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## EVERETT CELEBRATES ASIAN AMERICAN, NATIVE HAWAIIAN, AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH



The City of Everett's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Officer Simone Holyfield and the Happy Garden Group were joined by School Committee Chair Jeanne Crisitano, City Councilors Anthony DiPierro and Holly Garcia, State Rep. Joe McGonagle, and Frank Parker.

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The City of Everett recently joined with Happy Garden Group and the United States Army to host Everett's first Asian Pacific American Heritage Month Celebration at the Connolly Center. See page 6 for more photos.



Attendees were entertained with various performances throughout the event.

## Harvard students present Island End River resilience project report to Mayor DeMaria

Special To The Independent

Everett Mayor Carlo DeMaria listened as graduate students from Harvard University delivered a final draft presentation on the Island End River Coastal Flood Resilience Project and its impact on Everett, Chelsea and other area communities.

Harvard students Othmane Ouhaddach, Kotomi Odate, and Rebecca Lin of the Harvard Kennedy School and Rob Benner of the Harvard Graduate School of Design made their comprehensive presentation during a special

conference with Mayor DeMaria May 1 in the City Council Chambers. Also representing the City at the meeting were Planning and Development Department Director Matt Lattanzi and Project Coordinator for the Engineering Department Patrick Johnston.

The Harvard students addressed some critical issues in their report such as the severe economic impact that a major flooding event would have on the New England Produce Center, a major supplier of food for the New England region. The report also ex-

amined the repercussions of a flood on transportation infrastructure in Everett.

Having grown up in Everett, DeMaria's in-depth knowledge of the Produce Center's full-scale operations was evident in his exchanges with the graduate students. It was noteworthy that both DeMaria and Lattanzi referred to the food distribution and retail center by its familiar, long-established local identity as simply "The Produce Center," as opposed to its official name of New England Produce Center or "NEPC."

DeMaria, Lattanzi, and Johnston also asked pertinent questions to the students throughout their one-hour presentation and were fully engaged in the discussion about the ramifications of a major flooding event. The mayor also efficiently responded to inquiries made by the Harvard contingent.

To be sure, the conference with the mayor was serious in nature. The implication from the Harvard students was that a major flooding event "will" occur at some point in the

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## Rogers asks DeMaria to consider old EHS for classroom space

Special To The Independent

Councilor-at-Large Katy Rogers has corresponded with Mayor Carlo DeMaria in a letter requesting that the city's chief executive consider using the old Everett High School building as a public school to "address the pressing needs for a middle school in our community."

Rogers joined five of her Council colleagues in voting against an appropriation of \$11.4 million for repairs to the roof of the old EHS building, stating that she wanted a more definitive plan about

the future use of the building. Some councilors, including Rogers, have expressed concerns about the overcrowding in Everett schools and believe the old EHS building could address that issue with its available classroom space.

Rogers provided a copy of her letter to the Everett Independent which follows:

Dear Mayor Carlo DeMaria,

I am writing to encourage you to consider utilizing Old Everett High School (EHS) as a public school, specifically

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## ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL

### Marchese will run for state rep. in Democratic Primary

By Cary Shuman

Councilor-at-Large Mike Marchese said he will be a candidate for the state representative seat in the 28th Middlesex District Democratic Primary on September 3, 2024.

A 1974 graduate of Everett High School who went on to receive a degree in Business Administration from UNH, Marchese has served on the Everett City Council for 24 years. He was the president of the Coun-

cil in 2023 and topped the ticket in impressive fashion in the councilor-at-large election in November. He wants to carry that momentum into his campaign for state representative.

"Coming off the good vote that I received in the council election in November, I'm very excited about the campaign," said Marchese. "I'm going to run hard and put the facts out there. I intend to go

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## EVERETT CITIZENS FOUNDATION GRANTS ARE PRESENTED



The Everett Citizens Foundation held its grant presentation ceremony Monday in the City Council Chambers. Chairperson Holly Garcia began the program by congratulating the award recipients. The grants totaled more than \$100,000, ranging in allocations from \$10,000 to \$4,450 for the 19 organizations. Grant recipients are pictured with Everett Citizens Foundation board members following the grant presentation ceremony. See pages 8 and 9 for more photos.



Mayor Carlo DeMaria (right) announced Captain Paul Strong (left) has been selected as the next chief of the Everett Police Department.

## Strong announced as next Police Chief

Special To The Independent

Mayor Carlo DeMaria is pleased to announce Captain Paul Strong has been selected as the next chief of the Everett Police Department (EPD).

Captain Strong has been a member of the EPD for 35 years and has held supervisory roles for the past 23 years. During his career, he has demonstrated that he has a thoughtful approach to managing internal and external relations on behalf of the EPD and the City of Ev-

erett. Captain Strong understands and emphasizes the importance of being an engaged, attentive leader within the department to make sure that the members of the EPD are supported so they represent the highest professional standards.

Captain Strong also supports the use of data to help inform and measure the performance of the EPD. He also recognizes the importance of EPD members being visi-

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future and dramatically affect the lives of the more than 100,000 residents in Everett and Chelsea - not that a flood event "might" occur.

Mayor DeMaria commended the students for their outstanding presentation and for attaining the goals of their report which were: to raise awareness about the impact of storm surges, engage and educate stakeholders (regulators and residents), and bolster an investment case for future funding through improved understanding of socioeconomic impacts.

The report was of the A-plus standard (Harvard faculty attended the meeting). The final draft included numerous charts, pho-

tos, and graphs, along with information on geographic impact and environmental issues - a report that was certainly emblematic of the world's most prestigious university.

