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CLEANIN' IT UP ONE BAG AT A TIME



RPP Principal Sales Agent, Stephen Hines, with Gui Moreira and DeeDee Edmondson shown at the annual beach clean-up, in its second year, hosted by Robert Paul Properties on Sunday, June 14 at Winthrop Beach. See more photos on Page 14.

Updates on COVID, policing, water rate at Council meeting

By Laura Plummer

On Tuesday, June 16, the Town Council met remotely via the online video conferencing platform Zoom, where it heard updates on issues impacting the community.

COVID-19

As of June 15, there were 236 documented cases of COVID-19 in Winthrop, with 207 recovered, 24

deceased and five in isolation. The Winthrop Board of Health voted to lift the 10pm curfew, effective immediately.

The Town is still at least two weeks from having the ability to host in-person meetings at City Hall. Zoom meetings will continue to be the norm and will most likely still be used to some degree even when

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NEWS Briefs

TEACHER HIGHLIGHT:

Kathy Costonis retires from teaching after 29 years

By Kate Anslinger

For Kathy Costonis, teaching third grade for 29 years has been far more than she ever imagined. This year will mark her last year working alongside her team of colleagues and in front of a classroom of third graders who have brought her endless joy and reward.

"Teaching is way more than I imagined," said Costonis. "Teaching is a sweet note on your desk when you least expect it, giggles and happiness, hard work and challenges, a million questions, time going by at the speed of lightning, and more questions. Teaching

is noisy, quiet, demanding, full of joy, and a lot of fun."

Retiring in the midst of a pandemic have made her last days teaching both busy and memorable. Over the last three months Costonis has been so busy adapting to remote learning, that she hasn't had a lot of time to think about the difficulties that will come with her goodbyes to fellow staff and students at the Arthur T. Cummings School.

"I am going to miss the rhythm of the school year. The excitement of September when everything is brand new, holiday happiness, teaching my children to be kind, watch-



Third-grade teacher
Kathy Costonis.

ing them persevere when things get tough, telling

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Kate's Corner

Local Mr. Fix-It, always ready to help his neighbors

By Kate Anslinger

For Mike Gervasi, fixing things comes easily. The semi-retired airplane mechanic takes pride in his role as the go-to person to fix bikes, boats, scooters and lawnmowers in his neighborhood. Having spent 33 years working for Northwest Airlines, Gervasi has always found joy in the behind-the-scenes tasks involved in getting something to work properly and his love of engineering has led to a lifelong hobby. Since he was a young boy, Gervasi loved all aspects of trains, from collecting them



Mike Gervasi, airplane mechanic, train hobbyist and local Mr. Fix-It

to building and painting them. It initially started as a way of bonding with his grandfather, but his fascina-

tion with figuring out how to put them together and make them run, led to him continuing the hobby over the years, growing his train village drastically. Years after his grandfather passed, he learned that the trains he played with as a child were payment from one of his grandfather's tenants, when he couldn't afford to pay his rent money.

"That tenant owned a train store and fell on hard times and my grandfather accepted the trains as payment," said Gervasi. "Every weekend I would play with

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Winthrop restaurants, delis aided by gift card grant

By Maxim Tamarov

Winthrop restaurants, cafes, and delis received a slight financial boost last week as the Winthrop Foundation went around town buying gift cards in an effort both to help charitable organizations and to boost the local economy.

The grant, \$750 worth of \$25 gift cards per shop, has been a boon to local establishments that have seen their business reduced to a fraction of its normal volume due to the coronavirus pandemic.

"That's an incredibly kind thing that the foundation did," Jim Letterie, owner of Letterie's Italian Market, said. "We're extremely appreciative of them doing it."

Letterie said his business has been down to 20 percent of its usual operations. The deli has no outdoor seating to host customers who want to grab a sandwich or sub, so its business has been en-

tirely takeout.

Still, Letterie's has remained open throughout the pandemic.

"We're trying to do the best we can and stay positive and try to employ the kids that we have to keep them working," Letterie said. "They've helped us by continuing to come in when a lot of people are afraid to go out."

It's not just that the money itself is badly needed, Letterie said of the grant. The gift cards also serve as an introduction of the deli or restaurant to customers who may not have known they existed.

The Winthrop Foundation grants come from a trust initiated by the Massachusetts Port Authority, according to trustee Betsy Rueda-Gynn. The trust was set up to provide funds for Winthrop because of its proximity to Boston Logan International Airport and

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Cutline: Odyssey Grill owner Odise Thomai cleans patio tables outside of his restaurant. Odyssey was one of about 35 local food establishments to receive a grant from the Winthrop Foundation in the form of gift card purchases.

The 138th Annual Horribles Parade

Winthrop's Prize-O-Rama and July 4th Horribles Parade Cancelled Horribles Parade Committee and The Point Shirley Association regret to announce that Winthrop's Annual Prize-O-Rama and July 4th Horribles Parade have been cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic. This decision was based upon Massachusetts' Reopening Guidelines, which state that parades cannot be conducted until Phase 4, which isn't scheduled to begin until July 20th at the earliest. This is the first time in its 138 year history that the parade has been cancelled. While many will be disappointed, we must remember that the health and safety of our community must be our number one priority. We look forward to a double celebration in 2021.

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OUR Opinions

A TREMENDOUS COURT DECISION

The decision this past Monday by the U.S. Supreme Court extending the rights of gay and transgender workers under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which bars employment discrimination on the basis of race, religion, national origin, and sex, is a wonderful affirmation of the shift in this country from one of outright homophobia just a generation ago to the acceptance by a large majority of Americans of persons regardless of their sexual preferences or gender identity.

This newspaper for more than 25 years has supported the efforts of the LGBTQ community to secure all of the rights that are enjoyed by every American and to be free from discrimination of all kinds.

We applauded the Goodridge decision in 2003 by our Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court that held that the Commonwealth must legally recognize same-sex marriage, something we had advocated for almost a decade previously.

In 2015, the U.S. Supreme Court in the Obergefell case affirmed same-sex marriage as a Constitutional right, thus making it applicable to all 50 states.

This week's decision by our country's highest court now extends Title VII protections for gay and transgender persons to all 50 states. Previously, about half of the states still allowed a person to be fired by their employer solely on the basis of their sexual status.

There still is more to be done in terms of bringing full legal and social equality for our LGBTQ fellow citizens, but Monday's 6-3 decision, which included two of the conservative justices, Roberts and Gorsuch, unquestionably represents a huge step forward for gay and transgender Americans.

AND NOW, STINGING JELLYFISH....

The ocean temperature barely has reached 60 degrees in Boston Harbor and vicinity, but the warnings on our beaches have confirmed what the beachcombers among us have known for a week or so -- the dreaded jellyfish have arrived.

According to the experts, these are the lion's mane jellyfish, whose flowing tentacles (hence their name), when they are fully-grown, can extend as long as 90 feet. (Reportedly, the largest recorded specimen ever measured occurred in 1865 off the coast of Massachusetts and had a bell with a diameter of seven feet and tentacles of about 120 feet.

They principally are found in the extreme northern oceans, but they come to our latitudes at this time of year, though fortunately not many are of the full-size stature that they attain in colder waters.

The jellyfish have been seen from Nahant to Hull in recent days. Although most are not fully-grown at this stage of their lives, they nonetheless have the ability to deliver quite a sting to anyone who comes into contact with them.

So swimmers beware. The ocean may provide a respite from the coronavirus, but the jellyfish will be waiting.

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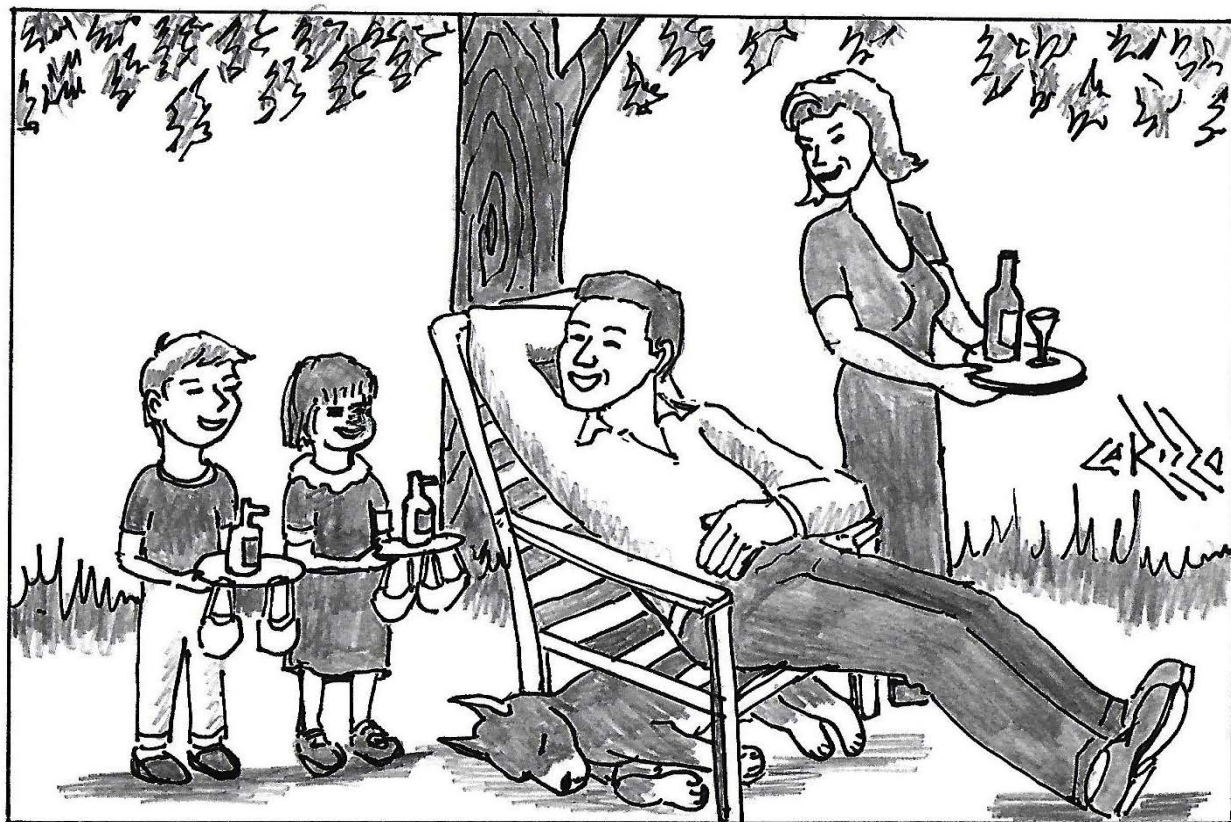
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HAPPY FATHER'S DAY..... JUNE 21, 2020

LETTER to the Editor

ON WINTHROP SCHOOLS

Dear Editor,

"This is a response to the letter published in the June 11 edition of the Transcript. From the minute school buildings closed on March 13th, Winthrop's School Department employees have been working tirelessly to create a learning environment that will adequately serve every student in Winthrop. From Mrs. Howard and the School Committee, through the building administrators and the Winthrop Teachers Association every level of our educational apparatus has been engaged in developing a plan to ensure maximum engagement from our students.

We at the Winthrop Teachers Association emphatically stand by the work done not only by Mrs. Howard, but by the principals in every building. She has worked with her building administrators to creatively adapt vague language from State Education Commissioner Riley to the needs of Winthrop's children. This language insisted on a focus on the mental health of all students first, followed by continued focus on academic imperatives. It asked for enrichment for students in art, music, and physical education. At every step of the decision making process, the most important question that was answered was about meeting the needs of our students. We are proud of what our leadership has accomplished.

There is no amount of planning and preparation that could have made remote learning a perfect situation. By the very nature of responding to a global emergency the likes of which none of us have ever been exposed to, our response has been flawed. We have had to adjust our plan several times to the changing situation outside of our doors. None of these flaws lessen our commitment to continuing to fight for all of our faculty and staff to continue to receive pay they have rightfully earned.

It is well known and widely accepted that teach-

ers routinely work outside of our 'contracted hours' but this pandemic has forced a greater amount of this than ever before. Our teachers have had to adapt their in-class curricula to a new medium that most were unfamiliar with only 3 months ago. This has caused extra work during early mornings, late nights, and long weekends. We had to modify our plans, expectations, and materials in real time. There is not one single solitary employee of Winthrop Public Schools that has had 'nothing to do' for the past 3 months. To suggest that any staff member should be risking their own health and safety to make personal deliveries to students at home is reductive of our role as educators and directly contradicts the advice of public health experts.

Our staff have had to do their jobs while also caring for our own families. We are fully appreciative of the difficulties experienced by families working from home while attempting to ensure children are keeping up with their own remote learning requirements, shopping for elderly parents, and caring for sick spouses. This was not the end of the 2019-2020 school year we had hoped for. We are devastated at the loss of classroom time with our students, not to mention the loss of precious moments for students who have reached life milestones. There is simply no room for anybody to 'try harder' or 'do more'. We will continue to learn, react, and adapt to the world around us, and the guidance provided by public health and education leaders at the state and national level. Whatever learning model we employ in September, we will strive to improve our practice every day, just as we always have.

