





## EVERETT PUBLIC LIBRARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The following calendar of events lists upcoming activities for the month of September at the Everett Public Libraries:

**Sept. 11 — Sept. 16**  
**Parlin Adult and Teens**  
Yarn Club Parlin Fireplace Room. Tuesday, September 12th at 7pm. Come chit chat and stitch! Bring your crocheting, knitting, or any other yarn craft and sit and socialize with other members of the crafting community. Recommended for ages 14-109!  
Connolly Center Book Group, Connolly Center Meeting Room. Thursday, September 14th at 12pm. We'll discuss Paul Kalinithi's When Breath Becomes Air. An idealistic neurosurgeon facing death asks what makes life worth living? See Kathleen for copies on her twice monthly visits, or call the Parlin (617) 394 2300 or Shute (617) 394 2308 libraries.  
Board Game Afternoons Parlin Fireplace Room. Thursday, September 14th from 3-5pm. 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.  
Library Trivia Night Parlin Meeting Room. Thursday, September 14th at 5:30pm. Sign up in teams of 2-5 to compete! Includes questions from all around the liter-

ary world. Recommended for ages 13 and up. Registration is required. Prizes provided by the Friends of the Everett Public Libraries.

**Parlin Childrens**  
Lego Club. Parlin Children's Room. Monday, September 11th from 3-5pm. Attention all Lego lovers: Lego Club is back at the Parlin Memorial Library! Come to the Children's Room after school on Mondays for some free-building lego fun. Open to all ages. Children under 6 years old must be accompanied by an adult. No registration required.  
Crafts for Kids Parlin Children's Room. Tuesday, September 12th at 3pm. Join us this month for fall-themed 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.  
Storytime and Singalong with Karen, Parlin Children's Room. Wednesday, September 13th at 10am. Join us for a fun-filled morning of singing and storytelling with Karen! Suggested ages 0-6.  
Drama Class. Parlin Children's Room. Wednesday, September 13th 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, September 15th at 3 pm. Break out

the popcorn! Come and watch Lemonade Mouth with your friends and family.  
Origami Club. Parlin Fireplace Room. Saturday, September 16th at 12pm. Come and practice the ancient art of paper folding. All ages and skill levels are welcome!  
**Shute Adult and Teens**  
Personalized Jewelry Making, Shute Meeting Room. Wednesday, September 13, 2023 at 5:00 PM. Rescheduled from our postponed event, this program will be available for those who originally signed up, any additional slots will be open for registrations. Create your own personalized jewelry to bring home with you! Recommended for ages 14 to 109! Registrations are required.  
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.



Shown above, large crowds gathered throughout the day at last year's first-ever Fiesta Del Rio. This year's event will be hosted at Everett Stadium and promises to be even better!

## DeMaria announces Fiesta Del Río 2023

Special to the Independent

Mayor Carlo DeMaria is pleased to announce the City of Everett, in partnership with El Mundo Boston and Rumba 97.7, will host the second annual Fiesta Del Río on Saturday, Sept. 16, 2023, from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m., at Everett Stadium, Cabot Street.

This event will have free admission and offer a variety of activities to enjoy such as live performances, Hispanic cultural food, entertainment for children and resources from participating vendors. This year's lineup of 18 performers will include a wide range of talented artists. For the full list of participating artists, please visit the event page at [cityofeverett.com/events/fiesta-del-rio](http://cityofeverett.com/events/fiesta-del-rio).

events/fiesta-del-rio. “We’re excited to once again host Fiesta Del Río for all of our residents to have a good time and learn more about Hispanic heritage by partaking in all that we have to offer at this event,” said Mayor DeMaria. “Everett has a large and diverse Hispanic community, and it’s important that we continue to celebrate the cultures that are representative of our city.” Those looking to attend are encouraged to take the free Neighborhood Runner Shuttle Service provided by Encore, which will be adding a route to and from Everett Stadium for the day. The stop will be located between the enVision Hotel and Market Basket stops. 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](http://cityofeverett.com/resident-services/everett-living/encore-neighborhood-runner-shuttle-service). Hispanic Heritage Month is recognized from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15 and is observed by celebrating the histories, cultures and contributions of American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Central and South America. The City will be joining in celebrations across the country to recognize and celebrate Everett’s diverse Hispanic community. The rain date for this event is Sunday, Sept. 17, 2023, from 2 to 9 p.m., at Everett Stadium, Cabot Street. To learn more, please visit [cityofeverett.com/events/fiesta-del-rio](http://cityofeverett.com/events/fiesta-del-rio).

## DeMaria announces Merrimack Outlets shopping trip for older adults in November

Special to the Independent

Mayor Carlo DeMaria is pleased to announce the Council on Aging (COA) has planned a shopping

trip to Merrimack Premium Outlets in sales tax-free New Hampshire. This opportunity to get your holiday shopping underway will take place on

## Everett Citizens Foundation now accepting grant applications; open to all local groups

Special to the Independent

Mayor Carlo DeMaria is pleased to announce that the Everett Citizens Foundation grant application for Year 5, Round 1 is now available. The request limit for this round of funding is set at \$10,000. All applications are due Friday, September 29th.

