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## CITY OF EVERETT TO HOST THIRD ANNUAL COMMUNITY BOWL FLAG FOOTBALL GAME



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A scene from last year's Community Bowl, which brought EHS graduates from many different years together to compete in the annual flag football game.

Mayor Carlo DeMaria is pleased to announce that the City of Everett, in partnership with Cornhole for Cancer, will host the third annual Community

Bowl on Saturday, Nov. 2, 2024 with kick off set for 3 p.m. at Everett Veterans Memorial Stadium (Cabot Street).

As part of Mayor De-

Maria's Everett for Everyone initiative, all are welcome to watch Everett High School alums compete in a fun, competitive, and friendly game of flag

football. In addition to the flag football game, there will be field games for all who plan to attend this family-friendly event.

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## Fast and Reliable

### MBTA begins bus lane work for new Route 104 bus service through Everett and Chelsea

Special to the Independent

The MBTA and officials in Everett and Chelsea recently announced that work has begun to create new dedicated bidirectional bus lanes to prepare for the new Frequent Route 104 bus service as part of Bus Network Redesign Phase 1.

The work and the new route is part of the MBTA's overall Transit Priority Strategy.

Approximately one mile of bus lanes are being added to 2nd Street in Everett and Chelsea to support the new route of Frequent Bus Route 104 and to help ensure the service remains fast and reliable. The lane will stretch between Spruce Street in Chelsea to Revere Beach Parkway in Everett in the

westbound direction, and there will be an eastbound segment in Chelsea from the Everett City line at Market Street ending just shy of Spruce Street.

Installation of the bus lanes began on Sunday, Oct. 20, and is anticipated to last approximately three weeks (weather permitting), according to MBTA officials. Existing lanes will remain for traffic in each direction. No parking spaces will be removed for the bus lanes.

The December 15 launch of new Frequent Route bus service will include changes to six bus routes: 86, 104, 109, 110, 116, and 117, serving the communities of Chelsea, Everett, Revere, Malden, East Boston, Somerville,

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## Bridge renamed honoring Bill Russell

Special to the Independent

Mayor Michelle Wu joined Mrs. Jeannine Russell, Governor Maura Healey, state and local officials, and Celtics leadership and players to rename the North Washington Street Bridge as the William Felton 'Bill' Russell Bridge. Russell, a civil rights activist and Celtics legend, passed away in 2022. The bridge renaming honors his dedication to civil rights, justice, and the fostering of Boston's youth and young athletes. This bridge, currently under construction, spans the Charles River and connects Charlestown to the West End and North End near TD Garden. A plaque on the northbound side of the bridge will be installed in

summer of 2025.

"Bill Russell was a champion not only on the basketball court, but in his

daily life fighting for equality and serving as a role model for future athletes and activists," said Mayor

Michelle Wu. "It's fitting that a man known for his

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PHOTO COURTESY THE MAYOR'S OFFICE

Gov. Maura Healey, Mayor Michelle Wu, Mrs. Jeannine Russell, and Directors of Tourism, Sports, and Entertainment John Borders are pictured at the bridge renaming ceremony in honor of Boston Celtics all-time great Bill Russell.

## Van Campen expects update on old EHS building at October 28 meeting

By Cary Shuman

City Council President Robert Van Campen is expecting an update from Mayor Carlo DeMaria on the old Everett High School building at the Oct. 28 council meeting.

"At our last meeting, I requested an update on the former high school and what the plans are for using the building for school purposes and the relocation of the non-educational uses at the high school," said Van Campen. "I also asked for an update on [the former] Pope John High School and what's

going to happen there."

Supt. of Schools William Hart has proposed that the old EHS building be used for a junior high academy that would house all seventh and eighth grade students, a move that would alleviate the overcrowding in schools throughout the city. That plan has been well received by the Council.

Van Campen noted there are only a few council meetings left for the year, with two scheduled for November and December. Van Campen has

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## DEMARIA CELEBRATES NEW OWNER OF ABBONDANZA RISTORANTE

Mayor Carlo DeMaria recently joined restaurant staff, elected officials, and community members to congratulate Fermin Garcia on his new role as Abbondanza Ristorante's new owner.

Located on 195 Main Street, the restaurant offers classic Italian cuisine and a selection of fresh specials daily. Mayor DeMaria would like to congratulate Garcia on his new role and wish all of

the staff the best of luck in their new chapter.

For more information about hours, menu, and other services, please visit [abbondanzaristorante.com](http://abbondanzaristorante.com).

## DEMARIA CELEBRATES GRAND OPENING OF R/S DENTAL

Mayor Carlo DeMaria recently had the pleasure of joining office staff for a ribbon cutting to celebrate the grand opening of R/S Dental.

Located at 373 Broadway, their team can assist

with a variety of dental needs including cosmetic dentistry, preventive care, and emergency care all while seeking to provide a comfortable and welcoming environment. Mayor DeMaria would like to

wish the team at R/S Dental the best of luck at their new location.

If you'd like to learn more about their services, hours, and how to get in touch, please visit [r-nashahidental.com](http://r-nashahidental.com).



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE CITY OF EVERETT

Mayor Carlo DeMaria joined alongside City Councilor Anthony DiPierro, restaurant staff, and community members to cut the ribbon in celebration of new ownership of Abbondanza Ristorante.



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE CITY OF EVERETT

Mayor Carlo DeMaria joined with R/S Dental staff and community members to cut the ribbon outside of their new location at 373 Broadway.

# Everett

## Independent

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### IT'S HALLOWEEN SEASON -- ENJOY IT SAFELY!

With the Halloween season reaching its peak of festivities this weekend through Halloween Night next Thursday, we urge all of our readers to celebrate the season in a safe and responsible manner.

Halloween has become big business in recent decades (Americans will spend \$11.6 billion celebrating the holiday this year, up from \$3.3 billion in 2005) not only for children, but for adults as well. The holiday has come a long way since we carried those little cardboard UNICEF donation boxes for starving children while trick-or-treating in our neighborhood, which we then would turn in the next day to the sisters at our parochial school. Halloween today has become as much a party season for adults as for kids.

