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faceted service to the City of Everett, was chosen to serve as our Interim Superintendent during a special meeting on Thursday night.

Mr. Hart was resoundingly endorsed by School Committee members. He was nominated by Jeanne Cristiano, which quickly garnered strong and vocal support from Mayor Carlo DeMaria, Vice Chairman Michael McLaughlin, Cynthia Sarnie, Jason Marcus, Millie Cardello, and Joe LaMonica.

Mr. Hart holds extensive and impressive qualifications in the areas of education, civic and community service, and elected office. Born and raised in Everett, he is a respected, distinguished, and trusted leader. He is a proven collaborator, manager, creative thinker, problem solver, and strategist. These skills will help the EPS in the most fundamental and critical area: Improving student outcomes.

As my colleague Ms. Cristiano said: “He’s the perfect fit to lead us during this interim period, because now more than ever, we need strength. Now more than ever, we need stability and continuity. Now more than ever, we need someone who has demonstrated proven leadership at the senior executive level. Now, more than ever, we need Bill Hart to serve as our interim superintendent. Our kids can’t wait.”

A nationally-recognized leader in higher education, Mr. Hart served as the Chief Executive Officer for Massachusetts Community Colleges from 2009-2019, during which time he worked with 15 presidents and 165 trustees. During his tenure, he advanced and expanded the community college mission and secured \$64 million in state and federal grants, in addition to annual appropriations, all

of which directly benefited campuses.

He also served as Deputy Director for Massachusetts Community Colleges from 2004-2009. Prior to that, he was Vice President of Communications and Assistant to the President for Public Affairs at Bunker Hill Community College. During his career, Mr. Hart has served on a variety of policy committees, task forces, institutes, and organizations.

He also taught history, government, and politics at Bunker Hill from 1992 to 2009 — the fact that, to me, jumps off his resume above all others. As a teacher, Mr. Hart adapted his teaching style to “engage a myriad of diverse student learners from various educational levels and backgrounds.” What could be better for our students?

In addition, Mr. Hart has been a tireless public servant who has fulfilled various roles under four Everett mayors. And he was an Everett City Councilor from 1981-1985 and a School Committee member from 1988-1995, serving as chairperson in 1994. Simply, Mr. Hart’s experience, track record, and resume speak for themselves.

Please join me in welcoming Mr. Hart as the leader of the Everett Public Schools. He looks forward to meeting with building leaders in the coming days, as he visits our schools with Deputy Superintendent Kim Tsai and Assistant Superintendents Kevin Shaw and Anu Jayanth.

And it will be my great honor to publicly introduce William D. Hart as our Superintendent and swear him in as Secretary of the Everett School Committee during our Regular Meeting on Monday, November 6th at 6:30 p.m. in the Everett High School Library.

EBNHC expands rolls of two executive leaders

East Boston Neighborhood Health Center (EBNHC) announced the promotion of two current executive leadership team members to expanded roles within the organization. Ernani J. DeAraujo, Esq., former Vice President and Chief Legal Officer, will assume the role of EBNHC’s Chief Administrative Officer, and Amanda McGee, former Vice President and Deputy General Counsel will take the helm as EBNHC’s General Counsel.

“The healthcare needs of our community are complex and require sophisticated leadership able to drive our health equity agenda,” said EBNHC president and CEO Greg Wilmot. “Both Ernani DeAraujo and Amanda McGee have demonstrated their ability to skillfully guide our organization as we actively work to reduce health disparities among those we serve. With their expanded roles, they will be well positioned to advance our mission and shape the continued success of our organization.”

In his new role as Chief Administrative Officer, DeAraujo will oversee EBNHC’s government affairs and regulatory work at the federal, state, and local levels. In collaboration with the organization’s Chief Operations Officer and Chief Medical Officer, DeAraujo will shepherd operational projects



Amanda McGee.

and expand the organization’s presence in other business areas. He will also assist in developing existing and new external partnerships.

“As a lifelong resident of East Boston and patient of EBNHC, I’ve been fortunate to grow my career over the past 10 years at an organization that directly impacts my community,” said DeAraujo. “I am excited to pass the baton to my trusted colleague and successor, Amanda McGee, who will serve our organization well as General Counsel. In my new role, I look forward to helping our organization and patients through an operational lens and to deepen my work on advocacy and government affairs while continuing to serve my community.”

As General Counsel, McGee will focus on providing broader legal and strategic advice on the overall activities of the health center, as well as providing counsel and



Ernani J. DeAraujo.

training to staff around legal and compliance matters.

“It is an honor to be recognized by my colleagues and peers as I take on a larger role within EBNHC,” said McGee. “I will continue to carry out the vision of my predecessor, Ernani DeAraujo, in creating a department of engaged creative legal minds, energized by the community-driven and multi-layered nature of our work. As one of a handful of women General Counsels in the Commonwealth, I appreciate this unique opportunity to encourage other women lawyers to follow their passion and pursue leadership at the highest levels of an organization.”

One of few Latino general counsels in the state, DeAraujo previously served as the East Boston Liaison for the late Boston Mayor Tom Menino; as an attorney at Foley Hoag LLP; and as an investment banker at JP-

Morgan Chase. DeAraujo is a Colombian-Brazilian American and lifelong East Boston resident and continues to stay engaged in the community organizations and committees including the John William Ward Fellowship and the Boston Latin School Association. He graduated from Harvard College and the Washington and Lee School of Law.

McGee’s practice spans all aspects of legal and corporate compliance for the health center, including regulatory compliance, litigation, and general corporate matters such as contract management, mergers and acquisitions, employment and labor issues, immigration, real estate, and tax matters. Previously, McGee was a senior litigation associate at the international law firm Morgan Lewis & Bockius. She graduated from Amherst College with a Bachelor of Arts in History and earned her J.D. at the University of Virginia School of Law.

EBNHC is dedicated to diversifying its workforce, including their leadership team which is now 50% women, 40% who identify as racial and ethnic minority, and about 30% who are active clinicians. The health center has been recognized by The Boston Globe as a Top Place to Work eight times since 2014.

DPH officials urge residents to get vaccinated ahead of the holiday season

As the weather gets colder and with holiday gatherings just around the corner, the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) urges residents to get vaccinated.

“With Thanksgiving just two weeks away, now is a great time for those preparing to celebrate with friends and loved ones to get vaccinated for flu, COVID-19, and RSV, if eligible. Getting vaccinated now will maximize protection against these respiratory viruses,” said Public Health Commissioner Robert Goldstein, MD, PhD. “We want Massachusetts residents to have a safe, healthy, and fun holiday season and part of that is getting vaccinated to protect yourself and those around you.”

Everyone 6 months and older should get a seasonal flu vaccine and an updated COVID-19 vaccine, both of which can

take up to two weeks to take full effect to protect against infection, serious illness and hospitalization, and reduce the chances of suffering the effects of Long COVID. The updated COVID-19 vaccine is effective against current variants and widely available for little or no cost to Massachusetts residents. Vaccine location information is available at mass.gov/CovidVaccine. Residents who cannot get to a vaccination location can schedule an appointment for in-home COVID and flu vaccination by going to mass.gov/VaccinesAtHome or calling 833-983-0485.

DPH is working with hospitals and providers to encourage vaccination of staff and patients. Through its Vaccine Equity Initiative, DPH is working closely with communities of color and other populations and communities

hardest-hit by COVID-19 to improve access to vaccination. Through partnerships with community organizations, DPH will hold COVID-19 and flu clinics in many community locations and at upcoming cultural events. A listing of these community clinics that are accepting appointments and, in some locations, walk-ins, is updated weekly and can be found at mass.gov/MobileVax.

In addition to flu and COVID-19 vaccination, many people are eligible for respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) vaccination this year, including pregnant people, newborns, and many people 60 and older. COVID-19, flu, and RSV are the three viruses that are most likely to cause severe disease resulting in hospitalization and sometimes death.

While the holidays are a time for gathering, public

health officials advise that if you are feeling unwell, you should stay home, get tested, and, if you test positive for flu or COVID-19, get treatment to prevent the spread of illness.

“Adding vaccinations to your holiday season to-do list is one of the best gifts you can give yourself and people you’ll gather with, especially older adults, people who are immunocompromised, and pregnant people, who are at higher risk for severe complications,” said State Epidemiologist Dr. Catherine Brown. “While it’s never too late to get your COVID or flu shots, getting vaccinated sooner rather than later will provide increased protection ahead of holiday celebrations, the start of winter, and peak respiratory disease season.”

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path to the end zone.

Everett’s other score came on a 35-yard field goal by Adoni Santos that gave Everett a 16-2 lead (Lowell scored on a safety following an errant snap from center).

In the fourth quarter, Everett’s defensive secondary, sparked by a key pass breakup from Elijah Lassiter, denied the Red Raiders on their final two

possessions. The game ended in unusual fashion when Lowell committed a running-into-the-kicker penalty, resulting in an Everett first down that locked up the victory.

Everett (8-1) will play Central Catholic Friday (6 p.m.) in Lawrence. The Tide conclude their season on Thanksgiving eve versus St. Mary’s of Lynn.

“By participating in the *All of Us* Research Program, I am helping to shape health research. By providing my health information to *All of Us*, I am learning things about myself, like how my body responds to certain medications. This information empowers me to work with my doctor to find the right dose. Health research hasn’t always included people like me, but *All of Us* is changing that. I’m ready for it.”

