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Congratulations EHS Class of 2023



Everett High School seniors received their diplomas at the Class of 2023 graduation exercises Saturday at rainy Everett Memorial Stadium.

Complete coverage of the graduation ceremony will appear in next week's edition.

See page 9 for the list of the 2023 graduates.



Ways and Means votes for \$1 million to Youth Initiative Council

By Cary Shuman

The Council Ways and Means Committee voted by a 3-1 margin to give a favorable recommendation to the proposal that would grant a \$1 million appropriation to the Everett Youth Initiative Council at its meeting Monday night.

The measure will go before the full City Council for a vote at its Monday, June 12 meeting.

Councillors John Hanlon, Darren Costa, and Vivian Nguyen voted in favor while Councilor-at-Large Stephanie Smith voted against the proposal that would fund the students' choices for citywide projects.

"I fully support the Youth Council and all the effort they have put into the participatory budget process to determine a list of ideas for spending the \$1 million that Mayor and the City Council have allocated from the ARPA

funds," said Smith. "However, I wouldn't be doing my due diligence and upholding my responsibilities to the taxpayers by approving a blank check for \$1 million with no estimates to how they will spend the money. Until the Council is provided with the anticipated costs per project, similar to the budget process we just went through for the entire city operating budget, I cannot vote in favor of the appropriation."

Before Monday's vote, it is expected that Smith will try to convince her colleagues to follow her lead and seek more information about the cost of the respective projects for which the \$1 million will be targeted. When Everett High School students return for the new school year, they will vote on the city-oriented projects that they would like to see funded and implemented.

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ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL

Councilor Lattanzi has his nomination papers certified

By Cary Shuman

Ward 6 Councilor Al Lattanzi has completed the nomination paper certification process and is ready to embark on his campaign for re-election.

Lattanzi was first elected to the seat in November, 2021. He prides himself on his 100 per cent attendance record at City Council meetings.

"I haven't missed a meeting," said Lattanzi proudly.

Lattanzi said he will run "a vigorous campaign" and looks forward to being on the campaign trail during the summer.

Lattanzi is the owner of Everett Supply and True Value Hardware on



Al Lattanzi.
Main Street. Al's parents, Vave and Mary Lattanzi, opened the business in 1950 and the store has been in existence for 73 years.

DIDOMENICO SPONSORS CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH EVENT



Senator Sal DiDomenico (third from left) standing with Baker Center staff.

Senator Sal DiDomenico was the Legislative sponsor and spoke at The Baker Center for Children and Families legislative briefing on their new policy report, Mental Health and Schools: Best Practices to Support Our Students. The policy forum and report offered non-biased, evidence-based information to support policymaking and budgetary efforts. Senator DiDomenico is a longtime supporter of increasing funding for mental health services in our schools and for all Massachusetts residents.

"Mental Health Awareness Month is a great time to identify actionable strategies to support our students in the "new normal," and discuss the important role of schools in addressing children's mental health needs. I am proud to work with great organizations like the Baker Center to advocate for more mental health funding across our state," said Senator Sal DiDomenico.

Marcus seeks re-election to School Committee post

Special to the Independent

Ward 2 School Committee Member Jason Marcus has announced his campaign for re-election to Everett's School Committee. Marcus is no stranger to public service, having served on Everett's Common Council, Board of Aldermen, Charter

Review Commission and now School Committee. Known for his compassionate leadership style, Jason Marcus has dedicated most of his adult life towards helping people and making Everett a better place. His motto has always been "Experience,

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Jason Marcus and his longtime companion, Claire Laidlaw.

For the latest news in Everett that you need to know, check everettindependent.com

LOCAL STUDENTS

EARN ACADEMIC HONORS

LOCAL STUDENTS NAMED TO SPRING 2023 DEAN'S LIST AT STONEHILL COLLEGE

The following local students were among nearly 1,000 students named to the Spring 2023 Dean's List at Stonehill College:

Lerche Gomez-Henry of Everett

Desiree Ruiz Ramoz of Everett

Jacob Jackson of Everett

To qualify for the Dean's List, students must have a semester grade point average of 3.50 or better and must have successfully completed all courses for which they were registered.

About Stonehill College

Stonehill College, a Catholic institution of higher learning, was founded by the Congregation of Holy Cross in 1948. Located on the beautiful 384-acre campus and former estate of Frederick Lothrop Ames in North Easton, Massachusetts, it is a community of scholarship and faith, anchored by a belief in the inherent dignity of each person.

Through more than 100 academic programs in the liberal arts, sciences, business and pre-professional field, Stonehill College provides an education of the highest caliber that fosters critical thinking, free inquiry and the interchange of ideas for over 2,500 students.

REGIS STUDENTS RECOGNIZED FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Regis College announced those students named to the university's Dean's List for the spring 2023 semester. To earn a spot on the Dean's List, Regis sophomores, juniors, seniors, and professional studies students must have a GPA of 3.5 or higher; first-year students must have a GPA of 3.25 or higher. Additional criteria can be found in Regis' Academic Catalog.

"This noteworthy achievement is one that requires perseverance, determination, and critical focus - skills that will encourage your continued progress in your undergraduate studies, career, and in life," said Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs Mary Erina Driscoll, PhD.

Regis congratulates the following students from Everett named to the spring 2023 Dean's List:

Aimee Duclos of Everett

Arianne Lariviere

Swechha Maharjan

Jose Martinez Zepeda

Omayma Salih

Krysonia Tavares

Regis College is a coed university 12 miles west of Boston in Weston, Mass. founded by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Boston. With over 3,200 undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral students enrolled on campus and in fully online graduate programs, Regis provides an aca-

demically rigorous education within the schools of nursing, arts and sciences, business and communication, and health sciences. In line with Regis' mission of providing innovative, industry-focused learning opportunities, the university offers academic partnerships with hospitals and local employers, a clinical dental center in Waltham, Mass., and bachelor's completion and accelerated nursing programs at its campus in Lawrence, Mass. The university's 20 NCAA Division III athletic teams compete within the Great Northeast Athletic Conference (GNAC). Regis educates the whole person, preparing our students to pursue excellence, to become change agents in their own communities, and to serve and lead as advocates for a more just and compassionate global society.

FIGUEIREDO NAMED TO LASELL UNIVERSITY DEAN'S LIST

Leah Figueiredo, a Lasell University student from Everett, was named to the dean's list for their academic performance in the spring 2023 semester.

The spring 2023 dean's list includes students who have completed at least 12 credits as a full-time student in that semester and have achieved a semester GPA of 3.5 or higher.

NEWS IN BRIEF

DEMARIA ANNOUNCES JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION

Residents and their families are invited to unite in celebration with music, food and activities for children

Everett, MA – Mayor Carlo DeMaria is pleased to announce the Juneteenth Flag Raising and celebration will take place on Monday, June 19, at Everett Veterans Memorial Stadium, Cabot Street, from 11am to 4 pm.

All are invited to unite in celebration of Juneteenth with music, food, and activities for the kids to enjoy as we raise the Juneteenth flag at Everett Stadium. The event will feature guest speakers and live performances by Angelena Hightower & The Unit, Big Redds House, DJ Troy Anthony, Drummers of Peace, Janey David and The Woo Factor.

Juneteenth, which is a nationally recognized holiday on June 19 in the United States, celebrates when in 1863 Union Army General Gordon Granger arrived in Galveston, Texas to tell enslaved African Americans they are now free. This was one of the last places in the United States to free slaves after the Emancipation Proclamation was issued by President Abraham Lincoln on January 1, 1863.

The City will be joining in celebrations across the country by raising the Juneteenth flag, which represents the emancipation of enslaved African Americans, and hosting an event for the community to participate in. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

RESCHEDULED DATE FOR KIDS TO PARKS DAY EVENT

A fun day with activities for kids and families at Swan Street Park

Everett, MA – Mayor Carlo DeMaria is pleased to announce the annual Kids to Parks Day event has been rescheduled and will be held on Saturday, June 17, at Swan Street Park from 11am to 1pm.

All families are invited to enjoy various activities, interactive games, inflatable attractions, characters, face painting, music and much more.

Kids To Parks Day is a nationally recognized day celebrated annually on the third Saturday of May. However, the originally scheduled date was postponed due to unfavorable weather conditions. The goal is to get kids and families outside and off their electronic devices to utilize and enjoy their community's recreational resources, parks and playgrounds. The City is joining in the celebration by inviting our youth to participate in this day by hosting an event at Swan Street Park for all to attend.

For more information, please visit cityofeverett.com/events/kids-to-parks-day.