Mayor DeMaria and his team have received praise for their pro-active approach on the issue of coastal flood resilience. The DeMaria Administration advocated strongly for federal funding for a flood resilience project and Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley delivered in a big way, securing \$750,000 to help address the growing flood risk.

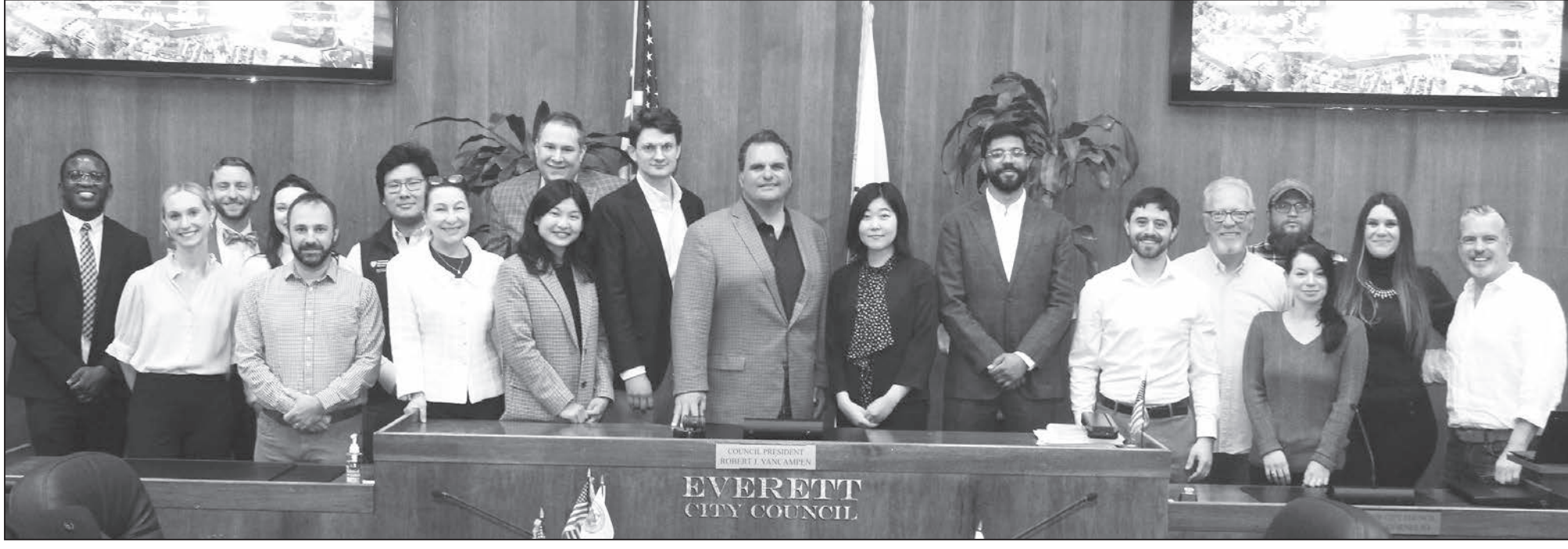
"I appreciate Congresswoman Pressley prioritizing the funding needs for this project given all the

compelling requests her office receives for earmarks," said Mayor DeMaria in a press release from Cong. Pressley's office. "I also would like to thank our partners in Chelsea for their collaboration with the shared understanding of the importance of building resiliency against increasing threats of coastal flooding and the risks that our communities would face to public infrastructure and critical economic areas without this important work being done."

(Information from the final draft presentation and appendix was used in the compilation of this story).



Mayor Carlo DeMaria welcomes Harvard graduate students Rob Benner, Rebecca Lin, Othmane Ouhaddach, and Kotomi Odate to the conference on the Island End River Resilience Project that was held May 1 in the City Council Chambers.



Mayor Carlo DeMaria, Planning and Development Director Matt Lattanzi, and Engineering Department Project Coordinator Patrick Johnston join the delegation from Harvard University for a photo following the graduate students' presentation on the Island End River Coastal Flooding Resilience Project.

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door-to-door and do a lot of newspaper advertising. We'll be on Facebook. We'll be a little bit more organized than I was in the past."

As of Tuesday, McGonagle was set to join current State Rep. Joe McGonagle in the race in the 28th Middlesex District. McGonagle has an-

nounced his candidacy for re-election. "There is a good selection of candidates, and I think by far, I'm the better candidate," said Marchese, who is in the real estate business. "I'm proud of my record as a city councilor and I stand strongly for the education of the children of Everett."

**NFPA announces guidelines about safe electrical vehicle charging at home**

As electric vehicles (EV) enter our roadways, the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®) has introduced a series of free resources, guidelines, and information to help raise awareness about EV fires and safe EV charging practices at home.

According to the International Energy Agency, global sales of electric vehicles exceeded 10 million in 2022 and are expected to grow in the coming years. At the same time, consumer concerns about the fire safety risk of EVs are increasing. Lithium-ion batteries, the most widely used and reliable source of energy for electric vehicles, are central to questions about safety.

"It is widely known that electric vehicles provide environmental and

cost-effective benefits," said Lorraine Carli, vice president of Outreach and Advocacy at NFPA. "However, as fires involving EVs are reported in the news, concerns about the risks they pose persist. Through advocacy efforts that highlight our new online resources and information, NFPA is working to better educate the public about the risks associated with EVs and other devices that use lithium-ion batteries, along with ways to use them safely."