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT FLYNN APPOINTED TO THE GOVERNOR’S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON VETERANS SERVICES



Veterans Services Secretary Jon Santiago (at podium) welcomes Council President Edward Flynn as the new member of the Governor’s Advisory Council on Veterans Services. The following is Edward Flynn statement: I’m honored to be sworn in today as a member of the Governor’s Advisory Council on Veterans Services. Along with the other members, we will be advising the Governor on issues impacting veterans across the Commonwealth. The Governor’s Advisory Council on Veterans Services was re-established earlier this year by Governor Maura Healey and Lt. Governor Kim Driscoll, and will work closely with Secretary Jon Santiago to provide recommendations on veterans issues to the Governor. The Advisory Council will also review federal and state laws and existing veterans programs, as we support our veterans and their families. It is also important to acknowledge the service of women veterans, veterans of color, and LGBTQ+ veterans and ensure they are heard and treated with dignity. I will continue this advocacy on the Advisory Council, and work closely with my colleagues and Secretary Santiago to enhance the lives of our military families. I look forward to getting to work in this important role. Edward M. Flynn served in the U.S. Navy & U.S. Navy Reserve, and is a Veteran of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM.

Urban Edge Properties purchases Gateway Center

Urban Edge Properties, a New York-based company, has purchased the Gateway Center in Everett and Shoppers World in Framingham for a combined price of \$309 million, according to published reports.

The Gateway Center, a shopping center located at 1 Mystic Road, is home to several popular stores and restaurants, including Target, Home Depot, Old Navy, Texas Roadhouse,

and Panera Bread.

Commenting on the sale of the Gateway Center, Everett Mayor Carlo DeMaria said, “The City is aware of the closing on the Gateway Center mall property. We look forward to working with the new owners to make sure they are taking appropriate steps to mitigate traffic issues generated by the parcel during peak retail seasons.”



Shown above is the Gateway Center sign at the entrance to the shopping center located on Mystic Road in Everett.

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community through language access, how service providers can provide care with cultural competency, and how to create safe spaces for members of the LGBTQIA+ community.

She also spearheaded Mayor DeMaria’s “Everett for Everyone” initiative by working with members of the community and community organizations to support cultural events and celebrations, including this year’s well-attended Nepal Day celebration in Glendale Park.

“I can’t think of anyone more deserving of this recognition than Cathy

Draine,” said Mayor DeMaria. “Since moving to Everett and joining our team, Cathy has worked hard to make sure that individuals from all backgrounds feel seen and valued in City Hall and in the community. I am grateful to Cathy for all her efforts and for the guidance and support she has shared with me and others in our community.”

COLOR Magazine is an affiliate of BridgeTower Media and for the past ten years has focused on creating thought content for issues including diversity and inclusion.

DEMARIA ADMINISTRATION AWARDED GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT

Mayor Carlo DeMaria is pleased to announce that for the eighth time the City of Everett has been awarded the Government Finance Officers Association’s (GFOA) Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting.

The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment. The GFOA has encouraged and recognized exemplary budgeting practices among governmental entities in the United States and Canada since 1984.

Michele Mark Levine, Director, Technical Services, stated, “We hope that your example will encourage others in their efforts to achieve and maintain an appropriate standard of excellence in financial reporting.”

The Government Finance Officers Association is a major professional association servicing the needs of more than 21,000 appointed and elected local, state, and provincial-level government officials and other finance practitioners. It provides top quality publications, training programs, services, and products designed to enhance the skills and performance of those responsible for government finance policy and management.

“We look forward to continue to be recognized as a leading community in public financial management by practice and policy development,” said Mayor DeMaria. “As an administration, it is my goal to enhance and promote quality government management for the ben-

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efit of the residents and businesses in the City of Everett.”

SECOND ANNUAL “NAME A SNOWPLOW” CONTEST FOR MASSACHUSETTS ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) is announcing the second annual, “Name A Snowplow,” contest for statewide elementary school students in Massachusetts. The contest seeks to solicit names for 12 vehicles. MassDOT snowplows that will be in service for the upcoming 2023/2024 winter season. The purpose of the contest is to celebrate the snow and ice season and to help recognize the hard work and dedication shown by public works employees and contractors during the winter season. Winning applicants will be announced by December 22.

“This contest is a great way to celebrate the winter season in New England, encourage the creativity of our young people, and to thank all the dedicated members of our crews who keep our roads and bridges cleared during severe weather,” said Acting Transportation Secretary and CEO Monica Tibbits-Nutt. “We truly appreciate all the people who work on the front lines regardless of the weather in all sectors of the economy and this is one gesture of thanks.”

“This contest was well received last winter and we know there are many good suggestions out there once again for naming our plows this season,” said Highway Administrator Jonathan Gulliver, “We want to use the contest as a way to recognize our dedicated workforce and at the same time give students an opportunity to have some fun naming plows as it helps connect young people with the public ser-

vants who do the work.”

Applications for the Snowplow Naming Contest are due by 5 p.m. on Friday, December 1, and can be submitted by using an online portal: <https://www.mass.gov/forms/name-a-snowplow-contest-submission>. There is no limit to the number of applications that can be submitted per school. The contest winners will be invited to participate in a scheduled snowplow unveiling event.

A selection panel composed of MassDOT employees will choose two elementary school classroom winners that are located within each of the six Highway Division districts. The winning submissions will be evaluated based on two grade-level categories: 1) kindergarten through fourth grade; and 2) fifth grade through eighth grade.

During the first snowplow naming contest last winter, the winning names were: Flurry Fighter, Luke Snowwalker, Plow Ranger, Sherlock Snowmes, Snowdrop, Arctic Beast, Sled Zeppelin, Snow day No Way, Blizzard Wizard, Snow Big Deal, Snow Time to Lose, and Blizzard of Oz. These names which were placed on the sides of plow trucks a year ago remain on those vehicles.

For more information on the contest, please visit: <https://www.mass.gov/name-a-snowplow-contest-2023-24>.

CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAYS ON BOSTON’S HISTORIC FREEDOM TRAIL

The Freedom Trail® Foundation invites revelers to celebrate this holiday season on the annual Historic Holiday Strolls. The festive atmosphere of the city, set against the unique backdrop of Boston’s historic sites and centuries of history, makes these merry 90-minute tours a perfect way to cel-

ebrate the holidays. Walk the Freedom Trail and discover how Boston’s holiday traditions evolved on the Strolls offered Fridays and Saturdays at 3:30 p.m. from November 18 through December 30.

Led by 19th-century Dickensian costumed guides departing from the Visitor Information Center on Boston Common, the Strolls are complete with a tour of holiday lights and Christmas trees along the Freedom Trail while learning about 19th-century holiday traditions. Following the Stroll, guests receive discounts off museum store purchases at Freedom Trail sites, including the Old South Meeting House, Old State House, Paul Revere House, and Old North Church’s Heritage and Gift Shops (valid with any Historic Holiday Stroll receipt from November through December).

“The Freedom Trail helps usher in the holiday season with the annual Historic Holiday Strolls, which gives tour participants a glimpse into the unique holiday traditions practiced throughout history,” said Suzanne Segura Taylor, Freedom Trail Foundation Executive Director. “The Strolls are one of many offerings to experience Boston’s historic sites and the Trail year-round.”

Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for children for public tours. The Strolls may also be scheduled as private group tours pending availability. The Freedom Trail Foundation continues to offer daily public Official Freedom Trail Tours® throughout November and December and during the winter months. All Freedom Trail tours are available as private family or group tours by reservation. For more information and to purchase tickets for the Historic Holiday Strolls and Freedom Trail Tours, please visit TheFreedomTrail.org, and for group tour reservations, please call 617.357.8300.

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“THANK YOU” TO OUR VETERANS

This Saturday, November 11, will mark the 104th observance of Veterans Day in the United States, a day marked by solemnity and reverence to honor those who have served in our nation’s military. Veteran’s Day initially was known as Armistice Day when it was enacted in 1919 in observance of the first anniversary of the end of World War I, which occurred on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918.

World War I was marked by trench warfare in which neither the German-allied nations (Germany, Austria-Hungary, and the Ottoman Empire) nor the alliance among England, France, Russia, and the United States, accomplished anything. Historians to this day cannot even pinpoint a rational reason for why it began. The trench lines did not meaningfully shift for the entire four-year period of the war. In the meantime, the European continent was ravaged, with 10 million soldiers and another 10 million civilians losing their lives.

More significantly, the “war to end all wars” only set the stage for an even bloodier world-wide conflagration 20 years later with WWII. Indeed, the roots of today’s conflict in the Middle East can be traced to the shift in control of the Middle East after WWI from the Ottoman Empire (Turkey) to England, which eventually led to the so-called British Mandate for Palestine after the end of WWII.

In the aftermath of the Korean War in 1954, Armistice Day officially became known as Veterans Day to include veterans of all of our wars. There are many ways that each of us can honor our veterans, including attending parades and ceremonies in our communities, visiting veterans memorials and cemeteries, volunteering with veterans organizations, donating to veterans causes, flying the U.S. flag, thanking a veteran for their service, or simply taking a moment to reflect on the great sacrifice made by so many who have put their lives on the line to ensure that all of us can enjoy the freedoms that we hold as Americans today.

If nothing else, Veterans Day should remind us that freedom isn’t free and that maintaining our freedom since our nation’s founding has required the personal sacrifice of millions of our fellow Americans.

THE UKRAINIANS AND ISRAELIS ARE FIGHTING FOR FREE PEOPLE EVERYWHERE

There are two “hot wars” in the world right now, in Europe and the Middle East, in which two democratic nations, Ukraine and Israel, are standing up against two of the great forces of fascism in the world today: Russia under Vladimir Putin and Hamas terrorist fighters under the direction of Iran.

