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NEWS Briefs

JULY STREET SWEEPING STARTS MONDAY, JULY 27

The Town of Winthrop conducts Street Sweeping operations on the last full week of the month (last week with a Friday) from April through October between 7:00 AM and 4:00 PM on the day of a street's trash collection. If there is a holiday on the week sweeping would normally occur, sweeping is done a week early.

Town ordinance prohibits parking in a manner that impedes the street sweeper. Violation of the street sweeping ordinance carries a \$40.00 fine, and your vehicle can be towed.

The remaining 2020 street sweeping dates are:

July 27-31 (week of the

Aug. 24-28 (week of the

Sep. 21-25 (week of the

Oct. 26-30 (week of the

TOWN MUNICIPAL **OFFICES**

Town Hall and other municipal business offices remain closed to walk in foot traffic at this time. Residents can pay taxes, parking tickets and apply for resident parking stickers on the town website at https:// www.town.winthrop. ma.us/ or by dropping payments and applications in the drop box located at the Town Hall front door.

Residents having difficulty completing a trans-

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WINTHROP MARKETPLACE

CONGRATULATIONS TO

WINTHROP HIGH SCHOOLS

NEW GRADUATES



Sydney Mignosa, Patrick Haskell, Olivia Driscoll, and Jillian

Officials announces new

reflected on customers' bills next month. Water/sewer bills dated

Johnson.

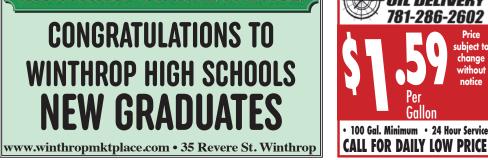
August 3 will be based on the new combined water and sewer rate of \$23.65.

This is an \$0.75 increase from the previous rate of \$22.90, which was set in Feb. 2019. This rate is applicable to the billing period that began on April 6.

The need for a rate adjustment was first announced in April as part of

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The Winthrop High School Class of 2020 does the traditional cap toss to wrap up their official 2020 graduating ceremony on last Friday, July 24.

tackles change with grit

By Kate Anslinger

Last Friday evening, after a senior year that ended abruptly, the class of 2020 was finally able to receive their diplomas. On a perfect summer night, a day late due to weather and over a month late due to the pandemic, 127 masked graduates marched along Miller Field, alongside the class-

mates they've grown up with since their first day of kindergarten in 2007. Proud parents sat socially-distanced as speeches were made and diplomas were presented.

The class of 2020 is unique for various reasons and has been referred to as the class that will go down in history, made strong by a group of students who have surpassed significant challenges after being faced with nonstop change. Known as the first class to miss major moments that mark a senior year, 2020 graduates have been shuffled between schools on multiple occasions throughout the years, they were the first class to enter the new, state-of-the-art high school middle school building as freshmen and the first class to witness a football game played on Miller Field. The majority of them were born in the midst of a changing world in the wake of Sep-

tember 11th.

Parker shared her concerns over the past few months. "Not too long ago, I

didn't know whether I would be speaking to a gym filled with 500 people or if I would be alone in a fancy shirt and pajama pants, talking to a computer screen in my room. This whole process has been so uncertain. One of the few things that did remain consistent was the creativity, flexibility, and hard-work from the many people who ultimately made today's event possible."

In year's past, speakers have sprinkled motivational in their graduation speeches. This year, in a graduation ceremony like no other, Valedictorian Elizabeth Collins reflected on the appreciation that the Class of 2020 gained from enduring a senior year that was cut short due to the pandemic.

"During the quarantine, I began to notice the many things I had taken for granted, whether it was going into public without a mask or being secured with enough toilet paper. If there is one thing I learned, it was to be appreciative of everything and everyone."

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Faison joins Mass. town managers, mayors in pledge against racism

By Laura Plummer

On Wednesday, July 22, Winthrop Town Manager Austin Faison added his name to a list of 18 mayors and town managers from Massachusetts in a pledge to end systemic racism and police violence.

Faison joins municipal leaders of Arlington, Ashland, Beverly, Cambridge, Chelsea, Framingham, Holyoke, Medford, Melrose, Middleton, Nantucket, Newburyport, Newton, Revere, Salem, Somerville and Swampscott.

Systemic racism (also known as institutional racism) is racism that is woven into societal norms and institutions, and can lead to discriminatory practices in every stage of the criminal justice system, from stops and arrests to sentencing and parole.

The pledge was initiated by residents across the Commonwealth demanding change in the wake of recent killings of Black and Brown individuals by police officers. It's divided local policies.

identified, that police vio-

lence must end, that racism

in law enforcement must be

addressed, and that urgent

into three sections: principles, legislative items, and The five basic principles underlying the pledge are that systemic racism is a public health emergency, that racial inequity in municipal services must be

The pledge suggests five legislative actions on a state level: independently investigate use of force by officers, create a commission on structural racism and statutory limits on police use of force, back legislation endorsed by the Massachusetts Black and Latino Legislative Caucus, secure funding for anti-racism training, empower municipalities to quickly address police misconduct, and revamp the civil service recruitment process.

The pledge presents 18 policies that towns and cities can start adopting right away. These were informed by existing campaigns such as #8CantWait and Cam-

paign Zero and include a duty to intervene, banning chokeholds, reallocating police budgets and hiring

more people of color. Town Manager Faison has previously stated that he is committed to working toward a better relationship between the police and the

community. "I'm excited that there is a regional approach to our policing policies and procedures," he told the Transcript in an email "There are many municipalities within the region and it is useful to

have similar baselines." The full pledge can be read online at arlingtonma.gov/home/showdocument?id=52315.

LET'S TALK ABOUT RACE: A Conversation with Town Manager Austin

Faison – Part III

"Race is the child of racism, not the father." -Ta-Nehisi Coates

By Laura Plummer

Q. When you were growing up, who were your Black heroes? Who are your Black heroes today?

A. When I was growing up, I idolized athletes because those were the peo-

ple that were most readily

available to me. My father

introduced me to athletes

from the generations before

me (Bill Russell, Kareem Abdul Jabbar, Muhammad Ali, Jim Brown, etc.) that were more vocal about their political inclinations. That made so much of an impact on me that I named my son Cassius [the birth name of Muhammad Ali]. More recently, I am in-

spired by President Barack Obama and the work that he has done in his life. As a biracial male, there are few leaders that have looked like me and sounded like

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WINTHROP POLICE BLOTTER

The following incident reports are among the calls to which the Winthrop Police Department responded on the listed dates:

MONDAY, JULY 13

0827: A resident came into the station to report that her motor vehicle (MV), a 2015 Kia Soul, had been stolen overnight.

resident called the station to report that his identity had been used for unemployment

1238: A resident called to report that she had received a letter from the state unemployment office regarding a claim she had filed. The letter contained her Social Security Number. However, she had not filed any claims for unemployment.

1251: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) for a civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI) at Main and Linden Sts. and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1342: A Cross St. resident called to report that a MV was blocking her driveway. However, the responding officer determined that the MV was parked legally and the caller had full access to her driveway.

1758: A Sunnyside Ave. resident reported that her MV had been broken into overnight. Loose change and other items were taken.

1814: An officer stopped a person operating a scooter on Main St. for not having the scooter registered and not wearing a helmet. The officer allowed the operator to walk the scooter to a nearby address and the operator promised not to use it until the scooter is regis-

2100: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) for the civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI) of speeding at Pauline and Walden Sts. and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

2120: Officers responded to a report of youths starting a fire under the gazebo on Morton St. The officers spoke to the parents of the two youths, 15 yearold boys, and contacted the DPW to request that they board up the gazebo.

TUESDAY, JULY 14

0107: A resident reported that she is being harassed via telephone by another female. The officer will file

0934: An officer responded to a report of a MV parked at a hydrant on Coral Ave. The officer attempted to reach the owner of the MV and then issued a parking ticket.

1112: An officer responded to a report of persons taking rocks from Winthrop Beach.

1114: A Washington Ave. resident reported finding a loose dog. The dog had

1130: A tow was ordered for a disabled MV on Somerset Ave.

1354: A MV struck a pole in the parking lot of a local business. The operator provided her information to the officer.

1803: An officer assisted with traffic control on Washington Ave. while the Fire Dept. put out a fire on a utility pole that had been struck by lightning.

1927: An officer restored the peace between a landlord and tenant who were having an argument.

2123: An officer directed a drunken guest of a Myrtle St. homeowner to cease shooting off fireworks.

2147: An officer restored the peace between a male and female party who were causing a disturbance in the 500 block of Shirley St.

2218: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) for the civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI) of not having its lights on at Winthrop and Jefferson Sts. and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15

1015: The owner of a pit bull that was loose on Plummer Ave. was advised of the town's leash by-law.

1921: Three persons who were fishing on private property at Seal Harbor were directed to leave the

2320: Officers directed youths playing basketball at the Walden St. courts were to cease doing so for the evening.

2329: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) for the civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI) of not having its lights on at Main and Banks Sts. and gave a verbal warning to the oper-

THURSDAY, JULY 16

0009: An officer responded to a report of fireworks being set off on Bayview Ave. and directed the parties to cease doing so.

0641: An officer spoke to the parties regarding an ongoing noise issue in an apartment at Governor's 0842: An officer stopped

a motor vehicle (MV) for a civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI) at Somerset Ave. and Pleasant St. and gave a verbal warning to the operator. 1210: An officer assist-

ed the parties with the exchange of papers at a minor MVA on Upland Rd. in which a Fed Ex truck sideswiped a parked MV. 1217: A resident who

came into the station to report a boundary dispute with a neighbor was advised that this is a civil mat-1310: A caller reported

that his MV was struck by a Bud Light delivery truck on Bartlett Rd. and the truck left the scene. The officer will investigate and file a report. 1604: An officer advised

a group of youths who were reported to have been operating their bicycles at a high rate of speed down Hillside Ave. to be more careful. 2043: An officer dis-

persed a group of persons in their vehicles from Hannaford Park.

2251: An officer dispersed a group of youths from the basketball courts on Walden St.

2342: An officer stopped a MV at Pleasant St. and Plummer Ave. for the civil violation of a marked lanes violation. The officer arrested the operator, a 28 year old Winthrop man, for an outstanding warrant and issued him a citation for the civil infraction.

0114: A repo man came into the station to report that he had just taken a MV. 0159: A repo man came into the station to report

that he had just taken a MV. 0945: A Cottage Park Rd. resident who reported that a raccoon had entered

his cellar was advised to call a pest control company. 0948: An officer issued a parking ticket to a MV that was parked at a hydrant on

1004: An officer stopped a MV at Governor's Park and arrested the operator, Zeferino Kincade, 21, of 1100 Governor's Drive, on a charge of illegal possession of a Class C controlled narcotic substance with intent to distribute.

Walden St.

2149: An officer dispersed a group of 15-20 youths from the basketball court on Walden St.

SATURDAY, JULY 18

0001: An officer dispersed a group playing music loudly at the tennis court at Governor's Park.

0023: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) for the civil motor vehicle infractions (CMVI) of speeding and a number plate light violation at Revere and Central Sts. and gave a verbal warning to the operator. 0147: An officer dis-

persed youths playing basketball at the Walden St. 1209: An officer dis-

persed a group playing roller skate hockey at Coughlin Park because of the COVID regulations. 1233: An officer issued parking tickets to four vehi-

cles parked at the No Parking signs in the 700 block of Shirley St. 1342: An officer issued parking tickets to three ve-

hicles parked on Tafts Ave. without parking stickers. 1348: An officer directed a person whose dogs were jumping on people on Winthrop Beach to remove the

dogs from the beach. 2156: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) for the civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI) of a red

light violation on Main St.

Town updates latest numbers of COVID-19

and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

2209: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) for the civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI) of a lane violation on Pauline St. and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

2301: An officer directed a loud group with a bonfire on Bayview Ave. to put out the fire and bring their party inside for the night.

2311: An officer dispersed a MV with two persons in it from Hannaford Park. 2340: An officer stopped

a motor vehicle (MV) for the civil motor vehicle infractions (CMVI) of an obstructed license plate cover and failing to use a turn signal at Waldemar Ave. and Circuit Rd. and gave a verbal warning to the operator. 2351: An officer stopped

a MV at Main and Pleasant Sts. for speeding and arrested the operator, Alexander Lopez-Gil, 31, of 5 Irwin St., for unlicensed operation of a MV. The officer also cited him for the civil infraction of speeding.