D.J. Racette
Vice President,
Winthrop Teachers
Association On Behalf of
the WTA Executive Board"

THANK YOU, WPS

Dear Editor,

In the midst of an on-going pandemic, you shifted

gears at full-tilt, and did a Herculean job to continue teaching our children remotely. Has it been perfect? No. But given the circumstances, especially the massive uncertainty, I feel you have done a tremendous job on the whole.

I especially want to thank those teachers with school-aged children, who not only had to teach 25, 50, or in the case of "specials" teachers, upwards of 100 students, but who also had to shepherd their own children's remote learning. None of this is normal, and I appreciate your efforts to keep *all* your children learning.

Not all children respond ideally to remote learning. Some kids do just fine, but even they are suffering from anxiety and uncertainty, missing the usual social interactions with their teachers and fellow students. I repeat, none of this is normal. We are all having to feel our way and adjust our expectations, while constantly keeping our children's safety and education top of mind at every turn.

It is unclear what the Fall will bring. Public health experts recommend spacing desks 6 feet apart, but with most classroom desks spaced anywhere from 1.5 to 2 feet apart, it'd take anywhere from 9 to 16 times the current classroom floor plan area to accommodate 6 foot desk spacing. Maintaining physical distancing when entering and exiting schools, let alone traveling inside of schools, will also be a challenge. How about feeding our children, when they have to remove any protective face coverings or masks? All these issues and more are what our school administrators are losing sleep over right now, and will continue to work with public health officials to safely re-open our schools.

Enjoy your summer vacations. Try to recharge your batteries, and enjoy spending time with your loved ones. You have more than earned it.

Paulo Correia, Parent of Winthrop Public School student

WPS, YOU'RE DOING GREAT

Dear Editor,

After reading last week's "Letter to the Editor," I felt the need to write a letter myself to let the Winthrop Schools know that not all

parents have the same opinion as the last writer. I do not believe that the way the Winthrop Schools handled the Covid-19 situation was an "epic fail" at all levels. I believe that the Superintendent, Principals and Teachers did a great job, given the situation.

I have three children in the following schools: Gorman Fort Banks, Arthur T. Cummings and Winthrop Middle School. I felt that all the principals and teachers communicated sufficiently in their weekly emails, letters, videos and ConnectEd calls. I felt that all teachers, including the specialist, tried to keep the kids engaged and connected with each other during their online meetings/office hours and recorded lessons. I'm glad that our kids had the opportunity to continue their art, music, gym, computer, drama and STEM classes as well. Some kids thrive in these important classes and see them as a way to express themselves, help with stress and just have fun. I appreciate their continued support, creativity and dedication they have for their students. This was obviously not a typical school year, but I felt they tried to make the best out of it.

We have to remember that Covid-19 has affected each person/family differently. This includes our teachers. They may not have 4 or 5 hours a day to spend with their students now that they are home. Some of them have their own children that they need to take care of. Some might have had a family member who needed to be taking care of or helped. Some of them might have been dealing with stress or anxiety with all that has changed. There are so many reasons why the requests made by the last writer were not possible. There is no perfect plan for a school year that was abruptly stopped and altered to a home schooling environment. I'm sure the Winthrop Schools will be able to use the past few months as a learning experience and will continue to do their best for whatever happens with the next school year.

In closing, I would just like to say thank you to the Superintendent, Principals, Teachers, Food Services and Custodians. I appreciate

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WINTHROP Then and Now

Winthrop Improvement and Historical Association

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

ART 925 – AERIAL VIEW OF HALFORD BEACH



When walking the streets along the coast line of our town, one sees various interfaces we have with the Atlantic Ocean. Today’s article portrays the historical changes in the Northern shoreline of Winthrop along the junction of Nahant and Sewall Avenues which look up Revere Beach and across to Lynn and the Nahant peninsula. The first picture is an aerial photograph of the junction of Sewall and Nahant Avenues which was taken in the mid 1930’s as evidenced by the car parked on the street. This photo was obtained through the efforts of the Halford’s who resided in the house with the large front porch just across the street from the shore. When Elizabeth Leitch married Ralph Halford in 1906, her aunt built them this home as a wedding present. The beach along this area is town owned and named Halford Beach after this family who

was very active in many Town Government and Civic organizations through the 1960’s. The house on the far left belonged to Harry Wright who served as a Selectman in Town. The large house among the trees, just right of center in the picture, was the Purdy Estate which, during the depression years, was used to house a number of families with financial problems and no place to live. This house was razed by 1940. The other homes pictured are all still here. The center house of the three at the bottom of the picture was the home of former Police Chief William Pumphret. As can be seen, the seawall had not yet been built. If one looks closely to the right of the swimmers in the water, a large rock can be observed. The town, in its infinite wisdom, removed this rock in the 1920’s in an effort to further clear the area for swimming. The

neighbors banned together and petitioned for its return since everyone who swam there used it as a “diving” rock. During the 1960’s, 17 private boats were moored in this bay along with a couple of lobster boats. The youngsters in the area, with help from a neighbor (yours truly), built a large raft covered with an old oriental rug for sun bathing and diving. The second picture was taken in 1908 looking up Nahant Avenue from Halford Beach before the road was paved. The third picture depicts the Halford home from the beach about 1910 before the garages were built in the front of it. The house to the left is the previously referenced Purdy estate. The fourth picture is another aerial photograph taken in 1987 looking inland from the same beach area and the previously identified homes can again be seen.



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 12, 2010

When Gus Martucci rushed out of the June 1 Town Council meeting following its vote to take \$240,000 from the School Department budget, he delivered his resignation letter to Chairperson Pat Milano, delaying his action until midnight Friday so he could present diplomas to graduates at the Class of 2010 commencement ceremony. Martucci’s resignation was in direct response to the Council’s 8-1 vote on a motion by Council President Jeff Turco to take \$240,000 from the School Department budget for Fiscal Year 2011 and transfer it to the Council reserve fund. “I was hoping that the Council would come to their senses and not do what they did,” said Martucci.

Winthrop Public Works crews were out in force beginning Sunday night and working through the day Tuesday, after a late afternoon thunder, lightning and wind storm swept through the area knocking down trees and tree branches, damaging property and creating a mess across town streets and parks.

With a little over one month to go before the annual Fourth of July festivities in town, and just days after successfully organizing the town’s bi-annual Memorial Day Parade, Winthrop veteran and businessman Ronald “Lou” Camacho and his supporters and volunteers are looking for help from tech-savvy Winthropites who can go on line and vote for Winthrop in a nationwide contest. Liberty Mutual Insurance Co. is sponsoring a contest to donate \$10,000 to one small town in the United States to help defray the costs of Independence Day celebrations, and Winthrop is on the list of communities that is eligible to win the grand prize.

Speaker of the House Robert DeLeo received one of the Rotary Club’s highest honors, a Paul Harris Fellow, during the Winthrop Rotary Club’s luncheon Monday at the Winthrop Arms.

The Twilight Saga: Eclipse, Sex and the City 2, and Robin Hood are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

20 years ago June 8, 2000

The 148 members of the WHS Class of 2000, who were led onto the field by Class Marshall Christopher Summa, received their diplomas under sunny skies Sunday afternoon at Miller Field. WHS Principal Jim Noiles gave the keynote address. Class President Shannon Barker, Class gave the closing remarks. Molly Adelstein was the Valedictorian and Thomas Walker the Salutatorian. School Committee Chairman Frank Daloia presented the diplomas. Eighty percent of the grads will further their education, of whom 61 percent will go to four-year colleges.

As expected, the School Department budget took center stage at the final session of Town Meeting. Despite pleas from school officials and others, members approved the recommended budget submitted by the Advisory Committee for \$13.3 million, which is an increase of \$532,000 over last year’s budget, but \$1.5 million less than what the schools had requested.

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

30 years ago June 6, 1990

The 155 members of the Winthrop high Class of 1990 received their diplomas under sunny skies Sunday afternoon at Miller Field. Speakers included WHS Principal Joseph Mauro, Salutatorian Katrina Guillory, and Valedictorian and Class President Christopher O’Brien. O’Brien, who is headed for MIT, speaking in his capacity as Class President, urged Town Meeting members not to cut the school budget. School Supt. Joseph Laino and School Committee member Phyllis Fluet presented the diplomas. An estimated 77 percent of the grads will further their education in some manner, a new record for a WHS graduating class.

Although Town Meeting members received welcome news at Monday’s resumed Town Meeting that state officials have informed the town that local aid will not be cut by the previously estimated 10 percent, which gives the town an estimated \$900,000 more for the budget, the meeting nonetheless was among the most hectic in town history. Almost 2000 students and their parents conducted an orderly march that filled Pauline St. around Memorial Auditorium to protest proposed budget cuts to the School Department and then filled the audience gallery inside. Although final action on the overall budget still did not occur despite three hours of debate, Town Meeting did reject an amendment proposed by school officials to give the schools their requested budget of \$9,596,519, an increase of \$436,000 over last year. Opponents of the amendment assailed school supporters for their “power play tactics.” School officials said that without the increase, there will be teacher layoffs and the elimination of sports and extracurricular programs.

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

40 years ago June 11, 1980

The 238 members of the WHS Class of 1980 received their diplomas Monday evening at a chilly Miller Field under threatening skies. The graduation exercises had been postponed from Sunday afternoon because of rain for the first time in 14 years. Class speakers were Claire Hubbard and Lawrence Pradell. Pradell spoke of the Iran hostage crisis and the third-party presidential candidacy of Illinois Republican Congressman John Anderson. School Committee Chairman Richard Gill, assisted by School Supt. Michael Fortunato and WHS Asst. Principal Matt Boyle, conferred the diplomas.

The president of the police union informed the selectmen that inasmuch as all available funds for overtime have been expended for the remainder of the fiscal year, Police Chief David Rice issued an order at 8 a.m. Friday ending all overtime assignments, which is why there were no police details at Sunday’s WHS graduation. It is expected that this turn of events will lead to a confrontation between the selectmen and Chief Rice, because the selectmen are upset that they had not been informed of the lack of a police detail for the graduation, nor of the depletion of \$23,000 in the overtime account which had been added in April.

Simon Fich, who won his three-year quest to have Town Meeting implement a town-wide recycling program, met with the select-

men to discuss the nuts and bolts of such a program.

Francis Ford Coppola’s Apocalypse Now, starring Martin Sheen, is playing at the Kincade Theatre.

50 years ago June 11, 1970

The 276 members of the WHS Class of 1970 received their diplomas Sunday at Miller Field. The ceremonies marked the farewell of long-time teacher and WHS administrator, Principal Ralph Duplin. Under the heading of “Aquarius,” four class members gave speeches. Kenneth Altschuler spoke on Learning from History; Tessa Gorenstein on Harmony; Ray Green on Reflections; and Margaret Bachini on Understanding. Senior Class Pres. Anthony Georgopoulos presented the class gift to Junior Class Pres. Neil Shapiro. School Committee Chairman Robert DeGregorio, assisted by School Supt. Arthur Dalrymple and WHS Asst. Principal John Domenico, presented the diplomas.

More than 250 residents attended a meeting at the Elks to hear Massport Exec. Director Edward J. King refute rumors that Massport is seeking to buy homes in Winthrop and Revere for a major airport expansion. King said that construction of a second major airport in the suburbs has been under consideration for five years, but that selection of a site has been the major stumbling block. However, King later admitted that Massport has purchased 30 homes and marshland in East Boston.

The Winthrop Emblem Club Drill Team has come home with the state title at the recent Emblem convention on Cape Cod.

Alfred Saggese of Winthrop, a student at Suffolk University School of Law, was a finalist in that school’s Moot Court competition.

Local attorney Joseph Ferrino, National Commander of the AmVets, will be the guest speaker at the annual Elks Flag Day ceremonies next week.

The School Committee has named WHS Asst. Principal John Domenico as the new Principal to succeed the recently-retired Ralph Duplin.

Walter Matthau, Ingrid Bergman, and Goldie Hawn star in Cactus Flower at the Winthrop Cinema.

50 years ago June 9, 1960

School Committee Chairman Robert Kilgore will present diplomas to the 243 members of the WHS Class of 1960 in traditional ceremonies this evening in Memorial Auditorium.

The 101 eighth-graders of St. John the Evangelist School received their diplomas yesterday.

William A. Gillis, son of Mrs. Fred L. Gillis, graduated this week from the U.S. Air Force Academy and was commissioned a second lieutenant.

Police Officer John P. Powell, a veteran of 25 years with the local police department, has announced his retirement.

Health Officer Ralph Sirianni has announced that the Board of Health’s free polio vaccine clinic is ready to go after the selectmen transferred \$15,000 in town funds after an appeal from the Action for Polio Committee.