Through Mayor DeMaria’s Host Community Agreement with Wynn Resorts, approved by vot-

ers in 2013, the Everett Citizens Foundation was established. The Foundation, which consists of

members appointed by Mayor DeMaria, the Ev-



The Everett Citizens Foundation presented grants to 13 deserving organizations during the most recent round of funding back in May 2023.

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sition Massachusetts as a global leader in climate change mitigation and adaptation, and the MVP program is an important piece of our strategy,” said Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Rebecca Tepper. “The Healey-Driscoll Administration is glad to support our local communities with funding for innovative climate resilience projects that center environmental justice and na-

ture-based solutions.” The largest MVP grant—nearly \$3 million—went to Malden River Works (MRW), a riverfront park led and designed by environmental justice residents in partnership with the City of Malden’s Department of Public Works. The 76-square-mile Mystic River Watershed stretches from Reading through the northern shoreline of Boston Harbor to Revere. An Anglicized version of the Pequot word missi-tuk (“large river with wind and tide-driven waves”), it is now one of New England’s most densely populated, urbanized watersheds. The seven-mile Mystic River and its tributaries represented an early economic engine for colonial Boston. Ten shipyards built more than 500 clipper ships in the 1800s before roads and railways replaced schooners and steamships. Tide-driven mills, brickyards and tanneries along both banks of the river brought both wealth and pollution.

In the 1960s, the Amelia Earhart Dam transformed much of the river into a freshwater impoundment, while construction of Interstate 93 filled in wetlands and dramatically changed the river’s course. Since then, many former industrial sites have been cleaned up and redeveloped into new commercial areas and residential communities. The Mystic is facing growing climate-related challenges: coastal and stormwater flooding, extreme storms, heat, drought and unpredictable seasonal weather. The watershed is relatively low-lying and extensively developed, making it prone to both freshwater and coastal flooding. Its 21 municipalities are home to 600,000 residents, including many who are disproportionately vulnerable to extreme weather: environmental justice communities, new Americans, residents of color, elders, low-income residents and employees, people living with disabilities and English-language learners.

**- LEGAL NOTICE -**  
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To Whom It May Concern:  
This notice is to inform you that a public hearing will be held on Monday September 18, 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:  
Property Address: 533-535 and 537-539 Ferry Street and 9-11 Rich Street  
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Building Permit #:  
Zoning District: Business  
Property Owner: Anthony DiPierro and Ciriaco DiPierro  
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To combine the subject properties, demolish the existing buildings and construct a

single mixed-use building containing 2,312 s.f. of first-floor commercial space and thirty residential apartments on the second, third and fourth floors.  
Reason for Denial:  
The project seems to comply with all dimensional requirements in the Business District except for a portion of the rear setback, which will be 4.1 feet rather than 25 feet, as required under Section 6(B) (6).  
Please also note that the project will require site plan review (Section 19) and compliance with the Transportation Demand Management Ordinance (Section 35).

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**Williams Jr High School**  
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Please join us on Saturday, September 9, 2023 from 11am to 2pm for our 11th annual resource and volunteer fair. Food and entertainment for all. Community resource organizations from Boston and the North Shore areas will be in attendance.

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CITY OF EVERETT HOLDS INTERNATIONAL OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY PROGRAM

Photos by Cary Shuman

Mayor Carlo DeMaria, Substance Abuse Disorders Coordinator Chris Simonelli, and Everett Overcoming Addiction Director Pattiann Scalesse led the City of Everett’s observance of International Awareness Day Aug. 31 during an event outside City Hall.

DeMaria issued a proclamation in honor of International Awareness Day, which is part of a global effort to raise awareness about the risks of overdosing, honor the individuals whose lives have been lost from overdosing, and acknowledging the grief felt by families, friends, and communities.

Scalesse, who founded Everett Overcoming Addiction eight years ago, said, “Education, prevention and awareness are key,” said Scalesse. “We need to have the conversation and to continue to



Mayor Carlo DeMaria, Substance Abuse Services Coordinator Chris Simonelli, and Everett Fire Department Engine 1 personnel are pictured at the International Overdose Awareness Day ceremony Aug. 31 at City Hall.

have it, especially with the kids. We’ve come a long way and we have longer to go. Keep fighting the good fight and just keep the hope.”

Simonelli, Addiction Recovery Resource Specialist Paul Guarino, Sober Shuttle President Jim Booker, and Jessica, a recovering addict and proud parent who is “celebrating 10 years clean,” were among the other speakers during the program.

Jessica thanked Mayor DeMaria and Pattiann Scalesse for their important assistance in her recovery process.

During the program, the DeMaria Administration and Everett Fire and Police Departments were lauded for their focus on substance abuse prevention efforts and outreach work.



Mayor Carlo DeMaria and Everett Overcoming Addiction Founder Pattiann Scalesse each delivered remarks during the speaking program.



