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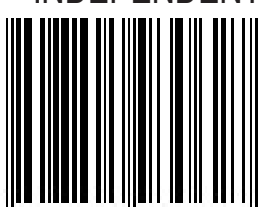
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**June 4, 2020**

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## NEWS Briefs

### LOGAN AIRPORT RUNWAY SAFETY AREA PRELIMINARY BORING WORK

Massport has notified town officials that the FAA has moved forward with the initial preliminary stage of the Logan Airport Runway Safety Area Preliminary Boring project. The project will be combined with the current paving project work that is currently in progress.

There will be a barge placed in the water that will be visible to residents of the Town of Winthrop. The boring should be occurring between the hours of 7:00 am - 7:00 pm and last for approximately 3-4 weeks.

• This first stage consists of preliminary design to support environmental permitting.

• To support the permitting and help determine possible design options, borings into bedrock need to be taken off the end of Runway 27.

• The borings are coinciding with the Runway 9-27 Safety Rehabilitation to take advantage of the extended closure as the barge needs to be set up for a few days in each location. Nine

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Second row from left: Winthrop Foundation Board member Vasili Mallios, from Mi-Amore Jon Poulos, from Winthrop Community Food Bank Matt Rodes, Winthrop Police Chief Terrance Delehanty, Winthrop Foundation Board Member from Massport Brian Leslie, from Casa LeighAnn Eruzione, and Winthrop Foundation Administrator Betsy Rueda Gynn. Not pictured, Winthrop Foundation Trustee, Vinny Crossman.

## Winthrop Foundation awards \$26,250 to support essential Town programs

Special to the Transcript

The Winthrop Foundation has awarded a grant of \$26,250 to continue its support of local nonprofits and programs serving some of the town's most vulnerable residents and most pressing needs.

The \$26,250 will be distributed to local nonprofit organizations and groups that provide food to the elderly, single and struggling families, and recovering addicts in Winthrop. These organizations will utilize

the funds to distribute gifts cards, purchased from 35 local small businesses, to folks who have visited and are in need of resources from local food pantries, food banks, and like-minded groups throughout the town.

In March 2020, Chairman Russ Sanford, and the Board of Trustees acted quickly to initiate a rapid-response emergency grant program that has awarded a total of nearly \$50,000 to local nonprofits. Recent grant recipients include

Mi-Amore, the Winthrop food bank, Community Action for Safe Alternatives (CASA) which is providing increased mental health services for local youth, WHS for alternative and remote graduation activities for the Class of 2020, and others.

According to Chairman Sanford, this newest \$26,250 in grant funding will continue in that vein. "Our town, like nearly every town and city, has seen increased food insecurity

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## Local hardware stores kept busy during pandemic

By Maxim Tamarov

In his more than 24 years of operating Woodside

Ace Hardware, Paul Leavy hadn't seen anything like it.

On a sunny Friday afternoon, a constant line of peo-

ple standing six feet apart waited to enter the store. Customers were hoping to buy mulch, soil, paint, personal protective equipment (PPE), cleaning supplies, propane tanks, wasp traps, trash pickers, hose attachments, seed starter and flowers. Only eight or nine people were allowed in at a time resulting in a one in, one out policy. Ever since the coronavirus pandemic hit Winthrop, Leavy's store has been unusually busy.

"I've seen it like this a day here or a day there, but

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Paul Leavy helping a customer select paint for a project.

## Temple Tifereth plans for re-opening

By Kate Anslinger

With the state starting to open in phases, several industries have found themselves adapting to the new norm of group gatherings. On May 18, Gov. Charlie Baker launched the first phase of reopening, which allows houses of worship to

resume services, as long as social distancing rules are followed.

President of Temple Tifereth Israel, Sandy Pellegriano, has learned firsthand what goes into establishing a socially distant service. Like other houses

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## Seniors settle on graduation option

By Kate Anslinger

COVID-19 has caused dilemmas for group gatherings everywhere. From concerts to celebratory events, the pandemic has caused a shift in how people congregate and conduct social outings. Graduating seniors especially, have faced the downside of the pandemic, as they've struggled with forgoing many of the traditional events that mark the end of their mandatory schooling, however; things are looking up for this year's senior class.

After much deliberation amongst seniors, parents and school staff, the class of 2020 will be graduating in a traditional ceremony on Miller Field on July 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Unlike past years, this year's graduation planning involved a survey that was taken by seniors and their parents. The survey offered two options for graduation. Option one consisted of a virtual graduation ceremony on June 12<sup>th</sup> with speeches, awards and scholarships, with live filming by WCAT and an app where families could watch in real time. The goal was to have one vehicle per family pull up in front of the high school, where a stage would be set up. Socially distant staff members would be on the stage and seniors would retrieve their diploma from a table after they had their final walk across the stage.

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## Town hosts online visioning workshop for future of Winthrop

By Laura Plummer

On Saturday, May 30, the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC), the Town of Winthrop and the Win 2030 steering committee presented a live, interactive Zoom meeting regarding Winthrop's short- and long-term goals.

A total of 50 people attended the meeting, including presenters, residents, department heads, and members of the Town Council.

Town Manager Austin Faison said the purpose of

the meeting was to create a visioning document and eventually a master plan for Winthrop that will inform rezoning efforts.

"You want to have a plan of 'how you want the community to look and feel in the future,'" he said.

The presentation explored current and projected trends for Winthrop in eight key areas: housing; jobs and economic development; transportation; open space and recreation; schools and education; fa-

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## Town of Winthrop provides latest update on Coronavirus situation

Staff report

Town Manager Austin Faison and Public Health Director Meredith Hurley would like to update Winthrop residents on the latest information involving

the COVID-19 pandemic. They have received notification from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) of one additional resident affected by

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## SOCIAL DISTANCE MEETS PRODUCTIVITY AT INC.UBATE



Founder, Michael Lucerto stands by the back door of Inc. Ubate that opens up to Gibson Garden. Gibson Garden is a recent expansion of Inc.Ubate. The outdoor work space gives members of the coworking community at Inc.Ubate a place where they can keep productive, while maintaining social distance. Read more about it on Page 10.

For the latest news in Winthrop that you need to know, check

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## WINTHROP POLICE BLOTTER

*These are among the calls for service to which the Winthrop Police Department responded during the week of May 18-25.*

### MONDAY, MAY 18

0713: A Beal St. resident came into the station to report that his motor vehicle (MV) had been entered and that about \$5.00 in change was taken. The MV had been parked in his driveway, but had been unlocked.

0913: A caller who did not give his name or address reported that his unlocked MV had been rummaged through.

0924: An officer was flagged down by a resident, who reported that two individuals were sleeping behind Larsen Rink. The officer determined that the two persons are homeless and had not eaten in a while. The officers offered to bring them some food from the Food Pantry.

0951: A resident came into the station to report that her MV had been broken into overnight.

1016: A caller reported that a syringe was on the ground at the bus stop on Veterans Rd. An officer retrieved the syringe and disposed of it at the station.

1054: A Perkins St. resident reported that his video-camera recorded a suspect breaking into a MV on his street. The officer will investigate.

1221: A resident came into the station to report a custody dispute. He was informed that this is a civil matter.

1827: A resident reported receiving a phone call from someone identifying themselves as from the IRS and that the resident needed to call back a number or face arrest. The officer informed the resident that this is a common scam.

2032: Officers responded to a report of a confrontation among three persons in the 500 block of Winthrop St. This is an ongoing issue among neighbors and the officer restored the peace.

2039: Officers responded to a report of loud music coming from motor vehicles on Main St. The parties were vacuuming their vehicles and will move along.

2316: An officer attempted to pull over a small, black sports car on Veterans Rd. However, the operator turned off his lights and took off at a high rate of speed.

### TUESDAY, MAY 19

0721: A Willis Ave. resident reported that her German Shepherd had broken free. The resident called back shortly thereafter to report that the dog had returned.

0943: An officer assisted the parties to a motor vehicle accident (MVA) on Girdlestone Rd. with the exchange of papers.

1033: An officer contacted the owner of a MV that was blocking a driveway on Circuit Rd. and the MV was moved.

1109: A Seaview Ave. resident reported that mail had been stolen from his mailbox.

1240: Officers responded to a report of a disturbance on Pleasant St. They restored the peace.

1417: An officer responded to a report of a disturbance on Winthrop St. The officer restored the peace.

1532: Officers responded to a landlord-tenant dispute on Burrill Terrace. The officers restored the peace.

1536: An officer dispersed a group of five persons playing basketball at the courts on Pond St.

1800: An officer kept the peace while a tenant

attempted to retrieve his property from a River Rd. address.

1904: A Banks St. resident that two unwanted persons were attempting to gain access to his premises. The officer restored the peace and the unwanted persons left the area.

1930: MVA at Revere St. and Crest Ave. with property damage only. The officer will file a report.

2224: An officer dispersed a group of five persons causing a noise disturbance in the 400 block of Shirley St.

2233: An officer directed a group of youths playing loud music in their cars at Ingleside Park to turn down the volume.

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 20

0804: A dog was reported lost on Shore Drive. The DCR Park Rangers and the Animal Control Officer returned the dog to the owner, a Willow Ave. resident.

1120: A female tripped and fell over a hose in the Centre project. She did not leave her name.

1503: A caller reported that a MV struck a sign on Adams St. and the sign was bent. The DPW was notified.

1631: The Animal Control Officer responded to Hermon St. upon a report of an abandoned baby possum. The possum could not be located when the officer arrived.

1642: An elderly man who had fallen in the parking lot at the Arbors on Lincoln St. was transported to the hospital.

1642: Officers responded to mediate a landlord-tenant dispute on River Rd. involving a MV that had been the subject of a dispute reported the day before. The officer worked with the parties to resolve this issue.

1816: An officer issued a

\$300 citation to a business on Shirley St. that was not shutting down per the pandemic closure order.

1824: A Shore Drive resident reported an attempted break into his garage. The officer will file a report.

1918: An officer dispersed a group of about 15 youths who were playing street hockey at Ingleside Park.

2055: An officer responded to an argument between a boyfriend and girlfriend on Douglas St. The officer restored the peace.

### THURSDAY, MAY 21

0118: An officer stopped a MV on Main St. at Walden St. for the civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI) of speeding. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

0129: An officer moved along a MV that was parked at Halford Beach.

1055: A caller reported that he was involved in a confrontation with another male party in the parking lot on Woodside Ave. The other party had left the scene.

1226: A resident came to the station to dispute a water bill that dates back 12 years. The resident was informed that the matter must be taken up at Town Hall.

1326: Officers dispersed a group of about 100 persons who had gathered on Yirrell Beach.

1335: Officers dispersed groups of youths playing basketball and hockey in the Ingleside Park area.

1408: A resident reported that her identity was being used by another person in order to obtain Social Security benefits.

1457: Officers dispersed a group of about 15 persons who were playing soccer at the Ft. Banks field.

1531: A group of about 50 persons was dispersed

from Yirrell Beach.

1625: Officers had to return to Yirrell Beach to disperse a large group.

1801: Officers continued to disperse a group from Yirrell Beach.

1833: A small group was dispersed from the skate park.

2318: An officer directed a group of persons in the backyard of their home on Woodside Ave. to take it inside for the night.

### FRIDAY, MAY 22

0718: A cab driver reported that a female had not paid her fare and had disappeared into her home on Summit Ave. The officer contacted the female's parents and they agreed to take care of the fare.

0951: A member of the Golf Club reported finding a hypodermic needle near the first tee. The officer retrieved the item and disposed of it at the station. He also gave club employees a SHARPS container and advised them how to use it.

1122: Medical aid call on Sturgis St. A person was transported to the MGH.

1427: Motor vehicle accident (MVA) on Main St. The officer assisted the parties with the exchange of papers.

1846: Motor vehicle stop on Shirley St. The officer issued a citation to the operator for the civil motor vehicle infraction of unsafe operation of a motor vehicle.

1943: An officer assisted with a disabled motor vehicle on Kennedy Rd. The vehicle was towed.

1705: A Summit Ave. resident reported a lost cat.

2114: An officer moved along a vehicle at Hannaford Park.

### SATURDAY, MAY 23

0055: An officer advised

fishermen in the area of Grand View Ave. to keep down their noise.

0948: An officer brought a traffic sign that had come loose in the wind at Shirley and Tewksbury Sts. to the DPW.

1747: A caller who reported that a white dog with no tags was loose at the Ft. Banks playground called back to report that the owner of the dog was on the scene.

1830: An officer located the owner of a motor vehicle that was parked so as to obstruct traffic on Woodside Ave. and had the owner move the vehicle.

2132: A group who had been setting off fireworks at Coughlin Park had left the scene before officers arrived.

### SUNDAY, MAY 24

1225: An officer responded to a report of two persons arguing at a gas station on Shirley St. Both had left the scene before the officers arrived.

1548: A sign blew off a pole on Tewksbury St. The DPW was notified.

1827: An officer retrieved a syringe that was on the ground on Overlook Drive.

1844: A resident came to the station to request an harassment prevention order pursuant to c. 258E. The on-call judge granted the order.

2133: An officer cleared a group of vehicles that were parked at Hannaford Park.

### MONDAY, MAY 25

0651: An officer directed the owner of a motor vehicle parked at a hydrant on Forrest St. to move the vehicle.

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and other essential needs arise for many of our residents. At the same time, we've seen a huge economic downturn for many of our small businesses. The \$26,250 grant we're awarding today will ensure that local food banks and other groups serving needy families and individuals in our Town can continue to help those coming through their doors, while also supporting our local small businesses where residents spend their dollars."

The Winthrop Foundation, founded in May 2019 with support from Speaker of the House Robert A. DeLeo, has received \$500,000

from Massport thus far. The Board of Trustees is working hard to serve the Winthrop community in the most effective way possible and hopes to launch its Regular Grant Application in the coming weeks. Thank you Speaker DeLeo and Massport.

The Winthrop Foundation Trustees are:  
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## Workshop // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

cilities and energy use; climate change and resilience; and operational service delivery.

After each topic was presented, attendees were asked to participate in an online poll through the Zoom platform. Their responses provided a road map for how Town planners should proceed in each of the eight categories.

### Housing

In the short term, 70 percent of residents want a mixed-use redevelopment strategy for upper-story residential options.

### Jobs and economic development

Participants want to prioritize transformative redevelopment projects in the CBD in the short term, followed by encouraging mixed-use and commercial property redevelopment.

### Transportation

Residents believed that enhancing bus service to the MBTA Blue Line should take precedent in both the short and long term. Regarding the redevelopment of the former middle school site, 50 percent of respon-

dents want to redevelop classrooms and the auditorium, while 42 percent want to see a redevelopment of the entire site.

Julia Wallerice, Chair of the Winthrop Transportation Advisory Committee (WTAC), responded to the poll results in the chat feature of the meeting.

"Great to see so much enthusiasm for improving MBTA bus service!" she wrote. "The committee has been working on this through the MBTA's Better Bus Project."

### Open space and recreation

Eighty-two percent of participants said the Town should prioritize addressing potential flooding of parks by making sure open spaces are resilient. In the short term, 32 percent want community gardens to be the focus of enhancing outdoor space, more so than the dog park or playing fields.

### Schools and education

Sixty-seven percent of respondents said that increasing teacher pay to compete with nearby communities and improving education should be the top priorities. The presentation

showed that educational attainment levels in Winthrop are slightly lower than the state average .

### Facilities and energy use

In order to reduce energy usage and carbon emissions, more residents believed the Town should prioritize increasing access to renewable energy for residents and businesses.

### Climate change and resilience

Sixty-seven percent of poll participants said they believed that flooding issues in Winthrop are "very urgent." In terms of flood risk reduction strategies, 83 percent of respondents would like to see infrastructure improvements such as living shorelines and seawalls. Seventy-three percent said the Town should prioritize policy and planning approaches such as zoning updates and a resiliency checklist.

"Rain gardens and permeable pavement would be so helpful for the CBD, which suffers from flooding and lots of groundwater," responded WTAC Chair Wallerice. "I hope we can incorporate these features

into the surface design once the below grade infrastructure is completed."

### Operational service delivery

Poll respondents said that energy cost reduction through weatherization and HVAC upgrades should take priority over other concerns such as a website overhaul and increased ferry service. However, in the long term, residents wanted to see increased ferry service for commuters.

