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INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS ON CBD PROJECT

As work progresses on the Center Business District Infrastructure Project and the Town of Winthrop continues to complete repairs on the water distribution system in this area, some nearby residents may be contacted by the Department of Public Works to install a temporary water supply to your household. Residents who may be affected by this temporary connection will receive a notice from the Department of Public Works.

As a result of the work on this project, the Town will supply those contacted, water through a temporary bypass system for the duration of the work. In order to complete the temporary bypass connection, the Town of Winthrop's Contractor, P. Gioioso & Sons, Inc. will need to access your water meter on April 29, 2020. Once you are connected to the temporary bypass system, your water will operate as normal. Should you experience issues with the temporary water system or have any questions or concerns relative to the temporary water supply, please contact the Town of Win-

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Wearing there shirts with pride, a group of seniors holds up 2020 balloons in the WHS gym

Emotions are high for graduating seniors

By Kate Anslinger

Everyone has different ways of coping with life in quarantine. Some rely on technology to maintain social interactions; others prefer the escape of a good book, and for others, exercise is a way to de-stress during these uncertain

times. Regardless of age, gender, social status, and education, the impact of the Corona Virus has undoubtedly weighed heavily on everyone. Weddings have been postponed, concerts and events cancelled, and family gatherings are limited to video conferencing, but for high school seniors,

the loss comes with copious amounts of emotion. Several of Winthrop High School seniors weighed in on their new norm of living and the things that they've grown to appreciate.

Keeping busy and main-

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Planning a town budget in the midst of a pandemic

By Laura Plummer

The Winthrop Town Council met on Tuesday, April 21, where Town Manager Austin Faison and Asst. Town Manager/CFO Anna Freedman presented the Fiscal Year 2021 Budget for the Town of Winthrop.

Faison introduced the pre-recorded presentation, now a month behind schedule, by reflecting on the "strange times" in which we are living.

"This is probably the most unique budget that I will do in my career," he said. "We worked really hard this year to come up with priorities in a very limited budget."

Faison added that all departments were making concessions "to ensure that there

was no staff reduction."

Governments around the Commonwealth are currently scrambling to assemble viable budgets in the middle of the economic crisis resulting from the COVID-19 epidemic. Faison and his team are prepared to leverage the town's many resources in order to create more economic resiliency.

"It is important for Winthrop to face these financial challenges head on," he said in the presentation.

Last year, the Town switched to an online budgeting program with a web-based submission format. This year, with the help of Asst. Town Manager Freedman, it expands on those changes with more goals and precise metrics, as well as urging department heads

to approach budgeting differently.

Budget Highlights

-The FY21 budget shows a 2.26 percent increase (approximately \$1.46 million) over last year's budget. This additional money will go toward fixed costs, the School Department and other town departments. The presentation showed that Winthrop has very little financial flexibility. The allocated percent of new recurring revenue growth is as follows: 62 percent to the School Department, 29 percent to fixed costs, and 9 percent to town departments.

-The budget lays out five key policy issues and initiatives to focus on in the

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Updates from the Town

Special to The Transcript

Town Manager Austin Faison and Public Health Director Meredith Hurley would like to update Win-

throp residents on the latest information involving the COVID-19 pandemic. They have received notification from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) of four additional residents affected by COVID-19.

As of April 28, cases are up to 157 with 85 in isolation; six deceased and 66 recovered.

Comcast Extends Comprehensive COVID-19 Response Policies

As shelter in place con-

tinues to be the norm and schools remain closed across the country, Comcast announced today it will extend its commitments for Xfinity customers through June 30 to help ensure students can finish out the school year from home and remain connected to the internet during the COVID-19 crisis.

Originally announced on March 13, Comcast made the following commitments that will now be extended into the summer:

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A New Rule in Town Cover your face, or face a \$1,000 fine

By Laura Plummer

Taking a cue from other Massachusetts communities like Cambridge, Peabody and Somerville, Winthrop officials are now making face coverings in public compulsory. Those who do not follow the directive can be fined up to \$1,000.

Previously, masks and other forms of face covering were highly encouraged to slow the spread of the COVID-19 coronavirus. Due to an emergency order issued on April 22, they are now de rigueur and their use will be enforced by the Winthrop Police Department.

The declaration by the Town Council and the Winthrop Board of Health states that masks covering both the mouth and nose must be worn by the following: anyone entering an essential business, employees of an essential business when

working with the public or within six feet of a coworker, food service workers when handling food, and anyone entering a residential or commercial building greater than one unit. Businesses are authorized to refuse service to anyone who is not complying with the face covering order.

The order also demands proper disposal of masks and other personal protection equipment (PPE). Littering of these items is punishable by a fine of up to \$300. This stipulation came about as street cleaners reported large amounts of discarded PPE showing up on sidewalks and in gutters.

Circumstances under which individuals may remain mask-free include walking in public spaces while maintaining social distance, riding in a personal vehicle and sheltering at home. Children under five

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Families and residents alike will need to wear a facemask if they intend to go out into public in the Town.

School district enters phase three of remote learning

By Kate Anslinger

In response to Governor Baker's announcement that Massachusetts schools will be closed for the remainder of the school year, the Department of Education (DOE) provided the district with updated guidelines for remote learning.

In only six weeks, the district has gone from a classroom setting, to phase one and two of remote learning. Now, the administration, faculty and students will be entering phase three, following the DOE's guidance. This phase of learning will enhance and refine remote learning plans, allowing for an expansion of remote learning in grades K through 8. This will build on the initial guidance that was passed down on March 26th and will provide a focus on deepening standards in both student learning and teaching content.

"There has been a traumatic shift for both teachers and students, who went from being in a classroom and interacting continuously, to remote learning where not every child has access to technology and the same amount of parental support time," said School Super-

intendent Lisa Howard. "Every family's situation is different."

In phase three, the district will be encouraged to ramp up engagement and face time with students at all levels. Howard met with the principals, administrators and curriculum director, Lori Galvin, to go over guidelines, assessing what needs to be done in each grade level.

"We believe that within one week's timeframe we will have adjustments made. We can prepare teachers with the tools needed and talk to parents about expectations."

The Google Classroom has been executed at the elementary level and staff is being trained on the various capabilities and forms of video conferencing.

"There is a lot of work to be done. We are teaching kids to learn remotely... remotely. It has not been easy but the staff has been fully committed to doing what they need to do. We will be tweaking the remote learning plan right up to the last day of school, hoping that we never have to use it again, but we will have something in place if we do."

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OUR Opinions

ALLOWING THE STATES TO GO BANKRUPT IS A REALLY BAD IDEA

One of the most glaring shortcomings thus far of the stimulus and disaster packages that have been passed by Congress in response to the COVID-19 pandemic has been the failure to provide assistance to the states.

Every state in the nation is seeing its revenues plummet to never-before-experienced depths. However, of the trillions of dollars thus far appropriated by Congress, there is barely a penny for state government operations -- and by extension, municipalities -- which are carrying the battle against the pandemic on the front lines.

The states thus are caught in an ever-tightening vise of plunging tax revenues on the one hand and skyrocketing costs on the other.

Despite the obvious squeeze on state budgets, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell last week commented, in response to a question about whether the Congress soon would be aiding the states, that he believed it would be preferable for states and municipalities to declare bankruptcy than for the federal government to provide needed funding to close their budget gaps.

It is hard to fathom why somebody of McConnell's stature would make such a statement, other than to give voice to the general Republican creed that disdains government operations at all levels. In particular, the GOP has immense dislike for what it considers to be overly-generous pension plans for state and municipal union employees.

However, the reason why states are in such desperate fiscal trouble these days has nothing to do with their pension or budget policies, but specifically is linked to the coronavirus, which has had a devastating financial impact on every facet of commerce, including state budgets.

Questions regarding the pension plans of the states as a contributor to their overall fiscal soundness certainly can be debated, but this is not the time to do so amidst this unprecedented crisis.

State and municipal governments across the country provide the first line of response for every American in protecting our health and welfare, so it makes no sense to allow states and municipalities to fail in this mission at this critical juncture amidst a pandemic that threatens to extend for many months.

In addition, without funding from the federal government, state and local governments will be forced to make layoffs of police, firefighters, teachers, and others in order to balance their budgets, a situation that will exacerbate even further the national unemployment rate.

Finally, the effect on the bond market from a plethora of state and municipal bankruptcies could have far-reaching and long-lasting negative effects for the country and the economy.

In short, there is nothing good that can come out of state and municipal bankruptcies at this time; but there is a lot that is bad.

Mitch McConnell's opinions are a grotesque perversion of responsible government. Hopefully, the rest of the Congress will not go along with his extreme and destructive ideas.

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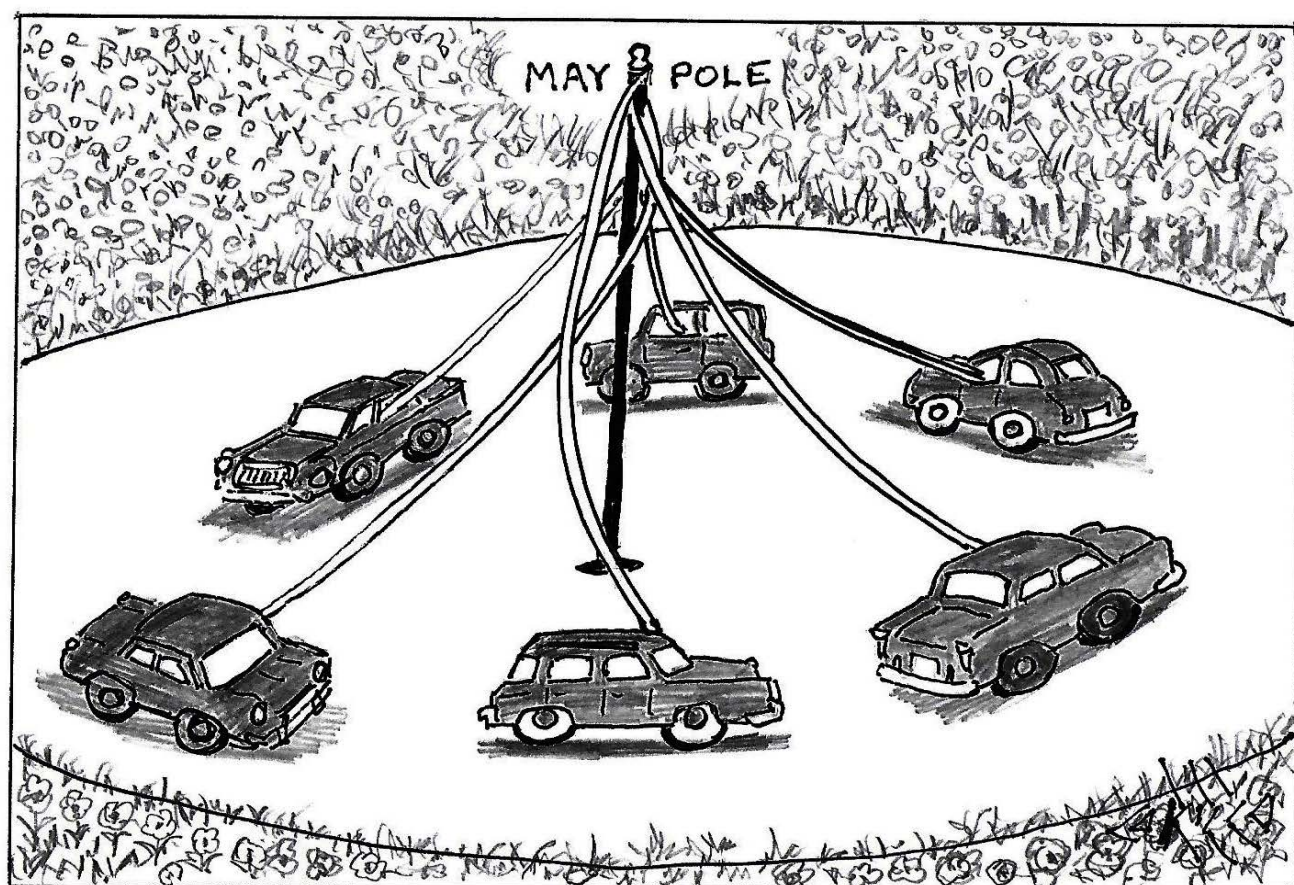
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ROLE OF GOVERNMENT POST COVID 19