Shown above, Joe Simonelli, Everett Substance Abuse Services Coordinator Chris Simonelli, Sabrina Firicano, Maria Pires, and Caitlin Norden.



Shown left, Ward 3 Councilor Darren Costa and City of Everett Director of Transportation Jay Monty.



Pictured at the Sober Shuttle Inc. table at the International Overdose Awareness Day event at Everett City Hall, front row, from left, are Theresa Cimino, Joan Thomas, and Linda Booker. Back row, from left, are Steven LaLiberte, Jessica Nadeau, Everett Overcoming Addiction Founder Pattiann Scalesse, and Sober Shuttle Inc. President Jim Booker.



Addiction Recovery Resource Specialist Paull Guarino of the Everett Fire Department speaks at the International Overdose Awareness Day event at Everett City Hall.



Representing Eliot Community Human Services are Martin Norman, Charlotte Jamar, and Dennis Doris.

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erett City Council, State Senator Sal DiDomenico, and State Representative Joe McGonagle, is charged with supporting and promoting local groups, associations, and programs with important

City initiatives that provide a direct benefit to Everett residents. To date, the Foundation has distributed over \$1 Million in grants to local organizations that provide a myriad of services to our Everett resi-

dents.

“This has been and continues to be a great opportunity for organizations to receive additional funding,” said Mayor DeMaria. “The Everett Citizens Foundation seeks to assist organizations that positively impact the residents of Everett, and I encourage all organizations in the community to apply.”

Any organization in the community may apply. Applications can be found online by visiting [cityofeverett.com/our-city/#EverettCitizensFoundation](http://cityofeverett.com/our-city/#EverettCitizensFoundation). For questions or concerns regarding the application or eligibility, please email [ECFoundation@ci.everett.ma.us](mailto:ECFoundation@ci.everett.ma.us).

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## GUNS ARE NOW THE LEADING KILLER OF AMERICA’S CHILDREN

It used to be that accidents, primarily car accidents, were the leading cause of death of America’s children between the ages of 1 and 18.

But last year for the first time, guns were the #1 cause of death of American children. A total of 3597 children died from guns (including suicides), representing 19% of all deaths in that age group, with accidents coming in at 18%. (Cancer is third at 8% and drug overdoses are fourth at 7%.)

To put that number in perspective, 2603 people perished in the attack on the World Trade Center on 9/11 -- which means that guns now kill far more American children, each and every year, than were killed by the terrorists on that terrible day.

In addition, another 15,000 children annually are wounded by gunfire, often leaving them with lifelong, debilitating physical injuries as well as psychological trauma.

The 2022 figures represent a dramatic increase of 50% since 2019 and a doubling since 2013. The child firearm mortality rate in 2013 was 1.8 deaths per 100,000, but now is close to 4.0 deaths per 100,000.

The United States has by far the highest rate of children who die from firearms among wealthy nations -- and it’s not even close. Deaths by firearms do not rank in the top four for causes of death for children, let alone the number one cause, anywhere else in the developed world.

Moreover, there is no place in America that is safe for our children from gun violence. Even the states with the most gun safety laws, which have lower rates of child firearm deaths than states with few gun safety laws, have rates much higher than what other countries similar to ours experience.

Given that guns and mass shootings continue to proliferate throughout our country -- and Republicans at all levels of government refuse to enact even common-sense gun safety measures -- the number of deaths by firearms for our nation’s children only will continue to rise.

## SPORTS BETTING ON PHONES: 21ST CENTURY HIGH TECH CRACK

A general rule of thumb is that when a slew of celebrity pitchmen start endorsing anything that has to do with money, it’s a good bet (no pun intended in the context of this editorial) that the public is being conned.

We saw that with the recent cryptocurrency promotions by famous people such as Matt Damon, Tom Brady, and Giselle Bundschen, who now are being sued by those who lost large sums when the cryptocurrency exchange FTX collapsed. (Brady himself reportedly lost \$30 million.)

We are seeing the same dynamic with the new sports betting apps, with stars from Hollywood and the sports world telling us how much “fun” we can have by placing a bet.

However, these sports betting apps are not your grandparents’ bookies -- they are far worse. Not only can someone place a bet anywhere and at any time with a few taps on their phone, but they also can bet in real time on just about everything in a particular game with options to bet in-game on every quarter, player, and event.

These gambling companies are publicly-traded corporations and often are partnered with professional sports, thereby making sports betting “acceptable.”

However, there are more than six million Americans with sports-gambling addiction problems, and that number only will climb given the spread of sports gaming on cell phones. The individual stories of those who have lost thousands of dollars over their phones on sports gambling are growing exponentially day-by-day -- and the only ones getting rich are the shareholders of these companies and the billionaires who own professional sports teams.

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# Independent Forum

## GUEST OP-ED Barker, Buffett, Richardson and extraordinary lives

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

Jimmy Buffett, Bob Barker and Bill Richardson all died recently. They all had one thing in common. They lived extraordinary lives.

