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Members of the Everett City Council take their oaths of office at the Inaugural Ceremonies Friday night at the Saugus/Everett Elks Lodge. See page 2 for more photos.



Everett School Committee members Samantha Hurley, Samantha Lambert, Margaret Cornelio, Joanna Garren, Jeanne Cristiano, Robin Babcock, Marcony Almeida Barros, and Joseph D'Onofrio take their oaths of office during the Inaugural Ceremonies Friday night at the Saugus/Everett Elks Lodge.

## CITY COUNCIL, SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS TAKE OATHS OF OFFICE AT INAUGURAL CEREMONIES

Staff Report

The newly elected members of the Everett City Council and Everett School Committee received their oaths of office at the 2024 Inaugural Ceremonies Jan. 5 at the Saugus/Everett Elks Lodge.

City Clerk Sergio Cornelio administered the oaths to the officials who had been elected on November 7. The Everett High School Orchestra played the National Anthem. Director of Veterans Affairs

Antoine Coleman led the Pledge of Allegiance. Bishop Robert G. Brown delivered the invocation and benediction. Supt. of Schools William Hart brought the greetings from the Everett

schools. State Rep. Joseph McGonagle and Judith Garcia brought the greetings from the House of Representatives. The following officials were inaugurated at the ceremonies:

<b>CITY COUNCIL</b> Councilors-At-Large Guerline Alcy Jabouin John Hanlon Michael Marchese Katy Rogers Stephanie Smith	Stephanie Martins (Ward 2) Anthony DiPierro (Ward 3) Holly Garcia (Ward 4) Robert Van Campen (Ward 5) Peter Pietrantonio (Ward 6)	<b>School Committee At-Large Members</b> Samantha Hurley Samantha Lambert Joseph LaMonica	Jeanne Cristiano (Ward 3) Robin Babcock (Ward 4) Marcony Almeida Barros (Ward 5) Joseph D'Onofrio (Ward 6)
<b>Ward Councilors</b> Wayne Matewsky (Ward 1)		<b>Ward Members</b> Margaret Cornelio (Ward 1) Joanna Garren (Ward 2)	



The Everett City Council held its organizational meeting Monday night. Pictured after meeting are, from left, Councilor-at-Large Stephanie Smith, Ward 3 Councilor Anthony DiPierro, Councilor-at-Large Michael Marchese, Council President Robert Van Campen, Sen. Sal DiDomenico, Councilor-at-Large Guerline Alcy, Ward 4 Councilor Holly Garcia, Councilor-at-Large Katy Rogers, Ward 2 Councilor Stephanie Martins, Ward 6 Councilor Peter Pietrantonio, and Legislative Aide Michael Mangan.

## Robert Van Campen elected president of Everett City Council

By Cary Shuman

Ward 5 Councilor Robert Van Campen was unanimously elected president of the Everett City Council at its organizational meeting

Monday night in the Council Chambers. Ward 6 Councilor Peter Pietrantonio nominated Van Campen for the Council's top leadership position. "We go back 30 years," said Pietrantonio. "I worked for the City. He was an alderman/councilman. He worked in Melrose as the city solicitor, and I worked as the operations manager.

He is a fair, honest, trustworthy guy. I have a lot of confidence in him. I think that he can do the job. And I think he can do it very admirably. He comes through with a bunch of experience. He's an attorney." Councilor-at-Large Katy Rogers seconded the nomination. "Tonight, I had the privilege of seconding the nomination for Councilor Robert Van Campen as

Council president," said Rogers. "He received the unanimous support of the Council and I trust he has what it takes to exemplify the leadership required to maintain decorum and create a productive working environment in the Council Chambers." Following the official announcement of the vote

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## APPRECIATION

### Joe O'Donnell dies at 79

He will be remembered for his philanthropy and his efforts in fighting for a cure for cystic fibrosis

By Cary Shuman

Local and state leaders are mourning the loss of Joe O'Donnell, who died Sunday after a courageous battle against cancer. Mr. O'Donnell was 79. Mr. O'Donnell grew up in the family home on Spring Street in Everett, attended Malden Catholic High School and Phillips Exeter Academy. He received his undergraduate

degree from Harvard College and his Master's in Business Administration from Harvard Business School. A very successful businessman and highly respected leader in the food service industry, Mr. O'Donnell was very generous to numerous local causes, including the Everett public schools and its

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COURTESY PHOTO

In a recent photo, Joseph O'Donnell (left) Class of 1962, the Co-Chair of the Essential Malden Catholic Campaign, is shown congratulating Jeremy Mitchell (center) Class of 2020 on completing his Summer Apprenticeship working at Allied Marketing. Boys Principal Brother Thomas Puccio, C.F.X. Ed.D. (right) met with Jeremy and Mr. O'Donnell to coordinate the completion of the program.

## Mikey Sainristil, Michigan are national champions

By Cary Shuman

Who else but Everett's Mike Sainristil to lock up the University of Michigan's national championship and one of the greatest seasons in college football history? With Washington threatening to make it a one-score game in the fourth quarter, Sainristil intercepted a pass and returned the football 81 yards to Washington's 8-yard line. Two plays later Blake Corum rushed for a one-yard touchdown to help make it 34-13 in favor of the Wolverines. And that's how it ended, with Mikey and Michigan on top of the college foot-



Mike Sainristil.

ball world for the 2023 season with a 15-0 record. It was the perfect conclusion to Sainristil's

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## TRACK STAR



Everett High star trackman Kayshaun Eveillard proudly displays his second-place medal that he earned this past Saturday in the 300 meter dash at the MSTCA Large School Freshman-Sophomore Track Meet that was held at the Reggie Lewis Track and Athletic Center. Kayshaun, who is a sophomore, set a personal record with a time of 36.92.

TRASH  
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King Holiday on Monday  
Jan. 15, 2024, trash will be  
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SCENES FRPM THE CITY OF EVERETT’S 2024 INAUGURAL CEREMONIES

CARY SHUMAN PHOTOS



Ward 6 Councilor Peter Pietrantonio, with his sons, Ross Pietrantonio and Ryan Pietrantonio, and granddaughter, Livia Pietrantonio.



Ward 1 Councilor Wayne Matewsky, Sal Barresi, Joseph Cataldo, and Ward 6 Councilor Peter Pietrantonio.



Councilor-at-Large Guerline Alcy Jabouin, with her husband, Frantzy Jabouin.



School Committee Member Joanna Garren, with her husband, Seth Garren.



Ward 3 Councilor Anthony DiPierro, with his mother, Tinamarie Saldutti, brother, Salvatore DiPierro, and father, Jerry DiPierro.



Josie Lemmi, Councilor-at-Large Michael Marchese, and Ron Barnes.



Councilor-at-Large Michael Marchese, Ward 1 Councilor Wayne Matewsky, City Clerk Sergio Cornelio, and former state representative Stephen “Stat” Smith.



School Committee Member At-Large Samantha Hurley, with her husband, William Hurley III (back row), and (front row, from left), sister, Heather DeFlumeri, daughter, Ava Hurley, daughter, Alyssa Hurley, son, William Hurley IV, and father, Carmen DeFlumeri.



Emilia Maria Babcock, Madeline Murray, School Committee Member At-Large Samantha Lambert, and Ward 4 School Committee Member Robin Babcock.



Joe Fahey, Deborah Garcia, Ward 4 Councilor Holly Garcia, Suzan Giordano, Christine Kennedy, and Linda Kennedy.



Ward 5 Councilor Robert Van Campen, with his wife, Lisa Van Campen, daughter, Lily Van Campen, and son, John Van Campen, at the inaugural ceremonies.



Former School Committee member Bernie D’Onofrio, and his fiancée, Dianne Musto, were in attendance as his son, Joseph D’Onofrio, was inaugurated as a member of the Everett School Committee representing Ward 6.



Thomas Capobianco, Thomas Rogers, Councilor-at-Large Katy Rogers, Patricia Rogers, Barbara Carlin, and Matthew Judd.

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Councilor-at-Large Stephanie Smith, pictured with her proud family at the 2024 City of Everett inaugural ceremonies Friday night at the Saugus-Everett Elks Lodge.

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by Legislative Aide Michael Mangan, Van Campen received a warm ovation from his colleagues and the people in attendance, including his wife, Lisa Van Campen, daughter, Lily Van Campen, and son, John Van Campen, who were seated in the front row of the Chambers.

## Following is the text of Council President Robert Van Campen's remarks:

"Thank you very much. First, I want to thank my family for supporting my efforts to re-enter public service in Everett. To my wife Lisa – thank you for being by my side along the way. You are loved and appreciated beyond words. We have been blessed with two wonderful children – Lily will be 17 a few days from now, and John just turned 14. They were much younger when I left office in 2014. We love them dearly, and hope they know that in many respects, my service here (and yours) is to ensure every child's future continues to be bright. Thank you to the members of this City Council for trusting me with the important responsibility of leading this historic group of women and men. I am humbled and grateful for your confidence. As we begin, there is no doubt that challenges are before us as a community. Whether addressing our shared budget and tax burden; or working to provide our hard-working public employees with the resources they need to per-

form their jobs; or finding ways to ensure development is done in a responsible and reasonable manner; or making this city government more accessible to the public and our community more inclusive to all; or conducting a top to bottom review of our City Charter to make sure it remains a viable governing document for this community; or even deciding about future development opportunities along lower Broadway – my commitment to you as President is to ensure our work is achieved in a civil, respectful, compassionate, and business-like manner. I ask each member to join me in making that happen. I also ask that those concerned residents who appear before us express grievances or speak on issues show the same level of respect and civility that this City Council will afford you. This will be a forum for professional discussion and civic engagement – not personal attacks. There is no doubt we will have disagreements, some will be profound, but our differences should never lead to permanent divisions and animosity among us. Every member of this City Council, every person in this chamber tonight, every person watching this meeting, every resident regardless of their background, ethnicity, or religion, every parent who sends their children to school, and every business owner who contributes to our local economy has the

same objective in mind – a love for this city and a perpetual desire to make it better. Let us never forget that. I also want to extend my hand to the Mayor and his Administration. We can accomplish anything as a community through cooperation, collaboration, and communication. As we begin our term in office, I ask the Mayor and his team to join this City Council – our School Committee, and our school department – to move our city forward. God bless each of you and your families in the New Year. Now it's time to get to work. Thank you."



