

EVERETT PUBLIC LIBRARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Parlin Adult and Teens
Parlin Book Group, Parlin Meeting Room, and Zoom. Monday, September 25th at 6:00 pm. We will discuss Mary Beth Keane's Ask Again, Yes, 18+. Call Kathleen at (617) 394 2300, or send an email to slipp@noblenet.org, for the Zoom link, or join us in person!

Yarn Club Parlin Fireplace Room. Tuesday, September 26th 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!

Author Event with Stephen Rocco, Parlin Meeting Room. Wednesday, September 27th at 7:00 pm. Stephen Rocco is not only a third generation funeral director and former Mt. Ida College instructor, he is the author of three mysteries. He will discuss all three: The Ecstasy of Pupasas, The Girl Who Woke Up in the Morgue, and his latest, The Mystery in the Mausoleum. Coffee and pastries are provided by The Friends of the Everett Public Libraries.

Board Game Afternoons Parlin Fireplace Room. Thursday, September 28th 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.

Parlin Childrens
Lego Club. Parlin Chil-

dren's Room. Monday, September 25th 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 26th 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 Sing-along with Karen, Parlin Children's Room. Wednesday, September 27th at 10am. Join us for a fun-filled morning of singing and storytelling with Karen! Suggested ages 0-6.

Python I: Beginner Class, Parlin Meeting Room. Wednesday, September 27th at 4:30pm, and Saturday, September 30th at 11:00am. Learn the basics of Python programming with classes at the Parlin Library. By signing up, you get to attend all 6 classes over the course of 4 weeks. You can bring your own device, or we will provide one for you! This program is appropriate for ages 9-13, or grade levels 4th-8th. Spots are limited, so register online today at bit.ly/EVECal

Drama Class. Parlin Children's Room. Wednesday, September 27th at 3pm. Do you have a drama queen or king at home? Drama Class in the Parlin Children's De-

partment 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 29th at 3 pm. Break out the popcorn! Come and watch Matilda with your friends and family.

Origami Club. Parlin Fireplace Room. Saturday, September 30th at 12pm. Come and practice the ancient art of paper folding. All ages and skill levels are welcome!

Shute Adult and Teens
Teen Book Group, Shute Meeting Room. Monday, September 25th at 3 PM. This month, we will be reading The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes by Suzanne Collins in anticipation of the movie release in November. Come check out a copy of the book at the Shute Library during the month of September and read it before the 25th to discuss the book with your local librarian and your peers! Limited copies are available for checkout. Open to ages 13-18 only.

Bullet Journal 101, Shute Meeting Room. Tuesday, September 26th from 6:00 - 7:30 PM. Betty Perry of Casual Study, will present on the history and types of bullet journals for the first half of the class. Materials are provided for everyone to get started on their journals during the second half of the class. Each participant will go home with their new journal! This event is for teens and adults 14 and up. Registration is required, space is limited.

PCSS recognized among U.S. News and World Report's 2023 Best High Schools

Recently, U.S. News and World Report has ranked the 2023 Best High Schools in the nation, with Pioneer Charter Schools of Science (PCSS) I and II again recognized among Massachusetts' best. Landing in the top 20 in Massachusetts for the third consecutive year, PCSS I in Everett ranked 14th, and PCSS II in Saugus 18th on the list. PCSS I was also named one of the country's top 100 charter schools.

The report ranks schools based on the previous year's performance in college preparedness, state assessments, and graduation rate. This year, fifteen charter schools were listed in the top 100 Massachusetts high schools.

"We are proud of our 'three-peat' rankings," said PCSS's Chief Executive Officer, Barish Icin. "We value our work to prepare students for continued success in higher education and beyond. These accomplishments are a credit to the PCSS community of teachers, students, families, and those supporting our mission and commitment to excellence."

The U.S. News rankings include data on nearly 25,000 public high

schools in 50 states and the District of Columbia.

PCSS I scored 97.33 out of 100 points on the U.S. News rating scale. At PCSS I, 79% of the students rated proficient in math, 84% in English, and 91% in Science - well beyond state averages for public schools. The school also had a 98% graduation rate. PCSS I ranked 29th in Massachusetts in terms of college readiness and breadth of its college curriculum and 4th in terms of state assessment performance ranking.

More than 61% of the students at PCSS II are Black or Hispanic.

PCSS II scored 96.57 out of a possible 100 points on the U.S. News rating scale. At PCSS II, 86% of the students rated proficient in math, 79% in English, and 98% in Science - all well above state averages for public schools. The school also had a 98% graduation rate.

PCSS II ranked 58th in college readiness, 33rd in the breadth of its college curriculum, and 7th in state performance ranking.

More than 77% of the students at PCSS II are Black or Hispanic.

These were all factors in the U.S. News analysis

of the two schools.

PCSS I and II serve a mission to prepare educationally under-resourced students for higher education and a competitive workforce. Seniors 2023 from both campuses were accepted to nationally renowned schools, including Harvard, Tufts, MIT, Cornell, and Brandeis. The schools' graduation rates were among Massachusetts' best, with PCSS I and PCSS II graduating 98 percent of their classes.

With schools in Everett (PCSS I) and Saugus (PCSS II), Pioneer Charter School of Science offers a rigorous academic curriculum emphasizing math, science, and analytical thinking skills balanced by a strong foundation in the humanities. The school offers extended days/hours and career-oriented college preparation. Students must pass five math and five science classes in order to graduate - more than state standards, and students must complete 40 hours of community service. The school has a 195-day school calendar, extended days, after-school tutoring, and "voluntary" Saturday classes for students who need extra help.

Officials raise risk for EEE to high in three more communities

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) last week announced that Eastern equine encephalitis (EEE) has been detected in an additional mosquito sample collected on September 13 in Brimfield. This finding raises the EEE risk level to high in Brimfield, Sturbridge, and Holland and to moderate in Wales.

This is in addition to the six communities already at high risk for EEE: Douglas, Dudley, Oxford, Southbridge, Sutton, and Webster. Auburn, Charlton, Grafton, Millbury, Northbridge, and Uxbridge are at moderate risk.

"The forecast is for cooler temperatures which will start to reduce mosquito activity," said Dr. Catherine M. Brown, State Epidemiologist. "However, the risk for spread of EEE virus from mosquitoes to people is still present. Everyone in these moderate- and high-risk areas should take the recommended steps to prevent mosquito bites; this includes avoiding outdoor activity between dusk and dawn in the high-risk communities."

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 5 human cases with one death in 2020. There were no human cases of EEE in Massachusetts in 2021 or 2022. No human or animal case of EEE has been detected in Massachusetts so

far this year.

People have an important role to play in protecting themselves and their loved ones from illnesses caused by mosquitoes.

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.


Real Estate Transfers

BUYER 1	SELLER 1	ADDRESS	PRICE
Fuentes-Vides, Angel F	Chowdhury, Salim	8 Bennett St	\$720,000
Pulchera, Iraciara M	Reardon, Anne	30 Chelsea St #708	\$455,000
Thibodeau, Sarah	Gallagher, Jonathan E	66 Francis St #2	\$460,000
Chao, Michelle	Sapkota, Bimala	94 Winslow St	\$950,000
Cotta-Brandao, Ramon G	Casella, Theresa	181 Bradford St	\$775,000
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HYDRANT FLUSHING
Tuesday, September 19 - Friday, November 3, 2023
Mondays - Fridays: 8AM - 8PM



The purpose of flushing is to remove sediment build up in the mains and to verify the safe operation of hydrants and valves.