The new online resources from NFPA feature more detailed information about lithium-ion batteries, EV maintenance, and what tips consumers can follow to stay safe when charging their electric vehicle at home. Resources for safety educators and consumers, including a

safety tip sheet and social media cards, are all free and downloadable. A free training course is also available to the public that helps address some of the common concerns and myths about owning an electrical vehicle, including safety features, charge types, and battery life.

NFPA recommends these tips when charging electric vehicles at home to help prevent fires:

- Before charging an electric vehicle at home, have a qualified electrician check your electrical system to see if it can handle charging.
- Install charging equipment in safe locations. Keep away from busy areas and things that could catch fire.
- Use devices that are listed by a qualified testing laboratory.

- Read and follow all manufacturer directions.
  - Check chargers and cords for damage before using. Never use if damaged.
  - Do not use more than one plug or extension cords with the charger.
  - Keep charging items out of reach of children and animals when not in use.
  - Cover charging station outlet to keep water out.
- Learn more about electric vehicle fire safety, find training information, and download the free safety tip sheet at [nfpa.org/evsafetyinfo](http://nfpa.org/evsafetyinfo).
- Information on the safe use of smaller devices that use lithium-ion batteries such as computers, smart phones, e-bikes and e-scooters, can be found at [nfpa.org/lithiumionsafety](http://nfpa.org/lithiumionsafety) and [nfpa.org/ebikes](http://nfpa.org/ebikes).

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The Everett Cultural Council is a volunteer group that works to foster creativity, diversity and an arts & culture renaissance in Everett.

For more info, email: ECC Chairperson  
Martha Chason-Sokol  
[martha@mchason-sokol.com](mailto:martha@mchason-sokol.com).

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Notice is hereby given by Fleming's Towing of 234 Chestnut Street Lynn, MA, pursuant to the provisions of Mass G.L. c. 255, Section 39A, that they will sell the following vehicles on or after May 16, 2024 beginning at 10:00 am by private or public sale to satisfy their

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**LEGAL NOTICE**  
Everett Housing Authority  
Notice of Comment Period & Public Hearing  
The Everett Housing Authority has prepared its Housing Agency plan in accordance with the requirements of Section

511 of the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998 and 24 CFR 903, which is the Final Regulation issued by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) on October 21 1999. Everett Housing Authority has prepared for submission its Annual/Five Year Federal Plans and State Annual Plan

A public comment period commences on May 5, 2024 and will end by the close of business June 19, 2024. The EHA will accept comments in writing or on audiotape during this period. A Public Hearing will be held on June 25th at 5:00 pm to accept comments on the Plan at the EHA Main Office located at 393 Ferry Street, Everett, MA

02149. This location is wheelchair accessible. A copy of the draft Housing Agency Plan is available for review at the Main office during regular office hours. The telephone number for the Authority is (617) 387-6389.

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FRESH AND LOCAL

The seasoning triangle

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

You often see the instruction “season to taste” at the end of a recipe. This phrase means more than salt and pepper since we learned to use the seasoning triangle to enhance whatever we make. That triangle is traditionally considered to be the addition of salt, sweet, and acid to a dish to achieve a balance that brings out the flavor of the ingredients. We also like to add umami to this equation.

You already season to taste when you squeeze a wedge of lemon on a piece of fish. Some of you may reach for the salt shaker automatically at the start of a meal, ready to adjust the salinity to your preference. Cranberry sauce on your turkey sandwich is welcome to balance savory and sweet in that traditional favorite.

It takes practice to do this as your final meal preparation step. Howev-

er, mastering the triangle will improve your results and refine your ability to taste. The two of us have different takes on the perfect balance. Ed prefers more salt, and Penny likes more acid. She keeps this in mind when she cooks and will season with salt to her taste and acid to Ed’s. That way, we can both make the final adjustment to our portion.

Learning to Balance

To learn to balance flavor and see what each component adds to the mix, we suggest you make a simple oil and vinegar salad dressing. Your base mix of 1/3 vinegar and 2/3 oil already has the acid from the vinegar. Add salt or a salty ingredient like soy sauce or fish sauce bit-by-bit until it tastes good to you. Next, dribble in a few drops of honey or agave syrup until you like the balance of the triangle flavors.

Tips for Finding Balance

Until you become comfortable with your flavor-balancing skills, remove a portion of the food from the pot and experiment with it. If you make a minor mistake on a small scale, you can add that back into the pot and see how it tastes. The lemon added to a small dish of soup may be enough for the whole pot.

Penny has learned to always put her additions in a spoon rather than pouring from the bottle or carton. It is far too easy to slip and add more than is needed from a larger container. Moreover, seeing the addition will help you estimate how much you should add to the main supply if you like what you tasted in the sample bowl.

We keep a variety of flavor enhancers on hand in each of the triangle’s classes. Often, we choose an acid based on the dish’s



We are experimenting with licorice salt and briny capers to enhance the flavor of our favorite spring salad of shaved fennel and asparagus.

cultural origins. We use rice vinegar for Chinese and Southeast Asian dishes. Lemon, lime, and yogurt (yes, yogurt is acidic) go into Indian and Middle Eastern cuisines. Some vinegar, including balsamic, raspberry, and seasoned rice vinegar, adds sweetness and acidity simultaneously.

We even have a collec-

tion of salt that will add a second helping of taste to a dish. Smoked salt is a great way to enliven a piece of steamed fish. We are experimenting with licorice salt to double down on the anise flavor in our favorite spring salad of shaved fennel and asparagus.

Choose your salt component from salty or fer-

mented foods like MSG, miso, seaweeds, parmesan cheese, miso paste, anchovies, Worcestershire, or fish sauce, and you’ll also ramp up the dish’s savory, umami appeal.

