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### **Congratulations EHS Class of 2023**

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Everett High School seniors received their diplomas at the Class of 2023 graduation exercises Saturday, June 3, at rainy Everett Memorial Stadium. See pages 09 to 14 for 2023 Graduation Special Section.

#### MBTA receives funding for advancing local transit reliability

The MBTA is pleased to announce that the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has awarded the T with \$2.96 million in funding for implementing transit signal priority and signal metrics to prioritize buses through 37 signalized intersections in Chelsea, Everett, and Revere. The award is part of the Advanced Transportation Technology and Innovation (ATTAIN) program grant, a \$52.78 million investment package under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL). In this round, ATTAIN expanded eligibility for projects in communities previously lacking in investments, including rural areas and areas of persistent poverty.

transportation," said U.S. Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg in the US-DOT FHWA press release. "With President Biden's investments in innovative technology, we're helping communities make transportation safer and more efficient, particularly in places that haven't received enough resources in the past."

The MBTA's project, which aligns with the Administration's Biden environmental justice initiatives, was one of eight national projects selected to deliver innovative, technology-based solutions designed to improve the travel experience for the millions of Americans who use highway and transit systems. Communities benefitting from this grant award are home to some of the MBTA's most transit-dependent riders and have historically lacked

access to frequent and reliable bus service offering connections to the rest of the network.

"We're helping deliver a leading-edge transportation system designed to reach everyone and to work for everyone, especially those in communities who have lacked access to efficient transportation," said Federal Highway Administrator Shailen Bhatt in the US-DOT FHWA press release. "In Boston, we're making transit more reliable and accessible for people from all walks of life with this advanced technology grant to the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority." 'We congratulate the MBTA, especially the Transit Priority and the Capital Program Planning teams, for being awarded this critical funding that will ultimately result in

faster bus trips in some of the MBTA's most transit-dependent communities," said Transportation Secretary and CEO Gina Fiandaca. "The improvements to come to these bus corridors prioritize reliable, equitable service, and we are grateful to the municipal leaders, members of the Commonwealth's Congressional delegation, officials, and advocates for their collaboration on this win that builds us toward better service at the MBTA.'

### **City Council votes** to grant \$1 million to Everett Youth **Initiative Council**

#### By Cary Shuman

In an historic event for the City of Everett, the City Council has voted to grant a \$1 million appropriation to a youth organization.

The Everett Youth Initiative Council (EYIC), consisting of Everett High students, can now use the ARPA funds to pay for city projects that the Council will ultimately select from proposals that have been submitted by residents.

The Council's vote was a monumental triumph for the Everett High 2023 graduate Kien Lau and Everett High 2022 graduate and Harvard student Samaga Pokharel, who founded the EYIC with the hope of students being able to have a voice in city government. Lau delivered an eloquent address at the Council meeting, highlighting the amount of work that the EYIC had put forth in shaping and advancing its bid for the \$1 million in funding.

Also receiving much praise for their leadership efforts and the long-awaited passage of the \$1 million appropriation were Ward 2 Councilor Stephanie Martins, a co-adviser of the EYIC who championed the cause and supported the students' quest to be heard from the outset, and School Committee At-Large member

Samantha Lambert, a co-adviser of the group.

"I'm very pleased with the City Council's approval of the funding for the Youth Council,' said Martins, who was the sponsor of the original resolution that created the Youth Council. "I'm happy to provide any type of support they need, whether it's questions about city departments, trying to schedule meetings, or just helping them to understand how things work so they can navigate through the process.

Martins described the ideas for projects as "original and amazing."

"And the reason why is because the ideas came directly from the people, and they know what the city needs," said Martins.

Ward 6 Councilor Al Lattanzi voiced his ardent support of the \$1 million appropriation and the dedication of the students.

"I support our students, 100 percent, and I'm happy for them," said Lattanzi. "Now, we're going to see how the funds are going to be dispersed. The students and the community have some great ideas for projects. The students of today are the leaders of tomorrow, and I appreciate the fact that our stu-

"Your code zip determine shouldn't whether you have access to safe, affordable

"Thank you to the FHWA for awarding the T these funds. Upgrades to come as a result of this award include the technology to create a regional Automated Traffic Signal Performance Measurement (ATSPM) system that will support current and future intersections

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dents put so much effort, energy, and thought into this initiative."

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#### ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL

#### **Council Ward 3 candidate DiPierro** has nomination signatures certified

Candidate for Ward 3 City Councilor, Anthony DiPierro has announced his campaign's nomination signatures have been certified by the Election Department and his name will appear on the November ballot. DiPierro is the first candidate in the race for Ward 3 Councilor to make the announcement.

"Thank you to the many residents of Ward 3 that happily signed our nomination papers to get us on the ballot", DiPierro said. "Our campaign is off and running, but this is just the beginning of the hard work to get us to the finish line", he added.

Anthony DiPierro served as the Ward 3 City Councilor from 2016 -2022. During his time in office, Anthony had a proven track record for getting things done for his constituents. He established the Council's Special Committee on the Opioid Crisis, which led to the hiring of a city clinician and substance abuse coordinator. As President of the City Council, he streamlined meetings and fostered a respectful and productive work environ-



Anthony DiPierro.

ment. In addition, he was able to reduce the citywide speed limit and modernize the City's outdated lodging house laws.

Anthony DiPierro is running for City Council once again to bring true ward representation back to the people of Ward 3. His campaign is about what's best for the neighborhood, getting the attention it deserves, and a Councilor that can get the job done. Anthony DiPierro's experience in local government gives him the keen ability to be the leader Ward 3 needs. To learn more about Anthony's campaign, visit www.anthonydipierro.com.

### **Green's Growth** PCSS student Emily Green achieves rank of Eagle Scout

By Cary Shuman

Emily Green, a student at the Pioneer Charter School of Science, Everett, has attained Scouts BSA's highest ranking of Eagle Scout.

Green, 15, received the prestigious, pinnacle award at a special ceremony attended by her family, friends, and members of Troop 56, Cambridge.

The honor was incredibly heartwarming for Emily's mother, Lisbeth Valerio-Green, who is one of the Troop 56's Scout Leaders. Also of note, Lisbeth's son, Jeffrey Gomez, now a student at UMass Amherst, was also recognized as an Eagle Scout, the award presen-



Emily Green displays the award of Eagle Scout recognizing her successful completion of all requirements for Scouting's highest rank.

tation ceremony having been postponed due to the

COVID-19 pandemic. "I'm a proud moth-

er celebrating both of my kids becoming Eagle Scouts," said Valerio-Green, who is originally from Costa Rica.

For her Eagle Scout project, Emily built flower beds at Mass Audubon in Belmont. On the path to becoming an Eagle Scout, Emily earned several merit badges (for such skills as leadership, astronomy, horsemanship, and wilderness survival) and emerged as a leader in her Troop.