Following the presentation, participants were split into breakout groups to discuss the topics in greater detail and to brainstorm ideas for next steps. These smaller discussions provided researchers with insights into what community members value when it comes to establishing goals.

The May 30 presentation is the first in a two-part visioning process. There will be an online open house available through June where residents can provide more detailed feedback.

For residents that were unable to attend the live meeting, a recorded version will also be available online at mapc.ma/winthrop2030.

WINTHROP MARKETPLACE

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CREAMY CHICKEN RICE & VEGGIE BAKE

INGREDIENTS:

5 skinless, boneless chicken thighs  
2 teaspoons garlic powder, divided  
2 teaspoons onion powder, divided  
2 teaspoons ground black pepper, divided  
1 teaspoon poultry seasoning

1 teaspoon salt, divided  
3 tablespoons dried minced onion, divided  
½ tablespoon dried oregano  
2 (10.75 ounce) packages chicken flavored rice mix (e.g. Rice A Roni)  
1 (10.5 ounce) can condensed cream of chicken soup

DIRECTIONS:

**STEP 1:** Preheat oven to broil.

**STEP 2:** Place chicken in a 9 x 13 inch baking dish. In a small bowl combine 1 tea-spoon garlic powder, 1 teaspoon onion powder, 1 tea-spoon black pepper, poultry seasoning, 1/2 teaspoon salt, 1 tablespoon dried minced onion and oregano. Sprinkle over chicken, coating both sides.

**STEP 3:** Place chicken under broiler for 10 minutes, or until browned and crispy.

**STEP 4:** In a medium bowl combine rice mix, chicken soup and milk; mix well until lumps are gone. Stir in 1 teaspoon garlic, 1 teaspoon onion powder, 1/2 tea-spoon salt and 2 tablespoons dried minced onion.

**STEP 5:** Take chicken out of oven and remove chicken from pan. Spoon rice mix-ture into the pan and place chicken on top; cover.

**STEP 6:** Reduce oven temperature to 450 degrees F (230 degrees C).

**STEP 7:** Bake for 30 minutes, or until rice and chicken are cooked through.

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## Update on Center Business District construction

Special to The Transcript

The following is a summary of the work completed and the work P. Gioioso & Sons, Inc. (contractor) has scheduled for the next two weeks. Please note, the anticipated schedule may vary due to unforeseen site conditions, weather conditions, or other factors out of the contractor’s control.

### Construction Updates and Schedule: June 1, to June 4, 2020

1. Complete construction of the new sewer main on Woodside Ave. to Somerset Ave. and begin construction of the new sewer main on Somerset Ave. Construction will occur on Woodside Ave at the intersection of Somerset Ave., and on Somerset Ave. between Woodside Ave. and Cottage Park Rd. Construction

will occur between 8 PM and 6 AM, Monday night through Thursday night. See the notice regarding night work for additional information. The construction will require Woodside Ave to be closed to vehicle traffic from Pauline St. to Bartlett Rd. during work hours. Somerset Ave. between Woodside Ave. and Cottage Park Rd. will also be closed to vehicle traffic during the work hours. Sidewalks will remain open during construction to allow pedestrian access to the properties and businesses. Vehicle access to Woodside Ave. and Somerset Ave will be restored at the end of each workday. Detours and police details will be in place to assist with directing traffic.

2. Install temporary trench pavement for trenches excavated on Woodside

Ave and Somerset Ave.

### June 8 to June 11, 2020

1. Continue construction of the new sewer main on Somerset Ave. to Cottage Park Rd.

2. Continue constructing the new sewer main on Woodside Ave. between Somerset Ave. and Bartlett Rd. Construction will occur 8 PM through 6 AM, Monday through Thursday night. The construction on Woodside Ave. will require Woodside Ave to be closed to vehicle traffic from Pauline St. to Bartlett Rd. during work hours. The construction on Somerset Ave. will require closing Somerset Ave between Cottage Park Rd. and Woodside Ave. during work hours. Sidewalks will remain open during construction to allow pedestrian access to the

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of worship, Temple Tifereth has been conducting services via Zoom. According to Pellegrino, Zoom services have been well-attended, but with the help of Student Rabbi, David Joslin, Cantor Craig Mael and Burt Figler, she is prepared to transition to in-person services, with a target date of June 13.

“With God’s help and guidance, we will continue our worship services as best we can...with commitment, perseverance, and hope,” said Pellegrino.

Going forward, services will be set up so there is more than enough space between congregants. Hand sanitizer and wipes will be present in the temple during all services and everything used will be wiped down thoroughly. Services, which typically run for one and a half hours on Saturdays and 45 minutes on Sundays will be shortened to accommodate the additional tasks necessary to have them run socially distant. The Saturday and Sunday services will no longer have food as

an offering, to maintain hygiene safety.

“We will try to be in contact with everyone through the whole process via our Facebook page, phone and email to make sure everyone is updated.”

As of now, starting on June 13<sup>th</sup>, services will be offered on Saturdays at 9:30 am and Sundays at 8:30 am and will be adjusted if necessary.

If you have any questions, please contact: [ttiwinthrop@gmail.com](mailto:ttiwinthrop@gmail.com) [jewish-winthrop.org/](http://jewish-winthrop.org/)

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borings are to be taken.

- The borings are self-contained and noise is minimal.
- The borings are covered under an amendment to the Runway 9-27 Order of Conditions issued by the Boston Conservation Commission.
- Environmental review process will include community meetings.

### MASSACHUSETTS ANNOUNCES PLAN TO RESUME RETAILER BOTTLE AND CAN REDEMPTION ENFORCEMENT

As part of the Baker-Polito Administration’s comprehensive reopening plan, the required acceptance of bottle bill containers for redemption will resume in a two-stage process, beginning on June 5, 2020. The plan includes protocols and requirements to ensure the safety of employees and the public.

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) and the Attorney General’s Office on March 18, 2020, temporarily suspended enforcement of beverage container redemption requirements for retailers across the Commonwealth. MassDEP and the Attorney General’s Office will resume enforcement of beverage container redemption requirements in two phases:

- Enforcement of redemption requirements will resume at retailers using reverse vending machines (RVMs) on June 5, 2020.
- Enforcement of redemption requirements will resume at retailers accepting containers over-the-counter on June 19, 2020.
- Bottle redemption services will need to adhere to the protocols set forth in the Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development’s Guidance Regarding the Operation of Essential Services, including:
- Customers and employees wear a mask or face-covering;

- Post signage to remind customers to practice social distancing;
- Clearly mark 6-foot spacing in lines on the floor;
- Limit bottle room occupancy; and
- Disinfect machines before proceeding to empty them.

Customers are encouraged to check the operating status of redemption locations before bringing empty beverage containers for redemption and should follow store guidelines related to redemption services and standard safety precautions to help prevent the spread of COVID-19, such as wearing a mask and social distancing.

Customers visiting retailer redemption locations may be limited to redeeming no more than 120 deposit containers at a time. Customers seeking to redeem more than 120 containers are encouraged to utilize a redemption center with the capacity to manage large volumes efficiently and effectively. Customers must also ensure that all beverage containers are free of product, rinsed and not commingled with other materials. Redemption locations may not accept containers with contaminants.

MassDEP’s Bottle Bill Hotline is available at 617-556-1054 for questions and information requests. MassDEP is responsible for ensuring clean air and water, safe management and recycling of solid and hazardous wastes, timely cleanup of hazardous waste sites and spills and the preservation of wetlands and coastal resources.

### MVES AWARDED MORE THAN \$82K TO SUPPORT SENIOR VOLUNTEER SERVICE

Mystic Valley Elder Services (MVES) recently received a Senior Corps RSVP grant of \$82,397.00 from the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS), the feder-

al agency for volunteering and service.

The funds were awarded as part of a Senior Corps RSVP grant competition to increase the impact of national service in the Mystic Valley region. Established in 1971, RSVP programs engage older Americans in volunteer opportunities across the country. These volunteers have been a critical resource for nationwide response efforts—in everything from hunger prevention to natural disasters.

“This funding provides much-needed support to our RSVP program, in which our volunteers share their time and expertise with a wide variety of community members, from elementary school children to those enrolling in Medicare,” said Leah Mulrenan, Mystic Valley Elder Services’ RSVP Director and Volunteer Program Manager. Mulrenan oversees and supports over 400 volunteers in the Mystic Valley region, many of whom are serving critical community functions, such as serving food at senior dining sites, assisting elders with bill paying tasks, or distributing goods at food pantries.

Established in 1971, RSVP programs engage Americans age 55 and older in citizen service that addresses the nation’s most-pressing challenges—everything from fighting the opioid epidemic, reducing crime and reviving cities, connecting veterans to jobs and benefits, preparing today’s students for tomorrow’s jobs, and ensuring seniors age independently and with dignity.

While serving, Senior Corps volunteers also improve their own lives, staying active and healthy through service. A growing body of research points to mental and physical health benefits associated with volunteering, including lower mortality rates, increased strength and energy, decreased rates of depression, and fewer physical limitations. Mystic Valley Elder Services offers a variety of volunteer opportunities, which range

## Miller Field nears completion

By Kate Anslinger

In the most recent Miller Field Committee meeting, Co-Chair Jim Letterie, applauded the students from the Northeast Metro Tech High School in Wakefield, for a job well done.

“We couldn’t be happier with what the kids from the vocational school did for us this year on the field house,” said Letterie. “They ended up doing much more than we had scoped them out to do.”

The project, which was started in the spring of 2017, is 95% complete. The remaining work includes outfitting the concession area with equipment and

tables, small adjustments to the locker rooms, minor fence work and the replacement of a utility shed. The bathrooms have been completed and all electric work and the placement of windows and doors is done.

Students from Northeast Metro Tech drafted the original plans for the building and completed the framing, electrical plumbing, HVAC, and metal work, under the supervision of their licensed teachers.

According to Letterie, the one major task left is to replace the golf course’s 4500 square foot utility shed that was taken down to make room for the project.

During the building phase, multiple storage containers were used to store items. The committee will replace the shed with a 3700 square foot metal building and will complete the foundation, water source and electricity. Another project in the works will be the addition of a 90 x 50 foot dog park that will be on the Miller Field footprint, alongside Veterans Road. The park which will be located in the space where Miller Field meets the golf course, will include a fence surrounding the area with a shaded area, a water source, and a divider to separate small and large dogs.

## Graduation //CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

They would then be allowed to take their mask off for a photo and the parents would pick them up. To do this for each student, it would have to be executed 127 times.

“Option one is not something we really wanted but it was something we could afford to do in a timely manner one week after seniors finished their last class,” said Superintendent Lisa Howard.

Following the survey, option two was the most popular choice, earning votes from 82% of students and 84% of parents. This

option will lean toward a much more traditional ceremony, on Miller Field at the end of July, however; it will be dependent on future governor guidelines.

With the help of the fire department, police, and Winthrop Department of Public Health, seniors will be part of a traditional graduation ceremony. This also comes alongside the CDC’s new guidance that outdoor ceremonies are permitted after July 19<sup>th</sup>.

“If we receive opposing guidance, we will revert back to option one. Over the past 11 weeks, I’ve

learned that plans sometimes change. I have sincere gratitude to the folks involved in the planning of this year’s graduation, which is an event we look forward to all year. The communication between the senior class advisors and Principal Crombie has been excellent through the entire process.”

Howard shared that they are still working on a plan for scholarship and senior class nights. Depending on the outcome, these may be separate from graduation or in conjunction with the ceremony.

from commitments of just a few hours each month, to multiple days each week.

For more information about volunteer opportunities at Mystic Valley Elder Services, and to find the one that’s best for you, please call 781-388-2375 or visit [mves.org/volunteer](http://mves.org/volunteer).

### ZONTA CLUB OF CHELSEA & NORTH SHORE INSTALL OFFICERS

The Zonta Club of Chelsea & North Shore is pleased to announce the installation of their new slate of officers for the next two years. Our

second virtual membership meeting was held on May 21 as we all met on “Zoom”. The new officers are President- Janice Tarkata, Vice President Mary Jane O’Neill, President, 2nd Vice President-Theresa DiPetro, Treasurer -Elizabeth Fama, Recording Secretary -Bonnie Fishman, Corresponding secretary - Christine Deprizio, and Board of Director members, Joan Lanzillo-Haesy, Sheila Arsenault and Diane Cambria. The Zonta Club of Chelsea & North Shore has completed another year of service to our communities and the world. We are

honored to be able to continue the great work we do in our cities and towns and look forward to the year ahead. We hope you will think about joining us in our mission to support women and girls through service and advocacy. Please call us at 617-874-0271 Mary Jane O’Neill or email us at [Chelseazonta@zontadistrict1.org](mailto:Chelseazonta@zontadistrict1.org) and check out our website, [zontadistrict1.org/area-4/chelsea-ma](http://zontadistrict1.org/area-4/chelsea-ma). We really need your help to continue our wonderful work. Our meetings are held the third Thursday of the month.

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# Winthrop

## SUN TRANSCRIPT

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## OUR Opinions

### MOST PROTESTERS ARE NOT THE LOOTERS

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances. -- The First Amendment of the Constitution of the United States.

The vast majority of Americans have been sickened by the horrific video of a white Minneapolis police officer slowly and agonizingly choking to death a 46 year-old African-American man, George Floyd.

Mr. Floyd had not committed any act of violence prior to being arrested and was lying prone on his stomach, with his hands handcuffed behind his back, as the officer applied pressure with his knee and the full force of his body weight to Mr. Floyd's neck for eight minutes and 53 seconds.

The murder of Mr. Floyd while in police custody was the culmination of a series of high-profile, race-related incidents in recent weeks that have highlighted the racism that is inherent in our society and that have spurred the protests for the past week in major cities across the country.

What has been striking about the protest movement is that the protesters in every city have been representative of all races and nationalities, similar to the peaceful protest marches and the Freedom Rider movement in the 1960s that were led by Dr. Martin Luther King and other leaders of the Civil Rights movement at that time.

Unfortunately, there always are a few people who will seek to profit from any situation. Those who have been vandalizing property and who have been ransacking high-end retailers, as occurred Sunday night along Newbury St. and in downtown Boston, are professional criminals with lengthy records who have jumped on the protest bandwagon, so to speak, solely in order to take advantage of the diversion of the police created by the peaceful and legitimate protesters.

However, the criminal behavior by a small minority of professional criminals amidst the protesters should not be a basis, either for average Americans or for our political leaders, to fail to acknowledge two important aspects of the current protest movement:

First, that every American has a right of free assembly and second, that our nation must address the rampant racism that exists at every level of society.

Our government leaders who negatively are politicizing the current situation are no different than the criminals who are ransacking the high-end stores. Both are seeking to hijack the legitimate methods and goals of the protest movement for their own ends.

However, we must not allow either the criminal element or unscrupulous politicians to distract us from attaining the goal so eloquently expressed

by Dr. King in his "I Have a Dream" speech before 250,000 persons at the Lincoln Memorial in 1963: "I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character."

Fifty seven years later, America still is a long way from realizing Dr. King's dream of racial equality. Hopefully, the sad and tragic events of the past few weeks will rekindle in every American the need to achieve the goal of a just society for all Americans.

### LOCK YOUR CARS, BRING IN VALUABLES

As surely as May flowers follow April showers, so too, does the warmer weather bring out the petty thieves who perform their mischief.

Going through the police blotter each week, we are struck by the large number of residents who exercise no common sense, whether by leaving their motor vehicles unlocked (and often with their wallets or other valuables inside) or not storing their bicycles and similar items in a secure place at all times.

We like to think that our insular peninsula is free from the criminal element, but that is an illusion and always has been. Yes, we have a lower crime rate than neighboring communities and our police force truly is responsive and vigilant, but opportunity is the biggest factor in criminal activity, whether it be the professional thieves or some drunken kids roaming the streets late at night.

Our own individual behavior is the best defense we have against becoming a victim of crime -- and that means making sure that our vehicles, homes, and property are locked away and secured at all times.

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# Forum



### LETTER to the Editor

#### SPEAK YOUR MIND AT BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING

Dear Editor,

The Board of Appeals ZOOM meeting on Thursday, June 11 at 7:00 PM will discuss a request by Winthrop Hospitality LLC to convert a 30 bed hotel on 312-318 Shirley Street to a 30 unit apartment building.

