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**NEWS Brief**

**SPRING FORUM**

The Town of Winthrop 2020 Spring Forum will be held on March 24, at 7 p.m. (Immediately following the Town Council meeting at 6 p.m.) at the Winthrop High School Auditorium.

The agenda includes the Fiscal Year 2021 Budget Presentation by Town Manager Austin Faison.

**ADULT ITALIAN CLASSES**

Adult Italian classes will be offered by the Appian Club of Stoneham starting on Tuesday evening, March 17. A beginners class will start with the basics (pronunciations, phrases, etc.) and give you a firm foundation for the language. A more advanced class will also be available on Tuesday evenings for those with knowledge of Italian. The eight week classes will be held on Tuesday evenings in Stoneham and the cost is \$150 plus a \$20 text.

Instructor is Tiffany Bis-tocchi Murphy, graduate of Dickinson College (2003) with a major in Italian and a Master's in Italian from Middlebury College (2006). She has traveled extensively throughout Italy and has taken courses there. The class is casual, interesting and the experience will be enjoyable. If you are traveling to Italy or just want to relive your heritage roots, this class is for you.

Contact coordinator John Nocella for further details at 781-438-5687 or, preferably, by email, at [john02180@gmail.com](mailto:john02180@gmail.com). Please pass along to other family members, friends and neighbors.

The class is sponsored by the Appian Club of Stoneham, a non-profit, social charitable 503(c)(7) organization whose mission is to

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PHOTO BY MARIANNE SALZA

Sixth-graders Eli Clark, Bea Zorzao, and Bella Zullo enjoyed the Winthrop Parks and Recreation's February Vacation Dance last Saturday, Feb. 22.

## Council votes to borrow funds for upgrades

By Laura Plummer

At its meeting on Tuesday, February 10, the Winthrop Town Council voted to borrow \$1.6 million to replace water and sewer lines.

**VOTING**

-Council voted to borrow \$690,000 in the form of a zero-interest loan to replace lead water service lines. Between 800 and 900 homes in Winthrop have lead water lines, which the Town plans to replace at an average of 80 to 90 homes

per year.

-Council voted to borrow \$609,750 to upgrade and replace existing sewer lines on Palmyra St. and Crescent St and \$298,500 for a sewer infiltration and inflow assessment study. These will be in the form of a zero-interest loan. The Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA) will cover 75 percent of the cost of both projects.

-Council approved the transfer \$24,316.80 from Fund 727 RRAP Rideshare to the Town's general fund. This is money coming into

Winthrop from rideshare companies Uber and Lyft and must be used to improve public safety and road conditions. The Town aims to prioritize road paving, crosswalks, street signage, pavement markings, bike infrastructure and pedestrian safety.

-Council voted to amend Ordinance 5.28.060, which deals with licensing and conditions for motor vehicles. Specifically, they are taking out the language that requires all vehicles used

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## Kate's Corner

The mystery behind Pleasant Street's cartoon characters

By Kate Anslinger

There are a lot of staples that make Winthrop a memorable town. From the patriotic colors of the water tower to the city views at Coughlin Park, it's hard

to deny the charm of the beachside community. That charm is exceptionally present on the corner of Pleasant and Winthrop Streets, where Charlie Brown and Lucy van Pelt reside on the front lawn of

46 Winthrop St. The two colorful characters are the result of resident, Billy Durocher's, creative and safety endeavor.

"When I bought the house six years ago, there was a decaying wall around it, so I needed to find another way to barricade it from distracted drivers," said Durocher, who originally got the idea when he saw two bollards in Revere. The anchors are typically used to tie steam ships up to, but Durocher had another plan in mind. After offering to purchase the pair in Revere and scouring Craig's



Resident, Billy Durocher, with his two bollard characters at 46 Pleasant St.

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By Kate Anslinger

A recent report by the NEASC (New England Association of Schools and Colleges) highlights several of Winthrop High School's strengths and the steps the administration is taking to maintain its accreditation. The voluntary accreditation process is completed every ten years. High School Principal Matt Crombie reviewed the NEASC report at the last School Committee meeting and went into detail about improvements that are being made.

Using specific standards of accreditation, the NEASC conducts school visits and gathers their information by talking to teachers, students and members of the community.

"They immediately recognized the positive culture in the school and they noticed that the staff and students emitted a kind, caring nature and were very obviously invested in the com-

munity," said Crombie.

The results of the recommendation report were broken down into four areas of growth, which will be prioritized before the next visit in 2021.

Vision of Graduate-A written document outlining the vision of a Winthrop High School graduate will be put in place and communicated with all building employees. The current graduate vision will be reenergized and going forward, there will be a more streamlined approach to communicating and branding this vision.

Curriculum-Principal Crombie, Curriculum Director Lori Galvin, and an outside consultant opted to go with a UBD (Understand by Design) format that will require that all curriculum units be rewritten in a uniform format. Staff members started this task in the fall and with the help of the

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## Officials respond to opioid epidemic

By Kate Anslinger

Across the United States, deaths related to the opioid epidemic have reached new heights. In the year 2019, an estimated 69,029 people died as a result of drug overdose. While this is a 2.9-percent drop from previous years, the number, still stag-

gering, is a leading cause of injury-related death in the United States. On a more local level, Massachusetts alone had 1,091 overdose deaths from January 2019 to September 2019. During this same year, Winthrop had 47 overdoses, and so

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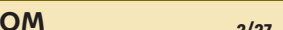
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WINTHROP POLICE BLOTTER

Monday, Feb. 10

Party came to file a complaint about two dog attacks. Victim/Witness form completed.

Caller states that she is going through a divorce and was away for a while and she believes her husband changed the locks on her apartment. She did admit over the phone that she does not own the apartment, but wants to know what she can do. Advised to speak to police officer.

Motor vehicle stop for operating with no head lights on.

Tuesday, Feb. 11

Caller found a license plate. Officer came by and retrieved plate.

Caller states there is a Cadillac with Florida plates. A male driver with a black jacket waiting for transaction from neighbor on street who caller states allegedly sells heroin. Parties were visiting parents, clear.

Calling party stated someone came to his business from the IRS to check his business ID. No further information.

Minor accident at Lincoln and Hermon Streets.. No injuries.

Wednesday, Feb. 12

Caller states she found a dead bat in her home. She is unsure how the bat got in the house, and she is concerned about rabies. She contacted her vet and her animals will be checked out.

Assisting with the keeping the peace while one party obtains their belongings. Party retrieved what she needed.

DPW on scene by the

tennis courts and found a syringe. Syringes were picked up and disposed of.

Call stating a white male with glasses, black jacket, green collar approached a female in a vehicle and was yelling. Units requested medical. One male party voluntarily went to MGH, seemed to be intoxicated on some substance.

Caller states she found a seal on the beach. She was advised State Police property. Seal was just resting. Clear

Thursday, Feb. 13

Person called stating his vehicle was parked on the street and was hit by a snow plow. He stated he would come by the station later today to fill out report.

Female caller asked neighbor to call 911 for her. She is located in the street. Units report larceny of a purse.

Party came in to report her brother’s girlfriend was banging on her door harassing her. Victim/Witness Form completed.

Party came in to report his vehicle was struck while parked and unattended in the area of Bayview Ave.

Mother would like a well being check on her son. Officer spoke to the father, the child is fine. The child also requested we asked his mother to stop contacting him by e-mail it is upsetting him. Clear

Unlicensed operation of motor vehicle stop. Male party (driver) in custody.

Very minor accident, one vehicle had no damage, the second just a small crack to the bumper at Revere and Shirley Streets.

Caller states his girlfriend went to go check on

her dog about 25 minutes ago and has not returned any of his phone calls or text. Caller just wants to make sure she is ok. Party is okay, came to check on her dog and fell asleep.

Friday, Feb. 14

Party called to inform station he found few bullets while cleaning out his family’s home. Will turn them into police.

Unit reports there is a cat in the Metcalf Square area with a collar that may be lost.

Caller states another tenant is banging on ceiling. Units spoke to them, was uncooperative, and almost combative. Possible retaliation due to a past call report that was filed.

Saturday, Feb. 15

Reports of a tiny white Westland Terrior, no tags. Reports dog is back safe with her owner. Clear

Male caller reports Shirley St. First and second floors, water break in house. Water shut off. DPW notified.

Party requests wellness check on his elderly friend whose phone has been busy all day. Unit spoke with party. He is fine and well.

Party came into station to report his vehicle struck while parked on Winthrop Street, Damaging the rear bumper. Note was left on his vehicle. He will file a crash report.

Sunday, Feb. 16

Vehicle dark in color Sedan with the front right tire riding the rim, driving in circles. Last seen in the back parking lot by the tennis court. Unit is going to try and make contact with

party. States vehicle has heavy front-end damage to the vehicle.

Caller states someone hit his motor vehicle while he was out today, Ford Fusion, black. The damage was on the passenger side panel, front and back door. Police advised party to contact his insurance company. Clear

Five men arrested on cocaine and money laundering charges in coordinated takedown

Five men were arrested and charged in federal court in Boston last week on wide-ranging cocaine distribution and money laundering charges, including two Revere men.

•Fabio Quijano, 55, of Winthrop, was indicted on money laundering conspiracy, money laundering, conspiracy to distribute and to possess with intent to distribute five kilograms or more of cocaine, and possession with intent to distribute 500 grams or more of cocaine. According to court documents, Quijano laundered/attempted to launder over \$335,000 in cocaine proceeds in 2018 and 2019;

•Jairo Agudelo, 33, of Revere, was indicted on one count each of money laundering conspiracy and money laundering involving approximately \$200,000 in cocaine proceeds in February 2019;

•Juan Restrepo-Madrid, 39, a Colombian national residing in Everett, and Sebastian Arbelaez-Perez, 34, a Colombian national residing in Revere, were indicted for conspiracy to distribute and distributing cocaine in East Boston from August to September 2019; and

Caller stated there are four syringes in the barrel next to the liquor store across from the auto body shop on Winthrop Street. Unit secured 4 syringes. Clear

Caller states there is vehicle parked on the wrong side of the street facing the wrong way. Unit states owner of that vehicle is too

•Jesus Arley Munera-Gomez, 33, a Colombian national residing in Revere, was charged with attempting to possess with intent to distribute and to distribute five kilograms or more of cocaine. According to court documents, on Feb. 13, 2020, Munera-Gomez provided approximately \$200,000 to undercover agents in exchange for 20 kilograms of sham cocaine.

This operation, dubbed “Operation Týr,” was conducted by a multi-agency task force through the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF), a partnership between federal, state and local law enforcement agencies. The principal mission of the OCDETF program is to identify, disrupt and dismantle the most serious drug trafficking, weapons trafficking and money laundering organizations, and those primarily responsible for the nation’s illegal drug supply.

The charges of conspiracy/attempt to possess with intent to distribute and to distribute five kilograms or more of cocaine (applicable to Quijano and Munera-Gomez) provides for a mandatory minimum sentence of

intoxicated to move vehicle, along with the other parties in the home. G/J towed vehicle. Issued parking violation for obstruction of traffic.

Monday, Feb. 17

Vehicle blocking street at Park and Terrace Avenues. Citation issued. Clear

10 years and up to life in prison, a minimum of five years and up to a lifetime of supervised release and a fine of up to \$10 million. The charge of possession with intent to distribute and to distribute 500 grams or more of cocaine (applicable to Quijano) provides for a mandatory minimum sentence of five years and up to 40 years in prison, a minimum of four years and up to a lifetime of supervised release and a fine of up to \$5 million. The charges of conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute and to distribute cocaine, and distribution of cocaine (applicable to Restrepo-Madrid and Arbelaez-Perez) provide for a sentence of up to 20 years in prison, a minimum of three years and up to a lifetime of supervised release and a fine of up to \$1 million. The charges of money laundering and money laundering conspiracy (applicable to Quijano and Agudelo) provide for a sentence of up to 20 years in prison, three years of supervised release, and a fine of \$500,000, or twice the value of the property involved in the transaction, whichever is greater.