Emily originally began as a Girl Scout before beginning her career six years ago in Scouts BSA of America, a program which is open to young

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### **Middlesex Sheriff's Office issues** phone scam awareness reminder

The Middlesex Sheriff's Office is once again warning area residents to be aware of active telephone scams in which perpetrators pose as members of law enforcement.

Over the past several days, the Middlesex Sheriff's Office (MSO) has received information from four residents alleging they have been contacted by individuals posing as members of the MSO. In one call, the scammers utilized the name of a current MSO employee, while in three others the perpetrators actually provided the name of an employee of another area law enforcement agency.

"By utilizing the names of real correction officers, deputy sheriffs and police officers, these perpetrators are trying to lend an addi-

tional layer of creditability to their scams," said Middlesex Sheriff Peter J. Koutoujian. "Fortunately, in all four of the recently reported cases, most of the those contacted quickly realized the calls were fraudulent and none lost any money."

In each of the cases reported to the MSO, perpetrators indicated they were calling to discuss legal matters including outstanding warrants. In one case, the scammer claimed the person he was calling had failed to appear in court as an expert witness and was subject to arrest, however the victim could avoid arrest if she used Venmo to pay a \$4,000 fine.

"No legitimate member of law enforcement will ever ask a member of the

public to pay a fine using Venmo, bitcoin or by wire transfer," said Sheriff Koutoujian. "This is telltale sign that you are dealing with a scammer and should immediately hang up the phone."

Residents who receive scam calls in which individuals identify themselves as MSO deputies may contact the MSO at 978-667-1711 and ask to speak with the Inner Perimeter Security (IPS) Unit. Individuals are also encouraged to notify their local police department.

To learn more about law enforcement arrest scams and how to protect yourself, please visit our website at www.middlesexsheriff.org/arrestscams.

#### **DEMARIA** ANNOUNCES THE ANNUAL **CITY OF EVERETT** INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

Mayor Carlo DeMaria is pleased to announce the annual City of Everett Independence Day Celebration will be held on Friday, June 30 at 6pm at Glendale Park, Elm Street.

There will be many activities for everyone to partake in throughout the evening with food, live entertainment, face painting, balloon creations, inflatable attractions and prizes for all. To end the evening, our grand finale will be the spectacular fireworks show to light up the night sky with so many bright colors.

To kick off the event, the Everett City Council will once again be hosting the Doll Carriage, Bicycle and Wagon Decorating Contest. This age-old Everett tradition will allow you to use your imagination and decorate your choice of carriage, bicycle, stroller or wagon in whichever manner you choose and have your entry paraded in front of our stage at the event. It is recommended that you arrive with your entry between 5:30 p.m. and 5:55 p.m. to be sure you're included. Please note contestants must be age 13 or younger to participate.

We encourage all families, friends and neighbors to come together to enjoy a fun-filled evening with us. While we'd love for you to join us for the entire event, if you're just interested in seeing the fireworks show, it will begin at 9:30pm.

Independence Day is a federal holiday in the United States commemorating the Declaration of Independence, which was ratified by the Second Continental Congress on July 4, 1776. America declared its independence from Great Britain to officially become an independent nation. The City will be joining in celebrations across the nation to commemorate our country's 247th anniversary. For more information, please visit cityofeverett. com/calendar/events/independence-day-celebration.



A large number of residents turned out during last year's annual City of Everett Independence Day Celebration.

plenty of family-friendly activities throughout the day. Hosted by DJ Cilla BK, the event will feature live performances by Lex the Shaman, Adrienne Mack Davis, Cherry and Convict Julie.

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Attendees are encouraged to take the courtesy Neighborhood Runner shuttle provided by Encore to the event, which has added the stadium to the route for the day. To find the full schedule and learn more about this free service, please visit cityofeverett.com/ resident-services/everett-living/encore-neighborhood-runner-shuttle-service.

Pride Month is celebrated throughout the month of June every year to recognize and celebrate persons who identify as part of the LGBTQIA+ community. The City will be joining in celebrations across the country by inviting residents and their families to come together as a community while enjoying food, music and fun activities for all. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

#### DEMARIA ANNOUNCES SPECIAL PRESENTATION AT THE CONNOLLY **CENTER**

Mayor Carlo DeMaria is pleased to announce the Council on Aging will be hosting a presenta-

tion titled: "The Ukraine

War and Vladimir Putin,

Consequences Expected

and Unintended, What

You Don't Know But

Should" by author, speak-

er and television person-

ality Henry Quinlan on

Tuesday, July 11, 2023 at

12:30pm at the Connolly

Center, 90 Chelsea Street.

expand your knowledge

about the war in Ukraine

and examine the expect-

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quences the conflict has

The presentation will

He has visited Ukraine more than a dozen times and was interviewed by the Pentagon about a possible successor to Russian President Vladimir Putin.

The highlights of his Russian experiences were being asked by former United States President George W. Bush to assist him and former First Lady Laura Bush with two projects in Moscow. The first project was a tour of a secret Soviet space research institute with Wally Schirra, who is one of the original seven NASA astronauts chosen for Project Mercury, which is the United States' first effort to put humans into space in 1959. The second project was maintaining a 30-year friendship with former Russian ambassador to the U.N., Vitaly Churkin.

All are invited and encouraged to join us for this informative presentation. For additional information, please call 617-394-2270 to be connected to the Connolly Center.

#### **NEW FROM THE EVERETT PUBLIC LIBRARIES:** ATOZDATABASES

The Everett Public Libraries are excited to introduce a powerful resource that will enhance our patrons' research and information needs - AtoZdatabases! AtoZ is the premier database to help users find:

### **Everett Little League's 'Senior Night'** set for Friday at Sacramone Park

#### By Cary Shuman

Everett Little League will hold a "Senior Night" ceremony Friday at 7 p.m. at Sacramone Park.

The program's 25 graduates and their families are lauding the novel concept and looking forward to the event at which time President Brian Savio and City Stephanie Councillors Smith and Darren Costa, who are ELL board members, will present certificates and City of Everett citations to the graduates.

The graduates' parents will receive flowers from the organization.

"Senior Nights" are

#### MBTA / CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1 lifeline," said Ned Keefe,

where the MBTA implements transit signal priority," said MBTA General Chelsea. "The City of Manager and CEO Phillip Chelsea is grateful to the Eng. "This will result in FHWA for investing in the more efficient bus service deployment of next generfor residents who rely on transit to get to and from work, school, healthcare appointments, and recopportunities. reational Thanks to the collaboration and support of everyone involved, the cities and towns we serve, key stakeholders and elected officials, MassDOT, and the Congressional delegation, I'm confident we will be able to deliver faster and more reliable transit service to our riders in these underserved communities. "For households in Chelsea, especially our most vulnerable residents, dependable public transit service represents a

traditional season-ending ceremonies that are held before an athlete's last high school or college game. Savi, with the support of Councillors Smith and Costa, and the other board members, decided to bring that milestone celebration to Everett Little League and honor its 12-year-old graduates.

