

NFPA provides resources for mitigating fire and electrical hazards related to record-breaking heat

With extreme temperatures breaking records around the world, scientists predict that 2023 could be the hottest year on record. As a series of heat waves continue to blanket large portions of the U.S., residents are actively looking for more information on what they can do to beat the heat safely.

In response, the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®) is distributing resources to support the media’s coverage of extreme weather, including action steps and tip sheets that can help residents stay fire-safe when using portable air conditioners, fans, and other cooling devices in warmer weather.

“As temperatures continue to increase across the country and more people turn to portable air conditioners and fans at home to cool off, these devices are often running at the same time we’re plugging

in computers, kitchen appliances, and other devices, and for more hours a day than usual, which can present a fire hazard,” said Lorraine Carli, vice president of Outreach and Advocacy at NFPA. “By learning the proper way to plug in appliances and safeguard electrical outlets in the home, people can take simple steps to greatly reduce fire, electrical, and associated hazards.”

NFPA offers these best practices for staying fire-safe during extreme heat:

- Plug only one heat-producing appliance (such as a coffee maker, toaster, space heater, etc.) into a receptacle outlet at a time.
- Plug major appliances (refrigerators, dryers, washers, stoves, air conditioners, microwave ovens, etc.) directly into a wall receptacle outlet. Extension cords and plug strips should not be used.
- Check electrical cords

to make sure they are not running across doorways or under carpets. Extension cords are intended only for temporary use. Have a qualified electrician add more receptacle outlets in your home to reduce the use of extension cords.

- Turn off lights when you are not in the room. Unplug appliances when not in use.

Carli notes that residents should call a qualified electrician or landlord when encountering the following warning signs in a house or apartment:

- Frequent problems with blowing fuses or tripping circuit breakers.
- A tingling feeling when touching an electrical appliance.
- Discolored or warm wall outlets.
- A burning or rubbery smell coming from an appliance.
- Flickering or dimming lights.
- Sparks from an outlet.

News in Brief

DEMARIA ANNOUNCES NEPAL DAY

Mayor Carlo DeMaria is pleased to announce the City of Everett has partnered with the Greater Boston Nepali Community (GBNC) to host Nepal Day on Sunday, August 6, at Glendale Park, Elm Street.

All are invited to celebrate Everett’s growing Nepali community at this event that promises to be a fun day of dance, food, and live music representing the Nepali people and culture.

“We are proud to partner with the Greater Boston Nepali Community to host Nepal Day in the City of Everett,” said Mayor DeMaria. “This is a great opportunity for all residents to come together as a community to celebrate and learn more about Nepali culture and partake in all this event has to offer.”

The GBNC is a thriving association of Nepalis and friends of Nepal living in and around the Boston area. Over 600 people comprise this diverse group of students, professionals, families and workers.

In case of inclement weather, the rain date for this event is Sunday, August 13.

LOT DRAWING FOR MUNICIPAL PRIMARY

The City of Everett invites the public to attend the Municipal Primary Drawing by lot on Thursday, Aug. 10, at 6 p.m. at the Election Office in City Hall, located at 484 Broadway.

DIDOMENICO ADVOCATES FOR PROVIDING MORE SUPPORT TO STUDENTS WITH DIABETES



Senator DiDomenico testified at an Education Committee hearing in support of his bill, S.262, which would help children with diabetes management in school. DiDomenico explained to his committee colleagues, “I know how hard and time-consuming it is to manage diabetes for many of our students. We are in a time right now where we are reimagining schools and how we can best support our families. This bill will allow countless students to remain in their classrooms and receive the education and school experience they deserve.” The bill, an Act providing for diabetes management in schools, would allow a school nurse or school physician to designate other school staff to give a glucose monitoring test or insulin in the case a student is unable to self-administer the test or give themselves insulin.

REMINDER: 12-DAY SERVICE CHANGE ON ORANGE AND GREEN LINES FOR GOVERNMENT CENTER GARAGE

The MBTA is reminding riders of a 12-day service change on the Orange and Green Lines ending August 9.

As previously announced, due to the continued demolition of the Government Center Garage by private developer HYM Construction, Orange and Green Line service changes will take place in the downtown Boston area all day for 12 days:

- Orange Line trains will bypass Haymarket

Station. Orange Line riders should instead exit at North Station or State, less than a half-mile from Haymarket (or a four- to eight-minute walk), and travel to the Haymarket area.

- Green Line service will be suspended between North Station and Government Center Station, with riders instead asked to walk above ground between these stations – Government Center, Haymarket, and North Station are each less than a half mile from each other (about a five- to 10-minute walk). The distance between Government Center to North Station is about three-quarters of a mile (about a 13-minute walk).

UPCOMING LIBRARY EVENTS

The following events are scheduled at the Parlin Library for the week beginning August 7.

Parlin Adult and Teens

Karaoke Night Parlin Meeting Room. Tuesday, August 8 at 5:30 p.m. Unleash your inner superstar and join us for a spectacular Karaoke Night at the library! Grab the mic, sing your heart out, and enjoy an unforgettable evening of music, laughter, and community. No registration needed, but sign ups will be first come, first served.

Board Game Afternoons Parlin Fireplace Room. Thursday, August 10 at 3 p.m. Join us for an afternoon of board game fun at the library! Play your favorite classic games with friends, family, and fellow board game enthusiasts. No need to bring your own games—we have plenty to choose from. Join us to learn new games and enjoy friendly competition.

Create Your Own Video Game! Parlin Meeting Room. Saturday, August 12 from 11 a.m.-12 p.m. Unleash your creativity and bring your game ideas to life! Join Guild Hall Learning’s game development workshop at the Parlin. Learn to turn your vision into a playable game using user-friendly tools. Engage in problem-solving activities and create a unique game that you can continue to develop and share with others. All ages welcome, though this program is recommended for 12+. Spots are limited, so register today.

Origami Club. Parlin Fireplace Room. Saturday, August 12th at 12pm. Learn how to fold animals of all kinds! Open to all ages and abilities. Paper and instruction will be provided

Parlin Childrens

Lego Club. Parlin Children’s Room. Monday, August 7 from 3-5 p.m. 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.