Dear Editor,

While we shelter in place it is imperative to start planning a pathway out of this shutdown. Shutting down the American economy has consequences. The consequences have fallen on businesses and citizens working in the private sector. 26,000,000 Americans are now without jobs and income. So what will the private sector look like post Covid19? Sadly, many businesses will not survive and with those businesses

go the jobs.

It is the private sector that produces and creates everything. The private sector IS the economy. Most small businesses and most people struggle to survive even during good times. Government has a responsibility to these citizens and businesses.

Question: What can government do to mitigate this economic torture and ensure the best economic recovery?

Answer: Downsize government.

Downside local, state and federal government in both size and spending

by 20-25 percent. All government has grown exponentially in the proceeding decades, and governments' size and scope is now a detriment to economic survival. All levels of government should be implementing a reduction of the burden on the private sector. Government reductions should at least be commensurate to the reduction in the private sector.

Reduce government from the top of the "food chart" to start. Those positions with incredibly high salaries and dubious job titles which are not imperative should be eliminat-

ed. Those public employees performing true services to keep our government running are obvious to most and valuable. These employees fix the roads, they assist our citizens and their work is both visible and important.

Give us small responsive government again. A true government of the people by the people will do what is in the best interest of our citizens. Let us all get back to work together to rebuild America.

Paul Caruccio
Chairman Winthrop
Republican Town
Committee

GUEST OP-ED

Fighting for the Frontline

help provide housing, personal protective equipment (PPE), and meals to make lives easier for them. This website provides a centralized place to get information on those resources.

For health care workers who may be exposed and can't be with their families, we've compiled resources for alternative housing so they can have a place to stay and minimize the risks for their families in case they become infected.

For parents who are working essential jobs and are struggling to find a safe place for their kids, we've put everything in one place to ensure they can continue to access childcare.

And to protect our heroes and honor people like Officer Jose Fontanez, who lost his life to COVID-19 while keeping our communities safe, we're working with stakeholders to secure PPE. I encourage health care facilities and providers, police and fire departments, and state and county agencies to consult the resources we've

put together to get first responders and frontline workers the protective gear and information they need.

We've also compiled details on priority testing sites, tips for self-care, guidance on self-isolation and quarantine, and a list of free and discounted meals so that our health care workers, first responders, and their families can stay informed, safe, and healthy.

In addition to providing frontline workers with essential information, we want to make sure they know how much our communities appreciate and support them. That's why we created a Hero Wall where people can post pictures and send messages to thank our heroes and our frontline workers can share their own messages. I encourage everyone to post pictures of their sidewalk chalk or window art, or just a kind note, to say thank you to our nurses, doctors, healthcare workers and first responders. Throughout the site, you'll see opportuni-

ties to chip in, by providing a meal or two, providing a safe place for workers to stay in between shifts, volunteering, or donating PPE.

Just like all of us, I'm thankful for our frontline workers who bravely show up and risk their lives every day to combat this pandemic and keep us safe.

We're grateful for our partners at HubSpot and IDEO who helped make this website possible, and for the invaluable input from healthcare providers and police and fire associations in making sure this website is the most effective for our frontline. We'll continue to update it as new information becomes available.

To our frontline workers, please use FrontlineMA.org as a resource during this battle. And to everyone else, stay home, stay safe, and thank a hero.

Maura Healey is the Attorney General for the State of Massachusetts

Frontline Resources

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OBITUARIES

Antonio Moscato

Of Revere

Antonio Moscato of Revere died on April 26 at the age of 88.

Born in Mirabella, Italy on June 13, 1931 to the late Michele and Antonina Moscato, he was the beloved husband of the late Julia (Caruso) Moscato. He was preceded in death by his loving daughter, Ann Longo and son, Michael Moscato. He was the cherished grandfather of Michael Longo of Revere, dear brother of Phyllis Moscato and her late husband, Mario of Wakefield, Joe Moscato and his late wife, Rosamond of Revere, Sandra Terramagra and her husband .Louis of North Andover and the late Lena Grassa and is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

Marion Gale

The ultimate Revere girl

Marion (Gould) Gale of Reading, formerly of Revere, died on April 24 at the age of 84.

Although her last few years were spent in Reading, Marion was the ultimate Revere Girl, born and raised. Known around town as the “Headband and Hat Lady” - she was the fashion-plate of Revere. Marion loved Revere and specifically, Revere Beach. Like an Official Historian, Marion would recount stories of her youth on Revere Beach – “The Nation’s First Public Beach” she would say. She would pine about days and nights spent at the Revere Beach Amusement Park, Dancing at Wonderland Ballroom, and all the hilarious stories of the time spent with her cousins. She loved Kelly’s Roast Beef and fulfilled a dream of living in a condo on Revere Beach. It was at her condo on Revere Beach that her grandchildren will remember her best. She referred to them as her “Angels,” and when they were babies, they would go to the beach all day and then back to her condo for a “baby powder” bath.

Her children will tell you they never had a lot, but their mother never said “No” to friends coming over, and somehow she always had a “Magic can of Tuna” that could feed two to ten!

Marion was the classic Irish-Catholic lassie and always maintained an incredibly strong faith and relationship with God. We know she is with the Lord and her loving family members in Heaven, and we will



In accordance with the CDC’s current restrictions on gatherings due to Covid-19, all services will be held privately. Interment Holy Cross Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimer’s Association, 309 Waverley Oaks Rd, Waltham, MA 02452. For guest book please visit www.buonfiglio.com.



miss her until we are all together again.

Born in Winthrop on October 2, 1935 to the late George and Marion (Callahan) Gould, she was the devoted mother of Dyan Dal Pozzo and her husband, Michael of Reading, Denise Gale of Everett, Debra Gale-Snow and her husband, Jay of Key West FL, David Gale of Revere and Doreen Joly and her husband, Jim of Wakefield; beloved sister of Joanne Biagi of Virginia, Eileen Gavin and her husband, Bill of Winthrop, and the late Grace and Edward Waugh; cherished grandmother of Matt, Melissa, Danielle, Ben, Gabby and Alex. She is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

In accordance with the CDC’s current restrictions on gatherings due to Covid-19, all services will be held privately. Interment Woodlawn Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Bear Mountain at Reading, Attention: Employee Fund, 1364 Main St, Reading, MA 01867 or to Winchester Hospital, Attention: Emergency Room Staff or Floor B2 Staff, 41 Highland Ave, Winchester, MA 01890. For guest book please visit www.buonfiglio.com.

William McQuillen

Retired educator

William McQuillen, 76, of Peabody, passed away at the Beverly Hospital after a period of declining health.

The only child of William and Catherine (Ryan) McQuillen, Bill grew up in the Roslindale/West Roxbury section of Boston. He was a graduate of Boston Latin School, earned a Bachelor’s degree from Boston State Teachers’ College, and a Master’s degree from the University of Maine at Orono. Bill was proud of having been a member of the Boston Latin Drum and Bugle Corps that marched at the inauguration of President John F. Kennedy.

Bill’s entire teaching career was spent with the students at the Middle School of Reading. He himself was a devoted student of history and enjoyed dressing in costume to play the part of historical characters.

In his retirement, Bill enjoyed watching the Boston Red Sox and the New England Patriots and visiting historical sites, especially Gettysburg, and in more recent years he had travelled to China, Serbia and Croatia. A faith-filled Catholic, Bill was a member of St.

Adelaide’s Church in Peabody and was a well-liked CCD teacher.

Holding him close in memory are his cousins, Maureen Lord of Plymouth, Michelle Morgan of Boston, Dr. Kevin Ryan of Narraganset, RI, Judith Parsons of Hanover, Alice Daly of Weymouth and Barbara Farquhar of Merrimac as well as Paul Govoni and Jill Govoni Carter, both of Winthrop. He is further survived by his kind and generous neighbors and his church family.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations in Bill’s name be made to one of his favorite charities, St Jude Hospital for Children 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN. 38105.

Due to restrictions from the Covid-19 pandemic, Funeral Services will be private and a Memorial Mass will be held at a later date. Funeral arrangements are being handled by the Maurice W. Kirby Funeral Home 210 Winthrop St. Winthrop. To sign Bill’s guestbook, please visit our website at www.mauricekirbyfh.com.

Kathleen Garten

Registered Nurse

Kathleen M. “Kathy” (Costigan) Garten of Ft. Myers, FL, formerly of Winthrop, passed away on April 20. She was 66 years old and was employed as a Registered Nurse.

She was the beloved wife of David F. Garten, Born in Winthrop, Kathy was the cherished daughter of the late Bernard J. “Bernie” and Marilyn L. (Doherty) Costigan. She was the dear sister of Bernard J. Costigan Jr. and his wife, Mary of Winthrop, John F. Costigan and his wife, Judy of Peabody, Thomas C. Costigan and his wife, Eileen of Allston, James R. Costigan and his wife Maura of Tewksbury and the late Rosemary Costigan. Kathy is also survived by several nieces and



nephews.

Due to the present CDC and Massachusetts guidelines, funeral service and burial will be private. Funeral arrangements are being handled by the Maurice W. Kirby Funeral Home 210 Winthrop St. Winthrop. To sign Kathy’s guestbook, please visit www.mauricekirbyfh.com.

Charles Lee Carter, Jr.

Former corrections officer at Deer Island and Suffolk County House of Corrections



Charles Lee “Chubba” Carter Jr, of Winthrop passed away on April 22, He was 81 years old.

