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MVES SEEKS VOLUNTEERS FOR NEW SOCIAL ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM

Mystic Valley Elder Services (MVES) is seeking volunteers for its new Social Engagement Program to help improve the health and well-being of isolated older adults in the community by providing meaningful social connection—whether it be through regular visits, telephone calls, or email. The Social Engagement Program will provide focused intervention on the poor health and wellness outcomes linked to loneliness and social isolation, a problem that is impacting older adults in epidemic proportions, especially during the coronavirus pandemic. With the recruitment and training of volunteers, this new service will become a reality in the lives of many isolated older adults in MVES' communities that will continue after the pandemic subsidies. Bilingual volunteers are also needed to help us serve individuals of ethnic diversity. As part of the program, volunteers will be paired up with consumers who

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Shown above, the crowd kneels at the top of Winthrop Shore Drive during a moment of silence for George Floyd. Seen right, Speaker of the House Bob DeLeo and State Sen. Joe Boncore participate in the march, kneeling during the moment of silence. See more photos on Pages 4 and 5.

Winthrop marches for change in show of support

By Kate Anslinger

Like many other people right now, Elizabeth Tamayo and her sister Kathryn Monahan, felt a strong desire to show their love and support for the Black community. Last Sunday afternoon, the sisters were joined by several hundred

others on a peaceful walk that started at Massa Park, ran the length of Winthrop Shore Drive, and ended at the top of the beach, where walkers took a knee while engaging in a moment of silence. "We wanted to organize a peaceful walk that would allow families to bring their

children along as well," said Tamayo, who was joined by her two young children. "The youth is our future and we hope with enough love and support, we can make it a brighter one." Signs reiterating Floyd's last words and declarations of justice were held highly by masked marchers of all

ages. College student, Faith Hunt, held a sign that read 'I can't breathe' in bold, black print against a white background, sharing the three words that Floyd said before he laid motionless on the ground in front of several police officers.

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Eighth grader represents Winthrop in service project

By Kate Anslinger

Earlier this year, eighth grade Hannah Parker, was selected to represent the town of Winthrop in Project 351, a non-profit organization that brings kids from all 351 towns and cities in Massachusetts together for a year long journey of building leadership skills. While her experience has been different to previous am-

bassadors, Parker has managed to execute many of her projects both in person and virtually.

On January 18th, Parker attended a launch day in Boston, where she joined the other 350 ambassadors in Faneuil Hall for a day of service. Also in attendance was Governor Charlie Baker, who talked about his

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Hannah Parker, Eighth grade Project 351 ambassador on launch day.PNG

REBUILDING TOGETHER: Winthrop Foundation gives a boost to local businesses

Special to the Transcript

We've all seen the shuttered storefronts, tables and chairs stacked in corners, hand-written signs saying, "Closed Until Further Notice". Now that the state has begun to re-open, the Winthrop Foundation is doing its part.

Last week the Foundation announced a \$26,250

economic stimulus grant, an injection of much-needed funding for some of our town's small businesses. The Foundation is purchasing up to \$750 in gift cards from each of 35 local stores -- mostly food establishments.

The Board of Trustees are busy doing the legwork, going from business to

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Preparations are being made for the re-opening of Town Hall

Staff report

Town Manager Austin Faison said the town is moving closer to the re-opening of Town Hall though no date has been set. "We're still procuring materials such as our

plexiglass set-ups for our internal staff," said Faison. "That's what we're working on right now. We're getting closer [to re-opening]. It's a procurement and installation process to make sure that we can keep our employees healthy." Faison said the town is providing online platforms for residents to conduct town business or make inquiries.

"We are trying as hard as possible to provide all the same services that we do, just not having people come into the building at this time," said Faison. "We look forward to re-opening once we can ensure as many people's health as possible."

Town provides latest update on Coronavirus situation

The town of Winthrop has received notification from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) of zero additional residents affected by COVID-19. This brings the total number of confirmed cases in town, as of June 9, to 235; 24 people deceased, 204 recovered and 7 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.

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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WINTHROP POLICE BLOTTER

These are among the calls for service to which the Winthrop Police Department responded during the week of May 25-June 1.

MONDAY, MAY 25

1214: A motor vehicle (MV) was parked at a hydrant at Terrace and Park Aves. The officer ordered the owner to move the MV and gave the owner a verbal warning.

1457: A caller reported that a female was passed out in her MV at the Belle Isle Cemetery. The officer checked on the female, who said she was taking a nap.

1524: A caller who reported that groups of youths were engaged in various athletic activities at Ingle-side Park was informed that the town’s beaches, parks, and playgrounds have re-opened.

1628: An officer directed the owners of two MVs that were parked on the corner on Bowdoin St. so as to ob-struct traffic to move their MVs.

1820: An officer stopped a MV at the Public Landing that did not have a prop-er registration. The owner produced documentation showing that he had just purchased the MV, but he was beyond the seven-day grace period to re-register the plates with the new car. The officer directed the per-son to drive straight home and take care of the paper-work.

1928: An officer stopped a MV on Revere St. for the civil motor vehicle infrac-tion (CMVI) of a red light violation. The officer gave the operator a verbal warn-ing.

20730: Call for medical assistance on Douglas St. One person was transported to the MGH.

1039: A Johnson Ave. resident reported that a dog was in her backyard. She said she believed it be-longed to a neighbor, who eventually came to retrieve it.

1215: An officer stopped a MV for a civil motor ve-hicle infraction (CMVI) at the intersection of Linden and Main Sts. The operator, who appeared to be con-fused at the intersection, was given a verbal warning by the officer.

1333: An officer assist-ed the parties with the ex-

change of papers at a mi-nor motor vehicle accident (MVA) on Main St.

1338: An officer stopped a MV on Shirley St. for the civil motor vehicle infrac-tion (CMVI) of a stop sign violation. The officer gave the operator a verbal warn-ing.

1507: An officer stopped a MV on Shirley St. for the civil motor vehicle infrac-tion (CMVI) of speeding, which had been reported by two civilians. The officer gave the operator a verbal warning.

1534: An officer moved along four females who were on the swing set at Massa Playground, but who were not maintaining appropriate physical sepa-ration.

1857: A homeless man who has been living in a trailer in a parking lot on Main St. since Decem-ber with the permission of town officials was advised that the time had come for him to find another place to live.

1931: The State Police reported that they towed seven mopeds that had come as a group at the Deer Island parking lot.

2053: An officer told a person who was playing his guitar loudly outside at St-urgis St. and Shore Drive to stop doing so.

2155: An officer assisted the parties at a minor MVA on Revere St.

2235: A caller reported that youths had set fire to a park bench at Ingleside Park. The Fire Dept. extin-guished the fire. A possible witness said he saw a group of persons leave in a MV.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27

0007: An officer stopped a MV on Veterans Rd. that was operating on a rim. The officer directed the owner to park the MV legally and the owner said he will fix it in the morning.

0114: An officer directed a group of five persons who were talking loudly and playing music on Trident Ave. to cease doing so. The visiting parties agreed to depart for the evening.

0247: A group of youths playing basketball at their residence were directed to cease doing so and they agreed to take it in for the evening.

1226: Officers respond-ed to a report of a possible medical aid on Sunset Rd.

One person was transported to the MGH.

1425: An officer stopped a MV at Revere St. and Kennedy Rd. for the civil motor vehicle infrac-tion (CMVI) of a stop sign violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1432: An officer issued a parking ticket for a MV that was parked at the corner of Otis St. at a No Parking sign.

1721: A person who was riding his bicycle in the 1000 block of Shirley St. reported that he reached over a fence to pet a dog in its front yard and was bit. The caller refused medical attention.

2019: Revere police called for assistance regard-ing a stabbing incident in their city. The suspects did not flee into Winthrop and were last seen at the Win-throp Parkway rotary in Revere.

2019: A Trident Ave. resident reported that the defendant against whom she has a domestic abuse prevention restraining or-der pursuant to c. 209A may have violated the order by leaving a package at her residence. Officers arrested James D. Sabatino, 34, of Medway, on a charge of vi-olating a 209A order.

2308: An officer stopped a MV on Revere St. for the civil motor vehicle infrac-tion (CMVI) of speeding. The officer gave the op-erator a verbal warning.

THURSDAY, MAY 28

0149: A group of youths who were having a loud conversation on the wall at the Pico Ave. playground and bothering residents were spoken to by an offi-cer.

0350: An officer stopped a MV on Winthrop St. at Main St. for the civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI) of a one-way violation. The officer gave the operator a verbal warning.

0908: The owner of a MV with a flat tire and re-voked insurance that was parked on Summit Ave. agreed to tow the MV and reinstate the insurance.

1641: A business owner on Woodside Ave. report-ed that construction debris had been dumped into his dumpster for a second time. A neighbor’s video camera may be helpful in determin-ing a suspect and the officer will investigate.

1817: A call for medi-

cal aid at a local business resulted in a person being transported to the hospi-tal for a possible overdose.

2101: An officer dis-persed a group of 25 youths who were making a lot of noise on Yirrell Beach. The officer reported that they left behind a lot of litter.

2119: An officer re-sponded to a report of a neighbor making noise at an apartment building on Veterans Rd. This is an on-going issue and both parties were advised to talk to the management.

2128: A Jeep that was re-ported to be parked for two weeks on Terrace Ave. was placed on the 72-hour list.

2149: Officers responded to a request for medical aid at Cutler St. and Veterans Rd. One person was trans-ported to the MGH.

FRIDAY, MAY 29

0816: A white Jeep that had been parked on Tileston Rd. for two days was placed on the 72-hour list.

0900: A person came into the station to report that his pick-up truck had been stolen from outside his resi-dence (a street address was not provided) during the night.

0910: Officers responded to a medical aid on Haw-thorne Ave. A person was transported to the hospital.

1230: A person came into the station to report that she had received threats. She was given a form and will return it.

1332: A Floyd St. resi-dent reported that his MV had been struck by a hit-and-run operator. The of-ficer observed damage to the driver’s side. The of-ficer will file a report and will check with neighbors to determine if a surveil-lance camera may have re-corded the incident.

1611: A caller reported that youths may be drink-ing at Yirrell Beach. The officer determined that they were having take-out from Nick’s.

1648: A report of van-dalism to a building in the 500 block of Shirley St. by youths from the area was resolved when their parents agreed to take care of the damage.

1810: A golf ball struck a MV that was in the parking at the apartment building on Veterans Rd., leaving a dent. An officer went to the golf club and will investi-

gate.

1842: An officer in-formed neighbors involved in a property dispute on Washington Ave. that it is a civil matter.

1951: An officer dis-persed a group of youths who were not practicing physical distancing from another person who was sit-ing in the area of Delby’s Corner.

2008: An officer dis-persed a group of youths, who reportedly had been harassing customers of a liquor store to purchase alcohol for them, from the Public Landing.

2145: An officer ordered a group of young people who were having a loud party at a residence in the 800 block of Shirley St. to take it inside.

2312: An officer ordered a group of young people who were having a loud party at a residence on Myr-tle Ave. to take it inside.

SATURDAY, MAY 30

0219: An officer direct-ed a group having a loud house party at a residence on Seaview Ave. to keep it down.

1337: An officer direct-ed the owner of a MV that was parked too close to the corner at Bayview Ave. and Shirley St. to move the MV.

1410: A resident reported that the Venmo app on her phone had been hacked and attempts were being made to purchase items using her account. The officer will file a report.

1416: An officer issued a parking ticket to a MV blocking a driveway in the 900 block of Shirley St.

1454: An officer issued a parking ticket to a MV blocking a fire hydrant on Grovers Ave.

1541: An officer provid-ed assistance at a MVA at Shore Drive and Cutler St. No injuries were reported and both MVs were drive-able.

1842: A group at a family gathering who were playing loud music in the 300 block of Revere St. were directed to lower the volume.

2003: An officer issued a parking ticket to a MV that was parked in the handi-capped spot on Moore St.

2006: A business owner reported a problem with a patron who refused to wear a mask upon entering the premises. The patron then spit at persons in the vicin-

ity. The patron was issued a No Trespass order for the business.

2130: A report of youths playing loud music on Win-throp Beach in the vicinity of the 100 block of Shore Drive was referred to the State Police.

SUNDAY, MAY 31

0200: A caller reported loud music coming from an apartment in the 400 block of Winthrop St. The officer restored the peace.

0349: A Bayview Ave resident reported that a dog in the neighborhood had been barking all night. The officer was unable to locate the owner and will refer the matter to Animal Control.

0911: The owner of the barking dog on Bayview Ave. was directed to bring his dog in when he leaves his house for the night.

1018: A resident came into the station to report that an unauthorized unem-ployment claim had been filed using her personal in-formation.

1043: Officers responded to a request for medical aid on Revere St. A person was transported to the MGH.

1147: An officer direct-ed a construction crew working on Winthrop St. to cease for the day.

1436: An officer stopped a MV at Revere St. and Governors Drive for the civil motor vehicle infrac-tion (CMVI) of a stop sign violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the op-erator.

1623: The DPW was no-tified of a water pipe break at the construction area in the Center after a MV had run over it.

1743: Officers provided assistance at a MVA acci-dent at Bayview Ave. and Shirley St. Two persons were injured and one MV was towed.

1801: An officer assist-ed the parties with the ex-change of papers at a minor MVA at Highland and Gro-vers Ave.


MONDAY, JUNE 1

0150: An officer re-sponded to a minor MVA on Bartlett Rd. An oil spill was involved and 60 yards of speed dry was applied at the scene.

0631: An officer in-formed the grounds crew at the Winthrop Golf Club that they cannot start work-ing until 7:00 a.m.