Ward 3 Councilor Anthony DiPierro joins friends and family, including his grandparents, Cheryl Panevino and Joseph Panevino, for a photo following Monday's Council meeting.



Outgoing City Council President Michael Marchese ceremoniously passes the gavel to new Council President Robert Van Campen, who was elected by his colleagues to lead the 11-member board in 2024.



Council President Robert Van Campen and Councilor-at-Large Guerline Alcy Jabouin, pictured at the first City Council meeting of 2024.



Ward 6 Council Peter Pietrantonio congratulates his friend and colleague, Robert Van Campen, on his election as president of the City Council.



Sen. Sal DiDomenico and Councilor-at-Large Katy Rogers, pictured at the newly elected City Council's first meeting Monday night in the Council Chambers.



Councilor-at-Large Stephanie Smith presents a testimonial award to outgoing Council President Michael Marchese in recognition of his outstanding leadership of the Council in 2023.

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amazing career at Michigan. Sainristil began as a wide receiver before moving to defensive back and being named to the 2023 ESPN All-America Team. The 5-foot-10-inch cornerback finished the season with six interceptions. Sainristil was a game-long force on defense, making some crucial one-on-one tackles at his position. Michigan coach Jim Harbaugh credited the play of Sainristil and the Michigan defense in his post-game remarks to ESPN's Scott Van Pelt. "It doesn't get more satisfying than watching how our defense played against an elite team, an elite quarterback, a heckuva offensive line, an outstanding receiving corps," said Harbaugh. "There were some spectacular tackles, open-field tackles, tackles on the edge. I said, 'Mike Sainristil, you did that.'" "When a play has to be made, they make the play. You just count on these guys, the playmakers who make the magic happen." In Everett, Sainristil's former coaches and team-



Josaiah Stewart.

mates watched the drama unfold on national television, fully expecting that Sainristil, the former Massachusetts Gatorade Player of the Year, would thrive on the biggest stage in college football, which he did. "I'm so proud of him," said former Everett High head football coach John DiBiaso, who coached Sainristil for three seasons, including two Super Bowl titles. "Mikey scored the first touchdown in both of those Super Bowls against Xaverian," recalled DiBiaso. "When he was a sophomore, he caught a

pass from Jordan McAfee and scored. When he was a junior, he intercepted a pass on the first series of downs and had a Pick-6 and put us up 7-0. He had two big games in the Super Bowls for us. He was a great player in high school." Sainristil's parents, Carol and Raymonde, were at NRG Stadium in Houston for the national championship game. Josaiah Stewart also excels for the national champions Former Everett High star Josiah Stewart also had a key role in the Michigan Wolverines' national championship season and their 34-13 victory over Washington. A transfer from Coastal Carolina University, Stewart made four tackles and had one assist in the national title game. Stewart was an All-Big Ten honorable mention selection on defense this season. A 6-foot-1-inch 245-pound junior, Stewart is expected to return to Michigan for the 2024 season.

## - LEGAL NOTICE -

### CITY OF EVERETT

**EVERETT CITY COUNCIL**  
**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**  
**PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE LOWER BROADWAY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

To all interested parties,

In accordance with MGL Chapter 40A, Section 5 and Section 12 of the City of Everett Zoning Ordinance (Revised Ordinances, Appendix A), the Everett City Council shall conduct the required public hearing for a submitted zoning ordinance. Said public hearing shall be held during a regular meeting of the council on Monday, February 12, 2024 at 7:00 PM in the City Council Chambers at Everett City Hall, Third Floor, 484 Broadway, Everett, MA 02149.

At said meeting, the public shall be allowed to speak on the proposed amendments to the City of Everett's Zoning Ordinance, Section 30 ("Lower Broadway Economic Development District"). The proposed amendments are as follows:

To amend Section G.1: "Table of Parking Requirements," in the following manner:  
Use: Industrial. Amending by deleting Minimum Required Parking "1 per usable SF" and insert "1 per 1,000 SF of GSF"

To amend Section C.2.b "Notes to table of Use Regulation" in the following manner:  
At the end of the existing section adding the following sentence:  
"Except that on any lot in the Employment Subdistrict which is larger than two acres, Multifamily Residential Use may be a stand alone use or part of a Mixed Use Development Project, provided that the first level of any such Development Project, with the exception to the access to the Multifamily Residential Use, shall have on its first level a minimum of 10 square feet of non-residential space per residential unit, which may be combined or spread across multiple buildings. The non-residential use may include, but shall not be limited to, retail."

To amend Section F.1: "Table of Dimensional Standards," in the following manner:  
Res. Density. Min. Lot Area per Dwelling Unit, Employment Zoning Sub-Districts. Amending by adding a footnote (e) to the Min. Lot Area per Dwelling Unit by Special Permit: "2,000 (e)" and adding the following footnote at the end of the dimensional table:  
"(e) Except that for any lot larger than two acres, the Min. Lot Area per Dwelling Unit allowed by Special Permit shall be 350 square feet."

A copy of all documents associated the proposed amendment shall be available in the City Clerk's Office for public inspection. A copy of these documents may also be found in the agenda packet for the January 22, 2024 regular meeting of the City Council, which shall be posted to the city web site on January 18, 2024. Copies of these documents shall also be found in the agenda packets for all subsequent City Council meetings where this ordinance appears on the meeting agenda. Questions and comments may be directed in advance of the public hearing to the Legislative Aide for the City Council, Michael Mangan at Michael.Mangan@ci.everett.ma.us or 617-394-2237.

**Robert J. Van Campen, President**  
**Michael Mangan, Legislative Aide**  
**January 9, 2024**



## DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. NEVER GAVE UP

For those of a certain age, it is hard to imagine that 2024 will mark 56 years since the assassination of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in Memphis while he was standing on the balcony of the Lorraine Motel on April 4, 1968. Recalling how we felt when he first heard the news of Dr. King’s murder still brings chills and a deep sense of sadness that never has subsided.

For those who are too young to have been alive in that era of American history, there are a few things that everyone should know about Dr. King that should provide inspiration to all of us.

First, Dr. King was fearless. He knew from the inception of his rise to prominence of the Civil Rights movement that he would become a target for those who opposed change. Yet, even though he often told others that he believed his death would be imminent, he did not relent in his fight to continue his work in the civil rights movement.

Second, Dr. King stood for the rights of all Americans, not merely those of color. He was in Memphis working with striking sanitation workers, whose pay and working conditions he was seeking to help improve. He was an outspoken critic of the Vietnam War because he knew it to be an unjust war, not only for poor Americans who could not get a college deferment for the draft, but also for the people of Vietnam, whose homeland was being bombed into oblivion at great profit for the American military-industrial complex.

If Dr. King were alive in the present era, there is no doubt that he would have been in the forefront of the Black Lives Matter movement that has highlighted the ongoing racism and economic inequality that oppresses Americans of all races today.

Dr. King’s words ring as true today as they did two generations ago; his “I Have A Dream” and “I’ve Been to the Mountaintop” speeches are among the most powerful not only in American history, but in all of Western civilization.

All of us should learn from the example set by Dr. King that in each of us is the power to change the world -- that each of us has the capacity to inspire others, whether through our words or deeds, whether on a small or large scale, to make the world a better place.

Many of our fellow citizens have followed the path set by Dr. King and many more will do so in the years ahead. So as we celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day this Monday, let us recall not only his memory and the many things that he accomplished, but let us also resolve never to give in to the forces of intolerance, prejudice, and hate that continue to plague our country and the world today.

## REPLACE BELICHICK? GOOD LUCK WITH THAT!

As we are writing this at the beginning of the week, there is rampant speculation that the Patriots are going to fire Bill Belichick, who undeniably is the greatest football coach of all time.

Yes, he had a great quarterback in Tom Brady, but Belichick’s genius was in taking players such as Brady (who, after all, was the 200th pick in the draft) and turning them into pros who could fill a niche (Teddy Bruschi, Julian Edelman, and Kevin Faulk being prime examples) on his teams. Belichick’s Patriots were a classic case of the sum of the whole being greater than the sum of the parts in much the same way that Red Auerbach, another coaching genius, did for the Celtics.

Belichick’s attention to detail was unparalleled, which explains why he routinely could allow great players to leave -- think Lawyer Milloy, Ty Law, Richard Seymour, Vince Wilfork, etc. -- and still be able to turn unheralded replacements into top-notch players.

To be sure, Bill Belichick wasn’t perfect -- we still have never heard a logical explanation for why he did not play Malcolm Butler in that Super Bowl with Philly -- but when you look around at all of the so-called “new wave” of football coaches, there is a lot of mediocrity, and even the best are not in his league. (The only current coach who comes close to Belichick is an old school guy, Andy Reid of Kansas City.)

The Patriots need to rebuild and if there’s anyone who knows how to do that, it is Bill Belichick (although even he will have a hard time unless the Pats can draft a quarterback who can compete with Ryan Allen, Mahomes, Tua, Joe Burrow, Lamar Jackson, Justin Herbert, and C.J. Stroud).

Our prediction is this: If Belichick goes, whoever is his replacement will last about three years -- and the Pats and their fans will realize that there was only one Bill Belichick, the G.O.A.T.