Apartment buildings require two parking spaces per unit as opposed to hotels which require one parking space per unit. Also, each apartment resident would be entitled to one Visitor Parking placard. Since the current building does not have the required amount of parking spaces, the petitioner is requesting a variance to allow thirty (30) ON-STREET PARKING spaces for use by residents of these apartments.

As anyone who lives in this area knows, there is not enough parking available now. We simply don't have 30 additional on-street parking spaces at this time.

If you or your tenants depend on on-street parking on Pearl Ave, Wave Way or Shirley St., register your feelings by either attending the Zoom meeting (details available from the Appeals Board Clerk) or

sending your comments to the Board of Appeals at the following address:

Joanne M. DeMato  
jdemato@town.winthrop.ma.us  
Winthrop Board of Appeals Clerk  
617-846-1742 ex. 3 - Voice  
617-539-0812 - Fax

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Scott Nichols  
Pearl Ave.

#### WE NEED YOUR HELP

Dear Editor,

We are asking for your help. Jessica Benton our Nurse Practitioner has been part of the Winthrop community and surrounding areas since 2014. In March of 2014 Dr. Gary Pransky and staff decided the community needed more. Jessica Benton was the perfect fit for our family practice. She has been a great support to the Winthrop and surrounding communities, with her compassionate empathetic ways. She truly cares about her patients.

We are asking for your support.

Jessica is fighting the



Jessica Benton with her family.

battle of her life. Jessica was diagnosed with Stage IV pancreatic cancer in late February while 30 weeks pregnant. Unfortunately her first round of chemotherapy failed and in order for her to continue with more aggressive therapy, her miracle baby boy Anderson was taken on March 23rd at 32 weeks. Anderson is now home, surrounded by love

and doing extremely well. Unfortunately Jessica's battle for life continues with the help of her amazing team of doctors and nurses at MGH and the support of so many family and friends.

Jessica and Adam have been overwhelmed with kindness through gifts of food, flowers, letters of en-

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### GUEST OP-ED

#### George Floyd, protestor violence — how to solve all this

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

The death of George Floyd at the hands of police should never have happened. It was murder and a dark moment in America. The looting, terrorism and burning of American cities by so called protestors is criminal and a dark moment in America.

The Minneapolis police officers involved in Floyd's death must be held accountable. The criminals involved in wrecking American cities, robbing and burning businesses must be held accountable.

Americans have the right to free speech. Free speech does not mean destroying property, hurting police officers and criminal activities.

The question many Americans are asking today is who is funding these criminal, terroristic riots that have happened across

America? People are showing up from other cities and states to wreak havoc and chaos in American cities. Who is paying their travel? Who is providing their lodging? Who is paying them money? Are there really this many evil, bad people in America? Obviously, there are because the acts of violence displayed on national television are not coming from peaceful protestors. We have seen and heard about many peaceful protestors. Thousands of people have made their protests in a peaceful, honorable way.

No one blames anyone for being upset and angry about what happened to George Floyd. It made me angry. I would be willing to march with anyone to cry out against such an act and event. Actually, I cried out against Floyd's murder in last week's column stating my feelings about his murder by the hands of the

Minneapolis police officers. This column goes to thousands of media outlets. It was horrific and wrong and the officers must be punished. The looters and criminals who have vandalized and saw Floyd's death as an opportunity to pursue criminal activity also must be put in jail and punished.

America is in deep trouble. We are still in the middle of Covid-19 with the prospects of a Fall resurgence. Unemployment soars. Businesses have closed and many are struggling to hold on. Economically our nation is buried. The future of our older generation is at great risk and the younger generation has not grasped yet what is really in store for them financially. The economic plight of this nation has put the realization of the American Dream at great risk for America's children.

We desperately need a revival of "rightness" in

America. There was a day when people believed in strong morals, decency, respect and the Golden Rule. This "rightness or rule" must happen from all the politicians, to the police officers, to the protestors and to every person in America. The preachers in America must get this message out. The politicians must get this message out. We must put this message into our daily living. Or, it's over for America.

Here's the rule again, "Treat others the way you want to be treated."

Glenn Mollette is the publisher of Newburgh Press, Liberty Torch and various other publishing imprints; a national columnist — American Issues and Common Sense opinions, analysis, stories and features appear each week in over 500 newspapers, websites and blogs across the United States.



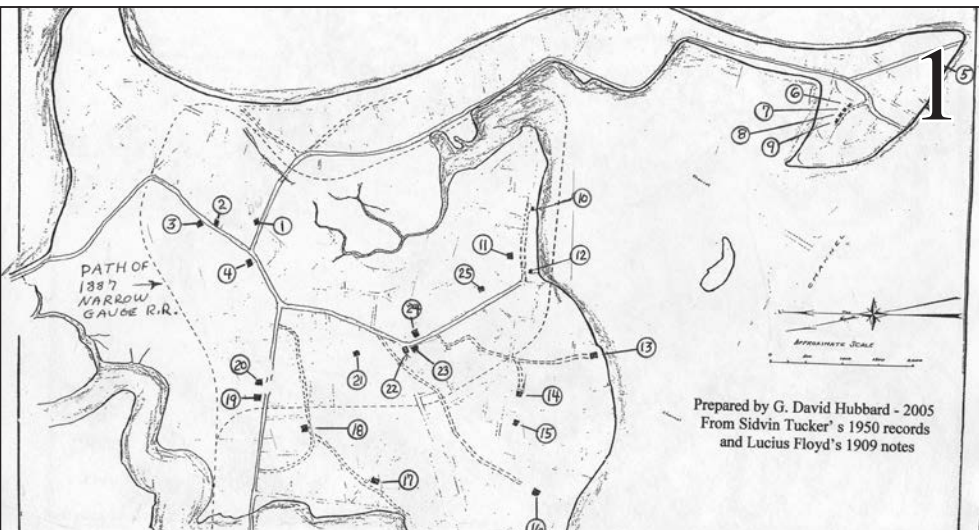
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# WINTHROP Then and Now

Winthrop Improvement and Historical Association

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

## ART 923 – WINTHROP IN 1844 WITH 25 BUILDING



One of the most fascinating things that occurs in documenting the history of a community is to be able to establish a solid benchmark for a specific year and we believe that the map and chart below defines the buildings on our peninsula in 1844.

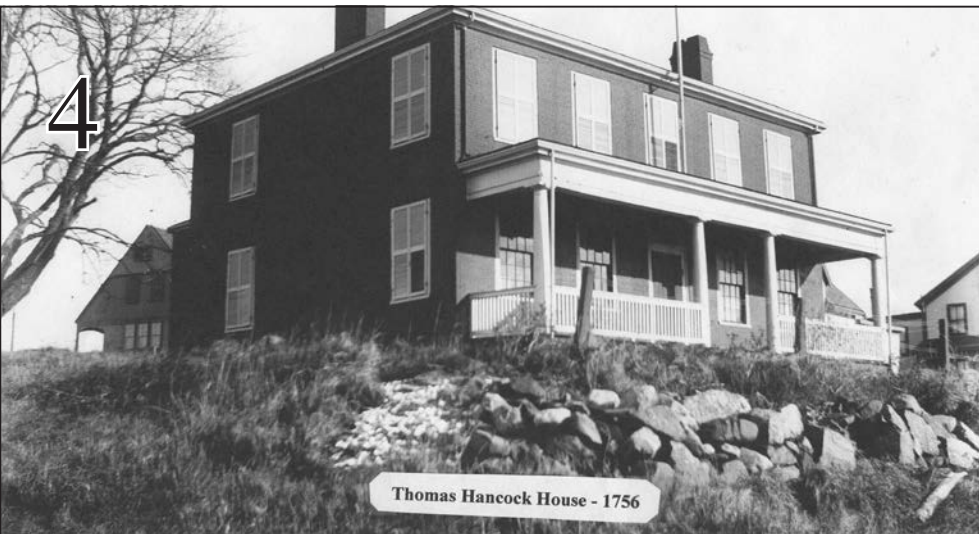
Extensive research has gone into the early development of homes on our peninsula. From the 4 to 5 farms North of Cottage Hill that existed from 1637 to about 1800, plus the build-ings and homes for the Fishery Industry (1753 – 1755) and the Salt Works (1812 – 1842) located at Point Shirley, very little construction occurred before the first bridge to East Bos-ton was built in 1839. A map showing the 25 build-ings here in 1844 has been prepared for inclusion in a forthcoming 2nd edition of our book on the history of Winthrop Maps. Based on a large number of known maps that depict the growth of our Town, along with notes left by Lucius Floyd (born 1834) that give a detailed description of the buildings that existed here when he was a school boy, the following is a listing of those buildings that are shown on the map of figure one. Of the 25 build-ings then in town, 11 are still here with 4 of them on their original foundations. Pic-tures of the oldest 3 remain-ing homes are printed with this article. The other 8 have been relocated and/or incor-porated into later buildings as noted on the chart below.

ORIGINAL OWNER  
ORIG. ADDRESS Yr.

Built	Current Status	
1. Deane	Winthrop 1637	15. William Wales
40 Shirley St.	One of earliest 11 on origi-nal site	Cottage Pk. Rd. 1840
2. David Floyd Sr.	Revere St. ~ 1840	16. John Sargent 1836
Moved about 1890, site un-known		Somerset Terr. 1836
3. Thomas Floyd	Revere St. ~ 1840	One of earliest 11 still here
One of earliest 11 but moved to 62 Locust		, with the main section moved to 205 Somerset Av-enue
4. David Floyd Sr.	Revere St. 1844	17. Sam Tewksbury
One of earliest 11 but moved to 140 Shirley		Ingleside Ave 1830
5. Taft's Inn	1839	Moved across street 1875, razed 1982
Razed 1950-52		18. Rev. Oliver/Jon
6. Samuel Sturgis	7 Siren Street 1753	Bill 29 Beal St. 1638
One of earliest 11 on origi-nal site		Razed 1927
7. Joseph Tewksbury	Siren Street ~1730	19. Charles Sturgis
Razed 1902 after a fire		208 Main Street 1640
8. House//Church	Siren Street ~1754	Razed 1955
Razed before 1800		20. Edward Floyd
9. Hancock-Wheeler	49 Siren Street 1756	210 Main Street 1852
One of earliest 11 on origi-nal site		One of earliest 11 still here
10. G.W. Tewksbury	105 Washington Ave. ~1830	on original site
One of earliest 11 moved to 106 Washington ~ 1910		21. Samuel Belcher
11. Henry Tewksbury	Thornton Park ~ 1817	Cor. Belcher & Cora 1840
One of earliest 11 moved to 92 Bowdoin ~ 1880		No longer there 1866
12. Edward Gibbons	Washington Terr. 1640	22. First School
Razed 1869 after 1858 Storm Damage		Old PO. New Police Sta. 1805
13. Joseph Belcher	125 Sunnyside Ave 1775	Razed 1845 for newer school
Burned Down 1890		23. Eben Burrill
14. Joseph Burrill	Plummer Ave. 1844	Rear of Wadsworth Bld. 1844
Unknown		Razed 1940



Samuel Sturgis House – 1753



Thomas Hancock House - 1756



# 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 May 26, 2010

Winthrop firefighter Michael Lopez completed a 24 hour run/walk around Deer Island last weekend that helped him raise more than \$7,000 for the Winthrop Viking Pride organization and will allow the group to pay the full athletic user fees for at least seven Winthrop High student athletes in the fall and another seven during the spring season next year. Lopez wasn't able to walk and run around the Deer Island non-stop, but he did begin his feat at 9 a.m. on Saturday, May 22 and completed it on Sunday at 9 a.m. with just a two-hour nap early Sunday morning, after taking too quick a pace through the first twelve hours and tiring after midnight.

Winthrop Veteran's Agent Larry Holmes and local businessman Lou Camacho have each been marshalling their respective corps of volunteers and helpers, as the town gears up for the annual Memorial Day Celebration. The weekend's festivities will actually begin on Sunday, with an 8:30 a.m. Marine Service at the Cottage Park Yacht Club, to be followed by a Memorial Mass at St. John's Evangelist Church on Winthrop Street at 10 a.m. On Monday, the annual Memorial Day service will take place in the main cemetery between Bowdo-in St. and River Rd.

Crime prevention must become a community effort, Chief of Police Terence Delehanty told residents of Winthrop's Precinct 5 during a recent meeting to air community concerns at the Cottage Park Yacht Club.

Get Him to the Greek, Killers, and Marmaduke are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

### 20 years ago May 25, 2000

Town Meeting is set to open this evening with the town's financial woes the prime topic. Although the Advisory Committee has recommended a \$531,000 increase in the School Department budget, which brings the budget within the minimum mandated by state law, the sum still is \$1.5 million less than the \$14.9 million being sought by the School Committee. School officials are predicting massive cutbacks and layoffs if the requested budget is not approved by Town Meeting.

Massport Executive Director Virginia Buckingham was greeted by 50 residents in an emotion-charged meeting held at the Senior Center Friday at which she answered questions from the audience.irate residents complained of the noise and air pollution from Logan Airport.

A lifelong Winthrop resident, 20 year old Danielle Chambers, was killed in a freak car accident in Chelsea when she tried to jump onto a moving tow truck being operated by her boyfriend, but fell off and hit her head on the pavement.

Eddie Andelman's annual Hot Dog Safari at Suffolk Downs once again was a huge success in raising funds for cystic fibrosis.

After extensive studies of potential ridership, design issues, and possible traffic problems, the ferry feasibility study committee has reported that ferry service from the public landing at the Winthrop Y.C. to downtown Boston is a distinct possibility.

WCAT held its annual meeting. Executive Director Eric Gaynor gave the annual report and cited an increase in membership.

The median sale price for homes sold in Winthrop year-to-date is \$195,000 compared to \$190,000 in 1999. Recent sales include Unit 19 at 1100 Governor's Drive for \$86,000.

Mission Impossible 2, Big Momma's House, and Shanghai Noon are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

### 30 years ago May 23, 1990

The Advisory Committee has called for a public hearing on the matter of the town budget prior to the resumption of Town Meeting on June 4 at which the committee will lay out two budget scenarios, one calling for level funding the budget and the other calling for a five percent budget cut from last year. With an anticipated 10 percent cut in local aid from the state because of the unprecedented state budget crisis, a level-funded budget will require a Prop. 2 and 1/2 tax override vote.

The Board of Assessors has acknowledged that School Committeewoman Phyllis Fluet was correct in pointing out recently that a line oin the town's tax bills that purports that the schools use 68 percent of the town budget is an incorrect figure and that the

schools' share of town revenue is far less than that.

The Chamber of Commerce's recent \$10,000 dinner was a big success, with five lucky winners sharing the pot and taking home \$2000 each.

Muffin Town has agreed to cut back its operations in response to complaints from nearby residents about the noise from refrigeration trucks at all hours of the day and night.

Robocop, Total Recall, and Pretty Woman are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

### 40 years ago May 28, 1980

Winthrop town officials say they will stop being, "Mr. Nice Guy," toward Massport and have threatened to bring a lawsuit to stop proposed changes in landing patterns that will bring more jet noise over Pt. Shirley.

Richard Limone has been named the local Knights of Columbus's "Knight of the Year."

William McLaughlin, the Chairman of the Winthrop Tall Ships Committee, has finalized plans with the selectmen for the arrival of the Tall Ships Thursday. Local residents will get a sneak preview of the majestic sailing vessels when they begin to anchor off Pt. Shirley from where they will parade into Boston Harbor this weekend. A huge influx of visitors is expected to come to Winthrop to view the parade.

John T. Conway has been named chairman of the Winthrop Community Hospital's fundraising campaign by Hospital President John L. Murphy Jr.

The Winthrop Playmakers will present Zorba over the next two weekends.

Thousands of local residents enjoyed the annual Memorial Day parade and exercises on Monday.

Steve Martin stars in The Jerk at the Kincade Theatre.

### 50 years ago May 28, 1970

An incident involving a local peace organization and the Memorial Day Committee marred Monday's Memorial Day exercises here and attracted wide media attention. Police were forced to close the gates to Winthrop Cemetery to keep out about 25 members of the Winthrop Peace Action group during the ceremonies.

## COVID-19 Update //CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

cation from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) of one additional resident affected by COVID-19, bringing the total number of confirmed cases up to 231; 24 deceased, 186 recovered and 21 in isolation.