The Everett youth baseball league, which is open to boys and girls ages 5-12, is enjoying a resurgence in 2023 following a couple of challenging years due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Enrollment is up in each

Acting City Manager of

ation transit signal priority

systems. The City looks

forward to collaborating

age division and new batting cages, an installation arranged by Brian Savi, have been a welcomed addition to the ballpark.

For Brian Savi, the Senior Night ceremony will be bittersweet as his son, Nicholas Savi, an ELL All-Star player, is graduating this season. Nicholas and his All-Star teammates will be competing in the Williamsport Tournament district playoffs which start June 29 at Sacramone Park. The defending champion White Sox, led by home run king Nick Young, are currently in first place in the league.

"Many of Revere's residents rely on the MBTA bus system to get to school, work, and to access services and amenities throughout the region," said Patrick Keefe Jr., Acting Mayor of the City of Revere."These improvements will help support those residents, and hopefully entice new users to access a more efficient and reliable bus system. We applaud MBTA for their efforts in securing this grant and thank US-DOT for their leadership in making this happen." The intersections to be upgraded under this grant award are part of Phase I of the Bus Network Redesign. This work is folded into the Better Bus Project, which focuses on improving system-wide bus service and emphasizes equity within high-frequency bus corridors. This grant award marks another funding win for the MBTA, which has followed an aggressive strategy to pursue Federal discretionary funding to support capital needs across the system. Since the passage of the BIL in 2021, the MBTA and its partners have won more than a dozen competitive grant awards exceeding \$250 million in support of MBTA capital needs. The design work for the project is expected to be complete by the end of 2024. Construction is expected to begin in 2025.

with the MBTA to improve the reliability of bus service in Chelsea and the broader region." "In Everett, where our residents lack rapid transit service, it is imperative that we work together with our state and federal partners to make the existing bus service as efficient as possible," said City of Everett Mayor Carlo De-Maria. "We look forward to these investments as a

building block for future improvements as part of Bus Network Redesign and the Silver Line Extension.'

#### **EVENTS IN EVERETT'S ARTS** & CULTURAL COMMUNITY **CALL TO ARTISTS** My Inspirations

Community Art Show to be on view at Everett City Hall, July 24 to August 24. For artists young and old, ages 0 and up! Entry open to Everett Residents & members of the Everett Arts Association.

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#### **EVERETT'S PRIDE CELEBRATION SET** FOR JUNE 24

Mayor Carlo DeMaria is pleased to announce the City of Everett's Pride Celebration will take place on Saturday, June 24, at Everett Veterans Memorial Stadium, Cabot Street, from 11am to 4pm.

The City is proud to join in the celebration of Pride month with LGBTQIA+ members of our community. There will be food, music and

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caused. Quinlan will also share information you most likely are not aware of based on his unique experience with Russia. Quinlan has 35 years

of experience in relations with the former Soviet Union and Russia including living in Moscow for five years and more than 60 trips to Russia and back since 1986 with his most recent trip being in 2018.

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The Council also passed the Water and Sewer Enterprise Fund budget of \$21.6 million. Also approved was the 2024 ECTV Enterprise Fund budget (submitted by Mayor Carlo DeMaria) in

the amount of \$549,756.

Prior to approving the city's budget, the Council cut funding for some of the city government positions that have remained vacant in recent years.

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Graduates from Everett are (left to right) Ashley Merino, Enaica Voltaire, Sophia Santos, Gabriel Souza, Evy Freire, Michelourdes Frederic, Veronica Peixoto Markovic, Meheley Durand, Kaleb Tedla, Caio Cavanholi, Camil Bernal, Olivia Silveira, Yessly Rivera-Lemus, Arianna Amaya, Trey Parrish, Izmir LaForest, Nikicha Jean Baptiste, Mehak Bector, Mouhamed Razik, Isaac Bernal, and Michael DaCosta.

#### PIONEER CHARTER SCHOOL OF SCIENCE CELEBRATES 2023 GRADUATES

On Friday, June 2, students from PCSS I in Everett and PCSS II in Saugus graduated in a united ceremony at Faneuil Hall in Boston. Many of these students spent their formative high school years studying amid a global pandemic and are now looking to employ their resilience as they begin new chapters of their academic careers.

Pioneer Charter School of Science has a strong reputation for collegiate success. Comprised of students from Greater Boston and the North Shore, the schools' college acceptance rates are notable. In 2023, all 44 students graduating from PCSS I applied to at least one college, with one hundred percent acceptance. A number of them are college-bound, as 90 percent of the Everett-based students plan to attend a fouryear college, eight percent will attend community



**PCSS I Valedictorian Juan** Velez Mesa addresses classmates in his graduation speech.

percent applied to college, with a one hundred percent acceptance rate. Eighty-eight percent will attend four-year colleges and universities, 10 percent will attend community college, and two percent plan to attend trade school.

PCSS I and PCSS II's Class of 2023 were awarded more than \$12 million in scholarships.

Students from both campuses have been accepted to nationally-renowned schools, including Harvard, Tufts, MIT, Cornell, Boston College, and Brandeis.



**PCSS I Salutatorian** Summer Ahmed of Malden gives her graduation speech at Faneuil Hall.

PCSS I's Juan Velez Mesa of Revere was named Valedictorian of the Everett campus's class. This fall, he plans to attend Harvard University in Cambridge, where he declared Computer Science and Mathematics as his majors.

"We are immensely proud of this year's graduating class," Pioneer Charter School of Science CEO Barish Icin says. "The Class of 2023 proved their commitment to academic achievement despite the challenges of the pandemic, and their resilience has carried them

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through. We believe they are destined for success in their futures."

PCSS is a rigorous college preparatory charter school that aims to prepare educationally under-resourced students

world.

PCSS I. located in Everett, serves students in Grades Pre-K through 12 from several communities North of Boston, including Everett, Chelsea,

for today's competitive Lynn, Revere, Malden, and Medford.

> PCSS II, located in Saugus, serves students in Grades Pre-K through 12 from Saugus, Salem, Peabody, and Danvers.



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Of the 46 Saugus PCSS II graduates, one hundred

Mayor DeMaria

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#### NOISE IS KILLING US

For those of us who live in the Greater Boston area, the noise that is all around us -- the roar of jets from the flight paths over our heads, the constant thrum of traffic on our bridges and expressways, the deafening sound of those obnoxious leaf blowers and lawn mowers, the harshness of motorcycles on our roads and of power boats (and those obnoxious jet skis) on the water, and the blare of sirens by fire engine and police vehicles (just to name the most obvious ones) -- is impossible to escape.

We always considered the constant noise to be a part of the background of our environment, the price we pay for living in the city. But the evidence is mounting that noise is much more than a mere annoyance -- it is killing us in subtle, yet measurable ways.

Researchers have found that noise doesn't merely affect our auditory senses (i.e., hurt our ears), but literally reverberates throughout our entire body. Noise causes a stress response in the brain that in turn triggers responses that snake their way along our cardiovascular and nervous systems.