The first-ever softball game to be played under the lights at Ingleside Park will take place this Saturday, pitting the defending champion Winthrop AmVets team against all stars from the league’s seven other teams.

WINTHROP POLICE BLOTTER

These are among the calls to which the Winthrop Police responded during the period of June 1-June 8.

MONDAY, JUNE 1

1142: A resident came into the station to report that his personal information had been used to ship packages to a UPS store in Beverly. The officer will file a report.

1329: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) at Lowell and Circuit Rds. for the civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI) of failing to stop for a stop sign. In addition, the operator was unlicensed. The officer issued a citation to the operator for the CMVI of a stop sign violation and her husband, who had a valid license, came to pick up the MV.

1542: A caller reported that he stepped into a business on Crest Ave. for five minutes, but when he returned outside, his bicycle had been stolen. An officer checked the area, but to no avail.

1630: An officer informed a person who was taking rocks from the area of Winthrop Beach near the water tower that it was illegal to do so and ordered the person to return the rocks.

1654: Officers and the Fire Dept. assisted a person who had locked a baby inside a car at the Mobil Mini-Mart. The 14-month old child was fine.

1734: An officer issued a citation to the operator of a MV for the civil infraction of failing to stop at a crosswalk for two bicyclists at Revere and Locust Sts.

1836: An officer stopped a MV on Crest Ave. for the CMVI of a one-way violation. The officer gave the operator a verbal warning.

1921: An officer had the owner of a MV that was parked facing the wrong way and obstructing the flow of traffic on Lewis Ave. to move the MV.

2103: An officer dispersed two motor vehicles from the area of Hannaford Park.

TUESDAY, JUNE 2

0739: An officer will file a report pertaining to a minor MVA involving a town

truck and another MV on Loring Rd.

1151: An officer stopped a MV at Shirley St. and Ocean Ave. for a CMVI. The officer gave the operator a verbal warning.

1303: A Highland Ave. reported that a box that was underneath some trash on the sidewalk possibly contained a snake. The officer who responded to the scene discovered that the object inside the box was a piece of rope.

1306: A resident came to the station to report a case of fraud. The officer will file a report.

1432: An officer stopped a MV with a plate registered to another MV on Main St. The operator explained that he had just purchased the new car and had yet to complete the paperwork for the transaction. The officer informed him that he must do so within five days.

1719: A caller reported that a group of youngsters were yelling and screaming in Hannaford Park and the caller found it to be disturbing. The youths in question were five year-olds taking a karate lesson.

1744: An officer stopped two persons who were operating mopeds in an unsafe manner on Walden St. The officer gave them a warning.

1809: A caller reported that a rock wall with benches had been constructed behind the water tower and that words on the bench indicated that it was the work of anarchists. The DPW was notified.

2227: A report of a street sign at Sturgis and Shirley Sts. that was hanging was referred to the DPW.

2355: An officer directed two young females who were playing music loudly in their MV in the 400 block of Shirley St. to turn it down.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3

0000: An officer responded to a report of a group of three persons who were causing a disturbance in the middle of Sea Foam Ave. and provided assistance.

0825: A Shore Drive resident reported that her MV

had been vandalized overnight. However, upon the officer responding and the owner taking a closer look, she stated that the MV already had been in that condition.

1411: An officer will file a report regarding a MV parked on Grandview Ave. with a plate that had expired on 9/30/18.

1423: An officer stopped a MV at Shirley and Siren Sts. for a registration that expired on 2/29/20. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator, who said the MV belonged to his mother.

1428: A resident came into the station to report that she had been a victim of fraud. The officer will file a report.

1430: An officer responded to a call from a resident who reported that a dog that was walking on Yirrell Beach with its owner was jumping on her. The officer located the dog owner, who is not from this area, and advised the owner that the dog cannot be on the beach.

1436: An officer directed a person playing music loudly in his MV that was parked in his driveway on Wave Way Ave. to turn down the music.

1515: An officer stopped a MV on Main St. for the CMVI of a marked lanes violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1616: An officer assisted the parties at a minor MVA on Main St. The officer will file a report.

2312: An officer directed the persons having a loud house party on Sagamore Ave. to turn it down for the night.

THURSDAY, JUNE 4

0859: The operator of a MV reported that his brakes gave out in the 500 block of Shirley St. and he struck a guardrail. The officer who responded stood by until the MV was towed by AAA.

1010: An officer directed the owner of a parked MV that was obstructing traffic on Triton Ave. at Shore Drive to move her MV.

1148: Officers responded to a call for medical aid on Shirley St. One person was transported to the MGH.

1153: Officers assisted with the arrest of a 33 year-old Winthrop man who had

an outstanding warrant.

1428: An officer issued a parking ticket to a MV that was blocking a driveway in the 900 block of Shirley St.

1455: A resident came into the station to make a report of identity theft.

1537: The Animal Control Officer responded to a call from a Waldemar Ave. resident regarding two raccoons walking in her backyard.

1542: An officer responded to a report of an altercation between a Central St. resident and a construction worker. One of the parties allegedly spit at the other. The officer will issue a summons for a criminal complaint to one of the parties for a charge of assault.

1649: An officer issued a parking ticket to a MV that was parked on the crosswalk on Shirley St. at Yirrell Beach.

1723: An officer stopped a MV on Shore Drive for speeding and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1737: An officer stopped a motorcyclist who was not wearing a helmet on Cottage Ave. and gave him a verbal warning.

2320: An officer directed loud party-goers at a graduation party on Quincy Ave. to shut their windows.

FRIDAY, JUNE 5

0428: A Read St. resident reported a possible breaking & entering into his MV. A Main St. resident reported that he chased a person who had tried to break into his MV and that the suspect now was headed toward East Boston. The officers were unable to locate the suspect.

1011: The Animal Control Officer spoke to a Pleasant St. resident whose dog was unrestrained in its yard and harassing passers-by by jumping through the hedges.

1102: A resident came into the station to report that someone had attempted to use her personal information to file an unemployment claim.

1107: An officer issued a citation for speeding to an operator who was traveling at 50 mph on Walden St.

1139: An officer gave a verbal warning to an operator who had failed to stop for a stop sign at Almont St. and Veterans Rd.

1432: An officer re-

sponded to a disturbance caused by an argument about a parking spot among three neighbors on Plummer Ave. and restored the peace.

1740: A Grovers Ave. resident reported that her MV had been damaged by a hit-and-run operator. She provided a description of the other MV from camera footage and the officer will investigate.

1858: A resident came into the station to report a case of identity theft. The officer will file a report.

2052: A Sea Foam Ave. resident reported that loud construction work was going on at a neighbor's residence. The officer directed the work to be stopped for the night.

2101: Boston P.D. reported finding a MV that previously had been reported as stolen in Winthrop.

2134: A Hale Ave. resident reported that vandals had broken a window on a neighbor's house. The officer will file a report.

2236: A Pebble Ave. resident reported that his home had been egged.

2252: A River Rd. resident reported that a neighbor was using power tools on a boat. The officer directed the neighbor to cease doing so for the night.

2331: An officer dispersed a group of seven persons who were being loud from the parking lot at Governor's Park.

2355: An officer spoke to the operator of a MV on Myrtle Ave. about the illegality of having blue lights in or on the MV.

SATURDAY, JUNE 6

1005: An officer directed the owner of a MV parked on the No Parking side of Shirley St. at Bayview Ave. to move the MV.

1127: An officer stopped a MV for a CMVI on Terrace Ave. and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1144: An officer stopped a MV on Shore Drive at Coral Ave. and issued a citation to the operator for violating the hands-free law regarding the use of telephonic devices.

1322: An officer stopped a MV on Shirley St. at Bayview Ave. for a marked lanes violation and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1559: A Washington Ave. resident found a discarded syringe. An officer retrieved the item and brought it to the station.

1906: An officer responded to a report of a dog off its leash at Ingle-side Park and chasing other dogs who were on leashes. The offending dog and its owner had left by the time the officer arrived.

1923: An officer issued a parking ticket to a MV and trailer that were blocking a driveway on Tileston Rd.

2138: An officer responded to a report of a noise disturbance between neighbors at a Summit Ave. residence. The officer restored the peace.

2328: An officer returned to the home on Summit Ave. because of the ongoing noise issue. The parties were informed to take up the matter with the landlord.

2342: Officers responded to a request for medical aid at the Daw Playground. One person was transported to the Whidden. The Animal Control Officer was called to take custody of a dog.

SUNDAY, JUNE 7

0204: An officer responded to a MVA in the 700 block of Shirley St. in which a MV crashed into a telephone pole. One person was transported to the Whidden and the MV was towed. The officer followed the ambulance to the hospital.

0642: An officer issued a parking ticket for a MV that was parked too closely to the corner at Ocean Ave. and Shore Drive, making it impossible for a fire truck to make the corner.

1130: A large contingent of police officers engaged in public safety measures during the peaceful protest that occurred through the town for approximately three hours from the Massa Playground to Town Hall.

1304: Medical aid on Wave Way Ave. One person was transported to the MGH.

MONDAY, JUNE 8

0110: A group of 5-7 persons who were making a lot of noise while fishing from a private barge near the Public Landing agreed to relocate for the evening.

Two men arrested, more than 100 grams combined of Fentanyl and crack cocaine seized following an investigation

Chief Terence M. Delehanty reports that the Winthrop Police Department arrested two men on drug charges, including one who is charged with trafficking Fentanyl and crack cocaine.

NICHOLAS VACCARO, AGE 26, OF WINTHROP was arrested and charged with:

- Trafficking in a Class A Substance 36 to 100 grams (Fentanyl)
- Trafficking in a Class B Substance 36 to 100 grams (Crack Cocaine)
- Possession of a Dangerous Weapon
- Possession of a Class D Substance With Intent to Distribute (Marijuana)

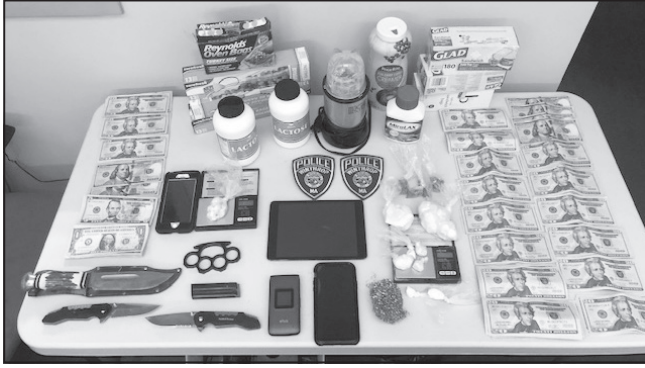
DYLAN REGAN, AGE

20, OF WINTHROP was arrested and charged with Possession of a Class B Substance With Intent to Distribute.

Yesterday, an extensive Winthrop Police investigation into activity at a home on Grandview Avenue culminated in the execution of a search warrant at the home. As a result of the search, officers seized approximately 70 grams of Fentanyl, 50 grams of crack cocaine, packaging materials, cell phones, scales and other equipment and products consistent with those used to manufacture and sell narcotics. Officers also seized cash located inside the home.

“Crimes like the ones these individuals are accused of have a severe detrimental impact on the quality of life in our community,” Chief Delehanty said. “I’m proud of the work of the officers involved in investigating this case.”

VACCARO and REGAN were arraigned in East Boston District Court. REGAN was released on \$1,000 bail and VACCARO was held on \$100,000 bail and was ordered to undergo GPS monitoring and home confinement if released on bail.



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According to Angie Fitzgerald, MVES Nutrition Director, the partnership with Action Ambulance—which has been in place for six years—has ensured seamless communication between the MVES nutrition program and its many consumers. She points out that Action Ambulance provides the phone alert system free of charge to MVES. “They are always just a call away when we need their assistance,” she

stresses. “I simply send our list of active consumers to Action Ambulance and they ensure the calls are made.

“Working with Action Ambulance has streamlined our communication process and made it more instantaneous,” continues Fitzgerald. “It truly is such a great partnership and has helped us send out reassuring messages to our consumers during the COVID-19 pandemic.”

Michael Woronka, CEO

of Action Ambulance, shares, “Action Ambulance recognizes the critical need Mystic Valley fills by providing a range of support services to the disadvantaged and frail within the community. These services allow for as many people as possible to remain in their homes or group setting while keeping their independence. We are proud to support an organization such as Mystic Valley Elder Services especially during

these uncertain times.”

“Our Meals on Wheels program offers much more than just a meal. It’s a friendly face at the door, a warm exchange. I am very proud of what we do. Seeing firsthand why the service is essential and who is being served is such a privilege,” concludes Fitzgerald.

To learn more about Meals on Wheels, visit www.mves.org or call 781-324-7705.