Please join the Suffolk County Conservation District (SCCD) for its 2020 Annual Meeting, to be held online. SCCD is a state government entity whose purpose is to assist residents of Suffolk County conserve air, water, and land.

- When: Thursday, June 18, 2020 from 6 until 7:30 p.m.
- Registration in advance is requested. Email your request for the Zoom link to metayer.maxencem@gmail.com or call/text 857-301-9171.
- After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting



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are participants in MVES’ home care program. Vol-unteers will connect with participants in a variety of ways that meet the needs of the consumer and the vol-unteer. Connection options will include: a Telephone Reassurance Program, where a volunteer calls the isolated individual and pro-vides a social contact and friendly conversation; an Email Correspondence, for online engagement with others via technology; and a Friendly Visitor Program*, in which the consumer re-ceives home visits that fo-cus on in-person socializa-

tion and companionship.

You can make a differ-ence as a Social Engage-ment Program volunteer and play an important role to combat the effects of so-cial isolation for isolated older adults in your com-munity. If you would like to learn more about volun-teering for the MVES So-cial Engagement Program, please contact Leah Mul-renan at (781) 388-2375 or lmulrenan@mves.org.

* The Friendly Visitor Program will begin when determined it is safe to visit consumers in their homes.

BROWN ACHIEVES NICHOLS COLLEGE 2020 ACADEMIC HONORS

Devin Brown , a Nichols College student from Win-throp achieved Dean’s List status for the spring 2020 semester at Nichols Col-lege, which ended in May.

The Dean’s List and President’s List give recog-nition to those students who achieve high grades during a single semester. In order to be included on the Dean’s List, a student must have a minimum grade point av-

erage of 3.5 for at least 12 undergraduate credit-hours and must have received no grades below B- during the semester. Students whose semester grade point av-erage is 3.85 or higher for at least 12 undergraduate credit-hours and no grades below B- will receive Pres-ident’s List honors.

NICHOLS COLLEGE STUDENTS NAMED TO SPRING 2020 HONORS LIST

Many hard-working stu-dents at Nichols College in Dudley, Mass., have achieved Dean’s List or President’s List honors during the spring 2020 se-mester.

The Dean’s List and President’s List give recog-nition to those students who achieve high grades during a single semester. In order to be included on the Dean’s List, a student must have a minimum grade point av-erage of 3.5 for at least 12 undergraduate credit-hours and must have received no grades below B- during the semester. Students whose semester grade point av-erage is 3.85 or higher for

at least 12 undergraduate credit-hours and no grades below B- will receive Pres-ident’s List honors.

Cal Capozzi a Sports Management major at Nichols College from Re-vere is named to the Dean’s List.

Robert Cobb a Sports Management major at Nichols College from Re-vere is named to the Dean’s List.

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BEC’s business strategy revolves around collecting compostable material, converting it into more compost than the town’s residents can use, and then selling off the excess as high-quality soil. For residents, the drop-off at the facility of their yard and food waste would be free, as would the eventual end product, the compost itself.

BEC currently offers weekly pick-up from homeowners of their compostable materials for \$200 per year, though that price would be halved if BEC were to be allowed to compost in Winthrop.

“They were the company who offered the most benefits and reduced the costs the most for the town,” said Zero Waste Committee member Charles Southworth. He added that Bootstrap Compost, Inc. and City Compost were also considered.

The need for the alternative disposal of compostable material is urgent. Compostable material makes up about 25 percent of landfill waste in Massachusetts. The state is rapidly running out of landfill capacity and composting is one solution.

Composting also is a tool for fighting climate change. According to Ann McGovern, the consumer waste reduction coordinator at the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), aerobic decomposition converts the carbon in organic compostable materi-

al into humus, which “locks the carbon up in the soil” for years. By contrast, the anaerobic decomposition that occurs in a landfill converts the carbon into methane — a significant greenhouse gas. Methane is capable of trapping more heat and on a per weight basis has 21 times the global warming potential of carbon dioxide.

BEC was founded in 2011 and has operated a site in Manchester-by-the-Sea for about two years. Manchester was the proving ground for the company, according to Miller. The concept that a town’s excess compost could be collected for free and then sold for a profit worked, and since then, Miller and his colleagues have been searching for a second site in the Greater Boston area.

“You have to have a very suitable site without immediate neighbors and Winthrop had that,” Miller said. “That’s why we were interested ... A lot of towns don’t have a site that will work.”

Winthrop’s own composting operation was abandoned approximately four years ago, when the town converted the plot exclusively to a yard waste and storm debris facility. Its hours of operations have been the same for two decades. On Fridays, the site is open from 9 a.m. to noon and 3 to 6 p.m, and on Saturdays, from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m. The site is closed for the winter.

Any expansion of the

present operation would have a financial impact on the town’s budget because the site needs to be manned when open to the public.

However, according to Southworth, having the operation run by BEC would likely mean expanded drop-off hours year-round. The town would have to pay less for the waste removal, since a lot of the waste tonnage would be composted. It also would qualify the town for grants.

But it’s not that simple. “The area would first need to be surveyed to see what is actually available after all environmental set-backs are established,” DPW Director Steven Calla wrote in an email to the Sun-Transcript.

Although the DEP permit allows for both the debris stockpiling and compost collection on the plot, there are other factors at play.

Environmental compliance relative to the buffer zone adjacent to the Belle Isle salt marsh has to be continuously met, according to Calla. In addition, the trucking of compostable waste over Winthrop’s roads and through a school zone and cemetery grounds needs to be discussed “at a higher level.”

And the DPW requires at least one acre to perform departmental obligations, such as collecting residential yard waste; collecting storm debris; stockpiling grass clippings, tree prunings and tree stumps; stockpiling seaweed and beach



The DPW Yards on Kennedy Drive.

debris; and stockpiling unsuitable soils from the nearby cemetery’s interments.

The facility takes in approximately 3,000 to 5,000 cubic yards of material annually, according to Calla, while the annual demand for compost is 500 cubic yards.

“Everything from nature will eventually break down,” Calla said. “The real issue is the amount of time it takes to compost everything.”

There is, however, a significant difference in the time it takes compostable material like food scraps and yard waste to decompose in a compost pile as opposed to a landfill. According to McGovern, materials that can decompose in a compost pile in six months to a year can take

several years, even decades, to decompose in a landfill.

Meeting these obligations may still result in enough land for BEC, according to Calla, because the total acreage after set-backs is unknown. But the town presently has no plans to incur the costs of the necessary survey, which can range from \$5,000 to \$10,000. That cost would need to be covered by the potential user.

In their presentation, the Zero Waste Committee outlined other projects that the BEC could help with as well.

One such project involved the BEC teaching students how and why to compost at Winthrop schools. Another involved BEC collecting compostable waste from private

residences.

BEC currently picks up compost from the Hilton at Logan Airport and from Project Oscar in East Boston, so Winthrop is not far off the route. It would take about 30 people for BEC to find it financially beneficial to collect compost from Winthrop households, according to Miller.

So far, BEC has 15 people registered. Yet Miller is optimistic.

“We’re going to start composting in town eventually,” he said.

Maxim Tamarov is a freelance reporter covering coronavirus and environmental issues for the Winthrop Sun Transcript. Send comments or story ideas to maxim.tamarov@gmail.com.

Jessica Gordon’s Academy of Performing Arts celebrates 10 years

By John Lynds

For the past ten years Jessica Gordon’s Academy of Performing Arts has been a mainstay in the local, regional and national dance world providing dance education for beginner through advanced dancers.

Founded by longtime dancer and dance instructor, Jessica (Gordon) Schettino, the academy located in Winthrop has been offering ballet, acro, tap, and hip hop for recreational and competitive students in East Boston, Winthrop, Revere and beyond.

Schettino was born on Beach Street in Revere to Ricky Gordon and Michelle (Bosco) Gordon, both Eastie natives and moved to Tuscano Avenue when she was eight-years-old.

Schettino got her start as a dancer at the age of three in East Boston under the tutelage of Eleanor Rubino and Rubino’s daughter, Paula Terenzi at the Eleanor Rubino Academy of Performing Arts.

While dancing, Schettino attended and graduated from Savio Prep in 2006. While in high school Schettino became a dance teacher’s assistant at the age of 14 at the dance academy and later became a full fledged dance teacher at the age of 17.

During her senior year in high school, Schettino was crowned Revere’s Junior Miss and went on to compete in Junior Miss Massachusetts

After graduating from Savio Schettino enrolled in Salem State College. While attending classes and working a full time job she took over the dance studio from Rubino and Terenzi after Rubino retired and Terenzi founded her own dance studio at the age of 21.

A year later Schettino founded Jessica Gordon’s Academy of Performing Arts.

While running the dance



Jessica Gordon providing dance education for beginner through advanced dancers for 10 years.

academy Schettino graduated from Salem State with a Bachelor’s Degree in Sports and Science Movement with a concentration in Dance.

Since she founded the studio, which has grown to over 100 students and six instructors, Schettino and her dances have found a string of local and national success.

She and her dancers have participated in many regional and national dance competitions, dancing at Disney World, Las Vegas, Atlantic City, and Myrtle Beach.

Her studio was the Grand Champion in the 11 and under category at the Inferno Dance Competition in 2020.

At the Beyond the Stars Dance Competition in 2019 the Studio received the Excellence Award as well as the Entertainment Award.

Last year, Schettino won Best Dance Assemble in 2019 for her choreography for musical Once Upon This Island from the The Massachusetts Educational

Theater Guild.

The Academy also recently won the Choreography Award at the StarPower Dance Competition

Schettino’s dancers have also found a level of success after training at the academy with two students going on to dance professionally at Disney World in Orlando and one student that recently competed in a national beauty pageant.

Throughout her career, Schettino has never forgotten her roots in East Boston, Revere and Winthrop and she and her dancers are a constant presence at community-wide events.

The academy’s dancers perform yearly at Eastie Pride Day, Eastie’s Elves and the East Boston Columbus Day Parade as well as the Winthrop Fall Festival, the I Love Winthrop Festival and the annual Winthrop Christmas Tree Lighting.

She has also choreographed numerous musicals for Lynnfield Middle School and Lynnfield Community Schools.

*Congratulations to 10 Years of
Jessica Gordon Academy
of Performing Arts!*



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“I think it’s important to be aware that every person is here for a reason, and no-body is lesser than someone else,” said Hunt. “Especially just because they have a different level of melanin in their genes. Racism isn’t controversial-it’s wrong.”

Organizer of the walk, Kathryn Monahan, was beyond proud of how Winthrop came together to stand up for change.

“This was bigger, better and even MORE powerful than I ever imagined it being. I’m so proud of the town of Winthrop and everyone who came out.”

For more information on how you can get involved Numbers to dial:



One of the many signs that were hung on the wall lining Winthrop Beach



One walker holds a sign with a quote from Devin and Jason McCourty, twin athletes and activists

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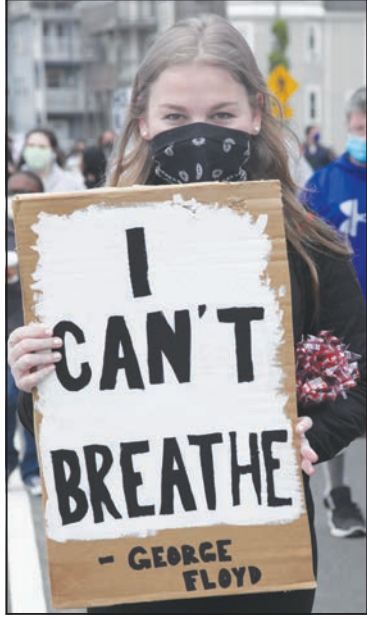
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Manal Kahn and Katrina Donovan in Massa Park, prior to the march.



College student, Faith Hunt, holds a sign boldly stating George Floyd's last words



Suzanne and Annabelle Leonard show off their signs.



A family walked hand in hand down Winthrop Shore Drive.



Maya Chapdelaine shows her homemade signs.



Walkers expressed themselves with signs seeking justice and change



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INGREDIENTS:

6 skinless, boneless chicken breast halves - pounded thin

1 (8 ounce) bottle Italian-style salad dressing

8 slices of stale wheat bread, torn

¼ cup grated Parmesan cheese

1 teaspoon chopped fresh thyme

¼ teaspoon pepper

1½ cups feta cheese, crumbled

½ cup sour cream

1 tablespoon vegetable oil

3 cloves garlic, minced

4 cups chopped fresh spinach

1 bunch green onions, chopped

1 cup mushrooms, sliced

1 (8 ounce) jar oil-packed sun-dried tomatoes, chopped

DIRECTIONS:

STEP 1: Place chicken breasts in a large resealable plastic bag. Pour in Italian dressing, seal tightly, and refrigerate at least 1 hour.

STEP 2: Place the stale bread, Parmesan, thyme, and pepper into a food processor. Pulse until the bread is processed into crumbs. Set aside.

STEP 3: In a large bowl, stir together the feta and sour cream. Set aside.

STEP 4: In Heat the oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Stir in the garlic. Then add the spinach, and cook until it wilts. Stir in green onions, cook 2 minutes. Remove spinach to a plate, and leave any liquid in the pan. Stir in mushrooms, and saute until soft. Remove mushrooms to plate with spinach. Allow to cool briefly, then combine spinach and mushrooms with feta and sour cream mixture.

STEP 5: Stir the sun-dried tomatoes into the mixture, and spread onto a large cookie sheet. Place in the freezer for about 30 minutes.

STEP 6: Preheat the oven to 400 degrees F (200 degrees C).