There are two things that are absolute musts for every adult who will be partaking in the festivities. First and foremost, no one should be driving under the influence. Arrests for drunk driving typically spike during the Halloween season. If you plan on drinking, either go with a designated driver or use an Uber or Lyft. Moreover, those who are hosting Halloween parties should make sure that their guests are okay to drive -- friends don't let friends drive drunk.

Second, as for Halloween Night itself, every person operating an automobile should take care to drive with extreme caution and care and to be on the look-out for little trick-or-treaters. Every motorist should be sure to drive slowly, well below the speed limit.

We also would add that parents of teenagers have a big responsibility to ensure that their children -- and yes, teens are children -- are home early and are not drinking. Parents should set an early curfew for their children (after all, Halloween is a school night this year) to make sure their teens stay out of trouble.

All of us need to do our part to make sure that neither ourselves nor our loved ones are added to the grim statistics of the Halloween season.

### A RECORD-HIGH TEMP THAT DIDN'T FEEL LIKE IT

We've been aware that the temperatures have been unseasonably warm for this time of year, but we were surprised to hear that Boston set a record-high temperature on Monday when the thermometer hit 83 degrees, breaking a mark that had stood for 104 years.

In addition to enjoying the great weather, which was incredibly perfect for this past weekend's Head of the Charles Rowing Regatta, the good news about the unseasonable warmth is that we have not had to turn on our furnaces, which not only helps keep down our heating bills, but also reduces our use of fossil fuels to heat our homes.

But the advantages of the record-setting warm weather belie the simple reality that our planet is undergoing climate change at an ever-increasing rate. Every month since June 2023 has been hotter than the one preceding it, resulting in a global average temperature from July 2023 to June 2024 that has been 1.64 C (about 3 F) above what it was before the start of the Industrial Revolution, when humankind started burning the fossil fuels that release greenhouse gases into the atmosphere. Climate experts for years have told us that 1.50 C above the pre-Industrial Revolution temperature is the threshold for catastrophic and irreversible damage to our environment -- and now we are at 1.64.

We have written many times that there is no place on our planet that is safe from the effects of climate change. Hurricane Helene wrought devastation in western sections of No. Carolina, wiping entire communities off the map with epic flooding, even though those places are hundreds of miles from the coastline and were far away from where Helene made landfall in Florida.

So yes, the great weather in October has been wonderful. But none of us should be lulled into thinking that this is a good thing.

## Early voting process begins in Everett

Elections Commission Chair Sergio Cornelio said the early voting process for the U.S. Presidential Election has drawn "a steady flow of voters" during the first few days of operations at City Hall.

"The last couple of days we've had a few hundred

people vote in person, and approximately 1,000 mail ballots out of 4,000 that were mailed out have come back, so things are moving pretty well," Cornelio said Monday.

Cornelio expects between 12,000-14,000 voters to cast their ballots

on election day, Tuesday, Nov. 5.

Cornelio and his staff have received praise from early voters for the efficiency of the process. Voters can park their vehicles in reserved spaces in the City Hall parking lot. Once a voter enters the

Keverian Room, there are officials ready to assist the voter and distribute the ballot. The voter has access to a private voting booth. The voter then gives the ballot to a member of the election staff for recording.

### UPCOMING EVENTS AT EVERETT PUBLIC LIBRARIES

#### Parlin Adult and Teens

Parlin Book Group, Parlin Meeting Room, and Zoom. Monday, October 28th at 6:00 pm. We'll discuss Taylor Jenkins Read's *The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo*. Monique is summoned to the home of aging and reclusive actress, Evelyn Hugo. Evelyn tells a tale of ruthless ambition, unexpected friendship, and a great forbidden love. And Monique learns that her life intersects with Evelyn's in tragic and irreversible ways. (Amazon) 18+. Call Kathleen at (617) 394-2300, or send an email to [slipp@noblenet.org](mailto:slipp@noblenet.org), for the Zoom link, or join us in person!

Crochet Workshop Series Parlin Meeting Room. Tuesday, October 29th at 6pm. Our Fall series of crochet workshops will guide you through all the essentials, from getting your yarn on the hook to finally finishing that tricky project you've been working on. This week we'll be working on granny squares. BYO yarn and hooks, or borrow some from the library! Materials have been generously funded by the Friends of the Everett Public Libraries. Suggested for ages

14+. Registration is recommended, sign up online at [bit.ly/eveprograms](http://bit.ly/eveprograms)

Yarn Club Parlin Fireplace Room. Tuesday, October 29th 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!

Puzzle Club Parlin Trustees Table. Wednesday, October 30th from 3-5pm. Piece together fun and friendship at the Parlin puzzle table! We'll have puzzles of all shapes and sizes to work on together. Recommended for ages 10 and up.

Resume Writing, Parlin Information Desk. Do you need help sprucing up an old resume or creating a new one? Sign up for a thirty minute session at the Parlin. By appointment only. To register, please call or send email to Kathleen, 617-394-2300 or [slipp@noblenet.org](mailto:slipp@noblenet.org).

Computer Basics 101, Parlin Information Desk. 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. To register, please call or send email to Kathleen, 617-394-2300 or [slipp@noblenet.org](mailto:slipp@noblenet.org).

#### Parlin Childrens

\*\*Stop by the circulation desk in the Parlin Library Children's Room November 1st through November 26th to leave a note in our Thankful Thoughts Jar. We will gather on November 27th at noon to share all of our thankful thoughts together over refreshments.

Lego Club. Parlin Children's Room. Monday, October 28th 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 Singalong with Karen, Parlin Children's Room. Wednesday, October 30th at 11am. Join us for a fun-filled morning of singing and storytelling with Karen! Suggested ages 0-6.

Story Time Adventures with Mrs. McAuliffe Parlin Meeting Room. Thursday October 31st at 11am. Join Mrs. McAu-

liffe for a special edition of our enchanting *Story Time!* We will read the curious story of *Spookly*, the Square Pumpkin followed by a special screening of *Spookly the Square Pumpkin* movie. Bring a friend or make a new one in our circle of friends. Wear your costume today for a special treat!

#### 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. By appointment only. Please email [shuteinfo@noblenet.org](mailto:shuteinfo@noblenet.org) or call 617-394-2308.

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. Please email [shuteinfo@noblenet.org](mailto:shuteinfo@noblenet.org) or call 617-394-2308.