The Winthrop Community Food Pantry is here to help

Winthrop Community Food Pantry has been in existence for over 20 years to meet the needs of our population. We are now offering either curbside pick up or home deliveries. Please contact us if you are in need

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REALLY GOOD SALAD RECIPE

INGREDIENTS:

1 cup slivered almonds	½ head leaf lettuce - rinsed, dried, and chopped
½ cup white sugar	1 cup chopped celery
½ cup olive oil	¼ cup chopped fresh chives
¼ cup distilled white vinegar	½ cup green seedless grapes
2 tablespoons white sugar	½ cup mandarin orange segments, drained
1 pinch salt and pepper to taste	½ cup sliced fresh peaches
½ head iceberg lettuce - rinsed, dried, and chopped	½ cup diced mango
	½ cup chopped fresh strawberries

DIRECTIONS:

STEP 1: In a skillet over medium heat, cook and stir the almonds and 1/2 cup sugar 5 minutes, or until almonds are well-coated and lightly browned.

STEP 2: In a bowl, mix the olive oil, vinegar, 2 tablespoons sugar, salt, and pepper. Set aside.

STEP 3: In a large bowl, gently mix the almonds, iceberg lettuce, leaf lettuce, celery, chives, green grapes, mandarin orange, peaches, mango, and strawberries. Serve with desired amount of the oil and vinegar dressing.

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Mass. RMV announces new initiatives to provide additional flexibility to customers

Staff report

The Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) is announcing new initiatives to provide additional flexibility to its customers during the COVID-19 pandemic, including expanded appointment hours at open Service Centers, additional Service Center re-openings, an online Learners’ Permit test and exclusive permit appointment hours, online license renewal incentives, new road test and in-car observation protocols for students, and limited supervised driving privileges for eligible teenagers who have turned or are turning 16 between March and June.

“The RMV appreciates the public’s continued patience and understanding throughout this pandemic

as we have expanded many credential deadlines and worked to provide essential in-person services in accordance with all public health and safety guidelines,” said Acting RMV Registrar Jamey Tesler. “Today we are announcing additional steps to help customers, including more appointment hours, flexible guidance for supervised driving, an online learner’s permit test, and an incentive to renew their licenses online now instead of waiting to obtain a REAL ID.”

The RMV is announcing the following additional service offerings:

- Additional Appointment Capacity at Open Service Centers: customers will now be able to make appointment-only reservations between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. at

the Service Centers currently open to the general public. The RMV anticipates reopening the South Yarmouth Service Center for appointments on Monday, June 22.

- Learner’s Permit Tests Restart Online with Exclusive Permit-Only Center & Hours: effective this week, customers have been able to make an appointment to once again take their Learner’s Permit exam. Applicants will be required to take their Learner’s Permit test online at home up to 60 days after completing their appointment in a Service Center. Historically, customers have been required to remain at the Service Center to take the test on classroom computers. Appointments may initially

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them they don’t have to get the best grades but rather be the best kids, and watching them go in June, hopefully taking some of these life lessons with them.”

Now, Costonis will take those life lessons that she’s taught for 29 years, and share them with her five grandchildren, who are all under five-years-old. While

her teaching will shift from a classroom to a real-life setting, Costonis will miss the collaboration she had with her fellow teachers.

“Teaching with a team that has the same work habits and high expectations for themselves and their students, combined with a love of teaching, has been our superpower. Now it’s

time for me to be with my grandchildren and teach them how to be kind and work hard.”

This year, prior to her retirement, Costonis was awarded with the Excellence in Education Award from the Winthrop Chamber of Commerce.



The 186-track train display takes up two-thirds of the third floor of his house.

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those trains. Now, I consider it a winter hobby since it involves all indoor time.”

The hobby that he got involved with when he was seven years old, now takes up two-thirds of the third floor of his house. While he has been collecting trains nearly his entire life, his most recent train display has taken him 11 years to complete. He starts the journey by purchasing the parts, assembling them, and painting them before the

trains come to life on his 186-scale track.

While electric train stores aren’t as common as they were when he was a kid growing up in Philadelphia, he still manages to find vintage parts to add to his collection. When he isn’t busy helping the children in his neighborhood with their broken bikes and toys, or tending to his train display, Gervasi works part-time mending the flight information dis-

plays at the airport. During his time working for Northwest, his airplane prowess earned him a spot as one of ten mechanics who were selected to accompany troops in Iraq during the Gulf War. During his seven-week assignment, Gervasi was responsible for taking care of any issues with the plane engines, ensuring the troops got from Ramstein Air Base to Iraq safely.

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ciate all that you do and I know I’m not the only one.

**Sincerely,
Crystal Costantino**

A MESSAGE TO WPS FAMILIES

Dear Editor,

Thank you! The educators of the Winthrop Public Schools want to send a collective “Thank you” for all you have done to partner with us during this extremely difficult time. We understand how challenging it has been for you, from all your efforts at “home-schooling” while doing your own work, to keeping your families safe and healthy. We realize that you have had to wear many different hats (parent, teacher, family member, cook, cleaner, mental health counselor, caregiver, etc.) during this remote learning period, because we have been doing the same right along with you! We truly appreciate all that you do.

Thank you for understanding that we have multiple children in our various classes, and to tend to all needs has been very time consuming. From planning and correcting, to learning new technology, to meeting with students and answering individual questions from students and parents, we have had a busy few months.

Thank you for recognizing that behind the scenes, educators were meeting “virtually” several times a week and working on general curriculum and individualized education plans.

Thank you for knowing that education is not mere workplace preparation, but about teaching the whole person. It includes teaching specialized skills that foster the development of fine motor, language, and social skills, along with decision-making, risk-taking, and inventiveness; thank you for believing in the inherent value of Art, Science, Music, Drama, Computers, Physical Education and more.

Thank you for understanding that we, as adults in our own homes, have had to wear all of those same hats listed above! It has been challenging, but

together we have accomplished a lot.

Again, thank you for supporting us and partnering with us, and we look forward to a positive, productive working relationship in the Fall. Have a safe and healthy summer, and we can’t wait to see our students face to face. We miss them!

**Sincerely,
Winthrop Educators**

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TO THE PARENT WHO WROTE ON BEHALF OF “WINTHROP PARENTS” LAST WEEK

Dear Editor,

It is a bold assumption

to encapsulate the viewpoint and experience of a town full of committed and loving parents. I do sympathize about how difficult the last few months of home school have been. You made a few salient points, but a public declaration in the local press is so hurtful to all the educators who did an awesome job with an unruly set of circumstances. I’m not sure what it achieves and from what I understand you didn’t formally gather consensus. This has all been very complicated. There was no play book or set of best practices to navigate the last few months. The fact that we are now within hours of the school year’s conclusion is a relief! This has been a complicated and emotional end to a strange chapter of our lives. This isn’t over yet, but I think there are encouraging ways to be critical. We still must figure out what the fall looks like! Showing respect, gratitude and support for an already under resourced school system would be a positive way to use our collective voices and impart constructive feedback.

For the record - I did a terrible job teaching my children in my kitchen. I did. I admit it! I made some decisions in that kitchen about what was necessary to get through in a week’s curriculum. Was I always right? Probably not. Sometimes we missed Zooms. We had no printer for a month. I cried. The kids cried. My point is - it was hard for everyone. I don’t think publishing an imbalanced evaluation about WPS’s remote learning capabilities during a pandemic is what best serves us as a community. Let us link arms and be helpful. We need solutions to the following:

- How September 2020 will begin in a safe way that doesn’t disrupt our community’s public health.
- How we provide our children with a quality education.

Before COVID-19 I was very interested in being a part of an Override Movement for Winthrop Public Schools. I am still very much committed to

an Override feasibility and impact study to address systemic issues. I am fearful that due to the pandemic and the economy, the platform would lack the strength and resources it needs to be a success. I imagine that soon, when plans are in place for how we will navigate the public health risk potential in our schools, we can begin to think about an Override conversation as a community.

We’ve learned a lot in the last few months. Some of the challenges that have become more visible are:

- Accessing technology
- Providing online training for teachers and students
- Providing instructional design and tech support for online and hybrid classroom efforts
- Integrating diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts throughout the WPS system
- Supporting food security
- Supporting and advocating for mental health

As an adult in Winthrop,

I want to ensure that these students are prepared to be well rounded humans in a very complicated world. I hope that someday, maybe my next letter to the editor, will be about investing in an Override for our schools. Education is the most worthwhile and formative part of their development. We’ve got a great team at WPS that is entirely overburdened right now. It is up to the town to make sure the budget exists for our educators and administrators at WPS to address the issues. They are qualified to do the work and we need to give them the resources to do it. Let us pay it forward to these children so that the world we are trying to repair for them – through voting, through rallying, and through love – is a place where they will thrive.

**Respectfully Submitted to the Taxpayers of Winthrop,
Kay Moriarty O’Dwyer, Precinct 3
Winthrop Parent of 3 Winthrop Public School students**

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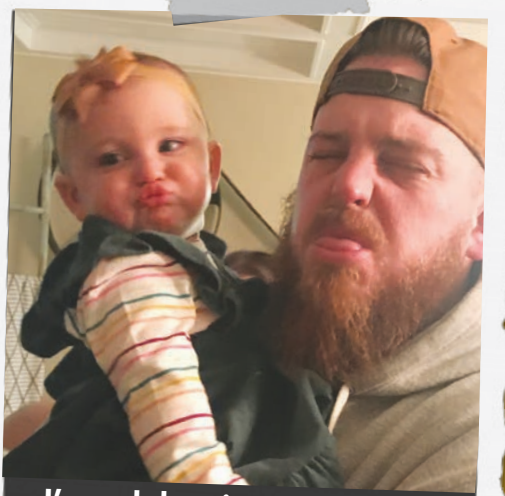
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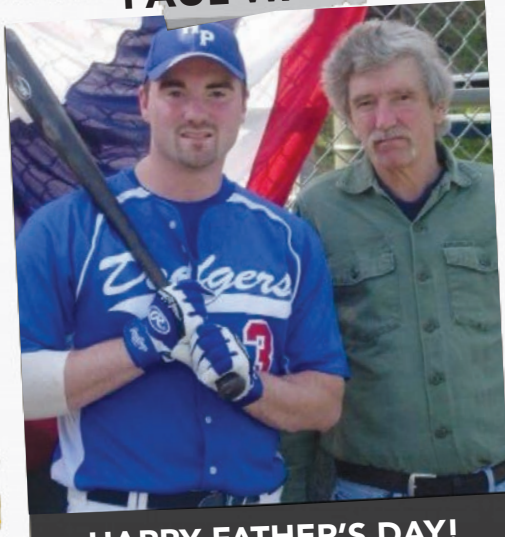
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Gift Card Grant

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funds are doled out based on milestones in Mass-Port construction projects. Overall, the fund is expected to disburse \$2.5 million by the time the current five construction projects are completed.

So far, the Winthrop Foundation has already given \$10,000 to Mi-Amore; \$10,000 to the Community Action for Safe Alternatives (CASA); \$2,500 to the high school for an alternative graduation ceremony and \$3,800 to the middle school for summer reading books, both to be administered through the school committee; \$10,000 to For Kids Only; and \$26,250 in these restaurant grants.

Because the foundation is not allowed to donate to businesses directly, Rueda-Gynn explained, the trustees decided to buy gift cards to local businesses. According to Treasurer Jeffrey Turco, the cards will be given out to the Winthrop Senior Center, the Winthrop Food Pantry, and the Winthrop High School Class of 2020.

Not all the cards have been bought yet, as is

the case with the Hi Tide restaurant. Manager Gary Bashllari said he has seen a 60 percent loss in business since the beginning of the pandemic.

On top of the Foundation's direct purchasing of gift cards, the Winthrop Marketplace has been receiving a weekly injection of \$2,000 worth of gift cards from Mi-Amore. Since the two donation sources, the store has been seeing an influx in gift card users.

According to Chris Wallerice, manager at the Marketplace, Mi-Amore switched from donating outgoing groceries to the gift card donations because of health reasons once the pandemic started. With this help, the Marketplace has been able to run at its normal business volume.

Adrianna's manager Joe Schettino said the café dipped to 20 percent of its regular business during the pandemic and was slowly picking up. He said the help was "good," but that he had not yet seen anyone come in to use them.

As of Governor Charlie Baker's Phase 2 reopening, which kicked in on June 8 and allowed restaurants to offer outdoor seating, Adrianna's has made use of its patio. So has Odyssey Pizzeria and Grill. During the first few weeks of the pandemic, according to owner Odise Thomai, Odyssey's business was down to about 30 percent. Since then, the business has returned to about 80 percent.

Thomai said he had no way of knowing if customers were using their own gift cards or if they were using grant gift cards, but he did acknowledge that since the Winthrop Foundation came through, there have been some people using gift cards.

Thomai also noted that he appreciated the foundation doing their part.