Crafts for Kids Parlin Children’s Room. Tuesday, August 8 at 2 p.m. We will be making a variety of crafts! All kids ages 3 and up are welcome; please come and join the fun! Registration is required. Sign up online or at the Parlin Children’s desk.

Mixed Media Crafts Parlin Children’s Room. Tuesday and Thursday, August 8 & 10 at 4 p.m. Enjoy learning and develop your imagination! Join us for mixed media crafts every Tuesday and Thursday at 4 p.m. throughout the month of August. This program is funded by the Everett Cultural Council. Recommended for ages 4-12. Registration is required, and spots are limited, so sign up today at everettpubliclibraries.libcal.com

Storytime and Sing-along with Karen, Parlin Children’s Room. Wednesday, August 9 at 11 a.m. Join us for a fun-filled morning of singing and storytelling with Karen! Suggested ages 0-6.

Drama Class. Parlin Children’s Room. Wednesday, Wednesday August 9th 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.

Friday Family Movie Night! Parlin Meeting Room. Friday, August 11 at 3 p.m. Break out the popcorn! Come and watch Kiki’s Delivery Service with your friends and family.

Shute Adult and Teens

Personalized Jewelry Making, Shute Meeting Room. Thursday, August 10 at 7 p.m. Join us for a relaxing evening of jewelry making. With plenty of beading options, all we require is that you bring your creativity! Design your own personalized piece of jewelry, wear it, and show it off just in time for the fall. This program is generously funded by the Friends of the Everett Public Libraries. Recommended for ages 14-109! Available spots are limited, please register by going on our website: everettpubliclibraries.org.

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.

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WARD 6 COUNCILOR AL LATTANZI ATTENDS EVERETT PRIDE DAY



Ward 6 Councilor Al Lattanzi (second from left) and Councilor John Hanlon (second from right) join Briana Hyppolite (left) and Everett Veterans Office Antoine Coleman for a photo at Everett Pride Day.

Ward 6 Councilor Al Lattanzi attended Everett Pride Day at Everett Veterans Memorial Stadium and delivered remarks during the speaking program.



Ward 6 Councilor Al Lattanzi (right) greets Roberto Velasquez and his son, Julian, at Everett Pride Day.

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Director of the Jordan Boys & Girls Club in Chelsea, and remained in that role until 2008 when he became the President and CEO of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston, of which Chelsea is a member. He held that position until 2020.

The City of Chelsea recognized Kraft’s outstanding leadership by naming a street in his honor: Josh Kraft Way.

“I loved what I was doing, I loved all [of] the neighborhoods in the city,” Kraft reflected. “After my family, it’s the most important thing in my life.”

With the Boys & Girls Club, his most notable highlights were the inclusion initiative, the comprehensive campaign that raised over \$132 million over a five-year period, the rebuilding of the club in South Boston (the Edgerley Family South Boston Club), and the construction of the Mattapan Teen Center at the former public library on Hazelton Street. The vibrant neighborhood youth facility was renamed the Josh Kraft Teen Center in another tribute to his positive, lasting effect on an entire community.

The Teen Center was an inspiring project, according to Kraft, and held its grand opening in November, 2014.

“When we opened [the Teen Center], Mayor Walsh, [the] police commissioner, local police from across the city, political leaders, people [who] lived in the neighborhood... philanthropists,” all gathered for the grand opening. “It really showed the power of community.”

The Boys & Girls Club of Boston had submitted a proposal to build a Teen Center and brought in local labor to help complete the project. A major contributor to the contracting was Gregory (Greg) Janey, founder of Janey Construction Management. In total, 70 percent of the workers were from Roxbury, Dorchester, and Mattapan with subcontractors coming from minority-owned and women-owned companies.

“[Kraft] walked in my office and sat with us at the table and talked together about... ‘we,’ what can ‘we’ do to make sure everyone’s involved on this project,” Janey recalled of the early beginnings of the project.

Janey said that working with Kraft was effortless and enjoyable, and that it was a simple decision to want to partake in creating a safe space for young community members.

He said, “How could you not give back to a place like this?”

gives him the opportunity to “work with some great community folks and [find] ways to make our community better, support those who are marginalized and most in need.”

In 2008, the Foundation worked with the Federal Reserve in Boston, mortgage companies, and banks to hold a mortgage relief workshop for those losing their homes. At the workshop, people received counseling and learned how to get into better mortgages. It served as a great resource for those affected by the economic recession, which impacted everybody.

“The most powerful thing is, the lot for people with disabilities was the first lot to fill up,” he said.

Having the opportunity to give back to the Greater Boston area did not stop there for Kraft, though. The Kraft Center for Community Health, an organization for which he serves as president, furthered his ability to provide basic needs to the community. He noted that one of the biggest initiatives was creating mobile vans to treat those with opioid addiction, providing them with resources and aftercare.

“Everybody deserves access to... basic things like food, food banks, education, afterschool programs, and one of the most important things is health – good healthcare,”

Kraft said, adding that the organization acted as a vehicle to first-class healthcare for everyone.

Advocating for cancer screenings

Kraft has also taken steps to advocate for medical cancer screening. In 2018, he was diagnosed with prostate cancer and found nearly two years later that his PSA (prostate-specific antigen) count was high again after having his prostate removed when the cancer was detected. He was re-treated with radiation and hormone therapy a second time.

“All people should get screened... screening is prevention,” he said, remembering the common phrase, “An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.”

Will be teaching a course at Suffolk

Creating equal opportunities and accessibility to all is something he continues to emphasize throughout his career. In the Spring 2024 college semester, Kraft will be teaching a non-profit management course at Suffolk University.

Kraft, 56, graduated from Williams College in 1989 and was the recipient of the Bicentennial Medal from his alma mater. He continued his education at Harvard Graduate School

of Education, completing his master’s degree in Education and Social Policy. This past May, he was the commencement speaker at Nichols College.