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consultant guiding the pace of the project, much progress has been made.

Hiring a Library Media Specialist-As one of the most important recommendations, the need for a library media specialist is necessary for the success of student education. The need to have someone to roll out library media services to all students is critical and a job description is being crafted

for the role.

Intervention Strategies-While there is a support team in place to assist with needy students, the NEASC was not confident that the school is using the process efficiently. Since then, the process has been revamped, making it more accessible to teachers and in full capacity to NEASC standards.

According to Crombie, the NEASC also recognized the success of the high school’s Life Skills program, the support of both ELL students and social emotional learners, the school’s dedication to safety protocols, and the state-of-the-art facility.

The next step is to make progress toward the four key issues and work with the NEASC team regular-

ly to stay on the designated timeline. According to Crombie, the NEASC process has changed drastically since 2011, and instead of feeling like an inspection, it now feels like a collaboration geared toward bettering the school and quality of education. Part of the process is the self-evolution of staff members, which has proven to help with the growth of the culture and the way educators teach.

“For teachers and staff to spend time on evaluating themselves, it’s incredible to see what comes out of it. Everyone in the building has been on board with this. I’ve been impressed with how everyone has responded to it. Having these conversations will ultimately move students forward in a

positive direction.”

The process of accreditation has allowed the school to have a new vision and focus, one that was overshadowed by the building of the new school in years past. As part of the 2021 visit, the NEASC will provide evidence-based evaluations based on their direct observations in the classrooms and communication with the students and parents.

“I think the culture that this process brings in terms of professionalism as an organization, is that you are all working together to improve teaching and learning so it’s not about the body of the building anymore, it’s about what’s happening in the building,” said School Superintendent Lisa Howard. “The UBD work that’s being done now al-

lows teachers in subgroups in their department to get together and really focus in on a document that was built by the people who are doing the teaching for our students. This laser focus

will improve teaching and learning that highlights the work that the professionals are doing to make it not just a physically beautiful place but a place we can be proud of.”

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promote Italian culture and heritage.

ROLLINS INVITES NONPROFITS TO APPLY FOR GRANT FUNDING

District Attorney Rachael Rollins today invited nonprofits to attend an information session on her Community Reinvestment Grant program, which last year delivered \$100,000 to local nonprofits working with youth in Boston, Chelsea, Revere, and Winthrop.

“So much of the work that my staff and I do takes place outside of the courthouse. We are indebted to our amazing nonprofit partners who help keep our communities safe and healthy by providing mentoring, educational opportunities, and positive social programming, as well as tools and strategies to combat violence, trauma and addiction,” District Attorney Rollins said. “I’m proud to offer this funding to show my Office’s support for this important work.”

Organizations interested in applying for a Community Reinvestment Grant

are invited to attend an information session on Feb. 26, from 6 to 7 p.m. at the Perkins Community Center, 155 Talbot Ave., in Dorchester. The event will allow nonprofit leaders the opportunity to ask questions about the application process and to become familiar with the grant program’s priorities.

Application materials will be made available on Feb. 26. Proposals are due no later than March 30, and applicants will be notified of a decision on April 22.

Last year, District Attorney Rollins awarded a total of \$100,000 to 21 nonprofit agencies.

“This grant program allows my Office to invest in our values and give back to the community through organizations that work each and every day to provide the services that Suffolk County residents of all ages, and especially our young people, need to thrive,” District Attorney Rollins said. “The funding allows these institutions to continue their vital work in the community, and it helps strengthen my Office’s bonds with our nonprofit partners and the community at large.”

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# Winthrop resident named a ‘Logan Star’ for restoring critical communication lines

The Massachusetts Port Authority (Massport) awarded Michael R. DiMento, of Winthrop, with the Authority’s “Logan Stars” award. The award honors non-Massport employees at Boston Logan International Airport who exemplify the highest level of customer service and/or perform acts of heroism.

DiMento, a Verizon Technician, was recognized by Massport for his role in restoring critical communication lines at the airport. Last September, a minor accident at a construction site outside Terminal E led to major telephone outages impacting the airlines and vendors at the terminal. DiMento, along with a fellow Verizon technician, worked with Massport to identify a path to re-route dial tone to those effected by the incident. Thanks to their innovative approach to solve the problem, both men were able to restore service within hours, instead of days. DiMento, who has been with Verizon for 18 years, was honored during a ceremony at Terminal E last month.

“We applaud Michael

and the other Logan Stars award recipients for their diligence and for going above and beyond their call of duty,” said Massport CEO Lisa Wieland. “These 17 men and women acted selflessly at the right place and time, and performed with compassion, grace, and professionalism under stressful circumstances. We commend them for demonstrating our strong commitment to safety and security.”

The award recognizes the contributions of airport employees in one or more categories:

- Providing exceptional customer service;
- Engaging in an act of bravery and/or heroism;
- Improving safety or security;
- Increasing operational efficiency or excellence in a way that benefits the Logan community;
- And creating innovations or new work processes that benefit the Logan community as a whole.

The ceremony featured Boston Police Commissioner William Gross, the first person of color to hold the position in the history

of the Boston Police Department. He has served the people of Boston for over 35 years, starting as a Boston Police Cadet in 1983. Throughout his career, he has cultivated and maintained a strong connection with the community. In his current role, community policing remains one of his main priorities. He is often seen interacting with residents, local children, neighborhood groups, and community activists. Gross has received numerous awards for bravery and meritorious service. He has also been named one of Boston’s 100 Most Influential People of Color.

“It’s an honor to have Commissioner Gross back at Logan Airport,” said Aviation Director Ed Freni. “His exceptional service to the City of Boston and leadership in community policing serve as a great example for all of us. Our airport community is safe because of the strong partnerships we’ve maintained with multiple law enforcement agencies and airport tenants throughout the years.”

# School District announces budget freeze

By Kate Anslinger

As the Winthrop Teacher Association negotiations come to a close, the district is looking ahead to six more unions that are due to be negotiated, however; Superintendent Lisa Howard announced that there will be a temporary freeze on the budget.

“We feel strongly that we have to put a freeze on anything that isn’t currently budgeted for,” said Howard. “If there is a need, we

can look at it on an individual basis. Until we can get our hands firmly wrapped around all the changes from the recent negotiations, we feel that it is important to do this.”

The school district’s attorney, Paul Hodnett, is currently working with the Massachusetts Teacher Association to establish completion dates for the remaining negotiations which include: nurses, secretaries, custodians, cafeteria staff, Education Support Person-

nel (ESP), and administration. The negotiations are in the process of being scheduled with the School Committee in early March.

“Once sub committees are established, we can set dates and hopefully they will move quickly and easily,” said Howard.

A budget freeze is a common practice and is typically temporary in nature. The district’s last temporary freeze was during the 2018-2019 school year.

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for taxi cabs to be under four years old. This was putting additional strain on taxi drivers in Winthrop, who are already struggling to compete with rideshare programs like Uber and Lyft. From now on, the police department will be in charge of ensuring that these vehicles meet safety standards.

-Council reappointed the following individuals to the School Building Assistance Committee: Phil Boncore, Karin Chavis, Matt Crombie, Vincent Crossman, Robert DiMento, Dave Dockendorf, Austin Faison, Michal Filipko, Monica Ford, Anna Freedman, Paul Giella, David Girard, Lisa Howard, Richard Lawton, James Letterie, Gus Martucci and Mary Lou Osborne.

-Council agreed to postpone a vote on approving the changes made to the Committee Handbook after committee members in the audience made it known that they would like to be involved in any changes. Council will vote on the matter at their next regular meeting on March 10.

-The Miller Field Committee met last week to give an update on the progress on the field house. Students from the Northeast Metropolitan Regional Vocational School are still working on various projects and a dedication of the building is slated for April 3. They are looking into replacing the golf club shed, which was taken down at the start of the project.

## TOWN MANAGER REPORT

-The Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) is working on a visioning document for Win2030, which will help Winthrop clarify its vision for the future. Former Council President Ron Vecchia gave MAPC representatives a tour of Winthrop on Monday, Feb. 24, to introduce them to the different neighborhoods. A managers advisory committee will be appointed and meeting with MAPC will begin in March. Public meetings will follow in March and April. The Town Manager’s Office will be using the hashtag #Win2030 as part of its branding effort.

-The Center Business District (CBD) Project will be a nine-phase project beginning with French Square in April. The Town will meet with the contractor on Tuesday, Feb. 25, to establish a timeline for the phases. A public meeting will be held in March and the Town Manager’s Office wants to ensure that all residents understand the chain of command for the project. There will be a website dedicated to the CBD project, and social media communications will use the hashtag #WinCenterBusinessDistrict.

-Vanasse Hangen Brustlin (VHB), Inc. is a professional planning firm that

will be working on rezoning the middle school site with the legal assistance of KP Law. There will be a robust public input period. Communications from the Town Manager’s Office will use the hashtag #WinMSFuture.

-The Town is currently in the permitting process for the redesign of the Tafts Avenue and Shirley Intersection and a timeline will be available at the March 10 meeting.

-Anna Freedman, CFO for the Town of Winthrop, will be acting as assistant town manager when Austin Faison is not available.

-Research continues on both the dog park and the maintenance facility for the Winthrop Golf Course.

-The Town Manager’s Office is currently reviewing a draft report by the Winthrop Zero Waste Manager’s Committee. A final report should be available in March.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

-Council meetings for the month of March will be on March 10 and March 24, with the Spring Forum to be held on March 24. The Town Manager will be making his budget presentation at the Spring Forum. Council will also be attending an off-site training on Feb. 29.

-An opening at the middle and high school for a library media specialist will be posted on the town website. There are also open seats on the School Committee, the Transportation Advisory Committee and the Conservation Committee. Those interested are invited to fill out an application online.

-Early Massachusetts primary voting will be available next week. More information is posted on the town clerk’s website.

RIBBON-CUTTING AT YOUR SKIN BY ME



PHOTO BY GISELL BUILES (TRIPPYLANDIA)

A ribbon-cutting was held last Thursday night at Your Skin by Me, Kathryn Garcia, located at 41 Putnam St. Shown from left: Betsy Shane, Katherine Builes, Kathryn Garcia, Andres Jaramillo, Erica Acevedo, Camila Cardona, Mayra Aroche.)

# Epidemic //CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

far, for the year 2020, there have been 27 overdoses in the community. While each locality in the state has different ways of tackling the opioid epidemic, Winthrop has the combined efforts of the police department, town health department and CASA (Community Action for Safe Alternatives), a joined force that has made it their mission to provide education and support for those in need.

“One overdose is too many, as is the havoc that any addiction wreaks on families in our community,” said Meredith Hurley, Director of the Town Health Department. “The CLEAR (Community and Law Enforcement Assisted Recovery) Team is strong and present in addressing substance use disorders with those who are seeking help. We also offer support

to families and friends as they navigate the disease of addiction.”

The joint efforts involved in the CLEAR team have been a successful approach to tackling addiction, however; there is still more work to be done and recent overdose deaths have made that very visible. CASA Director, LeighAnn Eruzione weighed in on the epidemic.

“As with the rest of the community, we are deeply saddened to hear about the recent rise in overdoses. Although there has been a larger emphasis on initiatives to curb drug and alcohol abuse in recent years, situations like this show us that there is still so much work to be done. Whether it’s information on the good Samaritan law, Narcan training, providing educational opportunities

to identify unhealthy drug/alcohol use or sharing the supports available- we as a community have to come together and do more. The faces that struggle are siblings, friends, neighbors, children, parents... they are valuable members of our community and whether they struggle with larger addiction or mental health issues or are just an occasional user that got their hands on a bad batch... their life is important and we, as a community need to find a more encompassing platform of compassion to effectively create change.”

For anyone in need of support, you can contact the CLEAR team at: 617-846-1852 ext. 1063 or email: clearteam@town.winthrop.ma.us. The office is located on the first floor of the EB Newton Building at 45 Pauline St..