### Emergency Operations Center

The Town of Winthrop Emergency Operations Center (EOC) is streamlining the COVID-19 response effort to ensure the continued delivery of services to residents. The EOC will remain operational until further notice. The EOC can be reached at 617-539-5848, Monday through Thursday, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., or by emailing COVID19info@town.winthrop.ma.us.

For residents that may be self-quarantined and require outside assistance or meal delivery, please contact the EOC at 617-539-5848 or COVID19info@town.winthrop.ma.us. All information will be confidential.

The COVID-19 Tip Hotline is available on the

Winthrop Public Safety website at <https://winthrop-publicsafety.com/covid-19-tip-hotline/> for those

self-reporting or for a concerned member of the community.

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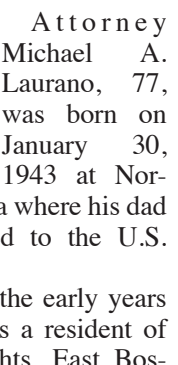
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# OBITUARIES

## Atty. Michael A. Laurano III

Well known Boston and North Shore attorney

Attorney Michael A. Laurano, 77, was born on January 30, 1943 at Norfolk, Virginia where his dad was assigned to the U.S. Navy Base.

He spent the early years of his life as a resident of Orient Heights, East Boston until making the move to Newbury, Massachusetts in 1993.

He attended St. Mary, Star of the Sea Grammar School, East Boston graduating in 1957. He was a graduate of Sacred Heart High School, East Boston, Class of 1961 and an alumnus of Boston College, Class of 1965 and then went on to graduate from Boston University School of Law in 1968.

As a young man, he developed a keen interest in politics, which drove him into a successful campaign for the Democratic Ward Committee.

He began his law career with the late Attorney Joseph Oteri in Downtown Boston. However, soon he set his shingle out at 71-73 Meridian St., East Boston, the home of the Michael A. Laurano Insurance Agency. The agency was founded by his paternal grandfather in 1923, maintained and carried on by Michael A. Laurano, Jr. (Attorney Laurano's father) and subsequently carried on by Attorney Laurano until 2011. Michael continued his practice of law until 2018 when failing health made it impossible to fulfill his duties.

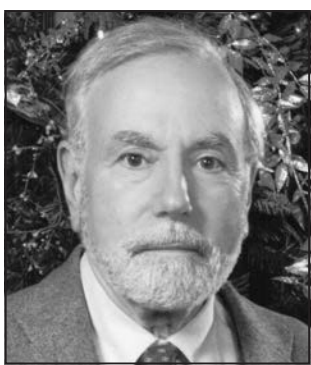
Michael's interests were vast and most interesting. He was a student of everything and anything and would have the ability to teach the subject with thorough knowledge and deliverance. He held an uncanny appreciation for his Italian heritage, particularly for the history and language of his forefathers.

Michael was fluent in English, Italian and Spanish. He was an excellent chef, baker, gardener and teacher. From a very early age, his love for antiques and antiquities was unmatched. However, above and beyond, was his dedication and love of family and extended family.

He carried a wealth of precise information regarding art and the sciences. As an avid reader, he would begin and complete reading a book in the same evening. He was a remarkable self-taught musician, mostly and especially in piano, organ and the mandolin.

Michael played organ for the 4 p.m., Saturday, Weekly Mass at St. Pius Chapel in the Don Orione Nursing Center in East Boston for 10 years. He was fascinated with the old "roller pianos" of which one was always in the finished playroom at 719 Bennington St.

The Laurano home was always the go-to place for a party, gathering, fun and music. Yes, always music, and of course, after all, Michael's mother was the founder and Senior Teacher of the Lillian Arden Chi-



ampa Laurano School of Dance & Performing Arts, which made its home over the family insurance agency for over 65 years.

Attorney Michael A. Laurano, III was a frequent traveler to Europe and especially to Italy and the small real to life villages in Avellino, from whence his ancestors came. Aside from the sights that most travel to, Michael made it mandatory to locate and visit with the Chiampa and Laurano cousins.

Michael's memberships included The Boston Athenaeum, The Justinian Society, the Dante Alighieri Society. He was a founder and member of the East Boston Historical Society from the late 1960s until the time of his passing. He was also a member of Riverfront Marina of Newbury, MA and a member of Fitton Council, K of C 84 of East Boston.

The precious son of the late Boston Deputy Fire Chief Michael A. Laurano, Jr. and Lillian Arden Chiampa Laurano, he was the treasured brother of Jeannine A. Lesburt and her husband, Henry of Pompano Beach, FL and Karyn A. Laurano of Peabody; cherished uncle of Eric M. and Erin E. Trigilio, Attorneys Marc E. and Leigh R. Trigilio, Peter M. Vadala, David L. and Erin Vadala. "Uncle Michael" will be unforgettable to his grandnieces: Liliana, Carlina, Amalia, Aria and Mia. He was the beloved friend and companion of Ellen C. Hynes. He deeply loved his faithful Welsh Terrier, Reggie Barney, III. He was also the valued cousin of the late George E. McGee, Jr. and many other loving Laurano and Chiampa cousins.

A Private Funeral Mass was celebrated on Tuesday, June 2 at St. Adelaide Church of Peabody, followed by a Private Committal Service at Holy Cross Cemetery, Malden in accordance with the mandates and regulations issued by the Comm. of MA and the Boston Archdiocese regarding the ongoing pandemic. In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made in support of the Mass General Center for Lymphoma in honor of Dr. Ronald Takvorian. Checks may be mailed to Massachusetts General Development Office, Attn: Tyrone Latin, 125 Nashua St., Ste. 540, Boston, MA 02114. Checks should be made payable to "MGH Center for Lymphoma."

To send online condolences, please visit [www.vertucciosndsmith.com](http://www.vertucciosndsmith.com). Funeral Arrangements under the care and direction of the Vertuccio & Smith, Home for Funerals, Revere.

## Corey Ford Abrams

Tireless worker and creative entrepreneur

Corey Ford Abrams passed away unexpectedly on May 31.

Corey was son to Kim (Canniff) and Hal Ford Abrams, both of Revere and was born on February 27, 1976.

He was a proud Beachmont native and a graduate of St. Dominic Savio High School, Class of 1994. Corey married his high school sweetheart, Kristin (Parillo) Abrams in 1996. The couple began their family in Revere, later residing in Reading.

Corey worked as a landscaper and real estate agent with Century 21 Mario Real Estate. He started his landscaping business at the age of 12 and successfully grew the business for over 30 years. Corey also worked as a property manager of a forty-unit residential development. A tireless worker and creative entrepreneur, Corey invested in real estate and maintained a seasonal Christmas Tree business in Winthrop.

He was dedicated to his work and providing for his family. He was also very active in both his hometown of Revere and then in Reading. Corey coached softball, baseball, hockey and traveled the country with his girls' cheering teams.

He was an avid community volunteer, always being the first to help. More than anything, Corey enjoyed spending time with his family. On any given Sunday he would be with his wife, Kristin and their children, enjoying a meal and watching the Red Sox or Patriots. Corey was an avid Boston sports fan. Taking his kids to Fenway was what he loved most.

Corey took pride in his home. He spent many weekends in the yard with the kids, growing vegeta-



bles in his prized garden. Corey loved music and will be remembered for his famous dance moves to his favorite singers.

Corey had a great sense of humor. He could light up a room and always knew just what to say to make you smile. He had an infectious laugh like no other.

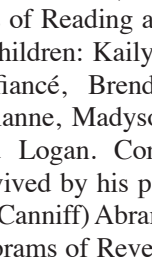
Corey was an amazing husband, father, son, brother, uncle and friend to so many lucky people. He was kind and compassionate. He was so full of life and love. To know him was to love him.

Corey leaves a legacy of his most loving family: his beloved wife, Kristin (Parillo) Abrams of Reading and their five children: Kailynn and her fiancé, Brendan Alford, Brianne, Madyson, Aiden and Logan. Corey is also survived by his parents, Kim (Canniff) Abrams and Hal Abrams of Revere, his sister, Kerri (Abrams) Perullo and Francis Perullo of Lexington. Corey also leaves behind adoring nieces and nephews: Zachary Micciche, Arya Parillo, Paige Rampelberg, Olivia and Jack Perullo.

In accordance with the CDC's current restrictions on gatherings due to Covid-19, all services will be held privately. Interment will be at Puritan Lawn Memorial Park. For guest book please visit [www.buonfiglio.com](http://www.buonfiglio.com).

## Robert Milne, Jr.

Eastern Airlines retiree

Robert (Bob) K. Milne Jr. passed away Tuesday, May 12 after a brief battle with cancer at the Highpoint Hospice in Haverhill. He was 89 years old.

Bob was a proud US Air Force Korean War Veteran who retired from Eastern Airlines as a Lead Radio Technician.

He was an avid reader and loved his daily crossword puzzles. He was a devoted Yankees and New York Giants fan.

Bob was born in Newark, NJ to the late Robert and Katherine Milne. He was the devoted husband of the late Josephine (Fraina);



the father of Scott and the late Diane Zega and her husband Dave Zega.

A private graveside service was held in the Belle Isle section of Winthrop Cemetery. To sign the online guestbook go to [www.caggianofuneralhome.com](http://www.caggianofuneralhome.com).

Arrangements were under the direction of the Caggiano-O'Maley-Frazier Funeral Home, Winthrop.

## Kimberly Fisher

Former proprietor of Golden Images in East Boston and Seaside Salon in Winthrop

Funeral Services were held privately for Kimberly L. Fisher, who died unexpectedly in her home in East Boston on May 22. She was 53 years old.

Kim was born and raised in the Jeffries Point section of East Boston and was a graduate of Boston Preparatory School, Class of 1984. Immediately following graduation, she enrolled in beauty school and became a licensed hairdresser and makeup artist.

Kim was an extremely hard-working woman and her talent and drive led her to become a top tier hairdresser. She immediately had a large following due to her craft and purely her personality. She was witty, feisty, warm and kind and that allowed her to have many successes in business. People simply loved her and she loved them.

She also worked for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in the Auditor's Division as an administrative assistant. She left her position in the Auditor's division to broaden her horizon by purchasing "Golden Images" in East Boston, a Tanning and Nail Salon and Clothing Boutique. Her vision brought the salon to a new level and always had the latest women's swimwear, women's clothing line and accessories. She enjoyed what she was doing and had a natural knack for business. While operating her business, she still was working as a hairdresser next door on Bennington St. at Hair 2001. She would later sell Golden Images and open another hair and nail salon in Winthrop, Seaside Salon.

The birth of her son, Nicholas, was without a doubt the happiest day of her life. She loved being a mother and it meant so much to her. She eventually worked several days a week as a hairdresser at various salons, but due to her declining health, she was forced to stop working completely.

Kim had many talents and passions in life. She was a phenomenal cook and everything she made was delicious. She was also a gracious host for the holidays, birthdays and cookouts. She liked to travel and visit new places. Anyone who knew Kim would always see her looking stunning and in a new outfit.



She loved fashion and was a very savvy shopper. Lastly, Kim was a fond animal lover of all sorts, but especially dogs.

Kim will always be remembered as a person with a gentle face, a beautiful smile and a loving heart. She is now safely home in heaven, she will be missed, her memory will be shared and she will always be loved.

She was the beloved daughter of Edith (Petrillo) Fisher and the late Robert L. Fisher; the loving mother of Nicholas J. Bitto of Revere; cherished sister of Robert L. Fisher and his late wife, Audrey M. of Winthrop, David A. Fisher of Revere and Danny Smith and his wife, Patricia K. of Melrose; dear aunt of Robert L. Fisher, Alexandria Fisher and Zachary S. Fisher, all of Winthrop, David A. Fisher of Revere, Justin S. Smith and Matthew J. Smith of Melrose. She is also lovingly survived by her two Maltase companions, Sissy and MoJo and by many other loving friends, family and extended family.

In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to the MSPCA - Angell Office of Development 350 South Huntington Ave. Boston, MA 02130 or [mspca.org](http://mspca.org). To send online condolences, please visit [www.vertucciosndsmith.com](http://www.vertucciosndsmith.com). Funeral Arrangements under the care and direction of the Vertuccio & Smith, Home for Funerals, Revere.

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# OBITUARIES

## Robert Keeler

### Retired Massport construction/maintenance manager

Robert P. “Bobby” Keeler, of Winthrop passed away on May 29. He was 72 years old.

Bobby was a member of the Pleasant Park Yacht Club in Winthrop and the Danvers Fish and Game. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and boating. Prior to his retirement, he was the construction and maintenance manager at Massport.

He was the beloved husband of Maureen (McKenna) Keeler and the devoted father of Lauren R. Keough and her husband, Stephen of Salem. Born in Boston, he was the cherished son of the late William D. and Ruth E. (Page) Keeler. Bobby was the dear brother of Anne Byrne of Mocksville, N.C., Gertrude Seaward of Massachusetts and the late Frederick, William and David Keeler, Edith Price and Lillian Oliver. He is also survived by many loving



nieces and nephews.

Due to current restrictions and guidelines, Funeral Service and burial in Winthrop Cemetery (Belle Isle Section) will be private. Donations in his memory can be made to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital 501 St. Jude Pl. Memphis, TN. 38105. Funeral arrangements are being handled by the Maurice W. Kirby Funeral Home 210 Winthrop St. Winthrop, MA. 02152. To sign Bobby’s guestbook, please visit [www.mauricekirbyfh.com](http://www.mauricekirbyfh.com).

## Kevin McKinnon

### Well known Winthrop hockey coach & player

Kevin J. McKinnon, of Winthrop passed away on June 2, 2020. He was 57 years old. He was the beloved husband of Kelly J. (Petersen) McKinnon. Born in Lynn, Kevin was the cherished son of the late Harold McKinnon and the late Jane (Ryan) Edwards.

Kevin was self-employed, working in the auto glass industry. An avid hockey player and enthusiast, he was the coach of the Winthrop High School Girls Varsity Hockey Team for seven years. He also played hockey in a Men’s League in Winthrop.

Besides his wife Kelly, Kevin leaves behind his beloved children, Ryan W. McKinnon, Jake T. McKinnon and his partner Sophia Grayson, Caroline L. McKinnon and her partner Travis Parker, and Jillian N. McKinnon all of Winthrop. Dear brother of the late Sean McKinnon and his survived by his brother John “Jack” McKinnon and



his sister Eleanor Lawson of Las Vegas, NV. He was the loving son-in-law to the late Walter A. and Carol A. (VanTyne) Petersen Jr.

A Funeral Mass will be held in St. John the Evangelist Church 320 Winthrop St. Winthrop, on Saturday, June 6, at 11:30AM. Please go directly to church. Interment will follow in Winthrop Cemetery (Belle Isle Section). Funeral arrangements are being handled by the Maurice W. Kirby Funeral Home 210 Winthrop St. Winthrop. To sign Kevin’s guestbook, please visit our website at: [www.mauricekirbyfh.com](http://www.mauricekirbyfh.com).

## Richard Stuart

### Owner of Triton Construction Management

Richard W. Stuart, 48, of Wilmington, died on Sunday, May 31 after a long and strong battle with brain cancer.

Rich was born on April 25, 1972 in Beverly, to the late Richard W. Stuart and his loving mother, Celia Stuart. He grew up in a wonderful neighborhood in the town of Wilmington and graduated from Wilmington High in 1990. Following graduation, Rich attended Fitchburg State and graduated with a degree in Construction Management.

In 1998, Rich opened his own company, Triton Construction Management and built that business to one of the more successful companies in the area.

Rich met his wife, Jane, and they had two amazing kids, Richie and Willie. He built his own home and they settled in Wilmington for the last 19 years. Aside from coaching his kid’s athletics, which he thoroughly enjoyed, Rich’s interests included the Patriots, spending time at his lake house, snowmobiling, boating, and grilling poolside.

Rich is survived by his loving wife, Jane (Gilfoyle) Stuart, of Wilmington, formerly of Winthrop, his two sons, Richie and Willie of Wilmington, his mother, Celia Stuart, of Reading, his brother, Michael Stuart and his wife, Hawli Stuart of Andover, his brother, Ryan Stuart, of North Reading, his father-in-law, John J. Gilfoyle of Winthrop, his sister-in-law, Cathy Staple-



ton and her husband, Patrick, as well as all his nieces and nephews. Rich was predeceased by his mother-in-law, Inge Gilfoyle.