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# Independent Forum

## UPCOMING EVENTS AT EVERETT PUBLIC LIBRARIES

**Parlin Adult and Teens**  
Yarn Club Parlin Fireplace Room. Tuesday, January 16th 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!

Bingo! Parlin Meeting Room, Wednesday, January 17th at 1pm. Can’t get enough Bingo? Join us every Wednesday in January! Prizes awarded.

Origami Club. Parlin Fireplace Room. Saturday, January 20th at 12pm. Come and practice the ancient art of paper folding. All ages and skill levels are welcome!

**Parlin Childrens**  
Lego Club. Parlin Children’s Room. Monday, January 15th 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, January 16th at 12pm. In English or Portuguese by request. Visit the Parlin Library Children’s Room to attend! Suggested ages 2-6.

Math Tutoring Sessions, Parlin Meeting Room. Tuesday, January 16th from 4-5:30pm. Students in grades 6-10 are invited to come to our new math tutoring program this January. Our mathematically-minded volunteer tutors will guide and support students with assignments and math concepts, helping them to understand difficult topics. Tutors will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. No registration required.

Storytime and Singalong with Karen, Parlin Children’s Room. Wednesday, January 17th 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, January 17th 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.

Parlin Homework Center. Parlin Children’s Room. Mondays through Thursdays from 3-5pm. The Parlin Library’s Homework Center is up and running for the spring! Stop by the children’s department any time between 3 and 5 pm, Monday through Thursday, for help from one of our volunteer tutors on homework assignments. The tutoring center is recommended for grades K-8. Please email parlininfo@noblenet.org with any questions.

**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.

**Shute Children’s**  
Storytime with Vera. Shute Children’s Room. Thursday, January 18th at 12pm. In English or Portuguese by request. Visit the Shute Library Children’s Room to attend! Suggested ages 2-6.

## Greater Boston bikeshare system plans to add 750 ebikes

The cities of Boston, Cambridge, Somerville and Everett, the town of Brookline, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts (“Blue Cross”) and Lyft today announced plans to integrate 750 next-generation ebikes into Greater Boston’s popular Bluebikes program and the renewal of Blue Cross’ title sponsorship through May 2031. The rollout will begin with 50 ebikes hitting the street this week; an additional 700 will join the fleet in subsequent months.

The new seven-year agreement between Blue Cross and the municipal owners further cements a dynamic public-private partnership for sustainable urban transportation. Blue Cross will continue its commitment to promoting the overall health and well-being of Massachusetts residents by supporting the municipal owners of Bluebikes in driving system growth and accessibility through initiatives including station expansions, system enhancements and the integration of ebikes.

“This marks an exciting milestone as we usher in the next wave of transportation in Greater Boston with the introduction of state-of-the-art e-bikes,” Boston Mayor Michelle Wu said. “Partnerships such as our Bluebikes alliance with Blue Cross are crucial in ensuring our residents have access to healthier, more sustainable, and affordable transportation options. We look forward to continued collaboration with Blue Cross and all our municipal partners as we elevate our bike share system.”

“Bluebikes have become an integral part of so many communities in and around Boston, and we are thrilled to continue supporting the system,” said Blue Cross President and CEO Sarah Iselin. “We’re looking forward to the next chapter of partnership with the cities and towns through the renewal of our Bluebikes sponsorship. Biking is truely

ly one of the best ways to get around, benefiting the environment as well as our mental and physical health. And adding ebikes to the Bluebikes system is an important step toward making biking more accessible to more people.”

The new collection of ebikes is expected to grow the overall Bluebikes fleet to 5,000 bikes across 500 stations by next summer. Funding for the initial purchase of the ebikes came from a combination of municipal investment from Boston and Cambridge, state funding, federal funding by the Boston Area Metropolitan Planning Organization and support from Blue Cross’s sponsorship of the bikeshare system. Together, Boston, Cambridge, Somerville, and Blue Cross will provide support for affordable user costs of ebikes for Bluebikes members.

The state’s largest health plan became Bluebikes’ title sponsor in 2018. Since the inception of the Bluebikes partnership, the municipal owners – in conjunction with Blue Cross – have made investments, received grants and fostered station sponsorships to accomplish system milestones, including:

- Expanding the system from four to 13 municipalities, representing a 225% increase
- Supporting a 333% growth in the number of available Bluebikes and a 150% expansion in the number of Bluebikes stations
- Bolstering the income-eligible program
- Surpassing 22 million rides taken

“The City of Cambridge is proud to support more affordable, sustainable, and healthier forms of transportation and extend what has been a win-win public-private partnership,” said Cambridge City Manager Yi-An Huang. “Bluebikes have become a critical part of Cambridge’s public transportation system and I am excited that the

system is becoming even more accessible through the addition of ebikes to the Bluebikes fleet, which will open up the system to more older adults, people with disabilities, and others who may find traditional bikes hard to pedal. It will also create more opportunities for individuals seeking to maximize their time and access to our busy communities, while reducing traffic congestion.”

Lyft’s ebike was named one of TIME’s 100 Best Inventions of 2022. It features a long-lasting battery with a 60-mile range, a user-friendly interface LCD screen, a smoother ride and numerous safety upgrades. Massachusetts legalized Class 1 ebikes, which have no throttle and a maximum speed of 20 MPH, as part of the Transportation Bond Bill last year. Unlike traditional pedal bikes, ebikes aren’t permitted on sidewalks; they can be used on shared paths and bike lanes. Riders must follow all traffic laws and regulations and

must bike in the same direction of traffic except on specially marked streets. Riders must always yield to pedestrians, maintain a safe speed and remain aware of all street users of all abilities.

“Somerville takes great pride in our regional, public-owned Bluebikes system, which is already one of the most successful bikeshare systems in North America,” said Somerville Mayor Katherine Ballantyne. “Bikeshare is public transit, and I believe that affordable, pedal-assist ebikes can improve travel choices for people across the metro region.”

“Bluebikes is getting our newest ebike, which has cutting-edge features that riders love,” said Caroline Samponaro, VP of Public Policy, Lyft. “These ebikes make it easier than ever for people to reach jobs, family, and friends with sustainable, climate-friendly transportation that gets cars

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EXCELLENCE IN THE EVERETT PUBLIC SCHOOLS



Artist Rixy (right) and K-12 Arts Coordinator Cari DiCicco.

Art all over  
Rixy makes an appearance at Everett High

Interdisciplinary street artist Rixy delivered a presentation to Everett High School (EHS) students on Friday, December 8, 2023, as part of the EHS Fine and Performing Arts Department Guest Artist Series.

Rixy, the daughter of EHS Administrative As-

sistant Rixy Reyes Cardillo, talked about the public works of art she has completed in Greater Boston and around the world. She delved into what inspires her artwork, and discussed how she creates murals using both house and spray paints. She also reviewed the public-art proposal

process, inspiring students to pursue their own opportunities.

EHS students and teachers have viewed and admired Rixy’s murals around Greater Boston, which made this presentation even more meaningful.

Building Momentum  
for a New High School

Everett Advances to a Critical Phase of the MSBA Process

Everett has taken an essential stride forward in its relentless pursuit of a new high school, as the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) has notified the city that its Statement of Interest has advanced to the Eligibility Period.

“This is great news — a genuine lift for our district and our community as we head into the holiday season,” said Everett Public Schools (EPS) Superintendent William D. Hart. “A new high school has long been something we conceptualize. Now we can start to plan.”

Eligibility Period Commences on July 1, 2024		
MODULE ONE - Eligibility Period		
DELIVERABLE	DAYS	DUE DATE AND STATUS
Initial Compliance Certification	30	July 31, 2024 Required
School Building Committee	60	August 30, 2024 Required
Educational Profile Questionnaire	90	September 30, 2024 Required
Chapter 74 Vocational Technical Education Viability Documentation	90	September 30, 2024 Required
Online Enrollment Projection	90	September 30, 2024 Required
Enrollment Meeting Held	180	December 27, 2024 Required
Maintenance and Capital Planning Information	180	December 27, 2024 Required
Local Vote Authorization	270	March 28, 2025 Required
Feasibility Study Agreement	270	March 28, 2025 Required
Eligibility Period Concludes on March 28, 2025		

required by the MSBA.”

The City’s Eligibility Period runs from July 1, 2024, to March 28, 2025, during which time the city and district will adhere to the following schedule shown.

“Last week’s vote by the MSBA Board of Directors is the critical next step that I have fought for in order for Everett to move forward with the only solution that will address our entire district’s needs,” said Mayor Carlo DeMaria.

Mayor DeMaria stressed that a new high school will alleviate space constraints across the district, as it would enable the district to utilize the current high school for middle school students. This would have a significant and positive ripple effect affect every K-8 building in the city — leading to

things like the reopening of school libraries and art and music classrooms.

Completion of the preliminary requirements within the 270 days does not guarantee an invitation into the MSBA Capital Pipeline. But failure to complete the process guarantees that an application will be removed from the process, requiring a community to start from the beginning and submit a Statement of Interest.

“Which is why this is such an important moment,” concluded Superintendent Hart. “My congratulations to Mayor Carlo DeMaria and everyone who has devoted the time and energy to get us to this point. I look forward to joining the process in the coming months and years.”

Allow him to illustrate ...  
Masiello dazzles EPS students

Renowned author/illustrator Ralph Masiello made a return visit to the Everett Public Schools (EPS) last week, presenting to a variety of grade levels at multiple schools in the district. Masiello specializes in creating age-appropriate programs that are “fun, funny, and educational.” He made his debut appearance in the EPS last year, and K-12

Arts Coordinator Caroline DiCicco and Library Coordinator Mary Puleo were happy to bring him back for two days of presentations on December 6-7, 2023.