Both Putin and Hamas launched unprovoked attacks on civilian populations that were marked by their cruelty, inhumanity, and outright sadism. Russia seeks to eliminate Ukraine as a sovereign nation and Hamas wants to wipe Israel off the map. The efforts by the Ukrainians and the Israelis to fight these monsters of sheer evil have served as a wake-up call to free people everywhere -- and that includes Americans -- to recognize the simple but profound truth that we cannot take our freedom for granted.

Right now, Israel and Ukraine are bearing the burden for the free world of standing up to these fascist regimes. Although it goes without saying that America should support their efforts with as much military and financial aid as possible, we must realize that it is wishful thinking to imagine that we can remain above the fray. History has taught us that it is inevitable that when the enemies of democracy threaten free people, the United States will be drawn into the battle -- and Americans should be ready for that eventuality.

If we in the United States don’t support the forces of freedom and democracy, who will?

HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY, GOV. DUKAKIS

We wish to extend our best wishes for a “Happy Birthday” to former Massachusetts Governor Michael Dukakis, who turned 90 last week.

Mike Dukakis served as governor of our state from 1975-79 and then again for two terms from 1983-91. He was the Democratic nominee for President in 1988, losing to Republican George H.W. Bush in a contentious election that was marked by immense distortions of Dukakis’s record, including the infamous Willie Horton ad that invoked racial stereotypes and played to the worst instincts of white voters.

For those too young to know about Mike Dukakis, we will mention three things about a man whose honesty, integrity, competence, and dedication to serving the people of our state stand as the benchmark for all office-holders: First, Gov. Dukakis turned around our state’s economic fortunes with the “Massachusetts Miracle” in which the high-tech and biotech industries set Massachusetts on a path to prosperity that carries through to this day. Second, he reinvigorated our state’s aging inner cities, including Boston, Chelsea, Revere, Everett, and Lynn, and invested in public transportation, which Dukakis himself rode from his home in Brookline to Beacon Hill. Third, he established Massachusetts as a national leader in education, criminal justice reform, drug policy, and countless other areas.

Similar to former President Jimmy Carter, Mike Dukakis has led a low-profile, yet prolific post-government career in which he has continued with his lifetime of dedication to public service. We know we join with all of our fellow citizens in wishing Gov. Dukakis a “Happy Birthday,” and many more to come.

Independent Forum



EVERETT PUBLIC LIBRARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Parlin Adult and Teens

Yarn Club Parlin Fireplace Room. Tuesday, November 14th 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!

DIY Book Page Wreath, Parlin Meeting Room. Thursday, November 16th at 7pm. Embrace your inner artist and give new life to old books! Join us for an eco-friendly experience in creating your own wreath out of recycled book pages to decorate your home for the winter holidays. Appropriate for ages 13 and older. Registration is required, so sign up online or call 617-394-2300 to attend.

Parlin Childrens

Lego Club. Parlin Children’s Room. Monday, November 13th from 3-5pm. 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.

Storytime with Vera. Parlin Children’s Room. Tuesday, November 14th at 12pm. In English or

Portuguese by request. Visit the Parlin Library Children’s Room to attend! Suggested ages 2-6.

Crafts for Kids Parlin Children’s Room. Tuesday, November 14th at 3pm. Let’s make a Turkey Door Craft Kit. 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, November 15th at 11am. Join us for a fun-filled morning of singing and storytelling with Karen! Suggested ages 0-6.

Drama Class. Parlin Children’s Room. Wednesday, November 15th 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.

Chess Club, Parlin Fireplace Room. Wednesday, November 15th at 3pm. Play, learn, and practice chess. All ages and skills welcome!

Friday Family Movie Night! Parlin Meeting Room. Friday, November

17th at 3 pm. Break out the popcorn! Come and watch A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving with your friends and family.

Origami Club. Parlin Fireplace Room. Saturday, November 18th at 12pm. Come and practice the ancient art of paper folding. All ages and skill levels are welcome!

Shute Adult and Teens

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.

Autumn Plant Terrarium Workshop, Shute Meeting Room. Tuesday, November 14th at 7 PM. Bring a touch of nature into your home by signing up for this Autumn Plant Terrarium Workshop! Every participant will design their very own glass terrarium, complete with a plant and miniature autumnal decorations. By the end of the workshop, you will have a beautiful and self-made terrarium to proudly display in your home. This program is generously funded by the Friends of the Everett Public Libraries. This workshop is for ages 14 and up. Registration is required.

Henna Tattoos, Shute Meeting Room. Friday, November 17th at 4:30 PM. Join us for a beginner henna workshop! An experienced henna artist will guide participants through a relaxing evening of learning about the history, traditions, mixing, and application techniques of henna body art. Additionally, each participant will receive a henna design drawn by the instructor, a chance to do it yourself, as well as an instructional handout about henna. This workshop is for ages 14 and up. Registration is required.

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Massport teams up with others to launch apprenticeship program

Special to the Independent

Massport and Boston’s electrical workers union and its highly-rated joint apprenticeship training center are teaming up to create more career pathways in the communities they serve.

On Friday, October 27, Massport CEO Lisa Wieland and Local 103 IBEW Business Manager Lou Antonellis toured the Greater Boston Joint Apprentice Training Center (JATC) together and observed new apprentices learning hands-on skills as they forge new careers. With an IBEW apprenticeship, students “earn while they learn,” and are paid competitive wages and receive first class benefits as soon as their training begins.

One such apprentice is Alejandro Cardenas, an East Boston resident who always wanted to work



PHOTO COURTESY CLARE KELLEY, 617MEDIAGROUP
Massport CEO Lisa Wieland and Local 103 IBEW Business Manager Lou Antonellis prepare to tour the JATC

with his hands. “I’m learning everything, from small outlets to part of the high voltage system. This is an amazing opportunity. Everyone is for you, nobody is against you, and that’s one of the things about this place. If you ask something of a teacher, they will go out of their

way to find the answer for you,” said Cardenas.

In April of 2023, Massport and Local 103 IBEW signed a three-year contract ensuring the highest standards of electric and technician services for Massport’s infrastructure and facilities and a shared commitment to creating

good, family-sustaining jobs throughout Greater Boston.

“Massport is proud to partner with IBEW Local 103 and the Greater Boston Joint Apprentice Training Center (JATC) to hire East Boston resident and apprentice electrician Alejandro Cardenas at Boston Logan International Airport,” said Massport CEO Lisa Wieland. “Supporting programs like these ensure employment opportunities that are reflective and inclusive of Massport’s surrounding communities. The hands-on experience Alejandro gains at the airport will be essential throughout his multi-year training program.”

One of the highest-rated and most prestigious apprenticeship programs in the country, the JATC Training Program was created by the International Brotherhood of Electri-

cal Workers, Local 103, and the Greater Boston Chapter of the National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA) with one goal — to produce the most highly skilled and professional electricians and technicians in the industry. Each apprentice completes 10,000 hours of on-the-job training with experienced journeypersons, plus 1,000 hours of intensive classroom instruction with qualified instructors, leaving with a Journey level electrician or Systems Technician Commonwealth of Mass electrical license.

“We deeply value our partnership with Massport,” said Lou Antonellis, Business Manager and Financial Secretary with Local 103 IBEW. “Workforce development and training are crucial to keep creating the kind of good, union jobs our communities need. We’re very

proud that our partnership will produce highly skilled workers capable of maintaining and expanding operational services at Logan Airport and other crucial transportation infrastructure overseen by Massport.

The mission of Local 103 IBEW is to provide Greater Boston’s developers with the best-trained, most-efficient, safest electricians and telecommunications specialists, while fostering our Union’s values of economic fairness, equal opportunity and charitable giving in the communities we work, live and raise our families.

Powering What’s Possible. The Massachusetts Port Authority (Massport) owns and operates Boston Logan International Airport, public terminals in the Port of Boston, Hanscom Field, and Worcester Regional Airport.

Fire officials issue home heating reminder following Revere house fire

Special to the Independent

A three-alarm fire in Revere last week started with a furnace, prompting a reminder from fire officials to pay special attention to home heating safety. Heating equipment is the top source of carbon monoxide at home and the second-leading cause of residential fires in Massachusetts.

“As the nights and mornings get chillier, many of us are turning up the heat for the first time since the spring,” said State Fire Marshal Jon M. Davine. “Be sure you’re heating your home safely. That means having working smoke and carbon monoxide alarms on every level of the dwelling, having your appliances professionally checked, and keeping heat sources clear of anything that can burn.”

“Last week, the Revere Fire Department responded to a three-alarm fire that started with an older furnace that hadn’t been professionally serviced in years,” said Revere Fire Chief Christopher Bright. “Working smoke alarms alerted residents to the

danger, but the home is a total loss. No matter how you heat your home, please be sure your heating appliances are operating safely.”

Fire officials said there have been more than 6,000 heating fires in Massachusetts over the last five years. These fires claimed eight lives, caused more than 140 injuries to firefighters and residents, and contributed to over \$39 million in damage. And in 2022 alone, Massachusetts fire departments reported finding carbon monoxide at nearly 5,000 non-fire incidents.

Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Alarms

Every household needs working smoke and carbon monoxide alarms on every level of their home. Check the manufacturing date on the back of your alarms so you know when to replace them: smoke alarms should be replaced after 10 years and carbon monoxide alarms should be replaced after 5 to 10 years depending on the model. If your alarms take alkaline batteries, put in fresh batteries twice

a year when you change your clocks. If it’s time to replace your alarms, choose new ones from a well-known, national brand. Select photoelectric smoke alarms with a sealed, long-life battery and a hush feature.