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List, he finally found two bollards that would later become Charlie Brown and Lucy, Minions, and seasonally decorated characters. The pair of bollards, which cost \$1,200, are 2,000 pounds each, and needed the help of a tow truck to place them front and center

in his yard.

“I had originally started to paint Donald Trump on one of the bollards, but my family demanded I take it down.”

Having a past career as a sign painter, the project was exciting for Durocher and he recruited the help of his

6-year-old granddaughter, Bianca, an aspiring artist. The two regularly update the steel posts, keeping them colorful and family-friendly. For four years, the bollards have served as a symbol of happiness and a reminder to drive safely in the community.

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WINTHROP MIDDLE SCHOOL FEBRUARY VACATION DANCE

Photos by Marianne Salza

Winthrop Parks and Recreation held a February Vacation Dance on Feb.21 for middle school students. Friends were giddy, laughing and dancing around the gym, and tossing hijacked baseball caps into the basketball net.



Sixth-graders Giada Gergerian and Adrianna Baez.



Sixth-graders, Anastasia Gajica, Arianna Cappuccio, Isabella Reardon, Talia Capasso, Morgan Margardo, Adrianna Viscio, Josie Barry, Jillian Buonopane, and Maggie Conley.



Anastasia Gajica, Declan Howard, Jack Hurley, Adrianna Cappuccio, and Josie Barry, sixth grade.



Friends laughing and dancing to “Young Blood” by 5 Seconds of Summer.



Chris Messina and Nick Pignato, sixth grade.



Amina Barry, sixth grade, dancing during the February Vacation Dance.

Happenings at the Winthrop Public Library in March

The following programs are offered at the Winthrop Library in March:

Adult

Tuesday, March 3, 17 and 31, 11:30 a.m. : Tech Drop-In - Afternoon Sessions

Tuesday, March 10 and 24, 5:30 p.m. : Tech Drop-In - Evening Sessions

On Tuesdays, we offer free basic computer help and assistance with library resources. Come by and work with staff on: basic computer skills, ereaders and mobile devices, web searching, email, library resources (Overdrive, Gale Databases, Ancestry.com, and more). A full list of dates can be found here.

Wednesday, March 4, 10:30 a.m.: Mystery Book Club

WPL&M Mystery Book Club continues with the current theme: "No Substitute for Experience." The next book will be Dancing in the Dark by Mary Jane Clark and Alafair Burke. View the full 2019-2020 list.

Saturday, March 7, 14, 21, and 28, 10:30 a.m.: Baby Portrait Drawing

This eight-week course will make you the artistic envy of family, friends, and neighbors! Basic face sketching, establishing and mastering facial proportions, skin toning, hair texture, and facial expression

The regular hours for the Winthrop Library are as follows:  
Monday 10-6 | Tuesday 11-8 | Wednesday 10-8  
Thursday 11-8 | Friday 10-5 | Saturday 10-5

will be developed week by week.

Saturday, March 7, 14, 21, and 28, 12:00 p.m.: Creative Writing

This eight-week course will focus on expressive writing in many different forms of original writing

Tuesday, March 24, 6 p.m. : Author Talk - Barbara Berenson

Barbara Berenson, author of Massachusetts in the Woman Suffrage Movement: Revolutionary Reformers, will discuss the woman suffrage movement and give local suffragists the attention they deserve. Massachusetts was at the center of the national struggle for woman suffrage. Berenson will also address the battle over historical memory that long obscured the state’s leading role.

Wednesday, March 26, 6:30 p.m. : You, Me, and Them Book Club

This book group hopes to facilitate discussion about social values using popular literature. This month's book is Motherhood So White by Nefertiti Austin.

Wednesday, March 26, 6:30 p.m. : Choice at the end of life: A talk on medical aid in dying

This year the MA Legislature will consider a bill to

allow medical aid in dying to competent, terminally-ill individuals in MA. This end-of-life option is now allowed in 9 state and DC. Two volunteers who have worked to advance this legislation will talk about the longstanding effort to improve care and expand options.

Tuesday, March 31, 6 p.m.: Tech Tuesday: Practical Apps

Join us for this hands-on course and get more use out of your smartphone or tablet. Participants must bring a smartphone or tablet to class and already be familiar with the basics of using it.

Teens and Tweens

Wednesday, March 4 and 18, 3 p.m.: Lego Club

Lego Club is on the first and third Wednesday of every month in the Hazlett Room.

Kids

Monday, March 2, 9, 16, 25 and 30, 10:30 a.m.: Toddler Craft Time

Toddlers can join us every Monday for a craft project.

Wednesday, March 4, 11, 18 and 25, 10:30 a.m.: Little Wiggles

Clap your hands, stomp your feet & wiggle with the beat! This is a high-energy music and movement pro-

gram where your children will be wiggling and giggling throughout. Ages 2-5 years.

Wednesday, March 4 and 18, 3 p.m.: Lego Club

Lego Club is on the first and third Wednesday of every month in the Hazlett Room.

Friday, March 6, 13, 20 and 27, 10:30 a.m. : Storytime - Infants & Toddlers

Friday, March 6, 13, 20 and 27, 11:30 a.m. : Storytime - Preschoolers

Storytime is every Friday in the Children's Room.

Library Announcements

The next Trustees Board Meeting will take place on Thursday, March 5, at 5:30 p.m.  
(Open to the Public)

Sign up for WOWbrary and receive an email showing the newest items every Wednesday. You can also view this week's newest items here.

You can always find more information about our programs on our calendar, on Facebook, or by calling 617-846-1703.

The Winthrop Library is located in Metcalf Square.



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# WE ARE PROUD TO HONOR BROOKS DENTAL FOR 60 YEARS OF SERVICE



Brooks Dental is incredibly proud to be serving the residents of Winthrop and surrounding communities. It's amazing to think that we've been established right here in Winthrop Center for 60 years now. Dr. Barry, Dr. Howard, and Dr. Stephanie Brooks are honored to continue the Brooks Dental legacy.

We hope that you enjoy our story of how Dr. Barry Brooks created an office that allowed generations of dentists to provide exceptional care to the community.

## How Dr. Barry Founded Brooks Dental

Dr. Barry Brooks grew up right here in Winthrop, MA. His father had a couple of friends that happened to be dentists, and they had only good things to say about their profession. It was then that Dr. Barry became curious about pursuing a dental career.

Dr. Barry attended Harvard College (now University) in Cambridge, and thereafter, he decided to apply to dental schools. Following his graduation from Harvard, he attended Loyola Dental School in Chicago, graduating at the top of his class. He then went into the Army Dental Corps for two years, which at the time was customary of new dental graduates. He was assigned to Ft. Leonard Wood in Missouri where he practiced dentistry on the soldiers and their families.



After serving, Dr. Barry returned to his hometown of Winthrop and began looking for a place to open a dental office. At the time, the town did not have many dentists practicing, so he realized, what better spot to open than in the center of town? He opened Brooks Dental in December of 1959 and was overwhelmed with patients immediately! His office drew in many families with children, and because water fluoridation had not become the norm yet, many kids came in with lots of cavities. His wife, Eleanor, was actually a dental assistant before Dr. Barry became a dentist, so she worked in the office with him right from the start. He also hired a secretary and a hygienist to start with, and the practice stayed very busy through the coming years.

Dr. Barry and Elly raised six children, hoping that one of them would be interested in continuing the legacy at Brooks Dental. Their son, Howard, attended Boston University School of Dental Medicine and thereafter joined the practice in 1987. At that point, Drs. Barry and Howard Brooks enlarged the office, and hired more dental assistants and hygienists. The two of them worked seamlessly together, and it was a joy for Dr. Barry to be able to mentor his son through the beginning stages of his career.



## Where Dr. Howard Brooks' Passion for Dentistry began

Dr. Howard Brooks grew up in Winthrop and graduated from Winthrop High School. His father's dental practice was a big part of his daily life. He always dreamed that one day he would work side by side with his father in his dental office. As a child, he enjoyed hobbies such as building model cars and whittling any piece of wood he could find. Dr. Brooks' hand dexterity has always been second nature to him, lending itself perfectly to the practice of dentistry. Dr. Brooks' wife, Debra, played an instrumental role in encouraging and guiding his pursuit of dentistry. She knew he would excel because he could exercise his creativity, hand-eye coordination, and people and management skills. Without her encouragement, Brooks Dental would look very different today.

Dr. Brooks attended The Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine

at Boston University, graduating in 1987. There were many mentors that shaped his dental career at BU, but none more than his father. Dental school taught him the basics, clinically and ethically. However, Dr. Barry Brooks taught him the real nuts and bolts of dentistry: how to show respect, kindness, and empathy along with mastering the correct clinical skills to create beautiful results. From father, to colleague, to friend, their relationship took on a whole new dimension.

Dr. Brooks feels that staying sharp in the field means continuing his education and staying current with trends in technology, equipment, materials, and hands-on training. Attending the Yankee Dental Convention in Boston yearly with Dr. Barry, along with other educational events, has allowed them to stay up-to-date with the ever-changing dental industry.

During this 60th year in business, Dr. Brooks reflects on the addition of his daughter, Dr. Stephanie Brooks, to the staff at Brooks Dental. What a wonderful experience, to have three generations not only working in the field but working in the same office together serving Winthrop and the surrounding communities. He thinks back to Dr. Stephanie's graduation and reminisces about his own experience on that same stage 32 years before. He relishes the opportunity to mentor Dr. Stephanie as his father mentored him; to guide her so that she feels that joy and satisfaction of helping change people's lives.

Dr. Brooks feels that to be successful in any service industry, one needs to surround himself with like-minded people who have the same core values. Sixty years in business equates to having a cohesive, motivated team that can deliver exceptional service. He considers his long-term staff as an extension of his family, and Brooks Dental would not be where they are today without them.



## Dr. Stephanie Joins the Family Practice!

From a young age, Dr. Stephanie was very intrigued about what her father did for work. His passion for dentistry and for helping others inspired her to want to pursue the same path. In high school she most enjoyed her art classes such as photography, painting, sculpting, and sketching. Working with her hands and seeing out of a creative lens were interests she knew had a place in the field of dentistry.

After receiving her undergraduate degree from Franklin and Marshall College in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, Dr. Stephanie chose to study at Boston University Goldman School of Dental Medicine. A surprising number of faculty members still worked at the Dental School that had taught her father back in the '80s. It was incredibly unique to have that kind of mentorship and support. She knew going into the program that she wanted to pursue general dentistry in particular and go right into practice with her father and grandfather at Brooks Dental. It was a very special experience for her to be able to stand on stage at graduation with her father, also a BU Dental graduate, by her side. In May 2018, Dr. Stephanie graduated at the top of her class (summa cum laude) and was inducted into the National Dental Honors Society, Omicron Kappa Upsilon. She was thrilled to join the practice in July of 2018. Brooks Dental had been like family to her all her life, and she felt so welcomed by both staff and patients upon joining the practice as a clinician.

Dr. Stephanie has always had a passion for teaching. She always wondered what it would have been like to pursue a career in teaching as opposed to dentistry. Throughout her career so far, however, she has come to realize how integral teaching is to the practice of dentistry. So much of dentistry relies on education – walking patients through a procedure so they understand it, educating them on preventive measures, and so on. These are the aspects of her daily practice that she truly loves. In the future, Dr. Stephanie hopes to return to BU as a faculty member and dedicate some of her time in academia, teaching dental students in the clinic setting. Together, Drs. Barry, Howard, and Stephanie offer a level of dentistry that is truly second-to-none. Now, with 60 years under their belt Brooks Dental looks forward to continue to providing many more years of service to the community





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OUR Opinions

MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD --

VOTE IN THE PRESIDENTIAL

PRIMARY

The revelation last week by members of our intelligence agencies to Congress that the Russians once again are, and will be, interfering in our electoral process is an ominous portent for the national election in November.

The recent experience of the mismanaged vote-counting at the Democratic caucuses in Iowa has shown the limits of the technology that we have employed to replace paper ballots and its susceptibility to being bungled and hacked.