Born in Winthrop, the son of the late Charles L. and Mildred (Duggan) Carter Sr.,

Chubba was a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps, serving from 1955-1958, attaining the rank of Sergeant before his discharge, He was employed for several companies throughout his life including, a Correction Officer at the Deer Island, Suffolk County House of Correction, Bethlehem Steel and finally at Boston Coach as a chauffeur. Chubba could be seen throughout the Town of Winthrop, visiting the various coffee shops and drug stores on a daily basis. He

enjoyed spending time at the Winthrop Public Landing looking out at the ocean and watching the boats enter and exit the harbor.

Charles is survived by his siblings John Carter and his wife, Margaret of Palm Bay, FL, Nancy Cohen and her husband, Kenneth of West Palm, FL, Robert Carter and his wife. Janice of Revere and Fred Carter and his wife, Christine of Salem, NH. He is also survived by 13 nieces and nephews and nine great nieces and nephews.

Due to current CDC and Massachusetts regulations, funeral services will be private. A Celebration of Life will be held at a future date and time to be announced when scheduled. Funeral arrangements are being handled by the Maurice W. Kirby Funeral Home 210 Winthrop St. Winthrop. To sign Chubba’s guestbook, please visit our website at www.mauricekirbyfh.com.

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House passes legislation to track data at long-term care and elder housing facilities

On April 21, House Speaker Robert A. DeLeo along with his colleagues in the House of Representatives passed legislation to require long-term care and housing facilities to report and track COVID-19 positive cases and mortalities to public health officials during the public health emergency.

“In an effort to protect those most in need, we seek accurate and daily data on COVID-19 cases and mortalities at our long-term care, assisted living, and senior housing facilities, which have been difficult to obtain since the outbreak began,” said Speaker DeLeo (D – Winthrop). “I am grateful to Chair Balser for her advocacy on behalf of the older adult community’s work to act on this crucial legislation.”

The legislation includes the following provisions that apply to facilities including long-term care facilities, assisted living residences, elderly housing facilities, and specifically the Soldiers’ Homes in Chelsea and Holyoke.

- These facilities shall report daily to local departments of health and to the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) the number of known COVID-19 positive cases and mortalities among residents and staff at the facility.

- DPH shall make the data publicly available on its website and update it daily, including the name of the facility, the number

of known COVID-19 positive cases and mortalities of both resident and staff cases and mortalities.

- Facilities shall report daily to residents’ families, guardians, and legally-authorized representatives the number of known COVID-19 positive cases and mortalities among facility staff and residents.

- DPH shall report weekly the number of COVID-19 positive cases and mortalities at these facilities – including demographic data including race, age and sex in aggregate form – to the House and Senate Committees on Ways & Means.

“Our long term care facilities, assisted living residences, and elder housing are the epicenter of this public health crisis,” said Representative Ruth Balser, House Chair of the Joint Committee on Elder Affairs (D-Newton). “Those with loved ones in these residences, and the larger community, are understandably alarmed. The legislation passed by the House today will ensure that facilities and public health officials inform family members and the public on a daily basis of the number of positive cases and the number of mortalities among the residents and the workforce. It is our hope that with transparent reporting, the necessary testing, personal protective equipment, and staff support will be made available to these facilities.”

The bill will now go to the Senate.

Metro Credit Union donates 5,000 N95 masks to Partners Healthcare

Metro Credit Union, Massachusetts’ largest state-chartered credit union, today announced that it has donated 5,000 N95 masks to Partners HealthCare amid the coronavirus crisis. The masks will be distributed to Partners institutions, which include Brigham and Women’s Faulkner Hospital, Brigham and Women’s Hospital, Massachusetts General Hospital, and Boston Hope Medical Center, a 1,000-bed medical center for those recovering from Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19), among others. The single use masks were stored as part of a business continuity plan implemented by Metro in the event of an emergency. With the increased need and decreased supply of Personal Protective Equipment across Massachusetts, Metro CEO and President Robert Cashman decided unequivocally that the masks would be best used in the hands of the state’s front line responders.

Metro has also taken the necessary steps to protect the safety of its more than 225,000 members and 340 employees. Immediately following Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker’s Stay at Home Advisory on March 23, Metro closed its 14 branch offices – reopening those without drive-ups to appointment only and

those with drive-ups to be staffed with trained Metro employees in protective gear. All branch employees have been provided with masks, gloves, sanitizer, and Plexiglas guards to protect both themselves and the members with whom they interact.

Additionally, after deploying more than 200 laptops to its back office employees, the entire Metro organization was set up to work remotely within two weeks without any disruption to business activity. While these remote employees will not interact directly with Metro members, Cashman arranged for each to receive a hand-made mask in the mail to increase the safety of both the employee and their families.

“At Metro, we are in the business of helping other people,” said Cashman. “As our nation and specifically the communities we serve face such troubling times, it is a privilege to be able to help ease the burden of our partners, members, and employees in some small way.”

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Seniors //

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taining a positive attitude have worked for Patrick Haskell during these past few weeks. While the transition to online education has taken some getting used to, Haskell feels that the administration has made it as seamless as possible and he has embraced the new norm. The extra time spent in the confines of his home has allowed Haskell to uncover some hidden passions such as cooking, art and yoga.

“I’ve also grown a new appreciation and love for my family and I am grateful to be spending more time with them,” said Haskell, who will be heading to the University of Miami in the Fall to pursue biology, if all goes according to plans.

While Haskell has adapted to his new lifestyle of online learning and social distancing, he misses being with his teachers and the classmates that he has spent the last twelve years with. He has no doubt that the faculty at WHS will make the senior class celebrations a top priority and he has learned to take nothing for granted.

“I think we can all learn to appreciate the little things in life and live each day to the fullest from now on. I feel that being in quarantine has helped people gain new appreciations for certain things that will last beyond quarantine. I think it’s fair to say that everyone has learned something from these tough times that they will take with them for the rest of their lives.”

For Senior Class Secretary, Olivia Driscoll, online learning has been stressful, but she is grateful to maintain solid communication with her teachers.

“During these months, seniors have experienced a lot of change, and online learning is very tough when you are unsure about the future,” said Driscoll. “For instance, it is difficult to prepare for AP tests remotely and I had really hoped to do well on those. On the positive side, I am grateful that I can still see my teachers through remote learning and continue to ask for advice regarding my future.”

Like her fellow classmates, Driscoll has felt the emotional turmoil that goes



The senior class stands proudly in front of Winthrop High School.

along with fear of the unknown. Having more time to think, she’s found herself asking questions about the future.

“What will happen next? Will we get to graduate? Will we get to travel to college in the fall? The only way I know how to deal with the never ending questions is by keeping myself as busy as possible. I have spent a lot of my time brainstorming ideas for the senior class with the hope that we can reschedule events that we have all looked forward to since freshman year. The senior class officers have been working with our principal and superintendent to plan for a special end to our senior year.”

Driscoll will be attending Clemson University to major in psychology and hopes to go to graduate school to study Speech-Language Pathology.

Like most students at WHS, Driscoll misses the teachers and has a greater appreciation for being in a classroom.

“There is a very strong bond between teachers and students at WHS, which has been helpful to me since my freshman year. I hope that we will be able to formally, in person, say our farewells to our teachers at some point before we leave for college.”

For now, Driscoll is focusing on the great memories she’s had in school and is looking forward to what

the future holds, even if the world looks different.

“I think that people will be scared of getting sick for a very long time, and I feel that events that don’t allow for social distancing will be altered for years to come. I do think that this situation will inspire the community to be innovative and come up with ways for businesses to thrive and people to enjoy life. In addition, I believe that living through this situation will allow the world to be better prepared for similar future situations.”

A main cause of stress is not knowing when and if life will ever go back to normal. Senior, Kevin Dorr, has struggled to stay motivated.

“Being completely honest, it’s been tough having my past few weeks of learning online. Finding the motivation to work is difficult because there really is no finish line. We’re going to graduate and have senior events eventually, but there isn’t much to look forward to since we’re not going back to school,” said Dorr, who plans to attend Syracuse University. “I’m really hoping that this does not impact upcoming fall semesters for colleges. I plan on studying supply chain management in the fall, and that is extremely relevant during this pandemic.”

Like other students, Dorr has found the silver lining in the situation and has dabbled in hobbies that he otherwise wouldn’t have time to do.



A group of seniors gathers outside of school.

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Since elementary school, Hannah Capone has imagined she would graduate alongside her lifelong classmates. Like her fellow seniors, Capone has looked forward to the events that are traditional during the

graduation season, and she never thought that she’d miss being in the hallways and classrooms of WHS as much as she does at this moment. Capone will be heading to Fordham University to study Computer Science, and while she was not prepared for her high school

career to end so abruptly, she is forever thankful for the 3.5 years that she spent making great memories.

“I feel that the world will eventually recover, but I think “normal” will be a lot different. This is a pivotal moment in history that will change us all forever.”

Winthrop DAR member sewing masks for healthcare and essential workers

Winthrop resident Susan Gerow is lending a helping hand to healthcare and other essential workers on the front lines of the pandemic, ensuring that local residents and facilities have more protective wear resources to face the threat of the COVID-19. Gerow, vice regent of the Boston Tea Party Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) responded to the medical mask shortage by sewing over 130 masks to local essential workers in the most need.

Gerow donated to a medical facility in Pennsylvania and a hospice in Western Massachusetts in addition to her fellow Winthrop residents in need.

“As a longtime Winthrop resident, I welcome the opportunity to support friends, family and neighbors,” said Gerow. “And a member of the DAR, I’m glad I can work to prevent the spread

of the virus in other states as well.”

Nationwide, DAR chapters from all 50 states have been participating in the organization’s Service to America From Home initiative with more than 200,000 masks already being donated and tens of thousands more produced every day to be distributed in local communities. Members in Massachusetts have sewn over 2500.

Those who would like to request a mask made by a DAR member can visit <https://www.fssdar.com/sta/>.

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A senior selfie, taken outside of school.

LOCAL STUDENTS EARN ACADEMIC HONORS

ARRIA INDUCTED INTO THE HONOR SOCIETY OF PHI KAPPA PHI

Sean Arria of Winthrop was recently initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation’s oldest and most selective all-discipline collegiate honor society. Arria was initiated at University of Massachusetts.

Arria is among approximately 30,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni to be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi each year. Membership is by invitation only and requires nomination and approval by a chapter. Only the top 10 percent of seniors and

7.5 percent of juniors are eligible for membership. Graduate students in the top 10 percent of the number of candidates for graduate degrees may also qualify, as do faculty, professional staff and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction.

Phi Kappa Phi was founded in 1897 under the leadership of undergraduate student Marcus L. Urann who had a desire to create a different kind of honor society: one that recognized excellence in all academic disciplines. Today, the Society has chapters on more than 300 campuses in the United States and the Philippines. Its mission is “To recognize and promote academic excellence in all

fields of higher education and to engage the community of scholars in service to others.”