2355: An officer dispersed a group playing basketball at the Walden St.

SUNDAY, JULY 19 0649: An officer issued a

ticket to a commercial vehicle parked on Park Ave. in violation of the town by-

1330: An officer had the owner of a MV parked on Beach Rd. at Shore Drive move his MV because it was obstructing traffic.

1346: An officer responded to a report of a minor MVA in the 400 block of Shirley St. and will file a report.

1549: An officer had the owner of a MV parked at a fire hydrant at Shore Drive and Beacon St. move the

2324: An officer dispersed a group of five persons from the Walden St. basketball courts.

Chief Delahanty, area leaders to guide Masters program in criminal justice Winthrop's Chief since Special to the Transcript

The following law enforcement leaders have been named to the Fisher College Master of Science in Criminal Justice (MS in CJ) Academic Advisory Board; Chelsea Chief of Police Bryan Kyes, Winthrop Chief of Police Terry Delahanty, Deputy Chief of Police at MIT Steve De-Marco, Transit Police Gang Unit Detective Office Kurt Power, Retired Deputy Commissioner of Corrections Norfolk County Bob Boomhower, Superintendent of the Boston Police Department's Bureau of Intelligence and Analysis Charles Wilson, and Fisher College Lieutenant Sherry Belanger. Chief Delahanty also

holds a law degree and began his law enforcement career in 1995 and has been

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February 2009.

Chief Kyes is an Attorney at Law and has successfully lead the Chelsea Police Department since November 2007.

Deputy DeMarco spent 26 years with Cambridge Police and accepted the Deputy role at MIT. Officer Power joined the U.S. Army after 9/11 and is the recipient of a Purple Heart from his service in the Iraq

Former Deputy Commissioner Boomhower holds a Masters of Public Administration and has led security and safety plans during natural disasters in Guam, Iran, and Haiti as Security Chief for an International Medical Surgical Response Team under FEMA, the U.S. Department of State, and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Ser-

Superintendent Wilson has been on the Boston Police Department since 1983 and a Police Academy Instructor since 2004 with a strong curricular focus on working in domestic violence situations.

Lieutenant Belanger received both her associate and bachelor degrees from Fisher College's Criminal Justice program while working her way up through the College's police force and is currently working on her Masters in Criminal Justice.

The Fisher College Master of Science in Criminal Justice (MS in CJ) Academic Advisory Board is responsible for providing oversight, support and recommendations to the MS in CJ program. They serve as advocates to the program, providing an exchange of current information and ideas with practitioners in the field and other external

The council also helps realistically assess market demand for Fisher College's Criminal Justice graduates, advises the program director on skills required to meet current employment needs and continually assessing curriculum and teaching practices. The board works to ensure the program is delivering current, up-to-date curriculum and provide relevant insight regarding professional employment opportunities for students.

partment of Public Health has notified the town of

Winthrop of two additional residents affected by COVID-19. This brings the total number of cases

deceased, 22 isolated and 251 recovered.

The COVID-19 Tip Hotline available on the Winthrop Public Safety website for those self-reporting or

The Massachusetts De- in Winthrop to 297 with 24 for a concerned member of the community. The notline can also be accessed from link below.

https://winthroppublicsafety.com/covid-19-tiphotline

Water rates //continued from page 1

the Town Manager's Fiscal Year 2021 budget submission. This rate adjustment funds the Fiscal Year 2021 water/sewer budget approved by the Town Council on June 16. It is less than the increase anticipated at the onset of the budget process due to updated revenue projections and smaller increases in the final Fiscal Year 2021 assessments the Town pays to the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA).

The new rate ensures adequate funding is available for the town's water and sewer needs based on current projections. Revenue raised from these bills is used for the maintenance and repairs to Winthrop's water and sewer infrastructure, pay off debt

from completed projects and saved for future capital projects. This includes projects such as ongoing lead line replacement for water lines, which is required by the state, as well as various sewer projects to eliminate issues with sewer back-ups.

The money raised from water and sewer bills can only be used for water and sewer projects, and cannot be used for any other town project. "This additional fund-

ing will allow us to make necessary repairs to keep our water and sewer systems working the way they should and significantly reduce the risk of having to make emergency repairs," Town Manager Faison said. "While we recognize that this announcement comes during a difficult time, we wanted to let residents known as soon as possible to allow them to prepare for the increase. These decisions are not ones we make lightly, and we carefully deliberated this issue to protect our residents on a variety of levels."

The \$.075 increase represents an approximately 3% increase. Average users can likely anticipate the following annual household cost impact from the in-Annual incremental in-

creases should be expected to ensure the utilities have adequate funding and to avoid large rate increases, as was experienced in 2018 and 2019.

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- Buildingdept@town.winthrop.ma.us
- Harbor Master Harbormaster@town.winthrop.

winthrop.ma.us

- · Library Library@ town.winthrop.ma.us
- Town Manager -Townmanager@town.win-

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· Tax Collector - Tax@

throp.ma.us Residents needing to speak to somebody directly

can call (617) 846-1077. Residents can request bulk permit trash stickers

from the DPW Monday through Thursday by call- Parks and Recreation ing (617) 846-1341. Trash Parksandrecreation@town. stickers will be delivered to your household. Town Clerk - Town-

Photos will be published in our Aug. 25 and 26 issues of The Revere Journal, Winthrop Sun Transcript, Lynn Journal, The Everett Independent, Chelsea Record & East Boston Times. Not responsible for lost or unpublished Photos.

Photos should be at a beach or swimming pool setting. Please include your child's name and the paper you wish to be published in. SEND YOUR BEACH BABY TO: promo@reverejournal.com by Thursday, August 13th

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WINTHROP HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2020

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Joseph Anthony Deeb
Nicholas James Deeb
Jenee Jean DelloRusso
Alejandro Inez Diaz

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* National Honor Society



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Khalil Mimouni with Diploma in hand.

Class of 2020 //continued from page 1

Collins went on to thank all those who played a role in keeping her classmates positive and inspired during

the last few months.

"I want to thank all of the staff at the high school for keeping the school running at max potential and keeping all the students positive even through quarantine. I want to thank the town for building such a nice building for us to learn in every day and supporting us through these times. Most importantly, I want to thank all of our families, especially our parents, who

helped us develop into the people we are today and for putting up with our teenage drama 24-7, during the quarantine."

This year's graduation brought with it a lot of emotion and appreciation from faculty, students, and

parents.

"These students have been through so much disruption and loss this year, and yet they remain hopeful and optimistic," said Jennifer Powell, mother to graduate Zara Powell and School Committee Vice-Chair. "It's encouraging to

see how resilient they are and how flexible and creatively they've responded to this unforeseeable situa-

tion."
There was no shortness of gratitude expressed on Miller Field last Friday

"Our administration and staff have gone to great lengths to celebrate our seniors and make this transition as positive and memorable as possible under extremely difficult circumstances. As a parent, I'm grateful," Powell said.



Cammy Dear, Graduation is here
We couldn't be prouder of you
Since the day you were born
on that beautful morn
You've brought joy to the
whole Conley Crew
WHS CLASS OF 2020



High School Principal Matt Crombie, addresses the crowd alongside School Superintendent Lisa Howard

-SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS-

Gov. John Winthrop Award First Church of Winthrop-United Methodist Award Isabelle Rice Memorial Scholarship	\$50.00 \$50.00 \$500.00	Barry, Devon
Winthrop Teachers Association Award Dorothy B. Hurley Award & Plaque Janet M. Debonis Memorial Scholarship William P. Gorman, Jr. Memorial Scholarship	\$150.00 \$250.00 \$250.00 \$500.00	Bosse, Colby
Wallace Family Memorial Award WHS Parents/Teachers Club Award in Math/AP Calculus Casa Youth Advisory Board Scholarship George, Mable & David Blaisdell Scholarship	\$100.00 \$100.00 \$100.00 \$350.00	Campo, Salvatore
Vikes Up Varsity Cheer Scholarship Marilyn Carter Memorial Scholarship Winthrop Teachers Association Awards Annette Mailhlot Memorial Award	\$125.00 \$200.00 \$300.00 \$500.00	Capone, Hannah
WHS Parents/Teachers Club Award in Business & Technology Winthrop Yacht Club Scholarship WHS Drama Parents Scholarship	\$100.00 \$500.00 \$500.00	Clarke, Conor
In Memory of Roger Wyatt Winthrop Middle School PTO Award	\$100.00 \$250.00	Cockrell, Alyson

In Memory of Roger Wyatt
Winthrop Middle School PTO Award

WHS Parents/Teachers Club Award in Science
Dorothy B. Hurley Award & Plaque
Michael M. Fortunato Memorial Scholarship
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\$100.00 Collins, Elizabeth
\$250.00
\$500.00

Congratulations to the Class of 2020 Best Wishes — The Martucci Family

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\$25,000	Maria Tracy
\$20,000	Elizabeth Collins
\$15,000	Samantha Long
\$15,000	Clare Nargi
\$15,000	Patrick Haskell
\$10,000	Fiona MacPhail
\$10,000	Jillian Johnson
\$10,000	Salvatore Campo
\$10,000	Sophie Owen
\$10,000	Khalil Mimouni
\$10,000	Olivia Driscoll
\$10,000	Hannah Capone
\$10,000	Joseph Mahoney
\$10,000	Trinity Rist
\$10,000	Ryan Parker
\$10,000	Zara Powell
\$10,000	Mary Lawlor
\$10,000	Kevin Dorr
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Officer Stephen Acone Scholarship: Given in memory of Officer Stephen Acone in partnership by Winthrop Youth Hockey and Winthrop Police Association:

Sydney Mignosa Stephen Hinchion

Detective Michael Delehanty Scholarship: Given in memory of Detective Michael Delehanty by Winthrop Police Association:

Jennifer Rogers

Officer Charles A. DeMinico, Jr. Scholarship: Given in memory of Officer Charles A. DeMinico by Winthrop Police Association:

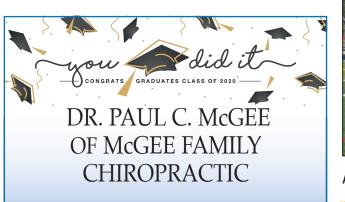
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Lieutenant Joseph Flannery Scholarship: Given in memory of Lieutenant Joseph Flannery by Winthrop Police Association:

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Zara Powell, Ella McCarey, and Samantha Long.



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WHS CLASS OF 2020



Class Marshall, Christopher Rodriguez, leads the class of 2020 onto Miller Field.

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Parents applaud the graduates as the students parade across the field.

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A group of socially-distanced graduates show off their diplomas.

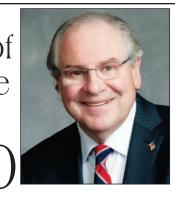
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Class of 2020!

Looking forward to seeing

the great things you do

Speaker of the House



Congratulations The Class of 2020

Best Wishes for a Bright Future

GRATULATIONS WHS CLASS OF ~FROM YOUR FRIENDS AT THE WINTHROP TRANSCRIPT~

WHS CLASS OF 2020



Hannah Capone is all smiles as she walks the stage.



Several members of the Class of 2020 gather for a group photo.





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A group of graduates show off their creative caps.

Yearbook Award

Dunkin Donuts at the Bridge

Gov John Winthrop Awards

Yearbook Award

Conor Clarke walks the stage.

-SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT \$50.00 Haskell, Patrick

\$300.00 Conley, Camryn WHS Exceptional Mentor Award Winthrop Teachers Association Award Winthrop Emblem Club Award WHS Parents/Teachers Club Award in Art \$100.00 Conner, Anthony WHS Parents/Teachers Club Award in Foreign Language Eleanor Govoni Memorial Scholarship Robert W. Belcher Memorial Scholarship & Trophy Knights of Columbus #162 Scholarship WHS Parents/Teachers Club Award in Excellence in Education \$100.00 Conti, Alana Dorothy B. Hurley Award & Plaque D'Amelio, Sage WHS Parents/Teachers Club Award in Foreign Language \$100.00

\$100.00

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- IN THEIR OWN WORDS

RYAN PARKER, CLASS PRESIDENT

It was around this time last year when I started to picture this moment, where we could be together and reflect on our senior year, the end of year events we would've experienced, the bonds we had strengthed in our final days together. I have anticipated this speech since last June, coming up with little lines to add while I practiced to the audience of shampoo bottles in the shower. As our senior year progressed, I still had this excitement, but it turned bittersweet as I realized this experience would soon be coming to an end. None of us could have ever comprehended JUST how soon it would end. Initially, I didn't want to write about the virus. I mean, it was ALL we heard about, however, I quickly realized that it was inevitable. We were the quarantined class of 2020, the class that everyone knew was robbed of their hard-earned experiences. The class that they felt sorry for. Not too long ago, I didn't know whether I would be speaking to a gym filled with 500 people or if I would be alone in a fancy shirt and pajama pants, talking to a computer screen in my room. This whole process has been so uncertain. One of the few things that did remain consistent were the creativity, flexibility, and hard-work from the many people who

event possible. To our class advisors, Mr. Palen, and Mrs. Jen Capone, we are so thankful for your time, hard work, and guidance throughout the past four years. From early morning meetings, to late night decorating, and every one of our interruptions of your classes in between, you have both been with us through it all. I can speak on behalf of our entire class when I say that we are so grateful for everything you have helped us to accomplish. I would also like to thank Mr. Crombie, Superintendent Lisa Howard, and the entire faculty and staff at Winthrop High School for their constant support and encouragement. Mr. Crombie has dealt with many unexpected visits, and even more zoom calls, and has always answered with positive advice. Throughout all of the confusion this year, Mr. Crombie and Mrs. Howard

made today's

ultimately

not going to give up on us, and without them we could not be here right now. I also send thanks to the student government board, Jillian, Olivia, Devon, Sage, and Chris. I am so thankful for your hard work, dedication, and friendship. It has been a privilege to work alongside such a great group of people. And, of course, I would like to thank my family. Thank you for being my backbone; helping me to succeed, and always being there to comfort me if I fall. I think I can speak for everyone when I say we are so thankful for all of you who are here today, and everyone else who has supported us through the years. From early morning wake ups, forcing us out of bed, to late night drives to CVS to get that poster board for a project due the next day, it is because of and with your support and guidance that we were able to make it to this point. The town of Winthrop is truly like no other. Our community means something different for everyone in it, whether you consider it a "hockey town", a "foodie town", or a "beach town". To everyone, it is a town that cares. When someone or something is broken, Winthrop does everything they can to make it better. Winthrop rallied for the Class of 2020, and made our senior year like no other, and for that, we are forever grateful.

made it clear that they were

Most importantly, I would like to thank you guys; the class of 2020. We have been together for twelve (and a half) years now, and I feel lucky to have grown up along with so many amazing people. If there is one word to define the class of 2020, it would be resilient. This is something I knew far before the recent events. Our class has been subject to so much change in our eighteen years. We were born into a changing world, during the wake of September 11th, 2001. I've always heard people describe the world before 9/11, a world we never really

Now, everyday we hear about what our "new normal" will be as we move forward from this pandemic. Our normal has always been changing, and we have withstood, and surmounted the changes

each time. We are able to take on anything this world has to throw at us, and we've been proving it since day one.

The only way to fully understand the class of 2020's experience is to relive it with

The best place to begin would be 2007, in kindergarten. We didn't know it yet, but we were about to meet the people that would be with us, rising and falling, failing and succeeding, for the next twelve years. That year, the "new normal" that was being implemented at the Fort Banks School was the loop. Drop-offs were a new form of controlled chaos, as we were whisked from the back seat, sometimes before the car was even in park. Maybe some of us cried, scared to enter this new uncharted territory that is school. Others were excited, walking through the doors of the Fort Banks without ever looking back. We learned how to read, found friends, and played some epic recess games. Before we knew it, we were moving on to the Cummings school. We began reading chapter books, and started learning harder math like long division. Thanks to the start of common core, our parents no longer knew how to help us with our homework. We spent snack time trading shoulder buddies and silly bands; true elementary school currency. We worked for months to perform "I Love Music" in Mr. Roan's holiday shows, only for at least one person to inevitably pass out on stage EV-

People often refer to middle school as an awkward time, but nobody could realize just how awkward our three years were. In sixth grade, we moved up to the old middle school, excited to be with the "big kids", and have our own locker. Some of us got braces, and there were many bad haircuts along the way. Nevertheless, we were proud to roam the school in our togas for the famed "Egypt" and "Greece" Day. We were on top of the world... only to give up this newfound freedom in exchange for cubbies and -chew time- as we moved back into the Cummings for seventh grade. The following year, we were prematurely thrown into the high school, at

ERY time. Finally, we moved

on to the middle school.

seemingly huge, bearded, 18 year olds. At our first pep rally, we sat on the floor of the middle school gym. Instead of hearing the annual "go home freshmen", we were hit with "go home eighth grade". Don't worry though, the chant for the freshmen returned the next year, just in time for us to receive it again. Each year was a new challenge for us to tackle, as we jumped between schools, principals, and widely varying age groups. Nonetheless, we were sad to say goodbye to our middle school years, not realizing how much worse the goodbye would be four short years later.

All of the craziness of middle school was worth it when we entered this new, state-ofthe-art high school on our first day of Freshmen year. Some of us started playing our first high school sports. We endured many socratic seminars with our english teachers. We enjoyed the digital media class videos as they unveiled their yearly rap; Fiona's version of "Empire State of Mind" was stuck in our heads for weeks. We worked through what felt like thousands of hours on NHD projects, even if that meant trying to pull it all off in one night. We were able to see the birth of the most talented music group of this time, Staff Infection. We got to watch the first football game to ever be played on the new Miller Field. Our class has truly accomplished so much. Since our freshmen year, our drama society has won back to back state championships, and we'll never know what could've happened this year. Many of our sports teams have competed and won NEC titles, some for the very first time. We have been witness to many school records being set, in track, swim, lacrosse, and basketball, just to name a few. Our class is also responsible for the birth of new clubs at Winthrop High School: the Robotics club, and Best Buddies club were both started by members of the class of 2020. We have been lucky enough to see the launch of "Wake Up Winthrop High School", everyone's favorite Friday morning newscast. We have been able to experience the wins, and parades if you were lucky, of three different Boston sports titles since the start of high school. We are the first class to graduate after spending all four years.. well, three and a half, of high school in this new building. Our class truly felt like we were hitting our stride. As we approached the finish line, we anticipated the celebrations ahead of us. Every year, we watched in envy as the seniors leave, go to prom, the overnight, and eventually walk across the stage... excited for it to become our turn. Nothing could stop us now.

On March 13th, we walked out of Winthrop High School completely unaware that our high school career was over. We have our prom dresses that we waited months to wear hanging in our closets. The senior prank we had joked about since June of last year is unable to happen.

The last months of your senior year are supposed to be the time where the senior class comes together, when we are celebrated for the years of hard work we have put in, and not being able to experience that seemed incomprehensible. In a time where we so desperately need a hug from a friend, a grandparent, a loved one, we couldn't even do that. If there is anything we have learned from this, it is that the prom was not the entirety of our high school experience. The overnight, the elementary school walk-through, the luau are not our high school experience. All year we looked forward to these end of the year events, but once that was taken from us, we looked back and realized that those are not the most important memories. Our high school experience is waving to that person in the hall who we know can make us smile. Our high school experience is laughing in class as a break from the daily stress. It is texting your friends to coordinate who is saving that coveted table at lunch. It is finding that one teacher that accidentally forgets you're a student, and talks to you like a friend. Maybe, it was playing a heated game of Uno in the library during an AP workshop. It is these small memories that we all have that make our experiences unique. In the words of Bob Seger, "Those are the memories that make me a wealthy soul". We may have become the class that makes history as the class who lost the events that punctuate our high school career. But we are so much more than



Class President Ryan Parker.

that. Once again, the class of 2020 has found ways to play the cards they were dealt. We parked our cars in a circle, six feet apart of course, and talked with our friends. We facetimed and zoomed with teachers to catch up, and find ways to get work done. We drove by our friends and families houses, and celebrated their birthdays, anniversaries, and holidays from a distance. Our teachers even made time to parade by all of our houses. We found ways to experience our graduation, and to celebrate our successes. It may have been a little makeshift, and it definitely was not what we were expecting, but we found a way to close out our year together, even if we were apart. For these reasons, the class of 2020 will never be forgotten. Our class is historic, for our strength, our perseverance, our unbreakable spirit, and our ability to learn

from, and make the best of a bad situation. Just one more history lesson before we go: my mom also had the privilege of giving this speech as the president of Winthrop High School's Class of 1991. She read a poem called Desiderata, which my nana, who many of you know as Nurse Sue, also quoted at her wedding. I read it, and found some advice that I think is especially relevant to us now. "Whatever your labors and aspirations, in the noisy confusion of life, keep peace in your soul. With all its sham, drudgery, and broken dreams, it is still a beautiful world. Be cheerful. Strive to be happy". Class of 2020, we have just earned a spot in the history books. As we enter this confusing world, we have the tools to continue making history, adapting to challenges, working towards our success, and above all. striving to be happy.

13 years old in a school with

After four years of jumping through hurdles and the finish line just a stone's throw away, we were quickly derailed with an unexpected obstacle, Covid-19. As the pandemic began infecting our lives, we watched as our highly anticipated events were cancelled one by one. Instead of snow days we got covid days, so many that I began hearing the rarest of phrases ever said by a teenager, "I just want to go back to school." But soon a faint glow of hope came in the shape of a zoom call, although shrouded by plenty of glitchy internets and frozen screens. Even with some sense of normalcy returned to us, getting back on the horse was still a challenge, but we prevailed. We pulled ourselves together and perhaps pulled the covers up, too, to finish that last leg of the race. Now here we are, at the finish line, at our well-de-

At these times, I like to think back at when it all started. It seems only yesterday that our naive freshman selves

served graduation.

entered the brand new high school building, only to find ourselves becoming very familiar with the cafeteria floors during lunches. In a blink of an eye, we find ourselves the stars of pep rally instead of being booed for our freshman status. Suddenly, we are no longer those freshmen bench warmers but the senior varsity captains. Now the underclassmen look to us as the leaders of our clubs. Before we even get used to our new role model status in high school and let the senioritis slowly take root, we find ourselves suddenly at a seemingly premature end. As we take a step back to look at life from a different perspective, it is apparent that high school is but a miniscule fraction of the long journey of life. Nonetheless, although our high school career may be short, it does not diminish the importance of these four years.

It is amazing to see how much one can accomplish in four years. In these four years we have learned much about the world around us, from the different cultures to the natural sciences. However, we learned more than the scholastic subjects. In every sport, in every club, we learned the importance of teamwork, cooperation and maybe even leadership. Through every frustrating homework assignment, we learned to stay determined and even build up the confidence to ask our teachers for guidance. Through every disappointment and setback, we proved that we always return with a Patriots' 2017 Super Bowl style comeback. FDR once said, "A smooth sea never made a skilled sailor." This perfectly sums up life. Everyday we face challenges big and small, but with every obstacle we overcome and every choice we make, we become a better and wiser person. Without them, we would not have become the young adults who are graduating today. So even though it was only four years of our life, those four years were filled to the brim with memorable and important experiences that

During the quarantine, I began to notice the many things I had sadly taken for granted, whether it was going into public without a mask or being secured with enough toilet paper. If there is one thing I learned, it was to be appreciative of everything and everyone. So I want to take this time to thank everyone who has made the past four years so wonderful. First and foremost, I need to thank the teachers for not only dedicating so much time to teaching all of us but making the lessons unforgettable. I will not forget building a roller coaster in Mr. Tarantino's physics class, watching a gummy bear explode in STEM club, playing Señor Nickerson's sobreviviente en español, participating in Mr. Beck's pretest primal screaming, and the numerous other twists the teachers added to their lessons. It was these moments that made high school so memorable, so thank you to all the teachers of WHS for their extended efforts to keep us motivated and inspired. I want to thank all of

keeping the school running at max potential and keeping all the students positive even through quarantine. I want to thank the town for building such a nice building for us to learn in everyday and supporting us through these times. Most importantly, I want to thank all of our families, especially our parents, who helped us develop into the people we are today and also putting up with our teenage drama 24-7 during the quarantine.