DEMARIA ANNOUNCES ANNUAL SENIOR SUMMER BBQ

Everett's older adults are encouraged to wear boots, jeans and cowboy hats for this year's Country Western theme

Mayor Carlo DeMaria, in collaboration with the Council on Aging, is pleased to announce the City of Everett will host the annual Senior Summer BBQ on Thursday, July 13, 2023 from 1pm to 4pm at the Connolly Center, 90 Chelsea Street.

You'll want to put on your boots, jeans and cowboy hat to join us for this year's Country Western theme. We'll have plenty of traditional barbecue food like hamburgers and hot dogs with vegan and vegetarian alternatives, live music and dancing to "Stomp & Holler" Country Band, and plenty of fun for all.

Everett's older adult residents who are interested can get tickets at the Connolly Center from 9am to 12pm, Monday through Friday, beginning Tuesday, June 20 to Friday, July 7. Please note that proof of residency will be required upon registering. If you require transportation to the event, please indicate so at the time of reservation.

For additional information, please call 311 or 617-394-2270 to be connected to the Connolly Center. This event is sponsored by the Everett Foundation for Aged Persons.

CALENDAR OF

EVENTS AT THE EVERETT PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Month Long Grab & Go Bookmarks, Generously sponsored by the Friends of the Everett Public Libraries, both Libraries have Grab & Go bookmark kits for you to take home! What is the catch? Borrow two books with your library card at any time during the month of June, just ask for a kit at the adult circulation desk! It is open to any age and is limited to one kit per person. First come, first serve until supplies run out! For any questions, please contact either circulation desk at 617-394-2308 or 617-394-2300. Happy Reading!

Parlin Adult and Teens

Chess Club Parlin Fireplace Room. Wednesday, June 14th 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, June 15th at 6:30pm. Join us for a showing of Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle (PG-13).

Origami Club. Parlin Fireplace Room. Saturday, June 17th at 12pm. Come and practice the ancient art of paper folding. All ages and skill levels are welcome!

Parlin Childrens

Lego Club. Parlin Children's Room. Monday, June 12th from 3-5pm. Attention all Lego lovers: Lego Club is back at the Parlin Memorial Library! Come to the Children's Room after school on Mondays for some free-building lego fun. Open to all ages. Children under 6 years old must be accompanied by an adult. No registration required.

A Dragon's Hoard of Stories. Parlin Children's Room. Tuesday, June 13th at 12PM. Join us in this story time to experience roaring adventures and flaming friendships!

Crafts for Kids. Parlin Children's Room. Tuesday, June 13th at 3pm. Let's make a Dino-Mite Dad Card, just in time for Father's Day! All kids ages 3 and up are wel-

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CRIMSON KIDS

Summer 2023

TO SIGN-UP: (ALL SIGN UPS MUST BE DONE IN PERSON)

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 OR VISIT THE RECREATION CENTER
 (47 ELM ST. EVERETT, MA 02149)

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MUNICIPAL ELECTION 2023

The following candidates have pulled nomination papers for the 2023 municipal election:

City Council At-Large

Angelmarie Dinunzio
Katy Rogers
John Hanlon
Michael Marchese
Irene Cardillo
Shaskia Bosquet
Kisan Upadhaya
Guerline Alcy
Stephanie V. Smith
Jean Marc Daniel
Joseph Pierotti Jr.

Council Ward 1

Wayne Matewsky
Jerry A. Navarra
Kenneth P. Giannelli

Council Ward 2

Joetta Yutkins
Stephanie Martins
Paul Cardillo

Council Ward 3

Anthony DiPierro
Darren Costa

Council Ward 4

Kimberly Kit Bridge
Nancy Cianchetta
Jimmy Tri Le
Holly D. Garcia

Council Ward 5

Vivian Nguyen
Robert J. Van Campen

Council Ward 6

Alfred Lattanzi
Peter Pietrantonio

School Committee At-Large

Joanna Garren
Samantha Lambert
Margaret Cornelio
Cynthia E. Sarnie
Michael J. McLaughlin
Jay E. Holt
Samantha Hurley
Joseph A. LaMonica
Farah Costa

School Committee Ward 1

Millie J. Cardello
Margaret Cornelio

School Committee Ward 2

Jason Marcus
Joanna Garren

School Committee Ward 3

Jeanne M Cristiano

School Committee Ward 4

Michael J. Mangan
Thomas P. Messina Jr.

School Committee Ward 5

Charles E. Leo withdrawn
Marcony Almeida Barros

School Committee Ward 6

Daniel Skerrit
Pattiann Scalesse
Thomas E. Abruzzese

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“I hope my colleagues do their due diligence and their responsibilities to the taxpayers, because we don’t give away money to anyone. I don’t know why we would start doing it now.”

Ward 2 City Councilor Stephanie Martins, an adviser to the Youth Initiative Council (School Committee member Samantha Lambert is the other adviser), said she understands Smith’s concerns.

“Councilor Smith has a track record of being extremely fiscally responsible and she does want to only vote on things that already have a known price, but at this time it’s not possible for the students to know the price, because they don’t know which of the projects will be voted on – they have to wait until the voting happens in September,” said Martins. Martins said Everett is

following the participatory budgeting process that the cities of Cambridge and Somerville employ.

Martins said in Everett 15 projects were selected out of the 500 ideas that the Everett Youth Initiative Council received from residents.

“Out of the 15 projects, the projects that receive the most votes by the students, will be funded,” said Martins. “There are projects such as refillable water stations at the parks, public WiFi at the parks, the purchase of air conditioners for housing, financing LGBTQIA spaces, replacing street lighting with solar-powered lights, the addition of trash barrels to the streets, and creating little library stations for the dispensing of personal hygiene items. A lot of the projects are great in their different ways.”

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Leadership, and Always Here to Help”.

“My goal is to help people”, said Marcus. “It is what I have done all my life from a young adult, through the years, and continue to do so”, he added.

In addition to his time in public service, Jason Marcus has spent his adult years volunteering for many causes and organizations near and dear to his heart. He has been a member of Big Brother

of America, a volunteer for Perkins School for the Blind, and coached many Everett children in youth basketball. Earlier in his life, he attended Northeastern University, he served as a U.S. Army Reserve Combat Medic, and then worked for the MBTA as a member of Local 589.

During Jason Marcus’ time in public office, he has always had his constituents best interests at heart. He has been a lead-

ing voice on the Everett School Committee for increased school safety measures. He has a record of supporting new schools and increased classroom space. He recently voted to support a new Everett High School that incorporates vocational programming and he voted in support of renovating Pope John to help with overcrowding issues.

Jason Marcus doesn’t just say he cares. He has a record of unselfish com-

munity involvement as a volunteer and elected official. Jason Marcus doesn’t need to make empty promises. He has a proven record of service to the people of Everett. Jason Marcus doesn’t just say he loves Everett. He has a lifetime of showing it. Jason Marcus has been there for Ward 2. Now he needs and appreciates your vote on Election Day.

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come; please come and join the fun! Registration is required. Sign up online or at the Parlin Children’s desk.

Storytime and Sing-along with Karen, Parlin Children’s Room. Wednesday, June 14th at 11am. Join us for a fun-filled morning of singing and storytelling with Karen! Suggested ages 0-6.

Drama Class. Parlin Children’s Room. Wednesday, June 14th at 3pm. Do you have a drama queen or king at home? Drama Class in the Parlin Children’s Department is the perfect opportunity for your child to put those acting skills to use with our drama coach! Suggested ages 6-14.

Pixel Perfect. Parlin Meeting Room. Thursday, June 15th at 3:30pm. Pixel Perfect is an interactive educational video game exhibit that will give visitors a hands-on experience with gaming history. From Pac-Man to Sonic the Hedgehog, many iconic retro gaming classics are readily available to play at the Parlin Library. While playing them, you’ll learn a bit about their history too! Presented by Arcade Awesome. Recommended for ages 10+, younger patrons will need parental supervision.

Friday Family Movie Night! Parlin Meeting Room. Friday, June 16th at 3 pm. Break out the popcorn! Come and watch Hotel Transylvania 3: Summer Vacation with your friends and family.

Shute Adult and Teens Yarn Club Shute Meeting Room. Tuesday, June 13th at 3 PM. 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. Recommend-

ed for ages 14-109!

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.

LEGAL NOTICE

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NOTICE OF ACTIVITY AND USE LIMITATION 85-87 AND 119 BOSTON STREET 101 MILL ROAD EVERETT, MASSACHUSETTS RELEASE TRACKING NUMBERS 3-10118 AND 3-36876

A release of oil and/or hazardous materials has occurred at this location, which is a disposal site as defined by M.G.L. c. 21E, § 2 and the Massachusetts Contingency Plan, 310 CMR 40.0000. On May 18, 2023, CI-GS Elan Everett Phase I, LLC recorded with the Middlesex South Registry of Deeds a NOTICE OF ACTIVITY AND USE LIMITATION on the disposal site, pursuant to 310 CMR 40.1070 through 40.1080.