Buffett had become a billionaire. He had amassed his fortune by capitalizing on his song, “Margaritaville.” His hotels, restaurants, resorts and even retirement communities were hugely successful. In his later years, he continued to build new hotels and resorts that were beautiful and hugely successful.

Sadly, Buffett passed from Merkel cell skin cancer. He had been receiving treatment for over four years at was still doing concerts even as late as early July in Rhode Island. There was nothing stopping Buffett, except

the skin cancer that took his life even when he had so much he still wanted to do. Yet, few people will ever live the life of Jimmy Buffett

Bill Richardson had spent his last few years helping people internationally. He was very successful in politics serving as a U.S. Congressman, Governor of New Mexico and as an Ambassador to the United Nations. He may best be remembered for his diplomatic work in negotiating the releases of journalist Danny Fenster from a Myanmar prison in 2021 and most recently Britney Griner from a Russian prison, among others. Richardson lived an amazing life.

Bob Barker gets the longevity prize. It’s hard to top 99, unless you make it to 100. Barker lived a full life of entertaining us on

television. For fifty years he came into our homes as the host and producer of The Price is Right and earlier as the host of Truth or Consequences. Many of us show him in the hit comedy Happy Gilmore. Many Americans felt like Barker was a member of their families since he was in their homes via television for so many years.

Barker, Buffett, and Richardson were all bigger than life personalities who lived extraordinary lives filled with success and prosperity.

Keep in mind the measure of our lives is not meant to be measured beside the lives of national or global personalities or anyone else. The fulfillment and success of your life may be in taking care of an aged parent, a troubled or disabled child, or seeing your spouse or life

partner through life’s difficult stages. Or, the great success of your life may be remembered in your kindness to your neighbors and to others you meet along the way. Quite possibly life’s most extraordinary people may not be fully recognized until we are beyond this life.

The best we can do is the best we can do. We should trust God and live our lives in as meaningful a way as possible.

*Glenn Mollette is the publisher of Newburgh Press, Liberty Torch, and various other publishing imprints; a national columnist – American Issues and Common Sense opinions, analysis, stories, and features appear each week in over 500 newspapers, websites and blogs across the United States.*

## Public Health officials announce season’s first EEE positive mosquito samples

Special to the Independent

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) announced that Eastern equine encephalitis (EEE) virus has been detected in mosquitoes in Massachusetts for the first time this year. The presence of EEE was confirmed today by the Massachusetts State Public Health Laboratory in mosquito samples collected on August 30 in Douglas and Southbridge in Worcester County. No human or animal cases of EEE have been detected so far this year.

The finding increases the risk level of EEE to moderate in the communities of Douglas, Dudley, Southbridge, Sturbridge, Uxbridge, and Webster in Worcester County.

“After the EEE outbreak cycle that occurred in 2019 and 2020, there was no EEE activity in Massachusetts in 2021 or 2022,” said Public Health Commissioner Robert Goldstein, MD, PhD. “This is a late season emergence for EEE which should keep the risk level from rising too much or too quickly. However, some risk from mosquito-borne disease will continue until the first hard frost and people should take steps to prevent mosquito bites.”

EEE is a rare but serious and potentially fatal disease that can affect people of all ages. EEE is generally spread to humans through the bite of an infected mosquito. There were 12 human cases of EEE in Massachusetts in 2019 with six deaths and five human cases with one death in 2020. There were no human cases of EEE in Massachusetts in 2021 or

2022.

“Transmission of EEE to a person late in the season can happen,” said Dr. Catherine M. Brown, State Epidemiologist. “Mosquitoes will be more active during warm and humid weather as we are forecast to have this weekend. I encourage everyone to use mosquito repellent when they are outdoors enjoying the last unofficial weekend of summer; you can also use clothing to cover exposed skin and if you notice that you are getting bitten, you should consider moving indoors.”

- Avoid Mosquito Bites**
- Apply Insect Repellent when Outdoors. Use a repellent with an EPA-registered ingredient (DEET (N,N-diethyl-m-toluamide), permethrin, picaridin (KBR 3023), oil of lemon eucalyptus [p-Menthane-3,8-diol (PMD)] or IR3535) according to the instructions on the product label. DEET products should not be used on infants under two months of age and should be used in concentrations of 30 percent or less on older children. Oil of lemon eucalyptus should not be used on children under three years of age.
  - Be Aware of Peak Mosquito Hours. The hours from dusk to dawn are peak biting times for many mosquitoes. Consider rescheduling outdoor activities that occur during evening or early morning in areas of high risk.
  - Clothing Can Help Reduce Mosquito Bites. Wearing long-sleeves, long pants and socks when outdoors will help keep mosquitoes away from your skin.

- Mosquito-Proof Your Home**
- Drain Standing Water. Mosquitoes lay their eggs in standing water. Limit the number of places around your home for mosquitoes to breed by draining or discarding items that hold water. Check rain gutters and drains. Empty unused flowerpots and wading pools and change the water in birdbaths frequently.
  - Install or Repair Screens. Keep mosquitoes outside by having tightly fitting screens on all windows and doors.