### NEWS BRIEFS

#### COUNCIL ON AGING TO HOST NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY AT ANTHONY'S OF MALDEN

Mayor Carlo DeMaria is pleased to announce the City of Everett's Council on Aging (COA) will host the annual New Year's Eve party on Tuesday, Dec. 31, 2024 beginning at 11 a.m. at Anthony's in Malden (105 Canal Street, Malden, MA 02148).

Upon arrival, attendees will be greeted by the friendly staff at Anthony's in the beautiful lounge with a fireplace for a light continental breakfast and coffee. Later, attendees will ascend to the Blue Room (elevator available) to enjoy appetizers and possibly a cocktail before the main course.

The COA has chosen a delicious meal that will include garden salad, minestrone soup, roast beef with mushroom gravy, roasted chicken, mashed potatoes, seasonal vegetables, coffee, and an ice cream sundae for dessert. To ring in the new year, DJ Tommy Sheehan will be providing the music and attendees will be given noise makers and hats to conclude the event with a champagne toast.

For more information and to sign up, please call 617-394-2270 to be connected to the Connolly Center or call the Connolly Center directly at 617-

394-2323.

#### SENIOR SOCIAL PLANNED FOR NOVEMBER 15 AT THE CONNOLLY CENTER

Mayor Carlo DeMaria is pleased to announce that the City of Everett's Council on Aging (COA) will host the November Senior Social on Friday, Nov. 15, 2024 beginning at 11:45 a.m. at the Edward G. Connolly Center (90 Chelsea Street).

In celebration of the season, the COA will be serving a traditional Thanksgiving meal with all the fixings. After the meal, pumpkin pie will be served for dessert. The entertainment for the event will be provided by DJ George and dancing is strongly encouraged.

For more information and to sign up, please call 617-394-2270 to be connected to the Connolly Center or call Cathi directly at 617-394-2323.

#### BOSTON-AREA LANDLORD ARRAIGNED ON PANDEMIC RELIEF FRAUD CHARGES

A landlord with properties in East Boston, Chelsea and Revere was arraigned on charges related to fraudulent applications for pandemic-era housing relief in Suffolk Superior Court on October 17, 2024.

Steven Stoico is charged with 3 counts of Larceny Over \$1,200, 4 counts of Attempt to Commit Larceny Over \$1,200, and 1 count of Solicitation to Commit Larceny Over \$1,200 for allegedly filing seven false applications for rental assistance during the pandemic. Three of the seven fraudulent applications were granted allegedly resulting in payments of \$95,400 to Stoico. The remaining four applications that sought \$136,200 in rental assistance were denied.

"I want to thank Attorney General Campbell's team and the OIG inves-

tigative team for pursuing this case," Inspector General Jeffrey S. Shapiro said. "Given the high cost of housing, misuse of rental assistance, as alleged in this case, is egregious. Therefore, it is imperative that people who abuse these government resources are held accountable."

The Office of the Inspector General investigated the case and the Attorney General's Office is prosecuting the case.

The charges are allegations. The defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

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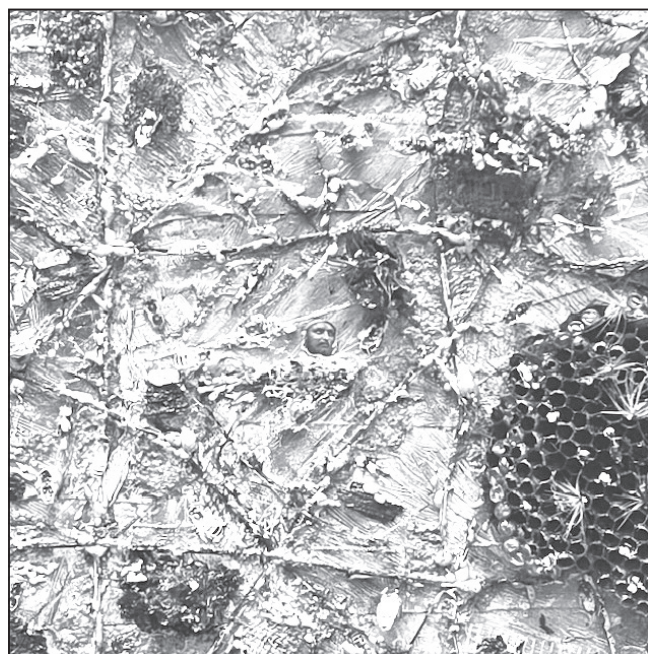
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# Atlantic Works Gallery announces two mixed media exhibitions for November

Atlantic Works Gallery announced that its November exhibition will consist of side-by-side solo shows by two member artists, one who uses mixed media to investigate the natural world and the other who uses it to comment on American society. Together, their complementary artwork delivers a visual collision that is intended to ask visitors to reflect on and question their beliefs.

Both shows will open on Saturday, November 2, with an opening reception on Sunday, November 3 from 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. There will be a second reception on Thursday, November 14 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. when the artists will talk about their work. The exhibition closes at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 30.

John Greiner-Ferris is an artist who borrows from, and combines, multiple disciplines to create artwork. For November 2024, he uses mixed media to fluidly address the perils inflicted on individuals by modern society. The intentionally lo-tech nature of his artwork is in response to what he believes is too much of an emphasis in the art world on commercialism and salability at the expense of originality and truth, and challenges viewers to question their notion of art.



The title of Dom's image is: *It's The Bees' Knees (detail)* 2024; acrylic, oil, varnish, lichen, spray foam, imagery, hives, branchin, silicone caulking on canvas

“My artwork has always been about, and will continue to be about, the individual’s struggle to maintain individuality and dignity in the face societal pressures—both real and imagined,” he said.

The materials and resulting artwork of Takis, a former construction worker, reflect his deep love of nature, the outdoors, and art. He uses everything from found organic and inorganic materials to construction material to investigate the natural world to make what he calls “collage/paintings” whose textural, sculptural surfaces invite the viewer’s eye to linger in their complexity. “I want peo-

ple to really get into the surface of my paintings,” he said.

For *Pollination*, Takis, who had been finding bee and wasp nests for years, contemplates and compares the role of bees and artists in their respective societies. “The artist’s job is to feed the soul, through art, music, and literature,” he said. Takis will be exhibiting nine pieces, and cites influences as disparate as the writings of Hermann Hesse, the paintings of Cezanne and El Greco, and the music of Brian Eno and Nick Cave.