"Every little bit helps," 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

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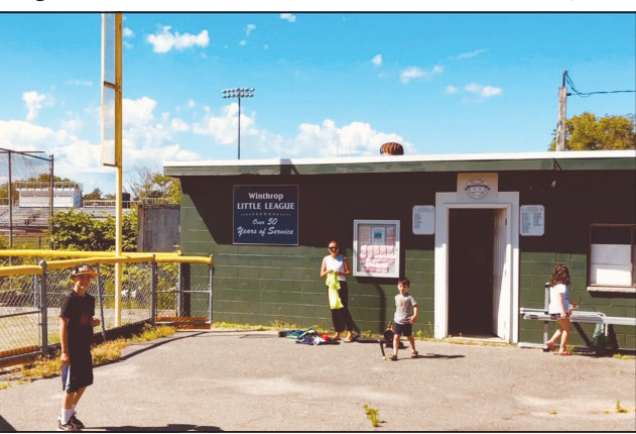
Winthrop Little League prepares for June 30 opening to 2020 season

By Cary Shuman

Who will hit the first home run of the Winthrop Little League season? Who will pitch the first no-hitter or complete game? And who will be thrown out at second base trying to stretch a gap-single into a double?

All of those questions and others will now be answerable as Winthrop Little League President Joe Murphy expects the 2020 season to get underway on Tuesday, June 30.

The Winthrop Little League (WLL) and Win-



Juliane, Nate, Nicholas, and Stephanie Previte sort out the lost and found items' area at the Winthrop Little League Field.

20 years ago
June 8, 2000

Three members of the WHS girls track team have been named to the NEC all-star team: Mia Lewis, Danyelle Dillard, and Elizabeth Doherty. Lewis set a new WHS record in the triple jump, Dillard was 10th-best in the state in the 400 meter dash, and Doherty led coach Warren MacPhail's Lady Vikings in points with 79.

WHS senior Shannon Barker, the captain of the Lady Viking softball team, has been named the recipient of a \$5000 scholarship from Schoolsports.com.

Although the WHS softball team did not enjoy a successful season, head coach Dave Guffey is hopeful about the future. The Lady Vikings graduated only four players, Shannon Barker, Bobbi Finocchio, Christina Sink, and Shannon Stairs, and hopes to be boosted by a strong eighth grade team that defeated Swampscott for the

WINTHROP STUDENTS EARN ACADEMIC HONORS

ENDICOTT COLLEGE ANNOUNCES DEAN'S LIST FOR STUDENTS

Endicott College, the first college in the U.S. to require internships of its students, is pleased to announce its Fall 2019 Dean's List students. In order to qualify for the Dean's List, a student must obtain a minimum grade point average of 3.5, receive no letter grade below "C," have no withdrawal grades, and be enrolled in a minimum of 12 credits for the semester.

The following students have met these requirements:

- Jake Adamson, Lib-

erale Studies, son of Elaine Adamson and James Adamson,- Hunter Gillis, Liberal Studies, son of Julie Gillis and John Gillis
- Elizabeth Triant, Exercise Science, daughter of Marybeth Triant and Nicholas Triant

Endicott College offers doctorate, master's, bachelor's, and associate degree programs at its campus on the scenic coast of Beverly, Mass., with additional sites in Boston, online, and at U.S. and international locations. Endicott remains true to its founding principle of integrating professional and liberal arts education with internship opportunities across disciplines. For more, visit endicott.edu.

throp Senior League seasons had been put on hold due to the COVID-19 global pandemic. But with Gov. Charlie Baker releasing the new phases allowing for outdoor practices and leagues, Winthrop Little League will follow the guidelines and commence a schedule of games.

WLL will have an 'A' Division for players ages 10-12 and a Senior League for players ages 13-16. Mark DiGregorio is the commissioner of the Senior League that is making its return after a 15-year hiatus.

All 'A' Division games will be played on the 'A' Field, while all Senior League games will be played at Veterans Field.

Murphy said WLL tried to organize a league for the younger players (age 9 and under) but decided not to proceed with the 'B' and 'C' Divisions.

"It was a very difficult decision," said Murphy. "We really went into it trying to get everybody involved, but due to the procedures and everything else that we had to follow, there just tended to be a lot of obstacles in the way to be able to do that with the younger kids effectively."

Team managers are announced

Joe Murphy announced the list of managers for the new season. The 'A' Division managers are: Eric Mathieu (Royals), Greg Cassidy (Yankees), Greg Sullivan (Mariners), and Mark D'Ambrosio (Angels).

The Senior League managers are: Bob Andy (Cubs), Jim Merlino (Angels), and Jason Rockefeller (Twins).

WHS SPORTS Through the Years

Jean Hurley was the lone Lady Viking to win first place at the NEC all-league meet, capturing the high jump with a leap of 4'-11". The Lady Vikings previously earned a tri-share of the regular season NEC title with a 67-55 win over Marblehead.

A frustrating season for the 4-12 WHS baseball team continued this week with losses of 11-1 to Beverly and 8-1 to Danvers.

The WHS softball team needs to win its final three games in order to qualify for the state tourney after



Baseball players on the Senior League Angels team are pictured at practice.

losses to Lynn English and Beverly this week. Lady Viking slugger Jodi Palange finished second in the balloting for the NEC's MVP behind English pitcher Kathy Killed.

50 years ago
May 28, 1970

After celebrating a dramatic 5-4 victory over Danvers thanks to a game-winning RBI by sophomore Jimmie Moore in the seventh inning that moved coach Jim Evans's Vikings into sole possession of first place in the NEC, Winthrop



Chris Previte and Courtney Staff led the infield grounds crew last Saturday. Paul Ferrara, Danny Spinale, and Chris Previte put the finishing touches on the outfield windscreen.



summer will now get the opportunity to do so.

Meanwhile, go take a look at the 'A' Field. Thanks to a large crew of volunteers, the field is looking like Little Fenway and

ready to go.

"We had a huge turnout this past Saturday and we did a whole cleanup and the field looks fantastic," said Murphy proudly.

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Family Pack Grade A Chicken Drumsticks.....	¢1.09/lb

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Northeast Metro Tech appoints Diversity and Inclusion Coordinator

Superintendent David DiBarri is pleased to announce that Northeast Metro Tech has appointed its first Diversity and Inclusion Coordinator.

The district's School Committee approved the creation of the position and the appointment of Dawon Dicks to the role at its Thursday, June 11 meeting. Dicks has worked a Prevention and Intervention Coordinator at Northeast Metro Tech for the past year and has worked with the administrator of student services and guidance department to identify student needs that require intervention and prevention services. He joined the district in April 2019, and also launched the Student Athlete Leadership and Mentoring (SALM) program at the school. He is additionally an assistant

football coach.

"Right and "wrong" can be hard, but love, kindness, and integrity are choices we can all make in the pursuit of equality, and equality for all of us," Dicks said.

In his new position, Dicks is tasked with working on the district's goal to ensure Northeast Metro Tech is supportive of all students and reduce opportunity and achievement gaps based on race, ethnicity, disability, gender and other factors. As Diversity and Inclusion Coordinator, he will be responsible for working with administration to address issues of equality, inclusion, and cultural proficiency through professional development and group curriculum implementation with students.

"Systemic racism in par-

ticular is being examined and addressed at every level nationwide at this moment, and we felt it was our duty to take this step to promote diversity, compassion and acceptance at Northeast Metro Tech," Superintendent DiBarri said. "Dawon has become an invaluable member of our community and we're confident he will flourish in this role and that he'll deftly identify opportunities for growth at our school and what our students need to feel valued, included and accepted."

Dicks is also the co-founder of the non-profit Student Athlete Youth Academy (SAYA), an organization that works closely with young people in Lawrence to assist them with reading comprehension, life skills, sports and sports training.

He also operates Grit

Athletics Performance Strength out of Methuen, a program that offers strength and conditioning training for football players. Dicks spearheaded the creation of Grit Athletics while working at Andover Youth Services.

He has also worked at Boston Sports Clubs as a sales manager, and was the director of development and athletics at BFIT Exercise and Nutrition from 2007 to 2014. He worked as a student liaison and world history teacher at Notre Dame Catholic High School from 2011 to 2013, and as a middle school reading and religion teacher, health and wellness coordinator and admissions committee member at Washington Jesuit Academy from 2007 to 2011 where he created an in-depth health and wellness program. He also served as the vice-presi-



COURTESY PHOTO NORTHEAST METRO TECH

Northeast Metro Tech's first Diversity and Inclusion Coordinator Dawon Dicks, right, stands with senior and 2020 graduate Joshua Yandoli.

dent of athletic development at SiSu Systems from 2004 to 2007.

He holds a bachelor's degree in sociology from Georgetown University. He has been inducted into Notre Dame Catholic High School's Hall of Fame for

football and track, is a former assistant strength and conditioning coach for Washington's NFL team and, as an offensive coordinator led his team to being among the top-ranked offenses in the New England Football League.

SBA, Treasury announce new and revised guidance regarding PPP

Staff report

The U.S. Small Business Administration, in consultation with the U.S. Department of the Treasury, issued new and revised guidance for the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP). This guidance implements

the Paycheck Protection Program Flexibility Act (PPFPA), signed into law by President Trump on June 5, 2020, and expands eligibility for businesses with owners who have past felony convictions.

To implement the PPFPA, SBA revised its

first PPP interim final rule, which was posted on April 2, 2020. The new rule updates provisions relating to loan maturity, deferral of loan payments, and forgiveness provisions.

In addition, as an exercise of SBA's policy discretion in furtherance of

President Trump's leadership and bipartisan support on criminal justice reform, the eligibility threshold for those with felony criminal histories has been changed. The look-back period has been reduced from 5 years to 1 year to determine eligibility for applicants, or

owners of applicants, who, for non-financial felonies, have (1) been convicted, (2) pleaded guilty, (3) pleaded nolo contendere, or (4) been placed on any form of parole or probation (including probation before judgment). The period remains 5 years for felonies involving fraud, bribery, embezzlement, or a false statement in a loan application or an application for federal financial assistance. The application also elimi-

nates pretrial diversion status as a criterion affecting eligibility.

SBA issued revised PPP application forms to conform to these changes. The guidance and revised application forms are available on SBA's and Treasury's websites. SBA will issue additional guidance regarding loan forgiveness and a revised forgiveness application to implement the PPFPA in the near future.

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Feel free to contact us with questions or to verify an upcoming appointment you already have scheduled.

As always, your safety is our top priority, and you will see some new changes in the office that reflect our utmost commitment to everyone's health and safety. Thank you for the confidence and trust you place in your Brooks Dental family.

Looking forward to seeing you all soon!

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boards and committees are allowed to convene physically, in order to ensure the safety of the public.

Restaurants are now offering outdoor seating, but Council President Phil Boncore cautioned that they would be closed again if patrons did not observe mask-wearing and social-distancing guidelines.

"We don't need a resurgence in COVID so that we have to close these restaurants again," he said. "Be responsible, be safe and use common sense."

Policing

Council President Boncore praised local residents and police officers alike for what he called a "well-run, well-organized and very peaceful protest" against police violence.

During public comment, resident Wendy Page called into the meeting to thank Town Manager Faison for his June 2 statement regarding the marginalization of the Black community.

"I was very moved by his commentary and his personal truth," said Page. "It needed to be said."

The council president said he received letters supporting Faison's statement from six Winthrop families. He did not mention if he had received any negative comments.

Town Manager Faison thanked the members of the community who expressed their support for his statement and welcomed any skeptics to contact him directly.

"My office is always open," he said. "I'm happy to have further conversations."

The Town is currently revisiting the Winthrop Police Department's use-of-force policy and exploring ways to adopt common sense measures from elsewhere in the Commonwealth when it comes to policing.

Campaigns like #8CantWait are pushing for police reforms, whereas other groups are saying reform does not go far enough to address more systemic inequities. Council President Boncore said he received two phone calls from unknown sources urging the body to "defund the police" and reroute funding to social service agencies.

Water/Sewer Rate

The combined water and sewer rate was originally due to go up one dollar, but it now looks like the increase will be closer to 75 cents through the end of the fiscal year. The Town is exploring the option of bringing in an outside consultant to help establish the water rate going forward. Town Manager Austin Faison floated the idea of increasing the base rate of residents who use more water, such as for lawn care, in order "to get closer to everyone paying their fair share." There would be public hearings prior to making that decision.

Town Contracts

The Policy and Library Unions have come to an agreement with the Town for the Fiscal Year 2019 contract. They received a change in base pay of 1.5 percent, which is the same for all union groups. Retroactive payments will be issued. The Town is still in the bargaining process for fiscal years 2020, 2021 and 2022.

The council voted to accept a four-year contract between the Town and Odyssey Advisors for actuarial services, and a five-year lease agreement between the Town and Pitney Bowes.

School Department Report

The summer school program is ready to begin with combined in-person and remote learning opportunities. Kindergarten registration will be open until August 14. The Winthrop Public Schools will have to meet high standards of health and safety prior to reopening its doors in the fall. A date has not yet been established for reopening.

