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WHS ATHLETIC
HALL OF FAME
COMMITTEE
POSTPONES 2020
INDUCTION

John Domenico, President of the Winthrop High School Athletic Hall of Fame Committee, regrets to inform members of the public that the 2020 Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony scheduled for Saturday, November 20, 2020, has been postponed due to the tenuous situation caused by the Coronavirus Pandemic.

"Any nominations that have been submitted will be considered for the next Induction Ceremony," Domenico said. "Voting on any nominees already received, as well as additional ones submitted in the future, will not take place until after the date for the next Induction Ceremony has been established." A tentative date in November of 2021 is being explored.

Membership in the WHS Athletic Hall of Fame is open to those individuals who have made significant contributions to the Winthrop High School athletic programs, either through their participation in athletics or their association

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Andrea Cirelli, owner of 4XVR, (left) and Amanda Koutalakis, owner of Sandy Paws.

Sandy Paws helps
fellow business owners

By Kate Anslinger

In March, one week prior to Governor Charlie Baker's order that all non-essential businesses must close due to the pandemic, the staff members at Sandy Paws were expressing the importance of local businesses supporting one another. At the time, the owner of the pet grooming salon, Amanda Koutalakis, had no idea that all businesses would be shut down due to the health and safety concerns of COVID-19.

Now, as businesses start to emerge from the quarantine, some are struggling more than others, and Koutalakis has stood by her word when it comes to supporting one another within the community. On a mission to help her fellow business owners, Koutalakis is donating 5% of her sales to interested businesses in need of a little support.

"I just thought to myself that I'd be out of business if I were still closed at this point. We need businesses to open in this town, not close," said Koutalakis.

Virtual Reality Gaming Arcade, 4XVR, had only

been open for a short time before they were forced to close due to COVID-19. As owner, Andrea Cirelli, prepares to open the entertainment venue in the next phase of reopening, she is grateful for the extra help.

"We had received messages from customers back in March asking us not to close as it was the only place that let them escape this crazy world for a while but obviously safety and health came first and we quickly closed our doors along with everyone else. Even though we had a solid business plan in place, I don't think anyone could have seen a pandemic coming or seen it hit this hard. Being closed so long has put a strain on our business and like so many other small businesses we are finding our working capital going quickly with paying our ongoing expenses such as utilities, rent and vendors just to hang on to the hope of opening again soon."

Like many other business owners upended by the closures, losing hope was not part of Cirelli's plan.

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Library and senior center
closures cause strife here

By Kate Anslinger

With the Corona Virus pandemic threatening the health of individuals worldwide, tough decisions have had to be made at the local level. Last week, the town manager made the decision to cut 80% of library staff, including four full-time employees and four part-time employees. There are two part-time town-paid employees that have been furloughed from the senior center and three part-time grant-paid employees that have been laid off. According to Town Manager Austin Faison, the staffing changes are temporary and

have been implemented due to the building closures that have been enforced as a preventative measure against the spread of COVID-19.

"These positions are not being eliminated and, in most cases, the affected employees had not been able to go to work since the early spring due to the closure of the buildings they work in," said Faison.

The town will continue to pay the affected employees until their furloughs become effective on July 1. They will immediately be eligible for unemployment compensation, including the extra federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation

benefits.

"These staffing changes are temporary and the impacted employees will be guaranteed the opportunity to resume their roles if and when circumstances allow them to safely fulfill their responsibilities. These decisions are ones that we did not make lightly and that were discussed with all the parties involved, however; we are not immune to the financial ramifications of this pandemic and the effects of the last few months have caused us to reconsider and adapt various parts of the town's budget. This has

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Council passes 2021 budget

By Laura Plummer

On June 16, in a marathon meeting lasting three and a half hours, the Town Council passed the Winthrop Town Budget for Fiscal Year 2021.

Town Manager Austin Faison and Asst. Town Manager Anna Freedman originally presented the FY21 budget on April 21. On June 2, they announced they were working on making some adjustments in light of the economic fallout of COVID-19. This included reducing estimated revenues from local receipts and state aid by about \$1 million.

"This has been a really dynamic process this year," said Faison. "This is our third pass. We had to stop everything and reassess." "It's been a difficult year to say the least," echoed Freedman. "Even prior to COVID-19, we would still be having a difficult budget year."

Highlights of this year's budget included state aid, the addition of a town planner, and additional school funding.

STATE AID

State aid comes in the form of Chapter 70 funding for schools and unrestricted state aid. The actual amount of state aid for towns is not expected until later in the summer. Anticipating a reduction in state aid due to the pandemic, budget creators took money out of the stabilization fund and slashed some extraneous budget items.

TOWN PLANNER

Town Manager Faison originally budgeted for a town planner to begin working on July 1. Modifications then pushed the new hire out to January 1. The Finance Committee recommended the position be slated for April 1 to conserve money, but the Council ultimately voted to maintain the January 1 hire date.

The town planner position will operate under the Town Manager's office at a salary of \$95 thousand. There was an additional small amount of money in the budget to support that position.

At its meeting on May 19, the Council heard a pre-

sentation on the benefits of creating a planning department for the town.

SCHOOL FUNDING

The budget allocated \$110 thousand more in funds for the schools in order to allow them to keep offering the same level of service. This was done by reducing the benefits line item, which has historically had a surplus. Council Vice President James Letterie called the additional amount "still short of what they needed and deserved." Councilor Letterie told the Transcript he wants the Finance Committee, which he chairs, to start having budget discussions for Fiscal Year 2022 as soon as possible. He mentioned wanting to increase the amount of money put into the stabilization fund.

"It affects our bond rating, which could cost a lot of money," he said.

Residents can view the various iterations of the FY2021 budget online by going to town.winthrop.ma.us and clicking on "Budget."

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Summer Parks Program begins on Monday

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The Winthrop Parks and Recreation Summer Program will start this Monday, July 6.

Director Sean Driscoll said the program will be

held Monday through Thursday, from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon, and continue through Aug. 20. More than 100 youths have signed up to participate in the program that will be conducted at the Ingleside and Cough-

lin Parks.

"We will be following the state guidelines with 10 youths per group and two counselors per group," said Driscoll.

NO TRASH DELAY

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WINTHROP POLICE BLOTTER

MONDAY, JUNE 15
0847: A resident came into the station to report that his motor vehicle (MV) had been broken into over-night and that several items had been taken. The officer will file a report.
0942: An officer stopped a MV at Pleasant and Lincoln Sts. for the civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI) of failing to stop for a red light. The officer gave the operator a verbal warning.
1131: A Read St. resi-dent called the station to re-port that her MV had been broken into overnight. She reported that nothing was taken. The officer will file a report.
1154: An officer re-sponded to a report of two parties engaged in a verbal argument at a business on Winthrop St. The officer will file a report.
1201: An officer re-sponded to a report of two women arguing on Wood-side Ave. about one not wearing a mask. One of the parties had left the scene by the time the officer arrived.
1402: An officer re-trieved a hypodermic sy-ringe on the Point and brought it back to the sta-tion for proper disposal.
1731: An officer re-sponded to a report of an argument involving a cus-tomer at a local business and whether he had re-ceived proper change for a money order he had pur-chased. The officer restored the peace.
1816: An officer directed two persons playing basket-ball at Massa Playground to turn down the volume of their music.
1920: An officer re-sponded to a report of loud

construction at a Locust St. residence. The homeown-er agreed to have the work wrapped up within 15 min-utes.
1956: An officer stopped a MV on Bowdoin St. for a civil motor vehicle infrac-tion (CMVI) and issued a citation to the operator.
2027: An officer resolved a noise dispute between neighbors in the Executive Apartments on Veterans Rd.
TUESDAY, JUNE 16
1008: A resident came into the station to report a breaking & entering (B&E) into her MV overnight. The officer will file a report.
1052: An officer stopped a MV at Main and Linden Sts. for a civil motor vehi-cle infraction (CMVI) and gave a verbal warning to the operator.
1151: A resident came into the station to report a case of identity theft and a compromised checking ac-count.
1341: A person came to the station to report that his MV had been stolen from the CVS parking lot a week earlier. However, an officer was able to look at the secu-rity camera and determined that the MV had been towed and then learned that the MV had been taken to At-lantic Toyota in Lynn. This information was relayed to the caller.
2146: Residents in the area of Nahant and Gro-vers Aves. reported con-fronting persons who were throwing fireworks out of their MV. The police put out a be-on- the-lookout (BOLO).
2214: Witnesses to an ac-

cident reported that a black Honda Civic had struck a parked MV at the Public Landing. The Honda was located by the Revere police in their city and the opera-tor of the Civic will receive a summons for the criminal charge of leaving the scene of an accident after causing property damage.
2303: An officer assisted while the Fire Dept. assist-ed with putting out a fire in a fire pit that a Cliff Ave. resident initially had re-fused to extinguish.
2335: An officer directed four males playing basket-ball at the Walden St. courts to cease for the night.
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17
0627: An officer spoke to the superintendent at the Golf Club about a grounds-crew employee using a leaf blower before 7:00 a.m.
1535: An officer spoke to neighbors on Shirley St. about the taking of packag-es belonging to one of the neighbors. The officer will file a report.
1709: An officer assisted the operator of a disabled MV on Pleasant St.
2310: An officer stopped a MV on Revere St. for the civil motor vehicle infrac-tion (CMVI) of a stop sign violation and gave a verbal warning to the operator.
2319: An officer direct-ed two MV operators who were parked at Hannaford Park to be on their way.
THURSDAY, JUNE 18
0759: A Highland Ave. resident reported that the tailgate from his work truck was stolen overnight.
1234: A Governor’s Park resident reported that an up-stairs neighbor was making

undue noise. The officer attempted to contact the parties and left voice mes-sages. This is an ongoing weekly issue between these parties.
1311: A resident came into the station to express his concern about vehicles speeding in the area of Riv-er Rd. The police will mon-itor the area.
1346: A 31 year-old Ded-ham man who voluntarily came into the station was arrested on an outstand-ing warrant.
2054: A resident reported that fireworks were being set off in Hannaford Park. The suspects had left by the time an officer arrived.
2056: More fireworks were reported being set off at the Pond St. playground.
2113: An officer dis-persed a group of youths from Halford Beach.

FRIDAY, JUNE 19
0700: A caller reported a lost dog in the vicinity of Madison St.
0922: An officer had the owner of a MV parked il-legally at Trident Ave. and Shore Drive move his MV. The officer warned the owner that his MV will be ticketed the next time.
1221: An officer stopped a MV on Revere St. for the civil motor vehicle in-fraction (CMVI) of texting while driving and gave a verbal warning to the oper-ator.
1225: An officer issued a parking ticket to a work truck that was parked on the sidewalk in the 300 block of Revere St.
1437: Officers respond-ed to a MVA on River Rd. in which a MV struck a parked MV. One MV was

towed and a person was in-jured.
1603: The landlord of a property at Irwin and Shirley Sts. reported that a tenant’s bicycle had been stolen from the lobby. The officer will file a report.
2219: Officers dispersed two youths from out of town who may have been setting off fireworks at Donovan’s Beach.
2245: An officer dis-persed a MV with two occupants from the area behind the Gorman elemen-tary school.
2256: Officers directed a homeowner on Beacon St. to lower the volume on their TV.
2306: An officer directed two persons playing mu-sic loudly on the seawall on Grovers Ave. to turn off the music

Officials share Fourth of July safety tips

As the Fourth of July and summer celebrations approach, Town Manag-er Austin Faison, Public Health Director Meredith Hurley, Police Chief Ter-ence Delehanty and Fire Chief Paul Flanagan would like to provide residents with tips to safely celebrate this year.
Town officials encour-age residents to be mindful of COVID-19 and practice social distancing while cel-ebrating the holiday. Res-idents should keep interac-tions small and avoid larger groups this Fourth of July.
All Fourth of July town-sponsored activities and events are cancelled out of an abundance of cau-tion to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

“Although we have seen a decrease in COVID-19 transmission in Massa-chusetts, we are diligently monitoring severe spread in other parts of the country, which has been closely tied to increased social interac-tions without face cover-ings,” Director Hurley said. “We ask that residents con-tinue to adhere to current public health guidelines while partaking in Fourth of July activities.”

The Winthrop Board of Health recommends the following:

Residents should not gath-er in groups larger than 10. People are required to wear face coverings when outside of the house or when unable to keep a distance of 6 feet apart from one another. People should contin-ue to wash their hands for 20 seconds and/ or use hand sanitizers. If feeling unwell (body aches, cough, chills, fever, diarrhea, loss of smell/ taste), stay home and con-tact a medical provider. Avoid sharing food. If visiting the beach, res-idents should not gath-er in groups larger than 10 and remain at least 12 feet apart from surround-ing groups. They should also continue to use face coverings if in groups. “We recognize that Win-throp is a community root-ed in traditions, with the Fourth of July being at the top of the list,” Town Man-

ager Faison said. “As we pause traditions for this year, it is important to con-tinue our efforts to prevent an increased spread of ill-ness in our community to be able to resume these tra-ditions in the near future.”