Greiner-Ferris will be showing a series of six 4’ x 3’ pieces he began in January 2024 and contin-



The title of John's is: *You vs. The Bear (detail)*; mixed media, 2024

ued working on right up to October 2024. “They are my response to some of the events and issues that currently are prevalent in the United States, such as economic disparity, divisiveness, school and mass shootings, and our species’ ability to destroy itself,” he said. “The goal of this exhibition is to use text and images to have a conversation with the viewer. Just as an actor breaks the fourth wall on a stage and talks directly to the audience, I use text and a visual language to break the picture plane to speak directly to the viewer.” Because the outcome of the November presidential election will still be unknown at the open-

ing, Greiner-Ferris offers hope and encouragement with the final piece.

Atlantic Works Gallery, 80 Border Street, Boston, MA 02128, now in its twenty-first year, is an artist-run collaborative space for art and ideas located

in East Boston. The gallery is open to the public every Friday and Saturday, 2:00 – 6:00 p.m. For private viewing, contact [contact@atlanticworks.org](mailto:contact@atlanticworks.org). For more information, visit <https://atlanticworks.org/>.

## Flag Football // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

“The Community Bowl is a fantastic opportunity to bring our community together and for old friends and new friends alike to share in Everett’s proud history of excellence in football,” said Mayor DeMaria. “This event promises to be a fun day for families, as well as those who are participating in the game. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.”

Former New England Patriots Linebacker Ted Johnson will be joining in the festivities. From 1995 to 2005, he was a critical defensive player at the outset of the Patriots dynastic era, earning three Super Bowl rings. After retiring from the Patriots, Johnson worked in media organizations such as CBS Boston, 98.5 The Sports Hub, and New England Sports Network (NESN) and also co-hosted two national CBS Sports Radio shows

– Split Decision with Nick & Ted and The Josh & Ted Show. Sworn in by former Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker to a Special Committee for Brain Injury, Johnson is an advocate for both current and retired National Football League (NFL) players and is vigilant in his long-standing support of concussion research and awareness.

The event will also kick off the City of Everett’s recognition of Men’s Health Awareness Month, which is recognized annually in November. Often referred to as Movember, the initiative seeks to continue to spark conversation and spread awareness of men’s health issues.

Admission to the event is free. For more information, please visit [cityofeverett.com/events/community-bowl-2024](http://cityofeverett.com/events/community-bowl-2024) or contact the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Department at 617-394-2270.

## MBTA // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Cambridge, Allston, and Brighton. Service on these routes will increase by 60% overall compared to today’s service, according to the MBTA.

“Everett has long been a leader in transit innovation, including the addition of bus lanes to offer residents faster, more frequent, and reliable commutes,” said Everett Mayor Carlo DeMaria. “We’re excited to partner with the MBTA to bring transit priority to 2nd Street, improving accessibility for Everett residents commuting to East Boston and Logan Airport. This initiative will not only ease commutes but also support the redevelopment of Everett’s industrial district, reducing traffic as the area transforms into a vibrant residential and commercial hub.”

Route 104 will become a Frequent Bus Route, with service every 15 minutes or better all day, every day during operating hours 5 AM to 1 AM (Sundays may start as late as 6 AM). The revised route will create a new connection from Malden and Everett to Chelsea and East Boston by redirecting the current route south of Everett Square to serve Mystic Mall Plaza, Bellingham Square and Airport Station. This will also double the existing service on Route 104. The new 104 route will help people get to and from key employment and shopping areas, including Chelsea’s Market Basket and Logan Airport. It will offer new connections to the Orange and Blue lines. This important new east-west connection targets long-standing inequities in transportation access, food access, and job access in historically marginalized communities north of the Mystic River. The new Frequent Bus Route 109 will replace service between Everett Square and Sullivan Square, also with service

running every 15 minutes or better all day during MBTA service hours.

“Transportation systems must work if we want our communities to thrive and the new route for Route 104 buses, which will run at least every 15 minutes, is well planned and efficient,” said Transportation Secretary and CEO Monica Tibbitts-Nutt. “The MBTA’s Bus Network Redesign initiatives like the new Route 104 route take into account where people want to go in today’s world and in a world decades into the future. The strategic plans for bus service which we are implementing will strengthen the state’s economy, provide access to employment and housing, and improve the quality of life for our residents.”

The 2nd Street Bus Lane being installed in Everett and Chelsea this week means riders on our new 104 bus route can expect improved travel times that dedicated lanes offer after the 104 starts operating on December 15, said MBTA General Manager and CEO Phillip Eng.

“As a Frequent Bus Route, the 104 will operate every 15 minutes or better all day long, creating new connections for

our Everett Square riders to Chelsea and the Airport,” said Eng. “I want to thank the MBTA Transit Priority Group for their diligent work on improving our network as we deploy the first phase of Bus Network Redesign. I also want to thank Everett Mayor DeMaria and Chelsea City Manager Fidel Maltez for being such excellent partners in prioritizing the installation of bus lanes in their community – it’s through collaborations like these with our City partners that we’re able to make these kinds of quick and cost-effective improvements for bus riders.”

Maltez said the 2nd Street bus lane is another step in prioritizing public transit in Chelsea.

“The Route 104 bus route will connect Chelsea to East Boston, Everett, and Malden and will be a meaningful addition in providing safe, reliable transportation for our workforce and community members,” he said.

The MBTA worked closely with City officials and the Chelsea and Everett communities to design and implement bus lanes to protect this new bus service from traffic, according to MBTA officials. Outreach took place

with businesses along 2nd and Spruce Streets and included health and human services entities, education, consumer service and retail, restaurants and cafes, and community and nonprofit groups. An Open House was held adjacent to the corridor in partnership with the community nonprofit GreenRoots to gather community feedback. A survey of bus riders conducted at stops in Everett and Chelsea showed that most respondents believe bus-only lanes speed up their typical trips. Additionally, many indicated they would be more likely to use the bus if it were faster and more reliable, which is a holistic goal of the Bus Network Redesign.