Events

The council urged all Winthrop citizens to participate in the 2020 Census by going to 2020census.gov. Only 61.4 percent of residents had responded by the publication of the agenda for this meeting. Winthrop residents are also encouraged to participate in the Win2030 online survey by MAPC. There are openings on all Town committees and individuals should apply using the Town website.



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Are you leaving home?

Face covering is required to be worn when you cannot maintain six feet of social distance to another person who does not live in your household. A person who cannot wear a face covering for medical reasons is not required to provide documentation. [Face covering requirement for public, Order 31](#)

Are you outdoors less than 6 feet away from someone who doesn't live with you?

Face covering is required to be worn. [Face covering requirement for public, Order 31](#)

Are you an employee or customer of grocery, pharmacy, retail, or shared transit, even if you will be more than 6 feet away from others?

Face covering is required to be worn. A business may deny service to a person who refuses to wear a mask for nonmedical reasons. [Face covering requirement for public, Order 31](#)

Are you at any indoor business or organization, less than 6 feet away from someone who doesn't live with you?

Face covering is required to be worn. [Massachusetts Workplace Safety Standards, Order 33](#)

Minimize the use of confined spaces, elevators, control rooms, and vehicles, by more than one individual at a time.

All workers in such spaces at that same time are required to wear face coverings. [Massachusetts Workplace Safety Standards, Order 33](#)

Are you alone in an elevator, inside an indoor shared common area, or other indoor enclosed area?

Face covering is recommended.

Questions? Email: safepublicworkplacemailbox@mass.gov or visit: mass.gov/dols

OBITUARIES

Mabel St. George

Retired MIT Bookkeeper

Mabel J. “Sis” St. George of South Main St., Winthrop passed away at the Kaplan Family Hospice in Danvers on June 11. She was 89 years old.

Born in and a lifelong resident of Winthrop, she was the beloved daughter of the late Mabel J. (Tyler) and Albert L. Taylor. She was employed as a bookkeeper at MIT prior to her retirement.

She was the devoted wife of the late Lawrence “Bud” St. George and the loving mother of Lawrence R. St. George, Jr. and his wife, Nancy of Winthrop; dear sister of the late Dallas F. Taylor, Albert L. Taylor and William Taylor and cherished grandmother of Cyn-di and Taylor.



The funeral was conducted from the Caggiano-O’Maley-Frazier Funeral Home, Winthrop on Tuesday, June 16, followed by a Funeral Mass in St. John the Evangelist Church. Services concluded with interment in the Belle Isle section of Winthrop Cemetery.

To sign the online guestbook go to www.caggiano-funeralhome.com.

Julia Paulson

Dedicated to family

Julia (Crescenzo) Paulson of Winthrop, formerly of East Boston, passed away on June 15. She was 90 years old.

The beloved wife of the late Paul E. Paulson Sr., she was born in East Boston, the cherished daughter of the late Biagio and Rose (Miccichi) Crescenzo.

Julia was dedicated to her family and provided them with a warm and loving home throughout her life.

She was the devoted mother of Paul E. Paulson Jr. of Farmington, NH., Neil F. Paulson of Winthrop and the late Mark “Fritz” Paulson, the adored grandmother of six and great-grandmother of four; the dear sister of Mary

Capo of Saugus and the late Charles Crescenzo, Stephanie Facenda, Vincenza Siciliano, Biagio Crescenzo and Peter Crescenzo. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Following current guidelines as instructed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in relation to capacity limits, visiting hours will be held in the Maurice W. Kirby Funeral Home, 210 Winthrop St., Winthrop, on Wednesday, June 24 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. followed by a Funeral Service in the funeral home beginning at 11:30 a.m. Interment will follow in Winthrop Cemetery. To sign Julia’s guestbook, please visit: www.mauricekirbyfh.com.

Rose Viola

Retiree of the City of Boston Assessor’s Office

Rose P. Viola of Orient Ave., East Boston passed away unexpectedly at the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston on June 10. She was 92 years old.

Born in East Boston, the beloved daughter of the late Maria (Raimondi) and Gaspare LaCascia, she was a life long resident of East Boston and worked for the City of Boston in the Assessor’s Office as the Assistant to the Commissioner.

She was the devoted wife of the late Salvatore “Joseph” Viola and the dear sister of the late Catherine Martino and Anna “Phyllis” Farinella, the loving aunt of Carol Lunt and her husband, Paul of Winthrop, Janice Riley and her husband, David of Arizona, Elaine M. Phaneuf and her late husband, Paul of Newbury, Peter J. Martino, Jr. and his wife, Kim, Robert Martino and his wife, Louise, Mary Gillis and her husband, John and Gloria Melchionda and her husband, Joe, all of Winthrop



and Christine Buckley and her husband, Paul of North Carolina. She is also survived by many loving great nieces and great nephews.

The funeral was conducted from the Caggiano-O’Maley-Frazier Funeral Home, Winthrop on Monday, June 15, followed by a Funeral Mass in St. John the Evangelist Church. Services concluded with interment in the Cross-Street section of Winthrop Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to the MSP-CA at www.mspca.org.

To sign the online guestbook, go to www.caggiano-funeralhome.com.

Dennis Ricupero

Retired college professor who loved each and every day

Dennis A. Ricupero of Winthrop, passed away at home on June 9. He was 71 years old.

Dennis was born in Winthrop to the late Antonio and Rose (Recupero) Ricupero.

Dennis loved each and every day. His life work ranged from running an oil business in his 20’s and 30’s to earning his PhD in Biochemistry in his 40’s leading to research positions at Boston University and Harvard Medical School affiliated hospitals. In his later years he was a professor of biology at Suffolk University and Bunker Hill Community College touching the lives of many of his students.

Dennis enjoyed sailing, gardening and listening to opera. He was constantly tackling home remodeling projects and always found another project to start before during or after the prior project’s completion. Above all, his family and grandchildren were most important in his life.

Dennis was the devoted father of Tony Ricupero and his wife, Toby of Holliston, Denny Panza and his wife, Melissa of Newton, Tammy Radford and her husband, John of Florida and Niki Fournier of East Boston. He was the adored grandfather of Ella and Chase Ricupero, Shayne, Brenden, and Ryan Higgins and Madeline Sherman. Dennis was the former husband and friend of Sherry Ricupero, the dear brother of Carol Brown of Florida, the late Anthony Ciampa of Burlington, Laura Huckle of Connecticut, Joyce No-



lan of Hamilton and Darlene Doucette of Lynn. He is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

Visiting hours will be held in the Maurice W. Kirby Funeral Home, 210 Winthrop St. Winthrop, under the current guidelines as instructed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, on Friday, June 19 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Relatives and friends are invited. In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory can be made to Boston Medical Center, Office of Development, 801 Massachusetts Avenue, Boston, MA 02118 or online at www.bmc.org/donate. For guestbook and directions, please visit: www.mauricekirbyfh.com.

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Alphonse Anthony Ambrosino

Retired Federal Government accountant



Alphonse Anthony Ambrosino of Winthrop passed away on March 19,

2020 after a brief illness. He was 87 years old.

The beloved husband of Mora A. (Bruno) Ambrosino, Alphonse was born and raised in Revere, the son of the late Alphonse and Genevieve (D’Amore). In his later years, he moved to Winthrop and made it his new home.

A loving, generous and kind husband, brother, father and grandfather. He was an Air Force veteran, a graduate of Bentley College and a devout Catholic who attended church daily. He worked as an accountant for the Federal Government for 43 years. He continued to work as an accountant part-time for the Joseph L. Mottola VFW Post in Revere up until his passing.

Alphonse was a devoted father to Kathy (Ambrosino) Balestrieri, son-in-law Drew Balestrieri, and his cherished grandson, Drew



Ryan Balestrieri. He was the brother of Frederick Ambrosino (late Margaret) of Revere, Gail Hagstrom (Donald) of Revere, and the late Mary Alba, the late Violet Finamore, Louis, Anthony and Phillip Ambrosino. He is also survived and loved by many nieces and nephews.

A Funeral Mass will be celebrated on June 20 at 10 a.m. St. John the Evangelist Church, 320 Winthrop St., Winthrop, followed by a private burial at Woodlawn Cemetery in Everett. Donations in his memory can be made to St. John’s the Evangelist Church in Winthrop or the Veterans of Foreign Affairs.

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Markey receives endorsement for Senate from National leading grassroots organization, Indivisible

Staff report

Indivisible, a national, progressive grassroots organization with over a million members across the country, today announced its endorsement of Ed Markey for re-election to the United States Senate.

“Senator Markey is a model progressive legislator: consistent, accountable to his constituents, and ready to fight for a more just and equitable future. He is a leader in the climate movement and a champion for a more just, sustainable, and livable future,” said Lucy Solomon, IE Director for Indivisible. “Senator Markey consistently demonstrates progressive leadership and vision by prioritizing working people and marginalized communities, and we’re excited to continue this work with him.”

“It’s an honor to receive this endorsement from such a grassroots powerhouse as Indivisible,” said Senator Markey. “Progressive action starts at the grassroots level, and in order to defeat Donald Trump, take back the Senate from Mitch McConnell, and keep our House majority, we need groups like Indivisible. I stand with Indivisible on the need to stop the dangerous effects of climate change, to increase access to health care, and racial and economic justice. I am grateful to them for their support.”

Indivisible’s mission is to educate and activate voters and hold elected officials accountable to the values of equality, justice, compassion, and inclusion

and to elect progressive leaders.

The endorsement follows the recent announcements of support for Ed Markey from several major groups across the state, including American Federation of Teachers, Massachusetts Indivisible Northampton, Our Revolution Massachusetts, Planned Parenthood Action Fund, NARAL Pro-Choice, Progressive Democrats of America, the NRDC Action Fund, the Jamacia Plain Progressives, American Postal Workers Local #4553, and UNITE Here Local 26 labor union workers.

Indivisible is a grassroots movement of thousands of local groups with a mission to elect progressive leaders, rebuild our democracy, and defeat the Trump agenda. The organization is composed of thousands of group leaders and more than a million members taking action to resist the GOP’S extreme agenda, elect local champions, and fight for progressive policies.

Sen. Markey has served in the United States Senate since winning the special election in 2013 and has amassed a deep record on environmental, climate, gun safety, and consumer protection issues. He co-authored the Green New Deal, and his leadership has led to legislation to address the humanitarian crisis on the southern border, protect LGBTQ+ rights, and ensure that Donald Trump cannot launch a nuclear first strike without Congressional approval. Raised in Malden, Ed Markey has always stood up for the priorities of Massachusetts.

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NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

KING ARTHUR’S SITE RAZED

CHELSEA - When some long-time businesses or buildings get torn down, it comes with some nostalgia or longing – such as with the Chelsea Clock building or the Soldiers’ Home water tower.

There was no such sentiment for the demolition of King Arthur’s Lounge, which finally came down late last week on Beacham Street – taken down by owner Greg Antonelli to make way for a new marijuana business.

Antonelli purchases the building a few years back and evicted the men who were planning to revive the strip club. After holding on to it for awhile, he pivoted and made a deal with Greenstar Herbals, a recreational marijuana dispensary.

Antonelli has permitted the project fully, and is the developer of the sleek new building. Greenstar will be the operator of the business, with Tom Morey as the president of that company.

It is being viewed in most every circle as a very positive end to a past most in Chelsea did not want to be associated with, including the shady strip club, many criminal assaults and even a murder.

City Manager Tom Ambrosino said it’s a positive step.

“I think it is a step in the right direction for the City,” he said. “The plan for that site is a good one and we look forward to it.”

The development at King Arthur’s comes at the same time that the City begins to go out to bid for its \$12.5 million project to create a new roadway, pedestrian paths and bicycle tracks. That is primarily a safety precaution because it hasn’t been very safe to walk or bike on Beacham Street – and it is the only way for bicyclists to get into Boston from Chelsea, Eastie or Revere. That project goes out to bid this summer, and could start in the early fall.

Ambrosino said he doesn’t expect the uses there to change, but new development and infrastructure could improve the looks of the district.

“It’s still going to be a food distribution area,” he said. “That an important aspect of the City, state and regional economy. There are a lot of good paying jobs there. We don’t want to transform it into anything different. Hopefully, this will all result in improved aesthetics.”

MARCH FOR BLACK LIVES MATTER HELD

CHELSEA - The turnout was enormous, far exceeding the numbers that main organizers Kyle Umemba and Jayde Umemba had expected. The speeches were extraordinary, delivered with high energy and intense emotion.

More than 800 residents attended the Black Lives Matter Protest last week at Chelsea City Hall. There was a peaceful march on Broadway followed by a speaking program outside City Hall.

Long-time city official Leo Robinson felt the rally met its mission of bringing unity and awareness to the issue of racism and the national events of the past two weeks. Several participants wore attire and carried signs honoring the memory of George Floyd, who was killed by police in Minneapolis on May 25.