Finally, I want to give a personal thanks to all my peers for making high school a wonderful experience. I have only known most of you for four years, but it was truly an honor to know and work with each and everyone of you. It was a joy to see everyone's effort put into the March Madness tournament, the amazing performances the drama team put on like Dinner Theater and the Holiday Show with guest appearances from Staff Infection, the interesting news cast of Wake Up Winthrop and skits of the digital me-



Valedictorian Elizabeth **Collins**

dia and the robots created by Norse Code, our robotics team. I will miss seeing everyone in the halls and sharing little moments whether it was venting our worries about college or laughing about Schrödinger's tacocat. I wish Godspeed to everyone as we reach an end to high school but start the beginning of a new phase of our lives. I hope to see the many accomplishments from this class as we become the new generation of scientists, engineers, politicians, doctors, plumbers, athletes and so

So congrats to the classof 2020.

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TRINITY RIST, SALUTATORIAN

Good evening everyone. It's a pleasure to be here tonight, although at this point it's a pleasure to be anywhere other than my home. 2020 has certainly been a whirlwind of a year. I wasn't even sure that I would be able to give a speech until a few weeks ago. It feels as though every minute there's something new being thrown our way, another obstacle to overcome or adapt to. Even before this year we were not strangers to change. Starting in sixth grade, we were shuffled around to different schools, switching buildings every year for four years. I'm sure we all remember the awkwardness of being considered high schoolers in eighth grade; from having to take midterms and finals that the subsequent classes avoided, to learning in makeshift cafeteria classrooms. We were the youngest kids in high school two years in a row. It seems like it was just yesterday when we took our first steps as the inaugural freshman class in the new building and officially began

Freshman year was a strange and exciting time for us. We got our first school IDs, remember those? In the three years that we had school IDs, I think I lost mine within the first day each time. When we finally received our chromebooks a few months into the year, we quickly adapted to the technology-based curriculum that has defined our learning experience. We learned how to navigate the halls, find seats in the lunchroom, and use the cleartouch boards that adorn almost every room. We took the building and we made it our own.

our high school experience.

Sophomore year was mostly a blur. We spent hours upon hours studying for tests and completing homework, frequently staying up late to make sure we did our best work. We poured our time and energy into our sports and extracurriculars, we volunteered within our community, and we strived to make sure that everything we did here was meaningful. Junior year was more of the same, with the added pressure of beginning our college search making the year a bit more stressful. Many of us were still figuring out who and what we wanted to be. During this time we continued to prove ourselves as strong, passionate, and driven individuals who were determined to succeed.

How did the Class of 2020 respond to our unconventional journey? We adapted and exceled. We consistently found ways to make an impact and leave a legacy for the classes that follow us. We founded the robotics team which went on to win three awards in its first year. We led our drama department to the state finals twice. We led the Viking Longship Project in constructing the ticket booth for the new football field. We helped the girl's lacrosse team reach it's first ever state tournament and our tennis team to their first in 18 years. We became leaders in and out of the classroom. Through all of this we looked forward to our senior year with great enthusiasm. It was going to be our time to truly shine.

Our senior year had a very

promising beginning. Senior

pictures were taken and prom

plans made. We continued to make an impact. We led the science club to its debut in the Science Olympiad. We led the girls track team to its first conference title in 32 years and our Drama club was poised to win yet another state championship. We had finished our midterms and many of us had already received college decisions or were about to. We were in the final stretch, and then March hit. One minute we were studying in our classes, the next we were being sent home for two weeks due to coronavirus concerns. Soon two weeks turned into three, then eight, then it was finally decided that we wouldn't be returning at all. We transitioned from online assignments to full on virtual learning, figured out how to use Zoom and independently studied for our AP exams. We adjusted to rarely leaving our homes and wearing masks during those brief escapes. On the bright side, finals

challenge yet, the class of 2020 once again adapted and exceled. Despite everything that has happened in the last few months, we have managed to stay strong and find new ways to improve ourselves and our community. We've donated our time, money, and supplies to health care centers and other important causes. We became our families' own personal tech support as they struggle to navigate a remote workplace. We finally found the

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time to play that game we've been wanting to play and read that book we've been dying to read. Rather than focusing on the negative and dwelling on what we lost, we've made the best of a bad situation, and I can honestly say that I'm proud of what we've accomplished. We've proven time and

time again that we know how to make an impact. As we move into the future, we will continue to shape the world around us. Our ability to adapt and excel will be crucial to our success as we leave Winthrop High School. We are well aware of the challenges we face, with neither open college campuses or available jobs guaranteed. We also recognize how lucky we are, that our challenges pale in comparison to what many across the globe are experiencing, and that we enter adulthood with the opportunity to be catalysts for major change and improvement.

Although we are shrouded

in uncertainty at the moment, we will continue to thrive no matter what happens. When life throws us a curveball, we hit it out of the park (By the way, I originally wanted to say that we throw it right back, but apparently that's not how baseball works). We have shown that we are adaptable and hardworking, persevering through the less than ideal circumstances of the last few months. We don't know what these next weeks or months will bring, let alone the coming years. One thing I do know is that we will leave the world a better place. While our paths may not cross in the future, we will always be able to look back on our time here and

to use this opportunity to recognize a few people who made my time at Winthrop High School more special First I would like to thank Mr. Crombie, Mrs. Howard and the entire Winthrop commu-

Before I go, I would like

nity for all they have done to recognize the Class of 2020. From car parades to the adopt a senior program, you have reminded us that while we may not be in the building, we are still Vikings. Thank you to Mrs. McCarthy for giving Liz and I the opportunity to create the robotics team. Although she is no longer with us, thank vou to Ms. Korn for encourag-

ing my creativity and strange sense of humor. Thank you to Mr. Skane, Mr. Beck, and Mr. Tarantino for making my experience here much more pleasant and for putting up with my ramblings about tacocat. Thank you to all of the faculty of Winthrop High School for making our time spent here both meaningful and enjoyable. And of course

thank you to my family, and the families of everyone here tonight, for the support you've given us throughout the years. We wouldn't be where we are today without your hard work and encouragement.

Can we please have a round of applause for tonight's graduates? you!

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Bosse, Colby Brooks, Michael	Emmanuel College Salem State	Elementary Education
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Callanan, Heather	Plymouth State University	Business Management
Campo, Salvatore Capone, Hannah	Northeastern University Fordham University	Computer Engineering Computer Science
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Driscoll, Olivia Evangelista, Noah	Clemson University Massachusetts Maritime Acad	Psychology/Speech & Language Pathology lemy Emergency Management
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Johnson, Jillian	Umass Amherst	Social and Behavioral Science
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Kraja, Keidi	College Attending Bunkerhill Community College	Major/Field of Study Undecided
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East Boston Savings Bank opens three new branches

East Boston Savings Bank (EBSB) has opened new branches in Salem and Woburn and is targeting a late summer opening of EBSB's third branch in Brookline.

"We are very excited to be expanding our footprint within these communities. All these locations coincide with our strategy to penetrate lucrative high-density markets and expand the EBSB franchise that has a strong community banking history" said Richard Gavegnano, Chairman, President and CEO of East Boston Savings Bank. "We are proud to be part of these great communities and look forward to establishing new relationships and enhancing existing ones."

The opening of the Salem branch, located on the corner of New Derby and Washington Streets, marks a continuation of EBSB's expansion to the North Shore. Located on Route 114, the location is ideal as it provides great visibility and is accessible to public transportation (busses and commuter rail.) With \$32 million in deposits and more than \$76 million in loans, the bank already conducts a substantial amount of business in Salem and see's great potential to expand its customer base due to the many nearby small businesses.

The Woburn location at 331 Montvale Avenue is

ideal as it provides great visibility and is accessible to the heavily traveled commuter Route 93. Located just off exit 3 south, the branch is equipped with a drive-up window and driveup ATM. "In Woburn and we see great potential to expand our customer base due to the many residential neighborhoods and businesses in the area." says Gavegnano.

The Bank's third Brookline branch is located at 473 Harvard Street. The site of a former Starbucks, it's only a 6-minute walk from the MBTA's Green Line "B-branch" Harvard Avenue stop. "With a sig-nificant deposit base from our two other Brookline branches at 1050 and 1441 Beacon Street, the Harvard Street location allows us to service a more densely populated area of the community." says Gavegnano. This branch is targeted to open in mid-September. Founded in 1848, East

Boston Savings Bank operates 40 full-service branches including a Mobile Banking Unit in the greater Boston metropolitan area. EBSB offers a variety of deposit and loan products to individuals and businesses located in its primary market, which consists of Essex, Middlesex, Norfolk and Suffolk counties. As a member of both the FDIC and Depositors Insurance Fund (DIF) all deposits are

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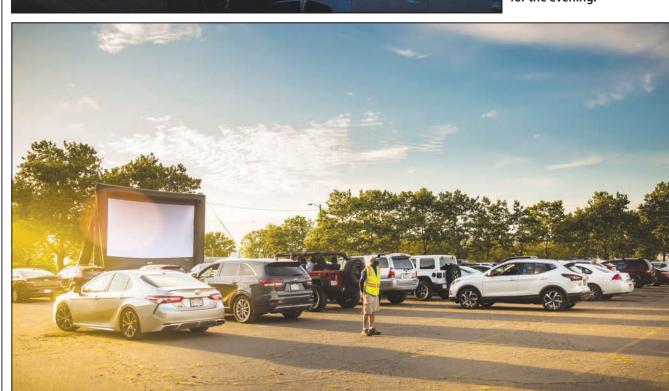
Cars filed into the Suffolk Downs parking lot last Thursday, July 16, for the first Drive-in movie shown at Suffolk Downs in over 50 years. Attendees of the event got to relax in the safety and comfort of their own vehicles while enjoying the classic, "Grease."

The next film shown will be "Field of Dreams" on Thursday, July 23. One ticket per car, at a cost of \$15, will be required for



Residents enjoy the film 'Grease' at the Suffolk Downs Drive-In last Thursday, June

Shown below, a parking attendant stands ready to direct the cars into their 'seats' for the evening.



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me, so I feel like I have a special connection with him. For additional heroes, I look to the lessons of Paul Robeson, read the works of James Baldwin and Ta-Nehisi Coates, and dissect the speeches of Malcolm X and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. And I always have a soft spot for Oprah (I tell my wife frequently that I look forward to her following her career path).

Q. Baldwin, King and X fought for the same thing, but in fundamentally different ways. With whose

insured in full.

A. I most align with Dr. King. He had extraordinary patience for a common citizen. What his generation was willing to endure through non-violent protest was exemplary. They fought to be acknowledged and to have a seat at the table. I would also note the recent loss of John Lewis, who continued this effort and was the conscience of Congress.

Q. In our last interview, you said, "I am the child of an interracial family, so

direct connection with one culture." How did this ostracization manifest itself in your life? How did it impact your sense of identity?

A. My parents' marriage is the representation of the combination of cultures. My father grew up in mostly urban areas and my mother in western Massachusetts. My sister and I were presented with stories of our father having issues while travelling in certain parts of the country. During her first week of school, my sister was told that our mother couldn't be ours wrote one of my college essays about filling out a form as biracial and how that didn't really make any sense (how I could literally be of any two races and check that box).

Q. Last month, you brought up the topic of objectivity, which a lot of people are talking about right now. As a Black person, is it possible for you to separate your professional life from your personal experience? If so, at what cost?

A. I have drawn on my education and professionapproach do you feel most that further ostracized my because she was white. I al background while ap-

proaching the objectivity required of this position. It is difficult for me to have a leadership position within a community and be required to not participate in the local campaign efforts. I would be more forceful with my actions and statements if I were an elected official. All of that said, my race plays no part in my passion for things being equal for everyone.

Q. Most white parents don't spend a lot of time talking to their children about their whiteness. On the other hand, Black parents are constantly having to tell their children about how their blackness is perceived by society. In what ways do you teach your children about their race?