STEP 7: Place chicken breasts on a cookie sheet, and place about 3 tablespoons of the filling mixture in the center of each breast. Roll the breasts, and secure with a toothpick. Transfer chicken breasts to a baking dish, and sprinkle breadcrumb mixture over chicken breasts.

STEP 8: Bake, uncovered, in a preheated oven for 25 minutes.

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SCENES FROM THE BLACK LIVES MATTER MARCH



One of the many young children walking in the peaceful march.



Walkers stand alongside the beach wall, holding signs and showing their support.



Katie Belle, one of the organizers of the walk, addresses the crowd before the moment of silence.



Elizabeth Tamayo, walk organizer, kneels beside her daughter .



Kathryn Monahan, walk organizer, kneels at the front of the crowd, on the top of Winthrop Shore Drive.



Sherry Waller, Wendy Millar Page, Kate Tozzi, with Julia, Chris and Maya Waller, holding signs during the march.

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background with Project 351. Parker then joined fellow ambassadors at UMass Boston to pack boxed lunches for people in need. The group then went to the JFK library and donated toiletries such as toothpaste, soap and deodorant to help the “Be Like Brit” organization. On that day, in total, Project 351 supported 18 nonprofit organizations that addressed issues such as hunger, homelessness, childhood poverty, and ed-

ucational opportunity. During her time serving on Project 351, Parker has the opportunity to manage a Spring Service Project. She had planned on running a clothing drive for Cradles to Crayons from March 23rd to April 3rd, however; it was cancelled due to COVID-19. After this was cancelled, Project 351 started an eight week “Service Leadership Academy” (SLA). SLA provides many different leadership workshops for

all of the ambassadors to participate in virtually. “Over the past eight weeks I have engaged in many webinars through Zoom with many incredible leaders including, First Lady Lauren Baker, Billy Shore (Founder and CEO of “Share our Strength” organization), New England Patriot Devin McCourty (McCourty Twins Tackle Sickle Cell organization), as well as other leaders of non-profit organizations,” said Parker. “I have also participated

in many activities including researching and reporting on my local food bank during the pandemic and a recycling project. I was also able to be involved in the Free Rice Initiative. Finally, I am looking forward to participating in a Virtual Reunion which takes place on June 17th.” When Parker isn’t busy working on Project 351’s many projects, she participates in student council and plays soccer, hockey and lacrosse.



Tracey Honan, Town Councilor-At-Large, kneels with a sign.

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OUR Opinions

“DEFUND” THE POLICE? NOT SO FAST

Racism, from subtle to overt, has existed at every level of American society since our nation’s inception. It was embedded in our Constitution by our Founding Fathers, many of whom were slave owners, who declared that slaves should be counted as only three-fifths of a person.

Even though slavery was abolished by Abraham Lincoln with the Emancipation Proclamation, segregation and discrimination became the norm in the American way of life after the Civil War and judicially affirmed by the U.S. Supreme Court in its 1896 decision, Plessy v. Ferguson.

Although the Supreme Court overturned the “separate but equal” doctrine in the 1954 decision of Brown v. Board of Education, it has become clear that despite the apparent strides toward racial equality that have been made in the past 66 years, so little actually has changed.

Tragically, it has taken the brutal death-by-suffocation of a 46 year-old African-American man, George Floyd, at the knee of a white police officer in Minneapolis to bring to the eyes of every American the gross discrepancy between the uniquely American ideal that, “All men are created equal” and the stark reality of life today for persons of color who comprise most of our country’s permanent underclass.

To be sure, the shockingly inhumane treatment by police officers of minority suspects (and even non-suspects) in the past few years has highlighted the racism that continues to exist in many police departments across the country.

There also have been instances of police brutality and over-reaction during these past two weeks against mostly-peaceful demonstrators.

But the reality is that the vast majority of police officers have acted in a completely professional manner during this trying period, as most of them always do.

Yes, there are a few who became police officers for the wrong reasons, but the vast majority of our police force is comprised of men and women who want to make a positive impact in their communities and take a great deal of pride in doing so.

The movement underway in some parts of our country to “defund” police departments is, in our view, a shortsighted effort to scapegoat the police for the shortcomings of our society as a whole, especially among the white liberal class, for whom “blaming the cops” is a convenient means for absolving themselves of personal responsibility for the glaring inequality that exists in America in 2020.

Our rank-and-file police officers are underpaid (their starting salaries are barely able to afford the rent for an apartment) and they are asked to perform a myriad of duties far beyond mere law enforcement, especially when dealing with persons who are mentally ill or who have substance abuse issues -- and let’s not even get started on domestic calls.

It also is ludicrous to cut funding for our police departments when there are 300 million guns, many of which are military-grade, in the hands of private citizens, many of whom either are members of radical groups or who individually subscribe to radical beliefs.

To be sure, there are fundamental reforms that need to be undertaken in police departments all across the country to eliminate policies that are racist in their effect. There also must be a commitment to ensure swift accountability for officers who break the rules.

But the same is true for every aspect of American life in both the private and public sectors. The racism that is systemic in many of our nation’s police departments is a reflection of the racism that pervades every nook and cranny of our society from top to bottom.

Unless our nation’s leaders and our people are committed to bringing about real change at every level of our society -- and contributing vast resources in order to alleviate police from the burdens of dealing with drug users and those with mental health issues -- we are deluding ourselves if we think that “defunding” our police will accomplish much of anything toward the goal of achieving a more just and more equal society.

Forum



LETTER to the Editor

ON WINTHROP SCHOOLS

Dear Editor:

First, let me be clear that I know Covid-19 was not a situation that was planned for and it took time for the school system to figure out their systems, etc. But overall, I felt like this was an epic “fail” at all levels.

I have children in both Winthrop Middle School and Arthur T. Cummings. While I can see the need to keep children practicing math, reading and writing, the idea that they should still do “specials”, without being specifically on a Zoom call with that teacher was quite ludicrous. It’s as if we needed an excuse to keep paying teachers who would otherwise not be needed. Many parents who

were not essential employees were still required to work a full day. Why force us to fight with our children to do an art assignment when my child doesn’t like art? Don’t you think that effort could be used for more important subjects? I would much prefer that the direction was to have the kids read books and complete an online quiz afterwards. They are both used to doing that, and it also takes them off the screen for a while each day. Numerous studies have proven the benefits of reading. The teachers who had nothing to do for 3 months (gym, art, music) could have been delivering books to homes to keep busy.

Moreover, rather than keeping the school year to

its usual length, why not end it now and bring the kids back earlier in August? I think we all know that we won’t be returning to business as usual in the Fall. So bring the kids back part-time in the summer to make up for some of that.

The emails from the Superintendent in my opinion completely lacked any unique thoughts. Winthrop is a small town. We should have been able to do better for each kid. Lastly, there is no reason that my child couldn’t have had a 1 x 1 meeting with their teacher/s each week. There are 22 kids in the class at ATC - surely the teacher could put aside 4 or 5 hours a day to meet with each child? They’re getting paid! It could even take place in the

evening as well.

I just think the lack of an individual attention-- other than to inform parents that work was due or overdue-- was completely inexcusable. My office is in a pandemic as well, but I am still required to meet with my boss and staff. I have friends in other school districts whose children were still getting taught live by teachers multiple hours a day!!!

Looking ahead I think Winthrop needs to take a long hard look at why our staff members were paid full-time. We failed our kids, and now we will all need to deal with the consequences. Let’s get ahead of this and try harder in the Fall.

Winthrop Parents

Sen. Markey receives major endorsement from the American Federation of Teachers Massachusetts

Staff report

The American Federation of Teachers (AFT) Massachusetts last week announced its endorsement of Ed Markey for re-election to the United States Senate.

“Senator Ed Markey has been a supporter of public education for decades and has consistently fought for adequate funding - not because we asked him to, but because he knows that public education is the pathway to better communities,” said AFT Massachusetts President Beth Kontos. “He grew up in a household that valued education and the

rights of workers. His record in support of labor and the rights of workers to organize is second to none.”

The AFT Massachusetts represents 23,000 educators throughout Massachusetts.

“I am incredibly grateful for the support of the American Federation of Teachers Massachusetts,” said Senator Markey. “Our school employees and our educators are heroes. Their work is instrumental to ensuring that our children are prepared for the future. They deserve to have wages, health care, and other benefits that reflect just how vital their role is. While their usual tools of tablets and

pencils have been replaced by tablets with pixels in the coronavirus pandemic, these educators’ skills and commitment remain integral to the health, well-being, and success of Massachusetts’s students. My father was a union leader, and I learned just how critical unions are to families, to our economy, and to our democracy. I will always fight for AFT Massachusetts, and I am proud that they will fight for me.”

Senator Markey is committed to fighting for the rights of union workers across the Commonwealth and nation. In October, he walked the picket line with

SEIU 509 Fidelity House workers in Lawrence demanding better pay and working conditions. In February, he stood with UNITE HERE Local 26 airline catering workers for a rally at Logan Airport to call on LSG Sky Chefs to provide fair wages and affordable healthcare for its employees. Just two weeks ago, he stood alongside the Massachusetts Nursing Association and United Auto Workers Local 2322 as they called on the owners of Providence Behavioral Health Hospital to stop the closure of the Providence

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business, purchasing \$750 in gift cards from establishments around town. A partial list includes: High Tide, Letterie’s, Belle Isle Seafood, Blackstrap, Pizza Center, Hong Kong Dragon, Winthrop Marketplace, La Siesta, Café Rosetti’s, Twist & Shake, Center Café, Adriatic Restaurant, Go-Go, Express Burrito, Family Bakery, House of Pizza, Meat Market, Viking

Pub, Osaka, Alia, Shore Side Café, Winthrop Arms, and several others.

The Foundation will distribute the gifts cards to charitable groups and town programs that serve Winthrop’s vulnerable residents -- families, children, seniors, veterans and others. From the food pantry/bank, to Mi-Amore, to other groups serving essential needs, the Trustees felt

that providing gift cards from local business to local programs was a win-win -- a great way to keep Winthrop dollars in Winthrop, help businesses get back on their feet, while supporting organizations that help our townspeople.

Founded in May 2019 with support from Speaker of the House Robert A. DeLeo and Senator Joseph Boncore, the Winthrop

Foundation has received \$500,000 in Massport funding thus far. Trustees have awarded nearly \$50,000 in emergency grants, and plan to launch a Regular Grant Application later this month.

The Foundation will continue to support the people, programs and small businesses of Winthrop as they stand strong and carry on together.

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WINTHROP Then and Now

Winthrop Improvement and Historical Association

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ART 924 - LARGE BOSTON HARBOR LIGHTHOUSES



This week we will focus on four larger ones in our general area. In the first picture, Graves Light is shown where it stands on a foreboding group of “black and frowning” ledges northeast of the Brewster islands. Legend says that it was named after Thomas Graves, a Vice Admiral of Governor John Winthrop’s fleet, who referred to this reef in 1634 as the most dangerous spot in the harbor. Built in 1903-5, Graves Light long held the New England record for power with a 380,000 candle power beam. Along with most light houses of today it is now fully automated and no longer has a resident lighthouse keeper. In the second picture Minot Ledge Light, noted to be the most dangerous beacon in America, is depicted. Located about five miles south of the Brewster Islands, it stands 114 feet in height. When first built in 1847, after extensive review of several designs, it was mounted on a tall open structure of ten round iron pilings to permit the sea to pass through underneath the enclosed portion of the lighthouse during raging storms. This tower then proceeded to succumb to the sea in 1851 as the result of a severe storm. In 1855, the current structure was designed and extensive new footings installed. Construction occurred from July 1857 to 1860 when in August the new lighthouse lantern was illuminated. Its familiar one – four – three flash requires 30 seconds to complete and spells out “I Love You” to lovers along the shore. It was from the entrance shown midway up the tower that Winthrop



author Edward Rowe Snow was recorded in a movie taking a swan dive into the water below. The third picture is of Boston Light, the only lighthouse which still has a full time lighthouse keeper. All the rest have automated lighting systems to provide their warning beacons to the ships at sea. Located on little Brewster Island, aka “Lighthouse Island” just south of Great Brewster, it is easily accessible by boat and small cruise ships which still transport groups there for a tour of the facility. This was the location of the America’s first lighthouse activated by George Worthylake in 1716 where he served as both a lighthouse keeper and a shepherd. In 1719 a fog signal gun, dated 1700, was established on the island where it may still be seen today. During the Revolution, Boston Light

was captured and recaptured by the opposing forces. Finally, in June 1776, the British blew up the top of the light and fled the harbor. It wasn’t until 1783 that the tower was again completed and reactivated. In the fourth picture, Boston’s second lighthouse, the 25 foot high Long Island Head Light, was first lighted in 1819. Known for many years as the Inner Harbor Light, it has been placed at three different locations on the head over looking Fort Strong. Today the light on Long Island is located lower down on the side of the head opposite Deer Island. When in this Lighthouse in 1991, one could see the car battery (which was changed weekly) that provided the charge for the flashing light. Since 1998, the beacon has functioned with a solar operated electrical system.



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 June 2, 2010

The 118 graduates of the Winthrop High School Class of 2010 will receive their diplomas at the annual commencement exercises on Friday at 7 p.m. at Miller Field. Class Marshall Shauna Gallo will join Class President Stephen Ruggiero, Vice President Melissa Page, Secretary Kaleena Thompson, and Treasurer Lauren MacMullen, and Videographer Abigail Belcher at the helm of the traditional procession of graduates on the field. Ruggiero will deliver the valedictory address while MacMullen will present the salutatory address during the program. Superintendent of Winthrop Schools Dr. Steve Jenkins and WHS Principal Gail Conlon will make formal speeches to the graduates.