Natural Gas and Oil Heat

If you have a furnace, water heater, or oil burner, have it professionally checked and serviced each year. This will help it run more efficiently, which will save you money and could save your life. Always keep a three-foot “circle of safety” around the appliance clear of anything that could catch fire. Never store painting supplies, aerosol cans, or other flammable items near these appliances. If you smell gas, don’t use any electrical switches or devices: get out, stay out, and call 9-1-1 right away.

Residents struggling to pay for heating bills or maintenance may be eligible for assistance through the Massachusetts home energy assistance program (LIHEAP). No matter what type of heat-

ing equipment you use, LIHEAP may be able to help you pay your winter heating bills or maintain your heating system. All Massachusetts residents are encouraged to explore eligibility for this free program and apply for assistance.

Solid Fuel Heating

If you use a fireplace or a stove that burns wood, pellets, or coal, always keep the area around it clear for three feet in all directions. This circle of safety should be free of furniture, drapery, rugs, books and papers, fuel, and any other flammable items. To prevent sparks and embers from escaping, use a fireplace screen or keep the stove door closed while burning. Use only dry, seasoned hardwood and don’t use flammable liquids to start the fire. To dispose of ashes, wait until they are cool and shovel them into a metal bucket with a lid and place it outside at least 10 feet away from the building.

Have your chimney and flue professionally inspected and cleaned each year. Most chimney

fires are caused by burning creosote, a tarry substance that builds up as the fireplace, wood stove, or pellet stove is used. If burning creosote, sparks, embers, or hot gases escape through cracks in the flue or chimney, they can cause a fire that spreads to the rest of the structure. Annual cleaning and inspection can minimize this risk. Contact the Massachusetts Chimney Sweep Guild or Chimney Safety Institute of America to identify reputable local companies.

Space Heaters

Keep space heaters at least three feet from curtains, bedding, and anything else that can burn. Plug them directly into a wall socket, not an extension cord or a power strip, and remember that they’re for temporary use. Always turn a space heater off when you leave the room or go to sleep.

When purchasing a space heater, select one that’s been tested and labeled by a nationally recognized testing company, such as Underwriters Laboratories (UL) or Intertek

(ETL). Newer space heaters should have an automatic shut-off switch that turns the device off if it tips over. Unvented kerosene space heaters and portable propane space heaters are not permitted for residential use in Massachusetts, State Fire Marshal Davine said: the risk of fire and carbon monoxide poisoning that they pose is too great.

Create and Practice a Home Escape Plan

Everyone should have a home escape plan that accounts for two ways out of every room, and everyone should be able to open the doors and windows along the way. Remember that children, older adults, and people with disabilities may need extra assistance.

More Home Heating Safety Tips

The Department of Fire Services offers a wealth of home heating safety information, including the “Keep Warm, Keep Safe” tool kit for local fire departments, caregivers, and service providers, on the DFS web site.

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JOIN the Everett Cultural Council!

The Everett Cultural Council is a volunteer group that works to foster creativity, diversity and an arts and culture renaissance in the city of Everett. There are openings for new members. For more info, please email ECC Chairperson Martha Chason-Sokol martha@mchason-sokol.com.

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Artistsgroupofcharlestown.com for more info.

Everett City Hall takes bold steps towards sustainability

Special to the Independent

Mayor Carlo DeMaria is pleased to announce that the City of Everett has partnered with energy consulting company Ameresco to increase energy reduction measures to meet local and state climate action goals. Through these efforts, the City recently installed a white roof and a new solar array on top of City Hall. The panels will produce approximately 110,195 kWh of energy and save \$26,996 in energy costs in the first year alone, and the white roof will significantly reduce cooling costs.

By installing the white or cool roof, the City hopes to do its part to counter the heat island effect downtown. The heat island effect occurs when urban areas experience higher temperatures than surrounding areas due to highly concentrated development, such as buildings, roads, lack of green spaces, and other infrastructure. This exacerbates high temperatures by absorbing and reemitting the sun's heat into the atmosphere. The cool roof is designed to reflect more sunlight than a conventional roof, absorbing less solar energy and lowering the temperature of the building. Traditional black roofs can reach temperatures of 150°F or more on a sunny



The solar panels collecting energy on the roof of Everett City Hall.



The new solar panels on the roof of Everett City Hall along with the new white roof.

summer afternoon, while a reflective roof could stay more than 50°F cooler on the same day.

In addition to those energy-saving measures, the City has installed an air quality monitor to collect data for a three-year air quality study called CLEANAIR. The EPA-funded project will include a partnership with Mystic River Watershed Association (MyRWA) and Tufts University to monitor air quality at community-identified locations in Everett, Malden, Charlestown, and East Boston. The residents of these communities suffer from some of the highest rates of illnesses, such as asthma, associated with air pollution related to transportation and industry in

Massachusetts.

The CLEAN AIR project will measure background levels of air pollution for three years using long-term monitoring sites at three sites in the Lower Mystic. Stationary monitors are deployed to measure ultra-fine particles which are an indicator of local traffic-related emissions as well as PM10 and PM2.5 that indicate background levels of regional pollution. One of these long-term monitors is now set up on the City Hall roof, collecting air quality data from Broadway. Simultaneously, a 12-member Community Advisory Board (CAB) will gather input from communities on air quality concerns (by surveys and listening sessions) and guide the de-

velopment of intensive monitoring projects to answer questions raised by the community. The outreach will specifically target residents disproportionately impacted by poor air quality with the hope of delivering actionable data to advocate for healthy solutions.

“The project team wants to better understand traffic-related air pollution (TRAP) in Everett and the impact on public health,” said Patrick Herron, MyRWA Executive Director. “Through this project we will both hear what residents are concerned about and study conditions with an eye toward creating healthier communities. MyRWA appreciates the

partnership with Mayor DeMaria and the City of Everett on this important issue.”

In regards to these efforts, Mayor DeMaria stated, “The residents of the City of Everett know the results of storing and burning fossil fuels. We have carried these burdens for far too long, and our residents have suffered. From housing powerplants fired by coal, then oil, then gas, from ExxonMobil tanks polluting our land and waterfront to parkways that are now major roads cutting through the heart of our community, we have paid the price. Now is the time to reduce our carbon footprint by installing solar and purchasing clean, zero-emissions energy, us-

ing electric buses, trains, and automobiles, planting trees, and renewing our parks and natural areas while creating resilient greenspaces and, in return, healthier air quality. Finally, we must document what pollution exists now and how it is impacting the health of our residents. In turn, we are actively resisting those individuals and agencies who want to continue to pollute our community by creating resilient and inclusive solutions.”

For more information on the CLEANAIR study or to participate in the survey, please visit mysticriver.org/cleanair.

FRESH AND LOCAL

Build a bowl

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

There are many ways that “Bowl Meals” can be a lifesaver for busy cooks. Whether you order bowls for takeout or prepare them at home, they fit into a busy life and the hectic holiday season.

With some preparation, you can have the ingredients for a tasty bowl ready to layer for dining at home or take with you for a meal away from home. You can make bowls for breakfast, lunch, or dinner for yourself or the whole family.

You can make all components from scratch or stock your pantry with healthy products to create your masterpieces. Our pantry has prepared grains and cans of tuna and salmon with vegetables. Sometimes, our bowl meal is simply a grain or legume with one of those cans of protein and vegetables on top.

Growing Popularity

The catering firm Maison Culinaire explained the 30% growth of the bowl in chain and fast food restaurants. Among their reasons for adding bowls to their menu is the ability to substitute gluten-free or low-carb ingredients for simple high-carb ones for the health-conscious or those with restricted diets. They can also offer options for nutritionally balanced meals, indulgent or decadent bowls, or pure comfort food.

This meal staple is prevalent across Asia. You can adapt yours to the flavors of many cuisines. Burrito bowls are among the most popular takeout items these days.

Bowl Basics

There have been cookbooks written on the basics of building a meal bowl. Your public library should have a few in both

physical and ebook forms. The Internet is a treasure trove of ideas to brainstorm what you want in your bowl.

We start with a base layer like pasta, noodles, grains, legumes, or beans. We tend to choose something filling. Top this with colorful vegetables in easy-to-eat forms, for example, shredded carrots or chopped cabbage. Add some bites of a protein source. Salmon, chicken, shrimp, sausages, and cheese are among our favorites to star on the top of our bowls.

Once your layers are in place, it's time to add some moisture and crunch. Keep the crunch and sauce on the side if you're packing the bowl to go. The saucy note could be a salad dressing, yogurt, raita, or dip like the nuoc cham we love on Vietnamese noodle salad. Crunch can come from nuts, croutons,



This Vietnamese noodle salad is one of our favorite bowl meals.

sliced chilies, or pickled vegetables.

Holiday Bowls

There are two ways bowls fit into holiday meal planning. First is to feed various friends and family from prepared bowl ingredients. Putting out a table of options and encouraging everyone to make their personal bowl allows a host to enjoy the gathering.

The second is to make bowls with the leftovers from a holiday meal or

party. Let's take the traditional Thanksgiving meal as an example. The base layer could be stuffing, mashed potatoes, or roasted root vegetables.

Those roasted vegetables could also be the colorful second layer. You could lighten the bowl by using vegetable sides, like Brussels sprouts, green beans, or even peas and carrots from your freezer. The turkey is the protein, and the gravy is the sauce. Just as the traditional

meal needs the brightness and tart notes of cranberry sauce to wake the palate, we put this on the side to add to the bites you eat. Many times, nuts are on the holiday table or on hand for seasonal baking. We suggest pecans for a Thanksgiving bowl.

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EHS SENIOR CHEERLEADERS HONORED

The Everett High School athletic program honored its senior cheerleaders and their families before the Lynn Classical-Everett High football game at Everett Memorial Stadium.