Hydrant flushing may result in temporary discoloration of the water, caused by small particles that dislodge during the flushing, as well as a temporary reduction in pressure.

Discolored water will be temporary and is not harmful. Please avoid doing laundry during the noted flushing period as the discolored water might stain your laundry, especially white materials.

Please check your water carefully prior to doing laundry and inspect the laundry before drying.

For more information, please call the Water Department at 617-394-2327.



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NEWS IN BRIEF

CITY OF EVERETT HAS BEGUN FLUSHING HYDRANTS THROUGHOUT THE CITY

The City of Everett’s Water Department has begun flushing water mains throughout the City and will continue through Friday, Nov. 3, 2023. Hydrant flushing will be performed Mondays – Fridays between the hours of 8 a.m. and 8 p.m.

“Flushing our hydrants is crucial to maintaining clean water throughout the community,” said Mayor Carlo DeMaria. “I am grateful to the Water Department for dedicating their time to ensure the City is providing clean water to our residents.”

The purpose of flushing is to remove sediment buildup in the mains and to verify the safe operation of hydrants and valves. Hydrant flushing may result in temporary discoloration of the water, caused by small particles that dislodge during the flushing, as well as a temporary reduction in pressure. Discolored water will be temporary and is not harmful. However, the discolored water might stain your laundry, especially white materials. Therefore, please avoid doing laundry during the noted flushing period.

Before washing clothes, including times after the hours stated in this notice, please check the cold water for possible discoloration. If the water is discolored, let the cold water run for a few minutes until the water becomes clear. If it does not clear at that time, try again later. Unfortunately, the City cannot fully guarantee the safety of doing laundry and/or the possibility of discoloration even during the evenings and other times of the day as the water system has been disturbed. Therefore, please check your water carefully before doing laundry and inspect the laundry before drying it.

The Water Department appreciates your patience as we work to improve the

quality of the drinking water. If you would like additional information, please call the Water Department at 617-394-2327.

COUNCIL ON AGING TO HOST BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD AT THE CONNOLLY CENTER TO DISCUSS HEALTH PLAN OPTIONS

Mayor Carlo DeMaria is pleased to announce the Council on Aging (COA) will be hosting a presentation by Heather Hurd, senior plan consultant at Blue Cross Blue Shield, at 10 a.m. on Monday, October 16 at the Connolly Center, 90 Chelsea Street.

All are welcome to attend this presentation that will review the basics of Medicare and focuses on the differences between Medigap and Medicare Advantage. The presentation will also explain how Medicare Part D plans work and share resources that are available to help.

For more information, please dial 617-394-2270 to be connected to the Connolly Center.

DeMaria Announces Halloween Party for Older Adults

Mayor Carlo DeMaria is pleased to announce the Council on Aging (COA) has planned the annual Halloween Party for older adults for Monday, Oct. 23, at 12 p.m. at the Connolly Center, 90 Chelsea Street.

You won’t want to miss this spooky celebration that offers a delectable meal, music, dancing and much more. A boxed lunch that includes a turkey and cheese sandwich, an Italian cold cut sandwich, potato salad and dessert will be served. DJ George the Greek will get everyone moving to all the hits you love, and all are encouraged to wear costumes for a chance to win a prize.

Those who are interested can sign up with Cathi beginning Thursday, October 5 until Thursday, October 19. The cost is \$10 per

person. For more information, please dial 617-394-2270 to be connected to Cathi the Connolly Center.

DAYTIME BRIDGE MACHINERY INSTALLATION AT CHELSEA STREET BRIDGE

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) is announcing that it will be conducting work to install span guide roller machineries on the Chelsea Street Bridge in East Boston and Chelsea. This work is scheduled to take place Monday through Friday, during the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. This work is scheduled to begin on Monday, September 25 and will conclude on Friday, November 17. There will be no weekend closures during scheduled Sumner Tunnel closures. The work will require off peak temporary lane and sidewalk closures. The bridge will remain fully operational during the installation of the new machinery and pedestrian access across the bridge will be maintained at all times. The schedule for this work is weather dependent and is subject to change without notice.

Drivers who are traveling through the area should reduce speed and use caution.

Appropriate signage, law enforcement details, and advanced message boards will be in place to guide drivers through the work area.

For more information on traffic conditions, travelers are encouraged to:

- Download the Mass511 mobile app or visit www.mass511.com to view live cameras, travel times, real-time traffic conditions, and project information before setting out on the road. Users can subscribe to receive text and email alerts for traffic conditions.
- Dial 511 and select a route to hear real-time conditions.
- Follow @MassDOT on X, (formerly known as Twitter), to receive regular updates on road and traffic conditions.



Back row (L-R): Northern Bank President & CEO Jim Mawn, Cambridge Savings Bank President & CEO Wayne Patenaude, Avidia Bank Executive Vice President Nick Karmelek. Front row (L-R): Winchester Co-Operative Bank Vice President Katie Gatcomb, HarborOne Bank First Vice President Maureen Wilkinson, Heading Home CEO Danielle Ferrier, Heading Home Chief Development Officer Suzanne Picher, Heading Home Director of Major Gifts Joe Gravellese, Berkshire Bank Senior Vice President Maria Montgomery.

Area banks participate in end homelessness campaign

Special to the Times-Free Press

A group of Massachusetts-based banks recently celebrated a campaign that raised awareness and \$300,000 for nonprofit Heading Home, which works to end homelessness.

During last Friday’s Red Sox – Orioles game, bank representatives appeared on the Fenway Park baseball diamond to present an oversized check to Heading Home. The Boston-based nonprofit is one of the city’s leading providers of emergency shelter, transitional and permanent housing for extremely low-income families and individuals experiencing homelessness.

The campaign, “Heading4Home,” launched in April 2023 with eight banks participating at various levels all united for

the same goal.

“We are excited and proud to see community banks in Massachusetts come together in the fight against homelessness,” said Northern Bank President & CEO Jim Mawn. “As community bankers, we represent a powerful force because of our collective commitment to the communities we serve. We are uniquely positioned to give back in a meaningful way. Thank you to all the banks for your participation – we cannot wait to do this again next year!”

Before the teams took to the field, the following statement was read aloud to thousands in the Fenway crowd: “On the field today, we have local bank leaders who have joined together to support Heading Home in its tireless efforts to end homelessness throughout Greater Boston. This joint \$300,000

donation will support thousands of adults and children on their paths out of homelessness.”

Heading Home, established in 1974, last year supported more than 2,000 people and secured permanent housing for 150 families. This includes 1,128 children, whose average age is 8-years-old.

Participating banks included: Avidia Bank, Berkshire Bank, Brookline Bank, Cambridge Savings Bank, HarborOne Bank, Northern Bank, Salem Five Bank and Winchester Co-Operative Bank.

Planning is already underway for a larger “Heading4Home” campaign, which is set to launch in 2024.

Any bank that is interested in participating should contact Northern Bank’s Michelle Arnold at marnold@nbt.com.

DiDomenico pushes to raise cash assistance for families living in poverty

Last week, Senator Sal DiDomenico testified alongside Lift our Kids Coalition members and allies before the Legislature’s Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities Committee in support of his proposal to raise cash assistance grants for families in “Deep Poverty.”