BROWN RECEIVES THE SHINING STAR AWARD AT NICHOLS COLLEGE

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Patrick Haskell



Olivia Driscoll

Haskell, Driscoll named NEC Scholar-Athletes

Seniors Patrick Haskell and Olivia Driscoll have been named the recipients of the the Northeastern Conference Scholar Athlete Awards for Winthrop High School.

Both Patrick and Olivia have proven themselves on the playing field and in the classroom during their four years at Winthrop High School.

Haskell ranks fifth among the 129 members of the WHS Class of 2020 with a GPA of 4.70. Patrick excelled for all four years as a member of the Viking cross country and the indoor and outdoor track teams. He attained the honor of being named the captain for all three teams for his senior year.

Patrick qualified for the states in cross country in all four years and won the Lynn Invitational. He also qualified for the state meet in three events in track.

In the academic arena, Haskell is a member of the National Honor Society and won the President's Award for Academic Excellence (top five percent of the class) in all four of his years at WHS. He also received the Student of the Month Award 11 times over the course of his four-year high school career.

Haskell also participated actively in other extracurricular activities, including student government, in which he served on the committee that updated school regulations, and the drama society, in which he was a featured dancer in the production of Chicago.

"Patrick Haskell is a true leader," said his cross-country coach, Mark D'Amico. "He was always helping out the younger athletes on the team. He led by example, worked hard, and never complained.

"I remember in cross country when we where doing a significant amount of repeat 200s, around three miles worth, with only 60 seconds rest, and he was the only one who did every one of them, and in 30 seconds each, showing leadership and determination," D'Amico added. "He was always looking for ways to better himself and help out the team. He always wanted knowledge on how to improve. He would go the extra mile -- literally -- just to get better.

"I never had to worry when he was in charge," D'Amico continued. "Patrick was very reliable and professional, giving out directions and rules given

from the coach, helping the coach run practices. I remember one meet he ran 11.0 in the 100, which was the fastest time by a Winthrop boy since Derek Brugman in 2000. Then ran a 56.2 in the 400 and then triple-jumped a 36'-2"."

Haskell will be attending the University of Miami in the fall.

Olivia Driscoll is ranked 10th among the 129 WHS seniors with a GPA of 4.52. She is a member of the National Honor Society, serving as its secretary for two years, and received the President's Award for Educational Excellence in all four of her high school years.

Olivia also has been elected as her class secretary and was a member of the Student Council Executive Board. In addition, she performed 50 hours of community service annually.

In the athletic realm, Olivia was a member of the WHS hockey team for four years, scoring 45 points in her career, and serving as a captain in her senior year; she was a member of the tennis team that ended an 18-year drought by qualifying for the state tournament; and she was a fall cheerleader, winning an NEC Grand Championship and qualifying for regionals and states each year.

"Olivia is everything that a coach could want in a player and a captain," said her long-time youth and high school hockey coach, Anthony Martucci. "She is a great leader and an even better person. She brings 'it' every single day on the ice and in the classroom. She is a class act.

"Olivia is a tremendous listener," continued Martucci. "She always is looking to improve and she always puts the team first. She has been one of our best penalty killers for the last two years. She is so unselfish and helpful to others, especially the younger players. She is a leader, a role model, and a mentor.

"Personally, I am really going to miss having her on my team," Martucci added. "I have coached her since she was nine years old and she was always so much fun to be around. Her leadership and her effort will be sorely missed. I wish her nothing but the best in all her future endeavors. Clemson is getting one incredible tiger!"

Driscoll will be attending Clemson University in the fall.

WINTHROP'S TEAM PLAYER

Driscoll helps out in food distribution effort

By Cary Shuman

One year removed from his Super Bowl run as the St. Mary's football coach, Sean Driscoll is heading a very important team effort in town.

Driscoll, director of the Winthrop Parks and Recreation Department, is doubling up as one of the leaders of the town's food distribution program during the COVID-19 crisis.

Driscoll has joined forces with Matthew Rhodes of the Winthrop Council on Aging, Amy Gallagher, and Ellen Baxter - as well as Jeanne Maggio and the Winthrop Medical Reserve Corps - to deliver food items to residents in need.

"We're all working together on sorting the food and making the deliveries,"

said Driscoll.

As the global pandemic has continued, the requests for assistance have increased. The program is providing food to more than 200 residents per day.

"The town has been very generous and we've received a lot of donations, but we still need a lot more stuff," said Driscoll.

Driscoll offered his gratitude to a number of local businesses and donors, including Paul Marks, head of New England's leading specialty food distributor Paul W. Marks Co. Inc., Muffin Town, Steve Nalen of Courtyard Marriott, Patsy Cimon of the Meat Market, Derek Brodin, Joseph Ferrino (East Boston YMCA), Speaker of the House Robert A. DeLeo, and Olympic hockey captain Mike Eruzione and



Sean Driscoll and Tom Larritu are pictured at the Cummings School, where they are leading a townwide food distribution.

Winthrop Charities.

Driscoll said his group is also in communication with the St. John's Episcopal Church food pantry and local organization Mi Amor, collaborating on food distribution in the town.

The headquarters for the effort is Cummings Elementary School. "People contact us and we deliver to families at their residence," said Driscoll. "People can

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WMS BOYS TRAVEL TEAM



The Winthrop Middle School boys basketball travel team, pictured adjacent to their 2019 North Shore Basketball League championship banner. Front row, from left, are Angelo Racenes, Alessio Marcoccio, Andrew Faretra, Jake Galuris, Ryan Cifuni, and George Galuris. Back row, from left, are head coach Nick Tsiotos, Ryan Harris, Evan Rockefeller, Vasili Tsiotos, Demetri Koutsouflakis, and Mark Johnson.

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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

10 years ago
April 23, 2010
One of the interesting comments from U.S. Congressman Edward Markey during his conference with town officials was that Winthrop could become a tourist destination in the manner of Newburyport in the years to come. Congressman Markey was in town to re-affirm his strong commitment to the commuter ferry project (Markey was instrumental in securing the federal grant for the project) and he spoke about the positive impact the ferry could have on the town.

The Winthrop Golf Club celebrated the start of another season Friday night with its traditional kickoff dinner at the golf club. The guests enjoyed a delicious buffet dinner and awards were presented by club pro James Bruce for the past season.

Club officials said the club is still strong and vibrant and welcomes new members to join in the fun that is the sport of golf.

The Town Council will consider amendments next Tuesday submitted by the License Commission regarding the practice of bored-bagging at local restaurants. Brown Bagging was the subject of a popular ballot question in the Town that recently passed, and also changed the rules for a liquor license. Before, a restaurant had to have 99 seats or more to have a license. Now, that has been changed to 25 or more seats.

Iron Man 2, Letters to Juliet, and Clash of the Titans are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

20 years ago
April 20, 2000
The three candidates for selectmen met in a debate that was broadcast over WCAT this week. The question and answer session highlighted the differences among the trio of candidates, Marie Turner, Jesse Perrier, and Albert Van Buskirk.

Although new Police Chief Edward Shalvey was sworn in just last week, he

immediately took a two week leave of absence and returned to his home in New York, citing “family reasons.” Rumors are circulating that Shalvey has decided not to accept the job after all and that Police Lieut. Michael McManus is in line to become chief.

Tabitha Freehoff, an 11 year old student, garnered 400 signatures on a petition that she presented to the School Committee demanding that the committee not eliminate the Middle School Band program. “We can have several football coaches, but not one band teacher?” Freehoff said to the committee members.

Winthrop’s Robert Datata, an 18 year old senior at Dom Savio, ran the Boston Marathon in a time of 3:17.

Love and Basketball, Where the Money Is, and Romeo Must Die are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

30 years ago
April 25, 1990
Town Meeting voted to take the unprecedented step of holding off taking action on all budget issues because of the uncertainty of the local aid figure from the state. Members voted to adjourn until June 6, when the state budget picture may become more clear. Advisory Committee Chairman David Pennybaker said the town is facing “tough decisions” in the month ahead. Richard DiMento, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, noted that cuts in local aid last year forced the town to use \$900,000 in free cash to balance the budget, and this year could be even worse.

The Winthrop Art Association’s annual Arts Festival will take place this weekend at Winthrop High with the theme, “The Art of Living, ’90”

The rash of auto break-ins continued this past week, with five more cars reported being broken into. Miami Blues, The Guardian, and Pretty Woman are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

40 years ago
April 23, 1980
The big issue facing

Town Meeting members this year will be whether to override the four percent budget increase cap that has been imposed by the legislature. Two-thirds of the Town Meeting members must approve any year over year budget increase that exceeds four percent. The Advisory Committee has stated that if all of the budget requests by the town departments were approved, the budget would skyrocket by 15 percent.

The Sun-Transcript has corrected its mistake from a week ago and now reports that incumbent Board of Assessor member Mort Buckley defeated Noel Bolger in the town election, not the other way around.

Groundbreaking ceremonies took place this week for the new branch of the Winthrop Savings Bank on the site of the former Duke’s Diner at the entrance to town on Main St.

A 24 year old man was treated for smoke inhalation and burns caused by a smoky fire on the eighth floor of the Ft. Heath apartments. The blaze caused \$45,000 in damage.

The Advisory Committee has approved a controversial transfer from the Reserve Fund to cover police and firefighter overtime costs through the end of the fiscal year.

Bette Midler stars in The Rose at the Kincade Theatre.

50 years ago
April 23, 1970
Gov. Francis W. Sargent has named East Boston priest Fr. Albert Saltese to the Board of Directors of the Massachusetts Port Authority. Saltese is the first-ever Massport appointee who has pledged to be a “voice for the thousands of small people affected by Port Authority operations, especially Logan Airport.”

Boston Mayor Kevin H. White has proposed that a state corporation be formed to take over and develop the Boston Harbor islands for recreational purposes.

Daniel Mullane of Winthrop will be sworn-in as a member of the Massachusetts Bar tomorrow.

SHIRLEY GUT



Shown above in ther early 1900s is Shirley Gut that ran between the end of Point Shirley and Deer Island. The Gut was famous for allowing the escape of the U.S.S. Constitution in the War of 1812 when the British had the main entrance to the inner Boston Harbor blockaded.

Marie Wolfe has been named the recipient of the annual Chamber of Commerce Good Citizenship Award that will be presented at a dinner at the Elks on May 19.

Oliver is playing at the Winthrop Cinema.

60 years ago
April 21, 1960
A 29 year old former Winthrop resident who was an escapee from a mental health hospital has been apprehended by Medford Police. The man is believed to be responsible for the recent rash of break-ins in Winthrop.

A lack of funds is preventing the police from responding to citizen and business requests to add extra police patrols to the crime-plagued Beach area.

Health Officer Ralph Sirianni has issued a warning to all residents to be aware of household hazards during the spring clean-up and fix-up time.

Richard Cardinal Cushing will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to a large group of boys and girls at St. John the Evangelist Church next week.

Peter Sellers stars in The Mouse That Roared at the Winthrop Theatre.