Family and friends are invited to Calling Hours on Thursday, June 4 from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Nichols Funeral Home 187, Middlesex Avenue, Wilmington, MA 01887. All guests attending the visitation are asked to remain in their vehicles until a funeral attendant escorts you into the funeral home. Masks are required in the funeral home. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. on Friday, June 5 at Parish of the Transfiguration, St. Thomas Church, 126 Middlesex Avenue, Wilmington, MA 01887. Interment will follow in Wildwood Cemetery, Wilmington.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in Rich’s name may be made to National Brain Tumor Society, 55 Chapel St Suite 200, Newton, MA 02458. Funeral Arrangements are under the direction of the Nichols Funeral Home, Wilmington. [www.nicholsfuneralhome.com](http://www.nicholsfuneralhome.com).

## Hardware stores // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

I’ve never seen anything like it day after day after day for two months,” Leavy said. “Every day is like a Saturday in springtime.”

In March, Governor Charlie Baker issued an order that defined the “Covid-19 Essential Services” that were allowed to continue operating brick and mortar facilities during the pandemic. Among those were, “Workers in hardware ... with reduced staff to ensure continued operations.”

Woodside, while still open at 7:30 a.m., began closing its doors to the public at 3 p.m. instead of the pre-pandemic 6 p.m. The store also stopped opening on Sundays. For a few Tuesdays since the outbreak, Woodside closed entirely so that the crew could stock orders and organize the store.

Amid fears of catching or spreading the virus, about two thirds of Woodside’s employees took advantage of the option to stay home. Leavy did not furlough anyone, and is, in fact, now asking his crew to come back and help. Only seven of his 24 employees, the “stalwarts” as he called them, had stayed on.

“We’ve been managing it pretty well,” said Chris Beaudry, a Woodside sales associate who on Friday was busy carrying soil to people’s cars. “Overall it hasn’t been too bad.”

According to Leavy, however, the crew is exhausted.

There is a lot of work to be done after customers have cleared out. The crew usually takes a short break after 3 p.m. and then stays until 6 or 7 p.m. to make deliveries, clean the store and restock the shelves.

“If you look at our



A few customers begin to form a line outside of Woodside Ace Hardware as they wait to be allowed inside.

shelves, [they] are sometimes bare of cleaning supplies,” Leavy said. “We have been running out consistently.”

Leavy himself has been up at 4 a.m. every morning, ordering PPE and praying that the hand wipes, gloves, disinfectant sprays and masks he needs have shown up at the warehouse. So far, he’s secured 32,000 masks from China and is awaiting their shipment.

Customs, he said, has been “holding everything up,” making shipping difficult. But he has hope that another shipment of 12,000 masks will soon show up as well.

“That’s 44,000 masks,” Leavy said. “I think that’s an incredible number of anything for a small store.”

And Woodside has been careful to keep the price down on masks, selling boxes of 50 for \$34.99 even as individual masks go for up to \$3 a piece elsewhere.

Yet Coronavirus-related supplies are not the only things people are buying.

Jenn McMahan had been putting off work on her patio every year, calling the project of putting sand between bricks so that weeds don’t grow there “tedious.” Her trip to Woodside was

her first outing during the pandemic.

“We have a lot of time on our hands right now, so tedious works,” McMahan said as she packed her white SUV with sand and hanging flower pots.

“While I was here, I snagged some plants that my husband might kill me about,” McMahan admitted. “These are some petunias and over here we have some words that I can’t say: calibrachoa.”

Chris Ackell, who lives around the corner from Woodside, has been frequenting the hardware store since moving to Winthrop four months ago. He and his roommates have been buying propane, gardening tools and mulch.

Sherry Wallace, co-owner of the Winthrop Marketplace, has been at Woodside almost daily, buying everything from garden soil to bird feeders.

And Dennis Fogg, another longtime patron, was at the store on Saturday to buy paint for a railing. Due to fears of an Asian giant hornet invasion, he picked up some wasp traps as well.

For hardware stores in town, the business side of things seems to be going well.

“I can’t complain about that,” Leavy said of the

people waiting outside of Woodside. “Sometimes I wish it wasn’t as busy as it is.”

Across town, a similar refrain.

Owner and manager of Shirley True Value Hardware Dennis Prew said the store was, “Understaffed and overburdened,” but that customers were flocking to the store in record numbers.

“The business has literally doubled because everybody is home,” Prew said. “Everybody is doing projects.”

According to Prew, the Shirley crew started closing an hour earlier each day after the pandemic hit as well as shutting down for lunch. They, like Woodside, lost some employees due to coronavirus concerns. They, too, were running out of PPE and cleaning supplies. They, too, are taking precautions.

“People are on board with that,” Prew said. “Everybody’s got a mask on. We got plexiglass at the register. We’re constantly cleaning stuff.”

For shoppers like McMahan, the silver lining to the pandemic is that she gets to spend more “quality” time at home with her family.

For the local hardware stores, it’s the money that said shoppers are bringing in.

“People are shopping local more than ever before,” Prew said. “We’re here on the front doing what we can for the good people of Winthrop.”

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## Letters // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 4

couragement and monetary donations. This young family appreciates all you have done to ease the burden. Every card and gift continues to lift their spirits!

To assist this young family with any financial needs during this difficult period, your donations are very much appreciated.

Contributions may be made to Jessica’s mom via Venmo to Nancy Cloutier @Nancy-Cloutier-4 or by sending a check payable to Nancy Cloutier to Everett Bank, 419 Broadway, Everett, MA 02149 Attn: Kristen (Dattoli) Guerrero .

## MY EXPERIENCE WITH ‘THE COVID’

Dear Editor,

Coronavirus. Corona. ‘Rona. COVID-19. ‘The COVID’. No matter the name this virus is called it holds deep and serious repercussions for our entire world. I would like to share a bit of my experience with ‘The COVID’, as I choose to refer to this pandemic. My pre-existing health issues are on this WHO and CDC list of folks who should take additional precautions to prevent illness. Having this knowledge, I began staying home early on, self-quarantining to lower my potential exposure to ‘The COVID’. My family strived to be vigilant with all precautions. We masked, washed, disinfected constantly. Our family limited our interactions. We practiced physical distancing. However, this highly contagious virus still managed to reach me in my seclusion. I began to feel off. Brutal headache, feeling incredibly tired and a minimal cough started my symptoms. Three to four days later, a high temperature arrived. I reached out to my doctor. I was tested within 24 hours of my call. Within 30 hours, I had my test results. Positive for

Coronavirus. I had ‘The COVID’. I was spinning. Oh, no, who did I infect? Who could have shared their germs with us? How did this happen? Am I one of the people who will die? Began thinking, oh no, my young adult children have asthma, my brother diabetic, have I infected them? Will they get sick? Will I lose people I love?

I began deeper isolation, I stayed in my bedroom. Rarely left the confines of that space. I was in absolute fear of spreading the virus, hurting anyone else. I am accustomed to these types of precautions, having gone through my personal journey with Breast Cancer. Neutropenia, a condition in which your body has little to no immunity, affects many who undergo chemotherapy treatments. Those who become neutropenic must take serious precautions to survive during treatment and beyond. I lived in that reality before. So, the wearing of masks and staying secluded, as hard as it is, was something my life experience had already prepared me to endure again. The phrase, “We got this!” is a motto our friends and family adopted long ago and returned in full force with a positive diagnosis of ‘The COVID.’ The luxury of technology, of cell phones, computers and the now common place zoom calls, insured my isolation was not lonely. I am blessed. I have a tribe who is always present and willing to be there for one another. We can calm each other’s fears. Shop for one another. Friends, family, social media, and soon a new group of phone calls and texts began checking in daily. The Winthrop Board of Health, and its invaluable leader, Meredith Hurley reached out to me upon diagnosis. She asked the questions needed to begin contract tracing, hoping to

slow the spread and to alert anyone with whom I may have had interpersonal contact. Our entire household went into a 14-day quarantine. The Winthrop Board of Health assigned me a nurse, Tara, who texted or called me every other day to check on my health and symptoms. Sarko Gregerian, a dedicated Winthrop Police officer, and member of the Winthrop Emergency Operations Center, BOH team called me everyday. He called to see if there was anything we might need. How could the BOH help us? Help me? I was immediately overjoyed by the consistent presence of the compassionate staff of our Board of Health. I then thought of how many of us in Winthrop were testing positive. Thinking of how vital this team is to those who may not have their own tribe. Those who may not have the financial resources for necessities or who might be experiencing food insecurity. How vital a resource these folks are for human engagement, in a fear filled time of a potential life threatening diagnosis. I cannot imagine, how with such a limited staff, this team was able to be present for every person testing positive. Doing so, while all the while, still taking care of the requirements with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. Still staffing the Emergency Operations Center daily. Continuously, preparing and disbursing educational materials to our residents on prevention of the spread and lowering the ever-growing curve of new cases. All the while creating and establishing ordinances and regulations for the safety of our residents and businesses. Additionally, being present for questions whether by phone calls or on a live zoom meeting broadcasted throughout the town on WCAT or social

media. This team does all of this while having their own families, their own fear of exposure, their own lives. Some might say, this is their job. It goes far beyond their actions being a job requirement. This unprecedented pandemic has shown many inequities in healthcare, in pay, in available resources for many. The pandemic also showed a glaring need for additional employees on our towns Board of Health. ‘The COVID,’ does not seem to be leaving any of our lives any time soon. I would advocate to get better staffing for our BOH. I know budgets are insanely tight. I know our financial worlds are facing a depression. I cannot imagine the depression we would all face with the potential loss of life, due to a lack of the best possible professional staff members needed to keep up with the increasing needs of this department. We do not know what the Second Wave of this virus will look like. We do not know if you can be re-infected or if the mutations of the virus will attack those who already survived the First Wave. We as citizens need to personally be there for those who will need us. We must prepare our infrastructure to be ready for whatever the Board of Health will face.

I want to express my thankfulness to Meredith, Sarko, Tara, the EOC team and our Winthrop First Responders for their passion to keeping our town safe and healthy. I personally thank each of them for their enduring, dedicated interactions throughout my 40+ days of ‘The COVID.’ This global pandemic is far from over. However, Winthrop is beyond fortunate to have the staff on our Board of Health to help us navigate and thrive during the pandemic.

Wendy Millar-Page



# 2020 SEASON UPDATE

By WLL Board of Directors

The Winthrop Little League Board of Directors has been in regular dialogue since Governor Baker announced his plan to reopen Massachusetts to determine what it means for Winthrop Little League. This is how we understand Governor Baker’s Plan:

- Phase II (begins June 8) - allows for all athletic fields to open with guidelines and youth sports to open in limited fashion
  - Phase III (begins June 29) – allows for youth sports with games and tournaments with limited crowd sizes
  - We also know that while the daily COVID #’s reported are encouraging, the Phase roll-out is fluid and as a result, these dates could change.
- As it relates to Little League Baseball, there are a number of new safety rules that have been recommended by Little League International including but not limited to the following:
- No handshakes/No high fives
  - No chewing gum or

seeds

- No spitting
  - Each player will be required to have their own helmet, glove, and bat (no sharing of equipment)
  - Baseballs will be regularly swapped out every inning
  - All players in dug-outs will wear masks and separate 6 feet from each other. If too many players are in dug-out (when team is hitting), players will be spread six feet apart behind fence line; players are not required to wear masks on field
  - All coaches, umpires and fans are encouraged to wear masks on and off field
  - All players must have a parent, guardian or responsible adult present for the entire game
  - Parents and families watching games must also sit six feet apart from other families
  - All players and families must leave the field within 20 minutes of game ending
  - Games will be umpired from behind the pitcher’s mound
- As a result of the new safety guidelines, Winthrop Little



League Board of Directors has concluded that we cannot consistently implement, enforce and monitor the new safety guidelines for all ages across 5 different divisions.

Therefore, we will only have a 10-12 year-old Little League and 13-16 Senior League this summer (9 year-olds, please see below).

**Senior League 13-16 Year Old’s** (born between September 1, 2003 and August 31, 2007) – you will have a baseball season. Your player will automatically be placed on a team within the next few weeks. Any player 13-16yrs old that does NOT intend to play must send an email to: [chrisprev@comcast.net](mailto:chrisprev@comcast.net) in

**Little League 9 Year Old’s** (born between September 1, 2010 and August 31, 2011) - parent/guardian will be allowed to make the decision as to whether they think player is able to handle the new safety rules as well as skilled enough to play with 10-12 year old’s. All 9 year old’s that are interested in playing, should email [joe@ondecksports.com](mailto:joe@ondecksports.com) as soon as possible to discuss. Please email [chrisprev@comcast.net](mailto:chrisprev@comcast.net) if you prefer a refund, otherwise you will receive a credit for next season.

**Little League 10-12 Year Old’s** (born between September 1, 2007 and August 31, 2010) – you will have a baseball season. Your player will automatically be placed on a team within the next few weeks. Any player 10-12yrs old that does NOT intend to play must send an email to: [chrisprev@comcast.net](mailto:chrisprev@comcast.net) in order to receive a refund and/or credit for next season. Please include your child’s name and whether you are requesting a “refund” or a “credit”.

**Little League 4-8 Year Old’s** (born between September 1, 2011 and August 31, 2016) - they will NOT have a Tee Ball / Little League baseball season. All such families can request a full refund, otherwise a credit will be applied to the 2021 season. Please email [chrisprev@comcast.net](mailto:chrisprev@comcast.net) for a refund.

We anticipate practices could start mid-to-late June and games starting on or about July 1st. Our goal is to play the season

over 6-weeks (10-12 regular season games followed by playoffs with the season concluding in mid-August). We plan on scheduling all games for weekdays (no Saturday/Sunday games unless there is a rain-out/ make-up games). If your family is planning on taking a vacation and missing a week of the season, we encourage your player to play baseball this summer but it would be helpful to notify the coach in advance for planning purposes.

Our focus has and always will be on the safety of our players, coaches, parents and families of Winthrop Little League which is why we are limiting this year’s season to only the older players. We will do our best to make up for this crazy season and make next season, and possibly Fall/ Winter clinics, the best possible little league experience for all players.

Note – we will be re-opening registration for Little League 10-16 year old’s through June 7 to allow additional players to join. Please spread the word in the community.

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properties and businesses. Vehicle access to Woodside Ave. and Somerset Ave. will be restored at the end of each workday. Detours and police details will be in place to assist with directing traffic.

3. Begin construction of permanent sewer service connections to residences/ businesses on Woodside Ave. Construction will occur on Woodside Ave between Pauline St. and Somerset Ave. Work is planned to be done at night to reduce the impacts to traffic. See the notice regarding

night work for additional information. The construction on Woodside Ave. will require Woodside Ave to be closed to vehicle traffic from Pauline St. to Somerset Ave. during work hours. Sidewalks will remain open during construction to allow pedestrian access to the properties and businesses. Vehicle access to Woodside Ave. will be restored at the end of each workday. Detours and police details will be in place to assist with directing traffic.

4. Install temporary trench pavement for trench-

es excavated on Woodside Ave and Somerset Ave.

### NOTICES:

1. NIGHT WORK: Beginning Monday, June 1, construction of the new sewer mains on Woodside Ave between Somerset Ave and Bartlett Rd. and on Somerset Ave. between Woodside Ave. and Cottage Park Road will be performed from 8 p.m. and 6 a.m., Monday night through Thursday night. No construction is planned for Friday night, Saturday night or Sunday night. Traf-

fic can access French Sq. from Pleasant St. via Woodside Ave. and from Putnam St. via Jefferson St. during these construction hours. Temporary parking restrictions will be posted, traffic will be detoured around the work zone and residents can use the temporary parking lot at French Sq. for overnight parking during this period. Sewer main construction in this area is scheduled to be completed by 6 a.m. Friday, June 19.

2. Residents and businesses with temporary water service connections (blue hoses) are requested not to move these hoses or shut off the outside faucet the hoses are connected to. The hoses provide your property with water service during con-


struction. If the outside faucet is closed, it will interrupt your water service. If the hose is moved it can create a trip hazard where the temporary water service crosses the sidewalk. Please do not move these hoses to perform yard work. If you have landscaping services at your property, please inform your landscaper not to move these hoses or shut off the outside faucet. Running over these hoses with a lawn mower cut the hoses and interrupt water service until the hose can be replaced. If you see a trip hazard, please contact Frank Fruci (P. Gioioso & Sons, Inc.) at (617) 592-3784 immediately to report the hazard.