Even worse, the extreme form of gerrymandering and voter suppression in the Southern states brings into question whether some in our own country even believe in the democratic process.

Together, these developments should give all of us good reason to be fearful about the future of our republic. That may sound dire and overly-dramatic, but it's a reality that we cannot ignore.

The one thing that had set us apart from every other nation in the world -- the sanctity and fairness of our electoral process -- has been shown to be vulnerable not only to foreign influence, but also to a combination of our own incompetence, our misplaced faith in 21st century technology, and the blatant self-interest of certain political groups.

In an era when cynics are proclaiming that we are sliding into the realm of a banana republic, it therefore is essential that all of us who have the ability to vote must do so.

Early-voting already is underway in Massachusetts for the Presidential Primary election, which will be held this coming Tuesday. There are 15 candidates on the Democratic side of the ballot and four Republicans, as well as Libertarian and Green party candidates.

The only way that we can overcome the forces who are seeking to destroy our democracy is to exercise the one thing -- our right to vote -- that has set us apart from every other nation in the world since our founding.

We urge all of our readers to get out and vote -- doing so never has been more crucial to maintaining our democratic principles.

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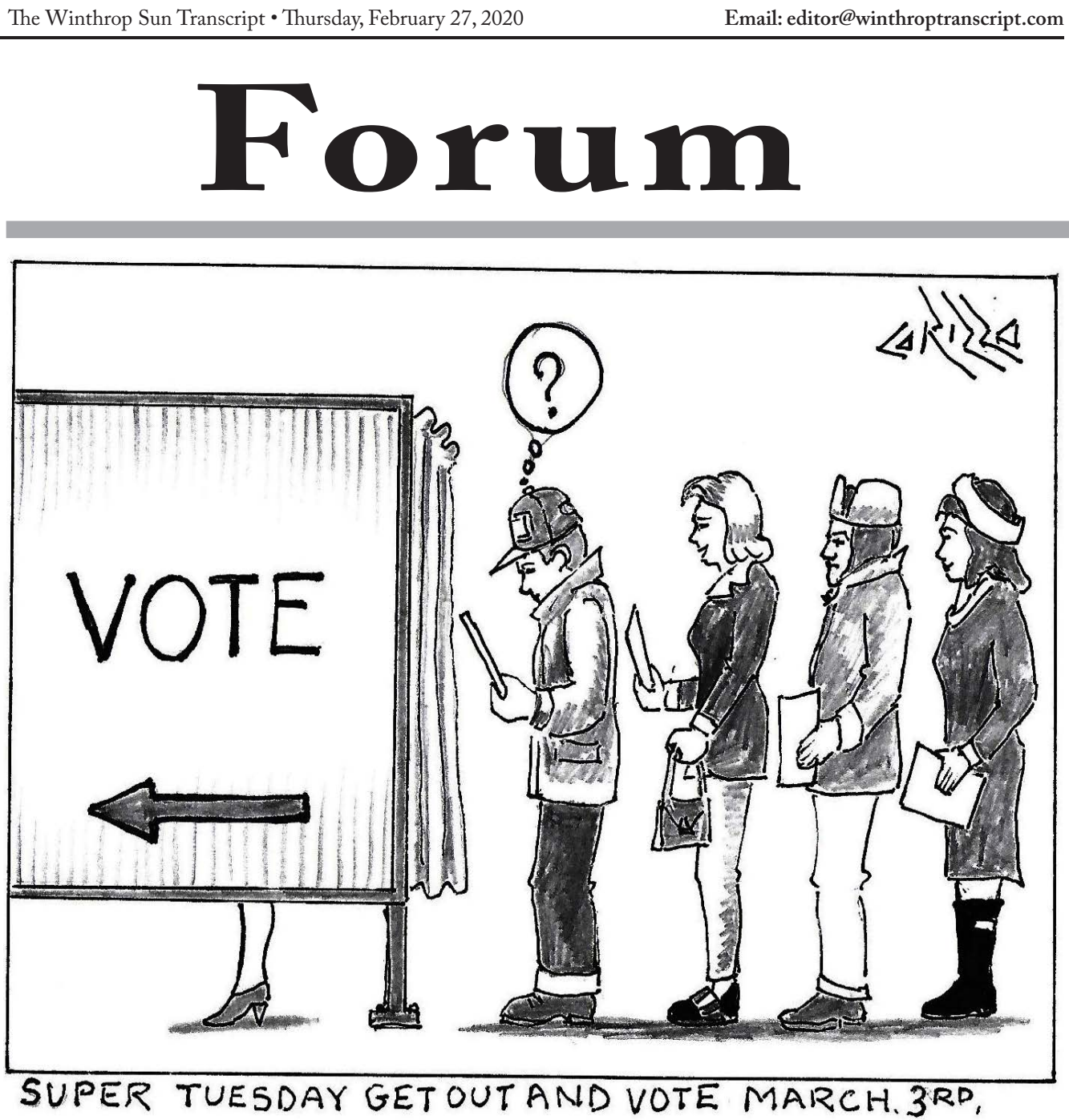
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GUEST OP-ED

Nursing Home Care - A National Issue

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

About 1.5 million American seniors now live in nursing homes. Seventy percent (70 percent) of them rely on Medicaid to pay the bill, which means they are low-income or have otherwise spent down their assets.

My mother spent the last few months of her life in a nursing home. My first wife died in a nursing home. My wife's mother spent a lot of time in nursing homes. Today, I have elderly friends in nursing homes who I try to occasionally go and see. It's the same old story. I continue to see a multitude of lonely, forgotten people who have been warehoused in facilities until they breathe their last breath.

Placing my wife in a nursing home was one of the hardest things I've ever done. She was in the final stages of multiple sclerosis and needed 24-hour care which I couldn't physically give. However, looking back emotionally and even physically I don't think I would have been as drained if I had just kept her at home and tried to

have cared for her. Nursing Homes are exhausting. You think at the time it's the only answer, but then you are there numerous hours every day trying to make sure your loved one is not being neglected. In today's nursing homes the chances are great they will be neglected because the average nursing home cannot keep enough staff to take care of everyone. One worker told me once she was in charge of taking care of 60 persons every night. She said that oftentimes there would be people she never saw on her shift.

Nursing home care cost is astronomical. Just a bed, three meals a day and an occasional bath will cost you around \$7,500 a month. My mother-in-law needed rehabilitation. Three years ago her cost was over \$15,000 a month for four months. My father-in-law shelled out \$60,000 of their life savings for rehab. They had worked hard to save that money, but you can't take it with you. However, most people don't intend to work all of their lives so that they can turn their savings over to a nursing home.

Nursing homes are not a relief emotionally or

physically and financially they will break you. Most Americans end up paying for their nursing home care via Medicaid. Going on Medicaid is no picnic as it means, in reality, you no longer have any means to pay for your care. Twenty years ago I was the pastor of a church with a small salary and financially we didn't have anything except a house payment. Going to the local county office for health and family services and applying for Medicaid for nursing home care for the care of my invalid dying wife was tough. It was our last resort. We were glad it was available but it was emotionally tough. It's the same office where you go and apply for food stamps.

There are some good nursing homes out there and many, many hardworking, caring nurses. There are some really bad ones out there too and they are all extremely expensive.

All the time we hear about Americans being medically insured. What about long term care insurance for aging Americans? Our nation is getting older. The baby boomers are a large chunk of our population - 75 million! Baby

boomers are going to face bankruptcies and mega financial challenges as is this nation with the long term care of our generation.

Our politicians must come up with a long term care plan that does not require the financial ruin of millions of Americans. I know long term care insurance is available if you are not sick and can afford it. However, somehow we have to add long-term care insurance to Medicare. Yes, it will cost us every month to pay for it just like we are paying for part B now. However, it would be for real medical care in the nursing home with real rehabilitation if it is needed; and not just for a bed and three meals a day and an occasional bath. Plus it would spare the elders in this nation from having to file bankruptcy and go into poverty to have a shelter over their heads the last few months or even years of their lives.

Please add this issue to the national discussion.

Dr. Glenn Mollette is the author of *Nursing Home Nightmares - America's Disgrace*

WINTHROP STUDENTS EARN ACADEMIC HONORS

ROBSON NAMED TO DEAN'S LIST

Curry College is proud to announce that Olivia Robson of Winthrop has been named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2019 semester. Robson is a member of the Class of 2022 and is majoring in Psychology.

Robson was among roughly 1,000 students that have received the distinction, a marker of academic excellence and high achievement. To earn a place on the list, full-time undergraduate students - those who carry 12 or more graded credits per semester - must earn a 3.3 grade-point-average (GPA) or higher.

Founded in 1879, Curry College is a private, four-year, liberal arts-based institution located on 131 acres in Milton, Mass. Curry extends its educational programs to a continuing education branch campus in Plymouth, Mass. Curry offers 27 undergraduate majors, as well as graduate degrees in business, education, criminal justice,

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STONEHILL COLLEGE ANNOUNCES DEAN'S LIST

To qualify for the Dean's List, students must have a semester grade point average of 3.50 or better and must have completed successfully all courses for which they were registered.

The following local students were named to the Fall 2019 Dean's List at Stonehill College:

Julia Duplin, Class of 2020, of Winthrop

Isabella Kennedy, Class of 2022, of Winthrop

Stonehill is a Catholic college located near Boston on a beautiful 384-acre campus in Easton, Mass., With a student-faculty ratio of 12:1, the College engages over 2,500 students in 80+ rigorous academic programs in the liberal arts, sciences, and pre-professional fields. The Stonehill community helps students to develop the knowledge, skills, and character to meet their professional goals and to live lives of purpose and integrity.

HONAN RECOGNIZED FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Worcester Academy proudly announces its Honor Roll and Headmaster's List for Semester 1 of the 2019-2020 School Year.

The honors represent the achievements that each of the Worcester Academy students has earned through academic excellence, challenge, and personal growth.

Among the students is:

Mary Honan of Winthrop, Class of 2021, First Honors.

Worcester Academy is an exceptional co-educational independent school for day and boarding students in Grades 6 through 12 and postgraduates. Through an innovative and thoughtfully designed curriculum, Worcester Academy instills in students a lifelong passion for learning and a foundation of core values that enable them to "Achieve the Honorable" as leaders and world citizens. The school takes pride in its diverse local and international community, and situates its curriculum within a global, multicultural context that helps students develop the independence, confidence, and world-readiness they need to succeed in college and beyond.



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WINTHROP Then and Now

Winthrop Improvement and Historical Association

By G. David Hubbard • Photos courtesy of Stephen F. Moran

ART 919 – FOUR OLD PICTURES TRIVIA



Our wonderful seaside community, on 1.6 square miles of land, is almost 400 years old and our “Then and Now” articles have reviewed much of its history during the past ten years. Sometimes we get photographs depicting places from the past which although known to some may not be familiar to many of our readers. Periodically we plan to select four such pictures and present them for your enjoyment as “Photographic Trivia”. First look at the picture and see if you can identify its location and then read the text associated with it.

Picture one – Just recently we received this old Winthrop photograph from George W. Bolster Jr. which was taken about 1930 looking down what is now called Bolster Way at about 161 Shirley Street. While most of the buildings have been replaced, the ones on the left are today a similar row of garages the first two of which are George Bolster Sr. Antique Automotive Shop. Looking off in the distance, the bell tower of Saint John’s Catholic Church can be seen. Just below this steeple in the dark part of the picture, a Narrow Gauge Railroad Train can be seen heading South along its tracks which ran on what is

now Veteran’s Road.

Picture two – This picture was taken at the corner of Tafts Avenue and Otis Street about 1928. The building shown was the storage and maintenance barn for Mr. Herbert Ridgeway’s Point Shirley Trolley Car line that ran from the intersection of Washington Avenue and Shirley Street out to Point Shirley and the Taft Inn from 1910 to 1940. The railway line was originally constructed with an underground trolley, sort of a third rail reached through a slot in the street from the car above to provide power for the wheels. This did not prove to be satisfactory because of water flooding the underground power line and so the system was changed over to being powered by gasoline driven generators that charged batteries which in turn supplied the DC power to motors connected to each set of wheels. The cars could then be operated from either end by having the Conductor simply pick up and move the control panel to the opposite end of the car when it reached the end of the line. It was then ready for the return trip without turning the car around.