The Act to Lift Kids Out of Deep Poverty, S.75 and H.144 (sponsored by Sen. DiDomenico and Rep. Decker with 115 co-sponsors), sets a floor for cash assistance at 50% of the federal poverty level (FPL). Families living below this level are officially in “Deep Poverty.” Once grant amounts reach half of the federal poverty level, the bills would require

grants to be adjusted annually for inflation, so they don’t lose their value over time.

The Committee favorably reported prior versions of these bills in two previous legislative sessions. Those favorable reports laid the groundwork for the Legislature’s inclusion – after decades of frozen funding – of four grant increases in General Appropriations Acts, with the first increase effective January 2021 and the most recent increase effective April 2024.


However, even when the fourth increase goes into effect next April, the maximum grant for a family of three with no income will be only \$861 a month, still

well below the projected 2024 Deep Poverty level of \$1,076 a month for a three-person family.

“It is unconscionable that children in Massachusetts go to bed hungry, without basic necessities, because grant amounts are so low,” said Sen. Sal DiDomenico, lead sponsor of the Senate bill. “I am grateful to Legislative leaders for recognizing our moral imperative to raise cash assistance grants,” he said. “But whether and how much to raise grants should not be left to the annual budget process. We need to make an ongoing commitment to the Commonwealth’s neediest children.”



Senator Sal DiDomenico Testifying on Lift Our Kids Bill.



Everett Special Education Department Parent Advisory Council Election Information

Date: Monday, September 25, 2023
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Location: Madeline English School,
105 Woodville St., Everett MA 02149

— Meeting Agenda —

Part 1
NOTICE OF ELECTION - EVERETT SPECIAL EDUCATION PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL
The Special Education Parent Advisory Committee (SEPAC) will be holding an election for all SEPAC leadership roles during our first meeting on Monday, September 25th at 6:30 p.m. at the Madeline English School.

If you are interested in participating in the election, please email Mr. Donohue at wdonohue@everett.k12.ma.us

Part 2
PARENTS RIGHTS PRESENTATION
The Everett Public Schools Special Education Department and the SEPAC will be presenting an overview of Parents Rights and Procedural Safeguards.

There will also be a Parents Rights presentation by the Federation for Children with Special Needs this spring. We will share details about this event as soon as they are finalized.

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GET YOUR COVID-19 BOOSTER SHOTS

While we would all love to leave COVID-19 in the rearview mirror, the stark reality is that the virus is still circulating among us, with the elderly and persons with compromised immune systems the most vulnerable to becoming seriously ill and dying from the virus.

Even otherwise healthy individuals, especially if they are overweight, run the risk of becoming seriously ill from the disease in the short-term and potentially suffering the lingering and debilitating effects of long-COVID, which has been well-documented, though it remains poorly understood.

Fortunately however, the CDC has approved the updated COVID booster vaccine that has been proven to be an effective and safe preventative measure against both catching the disease in the first place and, if infected, mitigating its most harmful effects.

The reasons we need an updated booster are three-fold: First, the effectiveness of the vaccine diminishes over time. Thus, the shots we received last year are significantly less protective today than they were 12 months ago. Second, the virus has mutated in the past year and the updated vaccines will provide protection against this ever-changing virus. Third, as we enter the fall and winter months, families will be gathering, with many having traveled in airplanes and returning from school, which are breeding grounds for the virus, and therefore looming as potential threats for parents and grandparents. We would note that from January to July of this year, 88 percent of deaths from COVID-19 were among people who were 65 years or older.

We urge all of our readers, regardless of age, to get the latest COVID-19 booster as soon as possible, both for our own health and that of our friends, co-workers, and family members.

MITT COULD HAVE BEEN A GREAT PRESIDENT

The announcement this week by Utah Senator Mitt Romney that he will not seek re-election in 2024 leaves a void not only in the Republican party, but on our national political scene.

When Mitt Romney was our governor, he showed that a person of integrity and dedication to office can get things done for the benefit of all citizens. His willingness to work with the Democrats to pass the landmark health care bill that guarantees health insurance for all Massachusetts residents served as a model for the historic Obamacare legislation a few years later at the national level.

In addition, Romney did not play politics (in contrast to governors both before and after)

with his government and judicial appointments. Mitt Romney was a straight shooter who held to the simple belief that excellence in government is attainable.

Unfortunately, Romney sold his proverbial soul to the devil when he entered national politics, changing his previously-held views on a woman's right to choose and even disavowing his own creation, dubbed Romneycare, despite its success in Massachusetts, in order to cater to the archconservatives of the modern Republican party.

However, after his unsuccessful run for president in 2012 in which he was defeated by Barack Obama, Mitt Romney became the de facto leader of the opposition to the ultra-Republicans whose modus operandi can only be described as anarchy.

"A very large portion of my party," said Romney, "really doesn't believe in the Constitution."

Even though we disagree with Mitt Romney on just about every issue, we nonetheless believe that he is one of the few politicians who would have made a great President. His departure from the U.S. Senate will leave a void that few, if any, will dare to fill.

Your opinions, please

The Everett Independent welcomes letters to the editor. Our address is 385 Broadway, Revere, MA 02151.

Letters may also be e-mailed to editor@everettindependent.com.

Letters must be signed. We reserve the right to edit for length and content.

The Everett Independent reserves the right to edit letters for space, accuracy and clarity. We regret that we cannot publish unsigned letters. Please include your street and telephone number with your submission. The Everett Independent publishes columns, viewpoints and letters to the editor as a forum for readers to express their opinions and to encourage debate. Please note that the opinions expressed are not necessarily those of The Everett Independent.

Text or attachments emailed to editor@everettindependent.com are preferred.

Independent Forum

DeMaria announces new date for Fiesta Del Río 2023

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 Sunday, Sept. 24, 2023, from 12 p.m. to 7 p.m., at Everett Veterans Memorial Stadium, Cabot Street. The originally scheduled date for this event was postponed due to the weather.

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-2023.

"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



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

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.

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.

To learn more about this event, please visit cityofeverett.com/events/fiesta-del-rio-2023.

SCENES FROM PRELIMINARY ELECTION DAY



Ward 4 School Committee candidate Robin M. Babcock, with some of her supporters outside the polls at the Lafayette School on Election Day.



CARY SHUMAN PHOTOS

Lillian Goreham holds a sign for councilor-at-large candidate Maria Radosta Bussell near the Community Center at 21 Whittier Drive.

SEND US YOUR NEWS

The Everett Independent encourages residents to submit birth and engagement announcements, news releases, business briefs, honor rolls, social news, sports stories, and photographs for publication. Items should be forwarded to our offices at **385 Broadway, Citizens Bank Building, Revere, MA 02151**. The Independent also encourages readers to e-mail news releases to editor@everettindependent.com. The Everett Independent assumes no financial responsibility for typographical errors in advertisements, but will reprint that part of the advertisement in which the error occurs. Advertisers will please notify the management immediately of any errors that may occur.

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Area groups form Plastic Free Mass

Over a dozen community and environmental groups have joined forces to form Plastic Free Mass, a new coalition dedicated to ending the use of polluting plastic. The group will push for new policies to protect our Commonwealth's residents and natural resources by ending our plastic addiction and moving us toward a cleaner future.

The data couldn't be clearer. Nearly 40% of the plastic produced annually is for single-use plastics and packaging. Very little plastic – between 5-6% in the United States – is actually recycled. Plastic is toxic and polluting at every stage of its lifecycle – from extraction and manufacturing, to use, recycling, and disposal. Many single-use plastics can be easily reduced, redesigned for reuse, or replaced with nontoxic alternatives.