- Protect Your Animals**
- Animal owners should reduce potential mosquito breeding sites on their property by eliminating standing water from containers such as buckets, tires, and wading pools – especially after heavy rains. Water troughs provide excellent mosquito breeding habitats and should be flushed out at least once a week

during the summer months to reduce mosquitoes near paddock areas. Horse owners should keep horses in indoor stalls at night to reduce their risk of exposure to mosquitoes. Owners should also speak with their veterinarian about mosquito repellents approved for use in animals and vaccinations to prevent WNV and EEE. If an animal is suspected of having WNV or EEE, owners are required to report to the Department of Agricultural Resources, Division of Animal Health by calling 617-626-1795, and to the Department of Public Health by calling 617-983-6800.

More information, including all WNV and EEE positive results, can be found on the Arbovirus Surveillance Information web page at Mosquito-borne Diseases | Mass.gov, which is updated daily, or by calling the DPH Division of Epidemiology at 617-983-6800.

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# Sports

## EHS Roundup

### EHS VOLLEYBALL OPENS 2023 SEASON TODAY

The Everett High girls volleyball team, under the direction of long-time coach Michael Fineran, is set to open its season today (Wednesday) when the Lady Crimson Tide travel to Greater Boston League (GBL) rival Revere.

The 2023 edition of the EHS volleyball squad will be led by senior captain Nicole Brandao, who was a GBL All Star last season, and senior co-captain Yasmine Labaadia. "Nicole is a dedicated athlete and a natural leader," said Fineran. "She sets the tone for us on offense and defense. Yasmine is another great role model. She is one of the top students in the school and she does so much for the team on and off the court."

They will be joined by fellow seniors Darrynn Desrameaux and Kaesta Sandy. "Darrynn and Kaesta should add a dynamic presence for us in the front row," noted Fineran. "Both are powerful hitters, and Kaesta is tenacious on defense as well."

The Tide's primary setter will be junior Victoria Rodrigues, who is on varsity for the third year in a row.

"We are a deep team, with 15 players worthy of playing time," said Fineran. "We have a number of solid passers to choose from, including libero Sonia Flores, Emily Nogueira, Kayleigh McMahon, Murielle Campo, and Trinh Dang. Rochelle Castor can play front and back row. Two sophomores, Nicole Damaceno and Amanda Verteiro, give us flexibility in setting and hitting."

Rounding out the varsity roster are juniors Clarice Alexis and Tanessa Duvalaire.

"We need nine wins to make the tournament," said Fineran. "None of the games on our schedule are going to be easy wins. We will have to battle for everything, but we have the depth, the height, and the talent to achieve our goal of playing in November."

The girls program is booming and had a tremendous turnout for tryouts.

"We had nearly 80 girls sign up to try out and there are 23 sophomores and freshmen on our JV and JVB teams," said Fineran. "Andrea Kendrick is joining the staff as the JV coach. She brings enthusiasm and energy to the position. Charlotte Mezoff returns for her second year as the JVB coach. She works very well with her players, most of whom are playing organized volleyball for the first time. Both coaches have made my life so much easier. "Every season brings its own set of challenges, and it remains to be seen how we deal with adversity,

but I feel good about our teams," concluded Fineran, whose squad will face a schedule of 14 matches against their seven GBL opponents (two each against Somerville, Malden, Medford, Chelsea, Revere, Lynn Classical, and Lynn English) and four non-league contests with two each against Saugus and New Mission.

After today's match at Revere, the Tide will play at New Mission on Friday, at Malden on Monday, and then will host Chelsea next Wednesday.

### EHS BOYS SOCCER SHOOTING FOR SECOND STRAIGHT GBL CROWN

The Everett High boys soccer team opened the defense of its Greater Boston League (GBL) title yesterday (Tuesday) afternoon against GBL rival Somerville.

Coach Pedro Blas and his crew will entertain Medford tomorrow (Thursday) and will host Malden next Tuesday. Both matches are at 4:15 at 7-Acres Park.

The 2023 edition of the Crimson Tide will be led by senior captain Wilbur Romero. He will be joined by fellow seniors Bryan Martinez-Portillo, Erick Posadas, Bonhomme Dieff, Ednilson Lerois, Calos Coelho, Emerson Hercules, and Kaic Coutinho Da Silva; juniors Bryan Ribeiro, Timothy Villanueva Figueroa, and Anthony Fontes; and sophomores Gabriel Garcia and Armando Majano.

"Our preseason has been up and down but we are heading in the right direction," said Blas. "We started our first preseason game against Danvers and won 4-1. We lost a lot of key players, so it looked like it was going to be a rebuilding year, but we are looking strong. So we are ready to compete this year."

"The guys are hungry for a second GBL championship," Blas added. "We have a lot of tough teams this year, so we'll see how it goes."