The Town Council approved a motion by Council President Jeffrey Turco to take \$240,000 from the School Department budget for Fiscal Year 2011 and place those funds in the Council’s reserve fund. Although Turco said his amendment to the town budget will not affect the operations of the School Dept., it drew the wrath of Councilor Nick DelVento, who cast the lone vote against the proposal, stating that the amendment came at the end of the budget process without any chance for input from school officials.

Fire Chief Paul Flanagan traveled to Washington with 15 members of the Metropolitan Fire Chiefs Assoc. to meet with the Massachusetts congressional delegation. The message they brought to both Congressmen and Senators was to continue to support federal funding for local fire departments, with Flanagan stressing that the financial needs of smaller departments are as important as those of larger departments.

Toy Story 3, The Karate Kid, and The A-Team are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

20 years ago June 1, 2000

The 148 members of the Winthrop High Class of 2000 will receive their diplomas Sunday at Miller Field.

Town Meeting moved through 30 of the articles at its first session on Monday. However, the town budget for FY 2001, which all agree is in dire shape, still has to be taken up.

Traditional Memorial Day exercises were held this past weekend, featuring a parade and ceremonies in the town cemetery.

The Friends of Metro Boston will dedicate a tree at Winthrop High in the memory of the late Dave Fitzgerald, well-known local comedian and a 1970 grad of WHS who succumbed after a long battle with cancer recently.

Fantasia 2000, Shaft, and Gone in 60 Seconds are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

30 years ago May 30, 1990

The 155 members of the WHS Class of 1990 will receive their diplomas Sunday in traditional exercises at Miller Field.

Andrew P. Quigley, the former State Senator from this district in the 1950s and long-time publisher of the Winthrop Sun-Transcript and Chelsea Record, passed away this weekend at the age of 64. Quigley also had served as Mayor of Chelsea and was a member of that city’s School

Committee for more than 30 years. He was elected a State Representative in Chelsea in 1948 and became the youngest person ever elected to the Mass. Senate in 1950 at the age of 24. He then was elected the Mayor of Chelsea in 1951 and served in both posts for the next four years. He ran unsuccessfully for Congress in 1956, narrowly losing to the incumbent, Thomas Lane. Quigley was a close confidante of President John F. Kennedy throughout Kennedy’s political career, often driving with then-Senator Kennedy to campaign events in Quigley’s district. He was instrumental in forging the partnership between Boston University and the Chelsea School Department that will see B.U., under its President, John Silber, take over the complete operation of the Chelsea schools.

Advisory Committee Chairman David Pennybaker said that the committee will propose a twin-budget approach when the delayed Town Meeting convenes on Monday. The committees’ budget scenarios propose either a budget that does not require a Prop. 2 and 1/2 override, which will result in significant cuts in all town departments, or one that will require an override referendum in order to provide level-funded budgets for town departments. The town budget picture is one of chaos because the state has yet to finalize its budget, which in turn has left the amount of local aid the town can expect up in the air.

Dick Tracy, Back to the Future III, and Bird on a Wire are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

40 years ago June 4, 1980

The 238 members of the WHS Class of 1980 will receive their diplomas Sunday at Miller Field.

The MBTA is proposing a fare increase of 10 cents, reduced service after 8 p.m., and modified service on Sundays in order to maintain public bus service in the town.

Winthrop residents were the first to grab a sneak peek of the majestic Tall Ships as they arrived and anchored off Pt. Shirley in the middle of last week prior to the parade of Tall Ships on Saturday. Although a record number of visitors came to the town for the parade on Saturday, the event was incident-free.

Selectman Robert DeLeo presented a citation to Dorothy Kincade upon the occasion of the 25th anniversary of her school of dance.

Selectman Tom Reilly took the DPW to task for not keeping the town’s streets cleaner. Reilly said that with a private firm now collecting the town’s trash, there should be ample manpower to keep the streets litter-free.

The selectmen have denied the application for a liquor license to the Surfside 16 Restaurant because of the state law that forbids liquor licenses from being granted within 500 feet of a church, which in this case is the Holy Rosary Church on the Point.

A 23 year-old Somerville woman riding as a passenger died as the result of a motorcycle accident near the Winthrop Y.C. on Friday night.

George Kennedy stars in Death Ship at the Kincade Theatre.

50 years ago June 4, 1970

The 276 members of the WHS Class of 1970 will receive their diplomas

Sunday afternoon at Miller Field.

An East Boston youth was rushed to Winthrop Community Hospital by police after the youth was found by Winthrop Police officer Michael McManus on the ground and bleeding following a fight with other youths on Shore Drive.

Building Inspector Richard Ferrara has issued a building permit for the construction of a McDonald’s hamburger drive-in and soft drink restaurant at the corner of Putnam and Pauline Sts.

A program of speakers who discussed the war in Vietnam was put on by the Winthrop Students for Peace Committee at Miller Field. The event was well-attended.

The first residents of the new senior citizen housing complex moved into their apartments this week after having been delayed since last February.

Charles Adams is the new Exalted Ruler of the local Elks.

John Wayne stars in True Grit at the Winthrop Cinemas.

60 years ago June 2, 1960

Planning Board member John L. Murphy Jr., speaking before the Toastmasters Club, said that the selectmen are bogged down by too many trivial matters, leaving them little time to think about planning for the future. Murphy said the town needs a plan to attract business to increase the tax base.

The U.S. Census has revealed that the town’s population stands at 20,190, an increase of 96 persons since 1950.

Charles W. Woods has been promoted to the rank of captain in the Winthrop Fire Dept.

Charlton Heston, Betty Hutton, and James Stewart star in The Greatest Show on Earth at the Winthrop Theatre.

70 years ago June 1, 1950

William Abely, chairman of the Board of Assessors, has announced a tax rate for 1950 of \$42.00. The town has seen its tax rate increase by \$12.60 since 1940.

Noted Boston attorney Francis Juggins has been retained by a group of local citizens to bring an action in court in order to determine the status of the Fire Chief situation in the town.

The selectmen have sent letters to U.S. Senators Leverett Saltonstall and Henry Cabot Lodge protesting the curtailment of U.S. Postal delivery in Winthrop from twice per day to once per day.

Marjorie Mains and Percy Kilbride star in Ma and Pa Kettle Go to Town at the Winthrop and State Theatres.

80 years ago May 30, 1940

The selectmen have turned down the request from a group of petitioners asking that the town either construct or acquire a municipal electric plant after holding a public hearing at which there was little sentiment expressed in favor of such a plan.

Well-known local resident Richard Flynn has received a commendation from Gov. Leverett Saltonstall recognizing Flynn’s 30 years of service as the Commissioner of State Aid and Pensions.

Mrs. A. Louise Sennett of this town has been elected the President of the

First grade teacher, Joyce English, retires

By Kate Anslinger

When first-grade teacher, Joyce English, imagined retiring, she pictured herself spending her last days in the classroom with her students. Teaching virtually during the last few weeks of her career has been what she has described as a *unique* experience, an odd ending to a thirty-year career that brought her endless joy.

Unlike many people who struggle with choosing a career path, Joyce knew that she wanted to be a teacher since she was in the first grade. Having both parents and an older sister in the field, she was familiar with the rewarding work involved in educating, and she yearned to make a difference in the lives of children.

Her teaching career kicked off in 1977 after she graduated from Framingham State College. She spent three years teaching in Newton, her hometown. During her three years there she met husband and Winthrop native, Paul English. Shortly after, the couple got married and moved to Winthrop and she briefly gave up teaching to raise her two children, Heather and Sean. During this time she worked an evening job at the Winthrop Hospital



Joyce English

to make ends meet. While her children attended Winthrop Public Schools, she returned to teaching, working as both a long-term substitute and teacher aid for four years. In 1995, she began her full-time career in Winthrop as a first grade teacher and continued for 25 more years, teaching both first and second grade at the Arthur W. Dalrymple School and then the William P. Gorman Fort Banks School.

Joyce admits that teaching has been a challenging yet rewarding profession.

“Often, I worked 10-hour days and missed some of my own children’s activities to prep for my class, but I had the privilege of working primarily with six and seven-year-olds

and they are so inquisitive. Their thirst for knowledge motivated me to work my hardest to help them succeed, and it is them that I will miss the most. I will also miss the amazing administrators that have guided me over the years. Each one of them helped me to become a better teacher in their own way, and for that, I am appreciative. However, I would be remiss if I did not mention the extremely supportive teachers that I have been fortunate to have worked with. From those who supported me as I began my career in Winthrop, to those new teachers whom I have helped as a Mentor Director over the past several years, they deserve all my thanks. It is these very dedicated staff members that make Winthrop Public Schools what it is. On a personal note, many of the teachers I began with have become life-long friends and my retirement fun will always include them.”

Joyce will always be able to tell her story of what it was like to retire during a pandemic, and while she misses working directly with her students, she hopes to be back to visit and volunteer when it is safe to do so. Until then, she will be spending a lot of time with her first grandchild, due to arrive in September.

LOTUS MARKET SERVES UP SAVORY TREATS



Great news for the local economy, businesses are still opening! Lotus Market Cafe, located at 19 Somerset Ave. in Winthrop, MA, opened this past weekend. Lotus Market Cafe specializes in health and wellness treats, featuring made-to-order juices, smoothies, and smoothie bowls. At Lotus Market, you will find everything you need to engage in a vibrant and welcoming community while caring for your own well-being.

Shown above, from left to right: Lily Pulsifer, co-owner Erin Murray, Amanda Brogna, and Kyleigh Alioto.

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Behavioral Health Hospital Psychiatric Unit. Senator Markey has a 100 percent voter record in the Senate from the AFL-CIO.

The AFT Massachusetts union endorsement adds to Ed Markey’s other, major endorsements, including: the Planned Parenthood Action Fund, NARAL

Pro-Choice, the NRDC Action Fund, and Peace Action. Ed has earned a 100 percent labor voting record in the Senate from the AFL-CIO, and his campaign is endorsed by unions throughout the state including American Postal Workers Local #4553, UNITE HERE Local 26, AFSCME,

SEIU 888, SEIU 32BJ, CWA 1400, AFA, and AFGE.

The AFT Massachusetts, a strong voice for collaborative education reform that is good for students and fair to educators, represents more than 23,000 public school employees, higher education faculty and staff, and public librarians.

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Mass. Assoc. of Emblem Clubs.

Deanna Durbin and Francis Kay star in It’s a Date at the Winthrop and State Theatres.

**90 years ago
June 7, 1930**

Eight days of services and celebrations are highlighting the dedication of the new First Church of Winthrop, Methodist Episcopal in Metcalfe Square. More than 500 parishioners attended the dedication banquet in the assembly room of the new church. The former structure was completely torn down and replaced by this magnificent new edifice, which is faultless in every detail in its true Colonial (pure Georgian) style.

**100 years ago
June 5, 1920**

Veterans of three wars participated in traditional Memorial Day exercises with a parade through the town to the cemetery, where the graves were decorated.

Donations are being sought for the purpose of erecting a monument to those who served in the world war.

The call has gone out for extras to play roles in the upcoming Fourth of July Pageant by Harry Whorf. There will be an episode in the pageant known as “1861” and many are need-

ed to fill the roles of the characters at that time.

**110 years ago
June 4, 1910**

The Winthrop War Veterans Assoc. observed Memorial Day in the usual appropriate manner. The line of veterans marched from Ft. Banks to the cemetery. Much praise was given to the cemetery superintendent for the beautiful condition of the grounds.

Charles J. Brown of Winthrop has been named a special justice of the East Boston District Court. Brown, 37, has been a practicing attorney for 10 years and before that served as an assistant secretary to former Gov. Bates.

Water has now filled the new water tower to a height of four feet from the top. The tower was constructed by means of a floating stage from the inside.

**120 years ago
June 2, 1900**

Although Tuesday evening’s Town Meeting at Town Hall featured sharp debate at times, it overall was harmonious. Members agreed to postpone indefinitely an article calling for the town to extend the contract with the Suburban Gas and Electric Co. Opponents of the article said the town should acquire its own lighting plant, while proponents said that though

the company’s service to the town was not the best it could be, the cost of building a town-owned plant was too expensive an undertaking.

**130 years ago
June 6, 1890**

The summer season is beginning in earnest in Winthrop. The Hotel Waterston at the Highlands is opening this week. The new hotel will cater to everything one desires in the way of comfort and luxury. The house is plastered throughout, with hardwood floors and a dining room. There are 14 large sleeping rooms, most overlooking the ocean, and two nice bathrooms. Rooms also are being taken at the Bartlett and Cottage Park Hotels, which last year turned away hundreds of patrons for a lack of rooms.

Uncle John Belcher, who served the town as a selectman for 27 years, will turn 75 years old this week. He is the oldest member of his family still alive. His brother Warren, the town’s postmaster, is the only other living member of their family of 10 children. Although Uncle John suffered a shock a few years ago and no longer can walk, he still can talk and loves to tell stories of his life as a pioneer in California and as the master of a vessel.

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Winthrop Parks and Recreation Summer Program begins July 6

By Cary Shuman

The Winthrop Parks and Recreation Summer Program will begin on July 6 at four local parks.

“We’re going to have two programs, our full-day summer program that’s going to be based at Ingleside Park, and our park program that will be based at four parks,” said Parks and Recreation Director Sean Driscoll.

The full-day program will run at Ingleside Park from Monday to Thursday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., while the park program will run at Ingleside Park, Coughlin Playground, Pond Street Park, and Pico Park, Monday to Thursday, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

“We’re getting a steady response in the signups (ages 6-12) for the programs, which is a good sign,” said Driscoll.