A. First, it stinks that I have to spend time teaching my two and four year old about the topic of race. We had to stop watching the news in June in our household, because we could tell that our daughter was interpreting that something had happened with George Floyd and the images associated with the protests. My wife introduced a mantra to our children, "I am smart. I

am kind. I am loved. I can do anything." They know that how they, or anyone else, looks shouldn't matter. We have tried to teach our children empathy and compassion, which I feel are the base items necessary to being in a multicultural society. Our more concrete steps have been to introduce our children to important Black figures throughout history, because they may not be as represented in media or educa-

Q. You said the formal education you received in Black History was lacking. How could schools improve the way they teach Black History?

tional materials.

A. Start with teaching a more comprehensive history curriculum and the complete stories of historical figures. For example, The 1619 Project adds context to the traditional history taught in schools. The victors should not be the only ones to tell the stories.

If you would like to nominate an individual to be interviewed for this series, please email me@lauraplummer.me.





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The Red Ravens inside the old Middle School gymnasium.

Sean Driscoll features Summer Parks and Recreation teams

By Cary Shuman

The temperature hit 95 degrees in Winthrop Tuesday, officially making it a heat wave – the definition of which is three consecutive days when the temperature is 90 degrees or higher.

Yes, it's hot, but it's summer and in general, summers in New England are great.

What's also great is the Winthrop Parks and Recreation's Summer Parks Program led by Director Sean Driscoll, his talented staff of Jill Caputo, James Carroll, and Toni Titemore, and a group of dedicated summer instructors. Let's meet two more of the teams in the program:

MEET THE PURPLE **POWER PARTY**

The Purple Power Partiers - who range in age from 6-10 - are certainly enjoying their summer in the Parks Program and they have a lot of admiration for the dedicated staff. One camper voted for five instructors – Mark, Bella, Jianna, Jimmy, and Emily - in the "Favorite Staff" balloting while another voter selected the "All Purple

Team." Overall it looks like Jianna topped the ticket which is a political term meaning she received the most votes - though Bella, Emily, Mark, Jimmy, and Steph had strong support as well.

The Purple contingent had arts and crafts – which is a group of activities in which a person makes things with his/her hands - as the leader in the "Favorite Camp Activity" category. Also receiving votes were: field trips, the beach and aquatics (water), and the playground.

The campers were also asked in the survey taken by camp staff: "What is the best part of Winthrop?" The Twist and Shake ice cream store on Shirley Street received multiple votes. Some of the other responses were: "Nice people and a small town, going to the beach, living here and being close to the beach, and the Parks and Rec program."

And in the "Favorite Thing To Do With the Family" part of the survey, the responses were varied, with family trips to Twist and Shake getting yet another vote. The other responses were: "Going on vacations, helping around the house,

going to the park, watching a movie, going to the beach, taking walks with my parents and the dogs, and playing games (We used to like the game of Monopoly and candlepin bowling - though we consider bowling to be a sport, not a game - though one does bowl a "game" in ten-pin bowling; in candlepin bowling, one bowls a "string.")

MEET THE RED RAVENS

They are the Red Ravens of Winthrop - not the Ravens of Baltimore or the Ravens of Franklin Pierce University (where Winthrop's Jack Wallace is a collegiate pitcher) and they like sports.

Sports and games' and 'playing sports and games in the old Middle School gymnasium' outpointed 'arts and crafts' in the "Favorite Camp Activity" cat-

We like one of the answers especially in the "Best Part of Winthrop" portion of the survey as in: The best of Winthrop is absolutely everything. Others also agreed that "living here" is the best part of Winthrop. 'Having so many sports to play

Grocery

was also cited as a great certainly affirms that point. thing about Winthrop - and having so many sports facilities - a rink (the Larsen Rink at the Mike Eruzione Center), basketball gymnasiums, a brand-new Miller Field, baseball fields, tennis courts, not to mention the Winthrop Golf Course -

Bella and Jimmy were the clear choices in the "Favorite Staff' voting by the Red Ravens.

And in the "Favorite Thing to Do With Family" -playing sports and games was again among the prime responses. Keep enjoying

your sports, Red Ravens. And let's hope we can enjoy MLB, NBA, WNBA, NHL, WNHL, and NFL games over the next several months.

We hope to see you next week with Sean Driscoll and his feature on Summer Parks teams.



granddaughter, Olivia Driscoll, on her graduation from Winthrop High School, Class of 2020.

A NEW ERA BEGINS

Michael Triant named new WHS boys basketball coach

Michael Triant knows all about Winthrop High's outstanding basketball tradition. In fact, the former 1997 Dom Savio basketball captain says he was inspired by the 1995 Winthrop High team that won the state championship.

"I can name the starting five for Peter Grimes' team that won it all," said Triant. "The way they came together as a team and won that incredible overtime game in the Garden was something special and helped inspire me for my senior-year team at Savio."

Winthrop High School Director of Athletics Matt Serino has named Triant

as the new Winthrop High boys basketball head coach. Triant, 40, succeeds David Sacco as head coach.

"I'm very excited and looking forward to it," said Triant, who is the executive director of the Salesian Boys and Girls Club in East Boston. "I just want to say how grateful I am to Athletic Director Matt Serino and Principal Matt Crombie for the opportunity they've given me. "I am looking forward to working with them to continue to advance the high school program and basketball in our great town.

I think that David did a great job for the last three

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John Vasel III

January 31, 1961 — May 30, 2020

John (JV) Vasel III, 59, of Winthrop passed away on Saturday, May 30.

John leaves behind his loving mother, Lois Joan (Rantz) Vasel, his father, John Vasel, Jr., his beloved sisters, June (Indrisano) McKinnon, the late Denise Vasel, Joanne Vasel and Laurie Vase, and his beloved brother, Michael Vasel. "Uncle Johnny" is also survived by 14 cherished nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews and his godson, Michael John. In addition, he is survived by many loving aunts, uncles, cousins, and boundless

Johnny was born in Winthrop January 31,1961. He went the Winthrop through System, partici-School pated in sports and graduated from Winthrop High School, Class of 1979 ("Let the Good Times Roll".) Johnny went onto attend Johnson and Wales College where he earned his Associate Degree in Culinary Arts. He then established himself as one of the head banquet chefs at Danversport Yacht Club, a position he held for more than 30 years.

JV's greatest legacy and one of his best qualities was his ability to easily make friends. Mild mannered, funny, warm, handsome, charismatic, yet humble, he would find a common bond, making you feel special in his life. And make no mistake, you were! This world needs more people like Johnny and he will be



sadly missed.

The family plans to have a Celebration of Life for Johnny (TBA). We acknowledge and appreciate that his family and friends want to honor and celebrate his bigger than life, funfilled personality, and the amazing happy memories he gave to each and every one of us.

I DID NOT DIE

By Mary Elizabeth Frye Do not stand at my grave and weep

I am not there; I do not sleep.

I am a thousand winds that I am the diamond glints on

snow. I am the sun on ripened

grain. I am the gentle autumn

When you awaken in the morning's hush

I am the swift uplifting rush Of quiet birds in circled

I am the soft stars that shine

Do not stand at my grave

and cry, I am not there; I did not die.

Americans with Disabilities Act's 30th anniversary

MBTA highlights progress and upcoming accessibility projects

Special to the Transcript

On the 30th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), the nation's most significant legislation regarding the civil rights of people with disabilities, the MBTA reaffirms its commitment to being a leader in accessible public transportation.

"Thanks to the ADA and our riders who have advocated and partnered with us, the MBTA is more reliable and accessible than ever before," said MBTA General Manager Steve Poftak. "We're proud of the accessibility accomplishments we've made so far, but we're committed to continuing to make improvements, which are fundamental to allowing our neighbors, friends, colleagues, and family members with disabilities to use the MBTA safely and confidently. With that in mind, we celebrate this important anniversary and look forward to continuing our path forward."

This week's GM Video Update features additional discussion regarding the history of accessibility at the MBTA and the progress toward a fully accessible T.

By the 1970s, the MBTA had already begun projects and programs with a focus on accessibility, including the T's first elevator going into service at Quincy Center Station in 1971 and offering door-to-door paratransit service through the use of two lift-equipped vans in and around Brookline in 1977. Early Federal laws and state oversight through the Massachusetts Architectural Board helped to expand a focus on acces-

sibility at the T and, by 1990 when the ADA was signed, around twenty-five MBTA stations were accessible. At that time, some buses were also accessible, though customers were required to call ahead to request these liftequipped buses be assigned to a particular route.

The signing of the ADA in 1990 aimed to eliminate discrimination against people with disabilities, including in public transportation. Expectations for public transit providers like the MBTA were clarified and called for all parts of service to be accessible, including reliable stop announcements, improved employee trainings, and accessible key stations and vehicles.

The existence of the ADA has also given riders a mechanism for holding organizations accountable for providing accessible service. While the T had made some progress since the signing of the ADA in 1990, a group of riders with disabilities along with the Boston Center for Independent Living filed a class-action lawsuit against the T in 2002 that cited many ADA violations, including broken elevators, inaccessible buses, and employees not equipped to assist customers as needed.

Following a comprehensive settlement agreement of this lawsuit in 2006, the MBTA has fundamentally shifted its approach, initiating accessibility projects and programs with the goal of becoming a global leader in accessible transit. In the fifteen years since the settlement agreement, tremendous progress has been made – to name a few:

•The MBTA now has over 232 accessible stations – including 200 elevators system-wide with elevator "up time" averaging 99.4 percent or better consistently over the last decade through new elevator maintenance contracts.

•The T's bus fleet is 100 percent accessible with the newest fleet designed with feedback from riders with disabilities that has resulted in a layout that will provide more space and options for all customers, including wheelchair users and families with strollers. •All front-line employ-

ees receive improved training in providing accessible and inclusive service to all customers, including oneof-a-kind training in assisting customers with disabilities during emergency situations. •Recognizing that firsthand experiences help

shape a more usable system, the MBTA continues to reinforce its efforts to include riders with disabilities in its decision-making processes by hiring talented staff who also have disabilities and improving rider engagement through groups like the T's Riders' Transportation Access Group (R-TAG).

The RIDE is also a leader in service quality, efficiency, and innovation among peer paratransit operations. Since the launch of this service on a smaller scale in 1977, the MBTA's ADA door-to-door paratransit RIDE program currently provides service for eligible customers in fifty-eight surrounding towns and communities, including Boston. Of the 1.6 million trips provided last year on the traditional RIDE service, over 245,000 trips were taken as part of the innovative pilot partnership with Uber and Lyft, which provides customers with flexible options that best meet their needs and additional similar pilot service offerings to come soon. The upcoming software and technology transition to Routematch will also continue to improve the customer experience, enhance reliability, and increase efficiencies by providing customers with a new web-based trip booking platform, a compatible smart phone app, and interactive voice response prompts to assist customers in managing their own trips. The MBTA continues to explore better, more integrated ways to offer trips to its RIDE customers using both paratransit and fixed

route service. While the MBTA is proud of this progress so far, the T is committed to continuous improvement with more projects focused on accessibility in the pipeline. As part of the MBTA's Plan for Accessible Transportation Infrastructure (PATI) that aims to make the system entirely accessible, major upgrades within the next five years include:

•The renovation of Symphony and Hynes Stations on the Green Line to improve accessibility;

•Improvements to nine street-level Green Line stops that make these stations fully accessible;

•Over 50 new elevators in design; and

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U.S. Attorney, FBI team with American Association of Retired Persons's for Tele-Town Hall on COVID scams targeting seniors

The U.S. Attorney's Office and the Boston Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation have partnered with American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) to educate senior citizens in Massachusetts about COVID-19 scams and other fraud targeting

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the aging population.

Through AARP's Fraud Watch Network, approximately 5,600 Massachuin the hour-long tele-town hall event yesterday with U.S. Attorney Andrew E. Lelling, federal prosecutors from the U.S. Attorney's Office and the FBI. During the tele-town hall, federal officials discussed the types of schemes currently being reported, provided tips and tools on how to avoid becoming a victim and answered callers' questions.