For more information on how bus service will change, visit [mbta.com/BNRPhase1](http://mbta.com/BNRPhase1). An overview of the changes coming in December and detailed information about service changes on Routes 86, 104, 109, 110, 116, and 117 is available. New bus schedules and timetables will be available later this fall, providing more details on service changes. The page will be regularly updated with new information as the projects roll out.

## Real Estate Transfers

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Salguero, David A	Fitzpatrick, Nancy A	100 Clarence St	\$900,000
134 Bow Street LLC	Michael J Minichello Ft	134 Bow St	\$725,000
Hassan, Naweod	Dedic, Christopher G	20 Liberty St	\$850,000
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Hchika, Ali	Aguilar, Tomas	40 Hamilton St	\$635,000
Mastrocola, Anthony	Giantonio, Steven P	45-A Staples Ave	\$605,000
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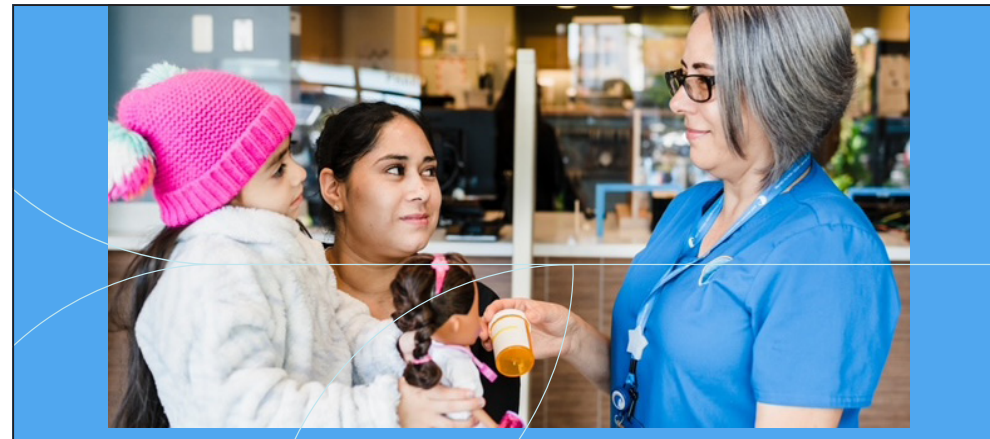
### SCENES FROM THE ANNUAL KIWANIS PASTA DINNER FUNDRAISER

COURTESY PHOTOS

Over 400 hungry patrons gathered at the Connolly Center for the annual Kiwanis Pasta Fundraiser. They enjoyed a delicious meal while helping to raise money to fund scholarships and charitable donations. Pasta Chair Fred Capone thanked all the members for their volunteer efforts and offered heartfelt thanks to the placemat sponsors, those who made donations, and everyone who purchased a ticket. A special shout out to John Mattuccio of Scrubbing Board LLC for underwriting the event. Music was provided by Bob Cogli-

no, and the Key Club was on hand to help out during the event.

Good friends, great food, and entertaining music made for a fun night and helped Kiwanis reach their goal!



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# Sports

## EVERETT HIGH SCHOOL BOYS IN SOCCER ACTION AGAINST REVERE

BOB MARRA PHOTOS

Everett suffered only its second loss to go along with five wins and four ties as they fell 5-0 at unbeaten Revere last Thursday, October 10.



Bryan Ribeiro (6) breaks up a scoring bid by Revere's Angel Ortez.



Santiago Arrendondo (17) stretches to get the ball away from Revere's Jeremy Romero.



Efrain Ramos (18) waits with Revere's Besmir Collaku for the ball to come down from a high bounce.



Everett goalie Douglas Landaverde (88) gets above a pair of Revere forwards to snuff out a scoring attempt.



Jefferson Carballo (12) breaks away from Revere's Francisco Navarette (13).

### EHS Roundup

#### EHS GIRLS SOCCER POSTS TWO SHUTOUTS

The Everett High girls soccer team posted two victories, both shutouts, in its three matches this past week, bringing the Lady Crimson Tide to the brink of qualifying for the post-season Division 1 state tournament.

Coach Dom Pursuite's squad now stands at 8-8 on the season with two contests remaining, at Somerville yesterday (Tuesday) and at Beverly tomorrow (Thursday). The Lady Tide need a win (or two ties) in order to attain the .500 record that is needed to punch their ticket for a Journey to the Tourney.

Last Tuesday against Lynn English, Everett posted a 3-0 shutout, the Lady Crimson Tide's first clean sheet of the season.

Yelsa Garcia continued her scoring streak off a deflection in front of the net. Everett's second goal came from freshman Lavina Batista Simon off an-

other scramble in front of the Lady Bulldog net after a corner kick from Sofia Arana-Quintanilla.

The Tide's third goal came from Gisele Erazo, who received the ball from Alondra Flores and ripped a shot past the English keeper. Emilia Maria-Babcock played the first half in net, while backups Ashley Heath and Alondra Flores split the second half in between the pipes, solidifying the clean sheet.

"Gabriela Lones Rivera played the entire game as an outside winger, and Lavina Batista Simon brought the aggressive play in the mid-field," said Pursuite. "The entire back defense of Sofia Arana-Quintanilla, Casey Martinez, Gisele Lemus, and Leilany Rodrigues, played solidly.

"Rosa Romero made the switch from the center of the field to the winger position, where she worked extremely hard and showed great prospects of becoming an outside winger by controlling

the ball and using the line to her advantage," the coach added.

Two days later the Lady Crimson Tide dropped a 1-0 heartbreaker to Lynn Classical, which is in second place in the Greater Boston League with a 9-2-1 record.

"We played extremely well," said Pursuite. "We moved the ball from start to finish and kept the intensity and pressure going the entire game. Every starting player played almost the entire match. Kayla Andrade was one of the substitutes who filled in and brought even more aggressive play.

"It was a tough loss, as we all knew we were the better team, but we just missed on the few opportunities we had," Pursuite added. "I'll give credit to Lynn Classical. They took advantage of their few opportunities which, like ours, were few and far between. A game like this

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## EVERETT HIGH SCHOOL BOYS IN SOCCER ACTION AGAINST REVERE

BOB MARRA PHOTOS



Bryan Rebeiro (6) breaks up a run by Revere's Nicolas Ruiz.