Alongside his course at Suffolk, Kraft also hopes to help students earn and complete non-profit internships.

Bringing a community together through sports

“My brothers and I have seen how important [philanthropy] was and how powerful it is for the community,” said Kraft.

Being directly connected to such a large and influential sports culture in New England, Kraft discussed the special importance of sports in giving back to their communities one initiative at a time.

“When you’re on the parade route [through Boston] you see everybody. It doesn’t matter their socioeconomic status, who they love, what their religion is, everybody’s celebrating... to have that power, sports teams can do so much for the community because it brings everyone together,” Kraft said. “So, when a team takes the lead on an initiative, no matter what it is – fighting racism, LGBTQ+ rights, homelessness, food insecurity– usually it’s going to inspire a lot of people because sports have that ability to unify.”



Josh Kraft stands outside the Josh Kraft Mattapan Teen Center, which was named in his honor to recognize his outstanding leadership as the founding executive director of the Jordan Boys and Girls Club in Chelsea and as president and CEO of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston.

Real Estate Transfers

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Dhakal, Asmita S	Cagnina, Cheryl	14 Harrison Ave	\$660,000
Sherpa, Sangye	Mitchell Jr, John T	40 Englewood Ave	\$910,000
Vivas, Porfirio A	Kinney, Daniel M	55 Central Ave	\$381,000
Meena, Sita R	Ventre, Angela M	72 School St #5	\$425,001
Jji Development LLC	Nguyen, Peter V	82-86 Nichols St	\$750,000
Gutierrez, Rudis A	Mccormack, Christine	149 Chelsea St	\$1,025,000
Cavallo Corp	Catino, Eleanor	Agneous Ave #6	\$165,000
Cavallo Corp	Catino, Eleanor	Agneous Ave #5	\$165,000
21 Green Street Rt	Adamson, Randolph J	21 Green St	\$522,000
Shanik, Muhannad	Stefanilo Julia T Est	65 Harris St	\$655,000
Fernandez, Sergio A	Pino, Nelly	111 Vane St	\$660,000
Castro, Vilma M	Qualtieri, Rocco	133 Patriot Pkwy	\$850,000
Fridman, Igor	Thomas, Molly	218 Beach St #5	\$454,500
Qualtieri, Rocco	Woods, Fergal P	640 Revere Beach Blvd	\$1,250,000



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three children, Ross Pietrantonio, Courtney Pietrantonio Jackson, and Ryan Pietrantonio, who are all graduates of Everett High School. Ross works as a sales representative in the computer software industry. Courtney is a teacher in the Everett school system. Ryan works for the Local 22 Laborers Union.


All three are outstanding athletes. Ross was a star on three of Coach John DiBiaso’s Everett High Super Bowl championship teams (2001, 2002, and 2003) in addition to being an excellent basketball plater for the Crimson Tide. He went on to play football at Trinity College in Connecticut and was an assistant coach in the EHS football program. Ryan also excelled in football and had an accomplished amateur boxing career. Courtney is a former

Everett High School and Everett Pop Warner cheerleader.


Peter Pietrantonio coached his two sons in the Everett Huskies Pop Warner organization, Everett Little League, Everett Recreation basketball, and Breakers travel team basketball. Peter and Marlene Pietrantonio also have two grandchildren.

Pietrantonio said he went door-to-door to collect signatures for his nomination papers and the response to his candidacy was very enthusiastic.

“I’ll probably be hitting the doors again next week as people get back from vacation,” said Pietrantonio. “I love Everett and I look forward to meeting with residents and discussing the issues that are important to our city.”



- 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 Monday August 21, 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:
4-6 Chestnut Pl.
Map/Parcel:
M0-01-000135-01-02
Permit Number: B-23-611
Person Requesting:
Anthony Denardo
33 Ferry St
Everett, MA 01249
PROPOSAL:
The owner wishes to enclose an already existing foundation located in the rear of the house. The property is a three (3) family home located at 4 Chestnut Place with a lot area of 4,275 s.f. according to the plot plans submitted by HRH

Consulting Group.
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 B Dimensional Requirements. 7. Rear Yard (A) 25 feet minimum. According to the plans provided, the property at 4-6 Chestnut Pl. has a rear yard of twenty-two (22) feet where twenty-five (25) is required. Enclosing the area in the plans provided would continue the non-conformity of the building by creating more habitable space within the required setback. The applicant shall seek relief from the Zoning Board of Appeals.

MARY GERACE –
Chairman
Roberta Suppa –
Clerk of Board of Appeals
August 2, 2023
August 9, 2023

CITY OF EVERETT
MUNICIPAL PRIMARY – DRAWING BY LOT



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MAKE THE MOST OF THE REST OF SUMMER

The days are becoming noticeably shorter and the sun is not as intense as it was just a few weeks ago. Combined with the cooler temperatures that arrived this week, the inevitability of the end of summer cannot be denied.

On the bright side however, the Labor Day weekend is more than four weeks away, which means that there still is plenty of time to create memories with our friends and family members that will last a lifetime.

So our message is simple: Let’s use these next few weeks to make the most of the summer of 2023!

SINEAD O’CONNOR WAS A PROFILE IN COURAGE

When the late Sinéad O’Connor tore up a picture of the Pope on Saturday Night Live after her acapella performance of Bob Marley’s “War” in 1992, the full extent of the Catholic Church’s complicity in facilitating widespread child-molestation was not fully known.

Here in the Boston area, the predations of the former priest from Revere, James Porter, who molested hundreds of Boston-area children with the full knowledge of Church officials (who had simply reassigned him to different parishes where he continued to molest more and more children) had just come to light.

Church officials assured their members that Porter was just an aberration. But a decade later, when the Boston Globe Spotlight team unveiled the full picture of the Church’s misdeeds and coverups, it became clear that Porter was just the tip of the iceberg, not only in Boston, but throughout the world.

Though O’Connor, who herself had been a victim of child abuse (though not by the church), destroyed her career with her outspokenness on that Saturday Night Live appearance, the courage she displayed with that performance will far outlive her musical legacy.