During his two-day tour of the district, Mr. Masiello met with Parlin and Whittier fourth graders, Keverian second graders, Madeline English third and fourth graders, and the

Everett High School Illustration Class.

During his K-8 presentations, Mr. Masiello talked about his books and how he builds ideas to create stories, and he led drawing demonstrations. At Everett High, he discussed his career trajectory and building a professional art portfolio. He also gave helpful feedback on student artwork.



Author and illustrator Ralph Masiello talks about his work with Everett High School art students.

Making a Meal of the Competition  
EHS Duo Wins Kiss 108 Turkey Toss



Congratulations to Everett High School (EHS) seniors Domenic Papa and Shane MacKenzie for winning the 2023 Kiss 108 Turkey Toss. The event, held on Wednesday, November 22, 2023, at the Baxter Park Amphitheater at Assembly Row, is always very popular with area high school students. And it has been a particularly successful event for EHS, which has won the competition several times over the years. Shane had the job of tossing the turkey, while Domenic was entrusted with catching it.



An Everett High Holiday Tradition  
Holiday Gala Concert and Art Exhibit



There are few nights on the Everett Public Schools (EPS) calendar as joyous as the Everett High School (EHS) Holiday Gala Concert, which was held this year on Tuesday, December 19, 2023. Parents, students, and members of the community were treated to a fantastic lineup of entertainment provided by the theatre company, dance ensemble, choir, rock band, jazz band, orchestra, and alumni. Prior to the event, EHS art students displayed their work for everyone to enjoy. Thanks to the dozens of musicians and teachers who worked so hard to develop, rehearse, and stage this year’s concert!

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off our roads. I want to thank Mayor Wu, all the Bluebikes municipal owners, and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts for their continued investment and partnership in Bluebikes. Without them, Bluebikes wouldn’t be the tremendous success it is today.”

The municipal owners have prioritized access and

affordability for the new Bluebikes ebikes, which will be available at \$0.10 per minute for Bluebikes members, \$0.25 per minute for Adventure Pass holders, and \$0.07 per minute for low-income residents enrolled in Bluebikes’ Income-Eligible Program. Income-eligible riders are provided a reduced annual fee for Bluebikes.

Earlier this year, Boston also announced the Boston Bikes Pass, which is a Bluebikes membership offered only to City of Boston residents at a reduced annual rate of \$60. Learn more discounted Bluebikes rates at <https://www.boston.gov/departments/boston-bikes/discounted-bluebikes>.



# DiDomenico and Senate pass wheelchair warranty reform

Senator DiDomenico and his colleagues in the Massachusetts Senate voted unanimously to strengthen consumer protections for wheelchair users.

An Act expanding wheelchair warranty protections for consumers with disabilities—S.2541—requires all wheelchairs to come with warranties, extends the minimum warranty period to two years, sets standards for wheelchair repairs and replacements, and eliminates the cumbersome prior authorization process for all wheelchair repairs under \$1,000.

“I was proud to take action on this critical legislation in order to protect and empower wheelchair users throughout our state,” said Senator Sal DiDomenico, Assistant Majority Leader of the Massachusetts Senate. “Passing this bill puts us one step closer to supporting the countless Massachusetts residents who rely on wheelchairs and have suffered with unaffordable wheelchair repairs for far too long. I want to thank Senate President Karen Spilka, and Senator John Cronin for focusing on this important and neglected issue.”

The legislation requires all wheelchairs sold or leased in the Commonwealth to come with express warranties—a change from the current law, which only requires customized wheelchairs to come with express warranties. The legislation

also extends express warranties for wheelchairs from one year to two years, bringing Massachusetts in line with states like Rhode Island and Connecticut. To alleviate wait times for repairs, the bill mandates that wheelchair service providers diagnose repair issues remotely within three business days following notice from a consumer and provide an in-person assessment no more than four business days after that.

If a wheelchair user cannot operate their in-warranty chair during the repair process, the bill mandates that manufacturers or dealers reimburse them for or provide a loaner wheelchair within four business days for most wheelchairs, or within eight business days for highly customized wheelchairs.

The bill also requires manufacturers and dealers to cover any collateral costs incurred during the repair process for in-warranty wheelchairs. For out-of-warranty wheelchairs, the legislation prohibits insurers for requiring consumers to go through a cumbersome prior authorization process for any repairs totaling less than \$1,000. Finally, the bill allows the Attorney General’s office to take legal action against service providers who violate these provisions with unfair or deceptive business practices.

The legislation has received strong support from disability advocates

across Massachusetts.

“S.2541 reflects an understanding of the challenges faced by wheelchair users and sets a new standard for consumer protection that will improve the quality of life for wheelchair users across the Commonwealth,” said Barbara L’Italien, Executive Director of the Disability Law Center. “We are grateful to Senate President Spilka, Senator Cronin, and the Massachusetts Senate for recognizing the profound impact this legislation will have on individuals with disabilities who utilize wheelchairs.”

“When a wheelchair, providing mobility so people can integrate into the community, too often breaks down, with waits as long as a year for repairs—we can fix cars and bikes in a day! —we have a serious problem,” Kay Schoucair, Senior Organizer, Boston Center for Independent Living (BCIL). “The time is overdue for manufacturers to simply stand behind their products. BCIL applauds the senate for pushing this much needed bill forward.”

A similar version of the legislation was passed by the Senate in 2022, however that legislation did not further advance in the Legislature.

Having been passed by the Senate, the legislation now heads to the Massachusetts House of Representatives for consideration.

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## News BRIEFS

### CITY OFFICES CLOSED MONDAY, JAN. 15 AS EVERETT OBSERVES MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY

*Trash will not be picked up on Monday and will be delayed for the rest of the week*

City offices will be closed to the public on Monday, Jan. 15, as Everett observes the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day hol-

iday. City offices will re-open on Tuesday, Jan. 16, and City Hall will have extended hours for residents (8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.).

Observed on the third Monday in January each year, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (MLK Day) is a federal holiday in the United States that celebrates the birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr. and honors the life and legacy of the Civil Rights leader. King was the leading spokesperson for the Civil Rights

Movement, which protested racial discrimination in the United States.

Monday’s observance will delay trash and recycling pickup by one day. Please place your trash and recycling bins neatly on the sidewalk on the day after your regularly scheduled pickup for this week only.

If you have any questions, please call our Constituent Services Department by dialing 311 or 617-394-2270.

## Everett Public Libraries launch the “24 in ‘24” reading challenge

The Everett Public Libraries are excited to announce the commencement of the “24 in ‘24” reading challenge, inviting community members to participate in a year long reading journey that will culminate in a prize funded by the Friends of the Everett Public Libraries.

“Before COVID, we had challenges like this where we asked patrons to read the number of books for whatever year it was, like 15 in ‘15, 16 in ‘16, and so on,” says Adult Services Librarian Kathleen Slipp. “It was a great way to connect with the community and encourage reading for patrons of all ages. We decided that since it’s been a few years, and since our patrons enjoy the Summer Reading challenge so much, it’s high time that we brought the yearlong challenge back!”

Patrons of all ages are encouraged to participate in the program, where they are asked to read 24 books over the course of the year. While the challenge offi-

cially began on January 1st, participants may join whenever they like. The only requirement is that each person reads and logs 24 books by the December 31st deadline. As with other reading challenges in recent years, logging will take place on Beanstack, available for download as an app, accessible via the web at [www.everett.beanstack.com](http://www.everett.beanstack.com), or by scanning the accompanying QR code. Patrons can also opt to track their reading by hand with a paper log, available for pickup at either library.

“The new year is a great time to set goals for ourselves, and for many people that can include a reading goal. The great thing about this challenge is that any book counts, so long as you finish it. I

will personally be logging e-books, audiobooks, and graphic novels as part of my 24 books, and I encourage others to do so as well,” says Information Services Librarian Sofia Safran.

Library Director Kevin Sheehan adds further, “It’s a bit of an ambitious goal for some of us, but some good strategies are picking good books you’ll want to read, picking a series like Harry Potter, Jack Reacher, or The Chronicles of Narnia, and/or reading in the morning or afternoon rather than the evening if you’re exhausted after a long day. We’ve compiled some staff favorites to help with selection as well, which you can ask for at either library or view on our online catalog at [bit.ly/EVEopac](http://bit.ly/EVEopac).”

For further information regarding the reading challenge, or with any questions about Beanstack, please contact the Parlin Memorial Library at 617-394-2300 or the Shute Memorial Library at 617-394-2308.

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recorded on August 5, 2021, in Said Registry of Deeds at Book 78410, Page 290, subsequently assigned to PNC Bank National Association by PNC Mortgage, a division of PNC Bank, National Association by assignment recorded in said Middlesex County (Southern District) Registry of Deeds at Book 74116, Page 380, for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at Public Auction at 1:00 PM on January 17, 2024 at 228 Hancock Street, Unit C, Everett, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit: Unit C of the Hancock Condominium created by master Deed dated August 30, 1989 recorded with the Middlesex South Registry of Deeds in Book 20044, Page 271 on 8/30/1989. Included with said unit are: (i) An undivided .333 percentage interest in both the common areas and facilities of the condominium and organization of unit owners through which the condominium is managed and regulated; (ii) The exclusive right to use one parking space which the Trustees of the Condominium Trust shall specifically designate. (iii) Such other rights and easements appurtenant to the unit as may be set forth in any documents governing the operation of the condominium, including without limitation the Master Deed, the By-Laws of the organization of unit owners,

and any administrative rules and regulations adopted pursuant thereto (all of which are hereinafter referred to as “The Condominium Documents”). The unit conveyed is laid out as shown on a plan filed with the first deed out of Unit C, which plan is a copy of a portion of the plans filed with said Master Deed and to which is affixed a verified statement in the form provided in M.G.L. Ch. 183A, Sec. 9. It is subject to and with the benefit of the obligations, restrictions, rights and liabilities contained in General Laws Chapter 183A, the Master Deed and By-Laws filed therewith. The condominium and each of the units is intended for residential purposes and other uses permitted by the applicable zoning ordinances as set forth in the Master Deed. For title see deed recorded herewith. The premises are to be sold subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, encroachments, building and zoning laws, liens, unpaid taxes, tax titles, water bills, municipal liens and assessments, rights of tenants and parties in possession, and attorney’s fees and costs. **TERMS OF SALE:** A deposit of FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00 CENTS (\$5,000.00) in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer’s check or money order will be required to be delivered at or before the time the bid is offered.