Picture three – This picture is of the Winthrop Steamboat Company Terminal’s main office in the

1890’s at 511 Shirley St. opposite the intersections with Underhill and Perkins Streets. The building shown to the right of it at 505 – 509 Shirley St. is still there. Ferry Boats from Boston and Revere docked here.

Picture four – This picture is of the early Thornton Park Narrow Gauge Railroad Station originally located at the end of Winthrop Street below Sea View Avenue. This station was one of the nine original stations and is the only station that remains today. It was named after John Wingate Thornton who owned the land where the Thornton Park residential area is now situated. In the right of the picture Apple Island can be seen in the background which, in the mid 1940s, became part of the airport. This station was moved in 1903, when the NGRR system was double tracked, to the rear of the 17 Thornton Park Road home where it stands today. If one visits the marsh today a small bridge, similar in design to the one shown in the picture, now stands near the original site. This current bridge was designed and built as ascience project by Mr. Robert Hudd’s sixth grade class in 2002.



# THE MORE Things Change ...

Items selected from past issues of the Winthrop Sun, The Winthrop Review, The Winthrop Visitor, The Transcript and The Sun-Transcript

20 years ago  
Feb. 24, 2000

Winthrop Trash Study Committee Chairman Emile DiMento said that her committee will not bring a proposal for a Pay-As-You-Throw program before Town Meeting this year. DiMento said that the committee wants more time to study other means of increasing recycling.

Robert Driscoll Jr. has announced his decision not to seek re-election to the Board of Selectmen. However, no candidates have stepped forward to take out nomination papers.

An editorial in the Sun-Transcript states unequivocally that the current Board of Selectmen not only are proven liars, but also are lawbreakers for violating the Open Meeting Law with regard to the circumstances surrounding their refusal to extend the contract of former Police Chief Thomas Shamshak.

WCVB-TV news reporter Susan Wornick will be the guest speaker at the Rotary Club’s annual senior luncheon March 6.

Local real estate transfers: 64 Enfield Road, \$252,000; 700 Governor’s Drive, Unit 5: \$72,000; 76 Sunnyside Ave., \$218,000.

“Reindeer Games,” “The Sixth Sense,” and “Stuart Little” are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

40 years ago  
Feb. 27, 1980

The entire town went wild upon the return of Olympic hero Mike Eruzione, the captain of the Gold Medal USA hockey team that defeated the Russians in the most stunning upset in Olympic history. Thousands of residents greeted Eruzione at the Belle Isle Bridge and then lined the town’s streets to watch a parade that took Eruzione to the Elks for a victory party. The Sun-Transcript published a 12 page special section to ma-k Eruzione’s exploits.

Police Chief David Rice has filed a lawsuit against the town to recover holiday pay to which he says he is entitled, but which the selectmen have ordered withheld from him.

Incumbent Selectman James T. Reddy has announced his candidacy for a sixth term. Reddy has served 15 years on the board, the longest tenure for a selectman in town history. Beverly Brody Barisano has announced her candidacy for the School Committee.

J. Henry Marr is the new president of the Winthrop Chamber of Commerce. He succeeds Louise Shaw.

George Burns and Art Carney star in “Going in Style” at the Kincade Theatre.

50 years ago  
Feb. 26, 1970

Four contests highlight what looms as a quiet town election. Incumbent Selectman Richard Dimes is unopposed for re-election. The greatest interest is in the School Committee contest, with incumbent William DiMento facing three challengers.

Anthony Abbatesa is the new President of the Chamber of Commerce. He succeeds Lou Rossetti.

The “blue flu” ended at 4 p.m. last Thursday with police officers reporting back to work after having called in sick for a 32-hour period in what was seen as a protest against the selectmen for their refusal to reach a new contract agreement. Police Chief Frank Perrone was forced to call in State Police troopers in order to

maintain minimum staffing on the shifts.

Concerned citizens and parents are invited to a lecture and discussion at the Winthrop High Music Hall at which William Lever, Director of Guidance at WHS, will talk on the frightening increase in drug abuse by young people. Professionals from Reality, Inc., a drug abuse program based in Lawrence, will be on hand.

Jon Voight and Dustin Hoffmann star in “Midnight Cowboy” at the Winthrop Theatre.

60 years ago  
Feb. 25, 1960

Ground will be broken Monday for the start of construction of the plant for Duval Industries, the first tenant of what promises to be a multi-million dollar industrial park on town land at Belle Isle Marsh which Town Meeting recently rezoned for light industrial use.

W. Henry Burke, Chairman of the 1960 Heart Fund campaign, has announced that the final phase of this year’s drive will start this weekend.

Frank Sinatra and Gina Lollabrigida star in “Never So Few” at the Winthrop Theatre.

70 years ago  
Feb. 23, 1950

Welfare costs in Winthrop increased to \$329,215 in 1949 and will be even higher in the year ahead. The federal government presently reimburses the town for one third of its welfare expenditures.

Ronald Reagan and Patricia Neal star in “Hasty Heart” at the Winthrop and State theatres.

80 years ago  
Feb. 24, 1940

At an open meeting of the selectmen Monday night, selectmen Ross Batchelder and David Belcher signed a permanent agreement with the Rapid Transit Company for bus service in Winthrop to replace the defunct Narrow Gauge Railroad. Selectman Walter Baker refused to sign the contract, however.

The worst Northeast blizzard to strike the town in many years brought traffic to a halt here and throughout Greater Boston. Winthrop residents who had gone out of town for social events or the theater found themselves stranded and unable to return home Wednesday night. The town’s streets were not cleared until late Thursday afternoon and all businesses in Greater Boston were closed. Hundreds of lobsters were washed up on Shore Drive, along with sand and rocks, by the giant waves that smashed along the coast. It was not until Saturday that Winthrop and surrounding towns were able to resume a regular routine.

Donald Foley, 15, braved high winds and seas to row from Governor’s Island late Monday afternoon to the bulkhead of the airport, from where he walked to the American Airlines terminal to inform authorities that his companions still were on the island. The foursome had set out for Gov. Island early Monday morning to do some skiing on the island’s hills, but by the time they were ready to come back at dusk, the high winds and waves prevented the four of them from coming back together.

Charles Laughton stars in “The Hunchback of Notre Dame” at the Winthrop and State theaters.

90 years ago  
March 1, 1930

One of the articles to come before Town Meeting will call for the construction of a permanent playground for the children of Poit Shirley, in particular Precinct III. The champion of this article is Mr. Harold Winter, a year-round resident of the Point. The land in question, which would cost the town \$13,000, is bordered by Tafts Ave. on the east from Townsend St. to a point opposite Wyman St. The plan would require the relocation of Maryland Ave. and would comprise 22 lots.

The town’s 7,400 voters will go to the polls on March 3 for the annual town election.

Hoot Gibson stars in “The Long, Long Trail” and Barbara Stanwyck stars in “The Locker Door” at the Winthrop and Dream theatres. Both are all-talking movies.

100 years ago  
Feb. 28, 1920

Although the Town Republican League was formed for the purpose of state and national issues, the members believe that because 1920 will be such a critical year in the administration of local civic and financial matters, it is their duty to endorse those candidates whom they feel will best serve the town’s needs. The league therefore is endorsing Winthrop Magee, Leslie Griffin, and Harry Wright for the Board of Selectmen and Joseph Davison for Town Moderator.

The Narrow Gauge train service in town has been deplorable lately thanks to the wintry conditions. Many feel that the railroad does not prepare adequately for large snowfalls and should install a snow fence in the vicinity of the Battery Station to prevent snow drifts from overwhelming the tracks. The railroad was a big part of the growth of Winthrop with its excellent service, but as of the last few years, it has gone steadily downhill.

110 years ago  
Feb. 26, 1910

The political campaign for the different offices in town has been an unusually quiet one with barely a ripple of excitement until the past few weeks. Both of the political organizations in town, the Civic League and the Town Government Association, have put forth their slate of candidates. For the first time the position of Town Moderator will be chosen by the voters with Joseph Davison of the Civic League battling Alfred Tewksbury of the Town Government Assoc.

120 years ago  
Feb. 24, 1900

It is rumored that there will be several candidates for selectmen other than the ones endorsed at the town caucus last week.

Among the articles to be considered at town meeting is one calling for the election of a three-member Board of Assessors.

130 years ago  
Feb. 21, 1890

All of the seats and most of the standing room were occupied at the citizens caucus Monday at Town Hall to nominate candidates for the town elections.

Selectman Edward B. Newton, in a letter to the editor in the Winthrop Visitor, states that the Board of Selectmen has nothing to hide as regards the payment for the board’s secretary, contrary to the rumors going around town.



## WINTHROP CELEBRATES THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF USA OLYMPIAN “MIRACLE ON ICE” WIN OVER THE SOVIET UNION IN 1980

It was February 1980, Lake Placid, NY, when Team USA the underdogs defeated the Soviet Union for the gold medal. Winthrop’s own Mike Eruzione was Captain of the team and scored the winning goal for Team USA, taking it from the Soviets 4-3.

Last Thursday evening at JW’s in Winthrop a reception was held, with Winthrop’s combined hockey teams as the guests of Captain, Mike Eruzione and owner Bob Deeb. The WHS boys and girls hockey teams were there as well as the Winthrop Youth Hockey players too. Mike Lynch from WCVB-5 was on hand to interview Eruzione. The HBO documentary was shown during dinner to the guests and following dinner, the official game of Team USA vs the Soviet Union, as Eruzione stated “not the movie” the real game. Eruzione spoke following dinner, addressing Winthrop’s student ath-

letes, about his team and their performance under Head Coach Herb Brooks. Mike Lynch asked Eruzione, “what’s happened over the past forty years?” his response was grandchildren, 3 of them, TJ, Michael and Leo. Mike Eruzione also heads a local charity, called Winthrop Charities for the past 10 years. It provides funds for school programs, sports programs, families in need and at time EMS services.

It was a proud day for American in 1980, things in this country needed a lift, and this huge win was more than a game of hockey, it brought back pride in America. Forty years later, that pride is still there, when people talk about that day, it’s like it happened yesterday and it will be forever remembered as one of the greatest accomplishments in the history of sports, and will always be a “Miracle on Ice”.



WHS Viking Head Hockey Coach Dale Dunbar, Mike Eruzione and Mike Lynch from Channel 5 Sports.



Nick and Joe Deeb at the buffet, before they get to watch the original game of Team USA in 1980 Lake Placid.



Captain of the 1980 Team USA Gold Medal Hockey Team, Mike Eruzione addresses the guests that were in attendance at JW's last Thursday evening.



Mike Eruzione with his Team USA jersey. Eruzione raffles off two of these, one for the WHS boys hockey team and one for the girls team.



Mike Lynch from WCVB % Sports interviews Mike Eruzione on the 40th anniversary of Team USA's Gold Medal win over Russia.



Winthrop Youth Hockey players, Joey Rich, Luke Githinji and Jack Andy with the host Mike Eruzione.



WHS Lady Viking Hockey Captains, Olivia Driscoll, Sydney Mignosa, Mia Martucci and Summer Tallent, Mike Eruzione. Eruzione scored the winning goal in 1980, giving Team USA a gold medal with a 4-3 victory.



WHS Lady Vikings, Madalyn Deeran, Mia Martucci, Summer Tallent, Mia Norris, Casey Petersen, and Jenna Dorr.



Captain of Team USA in 1980, Mike Eruzione with the captains of the WHS varsity Viking Hockey Team, Joey Holdersen, Joe Deeb, Michael Brooks, and Noah Evangelista, also Head Coach Dale Dunbar and Asst. Coach Mike Norris.