70 years ago
April 20, 1950
The state has notified the Winthrop Housing Authority that its request for 50 more units of veterans housing has been rejected. Local board member Edward R. Thomas publicly opposed the additional housing units on the basis that the local need had been met. His colleagues sent him a letter taking issue with his stance.

Joe Mitchell Chapple, 82, a resident of the town for 20 years and a world-famous author, lecturer, and newspaperman, passed

away this week. Chapple authored a biography of former President Warren Harding and wrote articles for the New York Times, among other publications. Chapple’s “Book Nest” in his home at 29 Jefferson St. contains more than 9000 books.

All town flags will be flown at half mast for the funeral services of Pvt. John T. Mooney, whose remains are being returned here for a mass at St. John the Evangelist Church. Mooney was killed in the Battle of the Bulge. He had lived with a Winthrop family, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McLaughlin of 28 Pebble Ave., prior to joining the Army in 1939. He leaves five sisters. The Pt. Shirley Association has proposed renaming the so-called church square at Holy Rosary Church in his honor.

Residents met with the selectmen to protest the smog from the burning at the town dump north of Ft. Banks. Selectmen Chairman Peter Princi said that burning at the dump now will be limited to just two hours per day.

The A&P Supermarket at Woodside and Pauline Sts. has undergone a major renovation and is now the “grocery store of tomorrow.” The most drastic change is in the meat department, which now offers pre-packaged meats for the convenience of self-service.

Walt Disney’s Cinderella is playing at the Winthrop and State Theatres.

80 years ago
April 20, 1940
Representatives of Rapid Transit, Inc., the new bus company in town that has taken the place of the defunct Narrow Gauge Railroad, met with the selectmen Monday night to work out the matters of a bus terminal in the town

and the registration in Winthrop of the buses for purposes of the excise tax. It is expected that the company will pay \$7000 to \$10,000 in excise taxes and will construct a garage of about 20,000 square feet.

U.S. War Department engineers held a hearing in Town Hall relative to the selectmen’s request to dredge and reopen Shirley Gut. However, the City of Boston, which operates the Suffolk County jail on Deer Island, is opposed to the idea, as is the U.S. Army, which operates Ft. Dawes on the island.

Mae West and W.C. Fields star in My Little Chickadee and Cary Grant and Rosalind Russell star in His Girl Friday at the Winthrop and State Theatres.

90 years ago
April 26, 1930
Chairman Frank K. Hatfield announces an important meeting of the Winthrop Tercentary Committee, which is making plans to mark the 300th anniversary of the establishment of the Massachusetts Bay Colony. The committee is planning a monster pageant and parade in the town on August 2.

Town Health Officer William Childress has announced the dates for the town-wide spring clean up in each of the four precincts.

With former Boston Mayor John F. Fitzgerald and the selectmen in attendance, the local Emblem Club installed its new officers with the Supreme President of the United States, Mrs. John Gordon of Newton, serving as the gracious installing officer. Mrs. Mary Britain Smythe is the new president of the local club for the coming year.

Marion Davies stars in Not So Dumb at the Winthrop and State Theatres.

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MBTA Fare Transformation program advances with approval of amendment

Staff Report

On Monday, the MBTA’s Fiscal and Management Control Board approved a contract amendment regarding the Public Private Partnership agreement involving the T and the consortium Cubic I John Liang – rolling out the new fare collection system that has been anticipated since 2018.

This action marks a significant step toward implementing the revised transformative initiative approved by the Fiscal and Management Control Board (FMCB) in December 2019, locking in an achievable and enforceable schedule while procuring new technology that will that will allow the system to adapt to future changes in ridership and to implement new kinds of fare options.

The amended contract totals \$935.4 million, including both the full capital cost of the system and a 10-year stream of operations and maintenance payments. Although this represents an increase of \$212.1 million in project costs compared to the contract approved in 2018, the new fare collection system remains cost-effective and is projected to collect over \$8 billion in fare revenue during its first ten years of operation.

This amendment, which strengthens the original 2018 AFC 2.0 contract, enables the MBTA to achieve all the original goals of the project under a new approach. Based on feedback from customers, advocates, and policy makers, the new approach will result in customer-focused upgrades to the existing and future systems. In addition, this

board action reestablishes key milestones, includes new provisions that reduce the T’s construction risks, and allows the system to account for future changes within the payment industry.

“Under this program reset, we’ll be able to deliver one system that can be used across all modes that meets the needs of our customers today, and has the ability to adapt to future needs,” said MBTA General Manager Steve Poflak. “Especially in light of recent changes to daily life caused by COVID-19, it’s more important than ever to move toward a dynamic system with contactless options that can withstand major changes to conditions that would otherwise undermine a legacy system of fare collection.”

The amended contract is only one part of a com-

prehensive Fare Transformation initiative that will ensure that customers begin to see improvements in fare collection over the next year, including the ability to obtain CharlieCards more easily and the elimination of the cash/ticket surcharge in 2021, so that CharlieTicket and cash fares will be the same as CharlieCard fares.

Under the phased approach and in the short term, Fare Transformation will result in improvements that include:

- The ability to pay for a trip on all Zone 1A stations on the Fairmount Commuter Rail Line with a CharlieCard;
- Deploying fare vending machines that dispense CharlieCards;
- All-door boarding on MBTA buses and surface stops along the Green Line;
- Integrating ferries and the entire Commuter Rail network into the CharlieCard system.

This amendment also allows more time for both testing and installation of the

new system and customer migration. Working with stakeholders, the program reset establishes a more robust, thoughtful network of retail sales outlets and fare vending machines centered on the needs of T customers. In conjunction with that process, the MBTA has committed to a significant increase in the total number of vending machines to ensure adequate access.

“Critical to this project’s success is outreach, and the level of engagement we’ve received indicates just how important the future of MBTA fare collection is to our customers,” said Ron Renaud, Chief Transformation Officer. “Thanks to the feedback, we are now on a course to provide improvements to our existing system, and ultimately, deliver a project that is even more focused on the needs of our customers.”

While the MBTA’s existing fare collection system collected approximately \$671.7 million in FY19, the aging system requires

substantial maintenance and upgrades and cannot support the kinds of fare options that customers have requested.

The new technology provided by the Public Private Partnership offers reliability of equipment, readily accessible payment technology, and flexibility in fares and programs to further enhance access and equity for the MBTA ridership of the future.

In 2018, the FMCB authorized the original contract to include \$356.8 million in payments for the capital cost of the new system and a ten-year stream of operations and maintenance payments totaling \$366.5 million for a total cost of \$723.3 million. The revised contract approved today includes \$723.3 million for the capital cost and a reduced ten-year stream of \$212.1 million in operations and maintenance payments, for a total of \$935.4 million.

WHS SPORTS Through the Years

10 years ago
April 23, 2010

The Winthrop High baseball team parlayed a fine pitching performance by Anthony Hatzisavvas and timely hitting to earn a 7-4 victory at Marblehead Thursday. Anthony yielded eight hits and allowed only two earned runs, while fanning three and walking only two, in seven innings.. After spotting the Magicians a 2-0 lead in the fourth, Winthrop erupted for five runs in the top of the fifth. Nick McCarthy, who had two of the Vikings’ four hits on the day, and Joe Boudrow, who played another solid game at shortstop, delivered the key hits in the rally. Joe D’Amore also contributed a base hit in the big inning.

A 17 hit attack and solid pitching gave the Winthrop High softball team, sporting the new uniforms recently provided with funds from the Viking Pride Foundation, a 16-6 win over Archbishop Williams Tuesday in the consolation game of a vacation tournament hosted

by Winthrop. Abby Belcher wielded the heavy bat for the Lady Vikings in the onslaught. Abby went 5-for-5 with three doubles, two RBI, and three runs scored. Haley Benson also enjoyed a banner day at the plate with three hits, an RBI, and four runs scored. Another notable offensive display was turned in by Taylor Brown, who reached base in all five of her trips to the plate with two doubles, four RBI, and two runs scored. In the pitching department, Elaine Lanza went five innings allowing just six hits and one earned run. Alex Feri wrapped up the final two frames and yielded just two hits.

Jenny Fucillo continued her march through the Northeastern Conference, once again demolishing all comers in the hurdles in last week’s meet with Beverly. Jenny took first in the 400 intermediate hurdles in a time of 69.0 and first in the 100 meter high hurdles in 15.8. For good measure, the Lady Viking standout jumped to a first place finish

in the long jump with a leap of 15-5 to give her 15 points on the day. Freshman Alyssa Mackey also enjoyed a big day for Winthrop, capturing first in the 200 meter dash in 28.9, third in the 100 in 13.9, and third in the long jump with a landing of 14-9. Other first place efforts for Winthrop were turned in by speedster Cortney Nolan in the 100 dash in 13.4 and Julia Wallace in the high jump with a leap of 4-8, a personal record.

20 years ago
April 20, 2000

The WHS baseball team dropped a pair of contests this past week, 10-5 to Lynn Classical and 17-3 to Swampscott. John Sharkey paced the Viking offense against Classical with two hits and an RBI and senior John Dykens delivered a bases-loaded single for two RBI. In the Swampscott contest, Chris Summa belted a home run and Jesse Landrigan had a two-RBI double.

Driscoll //CONTINUED FROM PAGE 9

drop off donations from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the half-circle at the school on Pauline Street.”

The food distribution operations began soon after Gov. Baker issued a stay-at-home advisory in March due to COVID-19.

“Matt, Ellen, and Amy and I put a plan together and we’re just trying to execute the plan with a lot of people helping,” said Driscoll.

Driscoll said that Town Manager Austin Faison was at the helm of the team’s effort from the outset.

“It started with the town manager’s leadership first and it trickled down to us,” said Driscoll. “It’s been eye-opening to me how generous the people of Winthrop are. It’s great to see the volunteer effort. Everybody is helping out in some way.”

Veterans Services Director Roseann Trionfi Maz-zucchelli lauded the team’s efforts and its assistance to veterans.

Looking ahead in his role as parks and recreation director, Driscoll is “hopeful and confident” that the town will have a summer program. “Hopefully by June, we’ll be up and running,” he said.

MIAA cancels spring sports, tourneys for the remainder of 2020 school year

Staff report

In accordance with Governor Charles Baker’s announcement Tuesday that Massachusetts schools will be closed to in person learning for the remainder of the school year, the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA) regretfully has cancelled all spring sports and spring tournaments.

Today’s decision by the MIAA Board of Directors was difficult, disappointing, and one that was deferred for several weeks as Association staff, Association members from the Tournament Management Committee (TMC) and the Board worked aggressively

to construct optional structures to save the opportunity for our MIAA 80,000 student-athletes to enjoy a spring season.

Despite this disheartening but unavoidable action, it is paramount to applaud our constituents, principals, athletic directors, coaches and student-athletes for their positive power of example and cooperation during this unprecedented crisis. The “life lessons” inherent in the games we play will be our resiliency to provide mental and physical strength to focus on the discipline and teamwork to make a difference in the challenging chapters in the Game of Life. #OneTeamOneMIAA.