WHY DESANTIS DOESN’T HAVE A PRAYER AGAINST TRUMP

For anyone who has even a passing interest in presidential politics right now, initially it may seem perplexing that Florida Governor Ron DeSantis is getting clobbered in the polls by former President Donald Trump.

While it may be true that DeSantis has shot himself in the foot time and time again with his views about any number of issues that are so Far Right that even the most conservative Republicans are bewildered by what he says (the most recent example being his support for teaching Florida school children that slavery may have benefited slaves), the real reason why he is trailing Trump by double-digits -- and that margin is growing larger (even in Florida) -- is that DeSantis is nothing more than just another politician.

From the moment that he rode down that escalator in Trump Tower, the big allure of Donald Trump (for his base of supporters) is that he is anything but a typical politician. His campaign rallies and rambling speeches do not follow anything close to a traditional political script.

For his opponents, particularly DeSantis, trying to outthink or outwit Donald Trump is a fool’s errand. Trump doesn’t play by the rules, which not only has proven bad for the country-at-large (January 6), but also means that he is not constrained by the conventions of politics-as-usual. It’s not so much that Trump is playing three-dimensional chess, but that he flips over the board whenever he feels threatened.

In addition, DeSantis faces the conundrum that by accepting Trump’s pretext that the 2020 election was stolen from him, he cannot claim that Trump is a loser. In short, he has swallowed Trump’s bait -- hook, line, and sinker.

The bottom line is that to Trump voters, Ron DeSantis sounds just like any other politician on the campaign stump. There’s nothing about him that is even remotely appealing to the GOP base (or anyone else, for that matter), not to mention that DeSantis has an intensely dislikable personality that makes him seem to be talking down to his audience.

Trump may be a con man -- but both he and his supporters know it and even embrace it.

As for DeSantis, he is as appealing a candidate as Joe Biden -- which is the biggest insult you can toss at any GOP politician.

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Independent Forum

GUEST OP-ED

Seek medical truth, enjoy your life

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

Does your doctor make you feel good? Does he or she tell you what you want to hear just to make you happy? If so, you probably should look for another doctor.

No one enjoys leaving the doctor’s office feeling bad. We don’t want to hear, “You need to change your lifestyle.” We don’t want to hear, “You need to cut way back on your sugar intake.” We enjoy our habits. Habits are hard to break. My wife’s grandfather loved smoking. He wouldn’t give it up even after numerous cancer surgeries. He died at age 65.

A friend died recently. She died from what is often called fatty liver disease. Six months before she died, she told me she was terminal. She said, “I guess I drank too much alcohol throughout my lifetime.” She went on to tell me that her family doctor two years prior had said her issue wasn’t severe

and that she didn’t have to worry.” She was very displeased with her doctor’s passive attitude about her condition that would soon take her life.

Another friend of mine was diagnosed with prostate cancer. His doctor’s approach to his condition was that, “They would watch it. When it became worse, they would do something about the cancer.” They watched it and they watched it kill my friend. Within a year it was out of control and had spread outside his prostate. The doctor’s relaxed attitude about a serious situation did not go well for my friend.

Many doctors want to make you to feel good. Of course, we don’t want a doctor whose goal is to make us feel bad. Typically, they don’t want to lose you as a patient. Still, they should diplomatically tell you what you may not want to hear.

Keep in mind the doctor ordinarily knows more

than we do. However, you do know how you feel. Be aware of your family history. In this information age you have to do some self-study. There is a lot of information on-line about most conditions you are facing. You have to research thoroughly though because often you can find whatever response you want on the Internet. Ask your doctor questions about your research. Tell him or her that you want to make good choices. Be willing to travel to another town if your doctor refers you or seek out someone who might be able to provide the care you need.

The bottom line is we have to rake personal responsibility for our health and do the best we can do. Even when we do everything, we can think of to do, these bodies are subject to disease and death.

Richard Thousand is with the Taussig Cancer Center at Cleveland Clinic. He was recently talking to me about the many

medical advances made in recent years and noted more are on the way. He then said something I had only heard my dad say many times, “Glenn, we aren’t going to get out of this world alive. From the moment we are born, there is something that is trying to kill us. Eventually, it’s going to happen.”

The bottom line is do the best we can with the information we have. Be diligent. Be thorough. Seek the truth from your doctor. Finally, enjoy your life, we all only get one.

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Massport announces schedule for summer runway work

Special to the Independent

The Massachusetts Port Authority (Massport) has announced the Runway 15R-33L Safety and Pavement Rehabilitation Project schedule for this summer. In collaboration with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Massport will begin work on Runway 15R-33L in August, with construction planned for approximately 100 days.

Serving as the longest runway at Boston Logan, Runway 15R-33L is primarily used by the FAA during northwest winds, which are typically prevalent in winter and spring months, and is the preferred late-night over Boston Harbor runway for noise abatement purposes.

Runway 15R-33L was last rehabilitated in 2012.

Beginning August 14, Runway 15R-33L will be closed to all aircraft arrivals and departures. Consistent with FAA requirements, the project will improve runway safety by enhancing the lighting and the surface conditions. Work will be done in several phases to include the following:

- Replacing pavement and improving runway and taxiway intersections;
- Upgrading electrical infrastructure;
- Converting runway lights to energy efficient LEDs.

In addition to the runway rehabilitation elements, FAA recommended safety improvements will be made to several

taxiway intersections to reduce the potential risk of aircraft runway incursions and to enhance airfield safety overall.

This August date was determined based on close coordination with the FAA and airline stakeholders while being mindful of the Sumner Tunnel closure. During the first few weeks of the closure, pavement will be removed and electrical elements will be installed. The majority of the pavement installation will occur in September and October.

Comprehensive mitigation measures will be put in place to reduce construction noise and other impacts to the surrounding communities. Those measures include:

- Reducing noise from

truck back-up alarms within OSHA guidelines and other regulations;

- Maximizing daytime work, particularly noise producing activities;
- Establishing airside haul routes that will maximize distance from neighboring homes, particularly at night;
- Hauling waste and other materials during the day to the extent possible;
- Prohibiting trucks from using City of Boston streets to and from the airport;
- All construction traffic will access the airport via Routes 90/93/1A and Coughlin Bypass Rd.;
- Aiming all lighting used for night operations away from the communities.