The NOTICE OF ACTIVITY AND USE LIMITATION will limit the following site activities and uses on the above property: * Use of the property as a single-family residence, school (with the exception of adult education), daycare or childcare center (as defined under 310 CMR 40.0006 of the MCP), or nursery; * Growing fruits, vegetables, or other produce intended for human consumption other than in raised containers or beds isolated from

the underlying soil and in accordance with MassDEP’s Best Management Practices (BMPs) for Non-Commercial Gardening at Disposal Sites; * Activity that is reasonably likely to result in the excavation, relocation, or removal of soil, unless such activity is first evaluated by a Licensed Site Professional who renders an Opinion; * Construction of future structures without the evaluation by a Licensed Site Professional of potential vapor intrusion scenarios into indoor air of the proposed structure and/or the implementation of a vapor intrusion barrier and/or mitigation system under the oversight of a Licensed Site Professional;

* Any activity, such as excavation, which may disturb the contaminated soil located below the building foundations, landscaped areas, or demarcation layer of the clean fill cover, without prior development and implementation of a Health and Safety Plan and a Soil Management Plan;

* Any uses/activities that interfere with or compromise the existing sub slab vapor barrier and active ventilation system without restoration of the sub slab vapor barrier and active ventilation system and demonstration, to the satisfaction of a Licensed Site Professional, that the restoration was effective; and

* Installation and operation of groundwater supply wells or wells for potable uses, including drinking water and irrigation, without a Licensed Site Professional evaluation. 6/7/23 EV

Any person interested in obtaining additional information about the NOTICE OF ACTIVITY AND USE LIMITATION may contact Mr. Chris Legocki of CI GS Elan Everett Phase I, LLC, One Federal Street, Suite 1804, Boston, Massachusetts, 02110, telephone number (857) 299-7203. The NOTICE OF ACTIVITY AND USE LIMITATION and the disposal site file can be viewed at MassDEP website using Release Tracking Numbers (RTNs) 3-10118 or 3-36876 at https://eeaonline.eea.state.ma.us/portal#/search/wastesite or at the MassDEP Northeast Regional Office, 150 Presidential Way, Woburn, Massachusetts, 01801, telephone number (978) 694-3200.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF TERMINATION OF ACTIVITY AND USE LIMITATION 96 EAST ELM STREET EVERETT, MASSACHUSETTS RELEASE TRACKING NUMBER 3-10118

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- LEGAL NOTICE -
CITY OF EVERETT

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
484 BROADWAY
EVERETT, MASSACHUSETTS 02149
PHONE 617-394-2498 FAX 617-394-2433

To Whom It May Concern:

This notice is to inform you that a public hearing will be held on Tuesday June 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:
19 Paris Street
Map/Lot: K0-08-000006
Person Requesting:
Sanderson Nascimento
123 Pleasant St.
Wakefield, MA 01880

PROPOSAL:
The applicant seeks to demolish the existing two-family structure at 19 Paris St and construct a nine (9) unit apartment building as per plans by registered architect Eric Zachrisson from Context Design Workshop, dated 01/27/2023. 19 Paris St is a 7,033 S.F lot located in the Industrial Limited District. In the plans provided there are 12 proposed parking spaces.

REASON FOR DENIAL:
Permit was denied in accordance to the City of Everett Zoning Ordinance. The applicant shall seek relief from the Zoning Board of Appeals as follows: Section 17. A. 2. Multifamily dwellings 2 spaces per dwelling unit. The applicant must either obtain a variance from the Zoning Board of Appeals or participate in the Transportation Demand Management Program, pursuant to Section 35 of the Zoning Ordinance. Section 21. Industrial Limited District. A. Uses. The existing use of the property as a two-family residence is nonconforming. The applicant must obtain a special permit from the Zoning Board of Appeals to change from a preexisting nonconforming use to another nonconforming use, pursuant to Section 3.C of the Zoning Ordinance.

MARY GERACE –
Chairman
Roberta Suppa –
Clerk of Board of Appeals
May 31, 2023
June 7, 2023

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Whereas a petition has been presented by:

Property Address:
117 Central Ave.
Map/Lot: B0-02-000235
Person Requesting:
Jason Dixon
117 Central Ave.
Everett, MA 02149

PROPOSAL:
The owner wishes to erect a garage in their backyard at 117 Central Ave. The proposed garage is 20’0” x 12’5” x 11’9 5/8”. The owner is seeking relief for the garage to be located within the four (4) foot setback space

required to be had from the rear lot line. The property at 117 Central Ave is a 3,152 S.F lot according to Otte & Dwyer INC. Land Surveyors. The plans for the proposed garage were provided by Alison M. Cutler, registered architect.

REASON FOR DENIAL:
Permit was denied in accordance to the City of Everett Zoning Ordinance. The applicant shall seek relief from the zoning Board of Appeals as follows: Section 4. Dwelling Districts. B. Dimensional Requirements. 7. Rear Yard: b. Garages and Sheds. Four (4) feet minimum. In the plans provided the shed will be 1’2” from the back lot line where four (4) feet is required.

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Real Estate Transfers

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140 Tremont Street LLC	Pearlette LLC	11 Pearl St	\$785,000
140 Tremont Street LLC	Pearlette LLC	11-A Pearl St	\$785,000
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JUNE IS A MONTH OF FREEDOM

June marks the first month of the summer season, the period on the calendar when we take vacations from school and work to travel and enjoy the company of our friends and family members. It's our personal time, that sweet spot each year when we break free from the humdrum of our daily schedules and we have the freedom to do whatever we want.

But June also uniquely celebrates a number of events that brought true freedom to Americans who had been unable to experience the promise of America -- "all men are created equal" -- that we take for granted today.

June 12 is known as Loving Day. It was on that day in 1967 that the U.S. Supreme Court struck down a Virginia law that forbade interracial marriage and made it a criminal offense to do so. The Lovings, an interracial couple, were convicted under that Virginia law and, to avoid jail, they agreed to leave the state. Similar laws existed throughout all of the Southern states until the Supreme Court's ruling.

June is observed as Pride Month by the LGBTQIA+ community to mark the date of June 28, 1969, when gays protested the arrests at the Stonewall Inn (a gay bar in New York City's Greenwich Village) at a time when police routinely made arrests of gay men on phony morals charges.

The riots, that lasted for a number of days, are widely-recognized as the beginning of the modern gay rights movement that culminated more than 50 years later with the Supreme Court decision of Obergefell v. Hodges in 2015 that struck down state laws forbidding same-sex marriage.

Juneteenth, which is now a national holiday, marks the day when the Union army entered the city of Galveston, Texas on June 19, 1865, and freed the slaves in Texas -- the last state to be occupied by Union forces and where slavery still existed -- pursuant to President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation, which had gone into effect more than two years earlier on January 1, 1863.

Finally, June 14 is Flag Day, marking the adoption of the flag of the United States on June 14, 1777, by resolution of the Second Continental Congress. In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation that officially established June 14 as Flag Day and on August 3, 1949, National Flag Day was established by an Act of Congress.

Although it undeniably is true that America has fallen far short of the ideal that "all men are created equal," it also is undeniably true that the flag of the United States has been the world's greatest symbol of freedom since our nation's founding.

Nations, like people, are far from perfect. But hopefully, the many holidays of freedom we observe in June attest to the truth of the words of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., "The arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice," that ultimately will fulfill the promise of America.

HAPPY NOT TO BE A BOSTON SPORTS FAN

When we were younger, we lived and died by our Boston sports teams. Yes, the late Bill Russell and the Celtics provided more than a decade of joy and, for a short time, so too did Bobby Orr and the Bruins. But overall, being a Boston sports fan meant that there was more agony of defeat than thrill of victory.

Those big, bad Bruins are remembered as much for their 1971 loss to the hated and heavily-underdog Canadiens in Game Seven in the Garden as they are for Bobby Orr's joyous Superman flight after his goal that won the Stanley Cup in 1970.

The Impossible Dream Red Sox of 1967 raised our spirits, only to break our hearts with a Game 7 World Series loss (yes, we were in Fenway), which was repeated in 1975 (we were in Fenway for that one too), and again in 1986.

As for the Patriots, we suffered through more than 40 years of frustration -- at the old Braves Field, Fenway Park, Harvard Stadium, and then Schaefer Stadium -- until Tom Brady came along and began a magnificent and magical run of almost 20 years of excellence. And yes, the Sox finally did come through for us in 2004, '07, '13, and '18, literally bringing tears to our eyes.