The boys will play an 18-game schedule consisting of 14 matches against their seven GBL rivals (Somerville, Malden, Medford, Chelsea, Revere, Lynn Classical, and Lynn English) and four non-league tilts vs. Greater Lowell Tech (twice), Belmont, and B.C. High.

### HIGH HOPES FOR EHS GIRLS SOCCER

The Everett High girls soccer team kicked off its 2023 season yesterday (Tuesday), traveling to Greater Boston League rival Somerville. Coach Dom Persuitte and his crew will stay on the road tomorrow (Thursday) at Medford and will make the short trek to Malden next Tuesday.

The 2023n edition of the Lady Crimson Tide

will be led by senior captains Layla Cardona and Shyann Ambersley and junior captain Yelsa Garcia.

They will be joined on the varsity squad by Laura Sanchez, Alondra Flores, Emilia Maria-Babcock, Luna Sepulveda Maselli, Casey Martinez, Gabriela Lones, Kathleen De Souza, Victoria Macao, Adalmita Silva, Maria Silvestri, Sofia Arana-Quintanilla, Layla Leles, Khadija Moutaouakki, Kaylee Velasques, and Glediy Tejada.

"Our preseason scrimmage was a great way to see what the girls could do," said Persuitte. "The jamboree is not about winning or losing, it is just a showcase for the coaching staff to see what the athletes can do."

"Many players were put into positions that they were not accustomed to and that was deliberate," Persuitte continued. "However, the girls overcame this uncomfortable situation and rose to the occasion. We did lose both games, but the effort put out was great."

"Layla scored in the first game against Waltham 5-1, while Yelsa scored in the second game against Mystic Valley, 3-1, both of which the coaching staff was incredibly proud of," Persuitte added.

Joining the coaching staff this season is former EHS boys star Rodney Landaverde, whom Persuitte coached when he was with the boys' team. Landaverde will serve as the JV coach and the team's strength coach.

"Rodney is an excellent addition to the staff," said Persuitte, who added that Bridget Cifuni is back for her second season. "Bridget brings energy every day as a coach and she is an intricate part of the success of this team"

"We are all very excited," Persuitte concluded. "The goal for the team this year is to build camaraderie and make it to the state tournament. We still have a lot of work to do this year and I am looking forward to having a great season."

The girls have a 17-game schedule. In addition to the 14 contests with their GBL foes (Somerville, Malden, Medford, Chelsea, Revere, Lynn Classical, and Lynn En-

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BOB MARRA PHOTO

**RED ZONE:** Everett's defensive front created an impenetrable wall near the goal line as, left to right Eno Neto (59), Kyle Coelho, Luca DaSilva (26), Kalieb Saifu (15) and Gideon Legall (20) team up to stop Mansfield's Donovan Minton (22) during a scrimmage against Mansfield EHS played on Aug. 28. See more photos on Page 8.

## Everett High football opens on the road versus Xaverian High

By Cary Shuman

First-year Everett High School head football coach Justin Flores and his team will be tested right away in the 2023 season.

The Crimson Tide, ranked No. 11 in the Top 20 poll, will travel to Westwood Friday to play No. 3-ranked Xaverian.

Xaverian features

Michigan State-bound quarterback Henry Hasselbeck, who is the son of former NFL quarterback Matt Hasselbeck. The Hawks also have one of the best wide receivers in the state in senior Jonathan Monteiro, who has committed to Liberty University.

Flores will look to his

five captains, Aidan Duclos, Christian Zamor, Jayden Prophete, Pedro Rodriguez, and Domenic Papa, to lead the Crimson Tide to a victory over the powerful Hawks in what is sure to be an exciting intersectional matchup before a capacity crowd at the Hawk Bowl in Westwood.

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Last Thursday was a busy day for students, parents and educators, it was the first full day of class for Everett Public Schools. A little confusion, a few tears, mostly from moms, and Everett Public Schools were officially opened last Thursday.

Shown to the left, lots of happy students heading into school at the Lafayette School last Thursday morning.



Anthony Soldano with his mom, Jessica.



Principal Dave Grady hi-Fives all the students as they enter the school.



Sofia and Tommy Gheban with their mom Kinga.



Elijah Owuor with his mom Esther.



Gabriele Ortega with her mom Yamina.



Luisa Langone, Radassa Silva and Lorraina Fererra.



All smiles from Anne Carvalho and Cibelly Liana.



Ally and Leeana Cruz with their mom Vanessa. Jason LaMonica with is mom Kim Larke.



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sure everybody [in Everett] has the great information to make the best decision for themselves to choose the best representatives, because if we don't make these decisions ourselves, somebody else is going to come in and they're going to make it for us," concluded Rozo.

Everett voters will go to the polls on Tuesday, Sept. 19 for the Preliminary Election in the Councilor-at-Large, City Council Ward 4, School Committee Ward 4, and School Committee Ward 6 races. Early voting begins Saturday, Sept. 9.