"The Friends of the Malden River have sponsored many cleanups around and in the Malden River. The Malden River, a typical urban river, is inundated with plastic pollution due to its physical connection with the city's stormwater system. Volunteers have removed thousands of single use plastic items and pounds of degraded polystyrene from the waterway. It is distressing. We have witnessed the contamination of the collected recycling at our local single stream recycling system. Typically, over 65% of Malden's collected recyclables are contaminated with plastic bags, household waste, and nonrecyclable plastics and metals. This contaminated recycling is incinerated at the Wheelabrator Saugus Plant. The Plastic Blight needs to end with

state legislation and public awareness," said Karen Buck, Friends of Malden River.

Accordingly, we support legislation, policies, and programs that: phase out and avoid the production and use of any unnecessary single-use plastics, reduce and eliminate plastic packaging whenever possible, and modernize our state's beverage container deposit system to include reuse and refill targets.

The members of Plastic Free Mass include Berkshire Environmental Action Team, Berkshire Zero Waste Initiative, Beyond Plastics, Clean Water Action, Conservation Law Foundation, Container Recycling Institute, Environmental League of Massachusetts, Friends of the Malden River, Just Zero, Metropolitan Area Planning Council, MetroWest

Climate Solutions, Mothers Out Front, Oceana, Progressive Democrats of Massachusetts, Seaside Sustainability, Slingshot, and Story of Stuff.

"The Commonwealth of Massachusetts is an environmental leader in so many ways, so it's particularly disappointing to see us fall behind in the area of solid waste. For example, our state is one of the only states in New England without a statewide plastic bag ban, and our bottle bill has one of the lowest redemption rates in the country. We must move quickly and decisively to remedy these shortcomings or we risk falling even further behind in the fight to curb the climate crisis," said Kirstie Pecci, Executive Director, Just Zero

Mara Shulman, Senior Attorney, Conservation Law Foundation added,

Healey announces a plan to ban state agencies from purchasing single-use plastic bottles

In a New York Climate Week speech, Massachusetts Governor Maura Healey announced a plan to ban state agencies from buying single-use plastic bottles. Conservation Law Foundation (CLF) released the following statement in response.

"Single-use plastics are a scourge on our environment and our communities," said CLF zero waste attorney Mara Shulman. "These products hasten the climate crisis and endanger the health of people and wildlife. Governor Healey's ban is a great step towards making Massachusetts a leader in fighting the plastics crisis."

CLF and our partners in the Plastic Free Mass coalition and Zero Waste Caucus are pushing for the legislature to ban all sorts of single-use plastic, modernize the state's antiquated beverage container deposit system, and pass an extended producer responsibility for plastic packaging law.

TOUCH A TRUCK EVENT HAS BEEN RE-SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

The Suffolk Downs 3rd Annual Touch a Truck event has been re-scheduled for Saturday, September 23.

Touch a Truck will provide kids and kids at heart an up-close view of tractors, trucks, diggers, police cars, fire engines

and more! Attendees will be able to sit in the seats, honk the horns, and take their picture on the front end. There will also be kids activities, face painting, games, bubbles, food trucks, and craft beer by Night Shift Brewery in the Paddock!



Evander Ward is seemingly scooped up in the bucket of the J Derenzo Co. excavator during last year's event.



Niall and Daniel Horgan check out a John Deere tractor during last year's Touch a Truck event.

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in this well-traveled area," said Matewsky. "I hope motorists will exercise caution at this intersection."

As far as Matewsky could recall, the roundabout is unprecedented in the city.

"We've had rotaries (Sweetster and Santilli), but this is the first inner-city rotary (roundabout) in Everett," said the Ward 1 councilor.

Ward 3 Councilor Darren Costa said he has also traveled through the newly designed intersection.

"Roundabouts are constructed to reduce the amount of time motorists stop at traffic lights and they also say it's safer – there will be yield signs on all sides," said Costa. "I have to trust the state in that they're providing the safest and most efficient manner to keep traffic moving. I think overall, the roundabout is a good



Orange and white barrels are in place as the intersection of Chelsea and Ferry Streets becomes the city's first roundabout which will reduce the wait times from the former traffic lights and improve the flow of traffic.

thing."

Always wanting to engage residents in the process, Costa said he will request a public forum to hear residents' concerns about the new roundabout and whether any improvements need to be made.

It is not known exactly when the landscaping and construction of the round-

about will begin, thus replacing the temporary barrels that are currently situated within the busy intersection.

SCENES FROM PRELIMINARY ELECTION DAY



Councilor-at-Large candidate David LaRosa Senatillaka (right), with supporters, Anna Trinidad, Tony Luongo, and Reynaldo Torres.

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Haleigh Messina (left) and her brother, Marco Messina (right), hold a campaign banner for their father, Ward 4 School Committee candidate Thomas Messina Jr. on Election Day outside the Lafayette School.

MC hires Director of Alumni Relations and Director of Major Gifts, Strategic Initiatives and Planned Giving

Malden Catholic (MC) hired alumnus, Ryan Layton '02 as the Director of Alumni Relations and advancement professional, Greg Maynard, as the Director of Major Gifts, Strategic Initiatives and Planned Giving.

Ryan Layton '02 has joined MC as the Director of Alumni Relations and in his role will work to strengthen relationships with Malden Catholic and Girls Catholic alumni/ae. Layton was inducted into the Malden Catholic Brother Dan Cremin C.F.X., Athletics Hall of Fame in 2022 for his achievements in hockey, football and lacrosse. Ryan spent 8 years working in fund administration at State Street Corporation and at JP Morgan Chase before he joined the City



Ryan Layton.

of Somerville Fire Department and for the past 9 years has served as a firefighter in Somerville. The Layton family has a strong Malden Catholic legacy with his uncle, John W. Layton '85, having been inducted into the Athletics Hall of Fame for football and his brother, Sean Layton '03, also being inducted in 2022 for football,



Greg Maynard.

hockey and lacrosse. Layton has a Master of Public Administration from Anna Maria College and a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Wagner College.

Greg Maynard has also joined the Malden Catholic team as Director of Major Gifts, Strategic Initiatives and Planned Giving. Maynard has 18

years of advancement experience and for the last 5 years has been the lead fundraiser for Invest in Others Charitable Foundation in Andover where he increased the organization's total fundraising 200% in 5 years. Prior to this position, Maynard was a Major Gifts Leadership Officer at Bentley College for 7 years and was also the Director of Annual Giving at Lahey Health. Before his career in advancement, Maynard had a 10-year career in software sales at Dimension Data and Linguistic Systems. Maynard has a Bachelor of Science in Business Communications from Bentley College.

According to Malden Catholic President, the John K. Thornburg, "Malden Catholic has become

the fastest-growing Catholic high school in New England and as we grow, we are thrilled to have Ryan and Greg join our team and further advance the connection we have with our expansive alumni base and work with existing and new benefactors."