“I thought it was great for the City of Chelsea that so many people came out,” said Robinson. “I was very impressed by the speakers and their message. I also want to say the Chelsea Police did an excellent job.”

Joan Cromwell, president of the Chelsea Black Community, was the master of ceremonies. As it turned out, it was her son, Kyle Umemba, who delivered one of the most dynamic and inspiring speeches of the day.

“Amen, that’s my son,” said Joan Cromwell following Kyle’s message of hope.

Jayde Umemba, District Attorney Rachael Rollins (who was introduced by Leo Robinson), Councilor-at-Large Damal Vidot, and City Manager Thomas Ambrosino also delivered inspiring messages, all eliciting cheers of approval from the crowd.

Kyle Umemba spoke last and his remarks stood as tall as the 6-feet-3-inch graduate of two elite institutions of learning, Buckingham Browne and Nichols prep school and George Washington University, himself. He works in finance for Pricewaterhouse Coopers.

Kyle began his speech by thanking the Chelsea Interfaith Alliance, Chelsea Collaborative, City Manager Thomas Ambrosino, the Chelsea Police and Fire Departments, Rep. Dan Ryan, and the city councilors.

“Look around, it’s peaceful, it’s beautiful, we respect this community and we love each other,” said Kyle, drawing applause from the assemblage. “This is a great event. We’ve all come together for different walks of life.”

Kyle related how he was told by his parents, Kenneth Umemba and Joan Cromwell, “to speak properly, look in to people’s eyes, be respectful, and treat people with a level of respect and a sense of self no matter who you are, no matter where you come from.”

He recounted an incident that he experienced with law enforcement officers when he was driving home for work attired in a business suit and his vehicle ran out of gas.

As the interaction with the officers on the scene developed, Kyle recalled thinking, ‘Whatever’s going to be is going to be. What I mean by that is, whatever it is going to be is going to be – whether I’m here or not, it is going to be and I had no control over my life and that is what it means for a Black life to matter.’

Kyle, who with Cesar Castro directs Let it Fly, the area’s most well-attended summer basketball tournament, concluded, saying, “I want to thank you all for coming out here today. I appreciate you. I love you. We hope to turn this momentum into actionable steps and really implement some change in this community. Across this state, across the country – they are protesting peacefully, respectfully. We are here. We did it. We’re lovely. The police force can tell we’re good.”

Jayde Umemba, a 24-year-old graduate of Boston University, said public speaking wasn’t her forte, but those who attended the rally would dispute that notion.

“There’s a conversation that needs to be heard,” said. “Thank you all for coming here today and standing in solidarity with us. We heard about George Floyd’s murderers, Ahmaud Arbery’s murderers, they’ve all been taken into custody, but that’s not enough. We want more. Too many times have we been here. Too many times have we gotten the charge, but no conviction. Too many times have we had to lock things up and let things go, lock up our anger and pain and sadness and disappointment after they refuse to lock up a racist murderer. Too many times we’re no longer locking those feelings up because we want more, we need

more, we deserve more and we should have had more.

“So now you’re going to hear it until we get it – you’re going to feel it until we get it,” said Jayde. “We want charges. We want convictions. We want to stop being murdered, disrespected, racially profiled.”

Joan Cromwell introduced Damali Vidot as “an influential member of our community.”

“She walks the walk, she talks the talk, in solidarity and truth and she’s real, 24/7,” said Cromwell.

“No justice, no peace,” Vidot said in unison with her constituents. “We’re a community and a world in mourning right now. The murder of George Floyd was a complete disregard for Black life, in the middle of the street in broad daylight.”

Vidot said she was “inspired by the unity throughout the world to adjust these unjust systems. I’m also inspired because of the young people that are leading these efforts, like Kyle and Jayde, and saying ‘no more’ to systemic injustice and allowing older people like me to follow their lead and honoring my voice.”

Vidot said the death of George Floyd “sparked something in all of us.”

“We are at a pivotal point, my friends, to be having tough conversations about reimagining what serving and protecting looks like,” said Vidot, who related some of her experiences with police brutality. “It’s up to us to foster a world where the knee is off our neck.”

“I just wanted to come and support you in this really powerful showing,” said DA Rollins. “I can hear the anger and the hurt in your voices but this is how protests happen. I’m proud to see that people are compliant and I’m really proud to see members of law enforcement here in a helpful way.”

City Manager Thomas Ambrosino said, “I watched with horror those events in Minnesota. As a human, it just appalled me that that can still take place in this country that I love. But the fact that kind of brutality can still exist – it’s just horrific in my mind. But as a city official who has spent 30-plus years of my life in local government trying just to help people, and to feel that I’m part of a system that still has that kind of pervasive racism in it, that can allow such a thing to happen – it leads me to recognize that I still have so much more work to do as a local official.

“I don’t have the answers and I don’t know exactly what’s the next step to take, but I’m going to tell you I’m here to listen and try my best to understand to take the right steps forward,” said Ambrosino. “We can come together to find solutions in a way that is tolerant, that is civil, and that is peaceful, but most important is hopeful for the future.”

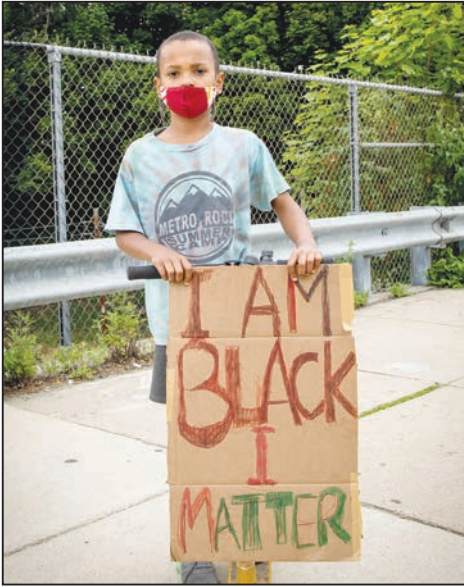
The Chelsea Police had a large contingent on hand and Joan Cromwell gave “a shoutout to Chelsea PD Chief Brian Kyes – who worked with us. We were in grade school together so he’s one of us, for real.”

The Rev. Dr. Sandra Whitley closed the program with a prayer of hope and an expression of gratitude for the Chelsea Black Community and “the leadership that we have in this community.”

DEMARIA, POLICE LOOK AT POLICIES

EVERETT - As traditional policing strategies and policies have come under the microscope in the wake of several black

HUNDREDS OF CHELSEA RESIDENTS ATTEND BLACK LIVES MATTER MARCH



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The Chelsea Black Community and other members of the community hosted a Black Lives Matter rally at City Hall on Sunday afternoon, followed by a march through the streets demanding change in policing strategies and systemic racism in Chelsea and across the nation. On City Hall Lawn, marchers staged a “die-in” to commemorate the black lives lost to police brutality. Celeste Williams raised her fist high and powerful, and a little boy stopped on a scooter as the marchers went by with a homemade sign stating, ‘I am Black – I Matter.’

people around the country being killed by police in the last few months, Everett officials last week took time to understand policing policies in Everett and how they need to change.

From the top down, it was clear this week that the status quo isn’t acceptable.

Mayor Carlo DeMaria released a statement last weekend saying that the response to events locally and nationally when it comes to policing and systemic racism has to be with action – not words.

“The senseless killing of George Floyd is a result of a failure in policy and oversight by a system that needs review and reform,” he said. “Inherent racism against persons of color resulting in violence and death are unacceptable. We reject and condemn police brutality and racism in the strongest terms. This is a time to act. How we act will be a reflection on the lessons we choose to see, what we choose to listen to, and how we can better understand the issues we face.”

He said the City will change the way it polices the community – noting that the way things have been done in the Police Department for so long do not work now. In addition to that, he will also begin looking at City reforms in government as well.

“Instead of words, we will act with investigation and change,” he said. “Policies created years ago are not effective today. I am in the process of putting together an independent committee to review governmental and police policy that needs updating. All policies will be looked at, and changes how complaints are investigated, and training will be strongly considered.”

At a recent City Council meeting, Councilor Gerly Adrien had two pieces on the calendar asking for Chief Steve Mazzie and the Police Union President – who was elected to the position late last fall – to talk about various policies in the Department. Among the things she has asked for are: Use of Force Policy, Use of Force Complaint Policy, Everyday Use of Force Investigation Policy and

the policy that is followed when an individual is injured during an encounter with the Everett Police. She also asked for the two police leaders to present on police training, including time spent, topics and testing assessments.

“I think we need to as a City Council to understand what’s going on in our Police force to make sure we’re not making or approving policies that hurt our residents,” she said. “Over the last five weeks I have received complaints that are racial and about how the Everett Police have treated four residents and one non-resident. I don’t know our policies and can’t defend them when that happens.”

Many of the things that are being reviewed nationwide right now along these same measures are use of force, how many officers live in the community where they work, what the racial makeup of the police force is, banning choke holds, a public officer misconduct database, and the demilitarization of the police.

Councilor Peter Napolitano said he agreed that the local police having so much military surplus equipment isn’t appropriate.

“I agree that the militarization of the police departments with heavy equipment from the military doesn’t need to be on our streets,” he said. “We definitely need to make sure all our residents white, black, brown or yellow shouldn’t be living in fear of police. It needs to be reported and we need to address it. We need to have substantial change.”

The matters passed unanimously, 10-0, and they two police leaders will be invited to a future meeting to present.

Mayor DeMaria said community policing has been a priority in Everett, but he said it’s time to update how that is achieved.

“Everett has always been a strong community, where community policing is a priority,” he said. “However, updated policies must be considered so our community can move forward together. The City of Everett being a safe place for ALL is a priority, and will

continue to ensure that any and all disparate treatment is acted upon swiftly, equitably, and with a keen eye towards true impartiality for the purpose of achieving real justice.”

DRIVE-IN GRADUATION EXCEEDS EXPECTATIONS

EVERETT - Graduation commencements are by nature special, but over time they tend to run together and don’t stick out for being unique from year to year.

That will never be said of the 2020 Everett High School Commencement – the drive-in graduation that exceeded everyone’s expectations and truly brought the schools and community together in a way that is often only seen on the football field.

“It’s a spectacle and it’s spectacular,” said Supt. Priya Tahiliani – who was busy all day walking the Lower Broadway parking lots set up for the commencement.

It was her first Everett commencement to boot.

“I didn’t know if it would come together,” she said. “There were so many obstacles. Many of the businesses that were vendors weren’t even open. They stepped it up and delivered the things like balloons so quickly. This has come together wonderfully.”

Graduation had been a focal point since the schools closed suddenly on March 12, not to re-open the rest of the year. That was a decision that Tahiliani and Mayor Carlo DeMaria made in concert, with Tahiliani leaning heavily on the mayor as she had only been on the job nine days. When it became evident graduation wasn’t going to happen in person at the Stadium as it normally does, both began working together to bring the community together for a celebration few will forget.

“Everett High School class of 2020 will be remembered by their resiliency and ability to overcome a global pandemic,” said the mayor. “The drive through ceremony was out-

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side the box but nevertheless meaningful and historic for our City. Thank you to all of the students, faculty, school administrators, and volunteers for making such an unprecedented time so successful.”

The drive-thru graduation idea wasn’t initially embraced, as it didn’t sound all that enticing on its face. However, the Schools worked to be innovative, local businesses were more than generous and the Health Department monitored things for safety.

“What’s most exciting is to see the smiles on kids’ faces,” said Tahiliani. “Having drive-thru graduation sounded so disappointing. We had a vision how it would work. I’m glad we made the vision come to life.”

For Valedictorian Ahmed Alananzeh, he said on Saturday he was very impressed. Many seniors like himself were very down that they didn’t get to finish their senior year – didn’t get to attend several events like prom, science trips and now graduation. On top of that, heading off to Yale University in the fall is now in question, as many schools have considered being online for the fall semester.

On Saturday, though, he said graduation was a real pick-up.

“It’s been amazing today,” he said, celebrating with his family at the photo booth. “It’s beyond all expectations.”

The set-up was very unique from start to finish.

Setting up on the Lower Broadway parking lots across from Encore Boston Harbor, the casino had donated thousands of flowers and put together three stages to host graduates. Cars would pull into the lot under an arch of balloons, and three cars would pull up at a time to the various stages.

Principal Erick Naumann would call each student’s name, and they would advance to their appointed stage, cross to the center, get a photo taken, and then celebrate once back in the car with their family.

After that, there were booths set up where graduates would drive by and organizations like the Kiwanis, Rotary, Everett Teachers Association, Everett Bank, The City Council, School Committee, and Universal Screen Printing.

After that, the photo booth section was set up for families to exit their cars and take a family pic-

ture, which was delivered to them in 45 seconds or less. After that, the ceremony was over – taking about 30 to 40 minutes to pass through the whole thing.

GUNFIRE LEADS TO ONE ARREST

EAST BOSTON - Boston Police arrested an East Boston man in connection with allegedly firing a gun Sunday evening on the corner of Chelsea and Porter Streets.