3. Occasionally, residents and businesses may

experience discolored tap water because of construction activities. Construction may disrupt sediment in water pipes and cause it to become suspended in the water. Discolored water is not a health threat and is the result of low levels of naturally occurring iron in water. If you are experiencing water discoloration flush your water from a faucet that does not have a screen (like the bathtub or outside spigot) until you get clear water. If your water is still discolored after several minutes of flushing, you may need to wait a few hours for the sediment to settle and the water in the main to clear.

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## Return to school task force formed in Winthrop

By Kate Anslinger

As the state starts to reopen, school personnel are standing by awaiting the Department of Education’s next guidelines. To be prepared for the various ways that schools will be attended in the fall, the Winthrop district has formed a return to school task force. The task force is composed of subgroups that focus on the various parts that allow a school to run. With the help of faculty, staff, and town

personnel, these subgroups are broken up into the following: facilities, health and safety, communication, finance, athletics, technology, building based teaching and learning and food service.

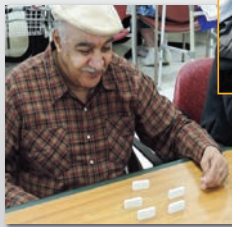
“At this point, we don’t know what the reopening of schools will look like in the fall and we have to take all possibilities into consideration,” said School Superintendent Lisa Howard. “Mid-June is a little late for us to plan for September, but the combined work of

the task force subgroups will help to advise us on comprehensive plans to relaunch programs.”

It is unknown what the return to public schools will look like and governor guidance will dictate the next steps, whether students will be back in a traditional learning setting or remote learning will continue.

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## WHS SPORTS Roundup

### Coach Donnelly, boys' lacrosse seniors reflect on the lost season and the future

With the coronavirus pandemic forcing the closure of schools across the state for the remainder of the 2020 school year, the Winthrop High spring athletic season also was canceled, taking away from the members of the senior class their opportunity to compete for the last time in a Viking uniform.

The Sun-Transcript invited the coaches and members of the WHS spring sports teams from the Class of 2020 to reflect on the season that so abruptly was taken away from them in order that we might give these young athletes some of the recognition that they deserve.

We also asked that they provide some insight into what it means to be a Winthrop High varsity athlete and briefly to discuss their plans for the future. This week we feature WHS boys lacrosse coach Brian Donnelly and the six senior members of his 2020 team: Joe Mahoney, Julian Osorio, Michael Morano, Chris Rodriguez, Samir Hadria, and John Alberti.

We are certain that our readers will be as impressed as we were with the comments from these outstanding young men and join us in wishing them the best in their future endeavors:

The Sun-Transcript will continue to publish additional comments from the spring sports athletes and coaches as we receive them.

#### WHS BOYS LACROSSE COACH BRIAN DONNELLY

Hearing the news of the cancelled season was devastating.

Throughout the year you talk to your players about the upcoming season, trying to prepare them physically, mentally, and emotionally to come out as strong and prepared as possible. When I got word that we would be cancelling the season, all I could think about was how hard the seniors had worked to get the program to where it was.

All I could think about was how tough it was going to be to break the news to our core group of seniors that they would not have the chance to defend the NEC championship that they had won the previous year, that they wouldn't get the feeling of walking out together as brothers on Senior Night to give that one last pregame speech to the underclassmen, or march onto the field in a Viking uniform one last time.

My heart goes out to the seniors and I hope they all know that the sacrifices, hard work, and dedication that they made throughout their four years here at Winthrop High School means they will forever be a part of the team.

They will be missed and I cannot wait to see all of the wonderful strides they are going to take to make this world a better place in the future.

(Coach Donnelly's comments about his six seniors are as follows:)



**Joe Mahoney**

Joe Mahoney is a dream for any athletic program. He is an intelligent, dedicated, hardworking, and focused athlete who will go above and beyond for his teammates, program, or coaches. He elevates the skills of everyone who surrounds him and constantly pushes himself and his teammates to be the best that they can be.

Joe has shaped the Winthrop High School lacrosse program to become a force within the NEC and his impact on the program will far outlast the four years he spent at the school. Joe was the captain of our 2020 team and his leadership, selflessness, and hard work is something that every athlete should strive to achieve.

Joe was a leader and competitor on and off the field. He is the embodiment of hard work-equals-success. Joe is the type of player who only came off the field to catch his breath for a second before charging back on looking for any ground ball.

Joe would have no doubt led this team to excellence this year. He will be attending the University of Wisconsin-Madison next year where he will no doubt continue to grow as an individual, leader, and learner.



**Julian Osorio**

Julian has been a force for us at the midfield position and made huge strides over the last few years to become an excellent competitor at midfield. He has worked tirelessly to establish his skills to become a formidable opponent at midfield.

Julian is one of the fastest athletes in the NEC and he was able to use his speed to create opportunities for himself and other players to score. He had some pivotal goals throughout his career, including during some excellent wins against Revere last year.

He always came to practice with a smile on his face ready to compete. He was going to be a force at midfield for us this year. I have no doubt with his positive attitude and work ethic that he will be successful in the variety of challenges he undertakes in the future.



**Michael Morano**

Michael Morano took every opportunity he could to improve his skills. Mike joined the team with no experiences and swiftly grew into a more confident, skilled, and fast competitor. Mike grew to have a serious cannon of a shot that would take goalies by surprise and he swiftly developed his stick skills.

Mike constantly overcame obstacles in his way to ensure that he was a good teammate, serious competitor, and an amazing addition to the team. This year Mike was poised to make a big difference for us at the midfield position.

Mike has plans to enter into the armed forces next year into the United States Air Force where his dedica-

By Cary Shuman

Joe Walsh is a member of college sports royalty.

The Winthrop resident is the commissioner of the Great Northeast Atlantic Conference (GNAC) of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division III.

As commissioner, he administers the entire conference of men's and women's sports that includes colleges such as Suffolk, Emmanuel, Simmons, Regis, Lasell, Anna Maria, Rivier, Johnson & Wales, St. Joseph's of Connecticut, and Albertus Magnus. GNAC schools compete for 22 different league championships. There are 3,200 student athletes participating on 275 teams in the GNAC.

Walsh's conference headquarters are located in Winthrop.

"I love Winthrop and the people," said Walsh, who with his wife, Debbie, a retired Boston schoolteacher, has lived in town for seven years.

#### From disc jockeying to college sports

Walsh, 64, grew up in Allston and is a 1974



**Commissioner of the Great Northeast Atlantic Conference (GNAC), and Winthrop resident, Joe Walsh.**

graduate of Brighton High School. He went to work as a disc jockey at a Boston club, 15 Lansdowne Street, beginning a professional relationship with current nightclub impresario Patrick Lyons.

He left the music scene and worked three years in the Boston Parks and Recreation Department where he directed the BNBL. He took a job in construction but soon after he enrolled in night school at Bunker Hill

Community University and UMass/Boston and supported the family by working for a debt collection company and a basketball referee. He received his Master's degree while serving as the athletic director at Emerson College.

Prior to Emerson, he was a volunteer assistant women's basketball coach at Harvard University. One of his Harvard players was Maura Healey, the current state attorney general.

"She [Healey] still calls me coach when she sees me," said Walsh.

Walsh moved on to become the director of community affairs at Boston University for 16 years.

#### Call him Commissioner

Joe Walsh is in his 15<sup>th</sup> year as the commissioner of the GNAC, a New England based-league that is one of 44 Division 3 leagues in America.

Walsh also serves on the NCAA Management Council that oversees the \$32 million budget that Division 3 schools receive from the NCAA. He talked about the financial challenges after the NCAA Basketball Tournament was canceled

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# Inc.ubate Coworking expands with outdoor space

By Kate Anslinger

Since the doors of Inc.ubate Coworking opened in March of 2018, Founder Mike Lucerto has dreamt of having an outdoor space for professionals to gather and work. Two years later, Lucerto found himself faced with opportunity in the midst of the COVID-19 crisis and last week, he proudly announced the opening of the outdoor space behind the Somerset Ave building that also houses the Winthrop Book Depot, Special F/X Hair Design, and Lotus Market. Known as “Gibson Garden,” the space is named after Tim Gibson, the artist who brought the Ten Thousand Flowers Community Mural to the 3-21 Somerset Ave building.

“I’ve always wanted to create some outdoor space for people to work and gather,” said Lucerto. “With the COVID-19 crisis, I thought this was the best time to create a space where people could work in the fresh air or host small social distance meetings/gatherings.”

The colorful space is accessible as a member of Inc.ubate Coworking and can be rented for small private gatherings by non-members, as long as social distancing rules are followed. Memberships start as low as \$100/month and provide people with a safe and quiet space where they can get their work done away from the distractions of home.

“Many people have been forced to work from home, but they may find it challenging to get things done when juggling work, childcare and other responsibilities in the home. Inc.ubate provides people with the space they need to get things done efficiently and then return to homelife. We’ve not only built outdoor space, but we have private office space for people to book should they like to work inside as well.”

For more information on both the indoor and outdoor space, please contact:  
michael@incubatecoworking.com  
617-455-8674  
<https://incubatecoworking.com/>



Courtney Woodward, Michael Lucerto (Founder), Jonathan Lamaster, Nico Ruggieri, and Ken Woodward network in the Gibson Garden in a socially distant manner.



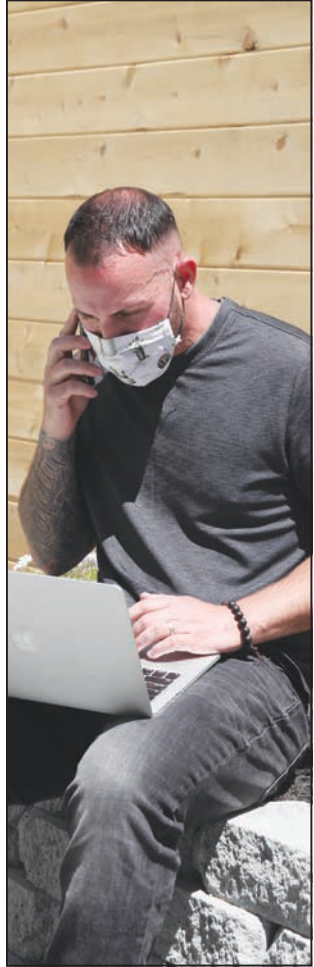
Jonathan Lamaster enjoys a read in the colorful garden.



Nico Ruggieri and Joe Gugino work socially distant inside Inc.ubate Coworking, which is now open.



Ken Woodward and Michael Lucerto work comfortably outdoors in the Gibson Garden.



Nico Ruggieri takes a call in the Gibson Garden.



Gibson Garden houses several socially distant picnic tables in front of the colorful Ten Thousand Flowers Project mural in the back of 3-21 Somerset Ave.



Inc.ubate Coworking members Nico Ruggieri and Jonathan Lamaster socialize on a work break in the Gibson Garden.



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## WHS SPORTS *Through the Years*

**10 years ago**  
**May 26, 2010**  
Elaine Lanza pitched a brilliant no-hitter to lead the Winthrop High softball team to a 4-0 win over Mt. Alvernia Tuesday. Lanza, who was just one walk away from recording a perfect game, fanned eight Mt. Alvernia batters over seven innings.  
WHS head coach Dave Guffey also praised his team's defense in the field,

noting that Haley Benson had three putouts and three assists; Liana Ferullo had nine putouts; and Abby "The Varitek of the Vikings" Belcher called a great game and helped to keep the no-hitter intact by fielding a nicely-placed bunt in the final inning and throwing out the batter at first. The Lady Vikings only had six hits, but made the most of them, led by Belcher, who was 3-for-3 with two triples and two runs scored.

Belcher was named the Most Valuable player of the Northeastern Conference South Division at Tuesday's coaches meeting. Belcher was a standout all season for Winthrop, both offensively at the plate and defensively behind the plate. She hit .458, scored 27 runs, and had eight doubles, four triples, two homers, and 24 RBI. Abby also led the team with 36 assists, many of which came when she picked off runners at

third base or while they were attempting to steal. Other Winthrop players honored with all star selections were starting second baseman Taylor Brown, who hit .384 with 13 runs scored, eight doubles, three triples, and 16 RBI; outfielder Elaine Lanza, who hit .200, but who had 13 sacrifice bunts, 20 putouts, five assists, and no errors (Elaine also tossed a no hitter on the mound and has an ERA of 2.31); and short-

stop Haley Benson, who hit .441 with six doubles, two triples, 17 RBIs (including two walk off RBIs for wins), five steals, 49 putouts, and 30 assists.  
Although the Winthrop High baseball team had a bit of a down week with losses to Danvers and Swampscott, the Vikings received some good news with the selection of junior Nick McCarthy and senior Will Milano to the NEC South Division all star team.

**20 years ago**  
**May 25, 2000**  
Winthrop softball players Bobbie Finocchio and Shannon Barker have been named to the NEC all star team.  
Sophomore Mike Montesano pitched a strong game to lead Coach Jim Gillis's WHS baseball team to a 2-1 win over Beverly. James Coffey delivered the game-winning base hit that brought in Andrew Duplin.

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tion, drive, and intelligence will serve him well. The WHS boys lacrosse team wishes him the best in the future.



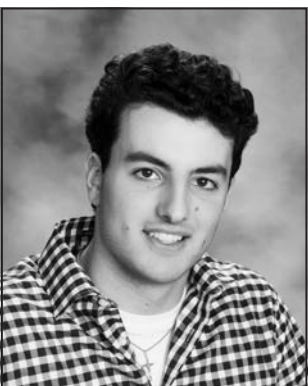
**Chris Rodriguez**  
Chris Rodriguez, or "Crod" as he is better known to the team, came to us from private school to the WHS lacrosse team his junior year and made a massive splash. Chris was one of two fabulous long-stick middies who was relentless when it came to the ground ball battle.  
Chris grew as a player, leader, and person every single day of the season and swiftly became a player I wanted on the field at all times. Chris brought a certain levity to practice, bus rides, and film sessions that would cut through the se-

riousness of what we were trying to achieve.  
He was an excellent addition to the WHS lacrosse program and his personality will be sorely missed. I was excited to have seen the strides Chris would have made this year on the field and am excited to see all of the accomplishments he will make to our society in the future.



**Samir Hadria**  
Samir has played in only a few games as a Winthrop High School boys lacrosse player, but he certainly made his mark. In his few games Samir had some excellent goals from our attack position and was in line to be a formidable part of our offensive system.  
Samir, or as his friends call him, "The Sultan,"

does everything with his own style and lacrosse was no different. The team was excited to see how he was going to perform on the field this year, and it is a massive disappointment we will not be able to experience a Samir celebration dance after his first goal.



**John Alberti**  
John was slated to make his first run for the WHS Viking lacrosse team this year. John worked hard within the off-season to gain the respect of his teammates and coaches and was ready to make his mark in whatever way possible.  
John had an excellent attitude going into the season and we had no doubt that he was going to be a great addition to the squad.

*(Following are the comments from the athletes themselves:)*  
**JOE MAHONEY**  
Though the news of having my senior season canceled was heartbreaking, it is important to remember that we are making sacrifices for the greater good and that there are millions of nurses and doctors making much greater sacrifices to keep us all safe.  
I am beyond proud to have been able to compete for Winthrop High School as a student-athlete in both lacrosse and basketball. I'm extremely grateful to everyone who made my high school experience unforgettable. I miss my teammates and coaches now more than ever and never will forget the memories we made together.  
Next year I will be attending the University of Wisconsin-Madison where I plan on playing club lacrosse.

**Chris Rodriguez**  
When I transferred to Winthrop High School before the beginning of my junior year, I had no idea what to expect. I did not know a ton of people. I was nervous how it would look for colleges and many more things.

The one thing that I did know was that I was going to try out for the lacrosse team. Coach Rich is extremely close to my family and I loved playing for him in the youth program, so I knew it was something I wanted to be a part of.  
The memories that I made during the one season I did get to play were truly special and will always hold a special place in my heart. I loved every second of competing, going to practice, and winning Winthrop's first NEC title.  
I fell in love with the game once again, to the point where I found myself constantly watching film during the summer, fall, and winter, whether it was of the team, at the collegiate level, or the professional level.