Since 1932, Malden Catholic has shaped emerging leaders in our community, claiming a Nobel Laureate, a Senator, two ambassadors and countless community and business heads among its alumni. Annually, graduates attend some of the nation's most renowned universities including Harvard, Princeton, Dartmouth, University of Chicago, Georgetown, Cornell, Brown, Tufts University, Carnegie Mellon, Duke, Notre Dame,

Northeastern University, Boston College and College of the Holy Cross, just to name a few. Foundational to student success is Malden Catholic's codivisional model which offers the best of both worlds, single-gender academics during the day and integrated social and extracurricular opportunities after school. Malden Catholic is known in the community for its rigorous academics, SFX Scholars Program and award-winning STEM program. Malden Catholic curricula is designed to improve individual growth mindset, leadership principles and success outcomes along with integrating the Xaverian values of trust, humility, compassion, simplicity and zeal. <https://www.maldencatholic.org>.

CITY PAWS

Settling in with pets

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

When you move with pets, you have the added task of finding new VIPs for your furry friends - those who walk dogs, care for your pets when you travel, groom your critters, and provide routine and emergency veterinary care. In addition, you need to obtain the local licenses your municipality requires and update your contact on the microchips and tags identifying your animals.

Recommendations

To find excellent dog services, try a two-

pronged approach. First, gather recommendations from your new neighbors and those you meet while walking around your new neighborhood. If they're a pet guardian, ask what they like and dislike about the professionals they use. It's good to ask which dog walkers, groomers, pet-sitters, and veterinarians they've used in the past and why they may have stopped using them.

In some cases, a person with dogs might be a dog walker. Don't hesitate to ask for their company's contact information, even if you're not impressed

with their dog-walking style. This will help you avoid services that are not up to your standards.

Dog Walker and Sitter Considerations

We recommend asking some specific questions to find a reliable dog walker. Inquire about their availability throughout the year and if they have coverage when ill or on vacation. Do they have specific training in animal care and pet first aid? Do they carry professional insurance?

Is the dog walker willing to meet you and your dog before scheduling

appointments? This allows you to determine if the person is a good fit for your furry friend. Inquire about the number of dogs they usually handle. You might even request to accompany them on a walk to observe their handling of your dog within a pack.

If you have specific needs or requirements, make those clear from the beginning. A close friend hired a dog walker for her dog with the condition that the dog should never be tied up outside. She told us that if we ever saw her dog tied up, we were to take him home and notify her immediately. One day, Penny found him in a group of dogs outside a building and did as requested. That was the last time that person walked that dog.

Veterinarians and Groomers

While dog walkers come to your home, you must take your dog to the Vet and groomer. Location and transportation can be deciding factors. We recently changed veterinarians to one we could get to without a car.

In addition to a great location, we had already had



When you move with pets, you have the added task of finding new service providers for your furry friend. (Photo by Erda Estremera)

a good experience with this Veterinary group in an emergency during the pandemic and were impressed. They offered certified fear-free care, which was important for our anxious little dog. They fit our specific needs. Your decision should be based on how well a practice fits your wants and needs.

Don't Wait for Holiday Pet Care!

Now is the time to reserve the holiday season transportation, lodging, and pet care you'll need for your pets and guests who might be coming for a holiday visit. Fortunately, the Greater Boston Area has many pet-friendly ho-

tels. Finding a place for your sister and her dog to stay (if your building does not allow pets) should be easy.

Finding someone to groom, pet sit, or dog walk during the holidays is more complex. If you have a regular service, ask about boarding, sitting, or if you will have a visiting dog to walk over the holidays. As much as they'd like to accommodate regular customers, there's a limit to how many animals a pet sitter can accept.

Do you have a question or topic for City Paws? Send an email to Penny@BostonZest.com with your request.



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vantage of their mistakes with some fumble recoveries, and we made some big special teams’ plays. We played well in all aspects of the game. It feels great to get my first win as coach.”

Everett (1-1) continues to earn the respect of the Boston media. Everett is one of the highest ranked programs in the state, standing at No. 7 in the Boston Globe Top 20 poll.

Everett travels to Manning Field in Lynn Friday (6 p.m.) to play Lynn English (0-2).

“We just have to stay with the mentality of not letting up and just continuing to work hard,” said Flores.



Domenic Papa with a big tackle for the Tide.



Joao Rodrigues lines up the Somerville running back for a big loss.

EHS Roundup

GOALS GALORE FOR EHS BOYS SOCCER

The Everett High boys soccer team enjoyed a highly-successful week, defeating Greater Boston League (GBL) rivals Malden and Chelsea. The Crimson Tide poured in six goals in both games, knocking off the Golden Tornadoes, 6-1, and the Red Devils, 6-3.

“We had a great week,” said EHS head coach Pedro Blas. “We started playing much better as a team. Our offense definitely has improved and we put a few goals in the back of the net.”

“Both of our opponents were great,” noted Blas. “They played very physical and smart soccer against us, but thankfully our guys stepped up. Our league MVP from last year, senior Dieff Bonhomme, has been great for us again. He usually gets things going fast and opens the scoring to get the ball rolling.”

The goal-scorers for the Tide in the two contests were seniors Kauan Moreira, Kaic Coutinho Da Silva, Christopher Figueroa, and Wilbur Romero and sophomore Gabriel Garcia.

Blas and his crew were scheduled to face their toughest test of the season yesterday (Tuesday) against GBL foe Revere.

Both the Tide and the Patriots entered the fray with 3-0 records. Everett then will travel to GBL rival Lynn English tomorrow (Thursday) and will host non-league opponent Greater Lawrence on Friday and GBL rival Lynn Classical next Tuesday at 7-Acre Park.

EHS GIRLS SOCCER TOPS TWO GBL FOES

The Everett High girls soccer team enjoyed a successful week, knocking off a pair of Greater Boston League (GBL) opponents, Malden and Chelsea.

The Lady Crimson Tide came out blazing in their contest with the Lady Golden Tornadoes of Malden last Tuesday and cruised to a 4-1 win. The first goal was scored by Emilia Maria-Babcok with an assist from Luna Sepulveda Maselli seven minutes into the contest.

Yelsa Garcia made it 2-0 when she dribbled through the midfield and defense from the 50-yard line, taking on the entire Malden team, and then delivering a strike from the 18-yard box into the back of the net.

“We went into the half with a 2-0 lead,” said EHS head coach Dom Persuitte, who noted the strong performance of the Tide’s keeper, Laura Sanchez Cespedes.

“Laura came up with a handful of saves that, if let in, could have changed the outcome of the game,” Persuitte. Sanchez Cespedes pitched a shutout until she was replaced by freshman goalkeeper Kayle Velasques with about 15 minutes left of the game.

The Lady Crimson Tide doubled their advantage after the intermission with Luna Sepulveda Maselli and Adalmita Silva scoring. Adalmita scored on a scramble in front of the Malden keeper and shot a rocket into the back of the net, while Luna, who was running a wing for the whole game, scored on a Malden missed goal kick that didn’t find its mark.

Malden scored in the last minute of the game via a defensive breakdown.

Two days later the Lady Crimson Tide blanked their Chelsea foe from across the Parkway, 6-0.

“Chelsea put up a great fight, as they packed in the middle and made it difficult to execute our game play,” said Persuitte. “The game was a scrappy one as Chelsea dug in.”

Yelsa Garica and Layla Cardona both scored a hat trick. Layla scored on two free kicks, which are her specialty, delivering them into the back of the Lady Red Devil net with some force.

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Yariel Ortiz grabs a perfect pass from QB Carlos Rodrigues and turns into a touchdown for Everett.



Jayden Prophete leads the EHS Crimson Tide onto the field at the home opener last Friday night.