Head coach Taylor Leo thanked the athletes for their excellent teamwork, leadership, and dedication during careers.



Yanel Reyes, with her mother, Yoana Reyes, and her friend, Natalie Vaquerano.



Lilly Odiari, with her mother, Loretta, and sister, Jane.



Rebecca Hickey, with her mother, Elena Hickey, grandmother, Pamela Hickey, sister, Ella Hickey, and other members of her family.



Woodjana Tondreau with her uncle, Yves, and cousin, Brian.



Ava Goodwin, with her mother, Cara Goodwin, and her sister, Sophia Goodwin.



Evellyn Da Silva Nunes, with her father, Gleiston Nunes, her mother, Sylvania Nunes, and her brother, Ryan Nunes.



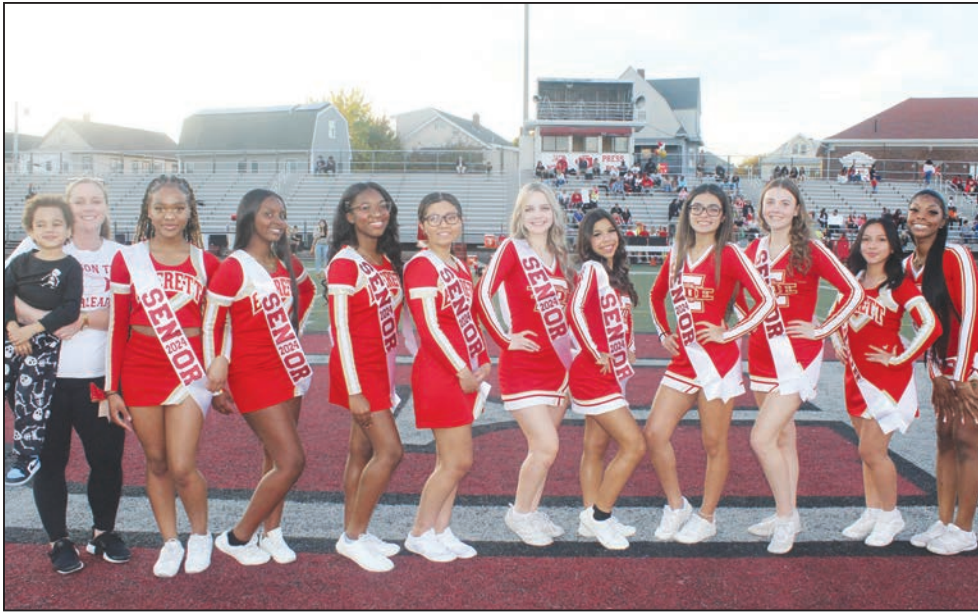
Captain Ana Luiza Silva, with her mother, Ana Rosa Silva, and her friends, Steve Nunes, Emily Teixeira, and Sophia Robbins.



Gabriella Blatt, with her mother, Marquita Blatt, father, Kevin Blatt, brother, Giovanni Blatt, sister, Glada Blatt, and brother, Giulian Blaatt.



Malia Guillaume, with her mother, Nadine Guillaume, and other family members and friends.



Everett High cheer head coach Taylor Leo and the senior cheerleaders.

EHS Roundup

EHS GIRLS VOLLEYBALL CONCLUDES SEASON WITH STATE TOURNEY CONTEST

The Everett's High girls' volleyball team wrapped up its 2023 season with an appearance in the Division 1 state tournament last Wednesday evening at Westford (Academy) High School.

Although the Lady Crimson Tide, who entered the tourney as the

36th seed in Division 1 with a regular-season record of 10-8, came out on the short end of a 3-1 decision to Westford (which was the 29th seed with a record of 5-13), the loss did not diminish the successes this season of coach Mike Fineran's squad, who compiled the program's best record since the 2017 team, which also won 10 games and qualified for the tourney.

"It's a bittersweet loss," said Fineran. "I am so proud of the way we

fought all year. The seniors remember what it was like to go winless. They've come so far in just a short time. We are disappointed we couldn't go further, but we played our hearts out, and that's all I can ask."

Everett played on the road, despite having the better record, because Westford Academy played a stronger schedule, with six of the Lady

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52nd Annual Fall Banquet

Wednesday,
Nov. 15th 2023

Tony Massarotti will be the featured speaker at the E Club's Annual Banquet at Spinelli's in Lynnfield. Tony has been writing and talking about sports in Boston for more than 30 years. He is currently an on-air personality at 98.5 The Sports Hub in Boston, where he is a co-host of Felger & Mazz and host of The Baseball Hour with Tony Mazz. He is a two-time Massachusetts Sportswriter of the Year and has authored five books, all on Boston sports.

The E Club will be presenting four Civic Achievement Awards to Yasmine Laabadla, Stacy Schiavo, Dave Erlandson, Dick Mangerian (posthumously) accepted by daughter Christine Gumbrecht.

This year's outstanding senior football player will be presented by the Everett High School Head Football Coach Justin Flores.

Come and join an evening of enjoyment with family and friends. Ticket Prices are \$65 and can be reserved by calling Mr. Colson at 617-650-0469. These reservations are required, but you may pay at the door. Pay online at WWW.ECLUBOFFEVERETT.COM. You can also Sponsor Student tickets, which are \$35 each. These sponsorships encourage student athletes to attend the dinner in support of their friends and find out what the E Club has to offer them in the future.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

CITY AWARDED STREET GRANTS

CHELSEA - The city was recently awarded a \$500,000 Complete Streets Grant that will help improve safety for students walking to and from the Mary C. Burke Elementary complex, as well as for motorists and other pedestrians in the area.

“This is keyed around the Eastern Ave. and Crescent intersection modernization project,” said Director of Housing and Community Development Alex Train. “Working with the school department, the intersection has been identified as a location with chronic safety issues, particularly for students walking toward the Mary C. Burke complex as well as parents who are driving through the intersection every day.”

Community Development is working with the DPW to design a series of upgrades that will alleviate congestion at the intersection, as well as promote safety for pedestrians and drivers.

“The grant is sufficient to fund construction,” said Train. “The City Council also commendably appropriated funding through the Capital Improvement program to undertake the construction. At this point, the goal is to retain a construction contractor over the course of December and January and proceed with upgrading the intersection in the spring of 2024 construction season.”

The city will be installing new modern traffic signal equipment that includes new signal fixtures as well as an intelligent traffic signal device that responds to changing traffic patterns that can help ease congestion and traffic back up.

“Additionally, the project will replace sidewalks that are deteriorating in the intersection, wheelchair ramps, and other traffic safety devices,” said Train. “Once the project is done, the intersection will be safer for pedestrians to cross and for drivers. The goal is to reduce wait times that folks face at that intersection due to traffic back ups.”

GSCA LISTENS TO PRESENTATION

EAST BOSTON - A project at 91-93 Orleans Street, which would reconstruct a building lost in a fire, was presented at the Gove Street Citizens Association’s (GSCA) monthly meeting last week.

As part of this proposal, a four-unit building would be reconstructed at the site where the previous building caught fire. According to Attorney Richard Lynds, who presented this project to the GSCA, before the fire, the previous building was four units.

Further, Lynds explained that due to the recent filing of the project, it will likely come under new zoning, which is being proposed through the Boston Planning and Development Agency’s (BPDA) neighborhood planning initiative PLAN: East Boston.

Under current zoning, the area is zoned as a 3F-2,000, so the use of four units would be considered non-conforming.

However, under the new proposed zoning, according to Lynds, “We would be proposing to put back what will ultimately be a conforming use for this site.”

“Dimensionally, there may be some challenges with respect to the proposed new zoning, but I understand, based upon my conversations with the BPDA, a lot of the similar exceptions that we do have under our current zoning code for corner lot conditions will likely apply under new zoning as well,” he added.

In terms of the unit makeup, there are plans for all two-bedroom units about 850 square feet in size. Moreover, this proposed building is a bit taller than the one that stood previously in that it is now 43 feet and 10 inches tall. Lynds said the old building was around 37 feet.

Regarding parking, there does not seem to be plans for any spaces, which is consistent with what was at the building before it succumbed to a fire.

In part, Lynds said, “So, because the original building did not have parking, by replacing this in kind with four units, we feel that the impact is quite minimal.”

He also explained that the site is close to the Maverick and Airport MBTA stations, later adding, “The parking for this property would not make a lot of sense, and even if we could incorporate it into the site, it would be probably a difficult task to have the parking located at the grade level of this building.”

Lynds also went through some neighborhood context, and the project received some compliments for keeping a similar size and scope of surrounding buildings.

“I definitely want to say I like this overall and appreciate you keeping it in scale with what’s around it,” said one resident.

There were also a few comments from those in attendance in regard to the rendering shown at the meeting, which depicted the bottom of the building as gray. Some wanted the project team to come up with other options for colors.

Both Lynds and Project Architect Eric Zachrison indicated their flexibility with the color. “[I’m] always happy to hear comments and take that back and kind of rework the aesthetic a little bit,” said Zachrison.

Since this was the first presentation of the project to the GSCA, it will have to be presented to the association again in the future for a vote to be held. The GSCA is scheduled to meet again the Monday after Thanksgiving, November 27.

BOARD OF HEALTH HEARS OF RAT CONTROL PROGRAM

REVERE - The Revere Board of Health got together on October 26, for a meeting in the City Council Chambers. Chairperson Dr. Drew Bunker and fellow members Dr. Craig Costanza and Nezha Louaddi were on hand for the session, as were Lau-

ren Buck, Revere’s Director of Public Health, and Michael Wells, the city’s Health Agent/Director of Inspectional Services.