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Shown (left to right) are graduate Shevaun Low, CPE director Mary Martha Thiel, graduate Fr. Paul Ikechukwu Ugwu, and graduate Pastor Osita Ehiabhi.

Everett’s Fr. Paul Ikechukwu Ugwu graduates from Hebrew SeniorLife’s Clinical Pastoral Education Program

Ugwu comes to the U.S. from Eastern Nigeria. He had seminary trainings at St. John Cross seminary Nsukka for junior seminary, St. Pope John Paul II major seminary Awka for his philosophical studies, and Michael Iwene Tansi major seminary Onitsha for his theological studies, all in Nigeria.

He was ordained a priest on July 9, 2016 for the Catholic Diocese of Nsukka, Nigeria. He had his pastoral assignments at St. Charles Parish Opi as an associate pastor from September 2016 to August 2017, and personal secretary to the emeritus bishop, Bishop Francis E. O. Okobo, from August 2017 to August 2021. Currently, he is a resident priest at St. Anthony’s Parish, Everett.

Hebrew SeniorLife’s Clinical Pastoral Education program in Boston provides geriatric-focused spiritual care training for seminary students of many faiths, future clergy seeking spiritual care skills, and aspiring or current health care chaplains. Hebrew SeniorLife is proud to offer the country’s only Jewish geriatric CPE program accredited by ACPE: The Standard for Spiritual Care & Education.

Students leave the program trained to support seniors and families through the joys and challenges of aging, loss, and

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- End of life
- LGBTQ older adults
- Spiritual care of the nonreligious.

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MIDDLESEX SHERIFF’S OFFICE CELEBRATES YOUTH PUBLIC SAFETY ACADEMY GRADUATION

Special to the Independent

Middlesex Sheriff’s Office Youth Public Safety Academy cadets from Billerica, Everett, Malden, and Woburn were recognized during a graduation ceremony held at Chelmsford High School on Friday, July 28.

Middlesex Sheriff Peter J. Koutoujian was joined by Malden Mayor Gary Christenson; Woburn Mayor Scott Galvin; State Representative Paul Donato (D- Malden/Medford); State Representative Daniel J. Ryan (D- Everett/ Cambridge/Boston); Billerica Police Chief Roy Frost; Woburn

Police Chief Robert Rufo; and District 3 Governor’s Councillor Marilyn M. Petitto Devaney to salute the graduates.

Now in its 22nd year, YPSA is focused on providing cadets with educational lessons around personal and family safety and other health and wellness topics. Cadets ages 8-12 have the opportunity to meet and learn from local first responders, members of the Middlesex Sheriff’s Office and counselors, while also participating in team-building exercises and fun games.

“YPSA is always one of my favorite times of the year,” said Sheriff Koutoujian.

“Throughout the years, YPSA has provided valuable opportunities for some of our youngest residents to get to know the correction officers, police officers, firefighters, and other professionals who serve their communities on a daily basis. It also teaches cadets crucial lessons about team-building, friendship, and public safety that they can share in their homes, schools and communities.”

To learn more about YPSA and some of the Middlesex Sheriff’s Office community-based programming, visit middlesexsheriff.org/community.



Middlesex Sheriff Peter J. Koutoujian was joined by State Representative Daniel J. Ryan to recognize Everett graduates of the 2023 Middlesex Sheriff’s Office Youth Public Safety Academy.



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SCENES FROM THE INTERNATIONAL SAND SCULPTURE FESTIVAL ON REVERE BEACH

PHOTOS BY DEREK KOUYOUMJIAN

The Revere Beach Sand Sculpture Festival was held this weekend. The theme for this year was the celebration of 90 years of Kong. The scheduled events were delayed by Saturday night's rain-storm, which also diminished the sculptures but the people still came to see the work and enjoy the summer tradition.



Mariah Mansur gets a perch on her dad Samy for a better view of the goings on.



Cynthia Arevalo takes in all the fun everyone is enjoying.



Revere Beach Blvd was packed with people enjoying the mellow summer day.



Michael Breiner with Mat Maier rock out at the Bandstand.



Azlann Loman enjoys the perch on her dad Orlando to get a better look at the sand sculptures.



Maria Costa has her ice cream cone and Frozen doll.



Zurii Gallop, Deena White, and Johnny Jean.

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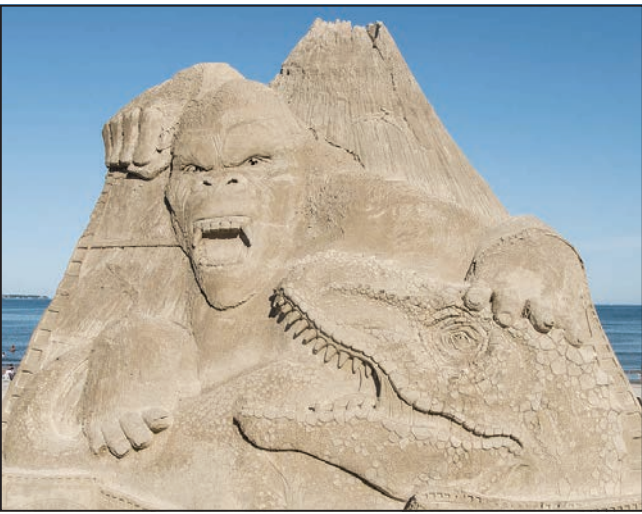
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8TH ANNUAL COMMUNITY IN UNITY BLOCK PARTY

The City of Everett Collaborates with Zion Church Ministries for the 18th Annual Community in Unity Block Party.

The event featured live music, children’s games, competitions, free health screenings and more.

Hosted by Bishop Robert Brown and the Rev. Regina Shearer of the Zion Church Ministries in collaboration with the City of Everett, the annu-

al event was well attended by local and state officials and members of the community. It was open to all and continued to build togetherness and community pride.