Stephen Woodard, 30, of East Boston. Woodard was arraigned in East Boston District Court on charges of Unlawful Possession of a Firearm, Carrying a Loaded Firearm on a Public Way, Possession of a Firearm with an Obliterated Serial Number, Discharging a Firearm within 500 Feet of a Dwelling, Assault by Means of a Dangerous Weapon, Breaking and Entering of a Motor Vehicle, and Armed Career Criminal.

The incident occurred on Sunday just before 7:30 p.m. when officers from District A-7 police station responded to a radio call for a person with a gun in the area of Chelsea Street and Porter Street.

According to police, several witnesses directed officers to an unknown male suspect, later identified as Woodard, who was sitting in a car and in possession of a firearm.

Witnesses led police to Woodard who had entered a motor vehicle that was parked in the lot across from Santarpio’s Pizza after firing off several rounds.

Officers approached and observed Woodard bleeding from the hand and sitting in the driver’s seat of a gray motor vehicle that had a shattered driver’s side window.

Officers asked Woddard if he had been shot, but he sat stoically, refusing to answer the officers. Woodard had his hands between his legs down by the floor of the vehicle. Officers repeatedly asked the male if he was in possession of a firearm or if he had been shot, eventually the male answered no to both questions.

Officers removed Woodard from the vehicle and subsequently recovered a folding knife in his front pants pocket. Partially under the driver’s seat where Woodard had his hands, officers located a Rock Island Armory 45 caliber firearm. Officers also observed ballistic damage to the vehicle.

After taking Woodard

in custody officers spoke to a victim who said he had picked up food from a restaurant in the area and walked toward his car when he observed Woodard pulling on the door handle of the victim’s car. The victim told Woodard that the car belonged to him, causing the Woodard to walk away from the victim’s car.

Woodard then approached another vehicle and again attempted to gain entry by pulling on the door handle. The victim said he asked the suspect what he was doing and Woodard responded by allegedly pulling out a firearm. The victim stated he fled the area, hearing several gunshots as he walked away.

Additional victims stated they had exited the same restaurant and were walking to the parking lot when the suspect proceeded towards the two of them and allegedly pointed a firearm at them. The victims who were inside their motor vehicle, fled the parking lot at a high rate of speed, hearing multiple gunshots ringing out from the area.

Another witness stated he had observed Woodard allegedly waving the firearm, before shooting at a motor vehicle and fleeing the area.

According to reports, Woodward is the same man that made national headlines last year for stealing a truck full of lobsters from a Boston pier and fleeing to Charlestown. Woodard was arrested after two other lobstermen in refrigerator trucks pursued Woodard into Charlestown and rammed into the stolen truck.

In June 2010, Woodard, then 20, escaped from a Suffolk County sheriff’s van. He ran on foot before stealing a Department of Public Works vehicle and leading officers on a brief chase. Woodard ditched the vehicle and took off running again. Three days later, he surrendered to the police at an apartment in Charlestown.

CITY REALTY DONATES CHROMEBOOKS

EAST BOSTON - City Realty Group continued its longstanding partnership with the Mario Umana Academy through a generous donation of Chromebooks for the school’s students.

City Realty, known for several development projects in Eastie, has a non-

profit offshoot called City Kids in areas where the development team works and conducts business.

Since landing in Eastie and developing residential projects in the neighborhood, City Realty’s City Kids, has been looking for ways to give back to the community. During its project on Border Street several years ago, City Realty partnered with the Mario Umana Academy and donated supplies to the school. The developer also pitched in to help clean and maintain a park between Border and Meridian Streets.

“I got a chance to meet the new principal of the Mario Umana School Christina Michel and donate 10 Chromebooks on behalf of City Realty’s City Kids,” said Sal LaMattina. “Tommy Welsh, who oversees the schools in East Boston and lives in Orient Heights, as well as Principal Michel were thrilled to receive the donation.”

LaMattina said City Realty has been donating Chromebooks throughout Eastie during the Coronavirus Pandemic.

Last month City Kids donated new Chromebooks to the Boys & Girls Club to help Eastie students continue learning at home during the COVID-19 pandemic.

City Realty Group Vice President of Operations James Caruso said the donations are a way City Realty can do their part to help children remain engaged and capable of continuing their studies at home.

Stephen Whalen of Boston, Managing Partner at City Realty Group and founder of City Kid, said his company has been a longtime supporter of the Umana as well as Salesian Boys & Girls Club and other area schools and after-school programs.

A few years ago City Realty, with the help of the Gove Street Citizens Association, donated ChromeBooks to the Sam Adams School’s Autism Strand classroom.

ARRIGO JOINS IN PEACEFUL PROTEST

REVERE - As the City of Revere supported the peaceful protest last week led by Black and Brown youth that have come together to form Black Lives Matter Revere, Mayor Arrigo joined their movement to amplify their message

and signify that the mission for change will happen.

In an effort to advance their mission he announced some initial steps toward progress in expanding the city’s ongoing racial justice initiatives and introducing new policies to support anti-racism in Revere.

This afternoon a Black Lives Matter banner was erected in front of Revere City Hall to signify the City’s support for the youth leaders who have organized today’s peaceful march, and the City’s commitment to elevating the voices of Revere’s residents of color in all efforts to achieve racial justice.

“I am proud of our young people and the hundreds of Revere residents who are standing up to injustice and demanding long overdue change, and I am committed to using my position as Mayor to make sure their voices continue to be heard,” Mayor Arrigo said. “Today is an important inflection point in our commitment to call out and eliminate racism in our City. There is a lot of difficult work ahead of us, and the voices of our youth and residents of color must be the driving forces behind that work.”

Today Mayor Arrigo announced the first steps the City will be taking to advance racial justice, including new policies, resource reallocation, and expansion of existing work, including:

- The reinstatement of the City’s Human Rights Commission and Appointment of its Executive Director: Mayor Arrigo will reinstate the City’s Human Rights Commission and recommend to the City Council Dimple Rana’s appointment as its executive director.
- Mayor Arrigo will reinstate the City’s Human Rights Commission and recommend to the City Council Dimple Rana’s appointment as its executive director. The Commission will be dedicated to protecting and preserving the civil and human rights of all Revere residents. The Commission will be tasked with initiating activities designed to educate and inform the city about the effects of prejudice, intolerance, and bigotry, and advise the Mayor on policy recommendations related to the protection of human rights.
- A commitment to achieve more diverse representation on City Boards and Commissions: The City has launched a new web page and will begin promoting its call for residents to serve on existing Boards and Commissions that direct the City’s policies related to issues such as culture, planning and economic development, and the environment. There are currently 39 openings

across nine Boards and Commissions, and applications are available here: <https://www.revere.org/boards-and-commissions>

- Greater analysis and reporting of the City’s racial equity data: Building on the work done through the City’s recently completed Master Planning process, the Office of Innovation and Data Management will work with a number of other departments to conduct a deeper analysis into racial equity data as it pertains to issues such as economic opportunity, housing, health disparities and educational outcomes. The City’s Health and Human Services department will also undertake a review of racial disparities as it pertains to health outcomes for residents that contract Covid-19. The City will publish these initial data findings and use them to determine additional need for analysis, policy considerations and resource allocation.

- Citywide conversations on race: The City has begun a search for a professional, third-party facilitator to lead forums and conversations about racism within the city and provide a platform for community members of color to share their experiences. The City will also be using outside facilitation to conduct racial equity training for city hall staff, starting with department heads.

- Collaboration with the Revere Police Department: In partnership with the Revere Police Department, the City will explore the redirection of funds to support unconscious bias and de-escalation training for department members. The Department has also committed to the establishment of a youth advisory board to engage with RPD on issues and concerns.

- Collaboration with Revere High School’s emerging Equity Team: Revere High School has begun the process of establishing a student-led equity team to inform policy decisions through an anti-racism lens. The Team’s early work will include a review of the school’s Student Handbook, to better ensure equity in both opportunity and disciplinary actions, as well as a curriculum audit to ensure cultural and racial sensitivity and inclusivity. More than 100 students and family members have already indicated interest in participating.

RMV

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be restricted to teenagers returning 16 between March and June 2020 and who have otherwise had their opportunity to take the permit test delayed. Effective Monday, June 15, the Leominster and Watertown Service Centers will open from 8:00 a.m. -8:00 p.m. strictly for Learner’s Permit appointment transactions but permit appointments will be available at other open locations. The RMV also anticipates opening the Danvers Service Center on Monday, June 29, from 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. strictly for Learner’s Permit appointment transactions.

- **New Protocols for Resuming RMV Road Tests:** effective this week, the RMV resumed public road tests, with preference initially for individuals who had their road test appointment in March, April, and May cancelled due to the pandemic. Road tests for new applicants will not be available until customers who had road tests postponed have been given appointments. Customers

who have a road test rescheduled are being contacted directly by the RMV with a new appointment. Due to the pandemic, the RMV is implementing new road test protocols, including the exclusive use of only specific state or driving school vehicles. Vehicles will be cleaned after each test and only the customer and the testing official will be inside the vehicle during the test; road test sponsors will be required to wait outside or in their personal vehicles.

Additional initiatives being announced today are pursuant to an Executive Order issued by Governor Charlie Baker, and include the following:

- **Supervised Driving Privileges Prior to Learner’s Permit:** eligible teenagers turning 16 between March 1 and June 30, 2020, may be able to apply for a new “Supervised Driving Receipt” (or SDR) prior to their ability to obtain an appointment for their Learner’s Permit. Eligible teenagers will be required

to have parental / guardian consent to apply and take their learner’s permit test online. Printed at home following successfully passing the learner’s permit test, an SDR will carry strict requirements, allowing eligible students to practice driving only in Massachusetts, with a Massachusetts driver who is at least 21 years old and has held a valid license for one year. The SDR will also allow an eligible teenager to enroll in a certified driving education and training course and begin their required observation hours but will not count towards a junior operator’s required 6-month clean driving record. SDRs will be valid 90 days from the date of issuance and will only be issued through August 12, 2020. Eligible customers that are interested in applying for an SDR should continue to check Mass.Gov/RMV as the RMV anticipates that this application will be available sometime next week. Learner’s Permit applications will continue to be

processed by appointment only at a Service Center when identity, lawful presence, residency and vision have been verified.

- **\$25 REAL ID Upgrade Fee Waiver:** over 500,000 Massachusetts residents will need to renew a driver’s license this summer, and will not need a REAL ID -- which requires an in-person visit to verify lawful presence -- for at least another year due to the federal government’s delay of the compliance deadline to October 1, 2021. The RMV is not currently accepting appointments for REAL ID renewal upgrades or amendments. Customers who renew for a ‘standard’ Massachusetts driver’s license or ID card online between today and August 12, 2020, will be able to upgrade to a REAL ID if they need it in 2021 at no additional charge. The cost of a license or ID renewal is \$50 for a ‘standard’ or REAL ID, while the amendment or upgrade fee waived by this Executive Order is \$25.
- **In-Car Observation**

Hours for Junior Operators: statute currently requires junior operators with a learner’s permit to complete 6 hours observing another student driver, and 40 supervised driving hours with a parent, guardian or other adult over 21 with a valid license for over one year. The Executive Order will instead allow for 46 hours of supervised driving hours to be completed with a parent, guardian or other adult over 21 with a valid license for over a year, minimizing the need to spend additional time in a vehicle with individuals from different households which is discouraged under the Massachusetts’ Reopening Advisory Board’s Phase 2 guidance for driving schools.

- **Grace Period for Registration Transfers after Vehicle Purchase:** statute currently requires individuals to transfer a registration within 7 days of vehicle purchase. The Executive Order temporary extends this grace period requirement to 21 days.

All RMV customers are encouraged to visit www.Mass.Gov/RMV to either begin their applications for a learner’s permit or SDR, renew their ‘standard’ license online, make an appointment to visit an open Service Center for other necessary in-person transactions, or complete one of over 40 other transactions available online, by mail, or by phone.

All customers who have an appointment to visit an RMV Service Center must wear face coverings during their entire RMV visit. No walk-ins are allowed and customers without an appointment will be asked to leave and make a reservation online to return at a future date.

As a reminder, the RMV has extended deadlines to December 2020 for all existing learner’s permits that are expiring between March and August 2020. Other credentials such as licenses and registrations also have deadline extensions.

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To all interested persons: A Petition for S/A - Late and Limited Formal Testacy and/or Appointment has been filed by George Karacek of Peabody, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal De-

cree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: George Karacek of Peabody, 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

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Town Council Public Hearing July 7, 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 a Public Hearing on July 7, 2020 at on or after 7:00 pm via Zoom Participation that the Town Council modify the General Fund Budgets to facilitate the June 30, 2020 closing of the FY20 Fiscal Year. All documents, legally accessible, pertaining to these hearing can be viewed by request Denise Quist Council Clerk 6-18-20 W

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