Fireworks Safety

It is illegal to use, pos-sess or sell fireworks of any kind in Massachusetts, including Class C fire-works, which are some-times falsely called “safe and sane fireworks.” Class C fireworks include spar-klers, party poppers, snap-pers, firecrackers, spinners, cherry bombs and more. Additionally, residents are prohibited from purchasing fireworks elsewhere and transporting them into the state.

“During the summer months, fire departments across the United States see an increase in calls for fire-works related incidents,” Chief Flanagan said. “We ask that our residents pro-tect themselves and our firefighters by refraining from illegal fireworks use this summer.”

From 2010-19, 858 ma-jor fires and explosions were reported to the Mas-sachusetts Fire Incident Reporting System (MFIRS)

due to the use of illegal fireworks. These incidents caused 12 civilian injuries, 40 firefighter injuries and a loss of approximately \$2.9 million.
Winthrop officials rec-ommend that residents only attend displays put on by a licensed professional to en-sure safety.

“We would like to re-mind our community mem-bers that all town-spon-sored Fourth of July events are cancelled in the best interests of public health and to mitigate the poten-tial spread of COVID-19,” Chief Delehanty said. “With town events can-celled, we strongly discour-age residents from throw-ing their own parties. Social distancing is still an import-ant method of prevention, and fireworks displays put on by non-licensed individ-uals is illegal.”

Residents should always: Call 911 if anyone gets injured by fireworks. Set a positive example for children by not using ille-gal fireworks. If kids see adults using them, they may not realize the dangers and could be encouraged to pick up matches or lighters. Be careful around even the smallest fireworks. Spar-klers burn at 1,800 degrees and could easily cause se-vere burns and injuries. According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, the misuse of fireworks can cause death and injuries including se-vere burns, contusions, lac-erations, eye injuries and more.

Even during times of crisis, Roca continues to prove that change is possible


Staff report

Nobody wants to be de-fined by their challenges but Covid-19 has highlighted a crisis among a population that, in the best of times, was struggling to thrive. Roca believes in the most vulnerable young adults in the Commonwealth. They are a human service or-ganization, with 5 sites across Massachusetts (Boston, Chelsea, Lynn, Holyoke and Springfield) and a site in Baltimore, MD. Roca engages with young adults, police and systems in the center of urban violence to address trauma, find hope and drive change.
The young people that Roca works with live with fear that never turns off. They are at the center of urban violence and pov-erty, they are court and gang involved, have not finished high school, have no job history and don’t know where they are sleep-ing tonight. Amongst this group is over 200 of the highest-risk, highly-trau-matized, systems-involved young mothers in Massa-chusetts. They are not will-ing to accept home visitors, not ready to go to education or training programs, and in need of intensive outreach and case management over several years. This group of young mothers falls be-tween the cracks of most current state and federal funding.
The Covid-19 crisis has drawn these women from the shadows and has truly highlighted the disparities of an already unequal sys-tem. While teen pregnancy rates are declining across Massachusetts, they are in-creasing within this group, exacerbated by increasing domestic violence. When times are tough, more peo-

ple are in need, which exac-erbates these disparities.
Laura started in Roca’s Young Mothers’ Program two years ago when preg-nant with her third child, referred by DCF after los-ing custody of her daugh-ters (then) ages 1 and 3 as a result of domestic violence. She came to Roca with low literacy, diligently worked on her basic literacy and ESL, and finally confronted her reality. She filed a re-straining order against per partner and started domes-tic violence and parenting classes.
After 1.5 years and 3 DCF workers, Laura final-ly regained custody of her two daughters, now 4 and 6. She got a housing vouch-er and moved into a small apartment in Everett, ready for a fresh start. Then, the pandemic hit and so did an unprecedented economic crisis.
Laura lost her job, her childcare and was unable to pay her rent. She was threat-ened with eviction and was unable to get into a shelter. Laura was scared. She had Covid-19 symptoms, but was afraid to get tested out of fear of being separated from her children and po-tentially losing them again. On May 25, it got worse as Laura found out that she did have Covid-19. “The day started out so great” she said. “I was celebrating because after almost two years, my DCF case was closing. I have worked so hard and now, I am beside myself.”
Sunindiya Bhalla, Chief of 2gen programming at Roca said: “Our young moms program is already experiencing the negative effects of this health and economic crisis. We’ve had to turn away referrals and are looking at graduat-ing some of our participants

earlier due to monetary constraints.” When asked to describe her participants, she said “Our young moth-ers are amazing. They are resilient, courageous and nothing is more important to them than their children. But as we become unable to support the needs of our moms and their kids, they will cost the state even more over the coming years.”
Even during this health crisis, Roca’s nationally recognized programming is transforming the lives of these young women by pro-viding a safe environment for mothers to succeed and for their children to thrive. This team continues to provide socially-distant in person outreach, intensive crisis intervention and case management, and has dra-matically increased virtual programming.
Despite their challenges, thirty (30) **young moth-ers have closed their DCF cases** with Roca’s help in the past year. In the past three months of the COVID-19 pandemic, young mothers have **in-creased participation** in educational and behavioral health programming. Roca has also launched a domes-tic violence support group and has expanded their par-enting classes during a time with it is needed more than ever. “We give our moms and their kids the sup-port they need,” said Scott Scharffenberg, executive Director of Roca, MA. “We have engaged and commit-ted partners who like our organization, are forced to tighten our belts and make tough decisions due to this economic crisis that isn’t going away any time soon.”
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Waste, recycling contract expires, prompting negotiations

By Maxim Tamarov

The future of trash and recycling collection in the Town of Winthrop is in flux.

On Tuesday, the town’s contract with Capitol Waste & Recycling, LLC expired, leaving officials scrambling to extend the relationship for a year more while they figure out next steps.

Starting with fiscal year 2013, the cost of collection services increased 2.25 percent annually. For fiscal year 2020, Winthrop paid about \$1.24 million for Capitol Waste’s services. The renegotiated contract will cost the town about \$1.5 million, according to Town Manager Austin Faison. The proposed contract

will include the disposal fees associated with recycling materials. This would increase the contract by approximately \$200,000. Recycling, in recent years, has become less lucrative.

“Recycling was actually a value add for [Capitol Waste] because they could make money off of it and now it’s not,” said Zero Waste Committee member Charles Southworth. “Now it costs us a bunch more money for recycling. We’re going to eat that.”

The recycling industry was “flipped on its head” when China implemented a policy in 2018 banning the import of most recyclable material. According to research published in the journal Science Advanc-

es, China had imported 45 percent of plastic waste between the years 1992 and 2018. Since Winthrop’s recycling contract is seven years old, the landscape looked very different when the collaboration with Capitol Waste began.

Capitol Waste, Southworth explained, is not going to give Winthrop a good deal on collecting something that it cannot sell. But recycling is ecologically beneficial and not something that the town can easily back out of.

Zero Waste Committee notes show that confusion over the state of recycling in town stemmed from a single incident during a snow emergency, when Capitol Waste picked up recycling

in a truck marked for trash. The issue was resolved by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), but since then, Capitol has reported that the rate of recycling contamination has gone up. It may indicate Winthrop residents are dubious of recycling efforts, but recycling is in fact still happening and still being collected in the signature blue and yellow toters.

According to Brooke Nash, DEP Municipal Waste Reduction Program branch chief, Winthrop’s recyclables are delivered to a nearby material recovery facility. The facility sorts the recyclables, bales them and ships them to market.

Across the country, the AP reported, nascent recycling operations have been taking over for China. In Winthrop, there are some options being explored as well, especially for items not regularly recycled such as textiles and flatware.

The Zero Waste Committee recommended a partnership with Simple Recycling at a recent Town Council meeting, which, much like the compost option with Black Earth Composting, would collect unwanted clothing on trash day free of charge.

Materials collected by Simple Recycling are graded and sorted by quality and condition, according to the company’s website. Top quality materials are resold at local thrift outlets. Mid and low quality items are exported and processed for raw material, respectively. The company already operates in Revere, Brookline, Somerville and many other locations across the country.

Partnering with Simple Recycling, according to Southworth, will also qualify Winthrop for grants.

Winthrop is eligible to apply for DEP grants through the Sustainable



The hard to miss recycling bins that Winthrop residents use.

Materials Recovery Program, which supports local recycling, composting, reuse, source reduction, program development, and enforcement activities that increase diversion and reduce disposal.

Southworth said he remains optimistic that something can be worked out.

“The town has options,”

he said, “so hopefully we will be able to execute on some of them.”

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been an unprecedented time not just for Winthrop, but for communities across the nation and globe. We will be continuously monitoring the situation and have made it a priority to bring these employees back on board as soon as we can.”

Following the announcement of the layoffs, several residents grew vocal about the possible impact these cuts could have on the town.

“Why are we cutting services for the elderly in both the library and senior center instead of reimagining how to serve their needs in this time of COVID,” said Katrina Donovan, previous part-time library employee.

While the remaining staffers at the library (Diane Wallace and Mary Lou Osborne) and Senior Center (Kathy Dixon and Matt Rhodes) are tasked with exploring unique ways that the departments can provide services to the community, some residents don’t believe that cutting ties to staff members will be beneficial to both library patrons of all ages and the senior community.

Resident and Geriatric Social Worker, Stephanie Recchia, weighed in on the situation.

“Without a senior center or library, this has left our elders without any social stimulation or active engagement. In the past few years, there has been an

abundance of scientific research on the physical and mental detriments of social isolation and loneliness in elders. Isolation and loneliness leads to depression, complicated complex medical diagnosis, and higher mortality levels in older adults. Being in a chronic state of loneliness leads to a chronic stress state inducing a physiological response, including elevated blood pressure. Recent data shows that social isolation can be deadly as cardiac disease, and in fact, can be a precursor to it. I am in no way advocating for an unsafe opening or groups of older adults congregating at this time, given the age demographic of over 65 is at high risk for serious COVID complications if they contract the virus. I do believe there are solutions in creativity and collaboration in order to meet the needs of our town’s elders, including Zoom book group discussions, webinar series, curbside pickup, or even “friendly visit” phone calls to talk books or current events. Many elders are using technology. Virtual groups would be of great benefit to the physical and mental health of elders during a prolonged period of isolation due to pandemic. Many towns are successfully lending books, DVDs, audio books, and other materials via curbside pre-orders. We can do

better by our elders (and all community members) and we should.”

According to Faison, the Town of Winthrop will continue to provide services from the library and senior center, with limited staff. Meals on Wheels will continue to operate, and residents who are in need and are not currently on the list to receive meals through the program can email Kdixon@town.winthrop.ma.us or call (617) 539-5848.

Residents are still able to utilize the online library services, which can be found on the library’s website: <https://www.winthrop-publiclibrary.org/>

“I am very concerned for the safety of both the employees and all our seniors at the center, said Kathy Dixon, Director of the Council on Aging at the Senior Center. “This is very near and dear to my heart as I lost my Father to COVID-19 back in April. We are working on ideas that will be beneficial and entertaining for our seniors here in town. I encourage ideas and suggestions. We hope this will not be a long term situation as it is very important for all of us to have a healthy and meaningful social existence. I wish for all citizens in the town of Winthrop and everywhere, please stay safe.”

Town officials update Covid cases

Town of Winthrop officials provided latest update on Coronavirus situation as of June 30. There were 243 total cases confirmed; 24 deceased, 213 recovered and 6 in isolation

The town of Winthrop has received notification from the Massachusetts Department of Public

Health (DPH) of two additional residents affected by COVID-19.

The COVID-19 Tip Hotline is available on the Winthrop Public Safety website at <https://winthrop-publicsafety.com/covid-19-tip-hotline/> for those self-reporting or for a concerned member of the community.

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“When we saw that Amanda had generously offered this support for us, we were so very grateful. Her genuine concern is heartwarming. Every little bit of support helps small businesses, but more importantly this is proof that there is still those like Amanda that find it important to help others. This builds strong communities, this builds a town to be proud to live in. So thank you Amanda and others like you- the Chamber of

Commerce and Kate Economides who also advocate strongly for our local businesses without hesitation.”

While Koutalakis will be contributing via her sales and a donation jar at Sandy Paws, donations can also be made via Venmo at: Amanda-SandyPaws. If you are a business owner, interested in receiving some support, please contact: sandypawsinc@gmail.com or 617-846-7297.

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Stephanie Ciampa

VA Dental Service Retiree

A Funeral Mass was celebrated on Monday, June 29 in St. John the Evangelist Church, Winthrop for Stephanie M. (Plakias) Ciampa who passed on Thursday, June 25 after a five month struggle with metastatic cancer at the Kaplan Family Hospice of Danvers. Interment was in Winthrop Cemetery (Belle Isle Section).