WHS players watching the HBO documentary on the complete season of Team USA, Head Coach Herb Brooks is shown on the screen during a HBO interview. Brooks a highly controversial but effective coach of Team USA.



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Members of the Boston Pride NWHL, Jillian Dempsey and McKenna Brand stopped by to visit with Mike Eruzione.



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## WHS SPORTS Roundup

### WHS BOYS EDGED IN TOURNEY OPENER, 1-0

The Winthrop High boys hockey team came up just short, 1-0, to Triton in a first round contest in the Division 2 North Sectional of the MIAA State Hockey Tournament Tuesday evening in Stoneham.

The Vikings entered the tourney as the 12th seed among the 16 teams in the D-2 North with a 9-8-3 regular season record. Triton was the fifth seed in the D-2 North with a 14-4-2 mark.

### LADY VIKINGS TIE WAKEFIELD IN FINALE; MOVE ONTO TOURNEY

The Winthrop High girls hockey team was scheduled to open play in the MIAA Division 1 State Hockey Tournament last night (Wednesday) against Belmont. The Lady Vikings, who compiled an 8-7-3 record on the season, entered the tourney as the 26th seed among the 32 teams who qualified for the post-season in D-1. Belmont is the seventh seed with a 13-3-4 mark.

The winner of last night's encounter will advance to the Sweet 16 and will face the winner of the contest between Waltham and Whitman-Hanson.

Coach Anthony Martucci's crew wrapped up their regular season schedule with a 2-2 tie against Wakefield, the identical score of the first meeting between the teams in early January.

The Lady Vikings came out of the starting gate on fire, pelting the Wakefield goalie with shots and playing very smart, fast hockey. The early Winthrop onslaught translated into two quick goals.

The first came via a picture-perfect play among Winthrop's top line which has come to be known as "the backpack line." It began with a nicely-executed drop pass just below the Wakefield blue line by Julia Holmes to her sister Emma. Emma took the puck and moved in on goal, drawing the two Wakefield defenders toward her. She then slid a well-placed pass to Mia Martucci, who was breaking toward the goal and who tapped the puck into the back of the Wakefield net.

"That was as pretty a play as I have seen all season," said Martucci.

"The backpack line has been great all year for us. They have carried the team offensively, hence the name 'backpack line.' Julia and Emma Holmes, along with Mia Martucci, are 1-2-3 in scoring on our team with 21-20-19 points respectively."

The Lady Vikings made it 2-0 just a few minutes later when they caught Wakefield in the midst of a line change. Jenna Lindinger served up the puck on the proverbial platter for Ju-

lia Holmes, who ripped a one-timer, top-shelf.

"This was probably the best shot I have ever seen Julia take, and I have been coaching her since she was eight years old," noted Martucci.

The Lady Vikings began the second period much as they dominated in the first. Winthrop had chances to put the game away several times, especially on a 5-on-3 power play for just under the full two minutes, but failed to capitalize on their opportunities.

"I think that took the wind out of our sails and gave them some life," said Martucci. "I don't believe in momentum, I believe in execution, and we just did not execute when we needed to."

Winthrop came out a little flat in the third period and had two defensive zone breakdowns that allowed Wakefield to bring the contest back to level.

"It is something that will kill us if it happens in the tourney," Martucci said. "Credit Wakefield for capitalizing on our mistakes and working hard to get the two goals back. The game ended that way, and although we would have liked to have won the game. We just did not do enough to get it done."

"The Belmont game will be a great contest," Martucci added, speaking of his team's opening round tourney opponent. "I know how well-coached that team is, and that they are very fast. Their rink is one of the coldest in Mass., and it is a tough place to play. One thing I can promise you is that we will be ready, and we will do our absolute best."

Four Lady Vikings, Summer Tallent, Mia Martucci, Julia Holmes, and Emma Holmes, were named to the Northeastern Hockey League All-Star team and participated in a skills competition at the Peabody rink this past Friday.

The Winthrop quartet were standouts at the event. Emma Holmes won the breakaway contest; Mia Martucci recorded the hardest shot; Julia Holmes had a time of .15 seconds in the fastest-skater competition, coming in third out of 12 skaters; and Summer Tallent was the fastest-skating goalie with a time of .18 seconds.

### VIKING HOCKEY BOYS TOP SAUGUS TO REACH TOURNEY

The Winthrop High boys hockey team won its final game of the season, defeating Saugus 5-1 last Wednesday, to clinch a berth in the MIAA Division 2 State Hockey Tournament.

Captain Joe Deeb, assisted by Jack Sicurella, gave the Vikings a 1-0 edge in the opening period, but Saugus responded with a lamplighter early in the second period to bring the contest back to level.

## WHS BOYS HOCKEY VS. TRITON IN PLAYOFFS



Shown above, Colan Petersen (L) and Ari Hain (R).

Shown to the right, Ari Hain (L) passes to Joe Hayes behind a Triton defender.

However, from that point on the battle belonged to the Vikings, who responded with four unanswered goals.

Connor Hurley, assisted by Deeb, put Winthrop back in the lead before the middle period ended and the Vikings scored three unanswered goals in the final frame to skate to the win.

Ari Hain, assisted by Captain Mike Brooks, made it 3-1, and JD Parker, assisted by Jonathan Lanza and goalie Ryan Hovermale, added another insurance marker.

Senior Mike Fitzpatrick, dressed to play in his first varsity contest, applied the coup de grace with a lamp-

lighter with 17 seconds to go, assisted by Conlan Petersen.

Hovermale made 22 saves to record the victory.

For the Vikings, who entered the fray with an 8-8-3 record, the triumph punched their ticket for a Journey to the Tourney, which they opened this past

Tuesday evening against Triton.

Two Vikings, junior Joey Holgersen and senior captain Mike Brooks, were selected to the NEC All-Star team and represented Winthrop in the all-star contest that was played this past Saturday at Salem State University.

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WHS BOYS HOCKEY VS. TRITON IN PLAYOFFS

Photos by Emily Harney

The Winthrop Boys hockey team faced Triton in the opening round of the Division 2 State Playoffs on Tuesday, Feb. 25. The Vikings traveled to Stoneham Arena where they faced off

against Triton, and battled them hard for three periods, but came up just short of a win, losing 1-0.

The loss ends the season for the hockey team, and put them at 9-9-3 on this season’s campaign.



Goalie Ryan Hovermale was ready in the net.



Joey Holgersen on the face-off.



Robbie Tarantino and Charlie Lane take the puck to center ice.



Joe Hayes drives behind the net.



Connor Hurley.



The entire Winthrop team consoles goalie Ryan Hovermale after the close game.

MIAA STATE TOURAMENT

Dorr powers Winthrop past Bedford in opener

Special To The Transcript

There have been some truly noteworthy performances by Winthrop High girls basketball players in big games through the years.

Maureen McManus Hill had a 45-point performance during the Lady Vikings’ 23-1 march to the Eastern Mass. title in 1983 and a Hall of Fame career at La-

fayette. Point guard Lisa Monteleone Ferrara was an assists machine and had her share of double-doubles on her way to future greatness at Bentley.

Courtney Finn once torched Watertown for 42 points in a State Tournament game in Winthrop before helping Bentley win a national championship and becoming a WBCA All-American herself.

Not to mention other

Winthrop all-timers such as Amy Sullivan (Brandeis), Lori Thomas (Maine), and Elizabeth Dohery (Tufts) who flourished under the leadership of Coach Ron Spinney.

There is another Lady Viking – Maura Dorr - emerging as a star and she certainly stepped up in Monday’s State Tournament first round game against Bedford before an enthusiastic home crowd.

Dorr, a 5-foot-9-inch junior, scored 16 points and grabbed 11 rebounds to propel Winthrop to a 43-34 victory over Bedford.

Caroline Earl also excelled in the victory with 10 points and 10 rebounds. Head Coach Joe Lowe also received strong contributions from Lily Pulsifer, Maddie Stiglets, and Julie Marcoccio.

For Dorr, Monday’s prime-time effort was a

continuation of her stellar season that included a phenomenal stretch of basketball that earned her Globe “Top Performance of the Week” honors. During that week, Door scored 28 points and hit a buzzer-beating three-pointer to help Winthrop edge Beverly (42-40) and had a 23-point-11-rebound gem in a win (61-40) over Revere.

Lowe was making his

Winthrop debut in the State Tournament and he had his team well-prepared for Bedford’s offense. Winthrop responded with a determined effort on defense that held the Lady Buccaneers well below their season average.

Winthrop (14-7), the No. 6 seed, advances to play No. 3-seed Whittier Tech (16-4) in the quarter-finals tonight (Thursday) in Haverhill.

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# Feeney, a proud Boston runner, readies for fourth Marathon

By Kate Anslinger

When resident Karen Feeney had created a “Fun by 40” list a few years ago, she amplified her love of running and began her journey on the half-marathon circuit. Having only run 5K’s for physical and mental health, Feeney never imagined she’d be able to run the 13.1 mile race, yet she surpassed that goal and found herself running her first Boston Marathon in 2017.

For Feeney, a Boston girl at heart, there was no other marathon that she wanted to run, so she took a chance and applied for a spot to run on behalf of Mass. Eye and Ear, after she experienced

their exceptional care following a surgery.

“I am not a fast runner so qualifying was not an option,” said Feeney. “I was so surprised to receive a call telling me that I had a spot on the team. I was beyond excited and then nervous about facing 26.2 miles.”

This year, Feeney will run the Boston Marathon a fourth time, however, this time she will be running on “Tedy’s Team,” led by Tedy Bruschi, former New England Patriot dedicated to raising money for stroke awareness and heart disease. This will be her third time running on the team that is close to her heart.

“This team caught my attention because during

2016 my father had three strokes. This had an impact on me and my family. We realized that my father was lucky that he did not suffer any lasting effects from his strokes. I wanted to give back and be part of a team that could help others that weren’t so fortunate.”

Feeney said that “Tedy’s Team” has become a family to her and she is inspired by her teammates and the opportunity to give back and volunteer at a variety of events to raise awareness. While she admits that each year of the Marathon brings new excitement and unpredictability, there are two things that she is looking forward to on the big day.

“Seeing my family at

mile 19 giving me the boost that is needed to finish, and the second is the feeling of turning on to Boylston Street and seeing that finish line. I know my parents are outside of the Lenox Hotel and there is only a few more feet before all the training fully pays off and I cross that finish line. Emotions run wild and there is a feeling of accomplishment that can’t fully be put into words. There is pride in finishing any marathon but there is something special about finishing the BOSTON MARATHON.”

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Karen Feeney, running one of her past Boston Marathons.

# State officials warn public of dangers of walking onto ice-covered bodies of water

With recent warmer temperatures across much of Massachusetts, state officials are warning the public of the dangers associated with walking on ice over bodies of water, including lakes, ponds, reservoirs, streams, and rivers. Public safety and recreation officials from the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), the Massachusetts State Police (MSP), the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA), Division of Fisheries and Wildlife (MassWildlife), and the Department of Fire Services (DFS) remind residents and visitors to be conscious of the risks associated with walking on ice, particularly after warm weather, and ask that the public refrain from doing so.

The winter season offers unique outdoor recreational opportunities for the public to enjoy, including ice fishing, ice skating, and

snowmobiling; unfortunately, year after year state and local officials receive and respond to reports of individuals falling through thin ice. In a short period of time, an individual who falls into icy waters can experience hypothermia like symptoms, which can become fatal if not treated immediately. Hypothermia symptoms include shivering, dizziness, hunger, nausea, accelerated breathing, difficulty speaking, lack of coordination, fatigue, and an increase in heart rate.