The effects of noise are especially pernicious at nighttime because noise can interrupt a normal sleep pattern, thereby triggering a stress response even if the person does not recall being awakened.

Researchers at Mass. General who have analyzed the brain scans and health records of hundreds of patients report that those who live in areas with high levels of transportation noise are more likely to suffer from arterial inflammation and major cardiac events. Noise may even trigger heart attacks, and higher levels of aircraft noise have been tied to heart-related mortality.

It is estimated that 100 million Americans are subject to a level of noise that is harmful to our health. If the ill effects of noise are as bad as researchers say, it is not surprising that Americans' life spans are shorter -- even when taking into account our ongoing opioid epidemic, COVID, and high suicide rate -- than in countries that are not as "developed" as ours.

And for those of us who try to take care of ourselves by eating well, exercising, etc., it is very depressing to realize that the noise that surrounds us cancels out our best efforts at living a longer and healthier life.

#### THE MIRACLE IN THE AMAZON JUNGLE

The news this week of the rescue of the four children, ages 13, 9, 4, and 11 months, who survived in the depths of the Amazon jungle for 40 days after their small airplane crashed (killing the pilot, their mother, and another adult passenger) is nothing less than miraculous.

This part of the Amazon in Colombia is so remote that it took two weeks for rescuers just to locate their plane and then five more weeks to track down the children. The children are members of an indigenous tribe who teach their children about the wonders -- and the dangers -- of the jungle. According to a statement from the Organization of the Indigenous Peoples of the Colombian Amazon, the children's survival was "a sign of the knowledge and relationship with the natural environment of life, which is taught and learned from the mother's womb and is practiced from a very early age." The childrens' maternal grandmother said that the eldest child, a 13-year-old girl, had a "warrior"-like nature and their grandfather said the 9- and 4-year-old brothers were very "skilled" at walking through the forest. They knew what fruits and seeds they could eat and which ones to avoid, how to capture water, and were aware of the many types of venomous snakes that live in the jungle. During the night, they slept in tree trunks to avoid predators. Needless to say, as one expert noted, "Four Western kids of the same age would have died" there. In fact, we'd add that everyone reading this column would have died in the jungle, save perhaps for someone who has undergone wilderness training in the military. The childrens' story of their survival illustrates how far removed we in the so-called "civilized world" are from nature -- most of us can't even avoid poison ivy or ticks in our own backyards. It also should make us ask this question: Are we better off with the life we have created, or have we sown the seeds of our own demise by our intentional destruction of the natural environment?

## Independent Forum

#### I FULLY SUPPORT THE MITIGATION PROGRAM To the Editor,

As the former Superintendent of the Sumner/ Callahan Tunnels and Boston Transportation Commissioner I fully support the MassDOT mitigation program for the Sumner Tunnel Restoration Project. This extensive infrastructure investment project is vitally needed to assure the continued structural integrity of the nearly 100-year-old tunnel whose

#### **LETTER** to the Editor

structural failure would have devastating consequences for East Boston as well as the region's transportation network. I remember my first day in 1990 in charge of the Tunnels when I discovered that the Sumner Tunnel ceiling was on the verge of collapse from corroded hanger rods, a potential calamity especially during rush hour. I immediately closed the tunnel and initiated a complete ceiling replacement project. To MassDOT's great credit the current Sumner Tun-

nel Restoration project is designed to avoid such an event which would be a calamity for East Boston.

The two-month Project mitigation program includes free Blue Line service for the entire route plus an additional daily train, a free Eastie ferry service, additional ferry service between Boston and the North Shore, discounted Tobin Bridge tolls for East Boston EZ pass residents, and other Measures. MassDOT's decision to change the Restoration project schedule so that it will occur during the traditionally slowest traffic period of the year is also a significant mitigation commitment.

All in all, the Sumner Tunnel Restoration Project is absolutely required for public safety and continuity of essential transportation programs serving the region, including East Boston. The comprehensive mitigation program ought to continue to evolve.

Thank you,

John Vitagliano

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women and young men in grades 6-12.

"I'm so happy about Emily's entire Scouting experience," said Valerio-Green, who helped her family overcome some hardships along the way. "Scouting builds good character. Emily's been in Scouting for a long time, and it's been a beneficial experience in her development."

Emily is also a certified junior softball umpire and plays catcher for the Pioneer Charter School of Science softball team. She began her involvement in athletics as a cheerleader in the Revere Pop Warner organization and has continued as a basketball cheerleader at PCCS. She attended the Beachmont, Hill, and Garfield Schools in Revere.

An excellent student at PCSC with a demonstrated zeal for science, Emily has participated annually in the Massachusetts State Science Fair, recently submitting a project on how Ultraviolet A light from the sun can disinfect water. She would like to be a physician. **Reflecting on her Scouting experience and expressing thanks to her mother** 



Emily Green proudly displays some of the Citations congratulating her on attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

ing an Eagle Scout, a prestigious title she will forever carry with her in life.

"I remember starting in Scouting when I was real-

through the ranks and learning from Scouting leaders about merit badges. I think it was cool just being able to learn these new skills and to become an Eagle Scout." even on days when I was busy with my schoolwork and activities. Having my mother there as a Patrol

Lizbeth Valerio-Green and her daughter, Emily Green, who has attained the rank of Eagle Scout.

#### Your opinions, please

The Everett Independent welcomes letters to the editor. Our mailing address is 385 Broadway, Revere, MA 02151. Letters may also be e-mailed to editor@everettindependent.com.

Letters must be signed. We reserve the right to edit for length and content. Emily talked about be-

ly young, following what my brother was doing, like building Pinewood Derby cars and racing against the older kids," said Emily. "And then when I was finally able to join Scouting, I started progressing

Emily expressed her gratitude to her mother, Lisbeth Valerio-Green.

"She has helped me a lot to keep going in Scouting, Leader was really helpful, it made it more enjoyable that I had someone there that I could go to, and talk to – I'm so thankful that she was involved and at all my meetings."

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#### COUNCILOR STEPHANIE MARTINS HOLDS FUNDRAISER

More than 200 guests attended Councilor Stephanie Martins Fundraiser on Thursday evening at Oliveira's in Everett.



Artist Karyn Alzayer and Councilor Stephanie Martins.



Senator Sal DiDomenico and Councilor Stephanie Martins.



**Councilor Stephanie Mar**tins and School Committee Candidate Daniel Skeritt.



David LaRovere and Councilor Stephanie Martins.



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Attorney Roland Hughes, Councilor Stephanie Martins, Attorney Joe Cataldo.



Councilor Stephanie **Martins and Councilor Al** Lattanzi.



Council Candidate Angelmarie Dinunzio and Councilor Stephanie Martins



Councilor Stephanie Martins thanked supporters.



Councilor Stephanie Martins and supporters.



**Restaurant owner Wilton Rangel and Councilor** 



Councilor Stephanie Martins event at Oliveira's on Thursday evening.