Born in Newport, RI, she lived in Winthrop her entire life, attended Winthrop Schools and was a 1974 graduate of Winthrop High School and a 1976 graduate of Northeastern-Tufts Dental Assistant Program. She spent almost 40 years in the Dental Service Profession and had a 32-year career with the V.A. Administration, Dental Service. Recently, and until the onset of poor health, she worked with Doctors Becker, Becker and Silvius

Dental Service of Shirley Avenue, Revere.

Stephanie was a petite, vivacious and always... “exciting” personality, always to be remembered and loved. Nothing was more vital and fulfilling than her role as a Devoted Mom, Doting Grandmother, Cherished sister and Special Aunt.

She was the adoring daughter of the late William and Lillian (Ricupero) Plakias, the devoted mother to Boston Police Patrolman



Francis R. “Frankie” Ciampa and his wife, Christina G. Ciampa and the doting grandmother to Francis C. “Frankie” and Leo M. Ciampa, all of East Boston, formerly of Winthrop and adoring sister to Paul T. Plakias of Winthrop. She is also lovingly survived by her niece, Dena M. Plakias and her fiancé, Hershel Beard and her grandnephew, Colton H. Beard, all of Winthrop. Stephanie also leaves a legacy of extended family and friends, many of which she has enjoyed since her years at Northeastern-Tufts Dental Assistant Program.

Remembrances may be made to Dana-Farber Cancer Institute- Division of Development & The Jimmy Fund, P.O. Box 849168, Boston, MA 02284-9168. To send online condolences, please visit www.ver-tuccioandsmith.com.

Funeral Arrangements entrusted to the care and direction of the Vertuccio & Smith, Home for Funerals, Revere.

Mary Smith

Retiree of MGH and the former Winthrop Hospital

Mary L. Smith of Winthrop passed away on June 28. She was 79 years old.

She was born in Winthrop, to the late Arthur J. and Catherine E. (Monteith) Smith.

Mary began working at the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company as a phone operator. She later changed careers and began working in the medical field as a nursing assistant at the Massachusetts General Hospital and the Winthrop Hospital until her retirement.

Mary was the devoted mother of Joseph G. Sinagra and his wife, Maryellen of Rutland and John J. Sinagra and his wife, Christine of Newton, NH. She was the adored grandmother of Joseph Sinagra and his fiancé, Laura, Daniel Sinagra and his wife, Chelcie, Derick Sinagra and Allison Sinagra and the loving great-grandmother of Wynter Skye, Winn and Laney. She was the dear sister of Charlotte A. Fobert and her late husband, Ernie of Winthrop, James Smith and his wife, Georgina of Winthrop and the late Arthur J. Smith and his late wife, Janice Florentine and former wife of the late Louis E. Sinagra. She is also



survived by several nieces and nephews.

Following current guidelines as instructed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in relation to capacity limits, visiting hours will be held in the Maurice W. Kirby Funeral

Home, 210 Winthrop St., Winthrop, on Wednesday, July 8, from 9 to 11 a.m. followed by a Funeral Mass to be celebrated in St. John the Evangelist Church, Winthrop at 11:30 a.m.

Relatives and friends are invited. Burial will be private following the Mass. In lieu of flowers, donations in her name can be made to the American Cancer Society 3 Speen St.

Suite 250 Framingham, MA. 01701. To sign Mary’s guestbook, please visit our website at www.mauricekirbyfh.com

Patricia Lowdnes

Of Lynn, formerly of Winthrop

Patricia G. Lowdnes of Lynn, formerly of Winthrop, passed away at the Northshore Medical Center in Salem on June 29. She was 75 years old.

Born in Boston, the beloved daughter of the late Mary (DiChiara) and Victor Maffei, she was a longtime resident of Winthrop and was employed in the accounting department at Ocean Air in Revere for many years.

She was the loving mother of Renee Hickey and her husband, Daniel, Dina Cash and her husband, TJ, all of Winthrop and Misty Fletcher of Lynn; dear sister of the late Victor “Butchie” Maffei and cherished grandmother of Danny, Jennifer, Matthew and Isabella.

Family and friends are cordially invited to attend the visitation from the Cag-



giano-O’Maley-Frazier Funeral Home, Winthrop today, Thursday, July 2 from 4 to 8 p.m. The funeral will be conducted from the funeral home on Friday, July 3 at 9 a.m. followed by a Funeral Mass in St. John the Evangelist Church, 320 Winthrop St., Winthrop at 10 a.m. Services will conclude with the interment in the Belle Isle section of Winthrop Cemetery.

To sign the online guestbook, go to www.caggianofuneralhome.com.

Frederick Burns Jr.

Life member of Winthrop Elks

Frederick A. “Sonny” Burns Jr. of Winthrop passed away on June 26. He was 86 years old.

Prior to his retirement, Frederick worked in the Maintenance Department at Eastern Airlines. He also worked for the Town of Winthrop Water Department and was a life member of the Winthrop Lodge of Elks 1078.

Born in Somerville to the late Frederick A. and Verna (Stevens) Burns Sr., he was the devoted father of Laurier Fannin and her late husband, John of Winthrop, the late Annette Armano and her surviving husband, Michael of Revere, Barbara D’Amelio of Wakefield, Carolyn Finney of Sarasota, FL. and Frederick A. Burns III of Everett; the adored grandfather of 11 and the great-grandfather of six and the loving companion of 38 years to Betty Chewausky of California. He was the dear brother of Ruth Hovermale



of Winthrop and is also survived by several nieces and nephews.

Following current guidelines as instructed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in relation to capacity limits, visiting hours will be held in the Maurice W. Kirby Funeral Home, 210 Winthrop St., Winthrop, today, Thursday, July 2, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. followed by a Graveside Service in the Winthrop Cemetery (Belle Isle Section) beginning at 1:30 a.m. Relatives and friends are invited. To sign Frederick’s guestbook, please visit: www.mauricekirbyfh.com

Raffaella Boncore

Operated Viking Cleaners in Winthrop for many years

Raffaella “Rae” Boncore of Brewster Ave., Winthrop passed away at home on June 24. She was 96 years old.

Born in Cambridge, she was the beloved daughter of the late Angelina (Alfano) and Carmen Vitagliano. A long time resident of Winthrop, she worked as a seamstress and along with her husband operated Viking’s Cleaners in Winthrop for many years. She was also a member of the Son’s of Italy Lodge #2057 and the Sisters of Mary.

She was the devoted wife of the late Robert L. Boncore and the loving mother of Atty. Philip Boncore and his wife, Goldie and Robert Boncore and his wife, Elizabeth, all of Winthrop; dear sister of the late Helen Buonomo, Michael, Jimmy, John, Frank and Joseph Vitagliano; cherished Nana to Debra Leonard, Tina Gilson and her husband, Robert, Teri Keene and her husband, Andrew, Atty. Robert Boncore, Toni Titmore and her husband, Matthew, Tami Boncore, Sen. Joseph Boncore and his wife, Atty. Christine, Christine Sciaraffa and her husband, Mark, Corina Boncore and her



partner, Nick Mesa, Jessica Ramer and her husband, James and Joseph Andrew Boncore. She is also survived by 16.5 great grandchildren and was the former mother in law of Mary Jane Dimento-Boncore.

The funeral was conducted from the Caggiano-O’Maley-Frazier Funeral Home, Winthrop on Tuesday, June 30 followed by a Funeral Mass in St. John the Evangelist Church. Rev. Chris O’Connor celebrated the mass and offered prayers at the interment in the Cross Street section of Winthrop Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to the Sons of Italy Scholarship Fund, 31 Buchanan St., Winthrop MA 02152.

To sign the online guestbook, go to www.caggianofuneralhome.com.

Marie Skomro

Kind and giving mother

Marie A. (Boushell) Skomro died on June 28 in her 95th year.

Marie was a kind and giving mother who enjoyed gardening and baking and was a voracious reader. She was a member of the Winthrop Senior Center.

She was the beloved wife of 72 years of the late Frank Skomro, loving mother of Robert Skomro and his wife, Suzi Teegarden, Ann Bertrand and her husband, Paul, Karen Chouinard and her husband, Rene, Gary Skomro and his wife, Carina Campobasso, Lorraine DeFronzo and her husband, Larry Pradell and her late husband, John DeFronzo, the late Barbara Camacho and her late husband, Lou and former husband, Paul LoConte; dear grandmother

of Tina (Silck) Wallace, Joshua Crossman, Julie (Chouinard) Swanson, Maria (LoConte) Minichello, Nick and Vincent LoConte, Alex and Rachel DeFronzo, Isabel, Lily and Olivia Skomro; dear great grandmother of Sydney and Gracie Wallace, Noah, Caleb and Sophia Crossman, Eli and Verona Swanson, Matthew Minichello, sister of the late Edward Boushell, Barbara Sirois, Robert Boushell and daughter of the late Edward and Muriel (Green) Boushell.

Services are private.

Arrangements under the direction of the Caggiano-O’Maley-Frazier Funeral Home, Winthrop. To sign the online guestbook, go to www.caggianofuneralhome.com.

Jessica Benton

Nurse Practitioner for Dr. Gary Pransky of Winthrop

Jessica M. (Cloutier) Benton, 33, formerly of Peabody, wife of Adam M. Benton, died Sunday, June 28 at the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston after a brief battle with cancer.

Born in Seoul, Korea, she was the daughter of Paul F. and Nancy L. (Dattoli) Cloutier of Danvers. She was raised in Peabody and graduated from Bishop Fenwick High School, class of 2005. Jessica continued her education at the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences in Boston where she earned her master’s degree.

She had been employed for six years as a nurse practitioner for the office of Dr. Gary Pransky in Winthrop.

Jessica was dedicated to her profession and continued her passion in caring for others by her active role in the community of Winthrop and surrounding areas.

She was a loving wife, mother, daughter, sister and friend who will be missed by all who knew her.

In addition to her husband and her parents, she is survived by her daughter, Alexis and son, Anderson, her brother, Michael Cloutier and his companion, Jess Beck of Haverhill,



her in-laws, Michael and Gail Benton of Swampscott, her sisters-in-law, Jill Benton and her fiancé, Sam Girmai of Chelsea and Lindsey Benton of New York. She is also survived by numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Her Funeral Mass will be celebrated at St. John the Baptist Church, 17 Chestnut St., Peabody, Friday, July 3 at 11 a.m. Relatives and friends are invited to attend. Visiting hours at the Conway Cahill-Brodeur Funeral Home, 82 Lynn St., Peabody, today, Thursday from 4 to 8 p.m. In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be made in her memory to Melrose-Wakefield Healthcare Development Office, 400 Unicorn Park, Woburn, MA 01801 (www.melrosewakefield.org). For directions and online guestbook, please visit www.ccbfuneral.com. in Winthrop.

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with Winthrop athletics as a coach, faculty member, or through exceptional service.

To be eligible as an individual athlete or as a team, the individual or team members must have graduated from Winthrop High School, and must have been part of a class that was graduated at least ten years prior to the nomination.

The WHS Athletic Hall of Fame also recognizes other significant individuals, such as administrators and others, who have made special contributions to the Winthrop High School Athletic Program.

In addition to President John Domenico, the WHS Athletic Hall of Fame Committee members are: Peg Bailey, Howard Conley, Robert DeGregorio, Dale Dunbar, Susan Freedland, Jim Lederman, Bill Schmidt, Richard Thibeuau, and Chris Tsiotos.

WINTHROP FERRY RESUMES SERVICE

The Town of Winthrop is excited to kick off our seventh season of ferry service. Please order your tickets via www.thewinthropferry.com and all passengers must wear a mask on board. We are limiting our seating to 40 passengers instead of 73. So we highly recommend that you book your tickets online to confirm a space on the vessel. Happy sailing!

YARD WASTE DROP OFF FACILITY HOLIDAY HOURS

Due to the July 4 holiday, the facility will be open Thursday, July 2 from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. and closed Friday, July 3 and Saturday, July 4.

Winthrop's green waste drop-off site is located at the end of Kennedy Drive, where residents may bring their yard waste.

What is "green waste"? Green waste includes grass, leaves, vines, hedge trimmings and small to medium size branches. Root balls and branches over six inches are not accepted. Operational concerns require that the branches must be separated from the other green waste. Branches should be stacked loosely with the butt end sticking out. Grass, leaves, vines and hedge trimmings can be contained in any manner that you see fit provided the container or bag is not left behind. It is not necessary to purchase special compost bags to participate in the program. It is essential that other wastes, such as rocks, plastic, construction material, trash or animal waste do not mix with green waste. This waste can damage the Town's equipment or result in failed testing parameters. Your assistance is very much appreciated.

Facility Policies Residents Free disposal of leaves and grass clippings for Winthrop residents. Please be prepared to show a driver's license or other proof of residency.

Residential Branch load tickets will be available at the DPW Building located at 100 Kennedy Drive Monday through Thursday during regular business hours. The cost is \$20.00 per ticket. (Check or money order only)

Branch loads are not to exceed ONE TRUCK LOAD (5 YARD MAXIMUM).