Those who attended had the opportunity to partake in a variety of activities suitable for all ages, such as music by Ultimate Music Entertainment LLC, free health screenings thanks to Cambridge

Health Alliance (CHA), a gaming truck, children’s games, dance competitions for children and adults, a corn-hole competition for adults, and a basketball hoops competition. There was also plenty of delicious barbecue food and refreshments available to all who attended.

“What better way to get to know our fellow residents than enjoying each other’s company in

a festive and joyous atmosphere, and that was certainly what we had,” said Mayor DeMaria. “I’d like to thank Zion Church for allowing us to participate in this great yearly happening, and I am already looking forward to next year.”

Mayor DeMaria would like to thank all who participated, contributed and attended the event.



Bishop Robert G. Brown, with the other outstanding church leaders and members of the church community that helped organize the annual Zion Church Ministries Block Party.



The Everett Fire Department made a donation to Zion Church Ministries for the annual Block Party. From left, are Firefighter Michael O'Donnell, Firefighter Derek Volpicelli, Fire Capt. Walter Sikora, Bishop Robert G. Brown, Lt. Adam Ragucci, Firefighter Robert Colameta, and Firefighter Pat Neary.



Everett youths enjoy the annual Zion Church Ministries Block Party Saturday.



Mayor Carlo DeMaria, former School Committee member Frank Parker, Ward 2 Councilor Stephanie Martins, Bishop Robert G. Brown, Councilor-at-Large John Hanlon, Sen. Sal DiDomenico, Ward 6 Councilor Al Lattanzi, and candidate for Ward 3 Councilor Anthony DiPierro.



Jermaine Bellard, with his daughter, Jaelese Bellard, and his son, JB Bellard Jr.



Katy Rogers, candidate for councillor-at-large, and Bishop Robert G. Brown, pictured at the Community In Unity Block Park.



Bishop Robert G. Brown, Senior Pastor of Zion Church Ministries, and Everett Police Officer Robert Hall.



Paul Dobbins, Councillor-at-Large John Hanlon, candidate for Ward 3 Councilor Anthony DiPierro, Patricia DiDomenico, Director of Evangelist Ministry Marcia Brown, Bishop Robert G. Brown, Sen. Sal DiDomenico, and Ward 6 Councilor Al Lattanzi.



Mayor Carlo DeMaria greets guests at the Zion Church Ministries Block Party.



Aminada Michel and her son, Andrew Michel, pictured at the Zion Church Ministries Block Party.



Chelsea City Councilor Calvin Brown and his wife, Sandra Valentin Brown, and their granddaughter, Jade Abreu Valentin.

MBTA Board awards contract to purchase battery electric buses

The MBTA Board of Directors awarded a \$119 million contract to New Flyer of America Inc. for the production and delivery of 80 new, low-floor, 40-foot battery electric buses (BEBs). This vehicle contract award includes an initial base order of 48 conventional BEBs and 32 BEBs with street-side boarding capability. This contract also provides the MBTA options to purchase up to an additional 380 BEBs.

“This contract demonstrates the T’s commitment toward reducing its emissions and is another step toward reaching our climate goals,” said MBTA General Manager and CEO Philip Eng. “In addition to reducing the Authority’s greenhouse gas emissions, these 40-foot battery electric buses have many amenities to enhance our riders’ experience, like flip-up seats, accessibility features, and dual-sided passenger information screens. I would like to thank the MBTA Board of Directors for approving this contract award, our Vehicle Engineering and Vehicle Procurement teams for their hard work on this project, our Bus Modern-

ization team for their diligent work in supporting the T’s fleet and facilities transition to BEBs, and our Finance team for their work in securing federal funding for this procurement last summer.”

The MBTA is committed to social equity, sustainability, and energy conservation. Supporting the Commonwealth’s Net Zero emissions targets, the BEBs purchased under this procurement will reduce transportation emissions, which will result in better air quality within MBTA communities. The procurement, which is part of the Authority’s fleet replacement plan, positions the MBTA to meet the 2022 Massachusetts Climate Law mandate, which requires the T to purchase zero-emission buses only after 2029 and fully electrify its fleet by 2040.

The 40-foot New Flyer BEBs will have a range of 120 miles and feature industry-leading safety features, including the ability to monitor the BEB high voltage battery systems and provide early fault detection. Other features include an enhanced security barrier for bus operators and ADA accommodations that meet or exceed

federal requirements. Street-side capability is also an important feature that allows the BEBs to service the Harvard busway. The street-side boarding BEBs also include an additional accessibility ramp located at the rear street-side door. The contract award includes options for advanced driver safety assistance systems and on-board LCD passenger information screens.

The BEBs will replace the MBTA’s aging 2008-2009 New Flyer Emissions Controlled Diesel (ECD) fleet and the retired 2004 Neoplan Electric Trolley Bus (ETB) fleet. The contract awarded today will result in the delivery of 10 pre-production buses (five conventional BEBs and five street-side boarding BEBs) next summer. The delivery schedule will then be coordinated with targeted openings of the upgraded North Cambridge bus facility anticipated in 2025 and the upcoming new Quincy bus facility anticipated in 2026. With a design that is 100-percent complete, the renovated and modernized North Cambridge facility will be outfitted with state-of-the-art battery electric

bus chargers and a control system to accommodate 32 BEBs. The new Quincy facility will provide inside storage and maintenance bays to accommodate up to 120 BEBs in a new, all-indoor, modern garage.

Funding for this BEB procurement comes in part from an unprecedented \$116 million federal grant that the MBTA received in FY22 through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law’s Federal Transit Administration Low- and No-Emission grant program. This award was the largest in the nation for this grant cycle (tied with the Metropolitan Transportation Authority) and provides a significant boost to the T’s aggressive transition toward an entirely zero-emission fleet of over 1,100 buses by 2040.

The total contract amount awarded today to New Flyer of America Inc. is \$119,087,982.

For more information, please visit mbta.com, or connect with the T on Twitter @MBTA and @MBTA_CR, Facebook /TheMBTA, Instagram @theMBTA, or TikTok @thembta.