"As communities undertake efforts to stem the spread of COVID-19, scammers are using the pandemic as an opportunity to prey on public fear and take advantage of vulnerable members of our communities," said United States Attorney Andrew E. Lelling. "Over recent months, we've seen a surge of scams including counterfeit medical supplies, bogus

treatments and fake vaccines, and scams attempting to gain access to personal financial information. We and prosecuting those who perpetrate these scams as well as educating individuals about how to protect themselves from becoming victims of crime." "Scammers

targeting seniors are a growing concern here in Massachusetts. Last year alone, more than \$11.2 million in losses were reported to us by elderly victims, and we know for a fact these crimes are grossly underreported because of shame and embarrassment," said Joseph R. Bonavolonta, Special Agent in Charge of the FBI Boston Division. "Fraudsters are using the uncertainty surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic to their advantage and that's why we need to work together to put them out of business for good. Educating ourselves, as well as our aging family members and friends through teletown halls like this one, is crucial to avoid becoming a

victim." Throughout the current setts seniors participated are committed to finding health crisis, federal investigators and prosecutors have continued to fulfill the Justice Department's critical mission of protecting public safety. Federal authorities have prioritized the disruption, investigation and prosecution of crimes related to COVID-19, including fraud schemes, unapproved treatments and scams related to stimulus

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USDA declares August 'Tree Check Month'

Staff Report

August is the peak time of year to spot the Asian long-horned beetle (ALB) as adults emerge from trees. That's why the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is declaring August as "Tree Check Month." Checking trees for the beetle and the damage it causes is one way residents can protect their own trees and help USDA's efforts to eliminate this beetle from the United States.

Signs of this invasive pest continue to be found in Massachusetts, so residents need to be on watch. A portion of Worcester County remains under a federal quarantine for the ALB, and the movement of wood out of the area is not allowed. The most recent infested tree was removed in March in the town of Auburn.

"Just this past June, we confirmed a new infestation in South Carolina after a homeowner reported that they found a dead Asian long-horned beetle on their property," said Josie Ryan, USDA APHIS' National Operations Manager for the ALB Eradication Program. "We need the public's help to find new areas where the beetle has spread, because finding it sooner means fewer trees will become infested."

ALB is an invasive wood-boring beetle that attacks 12 types of hardwood trees in North America, such as maples, elms, horse chestnuts, birches and willows. In its larval stage, the insect feeds inside tree trunks and branches during the colder months. The beetle creates tunnels as it feeds, then chews its way out as an adult in the warmer months. Infested trees do not recover and eventually die. Infested trees can become safety hazards since branches can drop and trees can fall over, especially during storms.

The beetle has distinctive markings that are easy to recognize:

•Black and white antennae that are longer than the insect's body.

•A shiny black body with white spots that is about 1 inch to 1½ inches long.

•Six legs and feet that can appear bluish-colored. Signs that a tree might be

infested include: •Round exit holes in tree trunks and branches about the size of a dime or small-

•Shallow oval or round scars in the bark where the adult beetle chewed an egg

•Sawdust-like material called frass, laying on the ground around the tree or in the branches.

•Dead branches or limbs falling from an otherwise healthy-looking tree.

ALB is not harmful to people or pets. If possible, residents should take pictures and capture suspicious insects in a durable container and freeze them, which helps preserve the insect for identification. Residents can report the insect or tree damage by calling the ALB

hotline at 1-866-702-9938 or reporting online at www. AsianLonghornedBeetle.

"As people use firewood this summer, we are also asking them to buy heat-treated and certified wood rather than move untreated firewood long distances, which can potentially spread ALB," warned Ryan. "You can also responsibly gather firewood where you will burn it or buy it in the area where you will use it."

Firewood cannot move out of areas that are quarantined for ALB without a permit. It is important that people follow state and federal laws, which restrict the movement of woody material, to keep the tree-killing pest from spreading outside of known infested areas.

It is possible to eradicate the pest. In May 2014, an infestation area in Boston was declared ALB-free. The insect has also been eradicated from areas in Illinois, New Jersey, Ohio and New York.

For local inquiries or to speak to your State Plant Health Director, call 1-866-702-9938.

The United Nations General Assembly has declared 2020 the International Year of Plant Health (IYPH). Please join USDA APHIS to help protect the world's crops, forests, gardens and landscapes against invasive pests. Learn more by visiting www.aphis.usda.gov/ planthealth/2020.

WINTHROP POLICE TREAT PARKS AND REC CAMPERS TO LUNCH



relationship that the WPD has built with

the youth of this community, Winthrop Police surprised Parks and Recreation Summer Program campers with a free lunch of hamburgers and hot dogs at Ingleside and Coughlin Parks on Wednesday. Police Officers James Feeley and Rob Carter are pictured at the park as they delivered the lunches. Director of Parks and Recreation Sean Driscoll thanked Winthrop Police for its generosity to the program.

U.S. House approves Great American Outdoors Act

Staff Report

On Wednesday, July 22, the U.S. House of Representatives voted 310-107 to approve the Great American Outdoors Act, which would fully fund the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) and make critical investments in our national park system and other public lands. The bill, which passed the U.S. Senate last month, now goes to the president for his promised signature.

"During this tumultuous time, many of us have turned to outdoor spaces and local parks for our physical and mental wellbeing. I am grateful that the U.S. House of Representatives expressed their thanks by supporting this historic investment in the future of our outdoor spaces," said Deb Markowitz, state director for The Nature Conservancy in Massachusetts.

Fully and permanently funding the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) will bring critical

funding for conservation and recreation across the Commonwealth. Important lands and waters, like Barrett's Farm at Minute Man National Historical Park, climate resilient wildlife habitat at the Silvio O. Conte National Fish and Wildlife Refuge, the forests around the Quabbin Reservoir that filter water for 2.5 million people, and countless local parks and playgrounds, have already been funded through LWCF.

"These places also form the foundation of our strong outdoor recreation economy. Fully funding this program is a game-changer for nature and for those of us who love and depend on it," says Markowitz.

The Great American Outdoors Act combines two conservation proposals that each have strong, bipartisan support. The first would provide full and permanent funding of \$900 million each year for LWCF, an amount derived from offshore oil and gas revenues—not tax dollars. A recent economic analysis shows that every \$1 million invested in LWCF could support up to 30 jobs. Additionally, research on the impact of the LWCF shows that \$1 spent generates \$4 in economic value from natural resource goods and services alone.

The second part of the bill would invest \$1.9 billion annually for the next five years toward maintenance in national parks, other public lands and at the Bureau of Indian Education. In Massachusetts, this backlog has been estimated at over \$244 million at National Park Service (NPS) sites, alone. For example, Minute Man National Historical Park sees a million annual visitors and generates \$87 million in economic output; however, it has over \$12 million in deferred maintenance needs related to buildings, trails, wastewater systems and roads. Across the country, maintenance investments at NPS sites could generate nearly 110,000 additional infrastructure-related jobs.

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years really getting the ball rolling here and starting to change the culture," added Triant. "I think there's still a lot more that has to be done and I look forward to the challenge and forming some good relationships around the town to bring Winthrop basketball back to where it belongs.

Triant served as assistant varsity coach on Sacco's staff in Winthrop for the past three seasons. He previously served as junior varsity coach on Jay Seigal's Chelsea High staff for eight seasons.

A captain of the Savio **Prep Spartans**

The son of George and Janet Triant, Michael grew up in Orient Heights and attended St. Mary's and St. Lazarus Schools in East Boston before enrolling at Savio. He graduated from Bridgewater State University with a degree in Physical Education/Recreation.

"I tried out for the team at Bridgewater and ended up not making the team, but I played intramurals," said Triant.

In high school, Michael was a 6-foot, 3-inch starting forward for an outstanding Savio team coached by Angelo Fantasia.

"We lost to Weston High, 103-90, in the Sectional Finals at UMass Boston on a day I'll never forget - we probably didn't give up 75 points in a game all year," recalled Triant. "Michael DiMarino, Chris Previte, and I were the three senior captains. Coach Fantasia was a Winthrop guy and he was a school principal when he coached us at Savio. He [Fantasia] wrote me a great recommendation for the Winthrop position and I'm still really close to Coach Fantasia and Coach Jim Doherty, great guys who I grew up having as coaches and also my dad - people who helped me develop the love for the game."

His coaching philosophy Triant said he wants to

instill in his Winthrop players the positive attitude and inspiring lessons that he learned from his coaches and mentors.

"I want to use basketball as a tool to make the players the best human beings that they can become," said Triant. "Positive young adults - that's what we're



Michael Triant is the new head coach of the Winthrop High School boys basketball team.

looking to mold. We're going to stress academics a lot and make sure they're good students and good members of the community. Basketball is important to us here, but it's more about using basketball to teach guys lessons about life."

Assistant coaches named to WHS staff

Triant said Kevin Adamson, a former Savio threesport standout, will be returning to the Winthrop coaching staff. Adamson, who has been helping out the Vikings' freshman team, will move up to the varsity team as a coach. "I think the players respond really well

game inside and out," said Triant. Former Winthrop center

and obviously he knows the

Anthony Hatzisavas, who helped lead Coach David Brown's Vikings to the 2011 Division 4 state championship, will move up from junior varsity coach to varsity assistant coach.

Hatzisavas had one of the greatest performances in Winthrop post-season history, scoring 22 points, grabbing 17 rebounds, and blocking five shots in a 71-58 win over Georgetown in the sectional semifinals. The headline in the Sun Transcript: How Do You Spell Dominating? H-a-t-z-

"That's Hatzi - he's been a great asset to our program," said Triant.

Triant has a good nucleus returning, led by Cam Conway, the Vikings' leading scorer who could land in the 1,000 point club with a big senior season. Starting point guard Chris Cappuccio also returns for the Vikings. Austin Daigneault, Tyler Rockefeller, and Brian Conceicao are also expected to be key players.

A Winthrop resident for the past 5 years

Michael Triant and his wife, Melissa, live in Winthrop and have three young children, Chase, a third-grader, Callie, a second grader, and Christian, who is 3 years old.

'We love living here," said Triant.

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OUR Opinions

MORE THAN \$1 TRILLION IS NEEDED

We're all familiar with the phrase, "A day late and a dollar short."

What brought that to mind this week was the announcement by the Republicans in Washington of their \$1 trillion economic pandemic plan that would supplement the \$3 trillion bill that Congress passed last spring.

The original bill did a number of things, most notably increasing unemployment benefits by \$600 per week for the millions of Americans who have lost their jobs because of the pandemic.

That original plan also was notable for what it did NOT include, namely, funding for state and local governments whose tax revenues have all but evaporated thanks to the pandemic.

The new GOP plan reduces the unemployment benefit from \$600 per week to \$200 per week and provides little funding for cash-strapped state and local governments that already have been laying off their employees, with more to come.

By contrast, the Democratic plan -- which was passed by the House of Representatives fully two month ago -- calls for another \$3 trillion that would continue the \$600 weekly payments for the unemployed and provide much-needed funding to state and local governments.

There are two things that are undeniably clear as the pandemic rages in the months ahead: First, the national unemployment rate will remain in the range of Great Depression levels for the foreseeable future and second, state and local governments will be required to implement massive cutbacks in the months ahead without substantial financial assistance from the federal government.

The Republican plan significantly fails to address both of these looming crises. By contrast, the Democratic plan, which the Republicans have failed to discuss for two months, will alleviate the worst of the pandemic's effects on the everyday lives of every American.

Or to put it another way, the Republicans are, "A month late and at least a trillion short," and their inaction of the past two months is threatening both the economic and social stability of the country.

SCHOOLS MUST BE SAFE TO REOPEN

We will be the first to concede that we do not know what exactly must be done in order to reopen our state's public schools safely in the face of the pandemic.

However, what we do know is that a large study in South Korea (which, by the way, has been a world model for suppressing the pandemic) has shown that children ages 10-19 are highly-efficient at transmitting the coronavirus to others, particularly the adults with whom they have contact.

As much as we would like to see our schools reopen for many reasons, it just does not seem possible to do so in a manner that safeguards not only the children, but also school personnel and the family members of the children.

Kids bring home plenty of germs and bugs from school even in the best of circumstances. It is inconceivable that we will be able to stop them from transmitting this highly-contagious virus if they return to school as usual in the fall. Maybe the experts have it all figured out -- we can only pray that they do.