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# Sports

## Willcox’s 2023 season was one for the Brown University record books

His senior success is just the beginning

By Sydney Ciano

The 23-year-old Everett native, Jake Willcox, has returned home for winter break coming off of his breakout season with Brown University. The starting quarterback and captain immediately felt at home with the Bears, and his senior season completed with a whopping 2,894 passing yards and 17 passing touchdowns serves as a plaque of the success he was able to build with them.

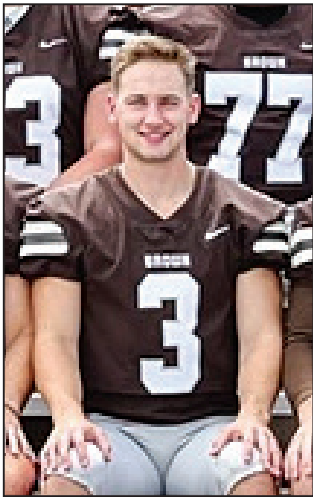
However, his college career is not over just yet.

Planning to remain at Brown for his fifth year of eligibility, the 6-foot-2-inch, 195-pound quarterback is ready to hit the weight room, film room, and eventually the field to

keep his excel on the rise.

“Staying consistent,” Willcox said is his goal. “My big thing is staying in the weight room, trying to get bigger and faster, which is always the goal. I think another year of experience is really going to help me.”

This determination and effort did not go unnoticed during the 2023 season either. Willcox was named one of the 30 Walter Payton Award finalists and also set five top 10, single-season records in Brown’s history. These included landing second in most passing attempts, fourth in most pass completions, sixth in completion percentage, sixth in number of passing yards, and seventh in total of-



COURTESY PHOTO  
Everett native Jake Willcox.

fense.

Even with awards and recognition to commend his on-field success, “becoming a student of the game” in the film room and preparing each week “like it was the biggest game we had” was the mentality that helped him soar.

Willcox said that the structure of Brown’s program is a key factor to his overall success. He was not always in the starting role, seeing playing time here and there before making a leap into the 2022 season where he found himself behind the center more frequently. As a junior he ended the season with 1,761 passing yards, a 64.2 percent passing rate, and 12 touchdowns.

“I definitely think experience helps, being able to just get into the playbook more [and] have an extra

year to focus,” Willcox said. “And also, being able to get into the weight room... It helped me build timing with all [of] my receivers.”

With a playbook that prioritizes passing, Willcox was able to skyrocket in 2023. Not having set specific personal goals for himself, his focus was “to go out there and win” every step of the way.

“I have an unbelievable coach,” Willcox said of Brown University head coach James Perry. “[He] has a great system that al-

lows for me to throw the ball almost 50 times a game, which is all you can really ask for as a quarterback.

The instant connection Willcox had to Perry and his system was what made him know that Brown was the football program for him. He said that the moment he was offered to play for Perry, the quarterback felt like it was the perfect system where his strengths in the game would be highlighted.

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## EVERETT BOYS IN BASKETBALL ACTION AGAINST REVERE



ABOVE IT ALL: Everett’s Cleveence Erilus gets atop the crowd to take a shot during the January 5 game against Revere. See Page 8 for more photos.

## EVEILLARD, MICHEL ARE TOP PERFORMERS FOR EHS BOYS TRACK IN GBL TRI-MEET

Although the Everett High boys indoor track and field team came up short to Greater Boston League (GBL) rivals Malden (58-42) and Somerville (70-30) in a tri-meet held last Tuesday at the Reggie Lewis Track and Athletic Center in Boston, there were a number of outstanding performances turned in by coach Jehu Cimea’s squad.

Eveillard captured first place vs. both Malden and Somerville in the 300 dash. In addition, Kayshaun’s clocking of 37.74 was the fastest among all of the GBL competitors (all of whom were taking part at the Reggie in other tri-meets that day) in the 300 event and was 1.29 seconds faster than his nearest rival, Revere’s JV Cunha. (The GBL this year is holding all of its meets at the same time for all eight schools in tri-meet form at the Reggie.)

In addition, Kayshaun’s performance qualified him

for the upcoming Division 2 State Meet next month.

Donald Michel was another double-winner, topping both his Golden Tornado and Highlander opponents in the high jump with a leap of 5’-8”. In addition, Donald’s jump was the best on the day among all of the GBL schools and also qualified him for the State Meet.

Khang Nguyen defeated both his Malden and Somerville rivals in the long jump with a flight of 18’-10”, a flight that was the second-best among all

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A photograph of a healthcare worker, a woman with curly brown hair and glasses, wearing a grey scrub top. She is smiling and looking at a young girl with dark hair, who is wearing a light blue denim jacket. The girl is holding a stethoscope to her chest. They are in a clinical setting with a clock on the wall in the background.

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EVERETT BOYS IN BASKETBALL ACTION AGAINST REVERE

The Crimson Tide ran into a buzz-saw Revere defense and had trouble from the foul line all night, falling 44-41 at Revere High Friday, January 5.



BACK OFF: Lian Dorosario Antos keeps Revere’s Ethan Day away from the ball.



BOXING OUT: Cleevence Erilus and Allsin Desruisseaux (11) keep out any others in a battle for a rebound.



ARMS LENGTH: Allsin Desruisseaux is a barrier to an offensive effort by Revere’s Avi Lung.

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Having the opportunity as a freshman to act almost as a shadow E.J. Perry, who is now a Jacksonville Jaguar in the NFL, Willcox was ready to blend perfectly with the Bears. “He has an amazing football mind,” Willcox said of the now-NFL quarterback. “Being able to learn under a guy like that, I can’t even put into words how impactful that was for me in terms of my growth as a quarterback.” His personal success was not a quarterback-exclusive effort either. Willcox commended his teammates and their comradery throughout the 2023 season, through every loss and every battle, as they pushed him to become not only a better player but a better leader as well. Alongside him stood his fellow captains, fifth year

linebacker Ethan Royer, fifth year wide receiver Wes Rockett, and junior defensive back Isaiah Reed. Together, the four made the locker room and field places for each athlete to succeed. “It allowed me to be confident,” reflected Willcox. “My teammates did a good job picking me up and continuing to instill confidence in me despite not having as good of a season the year before.” Playing for each other was the energy in the locker room that translated onto the field and into each player’s on-field action. “We wanted more football, more football,” Willcox said. “As much as we could possibly get.” Matching that energy for the Bears were the students, fans, family, and

friends. For Willcox, personally, his support system off the team never let him down as they showed up and out at every game. Being so close to home has allowed him to settle in and appreciate the unwavering support. With the future inevitably on the horizon, entering the NFL Draft is not something Willcox will shy away from. If presented with the opportunity, continuing to play the sport he loves will always be at the forefront of his mind. As for the present, though, the quarterback is confident in himself and in his team as they reflect on the 2023 season and look ahead into 2024. “I think you’re going to see the best season that Brown’s had yet,” he said.



FOUR ON FOUR: Revere’s Avi Lung (4) and Everett’s Cleevence Erilus (4) compete for a loose ball.




BREAKTHROUGH: Allsix Desruisseaux dribbles between Revere defenders Luke Ellis (12) and Avi Lung (4).

O’Donnell // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

athletic programs. Mr. O’Donnell became a universally recognized champion in the fight against cystic fibrosis, raising millions of dollars for the charity. He founded the Joey Fund in memory of his son, who died of cystic fibrosis. Each year, Mr. O’Donnell, his wife, Kathy O’Donnell, and their family host a film premiere and gala that raises money for the Joey Fund. Mr. O’Donnell was also a generous contributor to Harvard and proud of his academic and athletic connection to the world’s most prestigious educational institution. The baseball field at Harvard was named in his honor. The Harvard athletic program wrote about Mr. O’Donnell’s generosity on its website: “Harvard dedicated its baseball field in honor of Joseph J. O’Donnell ‘67, MBA ‘71 in a ceremony preceding a doubleheader with Dartmouth on May 4, 1997. O’Donnell, a football and baseball standout at Harvard and captain of the 1967 Crimson baseball squad, has been a supporter of the College for many years. In 1995, he endowed the baseball program with a \$2.5 million gift, enabling Joe Walsh to become the first full-time head coach in the history of Harvard baseball.” Everett Mayor Carlo DeMaria was among the city leaders lauding Mr. O’Donnell’s outstanding accomplishments and his


contributions to his hometown. “Like so many of us from Everett, Joe O’Donnell embraced the values of family, community, and charity. He worked hard to achieve his success and found numerous ways to share the wealth that he achieved by supporting so many worthy causes,” said Mayor DeMaria. “Joe and his wife, Kathy, showed tremendous strength in how they chose to handle the loss of their son, Joey, by becoming incredible fundraisers in support of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. My thoughts are with Kathy and the rest of Joe’s family as they deal with the loss of a man who I am sure considered his family his greatest gift.” Sen. Sal DiDomenico also praised Mr. O’Donnell, stating, “Joe O’Donnell never forgot his roots in Everett and was always proud of his hometown. His generosity and support to the people of our community was endless. Joe’s legacy of helping our children and families will live on through the many organizations and charities that he founded and supported. So many people benefited from his kindness and no matter how successful he became he always made sure that Everett was close to his heart.” Rep. Joseph McGonagle said, “Joe O’Donnell did so much for Everett and its residents, but he never sought recognition for his efforts. This is a

very sad day for Everett. The city has lost a great person.” U.S. Senator Edward J. Markey, a graduate of Malden Catholic High School, said of Mr. O’Donnell, a fellow alumnus of MC: “Joe O’Donnell was a giant - in business, in philanthropy, and in his commitment to finding treatments for cystic fibrosis. Despite his lifetime of achievements and accolades, he never forgot where he came from as the son from a blue-collar family from Everett. He believed in paying it back, to Malden Catholic and the Xavierian brothers who gave him a world-class education so that the next generation of students could get the same opportunities he did as a young man. Joe O’Donnell achieved such great success not despite his blue-collar roots, but because of them.” John DiBiaso, former head coach of the Everett High School football team, said that Mr. O’Donnell was “a great man.” “He helped so people. What he’s done for cystic fibrosis and the money he raised in the fight to find a cure is immense. There are so many young kids that are surviving now because of what he did. He did wonderful things for Everett and Malden Catholic, but in the big picture, he did so much more.”