Candidates for Everett City Council are pictured at the forum. Front row, from left, are Al Lattanzi, Stephanie Martins, Joetta Yutkins, Guerline Alcy, Maria Bussell, Shaskia Bosquet, and David LaRosa. Back row, from left, are Katy Rogers, Darren Costa, Stephanie Smith, Kisan Upadhaya, Robert Van Campen, and Peter Pietrantonio.



Ward 2 candidate Joetta Yutkins (left) and Ward 2 Councilor Stephanie Martins (right) are pictured at the City Council Candidate Forum held Aug. 30 at the Edward Connelly Center.



Pictured at the City Council Candidate Forum are Katy Rogers, Al Lattanzi, and Brendan Mangan.



Ward 3 Councilor Darren Costa, with his wife, Farah Costa, and their daughter, Ever Sofie Costa.



Shown above, representatives from the event-sponsoring organizations are pictured at the City Council Candidate Forum.



Shown left, Ward 6 Councilor Al Lattanzi, Councilor-at-Large Stephanie Smith, and Ward 5 candidate Robert Van Campen.



Jose Rozo of La Comunidad is interviewed after the forum.

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EVERETT LITTLE LEAGUE RAISES TOP DOLLAR AMOUNT FOR STATE FOR JIMMY FUND



Nicky Savi, pictured on the mound during his outstanding 12-year-old season in the Everett Little League, was the top fundraiser in Massachusetts for the Jimmy Fund in 2023.



Everett Little League 12-year-old team that raised the second-highest amount of funds in Massachusetts for the Jimmy Fund.



Everett Little League's 11-year-old team that raised the sixth-highest amount of funds in Massachusetts for the Jimmy Fund.

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glish), the Lady Crimson Tide will meet non-league opponents Cambridge Rindge & Latin, Lowell High, and Stoneham.

EHS GIRLS HOCKEY OPEN SEASON TODAY

The Everett High field hockey team, under the direction of new head coach Sabrina Wright, will open its 2023 season today (Wednesday) with a contest against Waltham at 7-Acres Park.

Wright and her crew will host Haverhill on Friday and Northeast Regional next Wednesday.

Nicola Jones and Taylor Woodbury will assist Wright with the coaching duties.

Members of the 2023 varsity roster are: seniors Taisha Alexandre, Stephany Desouza, Isabella Barbosa, and Malacica Guillaume; juniors Jas-

mine Salvador, Ricardo Contreras Chacon, Caden Sylva, Meghan Currie, Luiza Velev, Jonathan Scioletti; sophomores Jasmin Thrower and Lindsey Sylva; and freshmen Justin Contreras Chacon and Wilins Julien.

"We have a very small team, so we are actively looking for new players," Wright added. With only two other Greater Boston League (GBL) schools (Revere and Malden) fielding a field hockey program, Wright and her crew will face a challenging schedule comprised of 13 non-GBL rivals.

In addition to two contests each against Malden and Revere twice each, the remainder of their 17-game schedule includes matches with Waltham, Haverhill, Northeast Regional, Wakefield, Greater Lowell, Melrose, and Peabody.

CRIMSON TIDE VS. MANSFIELD HIGH SCHOOL HORNETS IN PRE-SEASON SCRIMMAGE AT VETERANS MEMORIAL STADIUM

Last week the Crimson Tide of EHS meet the Hornets of Mansfield

High for a pre-season tune up scrimmage. These head-to-head scrimmag-

es are meant to kick off any rough edges and see where a little extra work

might be needed before the opening regular season games.



COLLISION COURSE: Everett's Kyle Coelho (44) lowers his head as he moves into tackle Mansfield runner Myles Brown (38).



LINED UP: Mansfield runner Sean McCoy looks to find a way around Everett defender Kervens Joseph (30).



ESCAPE ROUTE: Running back Manny Santiago tries to high-step away from Mansfield's Reilly Bauler (33) and Eric Cinelli (71)



HANGING AROUND: Everett quarterback Jason Singh (39) contends with Mansfield's Curtis Riley (56).

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# Gov. Healey declares September as Campus Fire Safety Month

Special to the Independent

Governor Maura T. Healey has declared September to be Campus Fire Safety Month in Massachusetts, and fire officials are reminding students, parents, and others to be sure their living spaces have working smoke alarms and carbon monoxide (CO) alarms, and that they know two ways out in an emergency.

State Fire Marshal Jon

M. Davine said 2,608 fires occurred in student dormitories, fraternities, and sororities in Massachusetts between 2018 and 2022. These fires caused six civilian injuries, 11 fire service injuries, and more than \$3 million in damages. Fire officials are especially concerned about fire safety in apartments and other types of off-campus student housing, where two college students died in separate, unrelated fires

in 2013.

“Fire safety is vitally important whether you live in a dorm, apartment, single-family home, multifamily dwelling, sorority, or fraternity,” said State Fire Marshal Davine. “Everyone should have working smoke and CO alarms on every level of their residence and know two ways out in an emergency. In the event of a fire, don’t waste precious time retrieving personal

belongings – get out, stay out, and call 9-1-1.”