But despite those successes in the 21st century, all of those earlier years of heartbreak and defeat during our youth created their own form of post-traumatic stress (and for the record, the last Pats' game we've watched in its entirety was the 2008 Super Bowl game).

For those of us who have followed Boston sports for six decades, the early exit from the playoffs of the "best-team-ever" Bruins and the Celts' collapse last week in Game 7 were all-too-predictable. As for the Red Sox and the Pats, it is clear that they are destined to be consigned to the realm of mediocrity for the foreseeable future.

So we're happy that we're no longer followers of Boston's sports teams. To those who are, we can offer only this advice, "Be prepared for a lifetime of hurt."

Independent Forum

GUEST OP-ED

The City of Everett and Wynn can both win bigger by working together more closely: Here's how

By Darren Costa

The Mass Gaming Commission (MGC) held a public hearing on April 25th in the Everett City Council Chambers to discuss the proposed Encore Casino East of Broadway expansion project. A major topic was whether to hold a vote for the expansion of the Encore Casino. Overall, I support a Wynn LLC expansion in Everett's "Entertainment District" -- under some critical conditions. Given the material increase in the Encore Casino's gaming footprint and operations, including sports gaming, Everett and Wynn need to renegotiate the original Host Agreement.

I support Wynn because they have been a partner in cleaning toxic land, but there is more to be done.

Unfortunately, Everett came up short in the first negotiation of the Host Agreement with Wynn. I would not approve expansion until we have an updated agreement that supports the interests of Everett's residents much more thoroughly. Until now, there has been minimal contact between Wynn and Everett's City Council. In 2022, during a City Council meeting, Wynn acknowledged and committed to a negotiation, in good faith, that considers current economic conditions and beyond. We should be ready to bring great ideas forward during this process. Here are a few of mine.

Moving forward, Wynn should lead programs in collaboration with the City of Everett. Everett needs a well-considered and enforced strategy for solving our affordable housing crisis. Currently, Everett only receives a (small) community impact fee and frankly we don't have the capacity to develop and manage the programs necessary to drive solutions alone. It is impractical to simply accept funding without internal infrastructure to spend it appropriately; we should require ongoing collaboration with Wynn to construct and deliver solutions.

For example, our schools and students would benefit from a

more formal partnership with Wynn, complete with compliance, annual reporting and contractual obligation, beyond what's offered today. They could deliver broader career development opportunities for students, offer Wynn-sponsored programming on-site at schools, and promote student-led civic enhancements.

Have you noticed that Everett has the fewest green spaces and trees in the greater Boston area, which makes suffering from increasing air pollution and heat much worse for our residents (called urban heat island effect)? I have. Poorly-considered expansion will only make this issue worse. That is why I do not support the proposal for three new parking garages to be built above-ground; Wynn can and should install underground parking instead, clearing the area for parks and trees above. We also have the opportunity to require additional green initiatives such as community solar on their extensive rooftop space to reduce the burden on our community's energy grid.

As a densely populated gateway city, Everett desperately needs more public green space where families can gather and enjoy the outdoors. Wynn's current proposed plans include minimal open air space and public accessibility to community space. The current renderings of the entrance to the overhead pedestrian bridge appear closed off. It would require a resident to enter the building to cross Broadway. Instead, we could have open and inviting outdoor access to the overhead walking path over Broadway. This public walkway should be clear and welcoming to our residents, similar to the TD Banknorth Garden's integrated entrance with the MBTA.

On April 11th, I attended the Encore East of Broadway open house at the Encore Casino. It was a wonderful event, however very few Everett residents attended. Everett should require increased community engagement in the city at large, such as sponsoring and participat-

ing in events for residents, such as 4th of July, Easter, Halloween, etc. Everett's Recreation Center draws hundreds of residents and students.

Everett also needs Wynn's cooperation on transportation. Wynn shuttle service should be expanded, with more routes and more frequent services to connect commuters to local rail stops where the MBTA falls short. The Wynn water taxi to Long Wharf should expand its service and better promote it as a commuting option from Everett into Boston. Everett has a deteriorating overpass in Sweetser circle that should be repaired. We also lack any vision or plan for building MBTA tracks in our city, while MBTA tracks run behind the Encore Boston Harbor Casino.

But is it greedy or inappropriate for us to ask for these things? As a business person and financial professional by day, I don't think so. Let's look at the numbers. Encore Boston Harbor paid Everett ~\$22 million for Fiscal Year 2023 as a payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT) and a Community Impact Fee of ~\$5 million for public safety, other municipal services and the offset of negative impacts to a community due to gambling and drinking per the current negotiated agreement. Consider that Wynn sold the Encore Boston Harbor property for \$1.7 billion, which would have generated \$42 million in normal property taxes. Also consider the property's current property assessment is \$1.3 billion, which would have generated \$32 million in normal property taxes. Everett collected only ~\$27 million when we could have received \$32-\$42 million -- a difference of up to

\$15 million per year! In addition, both the PILOT and Community Impact Fee grow annually at only 2.5%, which is far below inflation. In 2022, Wynn generated \$xx billion in revenue, so rest assured they can afford to integrate these common-sense requests for our city.

Given the material increase in the Encore Casino's gaming footprint and operations, including sports gaming, Everett and Wynn need to renegotiate the original Host Agreement. The Host Agreement, in section 1B items 1 & 2, requires an open negotiation of the Host Community agreement between the City of Everett and Wynn in aggregate, not in pieces.

In summary, I truly believe that Wynn is a beneficial member of our community. I will be encouraged when I hear more details regarding the negotiations of the original Host Agreement, as promised. We need to make our city and its residents a higher priority in this discussion, which is certainly possible. I believe we can continue to be proud to have Wynn as a partner while we work together to develop and support our city wisely -- and Wynn can continue to be proud to be a big part of an ever-improving Everett.

I want to hear from Everett residents and can be reached at:

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Cummings Foundation awards MC a STEM education grant for \$225,000

Malden Catholic will share its \$30 million of Cummings Foundation's major annual grants program to provide (STEM) Science Engineering Technology and Math education to middle school students in the surrounding communities. MC's proposal was selected from a pool of 630 Cummings Foundation Grant applications during a competitive review process and the school will receive \$225,000 over the next three years.

Malden Catholic will use the funds from the Foundation to offer up to 180 middle school students a customized course entitled, Cummings Community STEM Program, which will be designed to provide project-based engineering curricula that exposes middle school students to real world engineering design problems and scientific research.

"This incredible grant from Cummings Foundation will allow MC to give middle school students from public and private schools early exposure to STEM studies. Numerous academic reports have indicated that students who

receive advanced STEM and engineering experiences at a young age, tend to enter into STEM-based occupations, which may be very beneficial for both the student and the needs of the industry," stated President John Thornburg.

Cummings Foundation's intention is to give back in areas where it owns commercial real estate and therefore supports Massachusetts nonprofits based in and serving Middlesex, Essex, and Suffolk counties. The nonprofits are spread across 46 different cities and towns, and this year's grant recipients represent a wide variety of causes, including education, housing and food insecurity, workforce development, immigrant services, social justice and mental health services. The Foundation and volunteers identified 150 organizations to receive three-year grants of up to \$225,000 each. The winners included first-time recipients as well as nonprofits that had previously received Cummings grants.

"The way the local schools and the nonprofit sector persevere, step

up and pivot to meet the shifting needs of the community is most impressive," said Cummings Foundation Executive Director Joyce Vyriotes. "We are incredibly grateful for these tireless efforts to support people in the community and to increase equity and access to opportunities."

Cummings Foundation has now awarded \$480 million to greater Boston nonprofits. The complete list of this year's 150 grant winners, plus nearly 1,500 previous recipients, will be available May 31 at www.CummingsFoundation.org.

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Malden Catholic middle school students are shown conducting an experiment.

College of the Holy Cross. Foundational to student success is Malden Catholic's codivisional model which offers the best of both worlds, single-gender academics during the day and integrated social and extracurricular opportunities after school. Malden Catholic is known in the community for its rigorous academics, SFX Scholars Program and award-winning STEM

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Woburn-based Cummings Foundation, Inc. was established in 1986 by Joyce and Bill Cum-

mings of Winchester, MA and has grown to be one of the largest private foundations in New England. The Foundation directly operates its own charitable subsidiaries, including New Horizons retirement communities, in Marlborough and Woburn, and Cummings Health Sciences, LLC. Additional information is available at www.CummingsFoundation.org.