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# MVES receives grant to innovate caregiver support

## MVES and TCF Create Unique Strategies to Help Families

The MA Executive Office of Health and Human Services recently awarded Mystic Valley Elder Services (MVES) a grant to advance MVES’ mission of supporting family caregivers in the Greater Boston and North of Boston area. The grant program focuses on supporting organizations like MVES as they pursue “innovative strategies to deliver person-centered respite care in new or enhanced ways,” according to Gov. Healey’s Office.

The \$205,000 Respite Innovations Grant enables MVES to develop new initiatives to enhance its existing Caregiver Support program. It also supports MVES’ efforts to expand the respite services the agency offers in conjunction with community partners.

“It’s an honor to receive the innovation grant. We’re eager to provide relief to

family caregivers who urgently need it,” said Lisa Gurgone, Chief Executive Officer at MVES. “We identified several ways to innovate caregiver support, based on extensive study and consultation with the caregivers we serve. We are looking forward to addressing their needs on several fronts.”

MVES expects to reach over 350 families during the two-year grant period by:

- Providing families with moderate income that don’t qualify for Mass-Health with scholarships to pay for enhanced respite program offerings, including in-person, community-based and virtual programming tailored for the unique interests and needs of each recipient and their family.
- Partnering with The Community Family (TCF) to create a new quarterly

Saturday Respite Care program at TCF’s adult day health center in Medford. This program will target individuals caring for a family member with Alzheimer’s disease or dementia.

- The TCF partnership will be enhanced by obtaining a unique technology resource, Tovertafel Magic Table, an activity tool developed to promote social engagement and cognitive stimulation for people with Alzheimer’s and related dementia.

“We’re excited that our new programming with MVES will provide relief where caregivers need it most, as well as enriching that will benefit their loved ones,” said Stacey Minchello, Executive Director of TCF. “We have a strong history of collaboration with MVES and we’re looking forward to building on it to support the caregivers and families



Caregiver support offered by Mystic Valley Elder Services (MVES) includes Memory Cafés like the one pictured here, for people with memory loss and their caregiver. MVES has received a grant aimed at innovating new caregiver programs.

in our communities.”

MVES was selected for the grant through the MA Respite Innovation Program, authorized through the MA Executive Office of Health and Human Services with funding from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). Since 1975,

MVES has supported older adults, people with disabilities and their caregivers, striving to ensure that all individuals have the resources they need to live independently. MVES’ Caregiver Support program serves families throughout Greater Boston. For more

about MVES, call 781-324-7705 or visit [mves.org](http://mves.org). TCF provides adult day health care with locations in Everett, Medford and Wakefield. For more on TCF, visit [community-family.org](http://community-family.org).

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GBL schools.

The other point scorers for the Crimson Tide boys were:

55 meter dash: Jeremiah St. Louis, 2nd vs. both Somerville and Malden. Jeremiah’s sprint of 6.97 was the third fastest among all of the 23 GBL competitors on the day;

600 dash: Dawrens Germain, 1st vs. Malden, 2nd vs. Somerville;

1000: Lucas Nunez, 1st vs. Malden;

1 mile: Nischal Tamang, 2nd vs. Malden;

2 mile: Anthony Whitlow, 3rd vs. Malden and Somerville;

High jump: Dawens German: 2nd vs. Malden, 3rd vs. Somerville. (Dawens qualified for the State Meet);

Long jump: Jalen Jones, 2nd vs. both Malden and Somerville; Jeremiah St. Louis, 3rd. vs. Malden

Shot-put: Fabrice Michaud; 2nd vs. both Malden and Somerville; Shane MacKenzie, 3rd vs. Somerville.

The Everett boys are scheduled to take on GBL opponent Lynn English today (Wednesday) at the Reggie.

### BETANCUR-CARDONA TAKES BACK EHS SHOT-PUT RECORD

The Everett High girls indoor track and field team came up short to both Malden (58-28) and Somerville 54-28) in a tri-meet with their Greater Boston League (GBL) foes last Tuesday that was held at the Reggie Lewis Center in Boston.

However, a number of the Lady Crimson Tide turned in outstanding performances.

Layla Betancur-Cardona set a new EHS record in the shot-put with a toss of 32’-5.25”, which not only defeated her Malden and Somerville rivals, but also was the best among all of the shot-put competitors from the GBL schools who were com-

peting in other tri-meets that day. (The GBL is holding its indoor season at the Reggie, with all of the GBL schools competing against each other on the same day in tri-meets.)

Layla’s throw broke the previous school indoor mark (31’-11.25”) that had been established just weeks ago by teammate Darrynn Desrameaux, who finished second among all GBL throwers on the day with her toss of 30’-10.24”.

“The battle for the school record in the shot continues,” said EHS head coach Jehu Cimea, “as Layla took over the school record from Darrynn. With that throw, Layla qualified for the Division 2 State Meet.”

Similarly, senior Suzanne Maharjan defeated both of her Malden and Somerville foes and also recorded the top time among all of the GBL schools with her clocking of 16:04.94.

Junior Yelsa Garcia was

another double-victor for Everett in the tri-meet, speeding to victory in the 55 meter dash with a sprint of 8.25 that topped all of her Malden and Somerville rivals.

Also scoring points for the Lady Crimson Tide in the tri-meet were:

55 meter dash: Isabella Pimenta, 3rd vs. Malden, 2nd vs. Somerville;

300 dash: Zylle Cannon-Mathis, 2nd vs. Malden; Angelina Papa, 3rd vs. Malden;

600 dash: Milena Antoino, 1st vs. Malden, 3rd vs. Somerville;

1000: Tiffany Escobar, 2nd vs. Malden;

Shot-put: Tiana Allen, 3rd vs. Somerville.

4 x 200 relay: (A. Papa, Z. Cannon-Mathis, I. Pimenta, Y. Garcia) 1st vs. Somerville.

Cimea and his Lady Crimson Tide are set to meet GBL foe Lynn English at the Reggie today (Wednesday).

### EHS GIRLS BASKETBALL HOSTS MALDEN, LOWELL

The Everett High girls basketball team will seek to get on the winning track when the Lady Crimson Tide host Greater Boston League (GBL) rival Malden tomorrow (Thursday) at 6:00 and non-league opponent Lowell on Friday at 7:00.

Coach Riley Dunn and her crew dropped what Dunn described as a “tough loss” against Revere last Thursday, 59-36.

“We fought the entire game and really pushed hard in that fourth quarter, but we just couldn’t seem to bridge the gap,” said Dunn. “I’m really proud of the girls’ hustle.”

Casey Martinez, who gor hot in the fourth period, finished with 17 points. Captain Emilia Maria Babcock reached double-figures with 11 points and four rebounds.

“We’re looking to re-

group and get ready for a big three-game week this week,” added Dunn, whose squad, which stands at 2-4, met Medford last night (Tuesday). The Lady Crimson Tide will make the short trip scros the Parkway to meet Chelsea next Tuesday.


### EHS BOYS BASKETBALL HOSTS CHELSEA

The Everett High boys basketball team, which is coming off its first Greater Boston League (GBL) loss of the season last week at Revere, was scheduled to take on GBL foe Medford last night (Tuesday).

Coach Gerry Boyce and his crew will travel to GBL rival Malden tomorrow (Thursday) for a 6:00 tip-off and will return home to host GBL opponent Chelsea next Tuesday at 7:00.

The Crimson Tide stand at 4-1 in the GBL (5-3 overall) and are tied with Lynn English for first place in the league.