OBITUARIES

Dianne Nowell

Nurse whose spirit lives on through the love she shared and the memories she created

Dianne (Roos) Nowell passed away on Sunday, July 23 in her home. Dianne was a truly remarkable woman who touched the lives of many with her kindness, love, creativity and strong faith. Dianne would have turned 73-years-old on July 29.

Dianne was born in Everett on July 29, 1950 to the late Muriel (Carpenter) Roos and Harold Roos. She was the loving wife for over 37 years of the late Paul Nowell Sr., the loving mother of Skipper Carino, Matthew Carino and Audra (Carino) DeBaets and her husband, Kevin; step-mother to Paul Nowell Jr. and his wife, Kayla, Kristen Cardoza and her husband, Mark, Jill Elaine Nowell and Troy Nowell; a cherished grandmother to Shane, Davey, Karina, Adam, Mia and Alex; dear sister to Donna Schiller and her husband, Steve and Judy Russi and her husband, Larry.

Dianne was raised and educated in Everett, graduated from Everett High School in the Class of 1968 and later received her nursing license at Chelsea Soldiers Home where she started a life long career of nursing.

Beyond her nurturing role, Dianne was an artist at heart. Her passion for decorating homes was evident in the countless spaces she transformed into beautiful havens of comfort and style. Her eye for design and attention to detail made her talents highly sought after by friends and family alike. Dianne’s ability to infuse warmth and elegance into every project brought joy and inspiration to those she touched with her creative gift.

One of Dianne’s greatest joys was found by the ocean shores, where she found tranquility and solace.

Whether in her beloved Rockport, MA, or other coastal destinations, the sound of crashing waves and the smell of salt air



brought her peace and happiness. Those who shared these moments with her will forever cherish the memories of her joyous smile, content as she basked in the beauty of nature.

Along with Dianne’s other passions was her passion for Christ. She was a member of the Bridge Metrowest for many years where she made many close friends that became like family to her. There she participated in women’s ministry and outreach programs, working to bring hope to those in need.

In this time of grief, let us find comfort in the knowledge that Dianne’s spirit lives on through the love she shared and the memories she created.

A Memorial for Dianne will be held at The Bridge Metrowest, 7 Strathmore Rd, Natick MA 01760 on August 10 at 12 Noon.

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Schools across the state have been providing universal school meals throughout the pandemic because costs for this



Sen. DiDomenico speaking on the Senate Floor.

program were temporarily footed by the federal government. In 2022, federal support for the program was cut off, but Senator DiDomenico worked with his colleagues to secure enough funding in

last year’s state budget to continue funding free school meals throughout the Commonwealth for the 2022-2023 school year. Thanks to this year’s budget, this program will be funded permanently so

every K-12 school in Massachusetts will continue providing free breakfast and lunch to all students.

This program has been a massive success in Massachusetts over the past few school years. Over 80,000 more students were eating lunch daily when costs were lifted, which allowed them to focus on class and relieved a financial burden from their parents. This is a crucial program especially as costs for housing, transportation, healthcare, and more have risen. Universal school meals will continue to improve the wellbeing of our children and working families throughout the Commonwealth for years to come.

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MBTA to release RFQ for 3-5 year \$120 million renewable energy contract

The MBTA Board of Directors approved the release of a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for an up-to-\$120 million wholesale renewable electricity supply contract, upgrading the T's commitment to renewable energy and continuing its leadership in clean transportation. The MBTA is also further supporting the Commonwealth's climate change goals and meeting Clean Energy Standard requirements by recommending that 30-percent of its power be supplied by Massachusetts solar and wind Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs). "This critical procurement in fully renewable energy, further highlighted by our recommendation to purchase 30-percent Massachusetts Renewable Energy Credits, underscores the T's commitment to electricity produced from renewable energy sources while being fiscally responsible, understanding our energy needs will continue to grow in the future," said MBTA General Manager and CEO Phillip Eng. "We're looking forward to receiving responses to this RFQ, and I thank the dedicated members of our Sustainability and Finance teams for working so diligently to build out this procurement."

"I applaud the MBTA's commitment to renewable energy and its efforts to make clean transportation a reality," said Massachusetts Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs Rebecca Tepper. "This procurement is an important part of our whole-of-government approach to combatting the climate crisis. I'm grateful for the collaboration we have across agencies to achieve our ambitious climate goals and deliver clean transportation to the

people of Massachusetts."

To meet the transportation needs of the region, the MBTA uses many forms of energy and seeks to reduce our carbon footprint and our impact on the environment whenever possible.

Currently, the MBTA is the second largest transportation entity and the fourth largest U.S. government entity powered by renewable energy as well as the 50th largest purchaser of renewable energy overall in the country. As a leader in clean transportation initiatives, this energy procurement upgrades the T's commitment to renewables since its last energy contract in 2021.

The MBTA currently uses approximately 360,000 megawatt hours (MWh) of electricity annually, making the T the largest electricity consumer in the Commonwealth.

The MBTA procures its electricity supply in advance at a fixed price because it makes smart fiscal sense, providing the T with budget stability and predictability in an energy market that can frequently fluctuate. Alongside much of the Commonwealth and the country as more services convert away from carbon-emitting avenues, the T's electricity usage is also projected to increase as the MBTA transitions to battery-electric buses, electrified commuter rail vehicles, and more.

As the Commonwealth's largest electricity consumer, the MBTA is committed to utilizing 100-percent renewable energy sources. The MBTA's proposed electricity procurement includes both the purchase of fixed-price electricity and provisions for the purchase of RECs. RECs certify that electricity has been pur-

chased from a renewable power source, such as wind or solar, with each certificate equivalent to the generation of 1 MWh of electricity.

The winning bid in response to the upcoming RFQ will be in place beginning January 1, 2024, for a three-to-five-year period. Responses to the RFQ may include fixed-price electricity blocks, RECs only, or a combination of the two.