Andrea Gayle-Bennett appointed as the first Deputy Secretary of the Executive Office of Veterans' Services

Secretary Jon Santiago announced the appointment of Dr. Andrea Gayle-Bennett as the first-ever Deputy Secretary of the Executive Office of Veterans' Services (EOVS). Dr. Gayle-Bennett, a retired Brigadier General in the Massachusetts National Guard and a distinguished healthcare professional, brings a wealth of experience and expertise to this vital role. The Deputy Secretary will serve as a strategic partner to Secretary Santiago and lead important initiatives related to EOVS services and programming.

"We are delighted to welcome Dr. Andrea Gayle-Bennett to the Healey-Driscoll Administration as Deputy Secretary of the Executive Office of Veterans' Services," said Governor Maura Healey. "Dr. Gayle-Bennett's distinguished career in medicine and military service

make her uniquely qualified to take on this important role and support Secretary Santiago and our entire administration in our efforts to advance the health and well-being of Massachusetts' veterans."

"Dr. Gayle-Bennett's exceptional qualifications and remarkable dedication to both health care and military service make her the ideal candidate for the position of Deputy Secretary," said Secretary Jon Santiago. "I have full confidence that she will enhance our efforts in serving the Massachusetts veteran community through her leadership and passion for supporting veterans."

"Sheryl Sandberg, the author of 'Lean In: Women, Work, and the Will to Lead,' wisely remarked, 'If you're offered a seat on a rocket ship...get on.' Drawing inspiration from these words, I am embrac-

ing this opportunity with immense gratitude," said Andrea Gayle-Bennett. "I am thrilled to have the chance to make a positive contribution on behalf of veterans in the Commonwealth and to collaborate with this esteemed team as part of the Healey-Driscoll administration."

Dr. Gayle-Bennett holds a Doctor of Medical Science (DMSc) degree from the University of Lynchburg, a Master of Education degree from Lesley College, and a Bachelor of Science in allied health from Sophie Davies School of Medicine. She has a distinguished career spanning over three decades, including 37 years as a Physician Assistant at Harvard Vanguard Medi-

cal Associates in Boston, where she demonstrated exceptional skills delivering comprehensive medical care.

Joining the Massachusetts National Guard in 1983, Dr. Gayle-Bennett rose through the ranks and held positions such as State Surgeon, Deputy Commander, and Chief Physician Assistant. In 2019, she earned the Brigadier General (MA) rank due to her dedication and leadership.

In 2022, the Massachusetts Legislature passed significant legislation reforming veterans' governance, structure, and care at the two Massachusetts Veterans' Homes in Holyoke and Chelsea. As part of these reforms, the Ex-



Andrea Gayle-Bennett.

ecutive Office of Veterans' Services was created, with the Deputy Secretary being appointed by the Secretary.

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MALDEN CATHOLIC CELEBRATES 88TH COMMENCEMENT

On Saturday, May 20, Malden Catholic celebrated the 88th Commencement ceremony with 156 graduates from the Boys and Girls Divisions. The Class of 2023 commencement was held in the Doherty Gymnasium with more than 800 family members, faculty and staff in attendance.

The ceremony started with an invocation by Malden Catholic Principal Jeffrey P. Smith '95, P'24, '26 and was followed with the MC Boys Division's Valedictory Address by Aiden Balandan '23 of Tewksbury. Balandan's address commented on how MC helped students shape and carve out their own individual answer to the age-old question - who do you want to be? He encouraged fellow students to push forward, make mistakes and accomplish momentous achievements while holding on to the memories, values and the character imbued in all Malden Catholic Lancers.

The presentation of candidates by Malden Catholic Principal Jeffrey P.

Smith '95, P'24, '26, Boys Division Leader Robert J. Bucchino '71, P'10, Girls Division Leader Jeanne Lynch-Galvin P'16 and Dean of Students Gary M. Moela was followed by the conferral of diplomas by MC President John K. Thornburg. Nicole Uribe Lopez '23 of Saugus then delivered the MC Girls Division's Valedictory Address where she encouraged fellow graduates to stay true to themselves, just as they were taught at MC. She reminded others to follow their passion, strive for greatness and "go after what scares you" with a lightness of being because things will fall into place over time.

Malden Catholic 2023 graduates will attend some of the country's most prestigious colleges and universities including Harvard, Cornell University, Duke University, Tufts University, Notre Dame College, Northeastern University, Boston College, College of the Holy Cross, Bates College, Brandeis University, Johns Hopkins University



Malden Catholic celebrates its 88th Commencement ceremony with 156 graduates.

and Fordham University, just to list a few.

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The following Everett student are among those who graduated: Angelina Ang, Arianne De Jesus, Jayden Henry, John Moraes, Kaylee Fiore, Michael Kahsai, Patrick Ruane, Roger Vasquez Jr., and Yamileh Falaise.

EVENTS IN EVERETT'S ARTS & CULTURAL COMMUNITY

DUALITY - Linocuts by Everett High School students in Evan DeMarzo's advanced art class at Art Lab Everett, Open House - June 11, 3-5PM, 132 Bucknam St.



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DEMARIA AWARDS \$500 SCHOLARSHIP TO EHS SENIORS

Mayor Carlo DeMaria awarded the 2023 Mayor's Future Community Leadership Scholarship to graduating seniors from the Everett High School (EHS) Class of 2023 Matthew DiDomenico and Selma Moutaouakkil.

Mayor DeMaria met with the EHS students at City Hall to present a \$500 check to each recipient to help towards furthering their education beyond high school.

DiDomenico will be furthering his education at Boston College to pursue an interest in the field of political science. Moutaouakkil will be furthering her education at Wentworth Institute of

Technology to pursue an interest in mechanical engineering to design cars.

"I am confident Matthew and Selma will succeed in everything they do, and I hope this scholarship will help them towards pursuing what they want to do," said Mayor DeMaria. "As representatives of Everett, I know they will continue to make us all proud."

The 2023 Mayor's Future Community Leadership Scholarship is awarded to two graduating seniors from EHS who will be attending a 2-year or a 4-year college or university. The recipients will each receive a one-time award of \$500.



Mayor Carlo DeMaria presented a check to Selma Moutaouakkil.



Mayor Carlo DeMaria presented a check to Matthew DiDomenico.

PCSSII teacher Denise Rincon, recognized for outstanding work

Last month, Pioneer Charter School of Science II (PCSSII) teacher Denise Rincon received a certificate of recognition from Boston's Mayor Wu for her work with new migrants. Originally from Venezuela, Mrs. Rincon dedicates herself to assisting these migrants, many also from Venezuela, in getting acclimated to their new surroundings in the Greater Boston area. Rincon is now in her fifth year at the Saugus Charter, where she teaches Spanish.

Mrs. Rincon was raised in a tight-knit Venezuelan family, which instilled a deep sense of community

and service. While in Venezuela, she was actively involved in non-profit organizations. Today, Mrs. Rincon is the Founder, Director, and President of the Venezuelan Association of Massachusetts. Though teaching keeps her busy, she remains devoted to those around her through the Association.

The Venezuelan Association of Massachusetts drives several successful initiatives. Go-Fund-Me fundraisers, coat drives, food drives, collecting and organizing feminine hygiene product care packages, and beyond, Mrs. Rincon's charitable efforts have imprinted on

her community. PCSSII colleagues attest that Mrs. Rincon's giving spirit never tires.

Mrs. Rincon wants the Boston community to know she is committed to educating those around her: PCSSII students, Bostonians, and incoming migrants. Her goal is to continue to inform and guide migrants to becoming good citizens. On her community work, she notes, "If we can educate the native people here to learn to help migrants in this process, we can all work together to create a better version of society."

The mission of PCSS, located in Everett and Sau-

gus is to prepare educationally under-resourced students for today's competitive world. PCSS will help students develop the academic and social skills necessary to become successful professionals and exemplary community members through a rigorous academic curriculum emphasizing math and science. Balanced by a foundation in the humanities, a character education program, career-oriented college preparation, and solid student-teacher-parent collaboration, PCSS will meet its mission.



Denise Rincon (Left) receives a certificate of recognition from Boston's Mayor Wu.