The openings of the playgrounds will be geared

by the interest shown by the registrants.

“We could be shifting some of the park locations depending on the numbers,” said Driscoll. “By state guidelines, we can only have ten kids to a group with two counselors per group, and they have to stay together as a whole group for each day. Hopefully, the regulations will loosen up a little bit by July 6, but it doesn’t appear that it will.”

The popular program has drawn as many as 180 youths during the summer. In past summers, the entire group could participate in activities at one location.

“The reason we’re opening up the different parks is we want to spread out the groups,” said Driscoll.

He anticipates a turnout of 60 youths at Ingleside, 50 youths at Coughlin, and lower numbers at the neighborhood parks, Pico and Pond Street.

“We have also set up a partnership with 21st Century Learning and Kathy DelVento,” said Driscoll. “The two programs will participate in activities together at the parks where kids will visit different stations for arts and craft, yoga, and robotics.”

Massport will again furnish workers to assist the Winthrop staff in the Parks and Recreation Summer Program.

Driscoll understands that it’s been a difficult stretch for Winthrop parents and children who have been limited in their outdoor recreational opportunities due to the social distancing guidelines and governmental advisories to remain at home as much as possible.

“We believe we can have a summer program and do it safely and manage any obstacles that come along,” said Driscoll.

The parks leader thanked Director of Public Health



The staff of the Winthrop Parks and Recreation Department is planning to launch its Summer Program on July 6. From left, are Parks and Recreation Director Sean Driscoll, Assistant Director Jill Caputo, and Program Coordinator James Carroll.

Meredith Hurley for her assistance during the health crisis.

“We’ve been working closely with the Winthrop Health Department, especially Meredith Hurley, who has been a huge help to us – putting guidelines and rules together for parents and children,” said Driscoll.

The Summer Programs

will be held for seven weeks. Fridays will be off days as crews deep-clean the parks.

“Our offices will be open on Friday, but there will be no organized activities inside or outside,” said Driscoll.

Driscoll expressed gratitude to his staff of Assistant Director Jill Caputo and Program Coordinator

James Carroll.

“We’ve been working together since the beginning of April to put a plan together and my staff coming in here during these times of uncertainty and showing their dedication has been a huge help to me,” lauded Driscoll. “Obviously I couldn’t do this alone.”

WHS SPORTS Through the Years

10 years ago June 2, 2010

Jake Connors and Jenny Fucillo, Winthrop’s star track performers, turned in superlative performances Saturday at the Division 4 State Track Meet to bring home second place ribbons in their specialties. Both now will compete in the All-State Meet this Saturday afternoon at Westfield State College against the top 24 contestants from all school-boy divisions. Connors, who earlier this season set a new Winthrop High mark in the high jump with a leap of 6-6, jumped 6-4 to garner second place. The winning jump was 6-6. As for Fucillo, she sped to second in the 400 meter intermediate hurdles in a clocking of 67.06, just behind the winning time of 66.72. Fucillo also competed in the long jump and finished in 12th place among the field of 23 competitors with a landing of 15-0. Other members of the Lady Viking track team who competed at the State Meet, for which participants must qualify, were: senior Cortney Nolan in the 100 meter dash in a time of 14.07; junior Christina Russo in the 200 meter dash in 27.96, placing her 10th in the field of 24; freshman Alyssa Mackey in the 200 dash in 29.30 and the long jump with a leap of 14-10, which placed her 14th in that event; freshman Jessica Dowson in the 400 hurdles in 76.93; and freshman Jordan Griffith in the mile in 5:58.37. The girls’ 4 x 100 relay team also competed and finished in 12th place in a time of 52.94. Viking junior Jordan Ekidat competed in two events, finishing in 13th spot in the long jump with a leap of 18-7.75 and in 12th place in the triple jump with a landing of 39-2.

The Winthrop High softball team will open up state tournament play today, hosting Northeast Regional Vocational School at Cellucci Field in a preliminary round contest. The Lady Vikings, who finished with a 13-8 regular season record, are the 12th seed in

the Division 3 North bracket that consists of 25 teams. Northeast is the 21st seed with its 9-9 mark.

The Winthrop High baseball team will host Swampscott this evening at 5:00 in a preliminary round contest of the MIAA Division 3 North baseball tournament. The winner will move onto first round action on Friday at Whittier Vocational School at a time to be announced. Winthrop comes into the tourney as the number 15 seed in the 19-team bracket with a 7-13 record. Swampscott is seeded 18th and finished the year with a 6-14 mark.

The Winthrop High boys tennis team prepped for its upcoming appearance in the state tournament with a big win over Danvers, 3-2, last Friday. Brendan FitzPatrick won his match at second singles in straight sets. Jake Rand easily defeated his opponent at third singles, though Alex Hamilton came out on the short end of his match at first singles. The second doubles duo of Connor Brugman and Ryan McKinnon came through in their match to secure the “W” for the Vikings. The first doubles tandem of Tyler Norris and Patrick Brogan went to three sets in a very close and long match, but fell short at the end. Post-season accolades for coach Barbara Hoffmann’s crew were announced last week and Rand was named to the NEC All-Star second team at third singles. Hamilton and FitzPatrick received Honorable Mention recognition.

20 years ago June 1, 2000

The WHS baseball team saw its hopes for qualifying for the post-season state tourney shot down with a 13-6 loss to Savio Prep in the championship contest of the Viking Tournament over the weekend. Bobby Kneeland, Chris Summa, Keith Griffin, and John Sharkey provided much of the offense for Winthrop. Savio was led by Winthrop resident Mark DiGregorio, who went

3-for-4 with three RBI and was named the tournament MVP.

Although the WHS softball team did not enjoy a successful season, four members of the team have been named to the NEC all-star team, Shannon Barker, Bobbi Finocchio, Christina Sink, and Shannon Stairs.

60 years ago June 2, 1960

William Tick, a member of the Winthrop Little League board, said that the local Little League is on shaky ground because there are too few parents interested in helping out and only a core of 30 or so who do all

of the work. He said that the B and C leagues have been a failure this year because of a lack of coaches and managers.

70 years ago May 18, 1950

Bruce Dalton was the pitching star in relief for the WHS baseball team, going nine innings and striking out 17 opponents in a 13-10 win over Danvers. Dalton entered the game in the third inning with Winthrop trailing, 9-3, and proceeded to limit Danvers to just four hits and one run to enable his teammates to mount a comeback. A successful squeeze bunt by

Dalton in the 11th inning brought in Mike Christopher with the winning run. A base hit by Howie Schwartzter then delivered Stevie Miles with an insurance run. However, Winthrop’s hopes for an NEC title came to an end later in the week with a 9-8 loss to Marblehead.

80 years ago May 30, 1940

Former WHS star athlete Gordon Connor, who has been a coach and athletic director at St. Alban’s School in Vermont, has been appointed by the School Committee as a teacher and assistant football coach.

He replaces Ralph Duplin, wh has been named an assistant sub-master at the junior high school, in both of those posts. Connor also will take over as an assistant track coach, replacing Edward Rowe Snow in that capacity. Snow will remain as a teacher at the junior high school. It is anticipated that Connor will assume the reigns as head football coach starting in 1941 to ease some of the burden from coach Perry, who presently is serving as head coach of the WHS football, basketball, and baseball teams, in addition to being a full-time teacher and the athletic director.

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New claims for unemployment fall by more than 10,000 over the previous week

Staff report

Massachusetts had 27,034 individuals file an initial claim for standard Unemployment Insurance (UI) from May 24 to May 30, a decrease of 10,584 over the previous week. Since March 15, a total of 924,239 initial claims have been filed for UI. For the same week, there were 575,862 continued UI claims filed, a decrease of 12,187 or 2.1% over the previous week. This marks the first decrease in continued UI weeks claimed since the beginning of the

pandemic related unemployment surge.

At 54,281, Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) initial claims filed for the week ending May 30 were 93,313 less than the previous week. Since April 20, 2020, 573,077 claimants have filed for PUA.

The Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC), which provided up to 13 weeks of extended benefits to individuals who have exhausted or expired their regular unemployment compensation since July 2019 was implemented on May 21. For the week ending May

23, 39,011 PEUC claims were filed followed by 4,242 PEUC filings for the week of May 24 to May 30.

Since March, the customer service staff at the Department of Unemployment Assistance (DUA) has grown from around 50 employees to nearly 2000. The remote customer service operation is now making over 35,000 individual contacts per day and DUA continues to host daily unemployment town halls – which have been held in English, Spanish, and Portuguese - and have been attended by nearly 300,000 constituents.



The staging area for the work being done in the Center Business District on Pauline Street outside of the Mike Eruzione Center.

Town releases notice on construction

Town officials have released the following construction schedule for the Center Business District.

June 8 to June 11, 2020: Complete construction of the new sewer main 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.

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.

Install temporary trench pavement for trenches excavated on Woodside Ave. and Somerset Ave.

June 15 to June 18, 2020: Continue construction of the new sewer main on Somerset Ave. to Cottage Park Rd.

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.

Continue 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.

Install temporary trench pavement for trenches excavated on Woodside Ave. and Somerset Ave.

NIGHT WORK: Construction of the new sewer mains and sewer services on Woodside Ave between Somerset Ave and Bartlett Rd. and on Somerset Ave. between Woodside Ave. and Cottage Park Rd. will be performed from 8 PM and 6 AM, Monday night through Thursday night. No construction is planned for Friday night, Saturday night or Sunday night. Traffic 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 now scheduled to be completed by 6 a.m. Friday, June 26.

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 construction. 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.

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.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Where can I find information regarding construction?

Information is available through the Town website at www.town.winthrop.ma.us. Click on Project/Plans and follow link to Center Business District Infrastructure Improvements Project Updates. You can also contact the Woodard & Curran or the DPW at the numbers provided herein.

Who should I contact if there is a problem with my water service or sewer service?

During construction hours, you should contact either the Woodard & Curran or DPW at contact numbers provided herein. After construction hours, please contact the Police Department at 617-846-1212. Emergency Contact information will also be provided on the website.

Can I access my house by car during construction?

In general yes. However there will be times during construction, when work is being performed at or near your house that vehicle access will not be possible. During this time you can park a vehicle in one of the public

lots.

If there is an emergency, how will emergency vehicles access areas where there is construction activity?

While road closures are necessary for public safety and the safety of the workers, provision have been made to ensure no disruption of service by emergency vehicles.

How will traffic be affected by construction?

There will be disruption to the normal flow of traffic in the area of construction. Efforts have been made to minimize this disruption. For the safety of the public and the workers, there will be temporary road closures. Detour signs will be posted, detail officers will be on site and the project website will be updated periodically regarding road closings and detour routes.

What can I do to help?

Your patience with the inconveniences associated with construction is greatly appreciated. If possible, we ask you consider minimizing the number of times you access your home by vehicle and if possible, schedule errands after construction hours.

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REOPENING MASSACHUSETTS

State initiates transition to second phase of four-phase approach

Staff report

The Baker-Polito Administration on Saturday, June 6, announced that Phase II of the Commonwealth’s reopening plan will begin on June 8.

Businesses and sectors set to begin opening in Phase II are subject to compliance with all mandatory safety standards.

On May 18, the Administration released a four-phased plan to reopen the economy based on public health data, spending at least three weeks in each phase. Key public health data, such as new cases and hospitalizations, has been closely monitored and seen a significant decline allowing for Phase II to begin on June 8.

The public health dashboard designating the progress of key COVID-19 data metrics has been updated to reflect the number of COVID-19 patients in Massachusetts hospitals to green, indicating a positive trend.

Since mid-April, the 7-day average for the positive COVID-19 test rate is down 82 percent, the 3-day average of hospitalized patients is down 55 percent, and the number of hospitals in surge is down 76 percent.

A total of 630,000 viral COVID-19 tests have been completed, and testing continues to increase throughout the state.

The following businesses will be eligible to reopen in Step One of Phase II on June 8, with contingencies:

- Retail, with occupancy limits;
- Childcare facilities and day camps, with detailed guidance;
- Restaurants, outdoor table service only;
- Hotels and other lodgings, no events, functions or meetings;
- Warehouses and distribution centers;
- Personal services without close physical contact, such as home cleaning, photography, window washing, career coaching and education tutoring;
- Post-secondary, higher education, vocational-tech and occupation schools for the purpose of completing graduation requirements;
- Youth and adult amateur

sports, with detailed guidance;

- Outdoor recreation facilities
- Professional sports practices, no games or public admissions;
- Non-athletic youth instructional classes in arts, education or life skills and in groups of less than 10;
- Driving and flight schools
- Outdoor historical spaces, no functions, gatherings or guided tours;
- Funeral homes, with occupancy limits

The following businesses will be eligible reopen in Step Two of Phase II at a later date to be determined:

- Indoor table service at restaurants
- Close-contact personal services, with restrictions, including:
 - *Hair removal and replacement
 - *Nail care
 - *Skin care
 - *Massage therapy
 - *Makeup salons and makeup application services
 - *Tanning salons
- *Tattoo, piercing and body art services
- *Personal training, with restrictions

Full list and safety protocols available at www.mass.gov/reopening.

Health care providers may also incrementally resume in-person elective, non-urgent procedures and services, including routine office visits, dental visits and vision care subject to compliance with public health and safety standards. All other in-person medical, behavioral health, dental and vision services may also resume on June 8, except for elective cosmetic procedures and in-person day programs, which will be included in Phase III. Telehealth must continue to be utilized and prioritized to the greatest extent possible, whenever feasible and appropriate.