Efrain Ramos (18) slows down Revere's Angel Ortez.



Anthony Fontes (5) gets a foot in front of Revere's Francisco Navarette (13).



Lucas Rabelo Araujo (11) follows through on a shot in front of Revere's Jason Balla (16).

## Roundup // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 5

hurts, but it is only going to build character for this program, and shows that we can go toe-to-toe with any team in the GBL.”

This past Saturday Everett hosted non-league opponent Lowell and cruised to a 6-0 victory. Garcia continued to rack up goals with a hat trick. Yelsa's first goal was a beautiful header off a corner kick from Sofia Arana-Quintanilla. Her third goal came from Kayla Andrade after a little scramble and her second marker came off a deflection in the 18-yard box.

Andrade also had a goal for the Tide. “Kayla is the best at picking up scrapes in the 6-yard box,” noted Pursuitte. “There was a deflection, the ball bounced around, and she was there to clean up.”

Mariana Rodrigues had a picture-perfect goal with a cross from Garcia from the touchline on which Mariana struck the ball with a nice, one-touch, inside-of-the-foot volley past the keeper.

Connie Paz Hernandez slotted a goal as well from a crisp pass from Lavina Batista Simon, who has been having a stellar season. Emilia Maria-Babcock once again played superbly in between the pipes and made an appearance in the midfield as well, helping with the build-up for the final three goals of the match.

Alondra Flores did her part in the CDM role controlling the midfield. Alondra took over the goalkeeper duties from Maria-Babcock in the second half and kept a clean slate, including stopping a penalty kick.

“Other notable players for us were Casey Marti-

nez at the center back role and Leilany Rodriguez at the right back position, adding to the attack,” Pursuitte said. “Sofia Arana-Quintanilla was indispensable at left back, making play after play. Gabriela Lones Rivera played solidly in her left-wing position.

“Every player got to see some minutes, which is always good,” added Pursuitte. “It is tough deciding whether to play your bench players, but today was a good game, and everyone stepped up and got to play. It always is good to see the players who do not get many minutes get to play. They are very happy and willing to put in the effort. Overall it was a great game and a solid win.”

### BOY SOCCER MOVES CLOSER TO TOURNEY

The Everett High boys soccer team edged closer to attaining a berth in the post-season Division 1 state tournament with a 3-1 victory over Greater Boston League rival Lynn Classical last Thursday.

The teams were deadlocked at 1-1 at the end of the first half, with senior Antony Henriquez, assisted by newly called up JV player, sophomore Whitney Pereira, providing the Crimson Tide goal.

Everett continued to produce more opportunities after the intermission, but could not finish them until sophomore Efrain Ramos took a shot from outside the box that beat the Classical keeper to make it 2-1. Senior Timothy Villanueva earned the assist,

Minutes later, senior

Luvens Hector sealed the game with an insurance goal after receiving an amazing through-ball from senior captain Kareem Drissi to make it 3-1.

“It was a well-deserved win,” said EHS head coach Rodney Landaverde. “Freshman Jonathan Hernandez gave us great energy coming off the bench and he has molded really well to our system of play.

“From the beginning of the game we felt comfortable,” Landaverde added. “We were knocking the ball around, which was a big improvement from Monday.”

The coach was referring to his team's 4-1 loss to Lynn English three days earlier.

“Lynn English is very strong defensively and showed a lot of improvement this second time around,” said Landaverde, whose squad earned a 1-1 tie with the Bulldogs in their first meeting. “We struggled to play as a team. We were missing some guys who play the majority of minutes, so we had to change some of the positions and spread out the playing time.

“We had a couple of good chances in the first half, but could not convert until late in the first when junior Lucas Rabelo-Araujo scored from 25 yards out, assisted by Santiago Arredondo,” Landaverde said. “From then on we were unsuccessful in holding the ball and were very individualistic, which is not our strong suit.”

This past Saturday the Tide made the trek up the North Shore to Marblehead for a non-league matchup and came up short, 5-0.

“It was another difficult game to get into rhythm, as we were missing 3-4 key players, so some of our younger players had to step up and give us solid minutes and did their best when given the opportunity,” said Landaverde. “Unfortunately, we could not contain Marblehead early on and were down 3-0 at the half.

“In the second half we were more aggressive and dangerous on their side of the field, but were unsuccessful in netting one home,” the coach added.

With their record now at 6-5-1, the Tide need two points in their remaining three games (via either a win or two ties) in order to attain the .500 record needed to qualify for the post-season Division 1 state tourney.

Landaverde's crew began their quest to punch their ticket for a Journey to the Tourney yesterday (Tuesday) against GBL foe Somerville. They host non-league rival B.C. High tomorrow (Thursday) and play at non-league opponent Boston International on Monday.

### EHS GIRLS VOLLEYBALL DEFEATS MEDFORD, 3-1

The Everett high girls volleyball team won its sixth match of the season last Wednesday, defeating the Greater Boston League (GBL) foe Medford for the second time this year, 3-1.

“In the win over Medford, our senior captains, Sonia Constanza Flores and Victoria Rodrigues, led the way, but they had plenty of support,” said EHS head coach Michael

Finaran. “Senior Trinh Dang had a game-high 22 serves and four aces and patrolled the back row with quickness and accurate passing. Seniors Ashley Seward and Clarice Alexis starred in the front row.”

Seward had eight kills and five blocks, three of them in the fourth-set clincher, while Alexis led the team with 10 kills in the match. Seward, who returned to the team this season after playing her freshman year, has the most kills and blocks on the team, with 81 kills and 29 blocks. Alexis has 63 kills, as does senior Tanessa Duvilaire, who tallied five against Medford.

“Senior Murielle Campo played a crucial role in the third and fourth sets, serving all of her 13 serves in,” Finaran added. “She got the ball in the third set with the game tied 21-21 and closed out the set, including hitting an ace to set up game point. Murielle also had a key run of five serves in the fourth set, turning a 7-6 deficit into a three-point lead, a lead we clung to until Rodrigues aced the final point, 25-20.”

Last Wednesday, the Lady Crimson Tide hosted non-league opponent Lowell in a contest that was highlighted by Senior Night festivities before the start of the match in which the nine members of the EHS Class of 2025 (eight of whom started with the program four years ago) were honored for their contributions to the girls' volleyball program.