Buck presented the Public Health Communicable Disease monthly report. She noted that the highlights included three suspected cases of the mumps, but all were investigated and closed. She also reported that there were 347 confirmed cases and 116 suspected cases of COVID-19 from July 22 to October 23.

Buck also presented an update on a program operated by the Health Dept. to control mosquitoes this summer. She said that spraying conducted under the auspices of the Northeast Mass. Mosquito Control program has wrapped for the season. She added that two barrier treatments were made this season at the schools and other municipal properties. The program also came to private properties at the request of homeowners. There were five cases of West Nile virus this season across the state and no cases of EEE (Eastern Equine Encephalitis).

Buck also presented an update on the city’s rodent control efforts that run all year long. The city’s program consists of contracts with two exterminator services that provide free residential services upon request and baiting at municipal locations. She said that up to six free treatments in a calendar year are available to private property owners. Buck said there were 5188 service calls and 1086 treatments, and that 102 burrows were found and exterminated.

Buck noted that respiratory illness season arrives in the fall and that there are three significant illnesses, RSV, flu, and COVID-19, for which vaccines are available. She also pointed out that in addition to vaccinations, common-sense measures to avoid the spread of these diseases include good hand hygiene, covering coughs and sneezes, cleaning high-touch surfaces in the home, and keeping sick children and ourselves home from school and work.

Wells presented the Inspectional Services monthly report. He noted that in addition to the usual inspections, there were 182 violations issued for accumulation and improper placement of trash; 35 for improper placement of bulky items; one for improper signage on public property (for a yard sale); one for improper storage of garbage and trash; five for improperly-parked vehicles on private property; 18 for overgrowth/unclean/unsanitary land; one for a sump pump; and two for construction work without a permit.

Buck then presented the requests for five Body Art licenses from local businesses and individuals. She said that her department had inspected the premises of the applicants and all had met the requirements for receiving a license. The board then voted to issue the licenses.

Buck also noted that there was one application for the city’s first-ever license for Chicken Keeping under the new state law. She said the applicant

ANNUAL HALLOWEEN BIKE PARADE



MARIANNE SALZA PHOTOS

Participants beginning the two mile Group Fun Run.



Little ones riding in the costume contest parade around Ingleside Park.

was inspected by herself and Wells and that the applicant has met all of the requirements for chicken-keeping. The board unanimously approved the issuance of the license.

The board then conducted what was described on its agenda as, “Appeal Hearing -- Vacant Building.” Wells informed the board of the city ordinance that requires the owner of a vacant building to register the building within 45 days of it becoming vacant and pay a \$500 registration fee. He said that the structure on 2 Pratt St., which is owned by Parkway Homes, LLC, in Newton, has been vacant for many months, but the owner has not complied with the ordinance.

A representative from Parkway Homes told the board that a tenant occupied the premises until the pipes burst during the winter freeze last February and made the home uninhabitable. The owner filed a claim with the insurance company, which only finally issued a check in October. He said the check was for \$80,000, but the \$500 vacant building registration fee “adds insult to injury because it does not reflect why this law was enacted. This is not a question of allowing the property to fall into disrepair. It would have continued to be occupied but for the winter freeze.”

The representative said he had no objection to registering the property with the city, but asked that the board suspend the payment of the \$500 fee to allow time for the repair of the property with the insurance proceeds.

The board voted to continue the matter to its November meeting to see what the status of the building is at that time.

SCHOOLS RECEIVE STATE EARMARK FUNDS FOR ELL PROGRAMS

WINTHROP - State Senator Lydia Edwards has helped the Winthrop Public Schools secure \$250,000 in state earmark funding that will help fund ELL programs and other services in the schools.

“(School Committee Chair Jennifer) Powell and myself spent quite a bit of time with Senator Edwards talking to her about the state of our schools when it comes to ELL (English Language Learner) students and the work that is expected of us by the Department of Education,” said Superintendent of Schools Lisa Howard.

Howard said schools in Winthrop and across the state have had difficulty in hiring ELL staff in the face of the rising number of ELL students.

“So doing some strategic work and laying out what we thought we needed, Sen. Edwards advocated for us and that earmarked funding was granted,” said Howard. “It is coming in a little different form than we thought, so we were advised two or three weeks ago that we actually had to write like a grant proposal to write exactly what we are going to be doing with that money, and it works in a reimbursement manner.”

Howard said she has been working with the state and Edwards on how the schools will be using those funds.

“We want to be strategic about it, and we want to make sure we can provide the reimbursement documentation we need in order to receive the

funds,” said Howard.

Howard said she was expecting to have the documentation process ready within the week in order to receive the first round of money from the earmark funds.

One of the biggest items in the earmark is to support the opening of a parent information center at the Gorman Fort Banks school that will provide translation services and assistance for parents looking to register their children for school.

Howard said some of the earmark funding would also be used for security and video upgrades at the Gorman Fort Banks in conjunction with the parent information center.

In addition, Howard said some of the funds would be used for the purchase of classroom books in different languages. There is also the possibility that some of the funds could be used to support families who need help paying for athletic or club fees at the schools.

In other business at Monday night’s School Committee meeting, Howard said there will be presentations on MCAS results from the individual schools at the Nov. 13 committee meeting.

Howard also noted that there will be no school for students on Nov. 7 during the town election, but that it will be a professional development day for staff in conjunction with educators from Everett, Chelsea, and Revere.

The School Committee also heard from WHS Student Council President Hannah Parker, who gave an update on events at the school, including a recent college fair and an upcoming dodgeball tournament and Thanksgiving pep rally.

‘Wings for Autism’ event held at Logan Airport

The “Wings for Autism” program was held at Logan Airport, and designed for families with children on the autism spectrum to help ease the stress of flying. Attendees will have access to Boston Logan’s Sensory/Calming Room for the first time ever during this event.

Launched in 2011, the program was developed by Massport in partnership with Charles River Center, JetBlue Airways, TSA, Massachusetts State Police and the Logan airline community to offer a dress rehearsal of an authentic travel experience for neurodivergent children and their families. Massport has hosted more than 9,000 children and family members at the prior events, including three at Worcester Regional Airport. The program is now followed and modeled at

nearly 70 airports. JetBlue and Delta are providing aircraft for this event.

Attendees will also be able to tour our new Sensory/Calming Room in Terminal E. Boston Logan is one of the few major airports in the U.S. to provide this type of experience to passengers of all ages. The space has various interactive stations that focus on balance, light therapy and cognitive/memory improvement, including a room that replicates an airplane cabin to help passengers acclimate themselves with the often-stressful experience of flying.

Families are able to navigate the travel process by practicing the different steps from airline check in, to security clearance, waiting at the gate, and finally boarding the plane. Not only is this a benefit

to the families who participate, but it also provides a valuable training opportunity for airport, airline and TSA personnel to learn how to accommodate children with special needs.

The Charles River Center is a private, nonprofit human service agency in Needham, Massachusetts that has been providing programs and services for children and adults with developmental and other disabilities since 1956. Founded by a group of parents with children with special needs, the mission of Charles River Center is to empower and support people with developmental disabilities and their families by offering high-quality, individualized opportunities that foster independence and community inclusion.

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Ghosts’ opponents ranked in the top 25 for Division 1. “We knew they would be strong, despite their record, but I felt that we could hang with them, and for most of the match we did,” said Fineran.

The Lady Crimson Tide’s nerves were on display early, as they could not handle the first three serves of the match from Westford, but a kill from senior captain Nicole Brandao got the Tide back on track, and an ace from junior Kayleigh McMahon brought Everett with-in one, 6-5.

Aces from juniors Victoria Rodrigues and Emily Nogueira kept it even midway through the set, but the Lady Ghosts went on another run to build a 24-18 lead. Brandao helped Everett claw back to 24-21, but the EHS crew could not pull any closer. Brandao had three kills in the set and Rodrigues added a kill, as did seniors Kaesta Sandy and Darryn Desrameaux.

Having proven that they could hang with Westford after the hard-fought first set, the Lady Crimson Tide stormed out to a 5-1 lead in the next set,

thanks to aces from senior co-captain Yasmine Laabadla and junior libero Sonia Flores.

Brandao had three more kills and a dig, while Sandy had two kills and neutralized the opponent’s attack with three blocks. Sophomore Nicole Damaceno added two kills.

After Rodrigues delivered three serves to extend the lead for Everett to 22-14, Brandao aced the final point to tie the match at 1-1.

However, in the third set Everett dug an early hole with unforced errors on serve-serve, though Sandy recorded seven kills and a block to bring all the way Everett back. Everett tied the game at 23-23 on a kill from sophomore Amanda Verteiro, but a missed serve ended the momentum, and Everett lost the pivotal set, 25-23, putting the Tide down, 2-1.

“That was a turning point, certainly,” noted Fineran. “If we had gone up 2-1, it could have been a much different match, but we seemed to lose our focus at that point and the fourth set went by in a blur. We were down a

couple, then down by five, then all of a sudden it was 20-10 and we couldn’t recover.

“But the loss doesn’t really matter,” the veteran EHS mentor continued. “What really matters to me is that we played some of our best volleyball against a strong opponent in the most important match of the year.”

Brandao and Sandy each finished with 10 kills, and Sandy had six blocks, while Brandao was 19-for-19 serving. Laabadla was 7-for-7 on serves, and Rodrigues was 15-for-15. Flores successfully delivered 11-of-12 serves and played stellar defense all night. Sophomores Damaceno and Verteiro were a combined 4-for-4 serving with three kills, and they both played error-free.