Carlos Rodrigues with a quarterback keeper for big yardage.

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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.

**Mystic Side
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Zion Church - Everett

News and Notes

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

Zion Church Ministries via livestream on Facebook and YouTube.

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.

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

NA Meetings – Mon.

Bring Your Own Book 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.; Thurs. I Can't But We Can, 8:00 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.

AA Meeting – Saturday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

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

Bread of Life Donations – This outreach is being done to honor the United Methodist Women's Group, who for so many years were our outreach source. Please bring any food item(s) to church and place in the box located on the altar.

We are on the Internet
<http://www.glendaleumc-everett.org>
Glendale United Methodist Church
Pastor David Jackson
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Please enter the church by the driveway on Walnut Street
617-387-2916
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Pastor's Office Hours: Saturdays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Other times by appointment.

Glendale Christian Lighthouse Church

News and Notes

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Church at the Well Everett

News and Notes

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to sign up for our newsletter and see how we can help you, or connect with the Everett Community Aid Network at www.everettcan.com to request any additional help.

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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ested parties at least five (5) business days before the hearing. The minor (or an adult on behalf of the minor) has the right to request that counsel be appointed for the minor. If you are a parent of the minor child who is the subject of this proceeding you have a right to be represented by an attorney. If you want an attorney and cannot afford to pay for one and if you give proof that you are indigent, an attorney will be assigned to you. Your request for an attorney should be made immediately by filling out the Application of Appointment of Counsel form. Submit the applica-

tion form in person or by mail at the court location where your case is going to be heard. A minor over age 14 has the right to be present at any hearing, unless the Court finds that it is not in the minor's best interests. THIS IS A LEGAL NOTICE: An important court proceeding that may affect your rights has been scheduled. If you do not understand this notice or other court papers, please contact an attorney for legal advice. Date: July 14, 2023
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EOVS announces new appointments to the Veteran's Reintegration Advisory Committee

The Executive Office of Veterans Services (EOVS) proudly announces the revival of the Veteran's Reintegration Advisory Committee (VRAC) and the appointment of seven new committee members. VRAC is entrusted with actively investigating, studying, and scrutinizing various aspects of veterans' reintegration into civilian life. Its primary objectives include reducing suicide rates and addressing the profound effects of post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), depression, and anxiety among veterans. Furthermore, the committee will explore the impact of community peer liaisons on veterans' successful reintegration into society and delve into the critical link between isolation and veteran suicide.

"We remain steadfast in our commitment to veterans' well-being. The EOVS team and I are wholeheartedly dedicated to standing up this Committee, which comprises renowned leaders from the healthcare community. I eagerly anticipate the Committee's findings and recommendations," said Secretary Jon Santiago of the Executive Office of Veterans Services.

VRAC's establishment directly results from the statutory mandate outlined in S3097, the "Act addressing barriers to mental health care," enacted on August 10, 2022. The committee will comprise a diverse group of individuals, including representatives from prominent organizations such as Massachusetts General Hospital's Home Base Program, the Wounded Warriors Project, the Mass Mentoring Partnership, Inc., the Massachusetts Coalition for Suicide Prevention, the Massachusetts Psychological Association, Inc., as well as esteemed professionals and experts from various fields.

The inaugural meeting is scheduled for October 10, World Mental Health Day. For more information about VRAC and its members, please refer to the attached list or contact Jacqueline Manning at jacqueline.manning@mass.gov for inquiries.

The following committee members have been appointed:



**John Rodolico, Co-Chair
PhD, Clinical Advisor,
EOVS SAVE Team**

Dr. John Rodolico, a retired Colonel and former State Surgeon for the Massachusetts National Guard, brings over three decades of expertise to behavioral health. He is the Director of Training at McLean Hospital's Co-occurring Institute and Director of Military and Veteran Services. Additionally, he advises the Massachusetts Executive Office of Veterans Services SAVE team. He is an Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) veteran, serving as the Executive Officer for Combat Stress.



**Kelley Cunningham
Director of Suicide
Prevention Program, DPH**

Kelley Cunningham has been in the suicide prevention field since 2007, spending seven years leading the Community Education and Outreach Program at Samaritans, Inc. in Boston, and more recent years at the Department of Public Health's (DPH) Suicide Prevention Program. Since starting at DPH in 2014, she has been in the Suicide Prevention Program and, in 2017, became the Director of the program. She has been a member of the MA Governor's Challenge and a co-chair for one of the priority groups focusing on Firearm Safety and Suicide Prevention. In November 2023, Kelley was promoted to Director for the Division of Violence & Injury Prevention at DPH. However, she continues her work with Service Members, Veterans, and Families through the Governor's Challenge. Kelley is a suicide loss survivor and caregiver to an adult child with lived experience. She is also the proud parent of a former service member with the MA National Guard.



**Margaret Guyer, Co-Chair
Ph.D., Clinical and
Professional Services,
Department of
Mental Health**

Dr. Margaret Guyer, Ph.D., is a distinguished professional known for her multifaceted roles as a clinician, researcher, and administrator within the Department of Mental Health (DMH). As the Special Assistant to the Deputy Commissioner of Clinical and Professional Services at the DMH, Dr. Guyer is pivotal in driving the department's commitment to evidence-based practices.



**Charly Oliva
Veteran Service Officer,
Belchertown**

Charly Nicole Oliva, MSW, is the Director of Veterans' Services for Belchertown, Massachusetts, where she has contributed her expertise for three years. Before this role, she spent 13 years as the Deputy Director of the Springfield Veterans' Office.



**MAJ (P) Katherine Murphy
Director, Warrior Resilience
& Fitness, Massachusetts
National Guard**

LTC Katherine Murphy is a seasoned leader with over two decades of experience in military behavioral health and holistic health and fitness implementation. Throughout her career, she has held various positions at tactical, operational, and strategic levels, both CONUS and OCONUS, including deployment. LTC Murphy is recognized as a subject matter expert in Army behavioral health, serving on the executive committee for the Army National Guard Behavioral Health Working Group since 2014 and earning the Army National Guard Behavioral Health Officer of the Year award in 2016.



**René Lento
Director of Addictions
Services at Home Base**

Dr. René Lento is a Licensed Clinical Psychologist at Home Base, where she specializes in assisting veterans with PTSD, Substance Use Disorders (SUDs), and reintegration issues. She also oversees substance use programming in the 2-week Intensive Clinical Programming and SOAR program.



**Paula Tessier
Associate Director, Mass
Coalition for Suicide
Prevention**

Paula joined the MCSP staff in 2022, where she sees her role as an opportunity to oversee projects and enhance communications to support the coalition's growth. Paula Tessier brings decades of professional experience working with diverse groups of Massachusetts leaders in public health, human services, and behavioral health. She previously served as a DMH Emergency Response to Suicide Prevention (ERSP) Grant Director, playing a crucial role in coordinating the COVID-related SAMHSA grant.



**Elisabeth Parrot, Director
Lowell Mass VETS Center**

Dr. Parrott is a clinical psychologist and registered nurse currently serving as the Director of the Lowell Vet Center in Massachusetts, a part of the US Department of Veterans Affairs' Readjustment Counseling Service. Her dedication to veterans' well-being spans back to 2008, and she solidified her expertise through a postdoctoral residency at the Bedford VA Medical Center in 2012. Dr. Parrott officially joined the staff of the Lowell Vet Center in 2013.