Ice safety tips the public should follow when near bodies of water during the winter months include:

Parents should supervise their children;

Never go onto ice alone;

Always keep your pets on a leash, and do not let them out off-leash near bodies of water that are covered by ice;

Beware of ice covered with snow. Snow can in-

sulate ice and keep it from freezing. It can also hide cracks as well as other weak spots;

Ice formed overflowing water (including springs under the surface) is generally weaker than ice over still water;

Ice seldom freezes or thaws at a uniform rate. It can be a foot thick in one spot or an inch thick in another;

If a companion falls through the ice and you are unable to reach that person from shore, throw something to them (a rope, tree branch, even jumper cables from a car, etc.). If this does not work, go or phone for help. Get medical assistance for the victim immediately;

If you fall in, try not to panic. Turn toward the direction you came from, and place your hands and arms on the unbroken surface, working forward by kicking your feet. Once the ice

is solid enough to hold you, and you can pull yourself out, remain lying on the ice (do not stand; lying down spreads your weight across a wider area, lessening your weight on any one spot) and roll away from the hole. Crawl back the way you came, keeping your weight distributed, until you return to solid ice or ground; and,

As the season progresses, plan accordingly and use caution, as the conditions of older ice greatly varies and is subject to rapid changes.

For further information regarding ice and winter safety tips, please visit the DFS and the MassWildlife websites. The Massachusetts State Police reminds individuals to call 911 in the event of an emergency, such as an individual falling through thin ice. Additionally, several state parks and facilities provide outdoor recreational opportunities throughout the winter season, some of which have

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## OBITUARIES

### Joseph Crotty

Retired Tewksbury High School principal, member of VFW and Pleasant Park Yacht Club



Joseph M. Crotty of Winthrop passed away on Monday, Feb. 17 at the age of 92.

Born in East Boston, he was the devoted son of the late James and Anna (Price) Crotty, loving brother of Alice M. Crotty of Winthrop, the late Leo Crotty and his wife, Catherine “Kitty,” Andrew “Babe” Crotty and his wife, Claire and William L. “Bill” Crotty and his wife, Joan.

Joseph graduated from Winthrop High School in the Class of 1947. As a sophomore in high school, he joined the U.S. Navy and served his country in World War II. After World War II ended, he returned to Winthrop and received his high school diploma and then re-enlisted in the Navy for one more year. He attended one year of prep-school at Bridgton Academy in Maine and went on to attend Saint Anselm’s College, graduating in the Class of 1953. He then completed a Master’s Degree in 1955 at



Staley College. He became the respected Vice-Principal of Tewksbury Memorial High School where he served with distinction for over 30 years. Joe was a longtime and loyal member of the Pleasant Park Yacht Club in Winthrop and the VFW in Revere.

During his retirement, he never changed his commuting morning schedule. You could find him at 4:30 a.m. having his morning coffee at White Hen Pantry before his 5:30 a.m. workout at a local Planet Fitness club where he had many friends.

He was loved by all who knew him including his many nieces, nephews, and great nieces and nephews. He will be sorely missed.

Funeral arrangements were from the Maurice W. Kirby Funeral Home 210 Winthrop St. Winthrop. A Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. John the Evangelist Church in Winthrop on Saturday, Feb. 22 and interment was in Winthrop Cemetery (Belle Isle Section). Donations may be made in Joe’s memory to the Viking Pride Foundation, Winthrop, and to a special fund set up in Joe’s name at Tewksbury Memorial High School via the Venmo account @Joe-Crottydonation. For guestbook, please visit: [www.maurice-kirbyfh.com](http://www.maurice-kirbyfh.com).

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### Adrean Faith Abrams

Longtime member of Temple Emmanuel, Chelsea and volunteer at Leonard Florence Center for Living

Adrean Faith (Freede) Abrams, 75, a resident of Chelsea and Winthrop died on Tuesday, Feb. 18.

Born and raised in Chelsea, the daughter of the late Joseph Freede and Shirley (Madow), Adrean graduated from Chelsea High School in 1962 and from Salem State College in 1966 with a degree in Education. She worked as an elementary school teacher in the Chelsea Public School System. Later transitioned into Home Health Care for many years at Personal Touch Home Care as a Director.

She was a longtime member of Temple Emmanuel of Chelsea and Sisterhood of Temple Emmanuel. Adrean spent many hours volunteering at Leonard Florence Center for Living in Chelsea. She loved to crochet and was a fan of Barbra Streisand. Adrean had a deep love and devotion for the City of Chelsea and for her family.

Adrean was the loving wife of Louis Lawrence Abrams for 53 years; devoted mother of Stephanie Anne Long and her husband, Ken of Winthrop,



David Alan Abrams and his wife, Alyssa of Norwood; sister of Michael Freede and Richard Freede, both of Long Beach, Calif.; cherished grandmother of Ethan, Samantha, Zoe, Chelsea, Mason and Amber and aunt of Rachel, Adam, Jordan, Alyson and Matthew. She is also survived by extended family and friends.

Services were held at Temple Emmanuel, Chelsea on Sunday, Feb. 23. Interment was in the New Tifereth Israel Cemetery, Everett. Memorial Donations may be made to the Alzheimer’s Association P.O. Box 96011, Washington DC, 20090-6011 or to Temple Emmanuel 60 Tudor St., Chelsea, MA 02150. Visit[www.torffuneralservice.com](http://www.torffuneralservice.com) for guestbook.

### Alice Harrison

Lover of the arts and longtime office associate of Dr. William Glazier

Alice M. (Hoar) Harrison passed away peacefully on Feb. 20 at the age of 91.

For almost 20 years, Alice worked to comfort new mothers and care for sick children in the office of Dr. William Glazier. A lifelong lover of the arts, Alice enjoyed painting and attending the theatrical performances of both her biological and adopted grandchildren.

Predeceased by her loving husband of 68 years, Robert Harrison, she is grieved by her son, Paul and his wife, Judy, their three children: Geoffrey, Caitlin and Padraic, her daughters, Patricia and Barbara, her daughter, Nancy and her husband, Frank and their daughter, Moriah and her husband, Josh. Alice was the daughter of Frank and Mary Hoar of Somerville and sister to Mary, Francis, Robert and Gerard.

Family and friends are cordially invited to attend the visitation from the Cag-



giano-O’Maley-Frazier Funeral Home, Winthrop on Saturday, Feb. 29, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. A celebration of life service will be held in the funeral home at noon. Services will conclude with the interment in the Belle Isle section of Winthrop Cemetery.

Donations in her name can be made to Safe Haven Humane Society at 1420 Post Road, Wells, Maine 04090, or the Chelsea Jewish Life Care at 165 Captains Row, Chelsea, Ma 02150.

To sign the online guestbook go to [www.caggiano-funeralhome.com](http://www.caggiano-funeralhome.com).

### Marilyn Flanagan

Active member of the Winthrop Senior Center, Winthrop Council on Aging and Winthrop Historical Society

Marilyn E. (Floyd) Flanagan of Winthrop, passed away peacefully on Feb. 25 at the age of 92.

Marilyn was the beloved daughter of the late Russell Floyd and Helen (Tewksbury) Floyd and the cherished sister to her late brothers, Russell, Robert and Herbert.

A near-lifelong resident of Winthrop, Marilyn shared almost 64 years of marriage with her late husband, Charles J. Flanagan. She was the adored mother of Charles Flanagan Jr. and his wife, Trisha and Paul Flanagan and his late wife, Susan, all of Winthrop; and Robert Flanagan and his wife, Linda of Summit, N.J. Marilyn is also survived by four grandchildren: Andrew Flanagan of Andover and Julie, Jeff, and Paul Flanagan of Summit, N.J.

Marilyn was a graduate of Winthrop High School, Class of 1945. She and Charlie were married in 1948 and lived all their married life on Ocean Avenue, fittingly near a fire station. Like many women of the time, she was a stay-at-home mother while her children were young. She returned to work in 1968 and for 21 years was a valued employee of the Commercial Union Assurance Company in Boston. She once went 17 years without taking a sick day.

During her retirement years, Marilyn was an active member of the Winthrop Senior Center, the Winthrop Council on Aging, and the Winthrop His-

torical Society.

Marilyn will be remembered for many things, including her hardworking nature, reliability, extraordinary degree of common sense, kindness, honesty and her willingness to reach out in meaningful ways to friends in need. She was intensely loyal and a caregiver to many people over the years when they became sick or alone in the world.

Her dedication to her husband, children, and extended family were remarkable. She loved nothing more than preparing an excellent dinner for the family, and was all the happier if a lonely guest or two joined. She was that rare person who found her greatest joy in doing for others, and saw no reason to boast of her good deeds. Marilyn never told anyone how a genuinely kind person lives; she showed them.

Family and friends are cordially invited to attend a visitation from the Ernest P. Caggiano and Son Funeral Home, 147 Winthrop St., Winthrop, on Friday, Feb. 28 from 9 until 11 a.m. The funeral will follow immediately thereafter from the Funeral Home, followed by a Funeral Mass at 11:30 a.m. in St. John the Evangelist Church, 320 Winthrop St, Winthrop. The services on Friday will conclude with interment in the Cross Street section of Winthrop Cemetery.

To sign the online guestbook go to [www.caggiano-funeralhome.com](http://www.caggiano-funeralhome.com).

#### Winthrop Senior Center News Feb. 27, 2020 – March 3, 2020

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##### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27

8:30am – Yoga with Kathleen (\$5)  
10:30am – Zumba with Barbara  
12:00pm – Lunch  
1:00pm – Bingo

##### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28

9:30am – Exercise Class  
10:30am – Line Dancing with Cindy  
12:00pm – Lunch

##### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29

10:30am – Zumba with Cindy

##### MONDAY, MARCH 1

9:30am – Exercise  
12:00pm – Lunch  
1:00pm – Bingo  
6:15pm – Zumba Toning with Barbara

##### TUESDAY, MARCH 2

9:30am – Tai Chi with Cindy  
10:00-11:00am – Blood Pressures  
10:00am – Bowling (at Winthrop Elks)  
10:30-11:30am – Exercise for Arthritis  
10:30am – Zumba with Cindy  
12:00pm – Lunch  
1:00pm– Art Class with Dawn  
1:00pm – Chorus Rehearsal

##### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3

9:30am – Exercise Class  
10:00am – Hearing Support Group Meeting  
10:30am – Yoga with Kathleen (\$5)  
10:30am – Tap Dancing with Tracy (at the Methodist Church)  
12:00pm – Lunch  
1:00-3:00pm – SHINE Counseling (Appointment Required)  
1:15pm – Italian Class with Michael  
2:00pm – Eats & Treats Café (\$2; sign up in advance)  
3:00-3:45pm – Play Chess with the WMS Chess Club

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**Senior Lunch:** If you would like to come for lunch, please call the day before by 11:00pm so that your order is counted for the next day.

**2020 Senior Citizens Tax Work-Off Program:** Applications for the 2020 Senior Citizens Tax Work-Off Program will be available beginning Wednesday, March 11th at the Senior Center and online at [www.town.winthrop.ma.us/council-aging](http://www.town.winthrop.ma.us/council-aging). Applications are due back to the Senior Center by 2pm on Wednesday, April 15th. For more information on the program, please visit our website, or contact the Senior Center at 617-846-8538.

**Computer Lab:** The Senior Center computer lab is open Monday-Thursday: 9am-3pm and Friday: 9am-2pm.

**The Senior Indoor Winter Walking Club** is now open. During the Winter months, you can walk at the Middle/High School Monday-Friday (when school is in session) from 4:15-5:15pm. In order to walk, you will need to submit a CORI form (available at the Senior Center).

**Take the Senior Van to Encore Boston Harbor Casino:** The Senior Van provides door-to-door rides to Encore Boston Harbor Casino on Tuesdays. Pick up is at 8:30am; return trip departs Encore promptly at 2:30pm. Round-trip ride costs \$10 and can be scheduled by calling the Senior Center the week before you want to go.

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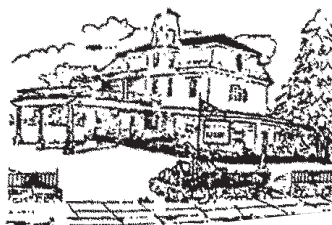
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# NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

## CITY TO USE STATE GRANT FOR ROLLING OUT BLUE BIKE SYSTEM

CHELSEA - The City announced that it is in the final stages of signing a contract with Blue Bikes – owned by Lyft – to bring five new docking stations and expand the full Blue Bike system to Chelsea.