Do you have a question or topic for Fresh & Local? Email Penny@BostonZest.com with your suggestion.

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ble within the community and proactively engaging with residents in a positive manner. These qualities will help Captain Strong to successfully lead the next chapter in the history of the Everett Police Department.

“When Chief Mazzie shared with me late last year that he intended to retire this spring, we began the process of finding his successor,” said Mayor DeMaria. “We were incredibly fortunate to have multiple applicants within the Everett Police Department. I had the op-

portunity to interview the applicants and I was impressed by the perspective and experience that each of the candidates brought to the process.”

In November 2023, Chief Steven Mazzie announced his intention to retire in the first half of 2024 after assisting with a successful transition once his replacement is selected. He served for 32 years as an Everett police officer and the last 20 as chief.

“The City of Everett has been fortunate to have the service of Chief Mazzie that helped prepare oth-

er members of the EPD to assume the leadership of the department,” said Mayor DeMaria. “Please join me once again in congratulating Chief Mazzie on his retirement and wishing Captain Strong well as he transitions into his new leadership role with the Everett Police Department.”

Chief Mazzie’s official retirement effective date is June 30, 2024, and subject to City Council confirmation, Captain Strong will assume the duties of chief officially as of July 1, 2024.

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ly to address the pressing need for a middle school in our community. The current shortage of classroom space has led to overcrowding in existing schools, adversely affecting the quality of education and the well-being of our students.

Old EHS offers a unique opportunity to address this issue, with a full restoration potentially yielding 26 classrooms on the 2nd floor, 36 classrooms on the 3rd floor, an auditorium, and a cafeteria. Its central location would ensure accessibility for

students citywide, making it an ideal choice for repurposing as a middle school. Not only would this alleviate overcrowding, but it would also provide students and teachers with access to an updated facility conducive to a productive learning environment, while preserving the building’s historic significance and contributing to the revitalization of Broadway.

Despite the challenges we may face, I am confident that we can continue to support essential programs like the Elliot Fam-

ily Resource Center, the Wellness Center, and the Webster School extension in tandem with prioritizing the education of Everett students. Therefore, I implore you to explore the possibility of utilizing Old Everett High School as a middle school. Our students deserve a quality education, and I am confident we can turn this vision into a reality to address the urgent need for classroom space.

Sincerely,

Katy Rogers  
Councilor-at-Large

NEWS BRIEFS

CITY OF EVERETT HOSTING YOUTH LACROSSE CAMP

Mayor Carlo DeMaria is pleased to announce the City of Everett’s Youth Development and Enrichment Department is hosting a Youth Lacrosse Camp that will take place from Monday, July 29 through Friday, Aug. 2 on the turf field at Rivergreen Park (1 Rivergreen Drive).

Youth in grades two through eight who are interested in lacrosse are invited to register to participate in the City of Everett’s Youth Lacrosse Camp. This free camp is open to boys and girls with separate times throughout the week-long camp. The girls session will take place from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and the boys session will take place from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

To register, please visit EverettRecandEnrich.com and navigate to the Programs tab to find the Youth Lacrosse Summer

Camp under the Youth Summer Sports Camps section. Space is limited to the first 20 who register for both the boys and girls sessions. Sticks and helmets will be provided free of cost, but participants are encouraged to bring their own equipment if possible.

For more information, please email Director of Youth Development and Enrichment John Russolillo at John.Russolillo@ci.everett.ma.us or dial 617-394-2270 to be connected to the Youth Development and Enrichment Department.

CITY OF EVERETT ANNOUNCES 2024 SUMMER YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Mayor Carlo DeMaria is pleased to announce that registrations are being accepted for the City of Everett’s youth summer programs.

The Youth Develop-

ment and Enrichment Department is excited to offer a variety of programs during the summer season for Everett’s youth. Basketball, youth sports camps and fitness at the park are some of the recreational activities that are being offered. Enrichment activities such as art, Mommy and Me Yoga and sensory-friendly programs will also be offered to those who would like to participate.

To view all of the programs being offered this summer and to learn more, please visit EverettRecandEnrich.com and navigate to the Programs tab to view all of the offerings. For more information, please email Director of Youth Development and Enrichment John Russolillo at John.Russolillo@ci.everett.ma.us or call 617-394-2270 to be connected to the Youth Development and Enrichment Department.

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A SERIES OF IN-PERSON EVENTS

Eversource & National Grid invite members of the Boston and Everett communities to attend a series of in-person events to discuss a jointly proposed underground electric transmission cable replacement project along Broadway Street (Everett) and Alford Street (Boston-Charlestown). The proposal is part of a larger program Eversource is conducting throughout its service territory in Massachusetts related to underground cable modernization. This initiative is designed to modernize cable infrastructure, improve outage restoration times, and ensure long-term energy reliability by replacing existing underground fluid filled (HPFF) electric transmission lines with cross-linked polyethylene (XLPE) electric transmission cable technology. Information about the project is available in Spanish, Portuguese, Haitian Creole, and other languages upon request. More information is available at <https://bit.ly/MysticEverettUCMP>.

Eversource & National Grid’s series of events are as follows:

• **Information Session:** Tuesday May 14, 2024 | 5:30-7:30PM | Parlin Memorial Library (410 Broadway Street, Everett)

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# Independent Forum

## UPCOMING EVENTS AT EVERETT PUBLIC LIBRARIES

### CHANGE IN MARIJUANA SCHEDULING WAS LONG OVERDUE

The decision by the Biden administration last week to reclassify marijuana from a Schedule I drug to a Schedule III drug came as welcome (though long overdue) news for all Americans who have been aware for decades of the absurdity and injustice of that classification.