“Our top three hitters are seniors, but the experience that we all gained being here should serve us well in the future,” said Fineran. “The leadership from all of the seniors will be hard to replace. This is a special group. But I think we can build on our success and shoot for even better things next year.”

LEGAL NOTICE

Everett Housing Authority
Annual
Sock Drive for
Chelsea Soldiers’ Home
The Everett Housing Authority in an effort to assist those in need is once again conducting a community sock drive for the Soldiers’ Home in Chelsea. Please help us in this charitable collection by bringing new insulated or white socks (preferable without elastics) to our collection drop box located in the front lobby of our Administrative Office, 393 Ferry St, Everett. The collection box will be available daily during working hours, ongoing until December 20, 2023. All socks collected will be brought to the Soldiers’ Home where they will be distributed by the staff.

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LEGAL NOTICE

EVERETT CITY HALL
484 Broadway
Everett, MA. 02149
INVITATION TO BID

The City of Everett, Massachusetts invites bids for “ELEVATOR INSPECTIONS, MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR CONTRACT” Contract No. 24-32

The Proposal, Specifications and Bid Forms for the contract may be downloaded via Purchasing - Everett, MA - Official Website (city-of-everett.com) after 9 am on November 8, 2023. Please note that City Hall is closed on Fridays.

Bids must be submitted to the Procurement Office, Room 14 at the above address before 1:00 P.M. on November 27, 2023, at which time and place the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The contract will be awarded under the provisions of M.G.L. c. 149 to the lowest cost responsible and responsive bidder offering the lowest total price for all three years of the contract. It is the responsibility of prospective proposers and or bidders to check the City of Everett’s website for new information any addenda or modifications to any solicitation.

MA Prevailing Wage Rates apply to this project. download (mass.gov)

If, at the time of the scheduled bid opening, the bid opening location shall be shut down as the result of an emergency, the bids will be due and opened at the same time and location on the 1st business day the building is able to re-open. Bids will be accepted until that date and time.

The City of Everett accepts no responsibility and will

provide no accommodation to Bidders who submit a response and or bid based on an out-of-date solicitation or on information received from a source other than the City of Everett. Please contact Allison.jenkins@ci.everett.ma.us with questions. The City of Everett reserves the right to reject any and all bids, or to award or not to award the contract for any reason the mayor determines to be in the City’s and/or the public’s best interest.

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LEGAL NOTICE

EVERETT CITY HALL
484 Broadway
Everett, MA. 02149
INVITATION TO BID

The City of Everett, Massachusetts invites bids for “SUPPLY, INSTALL AND SERVICE MOBILE BOILER (Minimum 5.0 Million BTU’s) CONTRACT” Contract No. 24-33 for the OLD Everett High School.

The Proposal, Specifications and Bid Forms for the contract may be downloaded via Purchasing - Everett, MA - Official Website (city-of-everett.com) after 9 am on November 8, 2023. Please note that City Hall is closed on Fridays.

Bids must be submitted to the Procurement Office, Room 14 at the above address before 2:00 P.M. on November 27, 2023, at which time and place the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Rights of Affected Third Parties

The following Person has filed an application pursuant to M.G.L. c. 21E, s. 3A(j)(3) and 940 CMR 23.00, to enter into a Brownfields Covenant Not to Sue Agreement for the Site listed below. Third parties who may have claims with regard to this Site are hereby notified that:

1) the execution of the requested Agreement may affect such claims, and 2) third parties whose rights will be affected may seek to join the Agreement.

Parties who wish to do so must make such request to the Attorney General in writing and must either deliver such request to: Brownfields Unit Office of the Attorney General One Ashburton Place Boston, MA 02108

The request must be delivered by Monday, December 11, 2023, or mail such request to the same address by first-class mail postmarked by that date.

Name of Applicant: Everett Landco, LLC and certain affiliates listed on Exhibit A to this notice.

Description of the Site: The property is the former ExxonMobil facility located in Everett, Massachusetts. The property is approximately 100.296 acres encompassing four main parcels consisting of:

* 52 Beacham Street, known as the North Tank Farm. It is bounded by Broadway to the West, the tracks servicing the Newburyport/Rockport MBTA line to the North, and Beacham Street to the South.

* 51 Robin Street and O South Farm Road, together known as the South Tank Farm. These parcels are bisected by an existing unrelated business known as Sprague Energy.

* 211 Wharf Area, known as the Marine Dock Terminal, is located on the northern shore of the Mystic River at the junction of the Island End River.

Description of the Release(s) at issue:

The Property has a long history of use as a refinery and petroleum bulk storage facility. These past operations have resulted in the contamination of soil and groundwater with petroleum hydrocarbons, lead and other hazardous materials.

Ongoing remedial actions and investigations have occurred at the Site since the 1980’s, however, significant contamination remains to be remediated.

Summary of the terms of the application:

The Applicant seeks liability relief pursuant to M.G.L. c. 21E §3A(j)(3) and 940 CMR 23.00. The Applicant will be a new owner who did not cause the contamination and is not responsible for the contamination and is an Eligible Person, as defined in M.G.L. c. 21 §2. After acquiring the property, the Applicant will complete the environmental cleanup and intends to achieve a remediated site with a Permanent Solution, as defined in 310 CMR 40.0006. This work will be completed in multiple phases and will likely take several years.

After the cleanup is completed, the property will be redeveloped into multi-family residential and commercial uses which may include light assembly, high-tech manufacturing, clean energy technology, warehousing/distribution, life sciences, retail, office, or hotel. The Applicant is seeking liability protection from the Commonwealth and from third parties for contribution, response action costs and property damage under M.G.L. c. 21E and common law and is seeking natural resource damages liability protection. These liability protections will be effective upon executing the Covenant Not to Sue and prior to completion of the cleanup, provided that the Applicant diligently continues to complete the cleanup.

Copies of the Applicant’s application may be obtained by contacting Applicant’s representative, Colin Macdonald, by email at macdonald@thedaviscompanies.com or by telephone at (617) 451-1300.

EXHIBIT A
Affiliates of Everett Landco, LLC

1. Everett Landco Investor, L.P.
2. Everett Landco GP, LLC
3. Everett Investor, LLC
4. DIV VAF V, LLC
5. DIV Fund V Manager Corp
6. DIV Fund V Non-REIT Blocker, LLC
7. Davis Investment Ventures Fund V, L.P.
8. Davis Investment Ventures Fund V-A, L.P.
9. Davis Investment Ventures Fund V-B, L.P.
10. Davis Investment Ventures Fund V-C, L.P.
11. DIV Fund V GP, LLC
12. Global Everett Landco, LLC
13. Global Partners LP

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World’s largest franchise operator acquires a planet fitness franchise

Special to the Independent

Flynn Restaurant Group LP (“Flynn”), the largest franchise operator in the world, announced it has acquired a highly-successful Planet Fitness franchise from Alder Partners, LLC, which operates 37 locations in two major markets in the United States. A significant investment for Flynn, it is the operator’s first foray into an adjacent sector outside of the restaurant space since its founding in 1999. Fifth Third Securities facilitated on both sides of the transaction, serving as both the sell-side advisor for Alder Partners and left lead arranger and administrative agent for Flynn. Coinciding with its entry into fitness, Flynn Restaurant Group also announced its rebranding to Flynn Group, a change which reflects its evolved vision to be the premier franchise operator in the world, spanning multiple industries and countries. With leading positions in some of the most recognized consumer brands, Flynn Group has an unrivaled track record of successfully scaling multi-unit consumer concepts. Its focus has been on building a portfolio of dominant and distinct, valuebased brands and supporting them with a unique structure and culture to deliver superior and sustained risk-adjusted returns. With its rebranding to Flynn Group, the operator is now in a

unique position to tap into new, complimentary markets at scale, with no distraction to its core restaurant businesses. The Planet Fitness acquisition is Flynn Group’s third major move in 2023, which was highlighted by significant international deals including Wendy’s and Pizza Hut in Australia.

“We’re incredibly excited to enter a new sector and, with it, our third chapter of growth at Flynn,” said Greg Flynn, Founder, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Flynn Group. “For over a decade, our focus was exclusively on building our Applebee’s business, and establishing best practices in structure, culture and systems. Chapter two was about diversification across the restaurant industry to mirror its composition, welcoming new brands such as Taco Bell, Panera, Arby’s, Wendy’s and Pizza Hut to the Flynn family. Chapter three will layer on two new growth channels – international restaurants and adjacent, consumer-facing franchised businesses – such as fitness – to our core domestic restaurant business. We are eager to accelerate growth across all channels and to bring our full capabilities to bear to drive even more value for our franchise systems and customers alike.”

When evaluating potential complementary segments for expansion,

the fast-growing consumer fitness category was a primary target for Flynn Group. With an investment thesis built on concepts that offer consumers a substantial value proposition and expertise in operating multi-unit and multi-state consumer facing franchised businesses, the Planet Fitness brand aligned seamlessly with Flynn Group, leading it ultimately to Alder Partners. One of Planet Fitness’ original and most respected franchisees, Alder Partners’ footprint spans two markets – Atlanta and Boston – with 37 clubs. With Flynn Group’s acquisition, the portfolio is now positioned for substantial growth via new club development and follow-on acquisitions.

“You’d be hard pressed to find a more respected and dedicated franchisee in the Planet Fitness system than Alder,” added Greg Flynn. “Under Stan DeMartinis’ leadership, Alder grew its Planet Fitness portfolio to 37 clubs, and did so without wavering from its core values, which are lock step with our own. We are excited to have found such a great partner to enter the Planet Fitness brand and we are looking forward to an outstanding partnership.” The Alder management team will continue to run the business under the Flynn Group umbrella, with its founder, Stan DeMartinis, Jr., leading the team as Brand President.