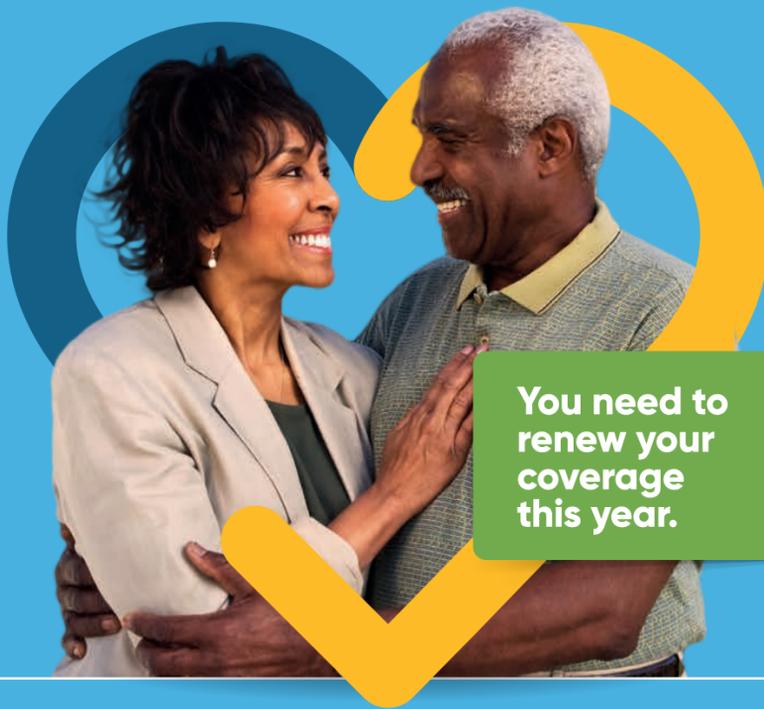
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Healey-Driscoll administration announces nearly \$250,000 in grants to support local food systems

The Healey-Driscoll Administration announced an award of nearly \$250,000 in Local Food Policy Council program funding to 17 organizations across Massachusetts. Including a grant for the City of Everett. The Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources' (MDAR) grants will enhance the work of existing and new local food policy councils and food working groups across Massachusetts. The grants will help to accelerate their development, expand their capacity, and increase their connections and opportunities for peer-to-peer learning to support the Massachusetts local food system.

"Massachusetts' local food policy councils and food working groups are vital to the fabric of our food system and help connect communities to healthy, nutritious foods. We are happy to recognize and invest in this important work," said Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Rebecca Tepper. "This support is critical, especially as our local food system weathers an increasingly volatile climate."

"We greatly appreciate

this appropriation from our partners in the state legislature to provide these grants to our Massachusetts local food policy councils and food working groups," said MDAR Commissioner Ashley Randle. "Projects and initiatives funded through this program will develop and continue work to impact the long-term viability and sustainability of our local food system in Massachusetts."

"Adequately addressing issues of food insecurity in our communities is crucial to moving forward as a Commonwealth without leaving anyone behind," said Senator Lydia Edwards (D – East Boston). "I am grateful to the Healey-Driscoll Administration for making sure our local food policy councils have the necessary funding to amplify our working ensuring all residents can go to bed without feeling hungry."

"The work of our local food policy councils, to promote the farming and sale of Massachusetts-grown foods, and the accessibility of fresh, nutritious foods is indispensable to the Commonwealth," said Senator Edward J. Kennedy (D –

Lowell). "I am proud to be a member of a legislative body that understands the importance of local food systems and invests in their resilience."

The City of Everett was a grant recipient for 2023: City of Everett – Everett, MA: \$17,991.00

The Everett Food Policy Council will update and implement its 2018 Community Food Plan. Working groups will prioritize policy, program actions, and revisions based on changes since the Plan was written. A project manager will be hired. Funding will also support a new website, social media campaign, sign-up form, and print and advertising campaign in at least three languages. Meetings will be held in a physically accessible space with translation and video conferencing. Outcomes will include determining priority actions for 2023, increasing awareness of food issues within the community, building trust with community members, collaborating with other Everett organizations, and additional participation and diversification of the Council.



Arts for Everett founder Martha Chason-Sokol introduces MacKenzie Clark at The Garage Door Gallery.

OPEN HOUSE AT THE GARAGE DOOR GALLERY AND ART LAB

Arts For Everett's May Open House featured Everett resident Mackenzie Clark's two ventures, Little Saturday designs, specializing in vintage inspired circus costumes, and The Gin Rickey jugglers performing a variety of circus arts, including chair balancing, juggling and contortion. Those attending at the Garage Door Gallery spilled into the street

while watching the performances and event giving juggling a try. Downstairs at Art Lab Everett guests could view photos of her work, learn about Art Lab and try a few art activities. Keep up with Mackenzie Clark on Instagram @little.saturday.designs and @ginrickeyjugglers

Arts for Everett's next Open House will be June 11 from 3-5 p.m., and will

present advanced Everett High School students' show Duality. All are invited to view the work of these talented students and discover what is happening at Art Lab Everett and the garage door gallery. Art Lab Everett is at 132 Bucknam St. For more information, visit artsforeverett.org.

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FRESH AND LOCAL Kitchen tips

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

People once learned to cook by watching family members and helping with kitchen tasks. The older generation shared their tips, and how-to advice in person, or suggestions were found on old recipe cards or handwritten notes in inherited cookbooks. In this column, we'll share some of our favorite kitchen tips.

Total Time Counts

The next time you pull out your food processor to make something like salsa, time how long it takes to gather the ingredients, set up a cutting board and knife to chop them to the right size for the machine, transfer the salad to a serving bowl, clean up and put everything away.

The next time you make salsa, make it with a cutting board, sharp knife, and bowl and compare the results and the time it takes. With simpler tools,

we get faster results and a more exciting texture to our salsa.

Prepping Vegetables

If you watch prep cooks in a restaurant prepare vegetables, you'll notice that they often use an assembly line system. Let's say you're chopping carrots and celery for soup. The pro will wash and scrub all the vegetables. Next, everything gets peeled, and then the chopping is done step-by-step on each ingredient.

Avoiding steps entirely is even more efficient. Peeling is often optional. Consider replacing it with a good scrub with a firm brush. We tend to cook potatoes, squash, sweet potatoes, and carrots with their skin in place. Not only to save time but also to increase nutrition. Or, use a frozen vegetable if it will work in the recipe.

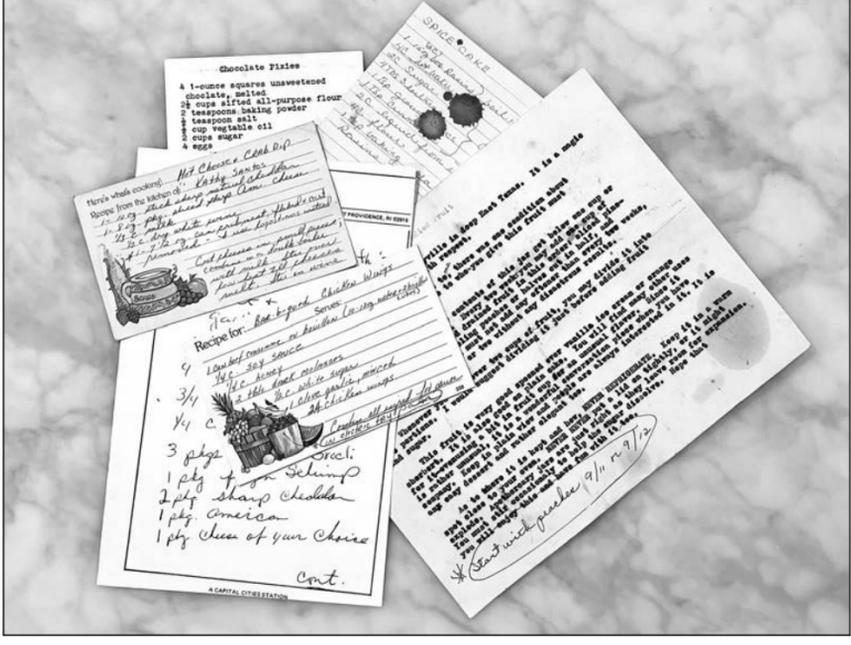
As frequent avocado eaters and people who avoid the emergency

room, we are thankful for Sara Moulton's tip on cutting avocados. The Washington Post described her method, "... place the avocado on its side on a cutting board. With the knife parallel to the board, make a horizontal cut through to the pit as you rotate the fruit. With the knife perpendicular to the board, cut the top side of the avocado from stem to bottom, then turn it and repeat on the far side."

You end up with four sections that are easy to peel, and the pit pops right out.

Work Safe

Sharp knives are essential, as are safe knife skills. We nearly always use a cutting board with non-slip feet or a damp towel under it. We wash and dry our knives by hand and return them to their spot on our magnetic wall rack. Knives lying on the counter or in a sink full of sudsy water are dangerous.



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Penny hones her knives before she begins working. Newly sharpened knives have a blue tape tag on the handle to remind everyone that the blade is razor-like.

Blue Tape

Our final tips are about that blue tape. We keep a dispenser of blue painter's tape on our counter. We use it to write the iden-

tity and date of any item we put into the freezer. Every bowl of leftovers is marked with the day it was made.