Marijuana became classified as a Schedule I drug, reserved for dangerous drugs such as heroin and LSD, during the administration of President Richard M. Nixon in 1970. Research into Nixon's presidential papers about 10 years ago revealed that Nixon's sole motivation for doing so was to provide a pretext to arrest, prosecute, and incarcerate Black and brown Americans, whom Nixon saw as political opponents during a time of political upheaval in our country.

That Nixonian policy of the past five decades has resulted in a disgraceful legacy of vast discrepancies in the enforcement of the drug laws by law enforcement at all levels, federal, state and local, to target Black and brown Americans at rates far greater than whites.

Countless lives -- and families -- in minority communities have been ruined because of racially-selective enforcement policies regarding the laws on marijuana.

Marijuana's classification as a Schedule I drug never had any basis in medical fact. Compared to just about any drug, both legal and illegal, marijuana has the least amount of harm and side-effects. No one ever has died from a marijuana overdose. By contrast, almost all commonly-available, over-the-counter drugs can cause a fatal overdose. (Even plain-old water can kill you if you drink too much of it.)

In addition, the common perception of marijuana as a so-called gateway drug, which became fashionable during the era of Nancy Reagan's "Just Say No to Drugs" campaign, was a myth. The only correlation that ever has been shown between a drug used early in life and hard-drug use later in life has been between cigarettes and opioid addiction.

On the other hand, we wish to emphasize strongly that marijuana should not be used by those under the age of 21, for whom marijuana use can have a lasting and deleterious effect on the still-developing human brain. (The same also can be said for nicotine, alcohol, high-sugar drinks, and ultra-processed foods.)

Hopefully, now that marijuana will be classified as a Schedule III drug (which is defined as a drug with a moderate to low potential for physical and psychological dependence, such as Tylenol with codeine), researchers in this country finally will be able to unlock how it affects the human body, which has THC (the active ingredient in marijuana) receptors throughout.

THC already has been shown to have a number of possible therapeutic uses, including treatment for glaucoma, pain, depression, and nausea for those undergoing chemotherapy.

Lastly, government regulation will ensure that dosage amounts are accurately labeled on available products. Just as alcohol content is indicated on beer, wine, and hard liquor, marijuana products, especially edibles, need to be labeled to provide consumers with needed-information about the potency of what they're ingesting.

The rescheduling of marijuana by the federal government is 50 years too late. But, as the saying goes, it's better late than never.

### ANTI-SEMITIC AND ANTI-MUSLIM HATE CRIMES MUST BE STOPPED

Both the Anti-Defamation League (ADL), the New York-based international Jewish non-governmental organization and advocacy group, and the Council of American-Islamic Relations (CAIR), the U.S.'s largest Muslim civil rights organization, have pointed to alarming increases in hate crimes in recent years.

The ADA recently reported that anti-semitic incidents in the past 10 years have grown exponentially from about 750 in 2013 to almost 9000 in 2023. CAIR reported that over the past decade, anti-Muslim incidents have increased three-fold, from about 2500 in 2013 to 7500 in 2023.

The recent events in the Middle East have stoked a cauldron of hate in the United States that always was there, but which for the most part bubbled beneath the surface. Today however, that cauldron has reached the boiling point, leaving American Jews and Muslims fearful of displaying their identity in public, lest some hate-monger with evil intent be in the vicinity.

We would note that the vast majority of the recent spike in hate crimes is not being committed by Jewish or Muslim Americans, but rather by white Americans, who are using the Middle East as a convenient pretext for their malevolent acts.

It is at times such as these that we think back to the simple, but profound, words of Rodney King after the white police officers who savagely beat him were found not guilty at their criminal trial and Los Angeles erupted in massive riots:

"I just want to say, you know, can we all get along?" King implored. "Can we get along? Can we stop making it horrible for the older people and the kids?"

#### Parlin Adult and Teens

Yarn Club Parlin Fireplace Room. Tuesday, May 14th at 7pm. Come chit chat and stitch! Bring your crocheting, knitting, or any other yarn craft and sit and socialize with other members of the crafting community. Recommended for ages 14-109!

Madan Sara, Parlin Meeting Room. Saturday, May 18th at 11:00 am. A film from Haitian journalist, Etant Dupain about the women of Haiti who work in the marketplace to support their families and form the backbone of the Haitian economy. It is dangerous work where the women are subject to dangers with no protection from the authorities. Recommended for an Adult audience.

#### Parlin Childrens

Lego Club. Parlin Children's Room. Monday,

May 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 and Sing-along with Karen, Parlin Children's Room. Wednesday, May 15th at 11am. Join us for a fun-filled morning of singing and storytelling with Karen! Suggested ages 0-6.

Elijah T. Grasshopper Rainbow Dance Party. Parlin Memorial Library community meeting room Wednesday May 15th at 2:30. Join us for a fun afternoon of singing and dancing with our special guest, Elijah T. Grasshopper. \*Special Event\* Registration Required\*

Story Time Adventures with Mrs. McAuliffe

Parlin Children's Room. Thursday, May 16th and Friday, May 17th at 11am. Join us on Thursday and Fridays at 11am with Mrs. McAuliffe for our enchanting Story Time! You will be whisked away on magical adventures through the pages of your favorite books. Bring a friend or make a new one in our circle of friends.

Crafternoon Parlin Craft Room. Thursday, May 16th at 3pm. Join us for a fun craft project and story time and let your imagination run free! Suggested ages 5 and up.