He also noted that fire safety precautions should remain in place all through the year. Windows, doors, and stairways should always be clear of boxes, furniture, bicycles, and anything else that might hinder an escape. Fire doors should never be blocked or chocked open. And smoke and carbon monoxide alarms must remain operational all year

long, as required by law.

“If your rental doesn’t have smoke and carbon monoxide alarms, insist on them,” said Hyannis Fire Chief Peter J. Burke, Jr, who serves as president of the Fire Chiefs Association of Massachusetts. “Landlords are required to provide them, but don’t spend a single night unprotected in the meantime. For the price of a pizza, you can go to a hardware store and pick

up smoke and CO alarms that could save your life. Choose photoelectric smoke alarms with sealed, long-life batteries. Test them once a month to be sure you’re protected, and never, ever disable them.”

Working alarms, clear exit routes, and a practiced plan for using them are crucial for when a fire breaks out, but students can also take steps to pre-

See FIRE SAFETY Page 10

## CHURCH News

### Mystic Side Congregational Church

#### News and Notes

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

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

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### Zion Church - Everett

#### News and Notes

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For more information, they can be reached online at [zionchurchministries.com](http://zionchurchministries.com) or via email at [office@zionchurchministries.com](mailto: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.

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Pastor’s Office Hours: Saturdays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Other times by appointment.

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### Grace Anglican Episcopal Church

#### News and Notes

Grace Anglican Episcopal Church is open and welcoming to all.

There are two services on Sundays: 10 a.m. English, 1 p.m. South Sudanese Dinka

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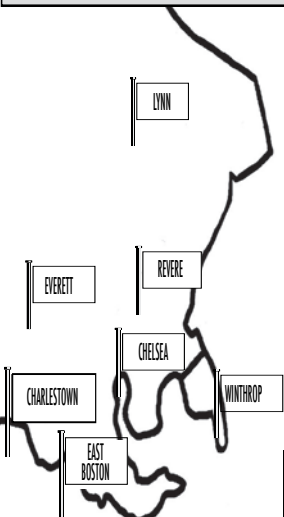


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# CITY OF EVERETT HOLDS MONTHLY LUNCH AND LEARN

## CITY EMPLOYEES LEARNED AND DISCUSSED STRATEGIES TO ENHANCE LANGUAGE ACCESS FOR ALL IN THE CITY OF EVERETT



This month's lunch was provided by Square Deli.

Courtesy Photos

The City of Everett recently held its Lunch and Learn for the month of August at Everett City Hall. This month's program was titled: "Strengthening Community Through Language Access."

City employees were pleased to be joined by Community Engagement Specialist Najee Nunnally and Subregional Programs Manager Sasha Parodi from the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) to discuss and learn strategies to enhance language access for all in the City of Everett.

City employees who participated were encouraged to share their experiences and examples of

how language access is utilized in their departments when interacting with residents. The guest speakers also talked about different resources that can be utilized to improve language access in City departments that deliver direct service and care to residents.

"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 Najee and Sasha for taking the time to share this information with our employees."

Lunch and Learn is a monthly program created and moderated by the City of Everett's Diversity, Eq-



Sasha Parodi, Subregional Programs Manager for MAPC; Cathy Draine, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Director for the City of Everett; Najee Nunnally, Community Engagement Specialist for MAPC.

uity and Inclusion Director Cathy Draine. It allows City employees to come together, share ideas and experiences, and discuss

new topics while enjoying lunch. The series is a part of the City's commitment to engage, educate and elevate.



The City of Everett's Lunch and Learn for the month of August.



This month's Lunch and Learn took place in the Keverian Room at City Hall.



Najee Nunnally and Sasha Parodi speaking to City employees at the Lunch and Learn.

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vent them from starting in the first place:

- Smoking: There is no safe way to smoke, but if you must smoke then do it responsibly. Don't flick them on the ground, where they can smolder and ignite debris, or grind them out on porches or steps. Use a heavy ashtray on a sturdy surface and put it out, all the way, every time.
- Electrical: Always plug appliances such as air conditioners and space heaters into wall sockets that can handle the current, not power strips or extension cords. Don't overload outlets with multiple devices.
- Heating: Turn space heaters off when leaving the room or going to sleep. Never leave a space heater unattended.
- Cooking: Stand by your pan! Don't leave pots and pans unattended on a lit stovetop, and keep flammable items away

from burners. In the event of a grease fire, smother the flames with a lid and then turn off the heat. Cook only when you're alert, not when you're drowsy or impaired.

- Candles: Never leave candles burning unattended. Extinguish them before leaving the room. Even better, switch to battery-powered candles.
- Lithium-Ion Batteries: Use the charging equipment provided by the manufacturer and disconnect it when the device is charged. Charge phones, laptops, e-cigarettes, e-bike batteries, and other devices on a hard and stable surface – never a bed, couch, or pillow. If you notice an unusual odor, change in color, change in shape, leaking, or odd noises, stop using the device right away. If you can do so safely, move it away from anything that can burn and call your local fire department.



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