A small tape tag on a bowl of tomatoes tells us which to use first. A piece on the refrigerator door tells the person putting out the trash that something inside needs to be included.

If an item has a tiny ex-

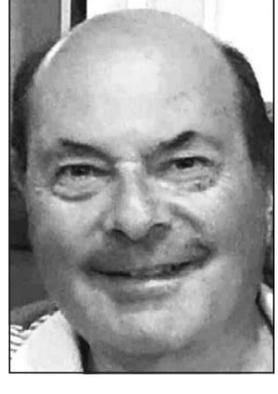
piration date, we put a big use-by date on it with blue tape. We use it to label our glass jars of pantry items. We don't call it blue painter's tape. We call it blue cook's tape!

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

OBITUARIES

Joseph DeSantis

Led the Revere/Everett/Malden Youth Hockey Program for 27 years



Our beloved father, Joseph A. DeSantis, 67, of Revere, passed away peacefully in his home on June 2 surrounded by family and friends.

Joe dedicated 27 years of his life to leading the Revere/Everett/Malden Youth Hockey program, where he would help form the bonds between countless boys and girls. Many of those players are now giving back to the city of Revere, serving on the Revere Fire and Police Department.

Joe also spent 40 years in office supply sales, where during the majority of those years, he would accomplish being #1 in the country for his international company Kyocera Document Solutions/ Duplitrone.

Joe lived his life in kindness and service to every person he encountered and will be missed immensely.

Born in Boston on September 4, 1955 to Joseph A. DeSantis Sr. and the late Frances DePaolo DeSantis, he was the adored father of Joey DeSantis and his wife, Erin DeSantis, Jack DeSantis and his fiancé, Gennara Romano, Jenae DeSantis and Joe's beloved long-time companion, Africa Graham.

He is survived by his dear sister, Janice DeSantis of Chelsea and he was the brother of the late brother, James DeSantis and his niece Rachael DeSantis. He

was the cherished grandfather to Lola, Francesca and Alessi DeSantis. He is also survived by his friend and mother of his children, Donna DeSantis, and her longtime companion, Eric Cardone.

The family would also like to acknowledge Joe's loving care team and close friends who never left his side, Steven Schepicci, Bobby Venezia, Brian Aucella and Trisha and Robert Romano.

His Funeral will be held from the Paul Buonfiglio & Sons-Bruno Funeral Home, 128 Revere St, Revere today, Wednesday, June 7 at 11 a.m. followed by a Funeral Mass at St. Anthony of Padua Church in Revere at 12 noon. Relatives and friends are kindly invited. Interment will be in Woodlawn Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Joseph's name to the Everett Revere Youth Hockey, One Sprague St, Revere, MA 02151. For guest book please visit www.buonfiglio.com.

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Whereas a petition has been presented by:

Property Address:
81 Elsie Street
Map/Lot: M0-04-000268
Person Requesting:
Sergio Cornelio
43 Luke Rd.
Everett, MA 02149

Applicant has requested that the Board reconsider its vote and reopen the public hearing to consider a revised plan that proposes connecting the two proposed structures to create a single building containing three dwelling units and a parking plan that depicts seven total parking spaces, including five existing parking spaces and two newly proposed parking spaces, one in the proposed garage and one in front of the proposed garage. Relief may be required from Section 17(F), (J) and (K) of the Zoning Ordinance to allow tandem parking in front of the proposed garage.

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Whereas a petition has been presented by:

Property Address:
33 Oakes Street /41 Oakes Street.
Map/Lot: E0-03- 000057
E0-03-000055

Person Requesting:
Francis J. LaRovere II
Trustee Oakes Realty Trust
492 Broadway.
Everett, MA 02149

PROPOSAL:
The applicant requests unspecified relief from Section 32 (Inclusionary Zoning) of the Everett Zoning Ordinance in connection with its proposed construction of six (6) additional dwelling units on the subject property, which currently contains fourteen (14) dwelling units in an existing twelve (12) unit apartment building, which the applicant proposes to enlarge and a detached two-family residential structure.

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Whereas a petition has been presented by:

Property Address:
71 Wellington Ave.
Map/Lot: G0-01-000034
Person Requesting:
Andrew B. Delory
365 Broadway
Everett, MA 02149

PROPOSAL:
The applicant seeks to substantially renovate the existing two-family dwelling located on 71 Wellington Ave. and construct a two-unit townhouse-style building with four (4) exterior parking spaces on the rear of the lot which fronts Kelvin St. The lot size that fronts Kelvin St. is 4,947 S.F and the lot that fronts Wellington St. is 2,995 S.F with two (2) proposed parking spaces.
Reason for Denial:
Permit was denied in accordance to the City of Everett Zoning Ordinance. The applicant shall seek relief from the Zoning Board of Appeals as follows:

1. Everett Zoning Ordinance Section 4(B)(2)b requires 7,000 s.f. of lot area for a two-family dwelling.
2. Everett Zoning Ordinance Section 4(B)(7) a requires 25 ft. minimum rear yard setback.
3. Everett Zoning Ordinance Section 4(B)(4) Front yard: requires 20ft minimum.
4. Everett Zoning Ordinance Section 17 Off-Street Parking (A)(1) One- and two-family dwellings – 2 spaces per unit.

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Whereas a petition has been presented by:

Property Address:
41 High Street
Map/Lot: L0-02-000125
Person Requesting:
Mr. Anthony Rossi
516 Broadway
Everett, MA 02149

PROPOSAL:
The applicant seeks to convert the existing 2 family residence built approximately in 1970 into a 3-family residence. No exterior alterations or alterations to the existing parking configuration are proposed. The property is located in Dwelling District Permit was denied in accordance with the City of Everett Zoning Ordinance Appendix Part II as follows:

- Section 4 (A) – conversion to a three-family use is not permitted if the structure was built after the city adopted its first Zoning Ordinance in August 1926. A use variance is required.
- Section 4 (B)(2)(c)-all uses other than one-family and two-family dwellings require a floor area ratio of no more than .50. The property is already nonconforming as to lot area, as it contains on 3,800 s.f. of area, whereas 7,000 s.f. is required. The proposed conversion will increase the area nonconformity. A special permit is required under Section 3 (C).
- Section 17 (A)(2) requires two parking spaces per dwelling unit. The property is already nonconforming as to this requirement, as it contains only three spaces, whereas four are required. A special permit will be required to increase this nonconformity, pursuant to Section 3 (C) of the Ordinance. Alternatively, the applicant may opt in to the Transportation Demand Management provisions of Section 35 of the Ordinance.

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EHS Roundup

EHS BASEBALL FALLS SHORT IN STATE TOURNEY; TRIO NAMED GBL ALL-STARS

The Everett High baseball team, which made an exciting dash to qualify for the post-season by winning four of its last five games, came up short by a score of 9-3 at Braintree in an opening-round contest of the MIAA Division 1 state baseball tournament last Thursday.

Coach Joel Levine's Crimson Tide, who entered the tourney as the 42nd seed in D-1 with a 10-10 record, jumped out to a 1-0 lead in the second on an RBI base hit by Matt Turilli. However, that would prove to be the apogee for the Tide on the day.

Braintree, the 23rd seed in D-1 with a similar 10-10 mark, soon struck back. After a few defensive miscues by the Tide allowed the Wamps to

lead the bases with two outs, Braintree's Jack Fitzgerald hit a laser grand slam to give the Wamps a lead they never would relinquish.

"Matt (Turilli) pitched extremely well," said Levine of starting pitcher Turilli's four Innings of work in which Matt allowed just three hits and one earned run, "but unfortunately, his only mistake was hit out of the ballpark."

Braintree tacked on a few more runs later in the game. Everett scratched and clawed with an RBI single from Omar Marshall (2-4) and an RBI double from Alex Lara (1-3), but it proved too little, too late.

Nordelvy Santana also chipped nicely at the plate, going 2-for-3.

"I am extremely proud of what this team accomplished this season," said Levine. "At the beginning of the year, we as a coaching staff thought it would

be incredibly difficult to make the tournament with how our play was early-on in the season.

"However, these kids battled and won some really big games. It was a pleasure to coach such a great group of kids," Levine added.

Three Crimson Tide were named to the Greater Boston League all-star team: Senior David Saia (.354, 15 RBI, 25 runs scored); senior Alex Velasco (.371, 10 RBI, 19 runs scored); and junior Alex Lara (.364, 22 RBI, 14 runs scored).

EHS SOFTBALL DROPS TOURNEY OPENER; SKANE IS NAMED GBL MVP, THREE ARE ALL-STARS

The Everett High softball team came out on the short end of a 12-0 decision last Friday at Needham in the opening round of the MIAA Division 1

state softball tournament. The Lady Crimson Tide, the champions of the Greater Boston League, came into the tourney as the 34th seed in D-1 with an 18-2 record, while Needham was seeded 31st with an 8-10 mark.