Fluency Fun Fridays! Parlin Children's Room. Friday, May 17th at 3pm. Level up your fluency game! Join Mrs. McAuliffe for an afternoon of fun board games like Scrabble and Banagrams, word searches and crossword puzzles. Suggested ages

5-12.

#### Shute Adult and Teens

Resume Writing, Shute Adult Department. Book a one-on-one resume assistance appointment at the Shute Library and let a librarian help you craft a resume tailored to your strengths and aspirations. Sign up for a thirty minute session at both the Shute Library. Fridays by appointment only.

Computer Basics 101, Shute Adult Department. Tech Newbie? No Problem! Learn to power up, click around, type like a pro, explore the digital world, and even send your first email. Book your Friday adventure with technology today! By appointment only on Fridays. Please call the Shute Library to register for an appointment.

## Healey-Driscoll Administration names Brizius new Coastal Zone Management Director

Special to the Independent

Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) Secretary Rebecca Tepper today announced Alison Brizius's appointment to Assistant Secretary and Director of the Office of Coastal Zone Management (CZM). CZM leads the state's policy and planning on coastal and ocean issues. The Office's mission is to balance the impact of human activities with the protection of coastal and marine resources through planning, public involvement, education, research, and sound resource management.

The Healey-Driscoll Administration recently launched the Resilient-Coasts initiative, a holistic and proactive strategy to guide state and local coastal resiliency policy and action. Brizius will oversee this initiative as well as implement the state's coastal programs under the federal Coastal Zone Management Act, ensuring environmental justice and equity is embedded into this work. She starts May 6.

"Our coastal communities are on the front lines of climate change, experiencing more frequent and significant storms, increased flooding and erosion, and rising sea levels. It's important now more than ever to have a strong, bold, and innovative person leading CZM," said EEA Secretary Rebecca Tepper. "The Healey-Driscoll Administration is taking a whole-of-government approach to protecting the state's coastlines and adapting for the future. Alison Brizius is the perfect person to help us meet this moment. Her background and expertise demonstrate her ability to tackle challenging issues and prove she is the right person for the job."

"I am honored to join the Healey-Driscoll Administration as they elevate the state's focus on climate change. Our coastlines are a huge part of Massachusetts' identity - it's our culture, economy, and livelihood. Protecting our coastal environments and communities is a task



Alison Brizius.

"I'm eager to take on," added Brizius. "I'm excited to be joining such a talented team at CZM and am eager to work with them to enhance resilience, environmental justice and sustainability that will benefit Massachusetts for generations to come."

Alison Brizius joins CZM from the City of Boston, where she previously served as Commissioner of Environment. In that role, she was responsible for leading the Department in addressing climate change impacts, such as achieving net zero emissions while protecting air, water, climate, and land resources, enhancing environmental justice, and improving Boston residents' quality of life. Previously, Brizius was the city's Director of Climate and Environmental Planning. Prior to that, she served as the Executive Director of the Center for Robust Decision-making on Climate and Energy Policy (RDCEP) at the University of Chicago, a multi-institutional interdisciplinary center founded to improve society's ability to respond to climate change and energy supply challenges. She received her Ph.D. in Physics from the University of Chicago.

Area officials offer the following statements of support:

#### Boston Mayor Michelle Wu

"As Massachusetts confronts the urgent challenges of climate change along our coastlines, Alison Brizius' appointment as Assistant Secretary and Director of the Office of Coastal Zone Management marks a pivotal moment for the state. As the Environment Department

Commissioner for the City of Boston, Alison's steadfast commitment to environmental stewardship put us on track to be a more resilient, equitable, and sustainable city. We will miss Alison in City Hall, but know that her leadership in this role will benefit our city and the entire Commonwealth."

#### Betsy Nicholson, North Regional Director, NOAA Office for Coastal Management

"I am thrilled to help welcome Alison to her new post as Assistant Secretary and CZM Director. She brings wholesale climate resilience experience with the City of Boston and a strong collaborative spirit that will be essential to partnering with NOAA and many others to bring innovative climate solutions to communities, infrastructure, and our coastal ecosystems. I look forward to serving alongside Alison and her talented and seasoned team at CZM."

#### Amy Longworth, Executive Director, Boston Green Ribbon Commission

"Protecting Boston's 47 miles of coastline from the impacts of climate change is urgent; with the water at our door, we need a lead-

er with courage who can think quickly, practically, holistically and innovatively. I think of no one better suited than Alison to lead this charge. She has a tremendous track record of getting complex things done, while deftly steering between the various points of view that hold things back. Her commitment to action-oriented resilience will ensure we build a safer and more equitable Boston, as well as other coastal communities. I look forward to continuing to work with Alison in her new role."

#### Kathy Abbott, President and CEO, Boston Harbor Now

"With her extensive background in climate adaptation and resilience, coupled with her proven leadership in making real progress on coastal resilience in Boston, Alison is exceptionally qualified to join Secretary Tepper's team and lead the Healey-Driscoll Administration's ResilientCoasts plan to drive comprehensive solutions for our coastal communities. Boston Harbor Now looks forward to working with Dr. Brizius and her team at CZM to ensure our region's waterfront remains resilient, sustainable, and accessible for future generations."

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# CITY OF EVERETT HOSTS CANCIONES Y COMIDA EVENT

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The City of Everett, in partnership with El Mundo Boston and La Hora del Café, recently hosted the annual Canciones Y Comida event on Saturday, May 4, at the Everett Recreation Center.