## LEGAL NOTICES

### LEGAL NOTICE

  
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**# 007-2020**

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As a result of the review of the plans and documents submitted to the Site plan Review Committee, notice is hereby given in accordance with Chapter 40A of the Massachusetts General Laws and Chapter 17 of the Code of the Town of Winthrop that the Winthrop Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on Thursday, June 11, 2020, at or after 7:00 p.m. remotely via Zoom.com conferencing upon the application of Winthrop Hospitality, LLC seeking a Special Permit to allow for a conversion of the existing 30-room hotel to a 30-unit apartment building located at 312-318 Shirley St., Winthrop, MA 02152 in accordance with By-laws Chapter Section

17.20.050. The Property is located within the Business A (BA) zoning district. The hotel operates under a Special Permit issued by the Winthrop Board of Appeals. The hotel use is allowed in the BA district only by Special Permit.  
The conversion proposed by the Owner would be classified as an "Apartment House (Midrise)" as shown in the Table of Uses at S. 17.12.130 and defined as follows: "Apartment house" means a building designed or intended or used as a home or residence of three or more families, each in a separate dwelling unit, living independently of each other and who may have a common right in halls and stairways. (See "Multifamily dwelling".) 17.04.050 "Mid-rise apartment" means a multifamily dwelling of more than three stories but not more than six stories in height; See 17.04.050 (2). Copies of the aforementioned application and plans are on file and available for inspection at the Office of the Town Clerk, Town Hall, an appointment would need to be made to view this application at 617-846-1742 ex. 3.  
Darren Baird, Chairman  
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LEGAL NOTICE  
Town of Winthrop, MA (Owner) will receive sealed Bids for Palmyra Street and Crescent Street Sewer Improvements, until 10:00 a.m. local time on June 18, 2020 at Town Hall, 1 Metcalf Square, Winthrop, MA 02152. Bids received after the time of announced opening will not be accepted. NOTE: The Town Hall building is currently closed to the public until further notice but staffed to allow

for receipt of Bids. Bids may be submitted by U.S. mail or courier or hand delivered at any time to the Town Hall mail chute located on the outside of the building to the right of the main entrance to the building. The mail chute may not accommodate thick packages and Bidders must package Bid submissions accordingly. Please allow additional time for delivery by mail or courier service. Bid request in the amount of 5 percent of the Bid must accompany the Bid. This Project includes construction of approximately 1,100 LF of SDR 35 polyvinyl chloride (PVC) sewer mains, new sewer manholes, installation and maintenance of temporary sewer bypass pumping system, new service laterals installed to the property line, repair of existing sidewalk, pavement reclaim and full-width pavement restoration within the project area; and all materials and equipment, services and construction inherent to the Work. The Work shall be substantially complete by November 30, 2020 and completed and ready for final payment by December 30, 2020. The Project being bid is subject to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 30, Section 39M and prevailing wage rates as issued by the Director of the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development, Department of Labor Standards under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 149, Sections 26 to 27D inclusive, as amended, apply to this Project.  
A pre-Bid conference will not be held. At this time, Bidding Documents may be examined only by obtaining electronic copies due to restrictions as a result of COVID-19. Bidding Documents may be obtained electronically at no cost on or after June 3, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. by registering via email with the Engineer at [dandrews@woodardcurran.com](mailto:dandrews@woodardcurran.com) with the subject line

"Winthrop, MA - Palmyra Street and Crescent Street Sewer Improvements" to be included on the Bidder's list. Instructions for accessing the Bidding Documents will then be provided by email. Legal Notice is also published on [www.commbuys.com](http://www.commbuys.com) and on the MNPA website at <http://masspublicnotices.org>.  
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Notice is hereby given in accordance with Section 2.9 (c) of the Code of the Town of Winthrop that the Winthrop Town Council will conduct Public Hearing(s) on June 16, 2020 at on or after 7:00 pm via Zoom Participation and Pursuant to General Law Chapter 91, Section 10A and 310 Code of Massachusetts Regulations 9.0 on the mooring permit of Tyler Grace.  
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That the Town Council vote for a pilot program to require resident parking stickers down the point from the opening of the Town Landing from June 19, 2020 through Sept. 7, 2020. This motion would require anyone parking a vehicle down the point to either display a Winthrop residential parking pass or a Visitor's pass regardless of the time of day. All documents, legally accessible, pertaining to these hearing(s) can be viewed by request.  
Denise Quist  
Council Clerk  
6-4-20  
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## Spectra Medical Devices donates lunch and flowers to 350 veterans and healthcare workers in honor of Lawrence Larsen

Spectra Medical Devices Inc. of Wilmington donated lunch and flowers to 350 veteran residents and healthcare workers at the Soldiers Home' in Chelsea in honor of Memorial Day and the late Lawrence Larsen of Winthrop.  
Tony Arrigo, CEO of Spectra, and his wife, Joyce Arrigo, senior vice president of Spectra, led the generous effort.  
The ice skating rink in Winthrop is named after Mr. Arrigo's uncle, Lawrence Larsen, a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II.  
"Lawrence Larsen was a decorated veteran as well as an exceptional person who did a lot for his community and his fellow man," stated Tony Arrigo.  
Before the rink was opened, Mr. Larsen would flood the tennis courts in Winthrop so that young skaters could play ice



Eric Sheehan, deputy superintendent of the Chelsea Soldiers' Home, Joyce Arrigo, senior vice president of Spectra Medical Device, and Christine Devane, help deliver food and flowers to the veterans and healthcare workers in honor of Memorial Day and the late Lawrence Larsen of Winthrop, a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II.

hockey during the winter months.  
"We wanted to do something for the Soldiers Home in Chelsea and one of the reasons was that it was my uncle Larry's final residence," said Arrigo. "He was a wonderful person, probably the best person I ever met in my lifetime. He

did a lot for Winthrop and other people, too."  
The veterans and healthcare workers at Chelsea Soldiers' Home expressed their gratitude to Tony and Joyce Arrigo for their noble endeavor in honor of an important holiday observance and their beloved uncle, Lawrence Larsen.



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# Council denies lieutenant’s retirement extension request

By Laura Plummer

On Tuesday, June 2, the Town Council rejected a request from Winthrop Police Department (WPD) Lieutenant Nancy Dalrymple to continue as a full-time officer past the mandatory retirement age.

During the public comment portion of the meeting, WPD Sergeant Sarko Gergerian urged the council to reject the request.

“We have faith in the system. It is moral, ethical and legal, it takes others into consideration,” he said.

“If [this request] is allowed, it’s going to destroy the faith our officers have in being able to build a career at the WPD.”

Lt. Dalrymple also spoke in her own defense.

“Treat me the same as you treated Paul Flannagan less than a year ago. I should not be treated differently,” she said. “[The police department] is not going to explode as people stated previously, just like the fire department didn’t explode.”

During the written correspondence period of the evening, Council President

Phil Boncore reported that he had received six letters from community members all opposing the lieutenant’s request.

When the matter was brought to a vote, it did not receive the mandatory five affirmative votes in order to pass. In support of the request were Councilors Peter Christopher and Barbara Flockhart. Opposing the request were Council President Phil Boncore, Council Vice President James Letterie, and Councilors Rob DeMarco, Tracey Honan, Nicholas LoConte, and Stephen Ruggiero. Councilor

Richard Ferrino recused himself.

Prior to the vote, Council Vice President Letterie and Councilor DeMarco explained why they would be opposing the lieutenant’s request, claiming that they could not find any reason why her retirement would harm the department.

Lt. Dalrymple will retire be -

fore the end of the fiscal year, after which she will be eligible to continue assisting the department as a “special police officer” part time.

The Transcript originally reported that a clerical error prevented the matter from being brought to a vote at the last council meeting on May 20. In fact, a motion

had not been filed. Town Manager Austin Faison submitted the motion to the council on May 26, allowing the council to vote on it on June 2.

The Transcript reached out to both the sergeant and the lieutenant for comment but did not receive a response by the deadline for this publication.

## Council hears updates on policing, visitors, budget

By Laura Plummer

On Tuesday, June 2, the Town Council met remotely via Zoom, where it heard updates on issues impacting the community.

The elephant in the room Town Manager Austin Faison addressed the growing national outrage over the killing of an unarmed black man by a white police officer in Minneapolis on May 25. Faison, who is one of only three African-American town managers in the Commonwealth, said the news was hitting him particularly hard.

“I’ve been appalled by leadership in the last days. I am embarrassed to work in government,” he said. “We need some real change in how we interact with each other. I’m committed to working toward that goal.”

Winthrop Police Chief Terence Delahanty also weighed in on the ongoing situation, stating that the department had sent out an email to all officers reminding them of its use-of-force policy.

“We understand the protests throughout the United States,” he said. “We support them.”

Chief Delahanty added that the looting and lawlessness was probably not connected to the protestors and their message. Winthrop Police Department has been deploying officers to nearby cities that have experienced an uptick in violent riots in recent days.

In regards to race relations in Winthrop, the chief stated that as the town’s demographics shift, he wants to “build relationships” with all residents and “include them in the decision-making process.”

ment period of the meeting, residents expressed feeling frustrated by the influx of out-of-town guests and the seeming nonresponse from law enforcement.

“Point Shirley is inundated with visitors. None of them have masks or practice any type of distancing,” said William Rice from Precinct 3. “They have no regard for limited parking in our area. They will take any spot available, sometimes taking up two spaces.”

“They block driveways. I have to sit in my car and wait for a spot to open after work,” said resident Bonnie Houghton, adding that non-residents speed down dead-end streets believing they are through streets. Houghton has even witnessed visitors congregating on her front lawn and not picking up after their dogs.

“There is no social distancing, no masks, no accountability,” echoed resident Dawn Manning.

It’s not only residential streets that are seeing crowds. Council President Phil Boncore stated he has witnessed large groups of people on the beaches disregarding safety precautions.

“None of our young people are following [protocol],” he said. “Talk to your youngsters. If you’re a young person, protect the people.”

Currently, groups of ten family members are allowed to visit Winthrop beaches as long as they remain 12 feet from other groups and wear masks when not in the water. Beach games like volleyball are not permitted.

town budget for fiscal year 2021 in light of the economic fallout of COVID-19. They reduced anticipated revenues from local receipts and state aid by about \$1 million, and are looking into receiving COVID-19 relief aid from the CARES Act. There are no proposed layoffs, though furloughs are being explored. Council will vote on the new budget at its next meeting on June 17.

### General updates

Until November 1, restaurants can offer outdoor seating as soon as they submit their safety plan to the local licensing authority. Tables must be spaced six feet apart, seat no more than six family members, and must not block sidewalks. Restaurants will be able to use awnings, heating, lighting and tents that are at least 50 percent open.

The School Committee reported that students and staff are in the process of removing their personal belongings from school property. The Arthur T. Cumming playground will break ground on June 3 and will be available for use in Phase 3 or 4 of reopening. A temperature-sensing camera will be used at the start of the school year to identify students who may have a fever. There will be a senior graduation on July 13 at Miller Field.

The Winthrop Board of Health informed that COVID-19 is “trending down” and that it is currently assisting local business owners with reopening efforts. The Winthrop Foundation donated \$26,000 to feed the food-insecure in Winthrop.

The Airport Hazards Committee announced that a barge will be parked at Runway 27 for three to four weeks for repair.

### Budget update

Town Manager Faison and CFO Anna Freedman have been working on developing a more realistic

## Family and Children’s Service Diaper Drive Hotline opens

Help is on the way for vulnerable families who are struggling to access essential baby care items in Lynn and Chelsea. Last week, Family & Children’s Service launched a Diaper Drive campaign to address this critical need. Since then, donations have poured in and they are ready to start making deliveries.

Starting Tuesday, May 26th, any family in need of diapers and wipes can call the Diaper Hotline at (781)715-3005 to request a delivery. Family & Children’s Service staff and volunteers will then deliver baby care items directly to their doors. The Diaper Hotline will be open on weekdays (Monday – Friday) only from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Program Manager, Jackie Trahan will be coordinating the effort for Family & Children’s. She says, “We are grateful for how the community has responded. People have donated



money, dropped off diapers at our office, and called to volunteer. We have a long history of providing services and helping families in crisis. Our staff and volunteers are ready to go.”

Family & Children’s Service is still accepting donations to sustain this initiative through the month of June. There are 4 ways that people can help:

- Donate money at [www.fcslynn.org](http://www.fcslynn.org)
- Donate diapers and wipes
- Drop off hours at Family & Children’s Service 111 North Common Street,

## Legislature passes bill to collect COVID-19 data, health disparities

Speaker DeLeo and Representative Vincent have joined their colleagues in the Massachusetts Legislature to pass a bill to make more information about COVID-19 cases publicly available, including cases at elder care facilities, soldiers’ homes, and houses of correction; it also creates a task force to provide recommendations on how to mitigate health disparities for underrepresented and underserved communities in the wake of the pandemic.

Taken together, the provisions of An Act addressing COVID-19 data collection and disparities in treatment will provide the public with a greater understanding on how the virus is affecting those in locations hardest hit by the pandemic, including elder care facilities and urban areas. The task force, in turn, will make recommendations to alleviate disparities in infection and treatment among populations disproportionately impacted by the outbreak.

“Whether it’s our elderly, our veterans, residing in soldiers’ homes, who have served our country bravely, persons of color, or residents in those communities experiencing a particularly large share of the impact from COVID-19, the burden of this virus has fallen disproportionately on key demographics. We need to make sure we have the best information on the toll the virus is taking in Massachusetts. I look forward to the findings of the task force to determine how we can address the impact of this virus in underserved and underrepresented communities,” said House Speaker Robert A. DeLeo ((D-Winthrop). “I thank Chairs Michlewitz and Balser, Vice Chair Gonza-

lez and my colleagues in the House for their work on this important bill.

"This vitally important piece of legislation will help the public have a better understanding of the wide ranging affects that the COVID-19 pandemic has had on our Commonwealth,” said Representative Aaron Michlewitz, Co-Chair of the Joint Committee on Ways & Means (D-Boston). “With this new in-depth data reporting we can respond in a timely fashion to the disparities in care to our most vulnerable populations.”

"COVID-19 is a cruel virus targeting aging adults, especially those with underlying health conditions and who live in congregate settings. The residents, their family members, those who take care of them and the community have the right to know precisely the numbers of cases and deaths at each elder care facility,” said Representative Ruth B. Balser, House Chair of the Joint Committee on Elder Affairs (D-Newton). “Only with that knowledge, can we provide the resources needed to fight this battle.”

“Data is essential, and the diversity task force will be a vehicle for real impactful change to address the immediate short term and long term health disparities in communities ravaged by COVID,” said Representative Carlos Gonzalez, Vice Chair of the Joint Committee on Community Development and Small Business, and Chair of the Black and Latino Legislative Caucus (D-Springfield).

“Though this virus knows no bounds, we are seeing that COVID-19 has disproportionately impacted our senior living facilities, soldiers’ homes and urban centers,” said Representative RoseLee Vincent

(D-Revere). “The steps the House has taken will give those on the front lines of fighting this virus the information they need to better understand how we can alleviate these disparities. I thank Speaker DeLeo, Chairwoman Balser and Vice-Chairman Gonzalez for bringing forth this needed legislation.”

The components of the bill are as follows:

- Requires the Department of Public Health to collect daily data on the number of individuals tested positive, hospitalized, deaths, and key demographic information, including cases and mortalities at elder care facilities;
- Specifies details on the format of reporting data from local boards of health and elder care facilities;
- Mandates that elder care facilities notify residents and their healthcare proxies if there is a new confirmed case or mortality due to COVID-19 or 3 or more residents or staff have symptoms;
- Includes the Department of Corrections and each House of Correction among those facilities which must comply with the data collection and reporting provisions of the bill;
- Creates a task force to study and make recommendations on addressing health disparities for underserved or underrepresented populations based on a variety of demographic factors;
- Asks that the task force provide recommendations to improve safety for at-risk populations for COVID-19, remove barriers to quality and equitable health care services, increase access to medical supplies and testing, among other items.

The bill now moves to the governor for consideration.

## SBA and Treasury Department announce \$10 billion for CDFIs to participate in the Paycheck Protection Program

Last week, the U.S. Small Business Administration, in consultation with the U.S. Treasury Department, announced that it is setting aside \$10 billion of Round 2 funding for the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) to be lent exclusively by Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs).

CDFIs work to expand economic opportunity in low-income communities by providing access to financial products and services for local residents and businesses. These dedicated funds will further ensure that the PPP reaches all communities in need of relief during the COVID-19 pandemic – a key priority for President Trump.