Branches larger than 4 inches in diameter will not be accepted at the compost. Tree stumps, trash, stones, dirt and other debris is strictly prohibited.

ANY DIRT OR DEBRIS WILL RESULT IN LOAD REFUSAL. ALL LOADS WILL BE INSPECTED.

Questions call Public

CENTER BUSINESS OPEN



BeRaka Juice is now open, serving organic cold press 100% natural fruit juice. After a beautiful renovation of the old Samuels Pharmacy at 46 Woodside Ave., owner Vanessa Mukania opened the doors on Thursday, June 25 with a great response. Shown are Vanessa and her brother Jordy. A grand opening celebration will be held soon.

Works Cemetery Department 617-846-1341

Markey Campaign Shows Its Grassroots Reach

The Ed Markey for U.S. Senate campaign demonstrated its grassroots power and statewide reach over the past weekend as it hosted an evening of virtual house parties with over 300 supporters and volunteers, joining from 35 different Zoom locations organized by supporters, for supporters, including in Dorchester, Somerville, Cambridge, Tufts University, Harvard University, and Northeastern University.

Senator Markey spoke to the virtual grassroots group as Suffolk County District Attorney Rachel Rollins, State Representative Nika Elugardo, and State Representative Tricia Farley Bouvier--all of whom have endorsed the Senator--also made appearances throughout the event. The house party also featured live music from Wheatus lead singer, and progressive activist, Brendan Brown.

"This is another example of our grassroots organizing success," said Campaign Manager John Walsh. "Our campaign is based on relational organizing -- friend-to-friend and neighbor-to-neighbor engagement. During this challenging time, we continue to organize in new and innovative ways, and our house parties are part of the enthusiasm and dedication of our supporters. And while we can't yet have house parties in the traditional sense, we can still come together."

The Markey Campaign's grassroots organizing has adapted to the public health crisis through social media, livestreams on the work Senator Markey is undertaking to combat the coronavirus pandemic, benefit concert, and digital outreach.

After winning 70 percent of the support at local city and town caucuses earlier this year--a significant grassroots achievement--the Markey campaign then turned in over 27,000 nomination signatures to the Secretary of State's Office.

The campaign's digital team has also designed a breakthrough grassroots tool allowing anyone interested in becoming involved with the Markey Campaign to create and distribute their own supporter page at: support.edmarkey.com. After launching the tool earlier this spring, hundreds of supporter pages identifying thousands of supporters have been created.

WINTHROP VETERANS FOOD BANK

The Winthrop Veterans Food Bank will be open July 8, August 5 and Sept. 2 with a pick up from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 at the American Legion Hall, next to Town Hall.

Veterans must register on Facebook (Winthrop Veterans) or register by phone at 617-846-3065. Donations to the food bank are always welcomed.

SUMMER TIPS FOR PETS

The Animal Rescue League of Boston's (ARL) annual safety campaign, Too Hot for Spot, reminds pet owners about the dangers pets face when temperatures begin to rise. Even when it's below 80 degrees, the threat for heat stroke still exists.

Five tips to keep your pet safe are as follows:

Prevention is best. Whenever possible, leave your pet at home in a cool humidity and temperature-regulated room. If your pet must be outdoors, find a shady spot with ample air flow to prevent overheating. Hydration is key, so keep a bowl of cold water accessible at all times. Limit exercise to the morning or evening hours when temperatures are coolest. Never leave your pet alone in a parked car—even with the air conditioner on or the windows cracked. If you suspect that your pet is suffering from heat stroke, seek immediate medical attention from a veterinarian!

Spot an animal in imminent danger or distress? Call 911 or contact your local Animal Control Office, Fire Department, or Police Department.

WINTHROP SENIOR CENTER NEWS

The Senior Center remains closed at this time. While lunch is not being served, Meals on Wheels continues to operate. Residents who are in need and are not currently on the list to receive meals through Meals on Wheels can call Mystic Valley Elder Services at 781-324-7705, with their name, phone number and address to be included in the program.

Exercise with Ernie Sarro: WCAT will present Exercise with Ernie Sarro Monday – Friday at 10:30am on Channel 3.

Do you or someone you know need help staying independent, active & healthy?



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OUR Opinions

ENJOY A SAFE FOURTH OF JULY

It goes without saying that this will be a Fourth of July unlike any other in the history of our nation.

Americans traditionally have celebrated the Fourth both with large community gatherings and with smaller get-togethers.

The Fourth of July rekindles fond memories from our childhood of the times when we spent the holiday with our families and friends for gatherings at barbecues, at the beach, and at municipal fireworks displays in the evenings.

However, the coronavirus has changed everything. The recent attempts by states to reopen their economies, even in those states that were the most cautious and with seemingly well-designed plans, have resulted in skyrocketing rates of infection that have placed millions of Americans at risk of contracting this dreaded disease.

A story on a cable news channel earlier this week highlighted a California family in which 18 family members contracted COVID-19, with some requiring lengthy hospitalization and one, the family patriarch, dying.

There was no single gathering at which the infection could have been spread. The family thought that they had been taking the proper precautions during their interactions.

However, the disease only needed a small window of opportunity to be transmitted among three generations of this family, with tragic results.

In addition to the coronavirus, the Fourth of July in 2020 comes amidst unprecedented unrest and turmoil throughout our nation. The tragic events and subsequent protests and demonstrations have demonstrated that our nation utterly has failed to live up to the lofty ideals upon which we were founded:

“... that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.”

When Thomas Jefferson wrote those words, he literally meant “men” only, and white men in particular. His lofty language was the ultimate in political hypocrisy: It did not apply to millions of enslaved persons nor to women, who were considered not much more than their husband’s property.

It is indisputable that those twin legacies have cast a shadow over the promise of America that continues today, 244 years later.

Another “traditional” aspect of the Fourth of July is that it encourages far too many among us to engage in behavior that is risky not only to ourselves, but to our loved ones and others around us.

Fireworks are illegal for everybody, and in no event should be allowed in the hands of children. It is a sad -- but inevitable -- fact that countless Americans will be maimed for life because of accidents involving fireworks this weekend.

Alcohol abuse is rampant in our country and the Fourth unfortunately provides an opportunity -- which is to say, another excuse -- for those who have alcohol abuse issues to indulge way more than they should, especially when operating a boat or automobile.

It is the responsibility of each of us to ensure that the Fourth is enjoyed safely not only by ourselves, but by those whom we care about. If someone has had too much to drink, take their keys. None of us wants to say to ourselves the next day, “If only I had not let them drive....”

In addition to those usual safety precautions, we also must ensure that however we celebrate the Fourth this year, we must do so wearing masks and observing physical distancing -- none of us wants to be the cause of another person’s death because we were the vector who brought the coronavirus to a family member or loved one.

Admittedly, this is not a happy time in America. But we must make the best of it.

We wish all of our readers a happy -- and safe -- Fourth of July.

Forum



LETTER to the Editor

I SUPPORT A HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE

Dear Editor,

On June 2, Town Manager Austin Faison felt the need to make a personal statement to the Town Council after the May 25 televised killing of George Floyd by Minneapolis police officer Derek Chauvin. As “the only black person in the room for most of my life,” Faison said he was “tired” and unable to believe that “it is necessary to make a statement” requesting “some real change in how we interact with one another. This includes a base level of respect between everyone, regardless of their background.”

Faison further described institutional racism when he said, “Unfortunately, people who look like me are disproportionately affected by a multitude of issues within our society. It isn’t simply Covid-19, which is infecting us at a higher rate; nor police related incidents, where people are left dead after a misunderstanding or a minor offense, nor education, nor net worth, nor homelessness, nor a history of being oppressed. It is all those things bearing down on a community simultaneously.”

“That is why people say black lives matter...not because they matter more, but simply because they want you to remember that they do in fact matter,” the Town Manager said. Faison closed not condoning violence of any kind, but a need for things to change.

I later learned that some of our Winthrop residents labeled the Town Manager’s request as “a rant” and that he should just “do his job.” Along with others, I emailed our Town Council, Council President, and Police Chief supporting Aus-

tin Faison’s plea for “real change in how we interact with one another.”

I noted that it was a sorrowful day when I viewed George Floyd in a fatal choke hold, a form of lynching, on national television. The incident was an “in your face” message of what hate, racism, and violence has done in our country and in the world.

I also wrote what a bad mark that incident and others like it have on good police officers who appropriately respond to incidents of violence, domestic violence, mental illness, and basic disruption of safety in our communities. These men and women take their own lives in their hands before entering dangerous situations, particularly domestic violence situations. I have personally witnessed appropriate Winthrop police intervention with disruptive gatherings, safety situations, and a threat of life issue a few years back.

Nevertheless, I remember what a concerned black woman, mother of two children, said in a tv interview: “I know some of you say, ‘We’re tired of hearing it.’ Well, we’re tired of EXPERIENCING IT.” I support the Town Manager’s statement and the need to guard against ANY form of maltreatment by ANY officers, officials or townspeople when relating to ANY person who may look different than ourselves, worship differently, or love differently. Faison’s comments cause us all to pause to make sure we’re treating people the way WE would like to be treated.

On the “remedy” end of things, I am glad that, as one of his first legislative efforts, Senator Joseph Boncore addressed criminal justice reform. Suffolk County District Attorney

Rachael Rollins has also made early efforts to reform the criminal justice system especially dealing with persons of color.

Here in Winthrop, I support the creation of a Diversity, Inclusion and Accessibility Committee, called in most other communities the Human Rights Committee (HRC). Such a Committee would help deal with any form of alleged discrimination due to race, sex, gender identification, etc. I would trust that the Town Council would create a HRC and appoint qualified members to oversee it.

Note that at the 06-16-20 Town Council meeting, President Philip Boncore acknowledged my and several other citizens’ support of Austin Faison’s statement and my request for a Human Rights Committee.

In Chief Delehanty’s temporary absence, Deputy Chief John Goodwin responded with “looking forward to open dialogue about what the Winthrop Police have done before the recent protest and how to improve moving forward. Everyone deserves to be treated with respect.” Previously, Chief Delehanty reminded all officers of its use-of-force policy, and, relative to race relations in Winthrop (06-04-“Transcript”), Chief Delehanty stated that as the town’s demographics shift, he wants to “build relationships” with all residents and “include them in the decision-making process.”

Creation of a HRC, efforts to treat all people with respect, building relationships, reforming criminal justice laws, are all efforts to execute the “real change” that Town Manager Faison is talking about.

Donna Segreti Reilly

SUPPORTS HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE

Dear Editor

I made the decision to move my family out of Winthrop when my son was in the third grade and was called the n-word by other children his age. Clearly, these young children were taught that word at home and they knew it would be hurtful even though they likely didn’t truly know its legacy. I can promise you it was a gut-punch and reality check for me. As luck would have it, he ended up marrying a third-generation Winthropite, buying a home and raising a family here. I moved back when I retired to be close to them. I now have three beautiful grandchildren that I do not want to have the same experience we had some 30 years ago. Yes, times have changed, but not enough and there is so much more to do to recognize systemic racism and the effects of unconscious bias and white privilege, so we become a more inclusive community. Establishing an HRC/DICR would be an important step to ensure that concerns of discrimination are given a hearing, awareness is raised through educational events, local resources that address civil and human rights are readily available to anyone who seeks them and there is an ongoing effort to reduce fear and appreciate, respect and be inclusive of the other cultures who reside in our community. It is not enough to be a silent bystander in this fight for equality and inclusion; we must take action. The establishment of a diversity, inclusion, and community relations committee would be a good first step. Lets not allow this moment to pass.

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WINTHROP Then and Now

Winthrop Improvement and Historical Association

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ART 926 - TWO HIGHLAND AVE. RESORTS INNS — KEARSARGE & ALOHA



Winthrop’s strongest resort period was from 1875 to 1940 when those who lived inland and liked to spend some or all of their vacation time by the sea came to Winthrop. Our peninsula hosted approximately 55 buildings that operated as hotels, inns or rooming houses under some 75 or more names depending on who the current owner was. While 60 percent of those were located in the beach area, the Northern Highlands hill had about six resort type rental establishments. Three of these that were initially built by Hill & White included the Argyle, which in 1916 was enlarged into the Winthrop Arms we know today. The other two were located on Highland Avenue and are the subject of this article. The first was the Kearsarge located at what is now 78 Highland Avenue next door to the large home of the Green family which is still standing at the corner of Highland & Cliff Avenues and is currently undergoing a major renovation to restore its original stately appearance of the early 1900’s. In

picture one, the Kearsarge Inn is seen as one looked up Highland Avenue. At the far right, one can see the previously mentioned Green house. According to a late 1890 advertisement in the local paper the Kearsarge had ”Broad Piazzas, open fires, electric lights, views of the country and sea. House accommodates 30 guests but its spacious dining room can seat many more as table board is a specialty- - address for circular, the Misses Leeds, proprietors.” Reports from that time also state that this was an excellent place to eat. The currently existing red brick building, which stood behind the Kearsarge, can be seen in picture two with only the lower steps to the hotel remaining in the foreground. This red brick building was originally constructed as a “Party House” by General Green who had served in the Spanish American War. At one of his parties, a fellow officer, Theodore “Teddy” Roosevelt, attended the festivities. Theodore Roosevelt was a close friend of the Lodge Family who summered in a mansion in

Nahant. It was during a visit to the Lodges that Mr. Roosevelt came over to one of General Green’s parties in Winthrop. It wasn’t until recent times that this brick building was converted to a residence. The third picture depicts the Aloha Inn, about the same time, at the corner of Highland and Cliff Avenues. Initially opened in 1885 by Mrs. A.W. Fitch who ran it until about 1900 when Charles A. Stoddars bought the building. It continued to operate as a hotel until the late 1930’s. Sometime in the late 1940’s, it was converted into the Mount Nursing Home which the Mount family ran until 1963 when the building was razed. Picture four depicts the three homes that are on this land today. Many such Inns/Rooming Houses existed in Winthrop from 1885 to 1940 and as more is learned about them, they too will be the subject of future articles. If anyone knows of other such resort facilities, it would be appreciated if you would please advise this writer accordingly.