Limited reopening of visitation will also begin, and all visitation is subject to infection control protocol, social distancing and face coverings. Given the diversity of facilities and programs, there are specific timetables for visitation, and congregate care programs will be reaching out to families with specific details on scheduling visits.

Peter Costa

Prime mover in starting the regatta to support the Make A Wish Foundation

It is with much sadness that I inform you of the passing of CPYC Life Member Peter Costa. A lifelong Winthrop resident, Peter loved the ocean and loved to sail.

Peter proudly and successfully campaigned many a boat. The Hustler, 210, Snipe, Laser, Rhodes 19 and Star. In fact, Peter bought and sailed the first Laser at CPYC many years ago. He used to say that a brand new laser was \$800.00! Peter sailed the Laser from his backyard on Johnson Ave. He is credited as being the “founder of frostbiting!”

A tinkerer at heart, Peter is credited with having over 50 patents. Some from his days at Polaroid but most while he was a principal of Owl Engineering. The Trocar, an instrument widely used today in non-invasive surgery, is one of Peter’s patents.

Twenty-five years ago, Peter wanted to make a difference in the world by using his love of sailing to benefit others. Out of this desire, The Regatta to support the Make A Wish Foundation was started. Always humble, Peter never wanted credit for this. Fortunately, last year on the 25th anniversary of the event Peter was recognized by Make A Wish.

John Wooden, the famous UCLA Basketball coach said: “Be more concerned with your character than your reputation, because your character is what you really are... the true test of a man’s character is what he does when no one is watching.” This could have been said to describe Peter. He will be missed by many.

Peter is survived by his wife, Donna Hanson, daughter, Jessica Costa and Jeremy Davidson, aunt, Girlye Kennedy, mother in law, Rose Hanson, his sisters in law, Nina and Sara Costa,



his brothers and sisters in law: Diane Hanson, Paul and Nancy Hanson, Peter and Linda Hanson, Steve and Elaine Wamboldt, Dr. Ed and Joanne Zimski; nieces and nephews, Paula and Greg DiPaolo, Dan and Lyn Murphy, Donna Caouette, Stephen DiGregorio, Jess Lees, Erika, Karina and Kyle Hanson, Meaghan and Steve Wamboldt, Peter, Paul and CJ Hanson, and countless friends and business partner Chris Holmes at Owl Engineering, Polaroid and his sailing community, with special thanks to Joe Zambella and Gary MacDonald. He is finally reunited with his brothers, Paul and Robert Costa, and his parents, Vinny and Theresa Costa and his best friends, Andy Hansen and former business partner, Bill Holmes.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date. To sign the online guestbook go to www.caggianofuneralhome.com.

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Richard Christopher

Grand Knight, 60-year member of the Winthrop Knights of Columbus, longtime member of the Winthrop Yacht Club

 Richard F. Christopher of Somerville passed away at his home on May 22. He was 77 years old.

Born in Boston, the beloved son of the late Mary (Flak) and Domenic Christopher, he was a longtime resident of both Somerville and Naples, FLA. Prior to his retirement, he was a 35 year employee/manager for Star Market. Grand Knight and 60 year member of the Winthrop Knights of Columbus, longtime member of the Winthrop Yacht Club and proudly served in the National Guard.

He was the devoted husband of Terry (Pescatore) and the loving father of Lisa Duffy and her husband, Paul of Wilmington and Richard C. Christopher and his wife ,Sandra of Andover; dear brother of the late Gerald Christopher and his wife, Alice of East Boston, Stephen Christopher and his wife, Brenda of Winthrop, John Christopher of Revere and the late Dorothy Fournier and Robert




Christopher; loving Papa to Paul, Jacquelyn and Conlin Duffy and to Nicholas and Owen Christopher.

Family and friends are cordially invited to attend the visitation from the Caggiano-O’Maley-Frazier Funeral Home 147 Winthrop St., Winthrop on Friday, June 12 from 4 to 8 p.m. The funeral will be conducted from the funeral home on Saturday, June 13 at 10:30 a.m. followed by a Funeral Mass at St. John the Evangelist Church, 320 Winthrop St., Winthrop at 11:30 a.m. All are welcome. Committal will be private.

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MBTA’s RIDE distributing

food to vulnerable residents

Staff report

The RIDE has partnered with the City of Boston, YMCA of Greater Boston, and The Greater Boston Food Bank.

The MBTA announced late last week a partnership with the City of Boston, YMCA of Greater Boston, and The Greater Boston Food Bank (GBFB) to help provide Boston’s most vulnerable residents with access to food by utilizing the RIDE paratransit service.

“One of the many tragic consequences of the pandemic has been the explosive growth of food insecurity,” explained MBTA General Manager Steve Poflak. “Employees at the RIDE interact with Boston’s most vulnerable citizens every day. During the pandemic, these employees saw firsthand and early on that individuals who have issues with mobility, illness, quarantine, or are otherwise at high risk were unable to leave their homes to access food. It was their willingness to help that led us to the Food Bank with an offer to share resources.”


“This partnership is a testament to the impact we can make in the lives of our families and those in need when we work together,” said City of Boston Mayor

Marty Walsh. “I thank the MBTA, and our partners at the YMCA, and the Greater Boston Food Bank for helping us strengthen the City of Boston’s food access work that has already provided over one million meals to our residents most in need and negatively impacted by COVID-19.”


“We relish this opportunity to partner with the MBTA and City of Boston to deliver food to our most vulnerable children, families, and seniors,” said YMCA Senior Vice President Wendy Zinn. “It is a blessing to coalesce our organizational skills, infrastructures, and ‘people power’ in the spirit of serving others. We thank the MBTA and City of Boston for allowing the YMCA of Greater Boston to participate in this important partnership, as we are universally committed to mitigating hunger for all Bostonians during this crisis and beyond.”

“This pandemic is unprecedented in our history, so it takes great community partners like the YMCA of Greater Boston and the MBTA to find creative ways to safely serve all of our neighbors in need,” said President and CEO of The Greater Boston Food Bank

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NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

COUNCIL SETS ASIDE MONEY FOR SMALL BUSINESSES

CHELSEA - The Chelsea City Council has taken another step in helping the City recover from COVID-19 by approving more than \$1 million to help small businesses recover from the extended closures and crippling business losses.

City Manager Tom Ambrosino proposed the expenditure after it was recommended by a Council Task Force that had been appointed by Council President Roy Avellaneda in April.

“We’ll start working on the program now in the next couple of weeks,” said Ambrosino.

Avellaneda said the Council did make an amendment, as it was suggested there would be a \$250,000 administrative portion, leaving \$900,000 left for loans. However, the Council didn’t agree to that and asked that the administration fee be kept to \$150,000. That left \$1 million for loans. Half of that will be reserved for the Restaurant Recovery Program and the other half will be for a Small Business Relief Program.

“This is the third financial step the City and City Council has taken to relieve the impact of COVID-19 in our community,” he said. “Obviously, the food relief was first and then we moved to shelter with our rental assistance lottery and now we want to concentrate on small business. I want businesses to understand we had to focus on other things first, but I want them to understand we care about them.

“We want to fill in the gaps with this for businesses that didn’t get the federal loans or didn’t qualify for them,” he continued.

Two City Councillors have been tapped to join City departments on the evaluation committee, and they include Councillor Judith Garcia and Councillor Naomi Zabot.

Garcia said she was excited to participate in the evaluation team and on the Council Task Force earlier in the process, particularly because she represents most of the downtown area.

“Small businesses have been vital in our economic growth as a city and this pandemic should not put them out of business,” she said. “This program will be a lifeline for many. I heard from a local barbershop owner that he has spent his life savings these past three months as he was forced to remain closed due to Covid-19. Another business owner informed me her rent increased by \$200 as of last month. That’s why I have been very involved in this process of offering up to \$20,000 in grants to local businesses. I want to abstain from referring to this monetary assistance as a loan because our goal is for this program to pick up where the CARES Act failed.

“Our small business owners cannot afford to take up any more debt with strings attached,” she continued.

The goal is to offer grant money that business owners do not have to worry about paying back, she said.

“I am personally advocating for an easy and streamlined application process that comes with no strings attached aside from seeing our businesses thrive and remain here,” she said.

Councillor Todd Taylor, a business owner himself, was one of the first Council voices to begin talking about how small businesses in Chelsea were going to be

able to weather this storm. He was on the Task Force appointed by Avellaneda and helped to design some of the program.

“This program is just as important as our food or rent assistance program,” he said. “The businesses in Chelsea, especially the ones in the hospitality sector, are having a hard time surviving because they have been closed for months while they still have rent and insurance bills to pay. And our restaurants are especially vulnerable because the Federal programs are not designed for them.”

He said the federal Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) required restaurants to spend 75 percent on payroll, but that was impossible without customers. And after opening in Phase 2, they can only be at 25 percent capacity.

“The most important part of this program must include rent negotiation with landlords much the same as we did with the rent assistance program,” he said. “In order to try to avoid economic disaster, we not only have to have programs like this in Chelsea, we must put pressure on our federal representatives to have additional monies directed toward our hospitality businesses who have largely been left out of relief efforts. People have dedicated their whole lives to their businesses and having been forcibly shut down by the state, I think the state has the responsibility to help these businesses get back to normal as soon as possible.”

The program is being paid out of the City’s Free Cash funds, and more information will be coming soon about applications and how it will work.

CITY HALL RE-OPENS

CHELSEA - Were anyone to assert last February that City Hall being open for business was a milestone worthy of the shedding of a few tears, it would have been more than puzzling – if not laughable.

But the cruel tool to fate has made it just that, as City officials opened City Hall for limited operations on Monday and it was an emotional, and happy, milestone for a City that has suffered tremendously with massive levels of COVID-19 infections and long lines of hungry residents no longer able to provide food for their families.

So, City Hall opening was a semblance of order and return to what might be better times.

“We’re excited,” said Mike Sandoval of the DPW, who had the pleasure of opening the door to residents for the first time since mid-March. “We want it to become normal because people need to get back. We know there will need to be time to adapt, but we’re here to help and happy this city is coming back.”

Fidel Maltez, DPW director, said he and his staff and members of the administration worked to figure out the best way to re-open the seat of City business. They have limited walk-ins to the City Clerk’s office and the Treasurer’s Office to pay bills – and staff members are outside to help residents figure out if they have all they need so they don’t congregate inside needlessly.

Other departments can be access with appointments only, calling 3-1-1 (which is 617.466.4209 outside of Chelsea) to schedule those times.

There is one entrance – on Washington Avenue near the lot – and one exit – on the Broadway side. Inside they have stickers for peo-

ple to stand on in line to keep them at the right distance. Cleaning crews move through rapidly all the time, with custodial staff on duty. Surfaces are wiped down after every customer comes to a window, and the Treasurer’s Office has been built out with new walls and a window screen.

“It feels good to be open,” said Maltez. “People have been excited to be able to come in and pay their tax bills, get parking stickers and to pay excise taxes. Chelsea has a large population of cash-only businesses and online payment isn’t an option for them.”

The Hall is open Monday to Friday with limited hours – 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. It will be open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Tuesday, and 9 a.m. to noon on Friday.

At the Clerk’s Office, Hector Velez was taking customers at his window and preparing for the new normal – which includes wiping and sanitizing all surfaces after each customer visit.

“It feels good to be back working in person with people,” he said. “I’m glad we’re doing all these things to make sure we can help stop the spread.”

Outside, greeting residents, was Yareli Arenas. Residents were filling out forms to indicate what they wanted to do inside. She said it felt good to be able to help people again face-to-face.

“I’m excited it’s come to the time when we can welcome people back,” she said. “People have been inside for a while now and they are starting to go out again.”

City Manager Tom Ambrosino said he was admittedly nervous about opening City Hall. Not many City Halls have opened yet – including Everett and Revere – and Chelsea was a hot spot for some time. Brining people back inside made him nervous.

But by Wednesday, it was going very well.

“I think it has gone well and probably better than we thought it would,” he said. “There are a lot of unbanked people in our community and we needed to accommodate them so they could pay by cash. That required City Hall to be open and the deadline for these bills by law is June 29. We didn’t want penalties for them. This was also some symbolic point to it as well that was a positive one.”

ICA NOT TO HAVE SUMMER SEASON

EAST BOSTON - Since opening in July 2018, the Institute of Contemporary Art (ICA) Watershed on East Boston’s waterfront has hosted a resident artists and their work for the summer season.

While the ICA named artist and sculptor Firelei Baez as its resident artist for the Watershed’s 2020 season back in October those plans have been scrapped.

Instead the ICA’s Watershed will remain a food distribution site through September 3, 2020 in response to the ingoing COVID-19 pandemic. .

Jill Medvedow, the Ellen Matilda Poss Director of the Boston (ICA), made the announcement last week and said the ICA will continue to use the Watershed as a In partnership with community organizations in Eastie.

With help from the ICA’s caterer, The Catered Affair, over 2,000 boxes of much-needed fresh produce and dairy will be delivered to East Boston families by the end of the summer.

Báez’s art installation, which was to feature the artist’s largest sculpture to

CHELSEA CITY HALL OPENS ITS DOORS



Mike Sandoval of the Department of Public Works opens up the Washington Avenue entry door to City Hall on Monday, opening up the Hall for the first time to the public since March due to COVID-19 restrictions. As the City went through – and continues to – go through high infection rates and large amounts of people without food, many City workers transitioned to essential food distribution work. Now, many are back at City Hall mostly performing their pre-COVID jobs. Most offices were only open by appointment, but the City Clerk and Treasurer were open to walk-ins.

date, will be postponed until 2021.