**Bill Davidson Sr.,
Director of Veteran
Outreach and Peer
Support, Home Base**

Bill Davidson, Senior Director of Veteran Outreach, Peer Support, and Volunteers at Home Base, retired as a Command Sergeant Major in the Massachusetts Army National Guard (MAARNG) after 34 years of service in 2018. His roles included Senior Enlisted Advisor (SEA) to the Command Group and Director of the Resilience, Risk Reduction, and Suicide Prevention Program for the MAARNG.



**Michael Baird
Alumni Manager,
Wounded Warrior Project**

Michael Baird is the Alumni Manager at Wounded Warrior Project with over ten years of experience serving veterans and their families. He manages the WWP Alumni team and oversees outreach and engagement events in the Northeast region to connect, serve, and empower wounded service members and their families.



**Lily Mendez
President and CEO of Mass
Mentoring Partnership**

Lily Mendez is the President & CEO of Mass Mentoring Partnership (MMP), a nonprofit dedicated to strengthening mentoring programs in Massachusetts through technical assistance, funding, and advocacy. Previously, she served as the Regional Chief Operating Officer for the American Red Cross of Massachusetts, overseeing programs and spearheading organizational restructuring efforts.



**Angela Taveira-Dick
Associate Director of Military
and Veteran Psychology
Program, William James
College**

Dr. Angela Taveira-Dick, Ph., is the Associate Director of the Military and Veteran Psychology Program and an Assistant Professor at William James College. She earned her doctoral degree from Nova Southeastern University in 2013 and completed her predoctoral internship in "Clinical & Community Psychology" at the Yale University School of Medicine.



**Dr. Erin Fletcher, Director,
Wounded Warrior Project**

Erin Fletcher, Psy.D., is the Warrior Care Network Director at Wounded Warrior Project (WWP). In this capacity, she ensures synergy across all WWP mental health programs. She collaborates with the four Academic Medical Centers within WWP's Warrior Care Network to facilitate program implementation and delivery alignment.



**Dr. Miriam Stoll
Clinical Psychologist,
Worcester Recovery
Center, and Hospital (DMH)**

Dr. Miriam Stoll is a licensed Clinical Psychologist with a decade of active involvement in the Massachusetts Psychological Association. She earned her Bachelor of Science, double majoring in Psychology and Anthropology, from the University of Pittsburgh. Her academic journey continued at William James College, where she achieved both her master's and Doctorate in Clinical Psychology, with a specific focus on Veterans and Military families.



**Katherine Nicholas Malvey,
LICSW, VISN 1 Veterans Justice
Programs Coordinator,
US Department of Veterans
Affairs**

Katherine Nicholas Malvey (Katie) has been a Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker with the Department of Veterans Affairs since 2008. She serves as the Suicide Prevention Program Manager for VA New England (VISN 1), overseeing clinical and community-based suicide prevention programs for eight facilities in the 6 New England states. Katie has dedicated a decade to enhancing the identification of at-risk Veterans and improving access to care, outreach, programming, and risk mitigation.



Amanda Braga-Tipton is a Massachusetts native from three generations of military service members. In 2018, she decided to join the USAR as a Chaplain. In the past ten years, she has served on the board of directors of 7 varying para-military support groups located on Cape Cod (where she resides). She graduated from Liberty University with her Master of Divinity in 2019 and served as a Hospice Chaplain in the Civilian sector.

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west, Boutique and Alaska, while C serves JetBlue, Aer Lingus, Cape Air and TAP Air Portugal. Ongoing roadway construction will revamp the current terminal roadway system to eliminate backups, enhance the passenger pick-up and drop off process, and get passengers to and from the terminals faster, improving the overall customer experience at Boston Logan.

During the 11-day period through September 25 (weather permitting), the roadway construction will require detours. Terminals C and E Departures traffic will be detoured to alternative roadways. Terminal C Departures level traffic will be re-routed to the Arrivals level roadway to the Terminal C Ride App area in Central Parking. Terminal E Departures level traffic will be detoured through Terminal B Departures. For one day on

September 16, Terminal C and E Arrivals traffic will be detoured through Terminal B Arrivals. Additional signage is being installed and State Police and Massport Ground Transportation staff will be on site to assist drivers.

The roadway construction is replacing the aging roadway infrastructure along both levels between the terminals. When work is completed, Terminals C and E Departures traffic will be able to use the newly constructed roadway and will no longer have to merge with vehicles exiting Terminal B. The construction will also create more curb space at Terminal C – and reduce congestion on Boston Logan’s roadways — by improving traffic flow and increasing traffic safety. This project is set to be completed this November.

We strongly urge passengers to take advantage of the various transit modes to and from Logan, such as MBTA’s Silver Line (FREE from Logan), Blue Line and water ferry, Logan Express, and private bus lines. Massport operates four suburban Logan Express services including Framingham, Braintree, Woburn and most recently Peabody at the North Shore Mall.

For those picking up loved ones at Logan, we are encouraging the use of Boston Logan’s two Cell Phone Lots, located on Service Road and in the area adjacent to the Rental Car Center, to prevent congestion at the terminal curbs. Drivers should follow the signs to either of the Cell Phone Lots, and park until the person or party being picked up is ready at the terminal curb. Each location has approximately 100 parking spots.

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scoring void too, tallying two kills and two kills from the setter spot.

“We held a slim lead in the first set 23-22, but we had given them five points on missed serves, and we can’t do that and expect to beat good teams,” said the coach. “We dropped the set 25-23, and then fell flat in the second set, losing 25-6. We couldn’t do anything right, and the only thing we could do was forget it and move on, which is exactly what we did, winning the next set 25-21, thanks to a pair of kills from Desrameaux and Sandy, and four serves to close out the set from Rodrigues.”

Rodrigues served seven in a row in the fourth set to put Everett up 9-8, and it was back and forth with Everett serving, down 19-18, but that would be as close as the Tide would get, dropping the match, 3-1.

Last Friday Everett hosted Saugus, but right at the end of warmups, the injury bug struck again when the Lady Crimson Tide lost Flores, the team’s libero, marking Everett’s third player to go down with an ankle injury in the season’s first two weeks.

“That threw off our focus, not to mention my lineup, so we did not start well, dropping the opener 25-16,” said Fineran.

Two aces and two kills from Romboli and three kills and four service points from Sandy helped Everett stay competitive before dropping the second set, 25-17. Nogueira made a return to the lineup as a server to start the third set and powered Everett to an 8-0 lead. Blocks from Duvalaire and Sandy, and pairs of kills from both Verteiro and Romboli gave the Tide a 25-23 win.

“We were competitive in the fourth set, but five untimely missed serves kept us looking up most of the set, which we would

up losing 25-20,” noted Fineran.

“When we started the season, we had 15 players on varsity, not including Romboli,” Fineran continued. “We went down to 13, then lost two more to injury. We should get our captain back in the next week or two, but we know that we all need to be better, including me.

“I need to be better at getting us focused and ready to implement our strategy,” Fineran added. “Our servers need to be more consistent. Our hitters need to make fewer errors while also staying aggressive. Our passers need to get the ball to the setter so she can set up our attack. These are the things we always work on. This can still be a special year for us, and it can be even more special because of the adversity we will have to overcome to play in November. And hopefully by then, we’ll have everyone back and healthy, too. I’d like to see the damage our full squad can do in the tournament.”