“The forgivable loan program, PPP, is dedicated to providing emergency capital to sustain our nation’s small businesses, the

drivers of our economy, and retain their employees,” said SBA Administrator Jovita Carranza. “CDFIs provide critically important capital and technical assistance to small businesses from rural, minority and other underserved communities, especially during this economically challenging time.”

“The PPP has helped over 50 million American workers stay connected to their jobs and over 4 million small businesses get much-needed relief,” said Treasury Secretary Steven T. Mnuchin. “We have received bipartisan support for dedicating these funds for CDFIs to ensure that traditionally underserved communities have every opportunity to emerge from the pandemic stronger than before.”

As of May 23, 2020, CDFIs have approved more than \$7 billion (\$3.2 billion

in Round 2) in PPP loans. The additional \$6.8 billion will ensure that entrepreneurs and small business owners in all communities have easy access to the financial system, and that they receive much-needed capital to maintain their workforces.

The Paycheck Protection Program was created by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) and provides forgivable loans to small businesses affected by the COVID-19 pandemic to keep their employees on the payroll. To date, more than 4.4 million loans have been approved for over \$510 billion for small businesses across America.

The SBA and the Treasury Department remain committed to ensuring eligible small businesses have the resources they need to get through this time.



# Acela service resumes for Amtrak customers on the Northeast corridor with new safety initiatives

Staff report

As recovery across the country continues, *Acela* service on the Northeast Corridor resumes today on a modified schedule with the restoration of three weekday *Acela* roundtrips utilizing the new safety initiatives for customers and employees that Amtrak has implemented.

Amtrak and train travel will lead the way and set a new standard of transportation. While continuing to leverage a full-time medical director and public health and safety teams who have been on the front lines throughout the COVID-19 outbreak providing expert counsel, Amtrak has implemented the following measures:

When you book:

- Trip flexibility: Amtrak is waiving all change and cancellation fees for reser-

uations made by August 31, 2020. This includes reservations booked with points.

- Limiting bookings: Amtrak is limiting ticket sales on reserved services to allow for physical distancing while traveling.

Enhanced station procedures:

- Enhanced cleaning: Amtrak has enhanced cleaning and disinfecting frequency and retrofitted protective barriers where necessary. Commonly used surfaces in stations such as door handles, counter tops, seating areas and Quik-Trak kiosks are frequently cleaned with EPA-registered disinfectants.
- Physical distancing: Signage has been displayed at our busiest stations to indicate safe distances in high traffic areas. In addition, clear protective barriers have been installed at customer counters at our

busiest stations.

- Facial coverings: Amtrak is requiring all customers and employees to wear facial coverings while in stations.
- Preventing overcrowding: Customers are encouraged to arrive only 30 minutes before departure and only 60 minutes if in need of ticketing and/or baggage assistance.

Contact-free travel experience:

- Cashless service: Amtrak is accepting cashless payments only.
- Seamless gate service: To reduce crowds at departure boards Amtrak app users can now receive gate and track information via push notification at select stations.
- Contactless ticketing: Amtrak encourages boarding with eTickets, which conductors scan from the Amtrak app.

Onboard:

- Facial coverings: Am-

trak is requiring all customers and employees to wear facial coverings while on trains or thruway buses. Facial coverings can be removed when customers are in their private rooms or seated alone.

- Enhanced cleaning: Amtrak has amplified the cleaning of trains by spraying a disinfectant focusing on highly touched surfaces.
- Limiting bookings: Amtrak is limiting ticket sales on reserved services, with customers encouraged to use the seat next to them for personal belongings.
- Reducing exposure: All non-safety materials have been removed from seat-back pockets.
- Handwashing available: Available in each car's restroom, Amtrak strongly encourages washing hands

thoroughly with soap and water.

- Contactless movement onboard: To move between cars, customers can use an "automatic door open" button with their foot.
- Upon arrival: When the train is approaching a destination, conductors will make announcements regarding where and when customers can disembark to minimize crowding at the door.

Food & beverage:

- Café service: Effective May 20, café service aboard Amtrak trains that still offer food service will be available as carryout only. Seating in the café will be closed. Customers can bring items back to their seats or private rooms.
- Physical distancing: For customers placing

orders in the café, signage and markers promoting physical distancing leading up to the café counter have been added.

- Protective barriers: For added protection, protective plastic barriers are being installed at café countertops.
- Cashless service: Amtrak is accepting cashless payments only.

Tickets are currently for sale and can be found, along with current schedules on Amtrak.com and through the Amtrak app. Amtrak continues to evaluate current practices and pilot new opportunities to support personal safety. Visit Amtrak.com for more information about how Amtrak is maintaining a safe environment.

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# Baker-Polito administration announces guidelines for restaurants, lodging businesses ahead of Phase Two

By Lauren Bennett

Governor Baker and Lt. Governor Karyn Polito announced on May 29 guidance for restaurants and lodging, ahead of Phase Two of the reopening plan. Baker is expected to “make an announcement and decision with respect to Phase Two” on June 6, he said.

“We are certainly seeing positive momentum in a number of areas,” Baker said. “People are starting to get back to work. Outdoor and recreation activities are coming back. We’re making progress, thanks to everyone doing their jobs now more than ever and we need to keep doing what works to kill and slow the virus.”

Lt. Governor Karyn Polito announced the new guidance for restaurants and lodging, adding that the workplace safety standards that will be required for these businesses are “organized around four distinct categories covering social distancing, hygiene protocols, staffing and operations, and cleaning and disinfecting.”

Polito said these guidelines are being released ahead of Phase Two “to give lodging facilities and restaurants time to prepare their operations, to get ready, and to do that in adherence to the general

workplace safety standards that we had previously issued.”

Outdoor dining at restaurants will be allowed at the beginning of Phase Two, Polito said, and the State is working with legislators on accelerating the permitting process for outdoor dining.

Indoor dining will be allowed later on in Phase Two, “subject to the public health data,” she said.

The guidance for restaurants and lodging which is posted on the Reopening Massachusetts website at [mass.gov](https://mass.gov), includes protocols for social distancing and physical space, Polito said.

She announced that some of the highlights of the guidance for restaurants are: “tables must be positioned six feet apart, the maximum party size will be six people, use of outdoor space is encouraged even when indoor seating is allowed, and seating at bars is not allowed, “but bar areas may be reconstituted for table seating,” she said.

Additionally, hygiene and leaning protocols will be required, like having single use utensils or menus, or “strict sanitization guidelines” for these items.

Polito also said that “reservations or call ahead seating is recommended,” and “contactless payment,

mobile ordering, or text on arrival for seating will also be encouraged.”

Restaurants should also provide training in these health and safety protocols to all employees, she added, and establishments will be temporarily closed if a there is a case of COVID-19.

### HOTELS, MOTELS, AND OTHER LODGING BUSINESSES

Guidance was also released for hotels, motels, and other lodging businesses, which will be allowed to resume operations in Phase Two.

“Safety standards apply to all forms of lodging: hotels, motels, inns, bed and breakfasts, and short term residential rentals, including those arranged through online hosting platforms such as Airbnb and Vrbo,” Polito said. She added that spaces like ballrooms and meeting rooms will still remain closed.

“Onsite restaurants, pools, gyms, spas, golf courses and other amenities at lodging sites may operate only as these categories are authorized to operate in accordance with our phased reopening plan,” Polito said. She also said that lodging operators must tell guests traveling to Massachusetts from out of state about the policy urging

them to self-quarantine for 14 days.

The guidance for lodging includes protocols for social distancing, hygiene, and keeping staff spread out during their shifts, Polito said. It also includes enhanced sanitization protocols in between guests, including cleaning and sanitizing surfaces, washing linens and bedspreads, and considering leaving rooms vacant for 24 hours between guests.

“In the event of a positive case of COVID-19, the room used by that guest may only be re-turned to service after undergoing an enhanced sanitization protocol in accordance with CDC guidelines,” Polito said.

“As we move forward in reopening our economy, we understand the importance of balancing public health and economic health and we need to do everything we can to support both,” she said. “Together with state and local governments we balance the shared goals of maintaining both public safety as well as getting our economy back up and running and as we navigate these next phases in our fight against COVID-19, we will continue to work with our industry partners to do what’s best for local main streets and down-

towns.

I’m confident that the restaurant and lodging owners, managers, servers, bartenders and staff, and the many others who make up these industries will get back to work, will reopen their doors and their places to the residents across our Commonwealth and be able to offer the things from our places that people know and love so much in their communities and will do so as safely and as quickly as possible.”

### OTHER UPDATES

Baker also announced on May 29 that the state is having “positive conversations” with sports teams, which will be allowed to begin practicing at their respective facilities on June 6 “with health and safety rules that all of the leagues are developing.”

Baker said that these facilities will continue to remain closed to the public, and that “the leagues are obviously working hard to host games again.”

He said that “pro sports would be a great thing to see again,” and would be a “significant milestone for all of us as fans,” however, “the opening will be gradual and will require a lot of patience from everyone.”

On June 1, Baker issued an Executive Order that lists

specific types of businesses and activities that fall into the remaining phases of the reopening plan.

“Effective immediately, the Executive Order permits Phase II businesses to reopen their physical workplaces to workers only to conduct necessary preparations prior to the start of Phase II. Preparations include but are not limited to completing a COVID-19 Control Plan, implementing sector-specific protocols, and complying with Mandatory Workplace Safety Standards,” according to the State.

“This lead time is important for preparations,” Baker said on June 1.

Retail stores will be allowed to have “browsing and in-store transactions with restrictions” at the beginning of Phase Two as well. Guidance for childcare, recreational summer camps, and organized sports programs was also released and is available in detail at [mass.gov](https://mass.gov).

He also said that over the weekend, the COVID-19 Response Command Center also submitted details for an expanded COVID-19 testing proposal to the federal government, which includes increasing testing capacity and access to testing.

## Gov. Charlie Baker tours MBTA Blue Line work

By John Lynds

Last week Governor Charlie Baker used the Maverick MBTA station as the backdrop to his daily Covid-19 press briefing and to highlight the accelerated infrastructure work on the Blue Line that wrapped up Sunday.

Baker was joined by Transportation Secretary and CEO Stephanie Pollack, General Manager Steve Poftak, and other officials and toured the Blue Line work.

The project began on May 18 and the MBTA fully closed down the Blue Line from Airport to Bowdoin stations for 14 days and ran shuttle busses instead of train service until Sunday.

The goal was to allow for accelerated track and infrastructure work to take place while ridership and traffic is at an all time low due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The work was originally going to be spread out over a longer period of time and only on weekends.

“This Blue Line work is part of our administration’s plan to invest \$8 billion in a safer and more reliable MBTA by replacing over 400 cars across the Red and Orange Lines, modernizing stations, and upgrading track, signal, and other key infrastructure across the system,” said Governor Baker. “These infrastructure upgrades on the Blue Line, including important flood resilience work within the harbor tunnel, will provide faster, more reliable service for travelers and commuters.”



Last week at Maverick MBTA station Gov. Charlie Baker highlighted the accelerated infrastructure work on the Blue Line that wrapped up Sunday.

This Blue Line work was previously scheduled to be accomplished through a series of weekend diversions later this year, and doing the work now allows its completion at a time when both transit ridership and traffic on the roadways that shuttle buses will use is much lower than it is likely to be by the fall due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

“This core infrastructure Blue Line work is part of the Baker-Polito Administration’s \$8 billion plan to repair, upgrade, and modernize the MBTA system, to ensure safe and reliable service,” said Secretary Pollack. “While we continue to urge the public to only make essential trips during the pandemic, the T is moving ahead with capital projects and continuing to plan for more opportunities to get work done faster in 2020.”

In compliance with the Commonwealth’s Reopening Massachusetts Report, riders are also reminded that face coverings are required while onboard shuttle buses. Additionally, in an effort to promote social distancing and protect the health and safety of MBTA riders and bus operators, ridership on shuttle buses is limited to twenty passengers.

“The suspension of Blue Line service has al-



Gov. Charlie Baker, joined by Sen. Joseph Boncore City Councilor Lydia Edwards Speaker Robert DeLeo, and talks with MBTA workers.

lowed us to make incredible progress as workers maximize the benefits of having unencumbered access to stations, track, and tunnel areas,” said MBTA General Manager Poftak. “Our primary focus, as always, is on safety, especially during the pandemic and the start of Phase 1 of the Commonwealth’s Reopening Plan. We continue to promote social distancing and require face coverings. This expedited critical track and tunnel infrastructure work leads to the upgrades our riders deserve – faster trains, shorter travel times,

and more reliable service.”

Work included the installation of a new truck pad near Airport Station; replacing 2,200 feet of track along the Blue Line that will remove a long-standing speed restriction between Maverick and Aquarium—effectively reducing trip times by up to fifty-one seconds between Airport and Maverick); crews worked to fix the harbor tunnel leak with drainage work between Maverick and Aquarium that will reduce water/leak-related service delays, improving reliability; as well as fire standpipe re-

cation between Maverick and Aquarium.

“I had the unique opportunity to tour the Blue Line tunnel in East Boston and see the work being done,” said Rep. Adrian Madaro. “From repairing a tunnel first built in the early 1900’s to replacing over 2200 feet of track, this critical infrastructure project will allow for increased train speeds, shorter travel times, and a more reliable schedule. I thank the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority for organizing this tour and all the workers for their incredible efforts.”

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Email: [COARception@town.winthrop.ma.us](mailto:COARception@town.winthrop.ma.us)

The Senior Center remains closed at this time. While lunch is not being served, Meals on Wheels continues to operate. Residents who are in need and are not currently on the list

to receive meals through Meals on Wheels can call Mystic Valley Elder Services at 781-324-7705, with their name, phone number and address to be included in the program.

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# Kate's Corner

## Rock message sculptor brings joy to residents

By Kate Anslinger

If you’ve walked by Winthrop Beach recently, you’ve likely noticed some uplifting sayings written in rock. Deemed as “rock sculptures with a positive message,” by the creator, Ed Snow, these rock statements have been raising the spirits of passerby since the start of the pandemic.

“I thought it would be nice to have something positive out there for people to see,” said Snow, who takes his rock sculpting job seriously. “I just like spreading a nice message and making people feel good.”

Snow’s mission to bring smiles is working, as he



Ed Snow, on Winthrop Shore Drive.

gets different forms of applause multiple times a day. Several residents offer him a thumb’s up and others say a simple thank you, as he puts together the many words that are peppered along Winthrop Beach. On average, it takes

him three and a half hours to complete two words. While some may think this is time consuming, there is a reason for the lengthy project. Snow worked as an engraver for thirty years and he learned the complex trade of perfecting fonts in stone. With his rock sculpture project, he spends a lot of time collecting the right rocks before he even gets started on a word. Then, he uses a piece of driftwood to outline the word, molding it before he sets the rocks down in a comprehensible fashion.

“It’s a workout carrying the bags of rocks around, but it makes me happy to bring joy to others.”



One of the many messages you'll see on Winthrop Beach in front of Underhill Street.



One of Ed Snow's many "Rock Sculptures with a Postive Message"



Ed Snow's positive message uplift all who pass by.



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due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

“We just had to find \$16 million to keep Division 3 sports in business because we didn’t get our share from basketball,” said Walsh, a member of the NCAA’s strategic planning and finance committee.

Walsh said the main priority for him as the GNAC commissioner is “the student-athlete experience and their ultimate success.”

“Our core values are on our GNAC logo: community, sportsmanship, and integrity.”

Walsh prides himself on the internship program in GNAC offices and the Student Advisory Committee (SAC). “We like to place students on national committees so they can receive leadership opportunities and advance their careers,” said Walsh.

One of the big stories in the GNAC was the arrival of former UConn head coach Jim Calhoun, who led the St. Joseph (Conn.) men’s basketball team to the GNAC championship. Another proud moment: the Johnson & Wales women’s volleyball team advanced to the Elite Eight. The GNAC has never claimed a national title.

### Looking ahead to the return of sports

Joe Walsh, who presides over GNAC athletic directors and school presidents’ meetings, is looking ahead optimistically to colleges resuming sports in August following the cancellation of the spring season due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

He is also looking forward to attending the national convention in Wash-

ington, D.C., which will be held the same week in January as the Presidential Inauguration.

“It’s fun traveling around the country,” said Walsh.

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