“With the cooperation of Firelei Báez, our East Boston partners, ICA staff and generous donors, we are redirecting resources of the ICA and the Watershed in particular to address a direct need within the community,” said Medvedow. “Art projects are included in each box of food to provide families with new and creative activities to do at home during this challenging time. While disappointing that we will not open the Watershed this summer as planned, this is the safest way for the museum to stay connected and serve our audiences at this time.”

According to Medvedow the food donation initiative is a collaboration between the ICA and several East Boston organizations: East Boston Neighborhood Health Center (EBNHC); East Boston Social Centers; Maverick Landing Community Services; Eastie Farm; Orient Heights Housing Development; and Crossroads Family Center.

The original intent of the food distribution site, which was launched in mid-March, was to feed Eastie residents for one month.

However, because Eastie has experienced one of the highest rates of COVID-19 in the city of Boston, the ICA decided to extend the program--seeing an continued urgent need for fresh food.

“The ICA was alerted to the need for fresh produce and healthy food through conversations with its community partners in East Boston,” said Medvedow. “The museum reached out to its caterer, The Catered Affair, who offered to donate their labor in creating fresh food boxes for distribution.”

As of the cancelled art installation, Medvedow said Baez’s work, which re-imagines ancient ruins as though the sea had receded from the Watershed floor to reveal the archeology of human history in the Caribbean, is planned for the 2021 season.

The Watershed opened to the public on July 4, 2018 inside a former copper pipe factory at Boston Shipyard and Marina on Marginal Street The 15,000-square-foot, raw, industrial space is unlike anything in Boston and has expanded the ICA’s artistic and educational programming on both sides of the Boston Harbor.

The ICA’s Seaport location and the new Watershed in Eastie has connected the two historically isolated neighborhoods through ferry services provided by Boston Harbor Cruises. The ferry service has allowed visitors to the both the ICA and Watershed travel six minutes via water between

both museums during the summer. The ferry is free to ICA members, included with regular museum admission, and free to visitors ages 17 and under.

WALSH PUSHES 2020 CENSUS

EAST BOSTON - Last week Mayor Martin Walsh chose the East Boston Library on Bremen Street to kick off the year-long outreach campaign to ensure a fair and complete count in the 2020 U.S. Census.

At the time Walsh was joined by a group of non-profit leaders and advocates at the library to start the decennial count that determines everything from representation in Congress, to federal funds for schools, affordable housing, infrastructure and health care programs.

Last week, Walsh reminded Boston residents to take the 2020 Census during this time of physical distancing.

“To date, only 49.8 percent of households have responded, which is lower than the statewide average response rate of 64.4 percent,” said Walsh. “We need to increase the rate of response.”

Walsh said much of the funding that comes from the Census count helps the most vulnerable among us.

“It can provides health care, Medicare and Medicaid, public education grants for special education and Boston Public Schools, food and nutrition programs like SNAP and free school breakfast/lunch programs, affordable housing and Section 8 vouchers, and child care Head Start for low-income families.”

Walsh said the 2020 Census is a way to directly increase community power in Eastie.

“It will impact our daily lives for the next 10 years,” he said. “Many of Boston’s communities are at risk of an undercount. We need a complete and accurate count because all of Boston deserves to be seen, heard, and invested in.”

Walsh said the Census has never been more accessible and residents can respond to the 2020 Census online at my2020census.gov, over the phone, or by mail. You can respond to the 2020 Census online or over the phone in 13 different languages.

The 2010 census counted 617,000 people in the City of Boston. Since that time it is estimated the city is currently at 700,000 or over 700,000 residents. During the last three censuses the city has lost a Congressperson all three times.

“We had 12 congressional districts at one point, then 11 and then 10 and now we have nine,” said Walsh. “The point is we

have fewer people representing us in Congress. It’s so important to be counted. We need to make sure we are all counted because it determines our representation in Congress and I can’t underscore that enough. We need accurate census counts to protect our voices in Congress.” In Eastie the investments that were made from the 2010 census were free lunches at public schools, funds for affordable housing, senior services, and job training for residents for the future.

The city has contributed \$100,000 to support Boston’s outreach efforts by providing grants to community-based organizations and more support to City departments.

Walsh pointed out every person not counted in the upcoming census equals \$2,400 in lost federal money every year for the next ten years.

“Think of it? If 100,000 people are not counted that translates into \$2.4 billion that we will lose in federal aid over the next decade,” said Walsh.

HOSPITAL TREATING LESS COVID -19 CASES

EVERETT - Over the past several weeks, the Emergency Department – and much of the CHA Everett hospital - has seemed like a facility devoted entirely to the incredibly stressing task of treating COVID-19 patients, but over the last two weeks the hospital has slowly transformed in many ways back to its pre-virus flows.

For Dr. Melisa Lai-Becker, chief of the Emergency Department at CHA Everett, and her staff in the ER, that has been measured in the number of conference calls per day focused on finding space and beds for those who are sick. At the height, that was a conference call that happened three times a day as the health system tried to find places to take care of the surging patient loads.

On Monday, that transitioned to a once-a-day call – which Lai-Becker said was a big example of how things are moving towards pre-COVID

“For these last two and a half months, we have been talking two times a day and sometimes three times a day the director level staff...in order to figure out how to get patients where they should be for care and transfers. As of Monday, we decided we can now take our foot off the gas pedal and not meet two time a day. Now we’ll meet one time a day and see that that goes. It’s big for us and a turning point in terms of how we’ve now configured our work flows.”

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The story of CHA Everett looking back is one of getting ready for the pandemic – wondering if it would be as bad as expected, treating what was a horrendous surge of sick people who struggled to get better or died, a flattening of the curve of sickness, and now a return to some normal patterns while also still treating COVID-19 patients.

“Everything put into place in March and early April, it is nice to see as all the big changes operationally have made a difference because we can let the system handle the flow, especially since having a lull now the volumes are climbing back up quite nicely, but with a medium level of mix,” she said. Now it seems like it’s a more even mixture of patients.”

One clear example of that was a patient who came in last weekend with pneumonia – a nearly 100 percent sign of COVID-19 over the past two months. Lai-Becker said they did all the testing and were perplexed as to why there was no COVID showing up. After some further testing, they realized it was just standard pneumonia and not related to COVID.

“We were like, ‘Wow, it’s just regular pneumonia,’” she said. “So welcome back to just plain old community-acquired pneumonia.”

The hospital has closed down some of the specialty spaces created on the fly for COVID-19 over the past several weeks, and they are looking at returning to elective, but necessary, surgeries. They are also bringing back routine tests like colonoscopies.

“The hospital operations are slowly re-opening,” she said. “As of Monday, they were looking at bringing back certain elective scheduled procedures. We want to keep up with the elective surgeries – maybe they can be done later, but need to be done. It’s also colonoscopies and mammography. These are important and it’s been three months without doing them now. These are having a very slow start-up.”

Likewise, the respiratory clinic has been full-speed for so long now, but they are beginning to add outpatient hours.

At the same time, they are planning on how to return some of the clinical departments. That comes with a lot of planning, she said, about how to handle such visits with providers and how to handle the waiting rooms.

“It’s now a slow unwinding of these processes to see if any outpatient sites can re-open and how does it change the setup,” she said. “It’s similar to what dental offices in the Commonwealth are facing. Everyone wants to eliminate the waiting rooms. That’s going to take careful planning.”

One thing that they are also seeing as they re-open so many things are the new innovations done on the fly for COVID-19 that they hope to keep as part of traditional medical treatments.

Tele-medicine visits have become the norm, and there are a lot of patients that Lai-Becker said will likely continue with those appointments on a screen – particularly as many in the older adult population in large part has become adept at using Zoom and other face-to-face platforms online.

Many chronically ill patients have found the visits to be better for them, as it can be strenuous to get a ride to the hospital for an appointment that can be done over a screen.

Likewise, CHA Everett has rolled out over the last week a new program called MobileHome in association with Cataldo Ambulance. That is a program they have dreamed of and worked on for a long time, she said. With the pandemic, they were able to roll it

out fast. That program allows EMTs at Cataldo to do more advanced visits while in connection online with a physician. They can do more than a visiting nurse and can gauge whether a patient needs to be brought into the hospital or not. Using tele-medicine checkups, and then MobileHome, many unnecessary trips to the hospital can be avoided to make patients more comfortable and medical delivery more efficient. The crux has always been about who was going to pay for it and how would they pay for it, Lai Becker said.

That year’s-long battle was resolved in a matter of weeks.

“I think people will recognize a lot of operational challenges in having these programs with tele-health and para-medicine...were hampered by who was going to pay for it,” she said. “Remarkably, the tele-health visits can be paid. Apparently it is possible to have them both paid for now. That is the opportunity of this crisis. I think they are an enormous positive and they will stay even after...we see so many other things settle out. They are positive changes.”

•TYLENOL ANTI-DOTE NOW GOES TO TRIAL

One of the innovations at CHA Everett during the COVID-19 crisis was using the antidote for Tylenol poisoning to treat patients with several sickness related to COVID-19. It particularly helped the immune response in the lungs, and now CHA Everett is going to be moving that treatment to a clinical trial to see if it is an effective treatment for the virus.

They will be going to trial with Clintrials.gov.

“We’re happy that CHA-wide our respiratory clinic is starting to prescribe it in the same manner as the Emergency Department has,” she said. “We will embark on the randomized trial of patients and then share the results. It seem to help...It would be great because it is off-patent, doesn’t cost much and has been around more than 50 years...It’s not very sexy for that reason, but if it works, great.”

She said they would need three months at a minimum, but likely six months to get enough treatment information. Already, they have some information in using the treatment over the last two months, but need more solid study.”

•LARGE GATHERINGS A CONCERN

As the weather lightens up and gatherings seem to increase – in addition to the large-scale protests that have happened in Boston – Dr. Lai-Becker said those in the hospital have had a concern.

That also goes for the gradual re-opening of businesses and services.

“It is a concern and it’s something in the hospital we’ve been paying attention to over the last week,” she said.

She said they will watch over the next two or three weeks to see if new cases arise, and if they can be traced to large gatherings like the protests. She said being that they were outside, there could be some saving grace in that.

REMEMBERING ANTHONY LEO

LYNN - There is no higher honor in candlepin bowling than being inducted into the International Candlepin Bowling Association (ICBA) Hall of Fame.

Anthony “Tony” Leo received that prestigious award in 1999 with his proud family in attendance at the induction dinner in Haverhill.

Tony earned his seat in the Hall of Fame’s “Competitive Ability” category for an extraordinary bowling career that included 28 appearances on Don

Gillis’ “Candlepin Bowling” Show and an All-State Bowling title in 1964.

But Tony and his family, including his brothers, Bob Leo and John Leo, and their father, John Leo, could have easily entered the Hall in the “Contributors” category as well, for no family in the history of bowling on the North Shore has given more to the game and brought more joy to bowlers of all ages than the Leos.

Tony Leo, one of the all-time candlepin greats who with his family built a candlepin empire that included ownership of Post Office Lanes in Lynn, Metro Bowl in Peabody, and Leo’s Super Bowl in Amesbury, died on May 29. He was 90 years old.

The Leo children - Susan, Linda, and Michael - had a front row seat for their father’s greatness as a bowler. Just how cool was it for the Leo kids to have their dad bowling on television when the show was drawing tens of thousands of viewers across New England each week. Tony Leo was a candlepin bowling celebrity and a respected ambassador for the popular sport.

Tony was admired for his sportsmanship during competition. He never became flustered by a Half Worcester, Spread Eagle, or the last of the Four Horsemen not toppling. He pressed on and many say his calm demeanor made him a master at picking single pins in clutch situations.

Tony didn’t throw the ball as fast as some of his fellow competitors, but no one was more precise in his accuracy or textbook in his delivery.

Beginnings in Lynn Susan Leo Black said her father, Tony, and his brothers, John and Bob, took over the ownership of Post Office Lanes, a 10-alley facility downstairs from the old Lynn Post Office building on Western Avenue, from their father, John.

In 1976, the family purchased Metro Bowl, a popular, well-run establishment now under the stewardship of Bob Leo. Tony Leo and his son, Michael, later owned and operated Leo’s Super Bowl in Amesbury.

“I was a young kid when he bowled on Channel 5 for the first time in the early 60s,” recalled Susan. “He won the state tournament in 1964 at Fairway Sports-world in Natick.”

Susan’s mother, the late Ruth Leo, was also an outstanding candlepin bowler and won a major tournament in 1961. She also appeared on the Channel 5 TV bowling show.

“Her biggest accomplishment was beating Stasia Czernicki, who was quite a bowler,” said Susan. “My mother was very excited about winning that match.”

Susan remembers traveling to Sammy White’s Brighton Bowl to watch in person her father’s many appearances on the TV show.

“As I kid, you just knew he was a great bowler and you would be in the audience on television and that was really cool,” said Susan. “I remember in 1966 I was having my appendix taken out and my father was bowling on the show the next day. Jim Britt was the announcer and he said on TV, ‘a special hello to Tony’s daughter, who was in the hospital.’”

Susan Black said she’s immensely proud of her father’s many accomplishments and the Leo family’s incredible legacy. Tony was a 1947 graduate of Lynn Classical, served in the United States Army, and worked at General Electric for 34 years before his retirement.

“He was the nicest guy in the world,” said Susan. “He was always a gentleman, just an unbelievable guy. I remember one time we were watching my father bowl and his opponent

missed a shot and my sister said, ‘yay,’ – my father came right over to her and said, ‘Don’t you ever do that again – you can root for me, but don’t ever root against anybody.’”