“Although I certainly understand the reason for canceling the spring season, it doesn’t make it any easier to accept. My heart breaks for all of our athletes, especially our seniors. They have worked so hard for the past 3.5 years, I just wish they were able to step on that field one last time wearing that Viking uniform representing their school, community and families. Although they did not get that opportunity that does not define them. They are a group who has accomplished so much and are destined for great things. I look forward to seeing what the future holds for them as they begin the next chapter of their lives.”

| | FY2019 Actual | FY2020 Budget | FY2021 Recom |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| General Fund | | | |
| Revenue | | | |
| Property Taxes | 29,070,018 | 30,098,548 | 31,026,012 |
| Debt Exclusion | 4,099,675 | 4,096,350 | 4,091,250 |
| Overlay Reserve | (199,191) | (200,000) | (200,000) |
| Tax Liens | 473,509 | - | - |
| State Aid | 11,754,905 | 11,983,150 | 12,111,671 |
| Excises | 2,590,711 | 2,393,427 | 2,425,218 |
| Investment Income | 154,126 | 65,000 | 65,000 |
| PILOTS | 2,007,131 | 2,139,214 | 2,307,131 |
| Departmental Revenue | 572,508 | 480,000 | 480,000 |
| Fines & Forfeits | 437,877 | 312,500 | 312,500 |
| Licenses & Permits | 443,216 | 277,000 | 277,000 |
| Penalties & Interest | 252,034 | 186,000 | 186,000 |
| Transfers | 1,857,534 | 775,522 | 968,352 |
| | 53,514,053 | 52,606,711 | 54,050,134 |
| Non-Recurring Revenue | | | |
| One-Time Transfer for Capital | - | 509,423 | 150,000 |
| Total Revenue: | 53,514,053 | 53,116,134 | 54,200,134 |

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|-----------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Expenditures | | | |
| Departmental | | | |
| General Government | 2,353,351 | 2,489,230 | 2,548,880 |
| Public Safety | 7,723,990 | 7,494,887 | 7,602,024 |
| Education | 20,183,282 | 21,332,750 | 22,132,750 |
| Public Works | 1,883,090 | 1,643,525 | 1,725,057 |
| Culture & Human Services | 1,018,516 | 1,117,483 | 1,084,238 |
| Departmental Expenditures: | 33,162,229 | 34,077,875 | 35,092,949 |
| Shared Expenditures | | | |
| Shared Expenses | 2,119,810 | 2,130,265 | 2,136,480 |
| Regional Schools | 741,215 | 718,375 | 833,704 |
| Debt Service | 4,163,675 | 4,158,950 | 4,214,350 |
| State Assessments | 1,021,572 | 875,409 | 880,480 |
| Employee Benefits | 6,428,569 | 7,063,440 | 7,261,713 |
| Retirement | 3,080,530 | 3,202,397 | 3,330,458 |
| Capital Purchases | - | 150,000 | 300,000 |
| Reserve | - | 180,000 | 150,000 |
| Deficits to be Raised | - | - | - |
| Transfers | 1,149,477 | 559,423 | - |
| Shared Expenditures: | 18,704,848 | 19,038,259 | 19,107,185 |
| Total Expenditures: | 51,867,077 | 53,116,134 | 54,200,134 |
| Surplus (Deficit) | 1,646,976 | - | - |

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|----------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Enterprise Funds | | | |
| Revenue | | | |
| Ferry Enterprise | 384,621 | 460,000 | 460,000 |
| Recreation Enterprise | 389,448 | 337,747 | 342,956 |
| Rink Enterprise | 311,952 | 321,047 | 323,466 |
| Waterways Enterprise | 396,500 | 369,666 | 362,336 |
| Water/Sewer Enterprise | 10,104,035 | 10,136,028 | 10,519,116 |
| Total Revenue: | 11,586,556 | 11,624,488 | 12,007,874 |
| Expenditures | | | |
| Ferry Enterprise | 386,674 | 460,000 | 460,000 |
| Recreation Enterprise | 356,515 | 337,747 | 342,956 |
| Rink Enterprise | 306,399 | 321,047 | 323,466 |
| Waterways Enterprise | 379,878 | 369,666 | 362,336 |
| Water/Sewer Enterprise | 9,862,301 | 10,136,028 | 10,519,116 |
| Total Expenditures: | 11,291,767 | 11,624,488 | 12,007,874 |
| Surplus (Deficit) | 294,789 | - | - |

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Gov. Baker extends stay at home advisory and closure of non-essential businesses until May 18

By Lauren Bennett

Governor Charlie Baker on Tuesday afternoon extended the stay at home advisory and closure of non-essential businesses until May 18. The original order was set to expire on May 4.

Additionally, Baker extended the ban on gatherings of 10 or more people until May 18.

“I know pushing these dates back a couple of weeks is probably not what many people want to hear,” Baker said at Tuesday’s press conference, but he said that there are “risks associated with going back too soon.”

He said that the measures the state has taken so far with the stay at home advisory and increased testing, among other things, have helped to flatten the curve in the Commonwealth. He added that while hospitalization rates have begun to plateau, they have not yet started to fall with the intensity that would suggest

a serious decrease in cases. In order to reopen the state, Baker said the data has to be looked at closely.

“We’re moving in the right direction with respect to the virus, but we are not where we need to be,” Baker said. “These mechanisms all need to remain in place.”

He thanked the people of Massachusetts for “playing their part” in limiting the spread of the virus. He said he recognizes how difficult the state’s decisions have been on people and families. “People have lost jobs, their careers, and in some cases businesses they have worked on for years,” he said.

But “since we’ve acted, we’ve avoided the humanitarian crisis we’ve seen... elsewhere around the world,” he said.

The Baker-Polito administration also announced the creation a 17-member reopening advisory board that will work together on a plan to reopen the state.

Lt. Governor Karyn Polito said that government officials, industry employees, and customers “will need to

work together for this to be successful.” She said that Massachusetts is “recognized as a leader in people taking personal responsibility” for social distancing.

“The board will bring a range of perspectives, including an understanding of workplaces and workforces, including insights” into things like education, local governance, manufacturing, and transportation.

She said it will be “a lot of listening” to main streets businesses and other small businesses, as well as metro mayors and local government officials statewide, and the 17 member board will be comprised of three public health officials, 11 leaders from businesses, including transportation secretary Stephanie Pollock.

“Their insight is key,” Polito said. “A lot of the decisions we will make need to be enforced and implemented at the local level.”

Baker said the first meeting of the advisory board took place on April 28.

TESTING INCREASES

Plan for Law School graduates announced

Special to the Journal

The Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court and the Massachusetts Board of Bar Examiners (BBE) last week announced a plan for the Massachusetts Bar Examination to proceed amid the COVID-19 pandemic, and an expanded opportunity for graduates to appear in court under the student practice rule.

The plan for the bar examination outlines three elements:

- The bar exam will be conducted using the Uniform Bar Examination (UBE) on September 30 and October 1, if that exam can be conducted safely, with social distancing in place for all examinees.

- If the UBE cannot be conducted safely in-person, an alternative exam will be administered remotely and will grant admission only to the bar of Massachusetts. In that event, the BBE will work to ensure that the exam will be similar in content to the subjects tested on the UBE, so that students

who have been preparing for the UBE will not need to make major adjustments in preparing for the Massachusetts only exam.

- Regardless of whether the September 30 and October 1 bar exam is the UBE or a Massachusetts only exam, the BBE will work to expedite the grading of the exam and its character and fitness investigations so that law school graduates will have results by mid-to-late December. Admission to the bar will be postponed by only eight weeks -- from the week of November 16-20, 2020, when the bar admission ceremonies were going to be held, to the week of January 11-15, 2021, when they will now be held. If an applicant has a pressing need to be admitted in late December, the applicant can arrange with the Clerk of the Supreme Judicial Court for Suffolk County to be sworn-in, reducing the delay to only five or six weeks.

The Justices also issued an order removing a time restriction applying to stu-

dents appearing in court under Supreme Judicial Court Rule 3:03. For those students who are most likely to need to appear in court before they can be sworn in, who are generally those who have or will obtain employment with a district attorney, CPCS, a state legal office, or a legal services provider, and who have yet to obtain the SJC Rule 3:03 certification necessary to do so, the order will permit them to obtain such certification at any time before graduation.

On April 22, Supreme Judicial Court Chief Justice Ralph D. Gants sent a letter to law school deans outlining the plan. The Supreme Judicial Court also prepared information for law school graduates outlining the plan and the temporary expansion of SJC Rule 3:03.

The BBE is established by G.L. c. 221 §§35 & 36 to evaluate the qualifications of persons seeking admission to the bar of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

AND REGULAR HOSPITAL CAPACITY

As of April 28, Massachusetts had 58,302 confirmed cases of COVID-19, and 3,153 people had died.

Governor Baker also made several announcements late last week and early this week regarding increases in testing across the state. He said he was “ramping up” a program for testing with Quest Diagnostics in a number of community health centers across the state.

He also said that important factors when analyzing test results are how many people are tested, how many come up positive, and what the ratio between those two numbers looks like.

Baker also talked about the importance of seeking medical care if people are experiencing serious symptoms like chest pain or difficulty breathing. He said that hospitals across the state are equipped to deal with illnesses and conditions not related to COVID-19, such as stroke, cancer, and injuries, and people should not be afraid to go to the hospital if it is necessary to do so.

“If you’re not feeling well, if you have an ongo-

ing medical condition, stay in touch with your clinicians,” Baker said on April 24. “If you need to go to the hospital, go.”

On April 24, Department of Public Health Commissioner Monica Bharel returned to Baker’s daily press conference to speak about her personal experience with COVID-19. Now recovered, she described her battle with the virus as including fever and muscle aches, but she still worked from home when she felt up to it.

UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE UPDATE

He said that the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance Program, which can help people who are self-employed, “gig workers,” contractors, or consultants, is up and running.

He said that this system has processed “well over 100,000 claims” as of April 24.

“The platform for traditional unemployment continues to process claims,” he added, and checks include the extra \$600 a week from the federal CARES Act. Baker said there were over 650,000 new claims filed since March 15, and

the state is paying around 400,000 people so far and is “working through the rest of the claims.”

\$130 MILLION FOR NURSING HOMES

On April 27, Baker announced a second round of funding of \$130 million for the state’s nursing homes, as they continue to face challenges when it comes to battling COVID-19.

Baker said that as of April 27, 10,031 residents and staff at the state’s nursing homes, rest homes, and assisted living facilities had tested positive for the virus, and people in these facilities represent 56 percent of the state’s total deaths.

“To date, the mobile testing unit has conducted testing at over 400 facilities,” he said. He said the National Guard “has done a tremendous job so far.”

He also said there are new requirements for nursing homes, including testing of all staff and residents and meeting PPE requirements, among other things. He said that facilities will be audited to make sure they are complying with the requirements.