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LETTER to the Editor

PLEASE TAKE **ACTION** Dear Editor:

We, the furloughed staff of the Winthrop Public Library, are writing to urge the Town to take action to provide more resources to our patrons. We have written proposals for alternative work objectives, socially-distanced staff scheduling possibilities, and date-specific plans for how we can increase services to the community. We are asking the Town Manager to honor his word to negotiate terms for the recall of staff to facilitate more comprehensive and equitable hold-pick up services. This closure is hurting

our town's most vulnerable populations. Children,

seniors, and people who live alone need more virtual programming and other ways to connect with the wider community. As we have suggested in our proposals, our team of eight furloughed staff could be offering storytimes, book interviews clubs, authors, and much more online, if we were recalled. We want to serve out patrons and help rebuild our community as we struggle through and past this pandemic together.

Sincerely, **Rich Allen Tammy Cody Domenic DeMasi** Katrina Donovan Arthur Languirand Ellen Nickerson **Pete Solomon** Alyssa True

Updates on Center Business District Infrastructure Improvement project

The following is a summary of the recently completed work on the CBD Infrastructure Improvement project, as well as a schedule of upcoming work to be

Work completed recently:

Completed construction of the new sewer main on Woodside Ave., between Adams St. and Pleasant St.

Completed construction of the new sewer main on Adams St., between Woodside Ave. and Bartlett Rd.

Continued construction of the water main improvements on Pauline St., between Woodside Ave. and Walden St.

Began construction of the storm drain improve-

Installed temporary trench pavement over all trenches on Woodside Ave., Adams St., and Pauline St.

Two-week Anticipated Schedule July 27 to July 31, 2020

• Begin construction of

connections to residences on Adams St., between Woodside Ave. and Bartlett Rd.

permanent sewer service

- Continue construction of the new sewer main on Bartlett Rd., between French Square and Adams
- Continue construction of the new storm drain. Work will be performed on Pauline St., between Woodside Ave. and Walden St.
- Install temporary trench pavement for trenches excavated on Adams St., Bartlett Rd., Larsen Skating Rink parking lot, and Pau-

Aug. 3 to Aug. 7, 2020

- Continue construction of the new sewer main on Bartlett Rd., between French Sq. and Pleasant St.
- Continue construction of the new storm drain work. Work to continue east up Pauline St., between Woodside Ave. and Walden
- Install temporary trench pavement for trench-

Rd., Larsen Skating Rink parking lot, and Pauline St.

NOTICES:

es excavated on Bartlett

Residents and businesses with temporary water service connections (blue hoses) are requested not to move these hoses or shut off the outside faucet the hoses are connected to. The hoses provide your property with water service during construction. If the outside faucet is closed, it will interrupt your water service. If the hose is moved it can create a trip hazard where the temporary water service crosses the sidewalk. Please do not move these hoses to perform yard work. If you have landscaping services at your property, please inform your landscaper not to move these hoses or shut off the outside faucet. Running over these hoses with a lawn mower cut the hoses and interrupt water service until the hose can be replaced. If you see a trip hazard, please contact

Sons, Inc.) at (617) 592-3784 immediately to report

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

cooled.

Baker-Polito administration issues new travel order effective August 1

Staff Report Gov. Charlie Baker an-

nounced that effective Aug. 1, all travelers entering the Commonwealth, including both out of state residents and Massachusetts residents returning home, will be required to comply with a new travel order. Travel Order: Starting

August 1, all visitors and Massachusetts residents returning home, including students returning to campuses for the fall semester, must fill out a "Massachusetts Travel Form" and quarantine for 14 days unless they are coming from a COVID-19 lower risk state or they can produce a negative COVID-19 test result administered no more than 72 hours prior to arriving in Massachusetts, or they are included in one of the other, limited exemptions.

to comply may result in a

Individuals who get a test must remain in quarantine until they receive their negative test results. Failure \$500 fine per day. Travelers are exempt

from this requirement if they are coming from a state that has been designated by the Department of Public Health as a lower risk COVID-19 state or fall into another narrow exemption category. Based on current public

health data, those lower risk states will include: New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Maine, Rhode Island, Vermont, New Hampshire and Hawaii. Traveler exemptions

include people passing through the state, people commuting across state lines for work, people traveling to Massachusetts for medical treatment, people complying with military orders, or people traveling to work in federally desig-

nated critical infrastructure sectors (essential services). Prior to travel, people should visit www.mass. gov/MAtraveler to fill out the "Massachusetts Travel

Form" or text "MATravel-

er" to 888-777.

The list of lower risk states is subject to change based on public health data, and states may be added or taken off the list at any time. The Administration

Frank Fruci (P. Gioioso &

also announced updates to the Commonwealth's COVID-19 Mandatory Safety Standards for Workplaces to incorporate the requirements of the travel order. This included sector-specific updates for lodging, higher education, office spaces and other industry sectors. Updated guidance: The

Administration today updated guidance for lodging, offices, manufacturing, construction, labs, performance venues and indoor

and outdoor events relative to the travel order. In addition, lodging operators are required to notify guests about this new travel order. Employers are strongly discouraged from allowing business-related travel

to destinations other than

those appearing on the list

of COVID-19 lower risk

All travelers and residents are required to continue to follow the Administration's order that requires face coverings, and practice good hygiene, social distancing and regular hand washing. People should not travel to Massachusetts if they have symptoms of COVID-19. Travelers will be informed of this order and new travel guidance by airlines, passenger rail

states. Employers that per-

mit employer-paid or -reim-

bursed travel to those states

should take measures to

ensure employees comply

with this order. Employers

are also urged to strongly

discourage their employees

from taking leisure travel

to destinations not includ-

ed on the list of COVID-19

lower-risk states.

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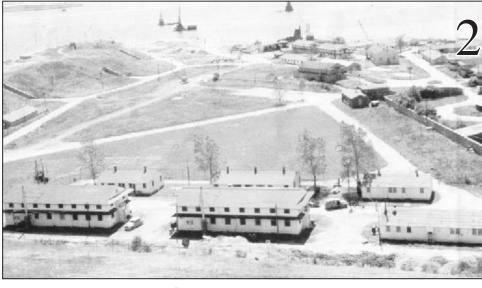
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WINTHROP Then and Now

Winthrop Improvement and Historical Association By G. David Hubbard, Town Historian • Photos courtesy of Stephen F. Moran

ART 929 - FORT DAWES ON DEERE ISLAND





Together Winthrop and Deere Island now form a peninsula of about 1.8 square miles. They were originally separated by a waterway known as Shirley Gut which in the 1770's was an open water way from the Boston Harbor to the ocean that was over 1000 feet wide but slowly filled in to 100 feet wide and 6 feet deep, at high tide, in 1930. After the 1938 Hurricane it was only 3 feet deep at high tide and in 1940 was completely filled in by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers with a road across it to Deere Island thus forming the peninsula as we know it today. This total area of land has been part of the coastal defense of Boston since the 1770's and has hosted 7 military sites to date. The first was a 40 foot long stonewall on the top of Hale Avenue where 17 men stood with muskets for 30 days in 1775 to guard the Boston Harbor from the British Fleet. The second was an 1860 Gun Test range where cannons were fired from the junction of Cutler Street and Shore Drive at a large target on Grover's Cliff (Fort Heath). The third was Fort Banks on Revere Street in the 1890's followed immediately by the fourth known as Fort Heath on Grover's Cliff. The fifth was Camp Lorbeer, established about 1914 on Court Road, where the Winthrop Machine Gun

Company was located. The sixth was the Government Pier on Shirley where the Coast Guard operated out of. The seventh was Fort Dawes, at the Southern tip of Deere Island, which is the main topic of today's article. Constructed in 1941, it functioned as part of the WWII Boston Harbor Defense and was named after William Dawes who participated with Paul Revere in the famous ride to warn the colonists "The British are Coming". See picture one which looks north and depicts a wide aerial view of the Southern end of Deere Island about 1940 (after Shirley Gut was closed but before construction of Fort Dawes began). Arrows on the picture denote, "R" the water reservoir for the Prison Farm and "SPS" the early Sewerage Pumping Station which is still on the island in its original location. In the 1950's, after the end of WWII, the Fort Dawes area was divided into 3 parcels. The first was used by the Navy who manned an Observation Station in a bunker at the top of the hill near the water reservoir for the prison farm previously identified in picture one. The second parcel, as shown in picture two shows a large man made hill at the extreme left that covered an extensive set of interconnecting bunkers from which the mines in the water guarding the

entrance to the Harbor were controlled. While this bunker complex, along with the other bunkers in the base of the hill from which this picture was taken are now gone, one can see an exact duplicate set of them which still stand at Camp Ruckman on the end of Nahant where Northeastern University now has an Oceanographic Education Facility. On the extreme right hand side of picture two, out at the end of the peninsula, one can see a cluster of Barracks which still housed some military personnel as late as 1960 and the Deer Island Lighthouse just beyond in the water. The third parcel was the area which can be seen at the base of the hill consisting of six barracks and two underground bunkers which the Air Force Cambridge Research Center utilized

from 1955 to 1964 as an experimental station for an Air traffic Control System known as VOLSCAN originally built under a contract with AVCO in Cincinnati Ohio. I was a field engineer stationed here with that system and took pictures 2, 3, and 4 which are printed here. Picture four looks more toward the Harbor and depicts in the distance the buildings at the extreme right of picture three, again with the Deere Island light in the water.







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 July 22, 2010

The town's plans to complete the reformation of the public landing into a bustling center of activity has hit a small bump in the road, as town officials have to go back out to bid to find a contractor to construct the proposed marine terminal building that will be adjacent to the new town pier. "The earlier proposals all came in over budget, so the federal and state governments have asked us to refine the parameters of the project a bit and prepare new bid documents," said Harbormaster Charles "Chucky" Famolare. In a close vote, the

School Committee and the Town Council elected Melissa Polino to fill the vacant seat on the School Committee at a joint meeting Tuesday night at the Cummings School. Polino received eight votes to edge Karen Chavis, who received six votes. School Committeeman Todd Sacco cast his ballot for Polino while seven Council members, President Jeffrey Turco, Vice President Linda Calla, and Councilors Philip Boncore Paul Varrone, Nicholas DelVento, Larry Powers, and Russell Sanford also voted for Polino. School Committee Chairwoman Mary Lou Osborne and members Mark Rotondo (who was elected at a joint meeting on July 6), Brian Perrin, and William Holden voted for Chavis while Councilors James Letterie and Jeanne Maggio

also voted for Chavis. Members of the Winthrop Art Association (WAA) will be taking advantage of the beautiful weather that is forecast for the weekend and offering art lovers a chance to take in some art, perhaps buy some art, and still enjoy the great outdoors during Saturday's Art on the Square, in French Square. "The Association has been running this event since the mid-90s," explained current WAA President, and local, artist Dawn Mahoney.

The Sorcerer's Apprentice, Inception, and The Last Airbender are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

20 years ago July 20, 2000

Despite fears of huge crowds and traffic jams, last week's Sail Boston event went smoothly in Winthrop, thanks in large measure to the MWRA's opening-up of Deer Island for viewing, according to Police Lieut. Frank Scarpa, who was in charge of planning for the event.

School Supt. Joan Connolly is expected to formally tender her resignation at tonight's School Committee meeting. Connolly has been offered the post as superintendent of the Malden schools and stated last week that the lack of financial support by Winthrop taxpayers for their schools is a deciding factor in her decision to leave.

The fourth annual Old Fashioned Family Day at the Beach, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, is set for this Sunday at Yirrell Beach.

The Winthrop Arts Association is holding its Art on the Square art show Saturdays in French Square.

X-men, Pokemon 2000, and What Lies Beneath are playing at the Revere

Showcase Cinemas. 30 years ago

tumultuous

July 25, 1990

into a shouting match as Building Inspector David Hayden rejected the offer by the majority of the selectmen, Richard Bangs and Richard DiMento, for a 90-day conditional appointment.

men's meeting erupted

The School Committee is discussing the possibility of user fees for extracurricular activities to balance the school budget. Selectman Chairman

Richard DiMento took to the airwaves of WCAT to criticize recent news stories in the Sun-Transcript that he said were inaccurate. However, the Sun-Transcript published all of Di-Mento's comments verbatim and reprinted all of the news stories he criticized to demonstrate that there was no basis to DiMento's criticisms.