THE MORE Things Change ...

Items selected from past issues of the Winthrop Sun, The Winthrop Review, The Winthrop Visitor, The Transcript and The Sun-Transcript

10 years ago
June 24, 2010

A second member of the Winthrop School Committee has resigned from her position. Pat Milano, chairwoman of the committee for the past six years, submitted her letter of resignation to Town Clerk Carla Vitale on June 16, ending her 10 years of service on the committee. Gus Martucci previously stepped down from the committee earlier this month. Milano’s exit sent shock waves through the town. She has been a strong advocate for the school system and proudly presented a diploma to her son, Will, at the Class of 2010 commencement ceremony. All four of her children attended Winthrop schools. “I felt it was the right time for me to go and take care of some personal stuff that I needed to take care of,” said Milano.

The non-profit organization Save the Harbor / Save the Bay has awarded Winthrop Parks and Recreation and the Friends of Belle Isle Marsh grants of \$2,500 and \$2,000 respectively to support beach events this summer.

A major on-going water-sewer replacement and roadway reconstruction project in the, area of Putnam, Fremont and Jefferson streets and Putnam Place is running slightly behind schedule according to Public Works Director Dave Hickey, but progress has been made overall and he is optimistic that the main parts of the project will be completed by late July.

Toy Story 3, The Twilight Saga: Eclipse, and Grown-Ups are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

20 years ago
June 22, 2000

Selectwoman Marie Turner led the Board of Selectmen’s discussion with the town’s Collector/Treasurer, Daniel Keyes, relative to the delays in sending out water bills and the town’s other financial problems. Turner, whose depth of experience in the town’s financial matters is unmatched by any of her colleagues or other town officials, proposed a number of solutions to help the town get through its current problems.

East Boston District Court Presiding Justice Dominic Russo was honored as the Citizen of the Year at the annual Flag Day exercises held by the Winthrop Lodge of Elks.

The 11 men who left Winthrop High School prior to graduating in order to enlist in military service in WWII were honored for their sacrifice and were awarded high school diplomas in an emotional ceremony presided over by present WHS Principal Jim Noiles. Among the recipients of diplomas were boyhood friends Charles “Bud” Dasey and Robert Oliver, both of whom enlisted in the Navy at the age of 17.

The Perfect Storm, The Patriot, and Me, Myself, and Irene are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

30 years ago
June 26, 1990

The Chamber of Commerce is working with the Board of Health to come up with an alternative solution to the board’s plans to require all town businesses to dispose of their own trash. The town is facing a huge increase in its trash disposal fees because of costly state-required environmental improvements that have to be made at the RESCO plant in Saugus.

The appointment of Building Inspector Dave Hayden to a 90-day term instead of the usual one-year term by selectmen Richard DiMento and Dick Bangs, with Selectman Robert Noonan voting in favor of a one-year term, has raised eyebrows at Town Hall. According to Hayden, he was told by Bangs that DiMento disapproved of some of Hayden’s interpretations of the building by-laws.

Construction of a new centerfield taxiway at Logan Airport is awaiting a decision by state environmental authorities as to whether Massport will need to produce a Comprehensive Environmental Impact Report in order to proceed with the project.

The Jetsons, Betsy’s Wedding, and Days of Thunder are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

40 years ago
June 18, 1980

Winthrop Firefighters Local 1070 blasted the Board of Fire Engineers in a letter that was sent to the selectmen and the Sun-Transcript, charging that the transfers of personnel by the Fire Engineers were made without the input of superior officers and have hurt morale in the department. Winthrop is one of only a few communities in the state whose fire department is headed by a Board of Fire Engineers, rather than by a chief of the department appointed by the selectmen.

Olympic hero Mike Eruzione was named the Elks Man of the Year this week and received a citation from Selectmen Chairman Robert DeLeo.

Police Chief David Rice has suggested to the selectmen that all new police officers be given complete mental and physical exams by the Lahey Clinic prior to their appointment. Rice said that the exams would protect the town from unnecessary medical bills and liability pensions. Rice cited the need to replace disabled officers as the reason for the high cost of overtime in the local department.

50 years ago
June 25, 1970

The Mass. Supreme Judicial Court has ruled that a state law dating back to 1821, which exempts Chelsea, Winthrop, and Revere from paying for their share of the costs of Suffolk County, is constitutional. At stake for the three communities was a \$1 million expense which they would have had to share. Winthrop Town Counsel Joseph Harvey wrote the brief for the town defending the statute.

A crowd of 70 persons attended the 50th reunion of the Winthrop High Class of 1920 that was held at the Prudential Tower in Boston. Head table guests included Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Duplin and Mr. and Mrs. Nils V. “Swede” Nelson.

The Winthrop Chamber of Commerce this week welcomed a new business in the Centre, Casa de Venuti, a yarn and fabric shop.

Clint Eastwood stars in Kelly’s Heroes at the Winthrop Cinema.

60 years ago
June 23, 1960

The School Committee voted at 2:14 this morning after a marathon meeting and three hours of debate to adopt a proposal by School Supt. Arthur Dalrymple to implement a reorganization of the Winthrop schools. Instead of the present 6-3-3 grade system, there now will be a four-year high school (grades 9-12), a two-year junior high school

(grade 7-8), and elementary grades of K-6. School Committee members Giromini, Bryant, and Kilgore voted in favor of the proposal, with Holland voting against it and Canavan abstaining.

Winthrop Post 146, American Legion, will sponsor its 38th annual Fourth of July carnival at Ingleside Park from July 4-9. The winner of this year’s grand raffle prize will receive a new Chevy Corvaire on the night of July 8.

The appearance of Bozo the Clown highlighted the parish summer festival of St. John the Evangelist Church last Saturday. Hundreds of costumed youngsters paraded from the church to Metcalfe Square.

Three young men, one from Winthrop, were injured when their small foreign car careened out of control and smashed into a parked car on Shirley St.

A number of close finishes highlighted the yacht races of the Mass. Bay fleet that were held off Winthrop on Sunday under the sponsorship of the Cottage Park Y.C. A total of 142 boats, the largest field of the season, were lured to the starting line by bright blue skies and a steady easterly breeze. Among the winners was Winthrop’s Joe Duplin in the Star Class aboard his boat, Star of the Sea.

Dr. Arthur I. Breen announces the opening of his optometry office at 362 Pleasant St.

Robert Taylor stars in Killer of Kilimanjaro at the Winthrop Theatre.

70 years ago
June 22, 1950

The School Committee has announced that the entrance age for enrollment in the first grade in the Winthrop public schools will be five years and eight months, effective September 1, 1951.

The School Committee has appointed Wilbur “Whip” Halliday, former WHS (Class of 1944) and Holy Cross football star, as athletic coach and physical fitness instructor at the junior high school.

Deputy Tax Collector Harold French blasted the Board of Assessors this past week for their error in assessing a poll tax on three year-old Edie Jackson. French said that Jackson is among 20 juveniles for whom he has had to issue arrest warrants because of what he termed “the irresponsible part-time employees who take the census in Winthrop.”

C.J. Thayer, who was the principal of Winthrop High in 1940, will travel all the way from Louisiana, where is a professor at the state university, to attend the reunion of the WHS Class of 1940 that will be held at the Elks Hall this Saturday evening.

Red Skelton and Gloria deHaven star in Yellow Cabman at the Winthrop and State Theaters.

70 years ago
June 20, 1940

Former State Rep. Daniel Honan was accorded a distinctive honor this past weekend when he was voted into the exalted office of State President of the Massachusetts Elks Association at the annual convention that was held this weekend in Pittsfield.

Many Winthrop residents attended the rally on Boston Common on Sunday to show their support for the U.S. to provide military and other aid to the Allies in the present war in Europe against Nazi Germany.

LOCAL STUDENTS EARN ACADEMIC HONORS

UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE’S DEAN’S LIST

The following students have been named to the Dean’s List at the University of New Hampshire for the spring 2020 semester.

Gianna Guarino of Winthrop for earning Honors. Guarino is majoring in Sociology.

Alyssa Ferrara of Winthrop for earning High Honors. Ferrara is majoring in Communication Sci & Disorders.

Ashley Miles of Winthrop for earning Honors. Miles is majoring in BusAdm:Marketing.

Brianna Bocchio of Winthrop for earning High Honors. Bocchio is majoring in Nursing.

Jillian Kfoury of Winthrop for earning Highest Honors. Kfoury is majoring in HumanDevelopment&Family Studies.

Sarah Kfoury of Winthrop for earning Highest Honors. Kfoury is majoring

in Mathematics.

Heidy Benson of Winthrop for earning Highest Honors. Benson is majoring in Nursing.

Holly Benson of Winthrop for earning Highest Honors. Benson is majoring in HumanDevelopment&Family Studies.

Christian Natareno of Winthrop for earning High Honors. Natareno is majoring in English/Journalism.

Jillian Olevitz of Winthrop for earning Highest Honors. Olevitz is majoring in Civil Engineering.

Alexandra Scarfo of Winthrop for earning Honors. Scarfo is majoring in Health Management & Policy.

Tiana DiBenedetto of Winthrop for earning Highest Honors. DiBenedetto is majoring in Nutr:Dietetics.

Students named to the Dean’s List at the University of New Hampshire are students who have earned recognition through their superior scholastic performance during a semester enrolled in a full-time course load (12 or more graded credits). Highest honors are awarded to students who earn a semester grade point average of 3.85 or better out of a possible 4.0. Students with a 3.65 to 3.84 average are awarded high honors and students whose grade point average is 3.5 through 3.64 are awarded honors.

The University of New Hampshire is a flagship research university that inspires innovation and transforms lives in our state, nation and world. More than 16,000 students from all 50 states and 71 countries engage with an award-winning faculty in top ranked programs in business, engineering, law, liberal arts and the sciences across more than 200 programs of study. UNH’s research portfolio includes partnerships with NASA, NOAA, NSF and NIH, receiving more than \$100 million in competitive external funding every year to further explore and define the frontiers of land, sea and space.

celebrate their successes, as well as a congratulatory video message from President Laurie Leshin. In total, WPI awarded 1,043 bachelor’s degrees, 674 master’s degrees, and 54 doctoral degrees.

In her video message, Leshin made the traditional Commencement walk to the WPI’s iconic Earle Bridge, which students walk over during New Student Orientation and then again when they graduate. She then stopped, turned, and told graduates, “You should be here. But make no mistake: Today is still your day. You’ve walked this bridge together once, and you will walk it again. I can’t wait to see you do just that. Until then, it’s my honor to wait for you.”

WPI plans to hold in-person undergraduate and graduate Commencement ceremonies in the future, at a date to be announced.

About Worcester Polytechnic Institute

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project-based curriculum engages undergraduates in solving important scientific, technological, and societal problems throughout their education and at more than 50 project centers around the world. WPI offers more than 50 bachelor’s, master’s, and doctoral degree programs across 14 academic departments in science, engineering, technology, business, the social sciences, and the humanities and arts. Its faculty and students pursue groundbreaking research to meet ongoing challenges in health and biotechnology; robotics and the internet of things; advanced materials and manufacturing; cyber, data, and security systems; learning science; and more. www.wpi.edu

RUSO MAKES DEAN’S LIST AT RIT

Jonathan Russo of Winthrop was named to the Dean’s List at Rochester Institute of Technology for the 2020 Spring Semester. Russo is in the computer engineering program.

Degree-seeking undergraduate students are eligible for Dean’s List if their term GPA is greater than or equal to 3.400; they do not have any grades of “Incomplete”, “D” or “F”; and they have registered for, and completed, at least 12 credit hours.

Rochester Institute of Technology is home to leading creators, entrepreneurs, innovators and researchers.

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The university is internationally recognized and ranked for academic leadership in business, computing, engineering, imaging science, liberal arts, sustainability, and fine and applied arts. RIT also offers unparalleled support services for deaf and hard-of-hearing students. The cooperative education program is one of the oldest and largest in the nation. Global partnerships include campuses in China, Croatia, Dubai and Kosovo.