Everett managed just two hits on the day, both by Ashley Seward. Other than a base-on-balls that was drawn by Gianna Masucci, Everett went down 1-2-3 in three of the five innings (the contest was called after five frames because of the mercy rule).

However, the big story of the game, at least from an Everett perspective, was the long delay (about 75 minutes) that occurred in the bottom of the first because of lightning.

After the lead-off Needham hitter reached on an error, EHS starting pitcher Kristi Skane appeared to be set to get out of the inning. She set down the next two Lady Rocket hitters, but that's when the

first flashes of lightning lit up the sky, forcing a mandatory delay of 30 minutes. However, then another bolt flashed, leading to another 30 minute delay.

When play resumed 75 minutes later at 6:00, the umps gave Skane and the team a short window to warm up. The next batter walked, followed by an Everett error and three Needham base hits, to produce a 4-0 Needham lead.

The Lady Rockets threatened to expand their advantage in the second inning when Skane allowed two hits with two outs, but Emiia Maria-Babcock made an unbelievable grab of a deep fly ball at the fence in center field to end the inning.

Needham then doubled its margin in the fourth thanks in part to a disputed call. The Lady Rocket lead-off batter hit what appeared to be a ground rule double (per the rules stated at the start the game, if a fly ball landed in foul territory beyond the outfield fence, it would be deemed a ground-rule double) -- but the umps awarded her a home run despite the protestations of EHS head coach Stacy Poste-Schiavo.

Needham then went on to add three more tallies to make it 8-0. When the Lady Rockets tallied four more runs in the bottom of the fifth, the mercy rule ended the contest.

"After that fourth inning, I think the girls were thinking too much about the play that I challenged," said Poste-Schiavo, "and throwing the ball around did not help us.

"We faced faster pitching this season, but we just did not hit," Poste-Schiavo continued. "Needham did make some good defensive plays, but we need to hit through the lineup to be successful. This should not have been a 12-0 game. Waiting around did not help us as well. We had a long bus ride and warmed up quickly, only

to have to wait again."

Despite the final outcome, Poste-Schiavo reflected positively on her team's outstanding 2023 season in which her squad finished with an 18-3 record and won an outright GBL crown after sharing the title in 2022 with Lynn Classical.

"We had a great season and won the GBL title, which we need to embrace," said Poste-Schiavo, who wrapped up her 25th season at the helm of the EHS softball program for which she herself was a star performer in her years at Everett High.

"I want to say thank you to parents for sacrificing any free time they may have had to support the team," she continued. "They may not always have agreed with us, but we appreciate all of the parents for trusting us with their daughters. I would also like to thank the coaching staff for always being there for both the girls and me. We would not have been as successful without them.

"This team taught me how to be a better coach and person and made me realize that while it is fun to win, it was more important to see each of them become better players and people," Poste-Schiavo added. "We had an amazing season and created memories that we can always look back at and be proud of our accomplishments. Thank you to our fans, families, friends, newspapers, and school administrators for always supporting us and recognizing our hard work."

The Lady Crimson Tide's post-season accolades were highlighted by the selection of senior captain Skane as the GBL's Most Valuable Player. Joining Kristi on the GBL all-star team were catcher Kayley Rossi, her fellow senior captain and battery-mate; junior shortstop Gianna Masucci; and sophomore center fielder Emilia Maria-Babcock.

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Food Bank Coalition of Massachusetts organizes final stop of MEFAP Road Show in Everett to highlight local food producers

Senator Sal DiDomenico, a Food System Caucus Co-Chair, joined the Food Bank Coalition of MA's stop of the MEFAP Roadshow at Teddie's Peanut Butter in Everett. The Coalition's Roadshow highlights the benefits of MEFAP (Massachusetts Emergency Food Assistance Program) for local farmers, food manufacturers, and emergency food providers around the commonwealth.

MEFAP ensures a consistent supply of quality nutrient dense foods and locally grown fresh produce to a statewide network of 850 emergency food providers. Each provider is a member of one of the four food bank distribution centers: The Greater Boston Food Bank, The Merrimack Valley Food Bank, The Food Bank of Western Massachusetts and The Worcester County Food Bank.

This installment features a tour of Teddie Peanut Butter, a MEFAP vendor and key supporter of hunger relief efforts through frequent donations to The Greater Boston Food Bank over their 30+ year partnership. A speaking program will follow, featuring leaders from state government, Teddie Peanut Butter, The Greater Boston Food Bank, the Mass. Department of Agricultural Resources and the Merrimack Valley Food Bank.

"The prices of food are rising in our state and wages are not keeping pace," said Senator Sal DiDomenico. "The Massachusetts Emergency Food Assistance Program is critical for ensuring our most vulnerable residents can access food and supporting food suppliers across the state. Food prices rising and extra federal SNAP benefits expiring presents an urgent crisis, and I am proud to have worked with my colleagues to secure \$36 million in the Senate budget to fund this essential program. One in three people are food insecure in our state and MEFAP funding has been a lifeline to many people throughout the Commonwealth. Over 29 million meals were made available because of this funding in 2022 and we know the need is increasing this year."

Prior to the May 19 stop in Everett, the MEFAP Road show made stops at McKinstry Farm in Chichester, and the Cape Cod Commercial Fishermen's

Alliance in Chatham.

MEFAP was established in 1995 to ensure that food insecure residents in need have access to a consistent supply of quality food in Massachusetts. The program is implemented through a unique partnership between the state and a private, non-profit food distribution network made up of four regional food banks and serves Massachusetts as both a critical food access and economic stimulus program. Funding is provided by the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources, and the contract is managed by The Greater Boston Food Bank. Last year, the program provided more than 29 million meals throughout the food banks' emergency food pantry networks statewide, and 43% of the funds went directly to Massachusetts farmers, suppliers and distributors according to its FY22 report.

For more information on the \$30 million state contract, see the FY22 Annual MEFAP Report.

The Greater Boston Food Bank (GBFB) is the largest hunger-relief organization in New England and among the largest food banks in the country. As the food bank for Eastern Massachusetts, GBFB is feeding people in 190 towns across the region, distributing the equivalent of nearly 90 million meals through a network of 600 dedicated food distribution partners and programs. A member of the national Feeding America network, GBFB's mission is to end hunger here. The organization remains committed to the belief that access to healthy food is a human right regardless of an individual's circumstances. Through policy, partnerships, and providing free, nutritious, and culturally responsive food, GBFB is committed to addressing the root causes of food insecurity while promoting racial, gender and economic equity in food access. For more information and to help us help others, visit us at GBFB.org, follow us on Facebook, Twitter (@gr8bosfoodbank) and Instagram, or call us at 617-427-5200.

The Food Bank of Western Massachusetts believes that everyone has a right to healthy food regardless of their circumstances. Serving Berkshire, Franklin, Hampden and Hampshire counties,

The Food Bank leads the region's emergency food network of 160+ independent, local food pantries and meal sites, distributing nutritious food to households with lower incomes. Since 1982, The Food Bank has been providing individuals facing hunger with the food they need to survive and leading communities towards lasting solutions to food insecurity by addressing its underlying causes. The Food Bank is committed to creating a western Massachusetts where no one goes hungry, and everyone has access to nutritious food. For more information, visit foodbankwma.org.

The mission of the Merrimack Valley Food Bank is to provide adequate nutrition and freedom from hunger. The Food Bank's programs currently serve 70,000 people monthly in Massachusetts and New Hampshire. MVFB has been providing nutritious food to children, veterans, seniors, and working families since 1991. Food is distributed through direct service and a network of partner food pantries, meal programs, schools and senior centers. Visit <http://www.mvfb.org> or call 978-454-7272 for more information. You can follow MVFB on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

Since its incorporation in 1982, the Worcester County Food Bank, located at 474 Boston Turnpike, Shrewsbury, MA, has collected and distributed more than 50 million pounds of food and grocery product. They help feed hungry people of all ages in 60 communities in Central Massachusetts through a network of local shelters, food pantries, senior centers, residential rehabilitation programs, soup kitchens, after-school programs and neighborhood centers. For further information, visit <http://www.foodbank.org>



Among those attending the tour are Senator Sal DiDomenico, (fourth from right) Cheryl Schondek, Greater Boston Food Bank Chief Operating Officer, Mark Hintlian, Teddie Peanut Butter President and CEO and GBFB Board of Directors Member.



Senator Sal DiDomenico alongside Teddie Peanut Butter leadership and staff and Greater Boston Food Bank leadership and staff.



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