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Councilor Stephanie Martins was joined by elected officials and candidates.



Stephanie

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#### ARTS FOR EVERETT HOST OPEN HOUSE

Arts For Everett hosted their June Open House at Art Lab and the Garage Door Gallery on June 12.

The featured art exhibition was called "Duality" a collection of linocuts and charcoal drawings by advanced art students from Everett High School.

Students who participated were: Daniel Ngo, Tiffany Betts-Augustin, Escobar-Rori-Tiffany guez, Khristy Mejia Reyna, Heidi Orellanda RaSushant Shrestha, and Cleto Becke.

Visitors to the show were able to speak to artists, view the art on display and try their own art projects at Art Lab.

Art Lab and the Garage Door are operated by Arts for Everett, a 501-c-3 non-profit organization dedicated to making art accessible to all of Everett, with the suppoert of the Mass Cultural Coun-

mos, Nicholas Middleton, cil, Everett Cultural Council and Everett Citizens Foundation, as well as other donors and sponsors

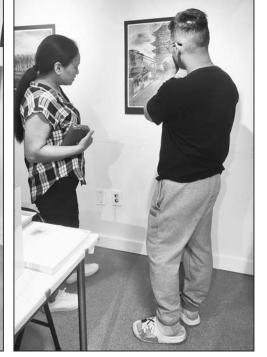
The July Open House will feature Laura Sanchez, an Everett flamenco artist. Visit artsforeverett. org for more information on all of the events at Art Lab Everett and The Garage Door Gallery, or to support them with a tax-deductible donation.



Linocuts at the Garage Door Gallery.



Viewing lincuts at The Garage Door Gallery.



Gusest viewing charcoal drawings at Art Lab Everett.



Busy with activities down at ART LAB.



Evan DeMarzo works on an ArtRock.



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Visitors working on free art activities.

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chusetts skyrocketed at the \$362,000 height of the COVID-19 pandemic, jumping from 57 in 2019 to 189 in 2020. These numbers declined significantly in 2021, when 80 incidents were reported Pat Roberto statewide. **REALTOR Broker/President** 

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reported 106 fires and explosions attributed to fireworks, an increase of nearly a third over the prior year. More than half of these incidents took place in the week of July 4, 2022. All told, the fireworks-related incidents last year caused 38 injuries and \$414,279 in damages - more than double the property loss caused by fireworks in 2020.

"Every single year in Massachusetts, people are hurt and property is destroyed by illegal fireworks," State Fire Marshal Ostroskey said. "As we count down to the weeks when most of these incidents occur, we're reminding everyone that fireworks are illegal because they are dangerous. There will be plenty of permitted fireworks displays this summer, so stay safe and leave fireworks to the professionals."

Last year, joint enforcement efforts by the Massachusetts State Police and Department of Fire Services led to about 40 criminal summonses for violating the state's fireworks laws. They also took off the streets nearly 3,000 packages of aerial shells, cakes, fountains, bottle rockets, large rockets, Roman candles, sparklers, and other dangerous, illegal devices worth upward of \$46,000. Those enforcement efforts will resume this year.

Officials emphasized that fireworks, including sparklers, are especially unsafe around children. Sparklers burn at temperatures of over 1,800° Fahrenheit - hotter than the

aluminum. According to a 2021 report from the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, "there were an estimated 1,600 emergency department-treated injuries associated with firecrackers and 900 with sparklers" in 2020. This accounted for almost 10% of all fireworks-related injuries that year. Of those 900 injuries from sparklers, 44% were to children under the age of 5. Sparklers burn at such high temperatures that they can easily ignite combustible materials even after they are extinguished: in Dracut last summer, nine people were displaced after careless disposal of sparklers started a three-alarm fire in their home.

Unfortunately, fires, explosions, and injuries caused by fireworks are not a new phenomenon. Massachusetts fire departments reported nearly 1,000 fires related to illegal fireworks between 2013 and 2022, officials said. In addition to the 42 fire service injuries, five civilian injuries, and \$2.5 million in damages attributed to these fires, Massachusetts medical facilities reported about 30 severe burn injuries extending to 5% or more of the victims' bodies that were caused by illegal fireworks.

The Department of Fire Services posts a list of permitted municipal fireworks displays and updates it each week through the summer. To view the list – and to learn more about the dangers of illegal fireworks - visit the DFS website.

#### CHRISTIE GETTO YOUNG, SENATOR DIDOMENICO'S CHIEF OF STAFF, RECEIVES LEGISLATIVE STAFFER OF THE YEAR AWARD

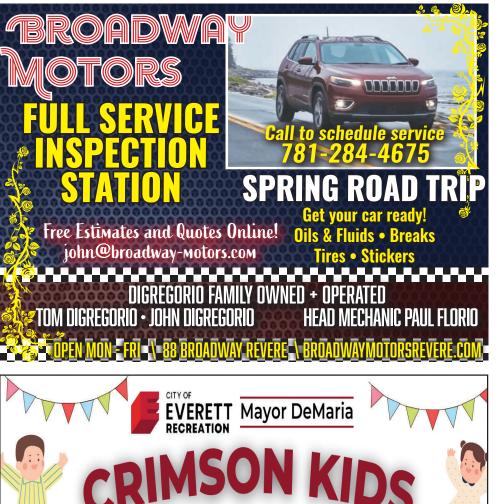
Last week, Senator Sal DiDomenico's Chief of Staff, Christie Getto Young, was awarded Legislative Staffer of the Year by the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC). Christie has worked with DiDomenico and led his team for over 13 years. She has mentored many staffers in the State House and dedicated her legislative efforts to helping children and families throughout the Senate

district and the Commonwealth. People from inside and outside the State House have benefited from her leadership on so many issues that have positively impacted countless lives.

"I have relied on Christie throughout our time in the Senate and she is a trusted friend and confidante," said Senator Sal DiDomenico. "I cannot think of anyone more deserving of this award, and I want to thank MAPC for honoring Christie. She is respected and looked up to by so many people in the State House and in our communities. We are fortunate to have her on our team, and our district is lucky to have her working on their behalf. Her work has made life better for people across Massachusetts and we are so proud of her. Congratulations again, Christie!"



Christie with her husband Josh and their two children, Eli and Emma.





Senator DiDomenico's team left to right: Jim Henry, Senator Sal DiDomenico, Christie Getto Young, Ayla Thorntona, Eli Fenichel, and Ellie Kim.



Shown (left to right) are Lizzi Weyant (Deputy Executive Director of Public Affairs and Advocacy at MAPC), Christie Getto Young, Senator Sal DiDomenico, Marc Draisen (Executive Director of MAPC), and Adam Chapdelaine (former Arlington Town Manager and current Deputy Director at the Boston Green Ribbon Commission).