PRESIDENT’S LIST AT COASTAL CAROLINA UNIVERSITY

More than 1,100 students earned a spot on the President’s List for the Spring 2020 semester at Coastal Carolina University, including:

Francesca Capone, a Special Education Multi-Categorical Premajor major from Winthrop.

Meghan Chavis, a Intelligence and National Security Studies major from Winthrop.

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OPINCARU RECEIVES DEGREE

Late this spring, Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI) celebrated the Class of 2020 with a socially distanced commencement season in place of its traditional 152nd Commencement exercises. Nicolae Opincaru of Winthrop, was awarded a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering with high distinction.

Since the Class of 2020 was unable to receive diplomas in person this year, they instead received personal commencement packages, mailed to their home, that that included their diplomas, commencement regalia, and other items to

Parks Program //CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

The full-day program will be held Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Ingleside Park.

“During those hours, I am asking that only our

Parks and Recreation staff and the participants in the program be in the parks at that time,” said Driscoll.

As the state guidelines ease up, the Parks and

Recreation Department is planning to hold summer concerts and various family events.

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MAKING A PITCH

Wallace hopes to attract MLB interest this summer

By Cary Shuman

Winthrop's John "Jack" Wallace will be back on the pitcher's mound Thursday night in Nashua when he makes his debut for the North Shore Navigators of the Futures Collegiate Baseball League.

Under normal circumstances, Wallace would be boarding the Navigators' team bus this afternoon for the trip to New Hampshire. But because of the ongoing health crisis, players will travel individually to each game. Still, Wallace said he is very excited to compete in the highly competitive league that usually draws large crowds and Major League Baseball scouts but will have limited seating capacity this season.

"We've been practicing for two weeks at Fraser Field and we're ready to get going," said Wallace. "I'll be a starter, reliever, whatever the team needs, I'll do it."

Wallace, 21, was pitching for Franklin Pierce University (New Hampshire) in March when the COVID-19 pandemic forced the cancellation of the remainder of the college baseball season. A 5-feet-11-inch, 195-pound righthander with a fastball hitting 91 miles per hour on the radar, Wallace was off to a strong start with a 1-0 record and

13 strikeouts in six appearances as a starter and reliever in the powerful Division 2 Ravens' program.

A SUPERB CAREER AT WINTHROP HIGH

Let's say it right up front: Jack Wallace should be an inductee in the Winthrop High School Hall of Fame as soon as he is eligible. He is the only athlete in school history to achieve No. 1 status on the school golf team and to lead Northeastern Conference Baseball in hitting with a sizzling .505 average and two home runs. He played five seasons of varsity golf in Peter Lyons' program.

Wallace also formed one of the better 1-2 pitching combinations when he was a sophomore and David Kirby was a senior. Wallace threw a complete game in the MIAA playoffs that season, but Winthrop fell, 2-1, to O'Bryant High School.

Wallace improved steadily and his velocity increased as he became the three-year ace for Frank DeMarco's Winthrop High baseball team, receiving Northeastern Conference All-Star recognition as a junior and All-Conference as a senior when he won six games.

Before his high school career, Wallace excelled in both the Winthrop Little League and the Winthrop

Pony League where he led his team to a championship.

"I'm glad to see that the Winthrop Senior League is returning," said Wallace. "It seems like [Little League President] Joe Murphy loves baseball and he's trying hard to keep that interest going and that's good for the town. That's the key: our parents were really into baseball when we were growing up. It's just something you did, living in Winthrop."

SIGNING WITH THE NAVIGATORS

Jack Wallace was pitching in the FPU fall baseball season when Navigators president Derek January expressed interest in having him on the 2020 roster.

The contract offer was a perfect fit for Wallace, who wanted to play baseball locally. He had pitched for the Adirondack (N.Y.) Trailblazers in the Perfect Game League following his freshman year and the Reading Bulldogs in the Intercity League last summer.

"Mr. January said the Navigators had an opportunity for me and I ran with it," said Wallace. "I had a chance to play for the Navs out of high school and I kind of regret not doing it, but I'm glad I can play for the Navs now."

January has assembled a very talented roster that includes one of Wallace's future Franklin Pierce teammates, catcher Dylan January of Swampscott. Boston College's trio of Sal Frelick, Cody Morissette, and Peter Burns should boost the Navs toward a lofty spot in the FCBL standings.

"We're really hopeful

about the season," said Wallace. "We have great guys on the team. The coaching staff is nice. They're willing to help you and they're committed to the organization. I really hope, that with all the stuff that's happening, that this lasts for an entire season."

Wallace will also be trying to impress the MLB scouts that attend FCBL games. Both Frelick and Morissette are projected MLB Draft selections in 2021.

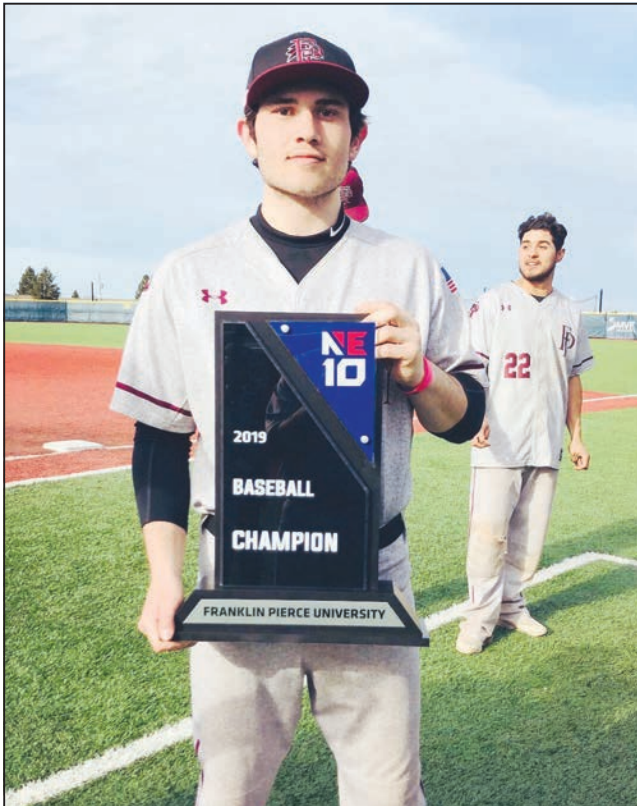
Wallace caught the eye of Boston Red Sox scouts during a "Scout Day" session following his fall baseball season.

"I received a draft questionnaire from the Red Sox and hopefully I can continue to improve my velocity and throw more strikes and that's a great first step – I want to keep those relationship going with MLB teams. I just have to keep pitching well."

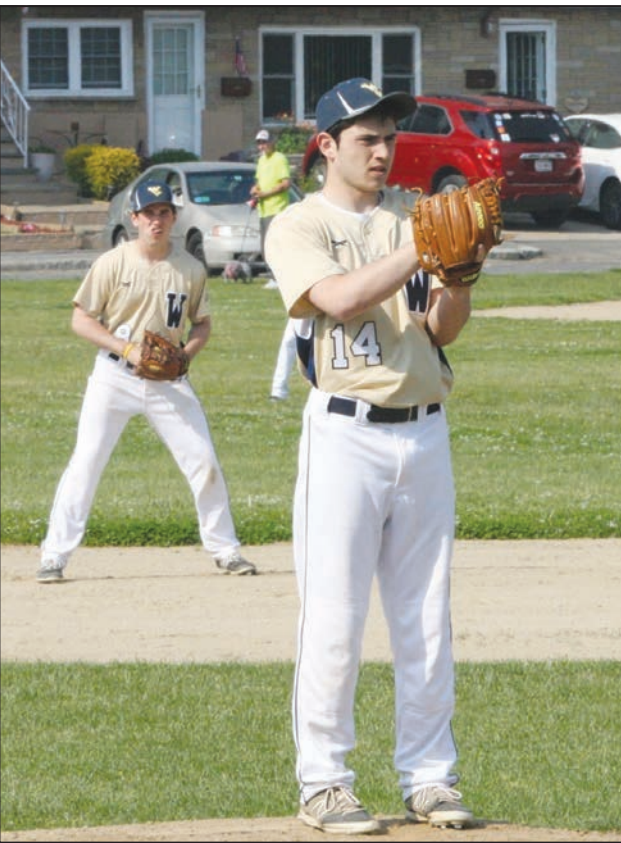
A PROUD ATHLETIC HERITAGE

Jack Wallace is the son of Mark Wallace and Beth Tallent. The Tallent family is at the top of the A-List of Winthrop sports. "David Tallent Sr. is my uncle. David Tallent Jr. is my cousin. Ronnie Talent is my cousin. My grandfather, Jim Tallent, played college baseball. And I'm a cousin (through marriage) to Robert Noonan (Megan Tallent Noonan's husband), whose son is a future Winthrop quarterback."

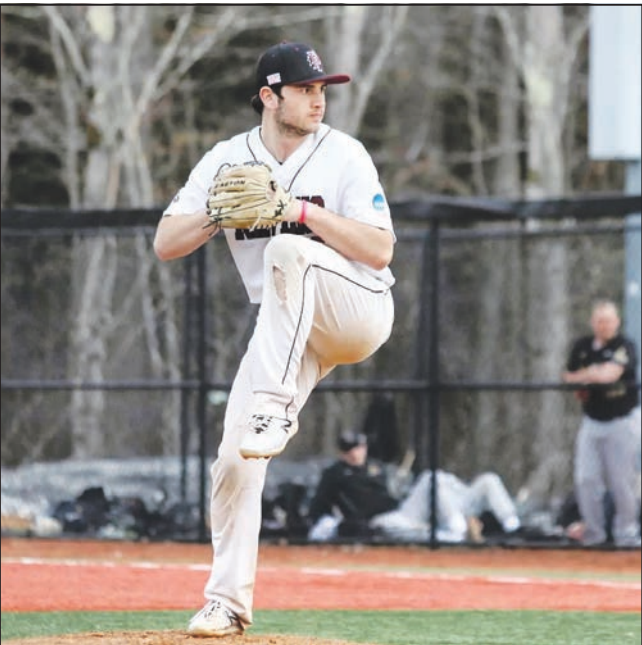
"My father was a really good athlete," said Jack. "But I definitely got a lot of my sports tradition from my mother's side."



Franklin Pierce University pitcher Jack Wallace proudly holds his team's NE-10 conference championship trophy for the 2019 season.



Jack Wallace, an All-Northeastern Conference player, is pictured on the mound for the Winthrop High School Vikings.



Franklin Pierce pitcher Jack Wallace gets set to deliver in a Ravens' game.



As a senior at Winthrop High School, Jack Wallace led the Northeastern Conference in hitting with a .505 batting average.

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DACA RECIPIENTS IN CHELSEA STILL ON EDGE DESPITE FAVORABLE RULING

CHELSEA - There might have been a celebration after the Supreme Court decision that rejected President Donald Trump’s bid to end the DACA program after more than 10 years, but any such celebration in Chelsea was muted and wary of the future.

The U.S. Supreme Court ruled last week that the DACA program – which allows those brought illegally to the country as children to be held harmless in regards to immigration deportation and work rules. It has been in place for more than 10 years, brought in under great fanfare by President Barack Obama – allowing hundreds of Chelsea young people at the time to go to school, work legally and pursue their dreams.

Now that those young people are grown up, the threat to end DACA made

many very nervous, and the decision blocking the effort to end it makes many even more nervous.

“The one thing about the decision is it give the administration a roadmap to maybe try again to revoke authorization,” said Daisy Gonzalez, Immigration and Citizenship Coordinator at the Chelsea Collaborative. “Even though it’s a victory, we still understand that decision gives the Trump Administration another chance and this roadmap to try again. We believe if he’s re-elected, he will try again and they will have a better understanding how to do it properly. We’re striving for those with DACA to have permanent residency and eventually citizenship. It’s a long way to go.”

The decision by the high Court did not reject the proposal outright, but as Gonzalez said, rejected it on a technical problem. The decision identified the problem, and many believe that another effort will be made

to file it correctly.

Ahead of the decision, Gonzalez said many residents with DACA were apprehensive to re-file for renewal – worrying they would lose their application fees and maybe they would be identified for deportation if their status was revoked.

Most of the DACA recipients in Chelsea are now older, though when the program was issued, there were many in high school and college. Unfortunately, Gonzalez said a lot of them were not able to finish college due to finances. Being able to work legally, many were counted on to get jobs to support the family and not focus on school.

“A lot of them started out trying to pursue their college education, but due to the economic impacts now and responsibilities they acquired, the simply did not complete the college education they hoped for,” she said. “They are now very concerned about their children...They are also con-

MOBILE TESTING



EBNHC medical staff during a recent Mobile Popup COVID Testing Site at the Maverick Landing Public Housing Development. The pop up testing site targeted a specific population in Eastie that may not have had access to testing since the pandemic began.