Fineran and his crew, who now are 2-2 on the season, were scheduled to take on five GBL foes over a 10-day stretch: at Lynn Classical this past Monday; home vs. English today (Wednesday); at Somerville tomorrow (Thursday); at Medford next Monday; and home vs. Revere next Wednesday.

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY WINS SEASON-OPENER

The Everett High boys cross country team made a successful debut for its 2023 season with a 21-36 victory over Greater Boston League rival Lynn Classical last Tuesday on the three-mile course at Lynn Woods.

The Crimson Tide’s Nischal Tamang took top honors in the meet with a

time of 20:12. Teammate Dawens Germain grabbed third place with a clocking of 21:59, followed by Anthony Whitlow in fourth in 22:00, David Huezio in sixth in 22:49, and Jeremy Whitlow in seventh in 22:50 to complete the Everett scoring.

Lucas Nunez (ninth place in 23:25) and Harry Jaikaran (12th place in 27:14) also turned in strong performances for coach Brendan Haahes’s squad.

On the girls’ side, Suzanne Maharjan finished in third place with a time of 29:06.

EHS GOLFERS OPEN 2023 SEASON

Although the Everett High golf team came up on the short end of a 49-23 decision to Greater Boston League rival Malden/Revere in its opening match of the 2023 season, EHS head coach Steve Gallagher saw many positive signs from his young squad.

“We lost a number of key players from last year, so we’re in a bit of a rebuild,” said Gallagher. “This was the first career match for a few of the current players, so expectations were tempered in this one.”

Senior captain McKenzie Powers played at #1 for the Crimson Tide and acquitted herself well against her Malden/Revere counterpart in a contest in which McKenzie fell by a score of 7-2. Sophomore Carolyn Fama played what Gallagher termed “a great match,” but came up just short by a score of 5-4.

“We have six matches over the next two weeks, so we’re looking forward to gathering some experience and hopefully building up some momentum as we go forward,” said Gallagher.

OBITUARIES

Richard A. Gregoire

He was the embodiment of a family man

Richard A. Gregoire, a lifelong resident of Everett, passed away peacefully surrounded by his family on September 13 at the age of 92.

He was the beloved husband of the late Anna Marie ‘Anne’ (Catoggio) Gregoire with whom he shared 39 loving years of marriage; the devoted father of four children: Kathryn O’Brien and her husband, Joseph of Everett, Michele Glancy and her husband, Robert of Newton, NH and David Gregoire of Everett. He was predeceased by his cherished son, Richard P. Gregoire. He was the proud grandfather ‘Grandpa’ ‘Papa’ of six grandchildren: Joseph O’Brien and his wife, Daniela, Heather Kennedy and her husband, Jason, Julianne Murthi and her husband, Dinkar, Jason O’Brien, Jonathan Glancy and Caitlin Sanborn and her husband, Jim. He was predeceased by his precious grandson, Robby Glancy.

He was the loving great-grandfather 12 great-grandchildren: Ella, Max and Henry Murthi, Alex and Ava Kennedy, Vaughn O’Brien, Jameson, Jacoby and Mila Sanborn and Arianna, Matteo and Joseph O’Brien.

He was predeceased by his parents, Irene (Allaire) Gregoire and Hubert A. Gregoire and his sisters, Margaret Gregoire and Barbara Gregoire-Holman. He is survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

Richard was blessed to be able to live at home up until one month before his passing because of the devotion, love and care of his son, David with whom he lived and also with the love, care and support of his two daughters, Kathy and Michele, his grandchildren and family.

He was the embodiment of a family man. His family was his greatest source of Love, Joy and Pride. His wife, Anne ‘Ma’ was the love of his life since they were married when he was 19 years old. When she passed away too young he was heart-broken but he filled his life with his family, enjoying the simple yet most important joys of life.

He loved playing cribbage with his son, David. He loved visiting with his daughters, Kathy

and Michele and hearing all about the milestones and funny stories about his great-grandchildren. He was always part of his grandchildren’s interests. Whether it was bowling with Joey, going to watch Heather cheerleading EHS football games, taking Julianne to her violin lessons, cheering on Jason at his baseball games, attending Jonathan’s music and art shows and being Caitlin’s biggest fan at her soccer and basketball games. He continued the traditions with his great-grandchildren enjoying their birthday parties, family holiday gatherings and also their school, sporting, music and dance activities.

When his children were younger, he had cute little nicknames for them. And with his grandchildren and great grandchildren, he had his own made-up games and stories. He was always the adult you would find on the floor playing with the grandkids or holding the great grandkids.

He was humble but proud of playing baseball for Everett High School where he was a left-handed pitcher. He used to say he had two pitches; the fast ball and the curve ball. He said he preferred throwing the fast ball and admitted he wasn’t ‘much of a hitter himself but he could pitch.’

My brother David recently shared a story that he had told him he was proud that he had once pitched to baseball legend Harry Agganis.

He was also one of Everett High School Crimson Tide football team’s biggest fan. For more than 50 years he could be found sitting on the 50 yard line and usually the first one there. He used to tell his children if you arrived somewhere right on time you were late.

He was an avid walker. Richard could be spotted taking his daily long walks around the City of Everett and stopping to talk to people.

He also enjoyed taking a ride every day in his car just for pleasure. He loved listening to Elvis on the radio. He enjoyed watching the Red Sox, Celtics and Patriots with his son, David and taking road trips to Baltimore for a Red Sox game with

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his sons-in-law Bobby and Joey and some of his grandchildren. He loved visiting his grandchildren wherever they lived or were attending college and trips to Cape Cod. He was the best companion on the many road trips he took with his family. He loved to go out to eat at a restaurant, always wanted to pay and always gave a more than generous tip. He loved spending holidays with his family and wearing his famous ‘pink shirt’ every Christmas.

He was loved and respected by all who knew him. He was always described as a gentleman. He will be greatly missed by his family but forever remembered for his devotion to them.

The family would like to thank Ghislaine ‘Gigi’ and also the staff at Aberrjona Rehabilitation & Nursing Center, Compassionate Care Hospice and Mystic Valley Elder Services for their compassionate care.

The services for Richard will be private. Your thoughts and prayers are greatly appreciated. Kindly consider in lieu of flowers donations to Alzheimer’s Association @ <https://www.alz.org> or a charity of your choice.

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Neighboring rivals Everett and Chelsea had it out on the soccer pitch Thursday September 14 and the Crimson Tide prevailed 6-3.



BALANCE POINT: Christopher Loaiza (12) falls back as he keeps a ball in play.



HIGH ROLLER: Kauan Moreira (9) goes the air route past Chelsea's Juan-carlos Suarez Lopez (61).

BOB MARRA PHOTOS



STANDOFF: Chelsea's Jose Joj (10) and Everett's Armando Majano (39) get a foot on the ball at the same time.



SIDELINE SCUFFLE: Chelsea's Jorge Sanabria Vasquez (19) and Everett's Christopher Loaiza (12) battle for the ball.



KEEP AWAY: Everett's Christopher Loaisa (12) and Ednilson Lerois (6) tangle with Chelsea's Cristian Lopez (11)

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GOOD TIMES: Everett players (left to right) Bryan Martinez Portillo (31) and (24) join in as Kaic Coutinho DaSilva (10) bearhugs a leaping Gabriel Garcia (27) after Garcia scored to give Everett a 2-0 lead.



ON THE MONEY: Gabriel Garcia (27) follows through on a shot that gave Everett a 2-0 lead.



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