Among those recognized were Emily Nogueira, who opened the match with a serve and Kayleigh McMahon, playing in her

third season, who was impressive throughout the match, digging a number of difficult hits and making it look easy.

“In the third and final set, we climbed back to pull within one, 23-22. Lowell called timeout and we went back to serve again,” said Finaran. “The packed crowd was roaring. It was a playoff atmosphere. I swear the gym was shaking. It didn't go our way, but it was awesome to be a part of.”

The loss dropped Everett's record to 6-11 on the season, eliminating the Lady Crimson Tide from the post-season state tourney.

“Although we will not make it to the post-season, since our record is 6-11 with three games to go, it obviously is disappointing, but we started the year 0-6, and we fought back to dig ourselves out of that hole,” said Finaran. “The fact that we still had a chance to make it with one week left speaks to the character of our players, led by our senior captains, Sonia Constanza Flores and Victoria Rodrigues.

“They have been the top two servers on the team,” noted the coach. “Sonia has served 90% of more than 300 serves in over the past two years. Vicky also needs one more kill to hit 50, which is especially impressive considering she is the team's setter.”

Finaran and his crew will wrap up their 2024 campaign on the road at non-league foes Lawrence today (Wednesday) and Saugus on Friday.

### EHS FOOTBALL

## Everett starts fast but falls to Brockton, 35-21

By Cary Shuman

Everett High School head football coach Justin Flores knew what the expectations were for a program that has been the state's best for more than three decades.

It's victories over the top-ranked teams and state titles.

Last season, Flores guided the Crimson Tide to an undefeated GBL title, only to have their playoff berth sidetracked by the MIAA ratings system. This season, Flores bolstered the team's regular-season schedule, and the plan has worked. Everett is 2-4 with two regular-season games to play, but importantly the Crimson Tide are currently ranked within the Division 1 playoff qualifiers.

What Flores has also learned is that opponents double-circle "Everett" on their schedule.

Case in point came last Saturday, when Brockton, a former Division 1 powerhouse, hosted the Crimson Tide at Rocky Marciano Stadium, a facility named for the former undefeated heavyweight boxing champion

and Brockton native.

Everett bolted to a 14-point lead (21-7) in the first half, but Brockton stormed back with four unanswered touchdowns to take a 35-21 victory.

Brockton's post-game celebration caught the eye of coach Flores.

"Everyone treats a win versus Everett like it's the Super Bowl," said Flores. "I commented to our players how much these games mean for people to beat Everett, and we need to understand that and make sure we have that same energy."

Shane McKenzie and Emmanuel Santiago each had touchdown runs, while Carlos Rodriguez found his favorite receiver, Yariel Ortiz for a touchdown pass. Luca Da Silva's three PATS helped give Everett a 21-7 advantage.

"We came out hot in the first half, but they returned a punt for a touchdown right before halftime, and it changed the game a little bit, and we didn't do a good job responding," said Flores.

There's no denying that Flores has unleashed one of the state's best passing/

receiving combinations in quarterback Carlos Rodriguez and receiver Yariel Ortiz.

Ortiz had nine receptions for 147 yards and one touchdown.

"Yariel Ortiz had another huge game for us," said Flores. "He played very well. I thought our offensive line, especially Chris Ruiz, had an excellent game. He's a great leader who's helping out the young guys and making sure they're in the right spots."

Everett plays Lynn Classical Friday. The Crimson Tide will host a red-hot Revere team in the regular season finale Nov. 1. It would appear the Tide would have to win both games to qualify for the Division 1 playoffs, which would be a step forward for the Tide, who are playing one of the state's most difficult schedules.

"We're going to have a battle on our hands these last two games," said Flores. "I had the chance to watch the Revere-Lynn Classical game Friday night, and these teams have very good players. You can't look past anybody."

## CITY OF EVERETT TO HOST ANNUAL HALLOWEEN BASH

Mayor Carlo DeMaria is pleased to announce that the City of Everett will host the annual Halloween Bash on Thursday, October 31, from 3:30 p.m. to 6 p.m., at the Everett Recreation Center (47 Elm Street).

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"We're excited to once again host the annual Halloween Bash for residents of all ages to celebrate

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To learn more about the event, please visit [cityofeverett.com/events/halloween-bash-2024](http://cityofeverett.com/events/halloween-bash-2024).



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A scene from last year's Halloween Bash at the Recreation Center. This year's event is set to take place on Halloween, Thursday, October 31 from 3:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Recreation Center.

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Everett's Mohammed Ibraheem Khan (27) is among the 90th incoming class members, and joins a class almost 30 strong, which includes high school graduates entering college for the first

time, and career-changing professionals seeking to learn new skills and follow their passions.

### Council / CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

had a highly productive term as council president following his return to the council. Colleagues have praised his exceptional leadership of the 11-member board, keeping meetings cordial and on course.

Asked if he would con-

sider a run for re-election as council president, Van Campen replied, "I'll be riding off into the sunset. My presidency will be over [after the final meeting in December]. Being president is usually a one-year term, and we rotate

the presidency. I'm happy to do that. I don't want to be a tradition-breaker."

Van Campen will continue his service on the Council as the Ward 5 councillor.

## OBITUARIES

### Harry J. Templeton Of Everett

Harry, J. Templeton of Everett died on October 14, 2024.

The beloved son of the late Carol E. (Templeton) Clementi and step-son of the late Antonio J. Clementi, he was the devoted brother of Thomas N. Templeton of Hampton, NH and Domenic P. Clementi and his wife, Marie of Woodbridge, VA; brother-in-law of Nancy (Templeton) Seaver and uncle of Brandon and Allen Mitchell of Allegra and Oona Clementi and the late Joseph, Thomas, Jr. and John Templeton. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Funeral Services were held at the Salvatore Rocco and Sons Funeral Home, 331 Main St., Ev-



erett, on Tuesday, October 22nd and interment followed at Woodlawn Cemetery.

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### Aaron Asa O'Connor 5/26/1966 - 10/14/2024

Aaron Asa O'Connor of Everett passed away suddenly at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston on Monday, October 14.