SJC issues updated order regarding state court operations during pandemic

Special to the Journal

The Supreme Judicial Court (SJC) on Monday issued an updated order, which will be effective May 4, 2020, regarding the operation of Massachusetts state courts and courthouses during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Under the new order, until at least June 1, 2020, all courts of the Commonwealth will continue to be open to conduct court business, but courthouses will continue to be closed to the general public, except where entry is required to address emergency matters that cannot be addressed virtually (by telephone, videoconference, email, or comparable means, or through the electronic filing

system).

Jury trials in both criminal and civil cases in state courts are postponed to a date no earlier than July 1, 2020. All bench trials, in both criminal and civil cases are postponed to a date no earlier than June 1, unless they may be conducted virtually by agreement of the parties and of the court. The new order also extends various deadlines.

Monday’s SJC order also directs Trial Court departments to identify categories of non-emergency matters that they will attempt to address virtually, where it is practicable to do so, and to provide clear guidance to the public and members of the bar regarding what those categories will be by posting periodic notices to

the judiciary’s COVID-19 webpage. The SJC and Appeals Court will continue to conduct oral arguments virtually in non-emergency matters.

All court clerks’, registers’, and recorder’s offices shall continue to conduct court business -- to accept the filing of pleadings and other documents in emergency and identified non-emergency matters, to schedule and facilitate hearings, to issue orders, to answer questions from attorneys, litigants, and the general public, and to conduct other necessary business of the respective court. All such business will be conducted virtually, except when the filing of pleadings and other documents in emergency matters cannot

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FAMILY FEATURES EDITORIAL SYNDICATE

Chocolate-Peanut Butter Dream Cookies

Makes about 4 dozen cookies

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 2/3 cup Nestlé Toll House Baking Cocoa
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup (2 sticks) butter or margarine, softened
- 2/3 cup granulated sugar
- 2/3 cup packed brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 large eggs
- 1 2/3 cups (10-ounce package) Nestlé Toll House Swirled Milk Chocolate & Peanut Butter Morsels, divided
- 1/2 cup chopped peanuts (optional)

PREHEAT oven to 325°F. COMBINE flour, cocoa, baking soda and salt in small bowl. Beat butter, granulated sugar, brown sugar and vanilla extract in large mixer bowl until creamy. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Gradually beat in flour mixture. Stir in 1 cup morsels and peanuts. Drop by well-rounded teaspoonfuls onto ungreased baking sheets. Press down slightly. Top with remaining morsels. BAKE 11 to 13 minutes or until cookies are puffed and centers are set. Cool on baking sheets 2 minutes; remove to wire racks to cool completely.

Swirled Cheesecake Nibbles

Makes 3 dozen mini cheesecakes

- 36 vanilla wafers
- 1 2/3 cups (10-ounce package) Nestlé Toll House Swirled Real Semi-Sweet & White Chocolate Morsels, divided
- 2 packages (8 ounces each) cream cheese, softened
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 2 large eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

PREHEAT oven to 350°F. Place 36 2-inch foil bake cups on baking sheet(s) with sides. Place one vanilla wafer, flat-side down, on bottom of each cup. Place 5 to 6 morsels on top of each wafer. BEAT cream cheese, sugar and flour in large mixer bowl until creamy. Add eggs

and vanilla extract; beat well. Spoon 1 heaping tablespoonful cream cheese mixture into each bake cup. BAKE 15 to 17 minutes or until just set and not browned. Remove from oven to wire rack. While still warm, top cheesecakes with remaining morsels. Morsels will soften but will retain shape. Cool completely. Cover and refrigerate.

Caramel-Almond Coconut Cake

Makes 15 servings

CAKE

- 1 package (18.25 ounces) yellow cake mix with pudding
- 3 large eggs
- 1 1/4 cups water
- 1/3 cup vegetable oil
- 1/2 cup flaked coconut

CARAMEL-ALMOND TOPPING

- 1/2 cup (1 stick) butter
- 1/2 cup caramel ice cream topping
- 3 tablespoons heavy whipping cream
- 1 cup (3 ounces) sliced almonds
- 1 cup flaked coconut
- 1 cup (6 ounces) Nestlé Toll House Swirled Milk Chocolate & Caramel Morsels

FOR CAKE: PREHEAT oven to 350°F. Grease and flour 13 x 9-inch baking pan. BEAT cake mix, eggs, water and oil in large mixer bowl on low speed 30 seconds. Beat on high speed 2 minutes. Stir in coconut. Spoon into prepared baking pan. BAKE 28 to 35 minutes or just until wooden pick inserted in center comes out clean.

FOR CARAMEL-ALMOND TOPPING:

WHILE cake is baking, prepare topping. Melt butter in medium saucepan over medium-low heat. Stir in caramel topping and cream. Stir in almonds and coconut. Increase heat to medium and bring mixture to full boil. Boil 5 minutes or until thick but still spreading consistency, stirring constantly. Carefully spread mixture over cake just as it comes out of oven. Sprinkle morsels over cake while still hot. Cool completely in pan on wire rack.

surprising new Twists on dessert

When you need a great looking and tasting dessert — FAST — try these easy ideas.

For dessert with a built-in “wow” factor, give it a swirl! When you use these new milk chocolate morsels swirled with caramel or peanut butter and semi-sweet chocolate morsels swirled with white chocolate, you can make edible works of art all your own.

With a package of Swirled morsels on hand, you can use them just like semi-sweet chocolate chips in dessert recipes of all kinds. But let your inner artist come out! Dress up your peanut butter cookies with chocolate and peanut butter swirls. Make your bar cookies or cakes even more decadent with chocolate and caramel swirls. Give chocolate and vanilla cheesecakes or other creamy desserts a “black tie” sophistication with semi-sweet chocolate and white chocolate swirls.

Customize cakes, cookies or brownies from a mix when you stir these morsels into the batter and create your own swirled polka dot design on the top. Make your favorite homemade or chef-style desserts look just as fabulous as they taste with a sweet swirl of magical chocolate.

For more yummy recipes and creative dessert tips, visit www.VeryBestBaking.com.



■ **Make Nick of Time Swirled Brownies.** PREHEAT oven to 350°F. Grease 13 x 9-inch baking pan. PREPARE one (19.5–19.8 ounces) package of traditional fudge brownie mix according to package directions. Stir in 1 cup Nestlé Toll House Swirled Morsels, any flavor. Spread in prepared pan. Sprinkle with 2/3 cup Swirled morsels. BAKE as directed. Cool completely in pan on wire rack. Cut into bars. *Makes 24 brownies.*

■ Dress up store-bought frosted cakes and cupcakes with Swirled morsels.

■ Add Swirled morsels to your candy dish.

■ Dip apples into caramel or chocolate, then dot with Swirled morsels.

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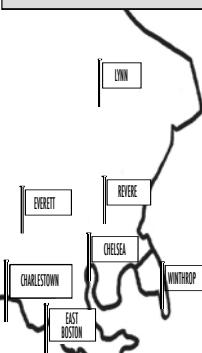
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Reverend Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Joseph V. Ferrino, Jr. of Arlington, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Joseph V. Ferrino, Jr. of Arlington, MA is in need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that Joseph V. Ferrino, Jr. of Arlington, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Conservator to serve Without Surety on the bond. The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is disabled, that a protective order or appointment of a Conservator is necessary, and that the proposed conservator is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court. You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 06/09/2020. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO G.L. C. 190B, §5-304 Docket No. SU20P06126D Suffolk Probate and Family Court 24 New Chardon Street PO Box 9667 Boston, MA 02114 (617) 788-8300 In the matter of: Joseph V. Ferrino, Sr. Of: Winthrop, MA To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Joanne F. Zahrosky of Tampa, FL and Richard H. Ferrino of Winthrop, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Joseph V. Ferrino, Sr. is in need of a Guardian and requesting that Joanne F. Zahrosky of Tampa, FL and Richard H. Ferrino of Winthrop, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve on the bond. The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority. You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 06/09/2020. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date. IMPORTANT NOTICE The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense. WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Date: April 10, 2020 Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate 4/30/20 W

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Weekly initial unemployment claims down for the second week

More than 600,000 have filed claims since March 15

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Massachusetts had 80,153 individuals file an initial claim for unemployment insurance from April 12 to April 18. This represented a decrease of 22% over the previous week as most of the workers who have been laid off as a result of work closures related to COVID-19 have already filed claims in the previous weeks.

In the previous work, from April 5 to April 11, Massachusetts had 102,828 individuals file an initial claim for unemployment insurance. This also represented a decrease, at that time 26% over the previous week.

Since March 15, a total of 651,457 initial claims were filed.

As in last week, Retail Trade with 12,669, Food and Accommodation at

9,564, and Health and Social Assistance with 9,249 continued to show the largest number of initial claims filed this week. Since March 15, Food and Accommodation, Retail Trade, and Health and Social Assistance accounted for over 41% of all initial claims filed at 16.8%, 12.8% and 11.8%, respectively.

Currently, the Department of Unemployment Assistance (DUA) is paying unemployment benefits to nearly 400,000 people. Over the last month, the customer service staff at DUA has grown from around 50 employees to nearly 1000. The remote customer service operation is now making over 20,000 individual contacts per day and DUA continues to host daily unemployment town halls, held in both English and Spanish, which have been attended by near-