Problem Child, Presumed Innocent, and The Adventures of Ford Fairlane are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

40 years ago July 16, 1980

Norman Gill, who has served as the Winthrop coordinator for the federal CETA job training program, was named the town's new Veterans Agent by the selectmen.

The Town of Winthrop will not join with 20 other communities in the MBTA district that have brought a lawsuit against Gov. Edward J. King challenging his authority to take over the troubled transit system. King took his action when the MBTA Advisory Board refused to approve \$12 million in emergency funds to close out the fiscal year. King approved the funding and assessed the \$12 million against the cities and towns in the MBTA district.

The selectmen met for more than an hour with DPW Director Joseph Giella to iron out what the selectmen claim are performance problems within the department.

Joseph Petrucci of Winthrop has been named to the intercollegiate All American Sailing team. Petrucci graduated from Tufts this past spring.

All That Jazz is playing at the Kincade Theatre.

50 years ago July 23, 1970

Winthrop resident Charles Yarrow, a telephone company employee who saved a woman from drowning in Belle Isle Creek in October, received the Theodore N. Vail Medal for bravery from New England Telephone at a luncheon recently at the Sheraton Boston Hotel.

The Mass. Port Authority has been granted a permit to construct bulkheads and a stone dike, apparently for the purpose of extending a Logan Airport runway.

From July 18 to 25, the Jaycees will conduct a survey of Winthrop residents to ask them what they perceive as the major issues and problems facing the town.

Vandals caused over \$1000 in damage to town vehicles and the town garage over the weekend.

High winds and frothy white caps caused a cancellation of Thursday night's twilight series at the Cottage Park Y.C. Only a few hardy 420 and Snipe sailors braved the choppy waters for a thrilling ride.

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George C. Scott stars in Patton at the Winthrop Cin-

60 years ago July 21, 1960

Three Democrats are seeking their party's nomination to oppose Republican incumbent Fred Baumeister in the fall. The trio are Selectman Walter Van Dalinda, Selectman Chairman Henry O'Connell, and Francis Irwin. Sun Transcript Publisher Andrew P. Quigley has filed nomination papers for the Democratic nomination for State

A new musical unit has been added to the St. John the Evangelist CYO marching program with the addition of the Missilemen, a complement of 50 boys from the fifth through eighth grades who will comprise a drum and bugle corps to supplement the Missilettes, the girls drill team.

The famed U.S. Army Field Band will present a concert here on Sept. 6 in the Memorial Auditorium for the benefit of the Missilemen.

Town Clerk John A. Clark said he is "appalled" by the apathy of local residents, as almost 20 percent of potential voters have not registered to vote.

William Kelleher has been named the new Chairman of the Planning Board, succeeding Henry Burke, who recently resigned. Burke has been replaced on the board by local industrialist Fred Cheeseman. Doug MacGregor of

the CPYC breezed to victory this weekend in the New England Thistle Class championships held at the CPYC. MacGregor barely lost out the previous weekend for a spot on the U.S. Olympic team in the Finn class boats.

Tony Curtis and Debbie Reynolds star in The Rat Race at the Winthrop The-

70 years ago July 20, 1950

Atty. Francis Juggins, counsel for the 10 local residents who filed a lawsuit regarding the "Who's the Fire Chief?" controversy, said he will file an appeal to the Supreme Judicial Court from an order of Suffolk Superior Court Judge Charles J. Rome's holding that the Superior Court has no jurisdiction in the matter.

Members of the Union Congregational Church will break ground on the \$20,000 addition to the church in ceremonies this Sunday at 11:30.

George J. Stokes, proprietor of the Spinning Wheel and newly-elected President of the Chamber of Commerce, announced this week that the greatest cooperative sales event among town merchants will be held August 17-19.

The Board of Health said it will consider a report from state chemists that the beaches on the harbor side of town are pollution-free at flood tides before the board orders the beaches to be open, Health Board Chairman Dr. John R. Vaughan said last night. The harbor side beaches have been closed since June when a sewer pipe burst on Pleasant St.

The annual roast" of the Winthrop Parks Department will be held at Ingleside Park Wednesday afternoon.

Seventeen members of the newly formed Civil Defense Committee have been named by the Board of Se-Jackie Robinson stars as

himself with Ruby Dee in The Jackie Robinson Story at the Winthrop and State Theatres.

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CITY ENACTS CHANGES TO CURB RACISM

CHELSEA - City Man-Tom Ambrosino agreed to sweeping changes immediately within City government to help stem systemic racism within City Hall during a meeting on the subject called for by Councillors Leo Robinson and Calvin Brown, amongst others.

The meeting on Tuesday night was a follow-up put in during the last meeting in June by Robinson and Brown and other councillors after the Black Lives Matter rally organized

by what has now become known as the Chelsea Young Adult Alliance and the Chelsea Black Commu-

The meeting was bolstered by a letter sent from the Young Adult Alliance, led by Kyle and Jayda Umemba. That letter went to Ambrosino within the last week and contained upwards of 50 demands on how to change City government to prevent systemic racism.

The call by Councillors Robinson and Brown, and the young people, were answered in a sweeping set of initial changes laid out by Ambrosino at the meeting.

That started with an ask of Ambrosino to acknowledge publicly that systemic racism is built into government at all levels, even Chelsea City Hall.

He said he had no problem doing that.

"That's an easy one for me because I do acknowledge that inherently all government entities, unfortunately, are infused with systemic racism," he said. "It is inherent bias. I accept that and I have publicly acknowledged that...The City declared racism as a public health emergency. That is a recognition that there is systemic bias in institutions and they need to

be addressed."

Beyond that, the Councillors and the youth had unilaterally called for a new Office of Diversity and Inclusion - and Ambrosino committed to that, and to providing a budget for the office this fiscal year.

"I am in full support of that and it will be a positive step forward to have that office here at City Hall," he said.

He proposed that the new office directly report to him and the City Solicitor, though it had been called for as a department within Human Resources by the youth. He said he would likely be able to hire the director by November, and would ask the Council to approve \$200,000 from

Free Cash at the next meeting to start the work.

"I envision this office will initially be for Fiscal Year 21 one person," he said. "We will have a director of Diversity and Inclusion. It's not a low-wage job. It's a highly skilled job with a highly skilled person and will be like any other high-level department

Over time, he said there could likely be more staff to help the director.

Some of the other calls in the letter and by the Council included inherent bias training for all City employees, and also an assessment of where City government is at right now in regards to diversity.

Councillor Damali Vidot

said that would be a good starting point.

"I would like someone to come in and give us some perspective from outside on how these systems perpetuate in way we don't see

ourselves," she said. Ambrosino said that would likely be the first task of any director of the new office.

He said within the package he will send to the Council in September for consideration will be a budget that includes money for a director, for procuring an assessment of City Hall and City government, and for the beginnings of inherent bias trainings.

He said there would have

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to be a "robust" number going forward for the office to conduct trainings – as he doesn't expect this to be an initiative that fizzles, but one that continues on and

Councillor Robinson said that is exactly what he is looking for, something that perseveres. He and the Council called for a Task Force that would be "organic" and coming from the community rather than City Hall. He said the Task Force would be called on to make sure these initiatives stick around for the long

"That's important to me that we put things in place now," he said. "We need to have a Task Force to make sure it's around and working for several years and not just put in place and goes away in a year."

There was agreement that the Task Force on Racism be established, and that it would not be appointed by City Hall or anyone in the current power structure. The details of that will continue to be defined as time

Vidot said she hoped it would be made up of black, indigenous and people of color, and would act similarly to an Independent Civilian Review Board.

Ambrosino also said he would be looking to also address a call from the Young Adults implement racial equity in City Budgeting, and to promote better engagement in the community on the City

Budget and expenditures.

The first is something that would be done internally, making sure all expenditures by department heads are seen through an equity lens. The second piece he said would be on him, and he committed to having budget teaching sessions in January to help the general public to first understand how municipal budgeting works - what can and cannot be done. It's something he does already for new members of the City Council every two years.

He said if the Council approves his request in September, the new Office could be running by November.

"If the Council adopts this appropriation in September, we could probably have a director on board in early November," he said.

The Young Adult demands are numerous, and Tuesday was just a start, but Kyle Umemba said it was a good start. He said it meant a great deal to hear the proposal for the director, and also a budget allocation with it. That, he said, means it has been taken seriously and is real.

Meanwhile, he said in the next two weeks he will be scheduling a Town Hall for residents to tell their stories and be heard.

"We will be setting up Town Hall meeting because we have heard there is a request to get community voices out there," he said. "There will be an agenda

and we will document these stories and narratives."

ENCORE PAYMENT SURPRISES OFFICIALS

EVERETT - In a time of ultra-tight budgets and City Hall layoffs, no one was looking forward to July 15 more than Mayor Carlo DeMaria and his financial

It was the day that Wynn Resorts had promised to pay two quarters of its Host Community Agreement (HOC) fee for Encore Boston Harbor to the City – after missing multi-million dollar payments for two quarters in a row totaling more than \$10 million. The City had given great leniency and expected the money in its coffers on July 15.

But it didn't come...

But it was paid.

Unknown to the City, apparently, Wynn Resorts followed a new protocol and instead of directly paying the City of Everett, they paid the State of Massachusetts – leaving the City to have to wrangle with the state Department of Revenue to try to get the money as fast as possible in a system that usually only delivers at the end of the calen-

Encore Spokesman Eric Kraus said there was a logistical change to the payment protocols and they are working with the City to get the money to City Hall as quickly as possible.

"There was a change in the logistics of payments," he said. "Now it's a twostep process and not a direct process. We are working with the City of Everett to expedite the payments going forward. We are working with them."

Kraus said under the HOC they are to pay the state first, but that isn't how it's worked in the past – as the first two payments in September and December came directly to the City of Everett and skipped a long and involved process of having the state act as a middle man.

"Under the terms of our (HOC) agreement, we make the payment to the State of Massachusetts and the state makes the payment to the City of Everett," he said. "We are working with the state to ensure its payment to Everett is as expedited as it can possibly be."

City officials did confirm the situation, but refrained from comment right now as the process continues to play out.

"The City has not received the payment from Encore scheduled for July 15," said Spokesperson Deanna Deveney. "Encore has deviated from our payment schedule and paid the State directly on the 15th."

Councilor Michael Mc-Laughlin, who represents that area of the city, said he isn't happy that Encore has deviated from past practice in payments. He said he supported Encore for three reasons, the jobs, the stature and the host payments. He said they have come through on jobs and stature for Everett, but he's concerned about payments.

"The third part has been disappointing and alarming," he said. "The payments for taxes to our community. The first quarter of the year they were late paying. The third and fourth quarters, of course, because of COVID-19 had been delayed and that's totally understandable, but now sending our very much needed \$10 million go to the State of Massachusetts rather than the City is unacceptable and shows a lack of leadership. We need this \$10 million investment as soon as possible and having to wait several more weeks and adding more work on our City is disappointing."

The HOC payments with Encore have been a bit of a mess, looking back over the last fiscal year. Prior to opening the company made all of its payments on time and in full, and went over and above on many of the off-site construction projects and promises. Few can argue they haven't come through on their commitments to Everett and on their promises of jobs to

residents of the City. But when it comes to the legal HOC agreement, which includes four equal payments each quarter in September, December, March and June - there have been mostly hiccups. The first payment in September came late, but was attributed to issues regarding the proper transfer of

the funds. Only the December payment was made on time and

directly to the City. March, COVID-19 raging and the resort closed, Encore did not make its quarterly payment, and the City gave them leniency as they were generously continuing to pay their employees through the closure. It was agreed they would pay two quarters on June 30 as flexibility for COVID-19 lockdowns.

However, on June 30, they also didn't pay, but made an agreement with the City to pay no later than July 15. They City fully expected the money to come directly to them.

Apparently, sources said, Encore owed the state several million dollars in gaming taxes, and so it paid one big lump sum that included those taxes and Everett's HOC fee to the state.

The tie-up presents two problems fiscally for the City, as it needs cash to help stem the tide of continued layoffs to its workforce. The second piece is that the City needs to close out its books on the previous fiscal year, which ended June 30. The Encore HOC payments are a major piece of closing the books, and without the money in hand, the books stand open.

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