Born in Crowley, LA, he was preceded in death by his parents Sandra and Frederick O'Connor. He was formerly employed by Salem Wholesalers as a commercial truck driver for 22 years.

He enjoyed working on cars, car shows, love of country music, old house and barn restorations and watching cooking shows.

He is survived by his wife of 20 years, Deborah Ann O'Connor of Everett, his beloved daugh-



ter, Courtney O'Connor of Pittsburg, PA, two brothers, Lance and Henry (Laurie) O'Connor and two sisters, Amy O'Connor and Jennifer (Aric) Garrard.

The family will not be having a service at this time but a celebration of life will be held at a later date.

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vision and determination to create bridges to our future will now always be commemorated on the gateway into Downtown Boston. I'm grateful to Mrs. Jeannine Russell who worked with us to find the right way to memorialize his legacy, and all who helped create this tribute to a beloved Boston figure."

"This bridge, like Bill, stands strong and enduring. It connects people with purpose, just as he connected the struggles of the past with the hopes of the future. It symbolizes progress—moving us forward while reminding us of the foundations that hold us up. I am so pleased & grateful for all involved who made this day happen," said Jeannine Russell.

"Bill Russell was a giant. On the court, he was an unmatched defender, facilitator and leader. The intensity and passion he brought to the game made him a natural leader off the court as well, making powerful contributions to the Civil Rights movement and inspiring millions, even today," said Governor Maura Healey. "It is so meaningful to stand with the Russell Family to rename this bridge in his honor, and I'm grateful to Mayor Wu for making this happen. I hope that everyone who travels across this bridge will take a moment to think about the man that made such a positive impact in Massachusetts and beyond."

"Bill Russell built his legacy in Boston on his civil rights leadership and with his prowess on the basketball court. His leadership paved the way for athletes today to not only thrive on the basketball court but also as advocates off the court. This dedication will cement that legacy in Boston forever," said Rep. Aaron Michlewitz.

Russell was an instrumental part of the Celtics' dynasty in the late 1950's and 60's, and was a part of 11 NBA Championship teams as both a player and a coach. He was twice inducted into the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame. Russell was a trailblazer for Black athletes and a fierce supporter for civ-

il rights, later earning the Presidential Medal of Freedom from President Barack Obama. Off the court, he was devoted to MENTOR, an organization that works to foster quality mentors for youth, for which he was a founding board member.

"Bill Russell was a legend both on and off the court," said Celtics co-owner and president of the Boston Celtics Shamrock Foundation Steve Pagliuca. "Through his groundbreaking activism for racial justice, he paved the way for future athletes to use their platform to demand equal rights and take a stand on issues outside of the arena. Russell's legacy transcends basketball and we are honored today to celebrate the renaming of the North Washington St. Bridge to the 'William Felton Bill Russell Bridge'."

"This groundbreaking bridge naming for Bill is fitting in that he was the ultimate champion, leader, and teammate linking diverse groups together," said David Shapiro, CEO of the YMCA of Greater Boston and former CEO of MENTOR. "He was a champion and advocate for the power of mentoring relationships for young people having helped found MENTOR, the nation's leader for the youth mentoring movement. He was brilliant, funny, and never stopped fighting for human rights for all and demanded we confront the past to better the present and future. Grounded in his own experience, he saw the universality of the quest for equity for any group or individual and used his voice to elevate voices, action, and accountability."

Bridge construction, led by MassDOT in partnership with the City's Streets Cabinet, is expected to be completed in early 2025. The bridge is partially open to drivers and pedestrians as the construction finishes. A plaque with Bill Russell's name will be installed in summer of 2025.

"As this bridge plays a vital role in connecting communities and literally bringing people together, it is fitting that it is named after Bill Russell, a man who did those very things

throughout his life," said MassDOT Secretary and CEO Monica Tibbits-Nutt. "Our hope is that the thousands of people who cross this bridge on a daily basis are reminded of the indelible legacy that he left behind, not only in the city of Boston but across the country."

"Bill Russell made a significant impact on and off the court. I am thrilled that the City of Boston and MassDOT found a unique way to forever honor his legacy. I am confident that the public will be pleased with the new bridge," said Highway Administrator Jonathan Gulliver.

"I am proud to witness the renaming of the North Washington Street Bridge to the William Felton Bill Russell Bridge," said Senator Sal DiDomenico, Assistant Majority Leader of the Massachusetts Senate. "Bill Russell's legacy extends far beyond basketball—he was a champion for equality, justice, and uplifting the most vulnerable members of society. Renaming this bridge in his honor is not only a tribute to one of Boston's greatest sports icons, but also a lasting symbol of his commitment to making our nation more just and inclusive. Charlestown will now forever be connected to his incredible legacy, serving as a reminder of the greatness we can all aspire to achieve on and off the court. I want to thank Mayor Wu for bestowing this honor on one of Boston's greatest champions."

"Bill Russell is a great man and icon. He represents overcoming and coming together," said Senator Lydia Edwards. "His legacy is cemented as a symbol of sportsmanship and hope."

"Bill Russell epitomized what it meant to be a leader and a champion both on and off the court. What Russell meant to his teammates and the City of Boston while he was here, and the contributions he continued to make throughout his life were immense," said Rep. Danny Ryan. "I want to thank Mayor Wu for such a thoughtful tribute and Governor Healey for



Rep. Chris Worrell, Rep. Brandy Fluker Oakley, Rep. Dan Ryan, Sen. Sal DiDomenico, Gov. Maura Healey, and House Ways and Means Chair Aaron Michlewitz, pictured at the William Felton "Bill" Russell Bridge renaming ceremony Monday in Boston.



District 1 Boston City Councilor Gabriela Coletta Zapata joins Sen. Sal DiDomenico (left) and Rep. Dan Ryan (right) for a photo adjacent to the plaque commemorating the William Felton "Bill" Russell Bridge.

prioritizing this project's completion. When finished this bridge will inspire awe the way its namesake did for generations."

"Bill Russell's legend went beyond the basketball

court. His legacy as a social justice activist and bridge builder transcends sports. There is no better individual to represent connectivity between two of my neighborhoods in Boston," said

Councilor Gabriela Coletta Zapata. "Thank you to his family for sharing him and his likeness with us for so many years, and to everyone who work tirelessly to build bridges everyday."

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