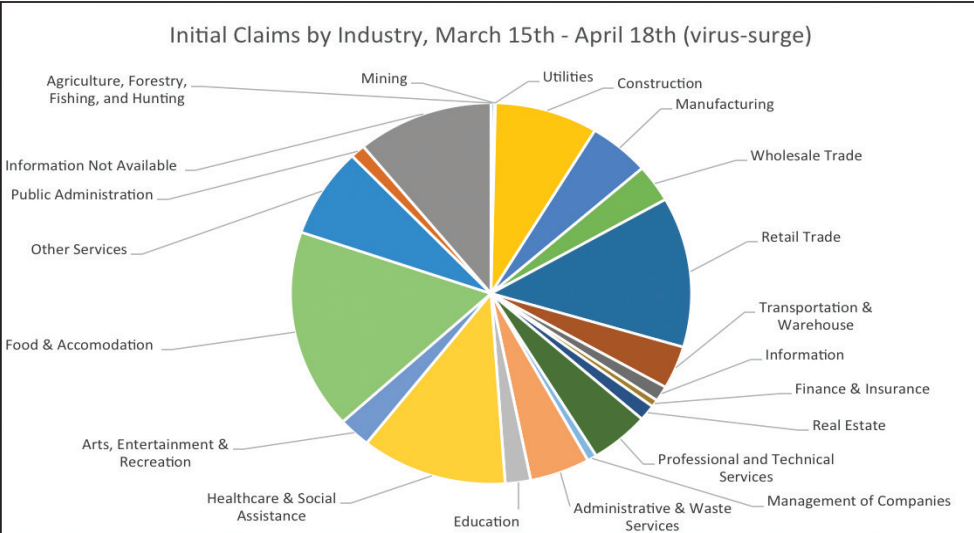
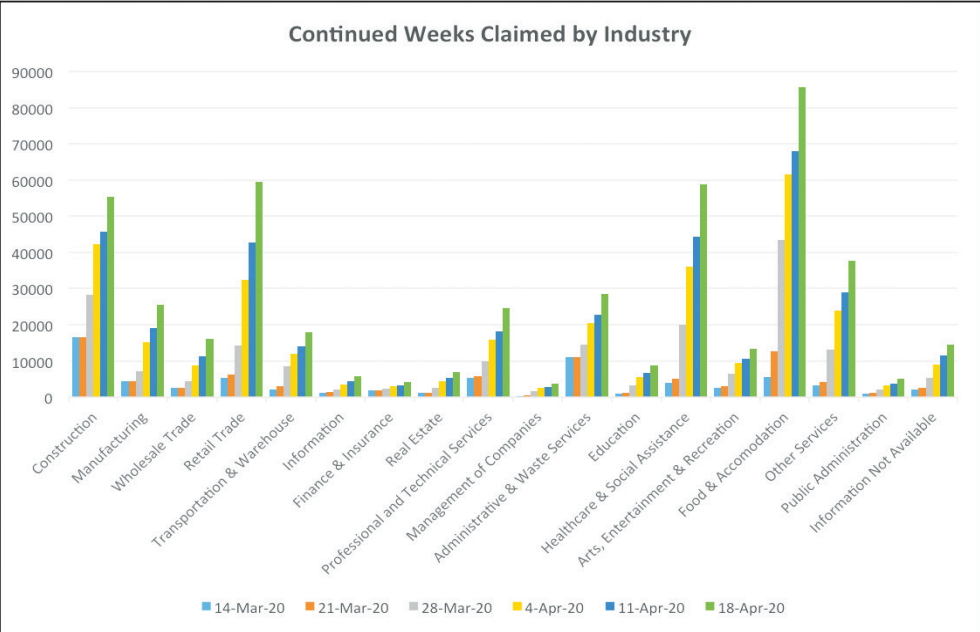
| Industry | Week Ending 4/11 | Week Ending 4/18 | Change | % Change |
|--|------------------|------------------|--------|----------|
| Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting | 393 | 281 | -112 | -28.5% |
| Mining | 25 | 13 | -12 | -48.0% |
| Utilities | 85 | 82 | -3 | -3.5% |
| Construction | 7,881 | 4,754 | -3,127 | -39.7% |
| Manufacturing | 5,896 | 5,065 | -831 | -14.1% |
| Wholesale Trade | 4,618 | 3,709 | -909 | -19.7% |
| Retail Trade | 15,534 | 12,669 | -2,865 | -18.4% |
| Transportation & Warehouse | 3,362 | 3,292 | -70 | -2.1% |
| Information | 1,480 | 1,336 | -144 | -9.7% |
| Finance & Insurance | 735 | 536 | -199 | -27.1% |
| Real Estate | 1,370 | 1,040 | -330 | -24.1% |
| Professional and Technical Services | 5,567 | 4,359 | -1,208 | -21.7% |
| Management of Companies | 715 | 486 | -229 | -32.0% |
| Administrative & Waste Services | 5,863 | 4,956 | -907 | -15.5% |
| Education | 2,283 | 1,653 | -630 | -27.6% |
| Health & Social Assistance | 12,597 | 9,249 | -3,348 | -26.6% |
| Arts, Entertainment & Recreation | 2,206 | 1,777 | -429 | -19.4% |
| Food & Accommodation | 12,634 | 9,564 | -3,070 | -24.3% |
| Other Services | 6,971 | 5,383 | -1,588 | -22.8% |
| Public Administration | 1,425 | 1,244 | -181 | -12.7% |
| Information Not Available | 11,188 | 8,705 | -2,483 | -22.2% |

ly 200,000 constituents. This week, Massachusetts launched Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) for groups like the

self-employed, becoming one of the first states in the country to begin providing financial assistance to those not traditionally eligible for unemployment compensation. In just the first few days of the program launch,

DUA has already received over 200,000 PUA applications (going forward, total PUA related claims data for the previous week will be released on Thursday mornings at mass.gov/lwd.) Due to DUA's previ-

ous efforts to migrate their systems to the cloud, the first unemployment agency in the country to do so, the unemployment online platforms have maintained functionality throughout the surge in demand.



MBTA's RIDE offering transit services to personal care attendants

The MBTA announced that the RIDE paratransit service will temporarily allow customers to book trips for their personal care attendants (PCAs) in an effort to best support their ADA-eligible customers during the COVID-19 situation.

"This change will allow the MBTA to maintain a vital link between RIDE customers and their PCAs," said MBTA General Manager Steve Poftak. "As we actively monitor the COVID-19 situation, we will continue to make necessary service changes that meet the travel needs of both those who are essential to combating this virus, and, where we can, the needs of those who are the most vulnerable among us."

APCA is defined as an individual that provides assistance in performing Activities of Daily Living (ADLs). ADLs include, but are not limited to, mobility, bathing/grooming, dressing/undress-

ing, passive range-of-motion exercises, taking medications, eating, and toileting. Allowing these bookings ensures that RIDE customers continue to receive the same level of daily support they need to live independent and safe lives.

This update is in addition to other temporary RIDE measures already in effect meant to protect the health and safety of T workers and customers, and preserve services for those who must travel for essential purposes. Other temporary RIDE updates include the elimination of shared RIDE trips, temporarily extending RIDE eligibility and postponing eligibility appointments, adjustments to booking windows, updates to subscriptions, and a reduction in transfer trips. More information on these temporary updates can be found at mbta.com/theride.

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Pioneering consumer-worker organization demands massive COVID-19 testing production, universal testing

Special to the Journal

The National Consumers League (NCL), the nation’s oldest consumer and worker advocacy organization, is demanding that the federal government put its support behind massive COVID-19 test production and, as quickly as is feasible, put in place a testing protocol for every citizen so that America can get back to work.

“There are calls across the country to reopen businesses; we understand and share that frustration,” said NCL Executive Director Sally Greenberg. “However, as we are currently not allowing tests for people who are asymptomatic—and because 25 percent of people who carry the virus don’t show symptoms—doing so would be reckless. It’s a Catch-22. Until everyone is

tested, we can’t send symptom-free people back into the world. So the government’s first order of business must include giving America’s labs and drug companies the goal and the means to produce rapid-response testing for every American within the next month.”

NCL has laid out the following recommendations:

Meet the need for testing in clinics and doctors’ offices

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) must oversee the process of improving techniques and reliable, accurate test production. Many labs are working on this, addressing the immediate need for care providers to have enough, high-quality tests.

“The Senate has voted to include \$25 billion for

the clinical labs that make the tests in the next COVID legislative package” said Greenberg. “That is welcome news because states cannot do this alone; they end up competing against each other for tests and other supplies.”

As Maryland Governor Larry Hogan (R-MD) said this week, “Every governor in America has been pushing and fighting and clawing to get more tests, not only from the federal government, but from every private lab in America and from across the world. It’s nowhere where it needs to be.” Virginia Governor Ralph Northam (D-VA) noted that the President’s claims that the country has enough tests for the virus are “delusional.”

Clearly, quality is paramount. The serious stumbles at such premier institutions as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) cannot continue. “The federal government must continue to support and expand the production of quality tests, and at capacity to meet the current needs of care providers,” said Greenberg.

Universal testing

As stated above, though, in order to get people back out to restart the economy, we cannot only test those who show serious symptoms and go to care providers to get tested. We must develop tests that can be self-administered, and in adequate numbers so that each person can test for COVID before leaving the home on any given day.

“Millions of workers

have to take drug tests every day to keep their jobs; those tests are rapid-response. Consumers can buy rapid response tests for strep throat and pregnancy,” said Greenberg. “Those are approved FDA products that are tested for accuracy and safety. We must get to a rapid response COVID-19 home test as soon as possible.”

In order to determine who has COVID-19 and should be quarantined, every American must be able to test for the virus on a regular basis. Those who test positive, with or without symptoms, go into quarantine for 14 days, as do the people in that individual’s household. Those who test negative are cleared to go out in the world to get the trains running again. This would call for hundreds of millions of tests to enable on-going testing, as it is the only path forward at this time.

And the technology is not “pie-in-the-sky.” The FDA has already approved one home-test kit, though it requires lab analysis. And BARDA/HHS has funded another company to develop “a rapid antigen and antibody diagnostic to identify current or past SARS-CoV-2 infections in 60 seconds.” We are on the road.

Antibody testing

While it’s not clear how long antibodies create immunity, there is a belief that they at least do so for the short-term. So the next step would be to provide serology testing for people who test negative for

COVID-19, using only tests approved by the FDA to ensure quality and accuracy. To date, the FDA has approved only four tests of the many available, but this is an important start.

Those who are determined to have a sufficient level of antibodies should be cleared to go back to work, while still wearing masks and gloves until science has confirmed decisively that antibodies create immunity. If the individuals don’t have antibodies, they would be advised to stay home, but could be cleared to go back to work so long as they test every day before heading out.

Contact tracing

Everyone who tests positive reaches out to everyone they’ve had contact with and those people test for COVID-19. Anyone then testing positive goes into quarantine, and the process repeats.

Use technology to self-surveil

Finally, we need a system for uploading test results each day to our phones – like the bar codes we use to board an airplane – or to carry evidence that we have taken the test, have antibodies to COVID-19, and can work or otherwise go out. Enforcement would be a new challenge, given our commitment to civil liberties, but one that we can certainly work out.

•Longer term: Vaccinate

In a year or more, when a vaccine arrives, 95 percent of Americans will need to be vaccinated to achieve herd immunity and wide-

spread protection.

“Our nation has the know-how and manufacturing infrastructure to produce the millions of tests needed to determine whether someone has the virus,” said Greenberg. “But due to lack of leadership at the top, our testing capacity is still, several months after the outbreak, extremely limited. To date only 3.3 million people have been tested, according to the COVID Tracking Project. That’s about 1 percent of the population. That is simply not enough.”

NCL is demanding that the Federal government respond to the current national Coronavirus emergency as President Roosevelt responded to World War II, and challenge Americans to “harness the efficient machinery of America’s manufacturers” to fight the pandemic.

“We need that call to action now, to challenge America’s labs and drug companies with the goal of producing testing for every American within the next month. Federal health care agencies including CDC, National Institutes of Health (NIH), and FDA should be their partners, and this should be a shared cost,” said Greenberg. “In the midst of the worst unemployment numbers ever seen in American history, and with millions of businesses having their existence threatened, we need federal leadership, expertise, and financial support to make this happen, and we need it now.”

MassDOT schedules tunnel lighting maintenance in Ted Williams Tunnel

Special to the Journal

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) is announcing that there will be reduced lighting in the Ted Williams Tunnel (TWT) eastbound and westbound in Boston. This essential work began on Sunday, April 26, at 11 p.m., and will continue through to Saturday, May 2, at 11 p.m. This is critical lighting maintenance in preparation of an extensive lighting replacement to begin later this month.

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