large
Steven Morabito

Mayor Arrigo and I have had a good working relationship over the years, while we served on the Council together, and during his tenure as Mayor.

The Mayor and his administration have improved our city brand. Good branding make cities desirable, just as bad branding can assist in making a city undesirable.

I am appreciative to have worked with the Mayor and his team to help make progress in our city over the years.

I send my best wishes to Mayor Arrigo and family in their future endeavors.

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Including your dog

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

You must consider many factors to decide if you will include your dog in a specific social event or activity. We’ve had three dogs and have learned first-hand that what is comfortable and fun for a dog and us depends on both our needs and those of the dog.

Our Three-Dog Experience!

Westie, number one, Sassy, was a great traveler. She loved the car and was good around adults but avoided children. She was not good with other dogs. She had spent most of her life in a suburb with a big yard and lacked city smarts and canine companionship until we moved to Boston.

Dog number two, Maggie Mae, was a social butterfly. She loved people, dogs, and city life. We took her to outdoor concerts and meals at dog-friendly restaurants. We could trust her to walk on busy streets. However, she suffered from motion sickness and was very unhappy whenever we put her in a car.

Our current canine family member is a special-needs dog who is noise-averse and very unhappy outside. She ignores most dogs, but she’s good in a car or on the MBTA. She is only interested in a few special human friends.

Expert Advice

A recent article by certified dog trainer Kathy Callahan, CPDT-KA, in

The Whole Dog Journal, offered some great advice on deciding to include your dog in a social situation.

After asking that we not expect every dog to be able to handle every situation, she wrote, “Instead, with your dog’s specific skills and limitations in mind, take the time to think through situations ahead of time, and make adult decisions about whether and how to safely include the dog.”

Practice Is Important

To expand the number of places and activities you and your dog can enjoy together, begin with training. We recommend preparing for The American Kennel Club’s Canine Good Citizen test (CGC.) Once you know if your dog can pass or will fail the test’s requirements, you’ll make better decisions about when and where you can safely include your dog.

For a CGC certificate, your dog should be able



While perfect for this beagle, a hike in the woods might not be suitable for your dog.

to greet a friendly stranger; sit politely for petting, welcome being groomed; allow paws and ears to be handled; walk as directed on a loose leash; move politely through a crowd; sit, lie down, and stay in place on command; come when called; behave politely around other dogs; react with confidence to distractions and can be left with a trusted person.

Considerate Decisions

Anytime we planned an outing, we had to decide if

including one of our dogs was a good idea. We omitted Sassy when we visited people with dogs or when other dogs would be at an event. We left Maggie at home to go on hikes with one of her favorite doggie companions and his people. We knew she would be miserable and probably sick in their car on the ride. Poppy is better off at home when we’re going to any place where there will be trucks or loud noises.

Once your dog is reliable with a skill, start with

a small outing. Try having a coffee at a cafe instead of a long meal on a patio. Take a day trip with another dog family before you decide to share a vacation week at the beach. Test how you and your dog react to a minor challenge before you take on a big one. Then practice until you are both comfortable.

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6:00 p.m.

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation is hosting two virtual public information meetings to discuss changes to Phase 2 of the Sumner Tunnel Restoration Project. The previous version of Phase 2 included a four-month full closure of the tunnel beginning in May of 2023. Phase 2 will now consist of two separate two-month full closures during the summers of 2023 and 2024.

All residents, abutters, local business owners, and interested commuters are invited to attend. Both meetings will provide the same information. Holding two meetings is an effort by MassDOT to accommodate everyone's schedules as best possible. Spanish and Arabic interpretation will be available at both meetings.

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