Notice of Petition Filed in the General Court pursuant to MGL. c.3. § 5  
LEGAL NOTICE  
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to MGL c. 3, §5, that Senator Sal N. DiDomenico has filed a petition in the General Court, entitled “An Act relative to economic development on the Mystic River”. A copy of this petition appears below.  
SENATE DOCKET, NO. 2908 FILED ON: 12/21/2023  
SENATE.....No.  
By Mr. DiDomenico, a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 9 and Joint Rule 12) of Sal N. DiDomenico for legislation relative to the development of a professional soccer stadium and a waterfront park on part of the Mystic River designated port area. Economic Development and Emerging Technologies.  
The Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
  
In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)  
  
An Act relative to economic development on the Mystic River.  
Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:  
SECTION 1. (a) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, a certain parcel of land located at 173 Alford street situated partly in the city of Everett and partly in the city of Boston shall be removed from and not be considered to be within the boundaries or a part of the Mystic River designated port area pursuant to 310 C.M.R. 25 and 310 C.M.R. 9 or any other applicable law, rule or regulation; provided, however, that such removal shall only be for the purpose of converting the parcel into a professional soccer stadium and a waterfront park. The parcel consists of approximately 43.11 acres and is located on the southeasterly side of Alford street, on the southwesterly side of Dexter street and bounded southerly by the Mystic river and is more particularly described in a deed recorded in the land court department of the Middlesex southern district registry district as document No. 1554521 and recorded with the Middlesex southern district registry of deeds in book 56211, page 350 and also recorded in the land court department in the Suffolk county registry deeds as document No. 786425 and recorded in the Suffolk county registry of deeds in book 47428, page 145. Site redevelopment on the parcel shall be subject to licensing in accordance with 310 C.M.R. 9 as a nonwater-dependent use.  
(b) If the professional soccer stadium and waterfront park fail to be permitted and constructed within a reasonable time after the effective date of this act, as determined by the secretary of energy and environmental affairs, then subsection (a) shall be void and the port area designation and corresponding use restrictions under 310 C.M.R. 25 and 310 C.M.R. 9 shall be restored to the parcel; provided, however, that such determination of a reasonable time period shall not be made sooner than 5 years after the effective date of this act.  
Nothing in this section shall be construed to exempt or alter the site’s obligations under chapter 91 of the General Laws or 310 C.M.R. 9 beyond designated port area-related use restrictions.  
(c) The department of environmental protection, in consultation with the office of coastal zone management, shall: (i) complete a review of existing designated port area criteria and use restrictions; and (ii) update relevant regulations based on the results of the review; provided, however, that updates to regulations shall include, but not be limited to: (A) the protection of traditional maritime industrial activities; (B) the addition of allowable uses consistent with future maritime industrial uses and clean energy activities; (C) the reevaluation of compatible uses within designated port areas; (D) a requirement, to the extent feasible, that all traditional and new allowed uses be resilient to coastal flood damage; (E) examining the feasibility of creating working port easements to purchase development rights from landowners in designated port areas; (F) opportunities to create grants and revolving loan funds to update port infrastructure, including conversion from 1 designated port area use to another designated port area use; (G) consideration of coastal flood resilience for inland neighborhoods; and (H) an assessment of new and adjacent areas that could be added to designated port areas to reduce net loss of acreage.  
(d) Except for the boundary adjustment provided for in subsection (a), there shall be no boundary adjustments to designated port areas until the review required in subsection (c) is completed; provided, however, that the department and the office may continue to conduct boundary reviews.  
(e) The commonwealth, having previously transferred control to, and taken on the behalf of the city of Boston a certain parcel of land situated in the city of Boston, being a part of a state highway location, Layout No. 5242 dated September 11, 1962, and shown as Parcel No. 8 in an Order of Taking recorded with said Layout No. 5242 in the Suffolk county registry of deeds in book 7681, page 307, and as shown on the plan filed therewith, and also shown as parcel 0201831001 on the city of Boston assessors’ maps, shall transfer, remise, and release to the city of Boston any interest the commonwealth may have in such parcel.



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NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

REP. RICHARD VOKE DEAD AT 76

CHELSEA - Richard Voke, who served as Chelsea’s state representative from 1976 to 1996, died on Sunday, Dec. 31, 2023, at Massachusetts General Hospital Boston. He was 76.

Voke was first elected in Chelsea to the House of Representatives in 1976 when it consisted of 240 members. When the governmental body was reduced to 160 members and the Chelsea and Charlestown districts were merged, Voke ran for the seat and defeated Rep. James P. Collins of Charlestown in a hard-fought election.

Voke rose through the ranks and served as Chair of the House Ways and Means Committee and as House Majority Leader. Voke lost a battle for the House speakership to Thomas Finneran in 1996 and decided to step down from his position as state representative.

Visiting hours will be held on Saturday, Jan. 6, from 8:30 a.m. to noon, at Carafa Funeral Home, 389 Washington Ave., Chelsea. A Mass of Christian Burial will follow the visitation at 12:30 p.m. at the Our Lady of Grace Church, 59 Nichols St., Chelsea.

The following are remarks from local leaders and friends on the passing of Richard Voke:

Jay Ash on Richie Voke:

A Legacy to Remember  
The year was 1993; we were sitting around the strategy table thinking about the best way to frame a campaign ad for his upcoming re-election bid. It became clear to those of us who wanted to see Chelsea State Representative Richard Voke secure his 10th election day victory that all we had to do was let his actions speak for themselves. The resulting ad featured a star on the map of Chelsea for every place Rep. Voke had “delivered” on something, like the new school buildings that were being planned because of his historic legislation to get them all built. There wasn’t a neighborhood in the city that had not seen the “results” of Rep. Voke’s advocacy, in fact there were so many stars on the ad it looked like the field from an American flag. No matter that he didn’t have an opponent; what a great ad it was in that it represented one person’s impact on the community he was dedicated to serving.

Reflecting on my 11 years of working for and with the leader people simply called “Richie,” there is more than the physical signs of his stewardship that are important to remember now that Chelsea has lost one of our greatest champions. When Chelsea had its greatest needs, it was

Richie Voke who came to the rescue, time and again. The tumult of those days only made his resolve even more resolute. He was the protagonist who refused to let Chelsea succumb, the leader who took it upon himself to fight for better for his beloved city and his fellow residents.

Chelsea’s schools were failing in the ‘70’s & ‘80’s; Richie Voke stood tall and, in the face of national teachers union opposition, led the effort to initiate a controversial plan to allow John Silber and Boston University to “takeover” the Chelsea School System. We did not realize then that an even more ominous takeover would be on the horizon, but, with Chelsea city government in chaos and teetering on bankruptcy in 1991, Richie spearheaded the legislation that put the city into “state ordered receivership.” That, despite the political angst that swirled from those who had a vested interest in the “status quo” – even if that status quo meant city government would continue to fail its constituents.

I sat in the room as he made those difficult yet courageous decisions. Those rooms were previously taken up by less drastic attempts to head off the dysfunction, but once such widespread “rot” set in, the only way to avoid total collapse was to ultimately go in and carve out that which was eating away at Chelsea’s very foundation. The BU/Chelsea Partnership produced major gains in public education; no, not everything was perfect, but the school system has been better equipped and has provided quality education since. Chelsea city government since the four years of receivership? A string of nearly 30 balanced budgets; capable management that has spun-off leadership elsewhere, like our current lieutenant government, and two All-America City national titles and more, are all highlights of the progress Richie Voke enabled Chelsea to later enjoy by his refusal to leave bad enough alone.

Oh, and back to the physical, a renovated library, new police station, new court house, a state data center, rehabilitated public housing, parks that were updated or built new, a Boys & Girls Club, the stopping of the commuter rail (yes, for 25 years, the train didn’t stop in Chelsea until then House Ways & Means Chairman Voke threatened to hold up state transportation funding for other projects until it did), and other critical projects came to Chelsea in frequencies that made others envious. For those who remember the Burma Road projects flooding during bad rain storms, you haven’t seen people taken out of their units by boat in decades because Richie Voke fought for a \$10 million project to

widen the culvert under Route 1. Like so many of the nagging problems that Chelsea faced because of decay or disregard for decades, it was Richie who made those problems go away.

It was my first “real” job out of college, working for Rep. Voke, yet little did I know that my “real” education was just beginning. I learned so much about governing from the stateman who continued his elevation of importance in the Mass House, going from Chairman of Health Care, to the Chairman of Ways & Means, and eventually the House Majority Leader. One of his lines I heard the most had to do with Chelsea’s school kids; “I wish I had a big yellow bus to put all our kids in it and drive them around to see the rest of the world,” he frequently said. He was talking about helping Chelsea’s students to imagine the opportunities to which they had not been exposed, but he was also talking more broadly about helping Chelsea to unlock its fullest potential. Maybe he even knew that a future Chelsea City Manager was listening and learning, and might some day take Chelsea to even greater successes.

When Richie Voke died this past New Year’s Eve, those of us who had such a great mentor and role model began reflecting on all we had learned from him and how much he impacted more than just our lives. So many people, in Chelsea, in his entire district, and throughout the state, benefitted from his fierce and effective advocacy.

A funny thing happened during one of those other re-election campaigns - by the way, Richie won that re-election with the largest number of votes of any of the other 159 state representatives that were on the ballot that year. We were door knocking in Prattville when one of the residents responded to greet the man who had become the second most powerful man in the Massachusetts House. “Richie,” he said, “we’re all proud of you, but do you think you’ll ever be able to become mayor some day?” That was a classic Chelsea encounter; in a world that revolved around Chelsea, being mayor then was the most prestigious post. (At that point, Chelsea’s budget was probably \$40 million, and Ways & Means Chairman Voke was responsible for crafting the Mass House’s \$25 BILLION budget.) As mayor after mayor found it impossible to live up to that standard, they called upon Chelsea’s greatest benefactor, Richie, to produce, and produce he continually did. As the man closed his door, I joked to Richie “doesn’t he realize how much more than a local politician you’ve become.” “Jay,” he said, “I’m nothing without his vote and not much more with his vote if I don’t keep on using the power I’ve achieved to continue to deliver for Chelsea!”

I learned a lot from him that day and every day that I worked with him. Many of us are still striving to be equal to the courage, wisdom, devotion, and delivery Richie Voke dedicated every day to the position he cherished so much, being a public official representing his beloved Chelsea. We lost a great one, but the great ones

REVERE LEADERS OF 2024 SWORN INTO OFFICE



City of Revere Clerk Ashley Melnik swears in the Revere City Council on January 1.

leave legacies that make it impossible to forget them. Richie Voke will never be forgotten.