Michael Leo remembers his father

As one would expect, Michael Leo ran a great house at Leo’s Super Bowl in Amesbury, an establishment that was previously owned by the Baldinelli family.

Michael Leo said he first began working at Post Office Lanes as a kid. “I used to help out when I was at the Sacred Heart Grammar School and then all through my years at St. Mary’s High School,” recalled Michael. “The family bought Metro Bowl while I was in high school. My uncle, John, ran the place, but my father was one of the owners. My father and my uncle, Bobby, also worked at GE. My uncle, Bobby, continues to run Metro with his children, son, Bobby Jr. and daughter, Lisa (Leo) Ferrari.”

Michael Leo, 58, was a very good bowler himself. “I wasn’t as good as my father, though,” he said. “I never made it on to television. I bowled in some TV rollofs but then the Don Gillis show went off the air and that was it. I bowled with a bunch of great guys like Tom Cennami and Jimmy Barber, who was a good friend of my father – all good bowlers from Lynn. I used to bowl in the Red Hoffman Charity Rolloff.”

Michael said his father was part of the first wave of Lynn bowling stars such as George Raymond, Tom Cennami, Frank Obey, and Jimmy Barber. They opened the door and other TV-caliber bowlers emerged, an illustrious list that includes Mike Morgan, Tom Morgan, Joe Tavernese, Al Lacey, Mike Shadoff, Paul Doherty, and so many others. Even younger stars like Dave Barber, Shawn Baker, and Jonathan Boudreau can tip their hat to gentlemanly proprietors like Tony Leo and Jimmy Barber and Sean Crowley for making Lynn the bowling capital of Massachusetts for so many years.

Michael Leo recalled how his father’s style differed from today’s cast of fireballers.

“They’re throwing the ball faster today – my father had a really nice delivery but he wasn’t throwing hard fastballs,” said Michael. “But he was accurate. I remember going to Sammy White’s Brighton Bowl many times and watching him on television and rooting for him. The entourage from Lynn would be there. It was really cool. I remember all of that.”

Michael Leo added respectfully, “The best thing my father ever gave to me when it came to bowling was just being calm, cool, and collective. My father was always that way no matter what happened when he was bowling.”

Like his father, Michael Leo brought that class and decorum to the lanes. “I remember bowling in a youth tournament at Post Office and I got the award for Best Sportsmanship. I wondered why they picked me for that award and the reason was another coach from another team said, ‘you were running down back fixing the machines and I couldn’t believe how you would come and bowl and be so composed no matter what.’ I think back on that and I got that from bowling with my father. He was a classy guy.”

Tavernese has a strong connection to the Leo family

Joe Tavernese is an inductee in the ICBA Hall of Fame. He has known Tony Leo for many years, having worked at Post Office Lanes and Metro Bowl, where he is still employed.

“It’s sad that Tony’s gone,” said Tavernese. “He lived a great life. He was an awesome person, a gen-

tleman, all of that. He was more than just my boss, he was family and he made us feel like family.”

Tavernese competed against Tony Leo on occasion, but Tavernese was more a part of the next generation of Lynn bowling greats.

“I bowled in some of the TV rollofs with Tony,” recalled Tavernese. “He was a great bowler and competed against other guys like Fran Onorato, Joe Donovan, Joe Comeau, and Charlie Jutras.”

Tavernese said when he appeared on television, Tony Leo and his wife, Ruth, would attend the taping sessions. “I have a lot of good memories of Tony and his family. I was so grateful for their support. They are great people.”

Tavernese excelled while representing the Leo family’s Post Office Lanes, an MBA-sanctioned establishment, and later Metro Bowl. Joe teamed with Tom Cennami on the TV doubles show. Joe and his wife, Sharon Tavernese, competed as a team on the mixed doubles TV show, before Channel 5 took all of their bowling shows off the air.

“After Sharon and I became champions, they ended the show, so we’re the reigning champions,” said Tavernese.

And Joe Tavernese’s lifelong connection to bowling was inspired by the grace and goodness of men like Tony Leo.

“Tony was an amazing person,” said Tavernese. “He was a terrific bowler and was on Channel 5 many times. Back in the day when Tony bowled, the pins fell harder. The pins didn’t fall as easy as they do today. But we had great times at Post Office, it was a fun place to be. Tony was a true gentleman and a sportsman. He will be missed.”

QUARANTINE HOTEL CLOSES FOR PATIENTS

REVERE - Revere Fire Capt. Robert Fortuna, the city’s liaison for the Quality Inn Quarantine Hotel for COVID-19 patients, has announce that the hotel closed on June 10 at which point the facility will be returned to hotel management.

The last patient must either be medically released or transferred to the EnVision Hotel, a state-run facility for COVID-19 isolation in Everett.

The hotel partnership agreement developed between Revere Mayor Brian Arrigo and Chelsea City Manager Thomas Ambrosino will also end on June 10, according to Fortuna.

Fortuna said that Adrienne Maguire, RN, and a Revere school nurse, “was charged with the challenging task of vetting, qualifying and referring Revere people to be patients at the Quality Inn.

“Adrienne told me that initially there was some hesitancy by family members to stay at the facility,” related Fortuna. “But once there, noting the level of MGH staff and care on site, combined with not having to worry about meals, their comfort level overwhelmingly changed.”

Fortuna said that most importantly the underlying premise and motivation for opening a quarantine site locally was realized and deemed a success by the medical community.

“Patients at the Quality Inn were able to avoid passing the disease to family members, their young children, and those living with them who were immune compromised,” said Fortuna. “The plan most certainly helped to control the spread of the virus for these families.”

During the course of the hotel being used for COVID-19 patients, Revere referred 32 people

to the Quality Inn, while 147 patients from all cities found refuge and isolation there.

Fortuna, who is also the director of emergency management and planning, said that emergency management preparation is the key to mitigating a situation before it has overwhelmed your ability to react and control it.

“The facility at the Quality Inn was a bold step in addressing the growing number of COVID-19 positive cases and one of the many taken toward the success of limiting the spread of the virus,” said Fortuna.

REVERE YOUTH STAND WITH BLM

REVERE - With the ongoing Black Lives Matter demonstrations taking place nationwide, young Revere residents have begun vocalizing a demand for public figures, community members, and city officials to address the crisis. Collectively, they have released a sign-on letter, calling attention to racial injustice and demanding action be taken locally.

“Black Lives Matter (BLM) is a movement that fights for the injustice of my people,” says Seba Ismail, a Revere High School alum and member of the class of 2019. “To me, it is action. It is equality. It is a voice against white silence.”

Led by a different member of the class of 2019, Somaya Laroussi, youth of all ages and backgrounds managed to connect virtually to express their concerns to one another and translate their feelings into words and actions.

“Acknowledging social injustices is not political, which too often is forgotten,” clarifies Soleil Yuong, a current RHS student aged 17. “ Asking community leaders to speak out about the current situation often gets confused with pushing an agenda on them. If you claim you support minority groups in the past, that should hold true, now, more than ever.”

An estimated 69% of enrolled Revere Public School (RPS) students are of color (and identify as members of ethnic minority groups).

But, both current and previous Revere High students feel that the ethnic diversity is often exploited.

Stephanie Carvalho, RHS class of 2019, explains that, “it seems to me that Revere High loves to tout its diversity when they get awards or grant money out of it, but when it comes to acknowledging the trauma that affects that diversity ... they’re resilient.”

Faith Nwafor, RHS class of 2021, echoes her sentiments in explaining that in her seventeen years living in Revere, “I have yet to see people of color in office. As a young Black girl in Revere, it’s already hard enough as it is, but feeling like there’s no one to represent people of color in our community is disheartening.”

“There is a clear and apparent disconnect between the people and authority in our community and that needs to be addressed now,” proclaims Somaya Laroussi, local community organizer and RHS alum.

She goes on to explain that “continued indifference by people responsible for protecting Revere youth will only make us more unsafe.”

Laroussi is the primary organizer of this project and has led a number of social justice campaigns on behalf of Revere youth for years. The group of youth promoting this are not affiliated by any organization in particular and hope to simply ensure the safety and protection of their community members.

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Catherine D'Amato. "With food insecurity on the rise in our region, we also thank Mayor Walsh and the City of Boston for leading the way with innovative solutions that help to enhance the work of the emergency food network during this challenging time."

As ridership on the MBTA's RIDE service has significantly declined during the COVID-19 situation, available RIDE vehicles are currently being utilized to pick up and deliver food items and school meals. Collaborating with GBFB and the YMCA, RIDE drivers

arrive at the YMCA location on Huntington Avenue daily to pick up an assortment of grocery bags and shelf stable school meals. Groceries are delivered by RIDE vehicles to designated homes, the amount based on the size of the household and whether or not the family is enrolled in the Boston Public School partnership.

Under the leadership of Mayor Walsh, the City of Boston has provided more than 1.2 million free meals to youth across sixty-eight sites since the beginning of the COVID-19 public health emergency. Since

expanding the number of meal sites to also serve adults in April, the City has distributed nearly 100,000 meals to adults. As of the end of May 2020, the RIDE has completed over 3,185 deliveries, totaling 5,129 grocery bags and 24,000 school meals to over 1,200 Boston Public School children. Residents can visit boston.gov/COVID19food or call 311 to find food resources, including meal sites for youth and adults, food pantries, and more.

For more information visit mbta.com, boston.gov/COVID19food.

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Town Council Public Hearing
June 16, 2020

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. All documents, legally accessible, pertaining to these hearing(s) can be viewed by request.
Denise Quist
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LEGAL NOTICE
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.
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Docket No.
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To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by William J. Austin, III of Salem, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: William J. Austin, III of Salem, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an unsupervised administration. IMPORTANT NOTICE You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 07/09/2020. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you

must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you. UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC) A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration. WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
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Updated guidance for schools across the Commonwealth

By Kate Anslinger

Last Friday, the Commissioner of Education provided the latest dose of guidance for school districts as they navigate their way through remote learning for the summer programs. For the fall, the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) is considering three potential scenarios for how students will return to learning. These options include going back to school in a 100% traditional setting, staying completely remote, or a hybrid option that will consist of both remote and in-person learning. They will be sharing their guidance the week of June 15th with Mass Public Schools.

Unlike prior guidance,

School Superintendent Lisa Howard said that she understands that this will likely be more prescriptive information and districts will be told how they are returning so it's similar across the state. If the Commissioner opts for the hybrid version, classrooms may be broken in half and 50% of the students will attend in-person learning during the same weeks that the other half of the students attend classes remotely, and vice versa. The purpose of the hybrid version would be to keep class sizes small to maintain social distancing. There are lot of things that the schools will need to take into consideration when executing this format of learning. Pairing siblings with the same on/off weeks,

dealing with teachers who are high-risk and teaching new health protocols to staff members are some of the many demands that the district is faced with.

“Remote learning across the board is not a preferred way to educate our students,” said Howard. “Nothing can replace the in-person learning, the social-emotional component, the interactions and conversations that you get when you instruct a child in your presence, the benefit of peer interaction and support.... It's been very difficult for everyone, from students to parents to teachers, we all would like to get back to the traditional form of education, we really miss our students.”

As part of the new guid-

ance, both the DESE and the Department of Early Education and Care (EEC) provided a draft on how to enable summer learning with a great deal of guidance on creating safe and healthy educational spaces while social distancing. Special Education extended year programming is scheduled to start in early July in addition to enrichment programs such as Fun at the Fort and 21st Century. Staff members are faced with yet another challenge of having to re-format the summer program to stay in line with new requirements in minimal time. At this time, remote learning will need to continue until school districts can meet all the requirements of safety and compliance in order to

open the school buildings.

“The extraordinary amount of planning needed to meet the requirements of the DOE will be difficult, but we are moving forward and we have to be prepared to change things at the drop of a dime. Whenever you have to drastically change an environment with health and safety protocols, it takes time, collaboration, thoughtful reflection, and money. It's going to be hard to accomplish this prior to the re-opening of schools in the Fall given the short time we have.”

Howard said that while she has witnessed the many challenges that have come from being thrown into re-

remote learning as a district, she has also seen firsthand the collaboration of both staff members in the district and superintendents across the Commonwealth.

“The collaboration between teachers and staff has been amazing. We literally have teachers teaching other teachers in the areas that they excel in and superintendents across the Commonwealth have come together to share things that are working. Even though every district has different capabilities, funding, student population and teaching community, we've come together to help one another.”

Winthrop Foundation: challenges and opportunities in uncertain times

The Winthrop Foundation was founded in May 2019 with a generous \$2.5 million appropriation from the Massachusetts Port Authority (Massport), with strong support from Speaker of the House Robert A. DeLeo and Senator Joseph Boncore.

To date, the Foundation has received an initial \$500,000 disbursement from the overall appropriation, and is grateful to Massport for this first round of support. Additional dis-

bursements depend on Massport's construction milestones as laid out in the Community Mitigation Agreement (CMA).

Led by Chairman Russ Sanford, the Foundation used a portion of the initial \$500,000 when the Covid-19 epidemic first hit to initiate an Emergency Grant Application for urgent town needs. “The Trustees opened a round of rapid-response funding and had emergency funds out the door by April 2020,”

said Sanford, “to local programs and organizations that provided emergency food, mental health supports, help for the graduating Class of 2020, local economic stimulus, and more. The Foundation is now preparing to launch a Regular Grant Application very soon, and those funds will be directed toward programs that serve families, children and youth, seniors,

and for cultural events, recreation, community development, and other areas of our town.”

The Chairman and Trustees remain in strong partnership with Massport and continue to be in communication as the economy begins to reopen. The Trustees also remain steadfast in carrying out the mission of the Foundation to the benefit the Town of Winthrop.

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