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cerned about the new public charge laws too. They have a lot of concerns, and this decision was just a temporary relief.”

DISCUSSING THE COLUMBUS STATUE

CHELSEA - More than 500 years later, Christopher Columbus’s checkered past is finally catching up with him – at least in Chelsea and many other communities where he has been honored with statues and celebrations of his voyages.

Several members of the Chelsea City Council put forth an order at the June 15 Council meeting to immediately take down the Christopher Columbus statue in Chelsea Square and replace it with a thoughtfully designed memorial to the indigenous peoples who inhabited Chelsea prior to white settlement.

Council President Roy Avellaneda and colleagues Melinda Vega Maldonado, Naomi Zabot, Judith Garcia, Damali Vidot, Enio Lopez and Yamir Rodriguez introduced an order calling for the immediate removal of Columbus. They asked that the Chelsea Historical Commission and the Chelsea Arts and Culture Commission place on their agendas a motion to collaborate a discuss “a memorial

for the original indigenous inhabitants of Chelsea to remember their place in Chelsea’s history.”

Council President Avellaneda moved to pass the order, but was held up by Councillor Giovanni Recupero, who said he would like a conference to discuss the matter. He said he isn’t in favor of removing the statue or replacing it. It has stood in its place since Dec. 12, 1938. It proclaims on its base that Columbus was the ‘Discoverer of America.’

Councilor Calvin Brown said he felt that the Council needed to slow down the effort, and he advocated for Recupero’s conference to discuss it.

“It’s been there 70 years so I wonder if we have any obligation to find out any history about it and who put it up,” he said. “I don’t know the history of it. I think we’re moving too fast...I see no problem in the order, but I do see you still have some obligation to the public to have a discussion. We have conferences about almost anything if it’s controversial and I think this is controversial.”

Councillor Damali Vidot said if the Council is going to fight structural racism, this is the move to make.

“We’re talking out of both sides of our mouths if we’re talking about fighting structural racism and then

we don’t want to do this to fight it,” she said. “But I’m in favor of dialog all the time.”

Said Zabot, “Dialog is always important, but it is also important to stand up always for what we believe in.”

Councillor Todd Taylor said it is important to talk with the community about this, hear all points of view and then make a decision. He said the place to make the decision is not quickly during a remote Council meeting.

“This is a decision that needs to be made by the community in a discussion,” he said. “If the community wants it taken down, take it down. Being a trained historian and understanding how history is taught in American universities, there should be a dialog before we take this action. It’s only fair we talk about these things before we do them.”

The consensus of the Council was to move it to a Subcommittee on Conference, which has yet to be scheduled. There, the Council and members of the community can look carefully at the issue.

The statue has gone barely noticed for probably the last 20 years or more since the Knights of Columbus folded in Chelsea. There is no Columbus Day celebration in Chelsea for years, and the statue is obscured to a great degree from the street by large trees.

Some didn’t even know the statue existed until the recent debate.

According to the base of the statue, its sponsors were Armando Diaz Society, the Chelsea Council #83 Knights of Columbus, Sons of Italy Chelsea Lodges #1460, Chelsea Ladies Lodge #1772, Chelsea Girls Junior #80, Victorian Junior #81, the S. Arcangelo Trimonte Society, the S. Stefano Medio Society, Societa Regina Degli Angioli, and the Ward 5 Precinct 2 Club.

CITY RAISES PRIDE FLAG FOR FIRST TIME

EVERETT - School Committeeman Marcon Almeida Barros has taken to the podium at City and School events – and even state events for the Attorney General’s Office – many times, but none were as intensely personal as when he stepped to the microphone last week as the City’s first

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GRILLED HOISIN BEEF

INGREDIENTS:

1 pound of steak tips	root
1/3 cup hoisin sauce	4 cloves garlic, finely minced
3 tablespoons Chinese vinegar (or sherry vinegar)	1 tablespoon packed brown sugar
1 tablespoon soy sauce	1 teaspoon salt
2 teaspoons hot sauce	½ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
2 teaspoons sesame oil	1 green onion, light parts only, minced
1 tablespoon grated fresh ginger	1 teaspoon Toasted sesame seeds

DIRECTIONS:

STEP 1: Whisk hoisin sauce, vinegar, soy sauce, hot sauce, sesame oil, grated ginger, garlic, brown sugar, salt, and pepper together in a large mixing bowl.

STEP 2: Cut steak tips into large cubes. Transfer tips into marinade and toss until all pieces are evenly coated. Cover with plastic wrap. Refrigerate; marinate at least 2 hours and up to 12 hours.

STEP 3: Line a baking pan with paper towels. Transfer pieces of steak to the paper towels and mop off some of the marinade.

STEP 4: Preheat an outdoor grill for high heat and lightly oil the grate.

STEP 5: Transfer steak tips to grill. Cook to medium rare or medium, 4 to 5 minutes per side. An instant-read thermometer inserted into the center should read between 130 and 135 degrees F (about 54 degrees C). Thinner pieces might finish earlier. Transfer steak tips to a warm plate. Let rest for a few minutes.

STEP 6: Transfer steak tips to a warm serving platter and pour any accumulated juices over skirt steak. Sprinkle with sesame seeds and sliced green onions.

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openly gay elected official to see the Pride flag raised for the first time in City history.

“For me as the first openly gay man elected in the City’s history, it is a special moment today,” he said. “It’s been a long journey since the Stonewall riots on June 28, 1969...Since that fight, the fight for equal rights brought marriage equality rights to Massachusetts in 2004. That is the year I met my husband in City Hall – right behind us. I arrived from Brazil to Everett and met my Everett born husband in Everett City Hall...It is a special moment not only for me as a gay man, but for the City also.”

On Monday, the City of Everett held their 1st Annual Pride Flag raising ceremony in honor of Pride Month. Led by Mayor Carlo DeMaria, the ceremony featured a short speaking program, and then the raising of the flag on the ceremonial pole outside the Church Street entrance.

“The City of Everett has come a long way – I am proud to stand with you today as we turn a corner as a community,” said the mayor, noting that the first time the flag was raised was 41 years ago in San Francisco. “Everett is a melting pot of race, ethnicity, gender, and sexual orientation. In Everett- everyone is accepted, welcomed, and at home.”

The flag will be flown on the Church Street entrance of Everett City Hall throughout the month of June.

City officials, Mayor DeMaria, Senator Sal DiDomenico, Representative Joe McGonagle and Almeida Barros all spoke in front of a crowd of approximately 50 people.

Sen. Sal DiDomenico talked about his fight to pass the Transgender Bill in the State House only a few short years ago, and the pushback he got from within the Legislature and within parts of the community.

“It seems like an easy decision today, but at the time it was not,” he said. “I spoke on the floor in favor and said it’s time to change the word fear to the word fair. That’s exactly what we do.

Mayor DeMaria spoke about the recent Supreme Court decision that affirmed that an employee cannot be fired or removed simply because of his or her sexual orientation. That ruling came only two weeks ago, but it elicited a lot of discussion in Monday’s comments.

“The fight is not over,” said the mayor. “Now more than ever, we must come together in unity with members of our community. We all must advocate for equality for everyone. LGBTQ rights are human rights,” Mayor DeMaria said.

Almeida Barros said his message for the day was to the LGBTQ youth – who are found to be more at risk of suicide than their peers.

“My message today is for our LGBTQ youth,” he said. “Be proud of who you are. Do not let someone tell you that you aren’t important. You are.”

OUTDOOR DINING SPACES POPULAR

EVERETT - As restaurants throughout the City have the green light from the state to begin using indoor spaces to serve, the popularity and creativity for outdoor dining spaces has picked up to an even greater degree.

It seems counterintuitive, but City officials and some establishments in Everett indicated they have had tremendous response from patrons to their outdoor dining options, and

there is also some speculation that not all patrons will be comfortable inside eating – though they might take a stab at summer dining outside.

There is also the case of regulations, which severely impact the numbers of tables inside that a restaurant can use – slashing indoor capacity by 50 percent in some cases. To make up for that, restaurant owners and the City of Everett have turned to being creative in order to “recover tables” lost inside at the outdoor space.

“We’re up to close to 15 establishments that are already doing it or looking to do outdoor dining and we expect that number to grow,” said Tony Sousa, planning director. “We do expect there will be more restaurants and eateries participating. Now that indoor dining is allowed, we believe there will be more. It’s another option for businesses to have outdoor dining. Many of the guidelines for COVID-19 inside limit space and tables, so having outside also is helpful. For the diner’s perspective, having the outdoor option is very important for safety and comfort.”

To that end, the City has begun partnering with restaurants and eateries and cafes to build extra space on sidewalks, in City parking lots, on parking spaces and on sidewalks. It has been a whirlwind of work whereby the City’s Facilities Department has used experience from building a parklet dining area last summer to create even more on a much faster pace – including in the municipal parking lot for La Hacienda, and outside of Bakes and Cakes on Norwood Street.

They also expect to be working with Taco El Paso, the 8/10, Oliveira’s, Stewarts Pub, and Square Deli. Pretty much any business that asks for help will get a consideration. Already, on private property, Ferry Street Grill, Texas Roadhouse, TGI Fridays, Bone Up Brewery, Village Bar & Grill, and Night Shift Brewery have entered into the outdoor realm with great success.

At Village and Bone Up, on the parking lot there is a beer garden on one side, which is separated from a larger tent for food service from Village.

Bone Up owners Jared and Liz Kiraly said they opened outdoor on Weds., June 17, and it was a quick success.

“It has started off fantastic,” she said. “It was definitely great to be open. To go sales treated us well, but that is not what our brewery is built for. The last four months have been life-changing. Everything is going well so far. We’ve been on a wait list and we’re doing first come first served.”

The beer garden aspect is something she said they have really liked and hope that it can stay all summer – maybe even next summer. While they will re-open the inside, they said they are having a good response from customers.

“A lot of people are really happy to be outside again and be able to do something fun. There have been a lot of really bored people sitting at home.”

At Village – another early outdoor dining location – the tent next to Bone Up has been extremely popular and attracting several diners for lunch and dinner.

And the City believes outdoor dining – even if right now it’s by necessity – is here to stay in Everett.

“The mayor sees the opportunity here and doesn’t want it to pass without doing this,” said Tom Philbin, a spokesman for the mayor. “I think he understands it’s

time to seize the moment and it’s here to stay.”

Said Sousa, “Outdoor dining is here to stay. It’s an opportunity, a real place-making and activation that isn’t going away.”

To that end, the name of the game is moving fast on behalf of the restaurants.

After a hiccup with the License Commission a few weeks ago in approving the first batch of outdoor dining establishments, the Commission and the mayor agreed to turn over approval process as an administrative process. That means anyone applying who has their plan in order and insurance/liability in place will be approved by Sousa or the Planning Department, and they are moving quickly.

“When it’s a simple extension or expansion of an existing license, we agreed to allow that all to be made at an administrative level,” he said. “The only exception is if there is a special permit required or if there are any complaints, the License Commission would retain that. Instead of having the License Commission meet one time a week, we’ll do it administratively. Already it’s helped to streamline it and move faster and turn these around in 24 hours – even on the weekends.”

LASAGNA LOVE SPREADS ACROSS CITY, STATE AND NATION

EAST BOSTON - A Somerville woman’s idea to make lasagnas with her daughter to pass the time and feed neighbors in need during the COVID-19 pandemic’s stay at home order has spread to East Boston and across the state and nation.

Rhiannon Menn’s idea to spread ‘Lasagna Love’ was born in the early days of the pandemic in March. While at home with her family, Menn, who loves to cook, decided to make a few lasagna’s to hand out to struggling families that were out of work due to the virus.

What started out as seven lasagnas for families in need in Somerville has turned into a nationwide phenomenon.

Menn began posting her efforts on Facebook and soon there was a growing number of families reaching out for a meal as well as other mothers that wanted to help.

Soon the group became known as “Lasagna Mamas” and the network of those looking to help grew and spread to Eastie.

Currently there are 11 ‘Lasagna Mamas’ in the hard-hit COVID community here. They have all signed up to cook at least one lasagna per week for another Eastie family or individual in need.

Other chapters have started in Iowa, California, Texas and Arizona. Menn also has interested moms looking to set up chapters in Rhode Island, Southern New Hampshire, Atlanta, and Nashville.

Recently, Menn and her daughter Cimorene were featured on WBZ-TV Monday, as well as some of the other Lasagna Mamas helping out in Eastie.

“Lasagna Love has grown to over 120 volunteers, and we’ve delivered over 1,000 meals to families in need,” said Menn after the piece aired. “I can’t even believe it. We have 12 new Lasagna Mamas that signed up across Massachusetts after seeing the story on the news.”

Menn told WBZ that Lasagna Mamas here in Eastie like Rebecca Lynds recently made lasagna for a mom who is six months pregnant and recovering from

COVID. Another Eastie Lasagna Mama cooked for a mom who suddenly lost her daughter to cancer.