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#### MassDOT announces alternative travel options ahead of Sumner Tunnel closure

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) today announced a comprehensive mitigation plan to address travel impacts and provide cost effective alternative transportation options for residents and visitors ahead of the scheduled closure of the Sumner Tunnel from Wednesday, July 5, through Thursday, August 31, 2023. The tunnel will be fully closed for approximately two months to facilitate work on the Sumner Tunnel Restoration Project.

The Sumner Tunnel Restoration Project will offer a variety of mitigation options for individuals coming from all travel points, including free trips on the MBTA Blue Line for the during the tunnel's closure; free and reduced cost water ferry options; reduced Commuter Rail fares for riders; reduced parking costs at MBTA and Commuter Rail parking lots and garages; discounted tolls for residents; and additional options for travelers to and from Logan Airport.

In addition to providing the East Boston Ferry as a free transit option, the MBTA has added a new ferry service between Lynn and Central Wharf in Boston to provide an additional transit option during the Sumner Tunnel closure.

These are preliminary measures and MassDOT and the MBTA will continue to consider additional mitigation options as well as new and innovative approaches to modes of transportation.

"We know the closure of the Sumner Tunnel will be a daily impact to those living, working, and traveling in this region," said Transportation Secretary and CEO Gina Fiandaca. "The Sumner Tunnel Restoration Project is a crucial investment in transportation infrastructure in the Commonwealth, and we are working hard to provide as many mitigation measures as possible to those impacted. I want to thank our partners for their efforts in creating mitigation options while this work is ongoing, and our residents and travelers for their willingness to explore alternative travel options over the next two months."

"Since launching the Sumner Tunnel Restoration Project last year, we have been working closely with our partners to identify any and all mitigation measures we can put in place," said Highway Administrator Jonathan Gulliver. "Our message to residents and those traveling is when moving through this area, if possible, leave your car at home and explore the MBTA's transit options, including the Blue Line, Commuter Rail, and ferry service op-



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Mitigation options include free MBTA Blue Line trips, free and discounted ferry service, new ferry service to and from Lynn, reduced Commuter Rail fares, toll discounts, and additional options for Logan Airport.

tions available to you."

"I'm pleased that together with MassDOT, the MBTA is able to offer free Blue Line service to those impacted by the Sumner Tunnel closure this summer," said MBTA General Manager Phillip Eng. "The MBTA has been working hard to reduce travel times on the Blue Line in anticipation of this project. We have the capacity needed on the Blue Line to serve our existing and new customers on this line, and I encourage those who can to take advantage of this free service in July and August."

Additional details on mitigation options are below:

#### Travel To/From East Boston And North End

MBTA Blue Line and Parking

The entire Blue Line in both directions will be free to riders. Gates will be open at all Blue Line stations from Wonderland to Bowdoin.

An additional train will be added to the Blue Line in the midday period to help support more riders riding the line.

All MBTA parking lots and garages on the Blue Line will be reduced to \$2/ day. Additional free park-

Mayor DeMaria

ing is available near Wood Island Station.

Visit mbta.com/Sumner for additional information.

#### **Discounted Tolls**

Discounted tolls will be provided for the Tobin Bridge and Ted Williams Tunnel for those registered in the Resident Discount Program.

Real Time Traffic monitoring will be available at 13 local intersections.

#### **East Boston Ferry**

The East Boston ferry will be free during the tunnel's closure.

The East Boston ferry service project operates between East Boston at Lewis Mall and the downtown Boston area at Long Wharf. East Boston ferry service schedules are available online with all ferry service schedules available at mbta.com/ ferry.

#### **Travel To/From The North Shore** Commuter Rail and

Parking

Zone 1A (\$2.40) fares from Salem and Swampscott Commuter Rail. Parking at Salem and Swampscott is just \$2 per day.

Free parking at lots

som St. dock. Bicycles are allowed on the ferry.

Riders may use a Zone 1A fare (\$2.40).

The Lynn Ferry will operate five days/week on weekdays only, with 10 trips per day. Schedules are being finalized and will be released as soon as they're available.

#### Travel To/From Logan Airport

#### Logan Express

There will be a 25% discount when you buy tickets online, and children under 17 ride free.

Adding additional parking capacity at Braintree Logan Express.

MBTA Silver Line (SL1 & SL3) buses can use the I-90 EB Emergency Ramp.

"Skip the Security Line" at Logan will be available for all water transportation users (must show ticket).

Added stop at Logan Airport by the Winthrop Ferry.

MassDOT also has a working partnership with public safety agencies and Boston EMS to support public safety during the Sumner Tunnel closure. There will be two dedicated ambulances for East Boston, two rotating ambulances to support the day shift, two rotating ambulances to support the evening shift, and one rotating ambulance to support the overnight shift. As part of the public outreach process, over the last five years Mass-DOT has engaged with a wide range of community stakeholders, large employers, advocates, trade organizations, and community groups. A handson approach has been undertaken to inform as many people as possible about the Sumner Tunnel Restoration Project - in-

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Blue Line benefits also apply. Travelers are encouraged to utilize the Wonderland Station parking lot if coming from the North Shore.

#### Lynn Ferry

The Lynn Ferry will operate between the Blossom St. dock in Lynn to Central Wharf in Boston (near Aquarium).

Free parking at the City of Lynn-owned lot will be available near the Blos-

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### **Congratulations** to the Class of 2023!

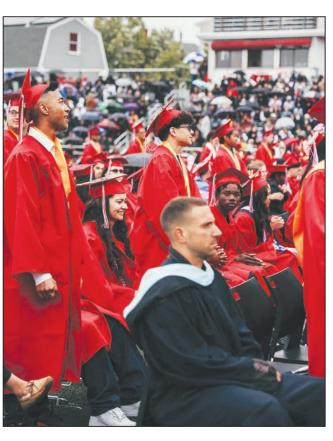


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### **The Graduates**



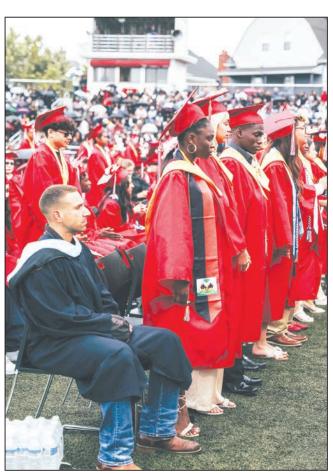








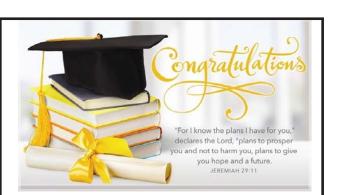












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### **Speeches** "If Not Us, Then Who?"

Good morning, class of 2023, parents, teachers, friends and esteemed guests. It is an immense honor to stand before you to celebrate the years of hard work and dedication. Before we face the future that will be imposed on us shortly, let us take a moment to reflect on where we've been, and how we got here.