Jay Ash started as an assistant legislative aide with Rep. Voke and rose through the ranks with him to become his staff director in the Office of the House Majority Leader. He left legislative service shortly before Rep. Voke to serve as Planning & Development Director and then Chelsea City Manager. Following a 4-year stint as a member of the cabinet of Governor Charlie Baker as Secretary of the Executive Office of Housing & Economic Developments, Ash went on to his present position, CEO of the Massachusetts Competitive Partnership, a business association of 19 of the state’s largest businesses focused on the competitiveness of the Massachusetts economy.

House adjourns in memory of Richard Voke

Tuesday during the conclusion of the first year of the annual session, the House members accepted a motion placed by House Speaker Ron Mariano and State Representative Judith Garcia that the house adjourn in respect to the memory of former State Representative Richard Voke of Chelsea.

“The passing of Richard Voke leaves a void that resonates across the Commonwealth. His wealth of leadership, marked by a decades-long tenure in the Massachusetts House where he held distinguished roles, like Majority Leader, has shaped the

state’s political landscape. As we mourn the loss of Mr. Voke, we reflect on the enduring impact of a man whose dedication to service and bipartisanship has become a beacon for myself and future public servants,” said State Rep. Judith Garcia.

Speaker of the House Ron Mariano reflects on the passing of Richie Voke

“I knew Richie Voke for over 30 years, and while we were close friends, I was also fortunate enough to work with him on a number of issues and see firsthand how he approached difficult problems. Richie’s ability to wade through complicated issues, listen to folks with different perspectives, and ultimately make a sound decision that benefited his constituents, and the Commonwealth as a whole, was unmatched. Throughout my career, especially during challenging moments, I often leaned on lessons that I learned from Richie. On behalf of the entire House, I offer my condolences to Richie’s family, and to all those mourning this tragic loss.”

Rep. Dan Ryan on the passing of Richard Voke:

“Richie was one of the first elected officials I got to know as an impressionable young voter. His legacy in Chelsea and Charlestown, during pivotal years for both communities, is enormous. Even after leaving office, Richie remained quietly active in helping his former constituency through

his involvement with the Boys and Girls Clubs and other endeavors that were near and dear to him. It is truly an honor to have served in the same seat he once represented. His presence is still felt on Beacon Hill and in the neighborhoods for which he staunchly advocated.”

Former state Rep. Eugene O’Flaherty on the passing of Richie Voke:

“When I succeeded Richie in the House in 1996, it was very evident of how effective a legislator he was for the district and the Commonwealth. His years of exemplary service improved the quality of life of so many and not just in Charlestown and Chelsea but throughout Massachusetts. His colleagues held him in high esteem, his constituents re-elected him year after year and it’s easy to understand why. He was a model public servant. May God rest his soul.”

Josh Kraft, former Jordan Boys and Girls Club executive director, on the passing of Richie Voke:

“There would no Jordan Boys and Club in Chelsea without Richie Voke. Thousands of kids and families have been impacted by the club. He’s touched all of them because of his passion and commitment to getting that building built and making a difference for so many. Personally, he was a great mentor to me. I learned so much from him. He’s a mentor and a friend, and I will miss him dearly.”

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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.

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Grace Anglican Episcopal Church

News and Notes

Grace Anglican Episcopal Church is open and welcoming to all.

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Zion Church - Everett

News and Notes

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

Zion Church Ministries via livestream on Facebook and You Tube.

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

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.

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News and Notes

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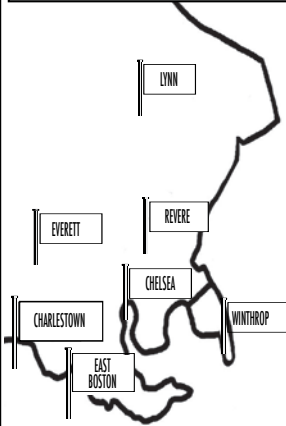
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On the 28th of August, 1963, a century following Abraham Lincoln’s historic Emancipation Proclamation that liberated the slaves, a young Martin Luther King ascended the steps of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C. There, he shared his dream for America. Over 200,000 individuals, both black and white, gathered to hear him. The vision shared on the steps of the Memorial that day became the aspiration of an entire generation. Below, please find the full text of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.’s “I Have a Dream” speech.

I am happy to join with you today in what will go down in history as the greatest demonstration for freedom in the history of our nation.

Five score years ago, a great American, in whose symbolic shadow we stand today, signed the Emancipation Proclamation. This momentous decree came as a great beacon of hope to millions of slaves, who had been seared in the flames of withering injustice. It came as a joyous daybreak to end the long night of their captivity. But one hundred years later, the colored America is still not free. One hundred years later, the life of the colored American is still sadly crippled by the manacle of segregation and the chains of discrimination.

One hundred years later, the colored American lives on a lonely island of poverty in the midst of a vast ocean of material prosperity. One hundred years later, the colored American is still languishing in the corners of American society and finds himself an exile in his own land. So we have come here today to dramatize a shameful condition.

In a sense we have come to our Nation’s Capital to cash a check. When the architects of our great republic wrote the magnificent words of the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence, they were signing a promissory note to which every American was to fall heir.

This note was a promise that all men, yes, black men as well as white men, would be guaranteed the inalienable rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

It is obvious today that America has defaulted on this promissory note insofar as her citizens of color are concerned. Instead of honoring this sacred obligation, America has given its colored people a bad check, a check that has come back marked “insufficient funds.”

But we refuse to believe that the bank of justice is bankrupt. We refuse to believe that there are insufficient funds in the great vaults of opportunity of this nation. So we have come to cash this check, a check that will give us upon demand the riches of freedom and security of justice.

We have also come to his hallowed spot to remind America of the fierce urgency of Now. This is not time to engage in the luxury of cooling off or to take the tranquilizing drug of gradualism.

Now is the time to make real the promise of democracy.

Now is the time to rise from the dark and desolate valley of segregation to the sunlit path of racial justice.

Now is the time to lift our nation from the quicksand of racial injustice to the solid rock of brotherhood.

Now is the time to make justice a reality to all of God’s children.

I would be fatal for the nation to overlook the urgency of the moment and to underestimate the determination of it’s colored citizens. This sweltering summer of the colored people’s legitimate discontent will not pass until there is an invigorating autumn of freedom and equality. Nineteen sixty-three is not an end but a beginning. Those who hope that the colored Americans needed to blow off steam and will now be content will have a rude awakening if the nation returns to business as usual.

There will be neither rest nor tranquility in America until the colored citizen is granted his citizenship rights. The whirlwinds of revolt will continue to shake the foundations of our nation until the bright day of justice emerges.

We can never be satisfied as long as our bodies, heavy with the fatigue of travel, cannot gain lodging in the motels of the highways and the hotels of the cities.

We cannot be satisfied as long as the colored person’s basic mobility is from a smaller ghetto to a larger one.

We can never be satisfied as long as our children are stripped of their selfhood and robbed of their dignity by signs stating “for white only.”

We cannot be satisfied as long as a colored person in Mississippi cannot vote and a colored person in New York believes he has nothing for which to vote.

No, no we are not satisfied and we will not be satisfied until justice rolls down like waters and righteousness like a mighty stream.

I am not unmindful that some of you have come here out of your trials and tribulations. Some of you have come from areas where your quest for freedom left you battered by storms of persecutions and staggered by the winds of police brutality.

You have been the veterans of creative suffering. Continue to work with the faith that unearned suffering is redemptive.

Go back to Mississippi, go back to Alabama, go back to South Carolina, go back to Georgia, go back to Louisiana, go back to the slums and ghettos of our modern cities, knowing that somehow this situation can and will be changed.

Let us not wallow in the valley of despair. I say to you, my friends, we have the difficulties of today and tomorrow.

I still have a dream. It is a dream deeply rooted in the American dream.

I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed. We hold these truths to be self-evident that all men are created equal.

I have a dream that one day out in the red hills of Georgia the sons of former slaves and the sons of former slaveowners will be able to sit down together at the table of brotherhood.

I have a dream that one day even the state of Mississippi, a state sweltering with the heat of oppression, will be transformed into an oasis of freedom and justice.

I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by their character.

I have a dream today.

I have a dream that one day down in Alabama, with its vicious racists, with its governor having his lips dripping with the words of interposition and nullification; that one day right down in Alabama little black boys and black girls will be able to join hands with little white boys and white girls as sisters and brothers.

I have a dream today.

I have a dream that one day every valley shall be engulfed, every hill shall be exalted and every mountain shall be made low, the rough places will be made plains and the crooked places will be made straight and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all flesh shall see it together.

This is our hope. This is the faith that I will go back to the South with. With this faith we will be able to hew out of the mountain of despair a stone of hope.

With this faith we will be able to transform the jangling discords of our nation into a beautiful symphony of brotherhood.

With this faith we will be able to work together, to pray together, to struggle together, to go to jail together, to climb up for freedom together, knowing that we will be free one day.

This will be the day when all of God’s children will be able to sing with new meaning “My country ‘tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing. Land where my father’s died, land of the Pilgrim’s pride, from every mountainside, let freedom ring!”

And if America is to be a great nation, this must become true. So let freedom ring from the hilltops of New Hampshire. Let freedom ring from the mighty mountains of New York. Let freedom ring from the heightening Alleghenies of Pennsylvania. Let freedom ring from the snow-capped Rockies of Colorado. Let freedom ring from the curvaceous slopes of California. But not only that, let freedom ring from Stone Mountain of Georgia. Let freedom ring from every hill and molehill of Mississippi and every mountainside. When we let freedom ring, when we let it ring from every tenement and every hamlet, from every state and every city, we will be able to speed up that day when all of God’s children, black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old spiritual, “Free at last, free at last. Thank God Almighty, we are free at last.”