The news comes after state officials rewarded Chelsea a \$100,000 Workforce Transportation grant this month, which will pay for the stations and the implementation. The news comes just as the City learned in January that LimeBike – the former dockless bike-share provider in Chelsea – was withdrawing from the market of bike sharing, and focusing only on the emerging e-scooter business.

Now, the City will once again have a bike-share provider, and one that is connected to Everett, Somerville, Cambridge, Brookline and Boston.

“That grant allows us to really execute an agreement and enter into a contract with Blue Bike and develop the system,” said Ben Cares, of the Chelsea Planning Department. “We are tying up all the loose ends and getting the money from the grant. We are in contract discussions with our City Manager and Lyft and our Planning Department to fully roll out the program and implement it in the near future.”

Cares said the grant covers all costs of the five station rollout, and he hopes that it will be implemented in late spring or early summer.

Cares said having a bike-share system is not just a fun amenity, but a way for workers to bridge the “last mile” from public transportation hubs in Chelsea. Using the bikes can get workers home outside regular transportation hours and can also help them get closer to home from Silver Line Stations.

“It will be used for outside of regular transportation hours certainly,” he said. “It should be and will be used as supplemental to the existing public transportation system. It’s also offering another way for transporting people and getting them out of single-occupant vehicles and cars. It’s sustainable and a critical piece of transportation for the workforce population.”

As the program begins to roll out, Cares said residents should look for meetings to discuss the details, particularly the locations of the five new stations. Nothing is set in stone, but he said there would like have to be one in the downtown area on Broadway near City Hall.

“The specifics where they’ll go are to be determined and we’ll look to go through a public input process to determine the locations of those five stations,” he said.

The 23 grants, including Chelsea’s, are a result of a recommendation in the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) 2019 Congestion Report to encourage employers to create innovative solutions for assisting employees to commute to work by using public transportation or shared transportation. These 23 grants will fund a total of 21 groups, including Regional Transit Authorities (RTA), municipalities, Transportation Management Associations (TMA), business organizations and others which have demonstrated an intention to shift commuters from single-occupancy vehicles

to other modes of transportation to help alleviate roadway congestion and reduce emissions from the transportation sector.

“These Workforce Transportation Grants will allow employers to provide additional commuting options to their employees, increasing access to jobs, alleviating traffic congestion and reducing greenhouse gas emissions,” said Gov. Charlie Baker. “Our administration will continue to work with the business community, local leaders and the legislature to support ways to address congestion on the Commonwealth’s roadways.”

## BPDA APPROVES BREMEN STREET PROJECT

EAST BOSTON - The Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) Board of Directors approved the development project on Bremen Street in East Boston. The BPDA approved project will bring 145 residential units, 21 of which are income-restricted to the neighborhood. The BPDA said the project will make progress towards Mayor Martin Walsh’s goal of increasing affordable housing to support a strong middle-class. Bremen Acquisitions filed the project with the BPDA last year that kicked off an Article 80 review by the BPDA and the appointment of an IAG made up of community members for the proposal. The now approved project will revitalize a non-conforming and outdated industrial use currently housing Gino’s Auto Body on Bremen Street into a development that includes a mix of residential housing and ground-floor retail space. The project consists of the construction of a mixed-use development with 145 residential units, up to 3,200 square feet of retail space, and up to 61 off-street vehicle parking spaces. The project also includes related upgrades in public realm improvements, including pedestrian and vehicular access, landscaping and streetscape design. With a combined land area of approximately 34,160 square feet, the site consists of nine contiguous parcels of land with a series of non-descript automobile repair structures, one small wood-frame residential buildings, surface parking and multiple curb-cuts off Bremen Street. The 110,000 square-foot building will also include more than 3,000 square feet of retail space, over 2,155 square feet of artist workspace with gallery programming, up to 61 parking spaces and 145 bicycle storage spaces. According to the BPDA The ground-floor retail space will be designed for an urban grocery store/market operator, daycare operator or local retailer. The development team will work in consultation with the BPDA and the Mayor’s Office of Economic Development to market the retail space for these desired uses. Prior to the BPDA vote Bremen Acquisition released its community mitigation package to members of the project’s IAG. The package is comparable to other projects of its size with \$200,000 in direct money benefits Eastie. The developer agreed to doing 15 percent affordable onsite housing--two percent more than what is required under the BPDA inclusionary policy. The developer is also putting in 19 trees, expanding the sidewalks, up to 18 feet in some areas, a safety bump out to make crossing Bremen Street easier for pedestrians as well as creating a more active

Bremen Street in what has been an industrial area. Bremen Acquisitions has also agreed to expand the retail space to make room for a fresh grocer, which is desperately needed in the area.

## SANCTUARY CITIES LIKE BOSTON COME UNDER ATTACK FROM CBP

EAST BOSTON - The U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) confirmed it has deployed specially trained agents to sanctuary cities like Boston, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Atlanta, Houston, New Orleans, Detroit and Newark, N.J., to help Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents capture undocumented immigrants.

The decision of CPB to send 100 members of its Border Patrol Tactical Unit (BORTAC) to track down and detain undocumented immigrants has recieved immediate backlash from Eastie’s elected officialy at both the local and federal level, as well as immigration rights activists.

BOARTAC is an elite CPB unit, much like a SWAT team, that are usually deployed to remote and dangerous areas of the U.S. southern border, Iraq and Afghanistan. The use of such a unit is now stoking fear among Eastie’s immigrant population.

“Because this initiative is unnecessary, unwelcome, dangerous, menacing, retaliatory and unlikely to achieve its stated goal, we write to demand that you reverse course and to pose questions to better understand your rationale for employing paramilitary-style immigration personnel equipped with ‘stun grenades and enhanced Special Forces-type training, including sniper certification’ in Boston and elsewhere in the United States.” wrote Mass U.S. Sens. Elizabeth Warren and Ed Markey in a joint letter to the CBP opposing the deployment. “BORTAC personnel are not meant to focus on routine operations in some of the United States’ largest cities, and there is no need for them to be part of these operations. Last July, an ‘emergency’ supplemental appropriation was passed and signed into law (over our opposition), providing ICE with hundreds of millions of dollars of additional funding. It is unclear why ICE now needs to draw upon elite CBP resources in order to carry out its operations.”

Warren and Markey argue the real explanation for this deployment appears to be President Donald Trump and his administration’s attempts to “punish American cities” that reject his immigration policies.

U.S. Rep. Ayanna Pressley, who represents Eastie in Congress, agreed with Warren and Markey.

“Let us be clear, this move has nothing to do with public safety, but rather serves only to further the Trump Administration’s agenda to intimidate and retaliate against cities that uphold the dignity and humanity of our immigrant neighbors,” she said. “We will not stand for this. Where this administration chooses cruelty, the City of Boston will choose compassion. We will do everything in our power to affirm the safety and humanity of our immigrant neighbors. I call on each of my colleagues in government in the City of Boston and targeted cities across the nation to affirm that we will not comply or cooperate with this abuse of power from the Trump Administration. We know our communities are made-

## CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH



PHOTO BY MARIANNE SALZA

Marc Elie Mordoin with his piece, “Shadow Self,” and Fredeline Thompson enjoyed the ribbon-cutting celebration at the new City Hall Gallery in Everett City Hall that kicked off with a celebration of Black History Month. Artists from the community and the public schools came together for the opening of the gallery and a celebration of Black History and culture.

stronger by our immigrant neighbors and we will not turn our back on them in this time of persecution.”

The Lawyers for Civil Rights (LCR) called for support so they can continue fighting immigration cases and deportations pro-bono.

“Sanctuary cities are under attack,” said LCR in a statement. “Special tactical teams that normally operate at the border are being deployed in sanctuary cities across the country. Make no mistake: this is all designed to intimidate immigrant friendly cities and towns. These tactics provoke fear and uncertainty. Immigrants are pushed deeper into the shadows, and victims and witnesses of crime are reluctant to come forward. This makes us all unsafe. Right now, we need more immigrant friendly and sanctuary policies, not less. We need more humanitarian protections to keep our families and neighbors safe. We stand ready to deploy our pro bono network to protect and empower immigrant communities.”

Donations can be made to [www.donatenow.networkforgood.org/lawyersforcivilrights?mc\\_cid=757aa6b-c3d&mc\\_eid=73a1fcce63](http://www.donatenow.networkforgood.org/lawyersforcivilrights?mc_cid=757aa6b-c3d&mc_eid=73a1fcce63).

## NEW DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT SELECTED

EVERETT - Incoming Supt. Priya Tahiliani has put forth her choice for the new position of Deputy Superintendent, and that person – an attorney that works alongside her at Boston Public Schools (BPS) – is the co-defendant with Tahiliani in a pay equity lawsuit against BPS.

According to the agenda and Chair Tom Abruzzese, Tahiliani – who starts of-

ficially on March 1 – was scheduled Tuesday night at the School Committee meeting to put forth Kim Tsai as her new deputy superintendent. The position is a new one and would be her second-in-command, though it would not displace any administrators now in place, including the two assistant superintendents.

“Priya is coming before us to put forth Kim Tsai,” said Abruzzese. “That’s who she wants as her deputy. It comes down to the School Committee approving the matter and negotiating a contract with Kim Tsai. If we do, she would start on March 1 with Priya.”

The matter was on the agenda for the School Committee meeting on Feb. 18, which came too late for Independent deadlines.

The new deputy superintendent job was proposed by Tahiliani earlier this month, and approved by the School Committee.

Tsai is the director of legal compliance at the Office of English Language Learners in BPS. An attorney who graduated from New York University and New England School of Law, she is also the co-defendant on a pay equity lawsuit with Tahiliani against BPS. That suit is still pending, but Tahiliani told the Independent in a previous article that it was all about standing up for fair and equitable treatment for all women, including those that are coming up behind her and Tsai.

The lawsuit, filed in 2018, indicates that she and Tsai were doing the same work as men at BPS, but were getting paid less. The suit asks for comparable back pay with any affirmative ruling.

“She came before us with the job description

and the request and we approved that,” said Abruzzese. “Now there is a name and a face attached to that job description. It’s what she wants and I want to give her all the tools necessary to succeed. It will be up to the rest of the School Committee to see how they want to go forward.”

## AUDITORS PRESENT RESULTS OF ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

EVERETT - On Monday, Feb. 10, Council heard a presentation by the City’s Chief Financial Officer, Eric Demas, regarding the City’s recent comprehensive annual financial report.

Also speaking were attorneys Andres Tejada and Francis Serreti, from Powers & Sullivan LLC, the City’s external auditors.

Demas started off the meeting saying that Mayor Carlo DeMaria wanted to make the Council aware of the results of the audit, even though it had not been requested.

“The mayor thought that, given the number of new members on the board, it was an opportunity to have independent auditors come in and make a presentation,” he said.

Councilors were given copies of the 133-page report detailing the City’s financial situation between June 2018 and June 2019.

The City will be submitting its report to the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting Program (CAFR). The goal of the program is to ensure that users of the City’s financial reports—citizens, media, legislators, etc.—are able to assess the

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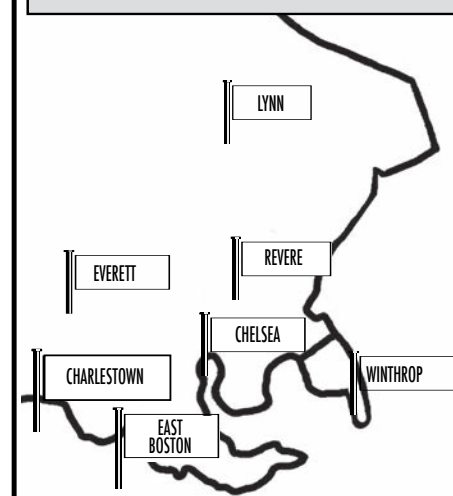
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