To the parents who spent their whole lives worrying after their children, molding us into the people we are today, I cannot thank you enough. To parents who came to every single event or those who couldn't come because they were busy working 24/7, thank you. To our siblings who annoyed us to hell, and yet still taught us so much about life, thank you. To our grandparents who taught us love and compassion, thank you. To the unique teachers and counselors who showed us their unwavering support in whatever outlandish club we wanted to create, and those who we could come to for life advice for whenever we needed them, I thank you. And finally thank you to our school administration, our superintendent, and custodians who worked hard to keep the school afloat.

When I was 12, freshly out of Nepal, and entering Middle School, high school seemed so out of place - a stage of life that I'd only reach when I was eons old - and yet 2 years later- there I was in freshman year. Back then, senior year seemed so far away, too far away to even glimpse. Thinking back at our 12 year old selves, how much have we changed? Our friends, teachers, beliefs, aspirations, all morphed either because of our changes in surroundings, experiences or circumstances. While some of us wanted to be astronauts or teachers or doctors- I know I did- the future is not as predictable as we hoped for it to be. But it is that lack of predictability which makes life fun, because if we already know what our future holds, what is there to look forward to?

When I envisioned my high school experience, I did not imagine my sophomore year in isolation. I don't think that any of us expected to live through a pandemic- especially not one in through high school experience- but we did. We did it through glimpses of humor, Scavenging for toilet paper rolls in stores, late night "among us" sessions and binging Money Heist, and most importantly, trying to not fall asleep during Zoom math classes. All these experiences really have connected us together, because if not us, the class of 2023, then who? As the class of 2023, no

As the class of 2023, no matter what we believed we wanted to do and how much we fulfilled those



Shreeya Musyaju Speech EHS Class of 2023 Valedictorian

goals, we have achieved so much. It is easy to compare ourselves to other people - there will always be those ten year old Russian figure skaters who can nail a triple axel, and I can't even stand up on skates. But it is how much you have improved that matters the most. When you draw or paint, it is so easy to compare yourselves to Picasso, or Ms. Pierce or Mr. DeMarzobut looking back and reflecting on the art you created just a couple months ago helps you realize your improvement. We should always push forward- because if not us then who? We have pushed ourselves further these four years,

always striving to be our best.

Whether it be the boys tennis team winning their first match this year after years of defeat, or the percussion becoming World finalists in Ohio after 20 years, our class has come so incredibly far. We have achieved new heights, with the EHS Theater Company winning awards for their production, Loom. We have become role models for one another, providing immense support and love for one another's culture and Heritage. We have become activists, pushing and fighting for what we want and what we believe in, organizing

and participating in two major student-led protests across Everett - because if not us then who? We have been there for one another - the Wave Club providing free products to all, the Key Club organizing food drives, Red Cross Club fundraising for the Syrian earthquakes. and finally we have worked - we have worked at Dunkins, Kelly's, local grocery stores, babysitting our siblings while also simultaneously managing our school work and interests at the same time.

But even with all the work each and every one of us has put in, it is due to our support system that we have pushed through. Like many of us in Everett, I am an immigrant, coming from Nepal. So many of our parents have sacrificed their lives for us, to see us graduate and to be able to have the opportunities that they did not have in their home countries.

Everett itself is such a unique space. You don't just see one culture across Everett, you really do see them all- just walking to the high school I pass around 10 Brazilian food shops that all smell so good. It's like the Amazon rainforest, an ecosystem so diverse that each time you step a foot in, you see something uniquebecause if not here, then where? In Everett, I found the comfort of Nepali people in schools, listening

to little chitter chatter of children finally embracing their mother tongue, savoring the tangy taste of momos at Zuzu Momo. All our home countries hold so much value to us, for me the memories of eating street food and playing in narrow and muddy alleyways remain vibrant, but Everett is a place where we can embrace these memories of our past while creating new ones. We all come from different backgrounds- but living in Everett unites us. Whether we'll be going across the country to California to study math, or staying in Everett to become a cosmetologist, we are all ready to push forward in our lives. Because if not now, then when?

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As we push forward we will find new passions, new friends and new interests but our home- Everett- will always connect us all. To the past us, class of 2023, we have worked hard and persevered to this moment. To the future, this moment is a stepping stone towards the impact we will make towards our world. And to the present, we have done it. Congratulations to the class of 2023 for an amazing four years and I am so proud of all of us, and of all we're going to accomplish. Because if not us, then who?

### **A Sunset's Possibilities**

Good morning class of 2023. First and foremost I'd like to congratulate each and every one of you for making it to this day. These four years have



### The Sacrifices We Make

My fellow graduates, esteemed faculty, friends and family, I would like to thank you for being here on our final few steps into the real world. I am Raphael



been treacherous, to say the least, but through it all, we've remained resilient and focused. I'd like to also thank all the teachers at Everett High, this profession is a hard one and in more recent times we have seen more and more people leave it. I thank you from the bottom of my heart for not. For sticking by us and giving us quality education. I hope you look into this crowd today and feel proud of the fruits of your labor. Thank you to all our guidance counselors who are bombarded the first weeks of school each year about schedule changes, a special shoutout to the nurses who always had ibuprofen for my headaches, and the custodians who work tirelessly to keep our learning spaces clean and on top of that being some of the friendliest and kindest people you can find in this building. Thank you to our administrators who support all programs here at Everett High, and to our superintendent and mayor who have taken time out of their busy days to become familiar faces at school events. Finally, I'd like to thank the families. You have been our number one supporters since well before we stepped into this building and will remain with them long after we step out. We recognize and appreciate all the sacrifices you've made to get us to this point.

Riley Avelar EHS Class of 2023 President

For the last three years, you all have given me the honor to serve as your class president. Senior sunrises, sunsets, and spirit weeks, the class cabinet, and I have hoped to leave you with at least one fond memory you could look back on years from now. When I look at this class I see what it really means to be from Everett. Over these years you have shown your strength and outspokenness never settling for anything but the best this city has to offer you. These values will carry you through the tough times that anyone is sure to face in their life. You should be proud of the work you have done and the people you've become.

I understand for a lot of you, today is a frightening day as much as it is exciting. There are so many little things like our lunchroom conversations with our friends, our morning routines, and sports practices that we've become accustomed to but, as this day has drawn closer, realize we will never get back. This fact scares many of us, myself included. But as a Skywalker once said, "You can't stop change any more than you can stop the suns from setting." So as this sun sets recognize its beauty but embrace the new beginning it will bring you. You can not avoid change but you can choose how to handle it. You can give up or keep fighting, choose to be bitter or to be better; to be defeated or determined. When you wake up tomorrow you will be living a new life completely of your own. Take advantage of it. Everett High will become a place of your past in which you can leave as much or as little of it as you want behind. This world is so big and full of opportunities and we are so young so go out there and create the world you want and turn your possibilities into realities.

One last time Roll Tide! Lemus Solis from the STE pathway and I would like to share a warm welcome to this special occasion, a milestone for us.