This annual event, which provides an opportunity for residents to celebrate and partake in Hispanic culture, brought the community together this year to enjoy Brazilian, Mexican and Peruvian food. The celebration also included special DJ guests and live performances by Chocolate Radio, Dani Noveli, DJ Xplicit, Los Primos del Refugio, Primo Simón and



Dancing was encouraged throughout the event.



Mayor Carlo DeMaria speaking to attendees.

Rico Suave. Vendors representing various organizations were also available to provide more information about services that can benefit residents.

All of the upcoming City of Everett events can be found by visiting the events calendar on the City website at [cityofeverett.com/calendar/category/events/list](http://cityofeverett.com/calendar/category/events/list). Residents can also fol-

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Mayor Carlo DeMaria presented a citation to Everett native DJ Rico Suave from Rumba 97.7 for his assistance with last year's Fiesta Del Rio and this year's Canciones Y Comida events. From left to right is Assistant Director of Youth Substance Abuse Prevention Eric Mazzeo, Director of Youth Development and Enrichment John Russolillo, Assistant Director of Youth Workforce Development Roberto Velasquez, DJ Rico Suave, and Mayor Carlo DeMaria.



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Attendees enjoying the festivities of Canciones Y Comida.



Youth attendees had the chance to participate in activities during the event.



Attendees challenged each other in some board games.



Students and instructors from the City of Everett's DJ N 101 class demonstrated the new skills they learned from the class at the event.



The event featured live performances throughout the day.

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# EVERETT CELEBRATES ASIAN-AMERICAN, NATIVE HAWAIIAN, AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH

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The City of Everett recently joined with Happy Garden Group and the United States Army to host Everett's first Asian Pacific American Heritage Month Celebration at the Connolly Center.

To celebrate and honor the contributions and culture of Everett's Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander community, residents and elected officials joined

together to enjoy various performances throughout the event. Following the performances, attendees were invited to partake in traditional Asian cuisine that was prepared and served by members of the United States Army along with volunteers.

"I'm glad we were able to come together to celebrate Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month

in the City of Everett with this community event," said Mayor DeMaria. "I'd like to thank all of the organizations that participated and everyone who joined us for this celebration."

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State Senator Sal DiDomenico speaking to attendees.



Author Windy Pham and Mayor Carlo DeMaria holding Pham's children's books.



Marlene Westerman and Mayor Carlo DeMaria.



Volunteers and members of the United States Army served attendees food.



Former City Councilor Al Lattanzi and current City Councilor Holly Garcia joined alongside Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Officer Simone Holyfield and the Happy Garden Group.



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Senior Cristian Perlera Melendez.



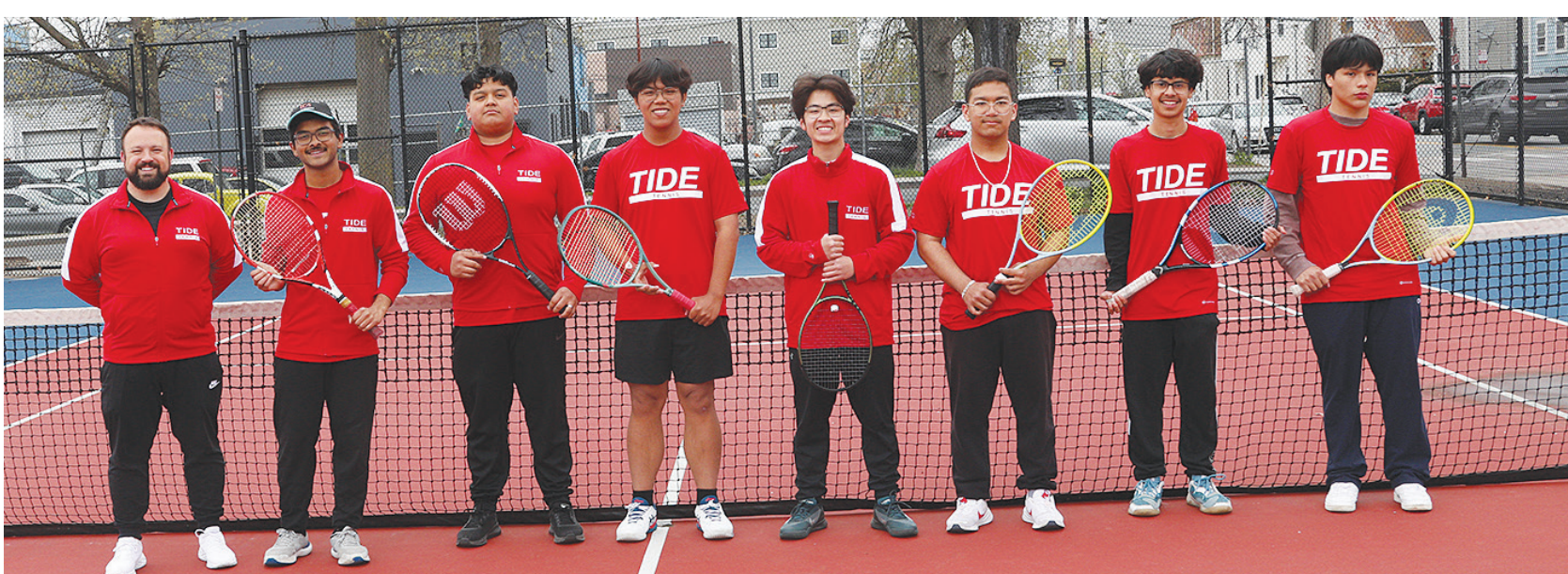
Senior Emmerson Pineda Chacon.



EHS Senior Gabriel Ponce Lemus with his cousin Andrew Orellano.