Alder Partners has been part of the Planet Fitness system since 2007, when the family run business converted its World Gym location in East Boston, MA to Planet Fitness. Alder Partners saw rapid growth over the next several years after signing an Area Development Agreement (ADA) in 2010 with Planet Fitness to develop the Atlanta DMA. Over the past 12 years, Alder has organically developed 31 additional clubs in Massachusetts and Georgia. In 2020, it acquired six additional locations from the PollyDot Corp. in MA.

“It was a very emotional decision to weigh the benefits of selling my family’s business to an outside party,” said Stan DeMartinis, Jr., Managing Partner, Alder Partners. “After a series of conversations with Greg and his team, it became evident that they would allow us to grow on many different levels. I am thrilled to have found a partner who aligns with our core values, investment horizon, and that’s dedicated to helping accelerate our growth and bring an affordable health and wellness experience to more and more people. We believe we have the foundation of a uniquely differentiated platform that does not exist in the Planet Fitness ecosystem today and are excited about the future with Flynn Group.”

Under the Flynn

Group umbrella, the business will continue with growth in its current ADA with plans to open three additional Planet Fitness clubs within the coming four months. One of the earliest franchisees in the Planet Fitness system, Alder has deep connections to the Planet Fitness corporate team and is a trusted advisor to other franchisees as Stan DeMartinis is an active, founding board member of the Planet Fitness Independent Franchise Council (PFIFC), an organization in which he has held various leadership roles including a multi-year term as President. Flynn Group will rely heavily on those relationships and Alder’s expertise in this sector, including an unmatched team of dedicated fitness operators, to execute on the growth strategy and to ensure the established culture of success established by the DeMartinis Family, continues.

Flynn Group LP (formerly Flynn Restaurant Group) is the largest franchise operator in the world. Founded by Chairman & CEO Greg Flynn in 1999, Flynn Restaurant Group currently owns and operates 2,600 restaurants and fitness clubs in 44 states and two countries, generating \$4.5 billion in sales and employing 75,000 people. It’s affiliate, Flynn Properties Inc., owns 121 hotels in the United States and Mexico, including 109 franchised

hotels. More information is available at www.flynn.com.

Alder Partners, LLC (Alder) is a privately held multi-unit franchisee of Planet Fitness. Alder Partners is a family run business that currently owns and operates a total of 37 Planet Fitness clubs in Georgia and Massachusetts. As an independent franchise the company was built on core values. Those values include having a customer centric mindset, unwavering perseverance, integrity, loyalty, gratitude and being family oriented.

Founded in 1992 in Dover, NH, Planet Fitness is one of the largest and fastest-growing franchisors and operators of fitness centers in the world by number of members and locations. As of June 30, 2023, Planet Fitness had more than 18.4 million members and 2,472 stores in 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Canada, Panama, Mexico and Australia. The Company’s mission is to enhance people’s lives by providing a high-quality fitness experience in a welcoming, non-intimidating environment, which we call the Judgement Free Zone®. More than 90% of Planet Fitness stores are owned and operated by independent business men and women.

National Grid encourages customers to prepare homes, businesses for the winter season

Special to the Independent

With colder weather and storm season on the horizon, National Grid is encouraging customers to proactively prepare their homes and businesses for the winter season and take advantage of energy and cost-saving measures available through National Grid and our partners at Mass Save. As the weather gets colder, and with more frequent and more powerful storms becoming the norm, it is important for customers to be prepared, stay connected, and take action in advance of the upcoming winter heating season.

At National Grid, our teams work day in and day out to ensure that our customers receive the safest and most reliable energy service possible. The company is continuously inspecting, investing in, and upgrading critical infrastructure, performing vegetation management services to keep power lines clear of obstructions, and preparing our crews to respond to significant weather events.

In 2022, National Grid upgraded and modernized

infrastructure across Massachusetts, including work that made our critical facilities that help power and heat homes and businesses more resilient and more secure, added more automation to our system to be able to identify issues before they happen and more quickly restore power if an event occurs, and clear vegetation that is near our infrastructure to avoid outages.

These investments, along with other efforts, have resulted in National Grid having strong system performance in 2023, with our Massachusetts electric network operating at 99.95 availability, providing customers with reliable electric service. In support of our storm preparation and restoration efforts, National Grid routinely conducts training drills and tabletop exercises and is in regular contact with local public safety and emergency response officials. Additionally, National Grid has community liaisons assigned to every city and town the company serves. We make outbound calls to critical care customers and undertake robust com-

munication efforts to keep our customers informed.

“As we head into the fall and winter months, the chance for harsh weather to potentially impact our customers in Massachusetts is greatly increased,” said Tim Moore, Vice President of New England Electric Operations. “Ahead of these more unpredictable seasons, we recommend all our customers ensure they are prepared in case of outages in their area. National Grid takes steps throughout the year to make our system more resilient, but major storms can cause significant damage. In the event of a power outage, our crews and support teams will be ready and working for as long as needed to safely restore service as quickly as possible.”

National Grid is offering customers the following tips and reminders to help keep them prepared for the months ahead:

Prepare your home:

- Customers with generators are encouraged to conduct regular maintenance checks to ensure the generator is operating safely.

- If applicable, schedule a home’s furnace tune-up to ensure it is in proper working order, and ensure it and any water heaters are properly vented.
- Test smoke and carbon monoxide detectors and change the batteries every year.
- Remove dead or rotting branches on trees.
- Schedule a free Mass Save home energy assessment to learn ways to reduce winter energy use. Call 888-774-3167 to schedule an appointment.
- Prepare a winter emergency kit in the event of a major storm with the following items:
 - Water – the American Red Cross recommends one gallon of water per person per day.
 - Food – at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food, plus a can opener.
 - Battery-powered or hand crank radio.
 - Flashlight and extra batteries.
 - First-aid kit.
 - Moist towelettes, garbage bags, and plastic ties for personal sanitation.
 - Personal hygiene supplies.
 - Extra cash.
 - Cell phone with chargers.
 - Emergency contact numbers.
- Winter also means increased energy usage. Our Customer Savings Initiative is designed to help

customers reduce their energy use and lower energy costs, manage their energy bills and payments, and help them secure available energy assistance. More information can be found at ngrid.com/heretohelp. Additionally, National Grid is continuing to meet customers in the communities where they live and work to offer assistance through our Customer Saving Events across Massachusetts.

Stay Safe:

- People who depend on electric-powered life support equipment, such as a respirator, should let National Grid know. To register as a life support customer, call the company’s Customer Service Center at 1-800-322-3223.
- Customers Should Stay Connected:
 - Report power outages at www.nationalgridus.com or call 1-800-465-1212.
 - Use a mobile device to track outage information and storm-related safety tips through National Grid’s mobile site, accessible at www.ngrid.com/mobile.
 - Like National Grid on Facebook and follow on Twitter and Instagram; National Grid posts all the latest storm and restoration updates.
 - Track outages and estimated restoration times at www.nationalgridus.com/outage-central.

- Make sure National Grid has updated email addresses and phone numbers on file. Update contact information at ngrid.com. Click on sign in/register.
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 - o OUT to report an outage
 - o SUM followed by your town, county, or state to get a summary of outages in your area
 - o HELP for the full list of commands
- Additional safety information may be found at <https://www.nationalgridus.com/MA-Home/Storm-Safety/>
- National Grid (NYSE: NGG) is an electricity, natural gas, and clean energy delivery company serving more than 20 million people through our networks in New York and Massachusetts. National Grid is focused on building a smarter, stronger, cleaner energy future — transforming our networks with more reliable and resilient energy solutions to meet state climate goals and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
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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
Congregational Church
422 Main Street
Everett, MA**

Glendale United Methodist Church

News and Notes

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

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

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

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

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
392 Ferry Street (across from Glendale Towers)
Please enter the church by the driveway on Walnut Street
617-387-2916
PastorDavidJackson58@gmail.com
Pastor's Office Hours:
Saturdays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Other times by appointment.**

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

Come all and let us walk together in this sea-

son of hope, renewal and new beginnings.

**Grace Anglican
Episcopal Church
67 Norwood Street,
Everett, MA
Church Phone
617-387-7526 or
617-389-5765**

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.

Immaculate Conception Parish

News and Notes

Our Parish Staff: Rev. Joseph Chacha Marwa, S.M.A. Administrator, Rev. Gustavo Buccilli S.M.A Parochial Vicar, Barbara Canon Secretary, Parish Secretary.

Weekly Mass Schedule at the Immaculate Conception Parish is as follows:

1: Monday-Saturday at 7:00a.m. in the Chapel.

2: Saturday at 4:00p.m. (Sunday Vigil) and at 7:30p.m. Vietnamese Mass Upper Church.

3: Sunday at 7:00a.m. and 10:00a.m. English Masses. At 12:00p.m. Spanish Mass and 4:00p.m. Haitian Creole Mass.

4: Confessions are on Saturdays from 3:00-3:45

at the Confession Boots in the Chapel, and at 11:15 a.m. 12:00p.m. in Spanish.

5: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at the Chapel on Thursday from 7:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

Bring a Book buy a Book a new Fundraiser Program at the back of the Church. All books are a dollar. Any money collected goes to our Stain Glass Fund. You are most invited to make a donation for this course. Most welcome to worship with us on Sunday and weekdays. Thank You.

**Immaculate Conception Parish
489, Broadway,
Everett MA 02149 Phone
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Glendale Christian Lighthouse Church

News and Notes

Sunday 10:30 a.m. Worship service.

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