It is crazy to think that we were a teeny little freshman out and about not too long ago. Some say out in the wild. But, with just one blink--it only took ONE blink--to come here in the present moment four years later. With that one blink, we went through a plentiful amount of memories. Ah yes, the memories. I remember the long nights staying up. For what? For why? Homework and tasks that I needed to do. To complete these redundant things, I needed to sacrifice something. Something dear to me. Something I loved. Sleep. Yes, sleep: how many of you have had to stay up later than you wanted, or wake up earlier than you wanted? Probably all of us have made that sacrifice, which makes today all that much sweeter. Looking back on those

late nights, it was unfathomable to think that it would pay off. How many of you had the thoughts that attacked me: What if I don't finish? What if it's not good enough? What if I'm just wasting my time? What if? What if? But I drank my Monster and kept going. Like T.S. Eliot once said "Only those who risk going too far can possibly find out how far they can go." And here we are today, after multiple trials and errors, multiple answers - some right, some

Raphael Lemus Solis EHS Class of 2023 Salutatorian

wrong, we can now proudly say that we reached a significant milestone. And we have so much more to learn, and so many more places to go. But we will not get there without hard work and sacrifice. Along with supportive people around you.

With the future in our hands, to be in the position in which we want to be, we need to make sacrifices. Whatever looms ahead, such as autonomous vehicles, our continuous fight for equity, stupendous mathematical equations, we will have to sacrifice something to continue moving forward and make a change in the world. Maybe time, maybe money, maybe sleep. Maybe the comfort of our habits and routines.

In our lives, we have already seen rapidly developing technology and that will only continue exponentially. We have come across advancements in various fields, including manufacturing, healthcare, and agriculture. Advances in renewable energy technologies, such as solar and wind

power, have continued to drive down costs and increase efficiency. And let's not forget AI, which came in clutch with those last minute assignments. Deep learning techniques, powered by different networks, have achieved impressive results in areas such as image recognition, natural language processing, and speech recognition. The different technologies created, all came from the sacrifices people made to follow their passions and create something unique in the world.

Some of these changes are scary, but I am glad to say that we are the generation to implement and innovate such things in order to improve the environment around us. Some of us did our capstone projects that revolutionized our expectations, some of us raised money for charities. Just this year, our Engineering Capstone class developed methods for managing cryptocurrency and increasing accessibility to language for English Learners. One of

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State Representative Joe McGonagle gives his remarks.







Senator Sal DiDomenico.



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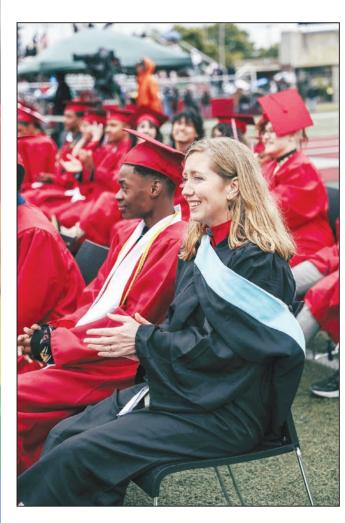
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Built in the 1930s, the Sumner Tunnel is the first traffic tunnel in Massachusetts and one of the oldest in the nation. The Sumner Tunnel is one of four ways into the City of Boston and processes over 39,000 vehicles per

day and is the main connection for East Boston, Logan Airport, and a main entry point for the North Shore.

The Sumner Tunnel Restoration Project is a \$160 million investment in the Commonwealth's infrastructure. The project's scope includes removing and replacing the tunnel ceiling and repairing the overhead arch; demolishing and replacing the tunnel deck and roadway surface; repairing tunnel walls and installing

fireproof panels; installing new LED lights inside the tunnel; upgrading CCTV and fire alarm systems; installing new utility conduits and cables under the bridge deck; and focusing on environmental resiliency with new equipment that will reduce air pollution and improve storm readiness.

This period between July 5 and Labor Day historically has the lowest traffic volumes of the year and is outside of the school year making it much more manageable for traffic management. A second full closure of the Sumner Tunnel will then occur in the summer of 2024, for approximately two months during a similar period between July and August.

For additional details on the Sumner Tunnel, please visit mass.gov/ sumner-tunnel and sign up for email updates at Mass-DOT.

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#### **LEGAL NOTICE**



The City of Everett, invites proposals from qualified firms for Grant Administration, Design, Permitting and pre-construction services for the Island End River Flood Resilience Project no 24-05. The City of Everett and its partner the City of Chelsea have been awarded a Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) FY23/24 grant from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental

#### Affairs (EEA) to support region al goals for flood resilience in the Island End River corridor. The Cities of Chelsea and Everett propose to construct a coastal flood barrier, Storm Surge Control Facility, and related amenities at IER in the Cities of Chelsea and Everett (the "Project Site"). The approximately 5.6-acre Project Site is currently comprised of a mix of commercial and industrial uses and supporting roadway and utility infrastructure. The proposed IER Flood Resilience Project (the "Project") will construct an approximately 4,640 linear-foot ("If") flood

barrier, an approximately 2,900 square-foot underground Storm Surge Control Facility, approximately 50,000 square feet of nature-based solutions along the riverfront, and associated wetland and public access improvements along the IER. The contract will be awarded in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 30B. Each Proposal shall be delivered to the attention of Allison Jenkins. Procurement Officer. City of Everett, 484 Broadway, Room 14, Everett, MA 01249, by 1:00 PM on July 10, 2023. Any questions about this (RFP) shall be directed in writing to

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Allison Jenkins, Procurement Officer to allison.jenkins@ ci.everett.ma.us. The City reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals if the City determines that it is in its best interest to do so. The City reserves the right to waive any informalities. Allison Jenkins **Chief Procurement Officer** City of Everett Allison.jenkins@ci.everett. ma.us 617.394.2288 **City Hall Hours** Open hours Days of week Monday 8 AM - 7:30 PM

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**Nancy Foti** Retired accountant

**OBITUARIES** 

Nancy R. Foti of Everett entered into rest on Saturday, June 10 at home surrounded by her loving and devoted family. She was 82 years old. She was born in Everett and remained a lifelong resident. Nancy was an accountant who worked for various accounting firms throughout her long career.

The beloved daughter of the late Josephine (Basile) and Peter Foti, she was the dear and devoted sister of Frank Foti and his wife, Rose of Billerica, Sadie Graziano and her late husband, Giulio of Saugus, Josephine G. Foti of Everett and the late Mary Ann Foti; loving aunt of Angela and James McCormack, Julie and Robert Martin, Fiore and Rosalie Foti, Frank and Sue Foti and Nicole and Mark Ananian. Nancy is also survived by several loving grandnieces, grandnephews and her fe-



line companion, Sydney.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Nancy's visiting hours in the Cafasso & Sons Funeral Home, 65 Clark St. (Corner of Main St.) Everett today, Wednesday, June 14 from 9 to 11 a.m. A graveside service will follow at the Woodlawn Cemetery, 302 Elm St., Everett at 11:30 a.m. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Nancy's memory to the ASPCA.org would be sincerely appreciated. Parking with attendants on duty.



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