Head Coach Greg Bluestein addresses his seniors and the team at Rossetti Park in Everett last week. Bluestein thanked his seniors for their dedication and helpfulness to the underclassmen.



Head Coach for the EHS Boys Tennis Team, Greg Bluestein with his seniors, Cristian Perlera-Melendez, Bagriel Ponce Lemus, Sushanti Shrestha, Tam Tran, Erik Vo, Pineda Chacon, and Nilabhro Pal.



EHS Senior Emmerson Pineda Chacon with his mom Ana Chacon and brother Jefferson Pineda.



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### EVERETT CITIZENS FOUNDATION GRANTS ARE PRESENTED

The Everett Citizens Foundation held its grant presentation ceremony Monday in the City Council Chambers.

Chairperson Holly Garcia began the program by congratulating the award recipients. The grants totaled more than \$100,000, ranging in allocations from \$10,000 to \$4,450 for the 19 organizations.

“Reading through each application is always our favorite part of this job and you are all doing

amazing things for our community,” said Garcia. “I’m always proud to be from Everett, but what I’m most proud of is the support that our community gets from organizations such as yourself.”

Garcia acknowledged Mayor Carlo DeMaria, State Sen. Sal DiDomenico, and State Rep. Joe McGonagle for creating the Everett Citizens Foundation “and of course Encore Boston Harbor for their generosity with these

grants.” “We thank you all for your contributions to making this Foundation possible,” said Garcia, who also noted the key efforts of Matt Lattanzi and Foundation directors Tom Fiorentino, Viola Torra, Raquel Duverge, John Norris, and Aicha Bendagha.

“I look forward to seeing what great things your organizations continue to do through the year,” concluded Garcia.



Grant recipient Weigh Better U Fitness Studio, represented by Nicholas Forgione and Owner/Treasurer Sam Amado.



Grant Presenters in photos are John Norris, Chairperson Holly Garcia, Tom Fiorentino, Raquel Duverge, and Aicha Bendagha. Grant recipient Nepali Class, Boston, represented by Samjhana Gurang Shrestha.



Grant recipient Bread of Life, represented by Gabriella Snyder Stelmark, Melissa Yee, and Brandon King.



Grant recipient BABO Property, represented by Asima Memic.



Grant recipient Evelyn’s Little Free Library, represented by Evelyn Gayhart.



Grant recipient Housing Families, represented by Taylor Shutt and Emily Hayes.



Grant recipient Eliot Family Resource Center, represented by Eleanor Gayhart, program manager.



Grant recipient Webster Extension School, represented by School Principal Jessyca Redler.



Grant recipient Everett Kiwanis Club Charity, represented by Darren Costa.



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Grant recipient Everett Historical Commission, represented by Laurence Arinello.



Grant recipient Club 24, represented by Treasurer Robert Towle, Vice President Mario DiMare, President Alan Campbell, and Secretary Karen MacDonald.



Grant recipient Everett Council on Aging, represented by Director Dale Palma.



Grant recipient Everett Youth Development and Enrichment, represented by Director John Russolillo (center) and Sahal Laher, CEO of Stickball (second from left).



Grant recipient Everett Youth Commission, represented by Elena Hickey.



Grant recipient Everett High School Health and Public Service Club, represented by Advisor Desirae Peary and members Rochelle Lestor, Victoria Bichlo, Jennifer Eduardo, and Ayelen Rodriguez.



Grant recipient Latinos Unidas in Masachusetts, represented by Secretary Cindy Palacios and President Manuel Teshe.



Grant recipient La Comunidad, represented by Mallerly Guevara, Antonio Amaya, and Jocelyn Solis.

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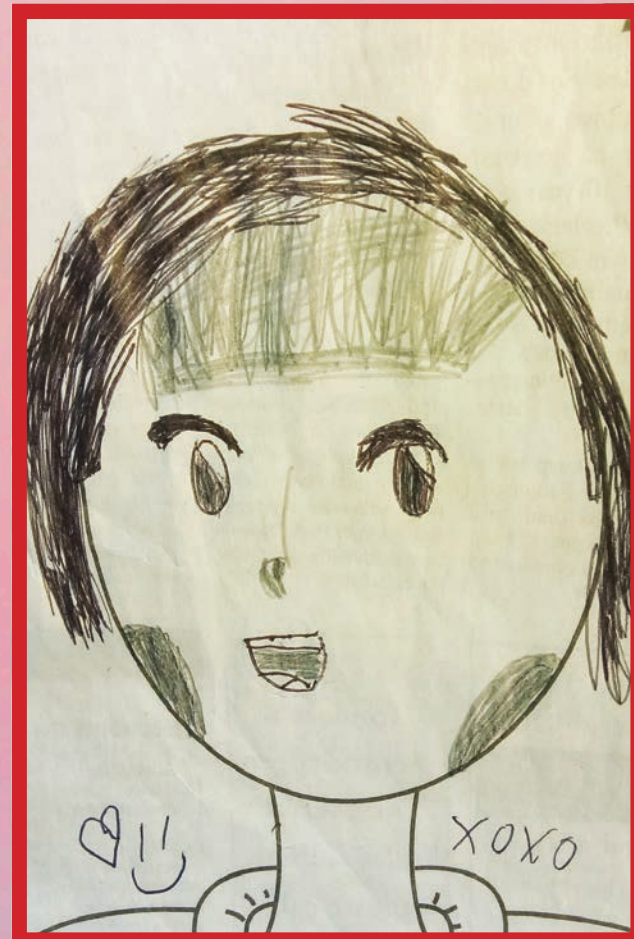
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