The MBTA's recommendations for the upcoming 2023 procurement include a mix of renewable energy sources – 70-percent hydropower from Maine Class II RECs and 30-percent solar and wind from Massachusetts Class I RECs. The purchase of these Massachusetts Class I RECs would help the T support the Commonwealth's climate change goals and meet Clean Energy Standard requirements. The T's previous 2021 energy contracts were a major achievement in offsetting its carbon footprint, though these contracts provided 100-percent renewable energy sources through hydropower from Maine Class II RECs only.

In order for the purchase of power contract to be in place by December 31, the MBTA will issue a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) on August 4 with responses due August 21. The official purchase will take place on September 13 with a transaction agreement finalized and signed with the winning bidder on September 13.

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News and Notes

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

**Mystic Side
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422 Main Street
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Zion Church - Everett

News and Notes

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

Zion Church Ministries via livestream on Facebook and You Tube.

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

Glendale United Methodist Church

News and Notes

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

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

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

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

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Glendale Christian Lighthouse Church

News and Notes

Sunday 10:30 a.m. Worship service.

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News and Notes

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

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Grace Anglican Episcopal Church

News and Notes

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CITY OF EVERETT HOLDS MONTHLY LUNCH AND LEARN

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The City of Everett recently held its Lunch and Learn for the month of July at Everett City Hall. This month’s program was titled: “Care with Cultural Competency: Tips for Service Providers.”

City employees were pleased to be joined by the Rev. Myreille Daniel and Sarah Joseph, MSW to learn and discuss strategies to enhance ways to provide support and stabilization services to diverse populations.

Daniel is the co-pastor of the North Shore Evangelical Church and the founder and president of the Association of Women in Ministry International (AWMI). Joseph is a Haitian American activist and social worker and currently serves as the legal advocate for Catholic Charities, and is also a Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging consultant and the director of Lekol Kreyol, LLC.

“This lunch and learn was especially helpful for our staff members whose work includes direct service and care to our residents and visitors,” said Mayor DeMaria. “I’d like to thank Reverend Myreille Danielle and Sarah Joseph for taking the time to educate and share this information with our employees.”

Lunch and Learn is a monthly program created and moderated by the City of Everett’s Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Director Cathy Draine. It allows City employees to come together, share ideas and experiences, and discuss



The City of Everett’s Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Director Cathy Draine alongside Director of Elder Services Dale Palma, who prepared this month’s lunch: an Italian feast.

new topics while enjoying lunch. The series is a part of the City’s commitment

to engage, educate and elevate.



Top row: City of Everett employees Simone Holyfield, Mirlande Felissaint, Cathy Draine and Antoinette Octave Blanchard. Bottom row: guest speakers Sarah Joseph, MSW and the Rev. Myreille Daniel.



City employees and the guest speakers gathered in the Keverian Room at City Hall for this month’s Lunch and Learn.

Public access advocates testify in support of guaranteed hybrid open meetings

Special to the Independent

At a public hearing by the Joint Committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, municipal leaders, disability advocates, and open government organizations are testifying in support of

legislation that will guarantee greater access to open meetings by allowing members of the public to attend and participate in meetings in person or remotely.

An Act to Modernize Participation in Public Meetings

(H.3040/S.2024), sponsored by Representative Denise Garlick and Senator Jason Lewis, seeks to update the Massachusetts Open Meeting Law to guarantee hybrid meetings. As opposed to meetings conducted exclusively in person or exclusively

online, hybrid meetings maximize civic engagement by allowing participants to choose the format that works best for them.

“I’ve been driving a motorized wheelchair since I was two years old, and it was during the pandemic that I attended my first legislative hearing – remotely,” said Diana Hu, chairperson of the Boston Center for Independent Living. “Hybrid meetings are the latest instance of universal design, enabling residents across the state to engage with our government in a new and empowering way. We must bring this curb cut 2.0 into its rightful place of permanence.”

“Hybrid access has become an essential part of public life,” said Geoff Foster, executive director of Common Cause Massachusetts. “Having the option to attend meetings virtually has given many of our neighbors – particularly those with disabilities, caregiving responsibilities, or limited transportation – the ability to more easily participate in our democracy. We need to safeguard and expand this option for all

members of our Commonwealth.”

“Our 44 local Leagues of Women Voters across the state are deeply involved in the governments in their towns and cities. The League strongly supports this bill to assure that all residents can readily access and participate in the local government meetings that make so many major decisions about their lives,” said Pattye Comfort, executive director, League of Women Voters of Massachusetts.

“Government participation and transparency is the cornerstone to a strong democracy,” said Deirdre Cummings, MASSPIRG’s legislative director. “This bill provides for both, making government meetings more accessible and transparent.”

“Hybrid meetings are the only way to maximize public access to government deliberations. We can no longer accept the exclusion of large segments of the population from the democratic process simply because inclusion has a price tag or because change is inconvenient,” said Gavi Wolfe, legislative director of the ACLU of Massachusetts. “We can do better, and we know how. In fact, nearly half of all Massachusetts city councils and select boards are already conducting hybrid meetings. The legislature should update the Open Meeting Law to guarantee hybrid meetings across the Com-

monwealth moving forward.”

“A guiding principle of the disability justice movement is ‘Nothing About Us Without Us,’” explained Barbara L’Italien, executive director of the Disability Law Center. “By focusing on inclusion and equity, and welcoming the participation of 11.5-percent of the population, our communities and our democracy will only become stronger.”

This legislation will provide municipalities the time and money needed to establish hybrid open meetings by:

- Creating a Municipal Hybrid Meeting Trust Fund and a grant program to help municipalities finance their modernization efforts.
- Prioritizing adoption by state agencies and elected municipal bodies.
- Allowing economic hardship waivers for non-elected municipal bodies.
- Giving more than five years – until 2030 – to phase in universal compliance.

The bill is backed by the ACLU of Massachusetts, Boston Center for Independent Living, Common Cause Massachusetts, Disability Law Center, League of Women Voters of Massachusetts, Massachusetts Newspaper Publishers Association, MASSPIRG, New England First Amendment Coalition, and New England Newspaper & Press Association.

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