“The number of kids facing food insecurity has gone through the roof since the pandemic started and there are families that have never had to ask for help before that are now having to find help and it’s so hard for them to ask,” Menn told WBZ. “I can’t tell you how many messages I get that start with something like ‘I’m embarrassed’ or ‘This is really hard for me to do’ or ‘I’ve never had to do this before,’ to be able to say we’re here for you and we want to help, that’s really powerful right now.”

Menn has set up a website at <https://www.begood-tomama.com> where Lasagna Mamas can sign up to cook and those in need of a hot meal can connect with Lasagna Mamas in their community.

“I was just happy that we could help the families in my own neighborhood,” Menn told WBZ. “If you would have asked me 3 months ago if I would be sitting here managing a network of 100 volunteers and delivering and making lasagnas I would have told you you are crazy.”

SUMMER CAMPS OPEN IN EASTIE

EAST BOSTON - The outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic in March forced East Boston’s popular after school programs to close as the city, state and nation went into isolation in order to stem the spread of the virus.

Agencies like the East Boston Social Centers (EBSC), the Salesian Boys & Girls Club, the East Boston YMCA and Piers Park Sailing Center all had to put programs on hold until the state figured out its phased COVID reopening process and what was safe to open during each phase.

With the state’s Phase II reopening plan in full swing, little by little life is starting to return to what is now being called the ‘new normal’.

While some normalcy has returned, there are still restrictions, and youth program providers in Eastie are cautiously trying to figure out how to move forward with summer programs and camps.

“We are working to reopen in early July,” said EBSC’s Executive Director Justin Pasquariello. “The state is now requiring that we have no more than 10 children per classroom. Due to some recent renovations, we have some extra space so we are increasing the number of classrooms versus a usual year. Even with that, however, we will only be able to serve 100 children versus 159 in a typical school year program, and sometimes more in the summer. As of now, we believe this means we won’t have any open enrollment spaces--as those already enrolled in our school-age program have priority. However, if that changes, we will let people know.”

Over at the YMCA, Executive Director Joe Gaeta said the Eastie Y still plans on running “in person” summer camp but with a dramatically smaller amount of youth this summer due to new state guidelines.

“We usually run a 230 youth camp but can only do 60 this summer to ensure safety,” said Gaeta. “We filled all our spots within a day, so at this time we do not have any availability. We have had to make huge modifications in our daily schedule, activities we can do and implementing increased cleaning/social distancing measures. We want to make sure our staff and children are safe so we will

be going above and beyond state protocol.”

Gaeta said the Eastie Y is used to these protocols given the Y has been safely running emergency child care throughout the pandemic and shutdown.

“We also will not be able to run our dual language camp out of the Umana,” he said. “For those who can’t get a spot in “in person” camp or don’t want to send their child to camp we have a new on-line program called Y CAMPish.”

Gaeta said Y CAMPish is a virtual camp that has a weekly subscription service and is full of awesome activities, advanced interaction and virtual field trips.

“You can find more info at <https://ycampish.org>,” said Gaeta. “We will still be hosting summer youth employment at the Y through our partner organizations for teens. We will also continue meal service to the community though the summer at both Bremen and Ashley Street locations.

Over at the Boys & Girls Club on Byron Street, Executive Director Mike Triant said the Salesians are running an eight week camp program.

“The big change for us is that we are not capable of allowing parents to register for individual weeks,” said Triant. “The registration fee is \$1,000 and that gets their child 8 weeks of camp, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. This was done to limit group sizes and number of kids that others are exposed to. All groups will consist of 12 or fewer campers and staff. Each group will remain together all summer for all activities. Each group will have all of their own supplies and we will have a full time nurse on staff. We also have a COVID response plan which includes, temp checks and a brief questionnaire upon arrival, hand washing/sanitizing schedule as well as a disinfecting schedule “

Camp at the Boys & Girls Club begins June 29 and ends on August 21.

PPSC Executive Director Alex DeFronzo said the sailing center will hold its three major programs, Harbor Explorers, Science of Sailing, as well as the Future Leaders program in person this summer.

However, all programs are at a significantly reduced capacity and have been split into half-day sessions instead of the usual full day program.

“We have reduced enrollment from a typical summer of 1,900 youth to only 360, about 19 percent of our capacity,” said DeFronzo. “All of the program slots are full and we do not have a wait list this year because of the reduced capacity available. Priority for enrollment was given to children from Logan-impacted communities, children from low-income households, and children with disabilities.”

DeFronzo said students will be in a 1:2 instructor to student ratio on sailboats and 1:1 on kayaks.

“Each child will have an assigned life jacket which they will use for the duration of their session,” he said. “Students will work with the same small team of staff throughout the session. Everyone will be required to wear masks at all times, families will be required to attest to their health before arriving at Piers Park, and student temperature checks will be recorded daily.”

Staff will be cleaning and disinfecting boats, tilers, paddles, lines, gangway railings, and more every morning, afternoon, and evening.

“Unfortunately, we will not have our usual on-site lunch program available this summer,” said DeFronzo. “It is going to be an unusual summer but we are glad to offer some in-person programming to improve student outcomes

in socialization and education.”

PRIDE FLAG RAISED IN LYNN

LYNN - The raising of the Pride Flag encourages the North Shore Pride members to express who they are and their personal individuality. This traditional event is a celebration to bring the community together no matter what sexual or gender you are.

In June of 1969 the Stonewall Rebellion in New York City brought people out to stand up for equal rights for all individuals regardless of their sexual orientation or gender identity. A recent Supreme Court ruling prohibits work place discrimination on the basis of sex that equally applies to gay and transgender Americans.

Mayor McGee presented a City of Lynn Proclamation recognizing the LGBTQ community and declaring June is Pride month; he said, “The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ) took a positive stance against discrimination and to promote their dignity and equal rights in freedom and fairness”. He continued to state, “The LGBTQ contribute greatly to neighborhood revitalization, economic vitality, arts and culture, and the social fabric of our city”.

Congratulations to the LGBTQ community celebrating Pride Month and their on- going community commitments in the City of Lynn.

ANNUAL SUMMER FOOD PROGRAM STARTS

REVERE - Revere’s 2020 Annual Summer Food Program began last week at Revere High School and the Beachmont School.

Pauline Lyons, starting her 17th year as director, estimated that the opening day turnout would be 800 residents between the two locations.

Most of the residents arrived by car, while many had walked to the schools to obtain the free, nutritious breakfasts and lunches, along with several cartons of milk. Children receive three days of breakfast and lunch meals on Monday and four days of breakfast and lunch meals on Thursday for the weekend.

The “Farm to Summer Eats” Program is a continuation of the Revere schools’ food distribution effort that had been taking place while the schools were closed due to the COVID-19 global pandemic.

“We’re in our 25th year,” said Lyons, who is aided by assistant director Kitty Adams. “The meals are free to all.”

Mayor Brian Arrigo and Supt. of Schools Dr. Dianne Kelly are the overall coordinators of the successful program.

Despite the large turnout, the process went very smoothly on Monday. A helpful and congenial group of Revere workers stood outside the schools and greeted each resident with a smile. They made sure each participant received the free meals and cartons of milk and they accepted the many “thank yous” from residents graciously.

Mayor Arrigo and Supt. Kelly can certainly be proud that this important, nutritional program for all residents is being operated efficiently during what has been challenging times for all due to the coronavirus.

The Summer Food Program’s times of distribution are 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays. The Program will continue through Aug. 27.

Boston Pops to air virtual 4th of July special; no live fireworks

By Lauren Bennett

This year, instead of gathering around the Hatch Shell, you'll have to gather around your tele-vision for the Boston Pops virtual Fourth of July spectacular. There will be no live performance or fireworks on the Esplanade this year because of COVID-19.

The three hour special, which is set to broadcast on Bloomberg Television and Radio, as well as simulcast on WHDH-TV from 8-11pm on July 4, is called "A Boston Pops Salute to Our He-roes" and will honor those who have fought on the front lines of the COVID-19 pandemic and those who have lost their lives. Boston Pops conductor Keith Lockhart has expressed his sadness that the Pops won't be able to perform live, but they are looking forward to presenting this special to viewers near and far.

"All of us at the Boston Pops are pleased to have this opportunity to present A Boston Pops Salute to Our Heroes, a special broadcast that will pay trib-

ute to the many frontline workers who continue to do so much to keep our communities safe and running during the COVID-19 pandemic," Boston Pops conductor Keith Lockhart said in a statement.

"One of the positive things we have learned during the last few months is that even in the middle of a health crisis so many Americans are strong, resilient, helpful, and hopeful. It has been absolutely inspiring to see our frontline workers show such extraordinary dedication to the well-being of others, with their amazing acts of sacrifice, generosity, support, and kindness, as well as the incredible skill and know-how they bring to every situation. We also think it is essential to address one of the most crucial/fundamental themes of our times—the truth that we must do better as a people to confront racism and achieve a just and equal society for every-one throughout our country. These messages of honor, unity, diversity, equality, and fellowship will resound throughout

the 2020 Boston Pops Fireworks Spectacular broadcast by way of inspiring retrospective performances by our most popular artists of the last few years, side by side with brand new content developed over the last two months."

As previously reported by the Boston Sun, the special will highlight memorable moments from previous Boston Pops Fireworks Spectaculars, such as performances by Melissa Etheridge, Andy Grammer, Queen Latifah, and others, along with an appearance by the first youth poet laureate of the United States, Amanda Gorman, according to a release from the Boston Symphony Orchestra (BSO).

The program will also feature new content, including a performance by singer Renese King and Keith Lockhart on the piano, as well as a video performance by the Boston Pops of their recent "viral hit" Summon the Heroes, which will feature an introduction by the song's composer, John Williams. Other new content includes a



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The Boston Pops, led by Keith Lockhart, at a previous July 4th Fireworks Spectacular on the Charles River Esplanade. Due to COVID-19, this year's celebration will be purely broadcast on TV and radio.

virtual performance by the Boston Pops Viola Section of "Over the Rainbow," a performance of Leroy Anderson's Bugler's Holiday by the BSO Trumpet Section, and a video message from General James C. McConville, Chief of Staff of the U.S. Army.

"Look for surprises throughout the evening; special messages from musical and community figures, and a tribute to our nation's first responders that we're going to put together," Lockhart said in a recent announcement.

Also included in the special are Boston Pops traditions such as the patriotic sing-along, a performance of John Philip Sousa's The Stars and Stripes Forever, a performance of Tchaikovsky's "1812" Overture, the US Army Field Band and Soldiers Chorus, and a fireworks display from past years to round out the program. Brian Stokes Mitchell will open the program with "America the Beautiful."

According to the BSO release, Boston Pops conductor Keith Lockhart will also "put a special focus on intrinsic messages of the Independence Day holiday and fundamental themes of our times around achieving

a just and equal society for everyone."

The show will be hosted by Keith Lockhart and Kim Carrigan, Joe Shortleeve, and Janet Wu of Bloomberg Media.

Additionally, the Boston Pops is asking fans to participate in the Great American Picnic Sweepstakes.

"Between now and July 6, the Boston Pops wants to spotlight the many ways people around the country plan for and celebrate the Fourth," the BSO said in a release. "Contest participants can snap a photo or film a video of their celebration and post them on Facebook, Instagram, or Twitter. By tagging #GreatAmericanPicnic @thebostonpops participants will be automatically entered into a sweepstakes for a chance to win great prizes," such as "prime seat-ing" for the 2021 Boston Pops Fireworks Spectacular, with airfare and hotel accommodations for four guests, the release states.

Up to ten winners can also be the recipient of a "Be a Star!" video, where participants can play "kitchen spoons, shake maracas, snap fingers, or play air guitar and we'll edit it together with footage of the

Pops to create a video keepsake," according to the release. A third prize includes a Coca-Cola branded Yeti cooler with a variety of products.

For more details and sweepstakes rules, visit bso.org.

The BSO and Boston Pops are also seeking donations, "as these challenging times of COVID-19 force the cancellation of live performances by the Boston Pops (its 2020 spring season) and Boston Symphony Orchestra (part of its 2020-21 Symphony Hall season and the entire live performance season at Tanglewood)..." the release states. Visit www.bostonpops.org/donatetoday to make a donation.

For a complete list of how to watch the broadcast, visit bostonpopsjuly4th.org.

"We hope everyone throughout the country will gather around their televisions or radios, or watch the show on their phones or tablets," Lockhart said, "and join us as we show our appreciation for the heroes of our times and celebrate the intrinsic messages of Independence Day that unite us all in this great and beautifully diverse country."

Performances from previous Boston Pops Fireworks Spectacular Programs are as follows in order of appearance, as provided by the BSO:

- Broadway legend Brian Stokes Mitchell sings "America the Beautiful" and "Wheels of a Dream"
- Amanda Mena, America's Got Talent semifinalist from Lynn, MA, sings Pink's What About US and the national anthem with the U.S. Navy Sea Chanters
- American folk-rock singer-songwriter Melissa Etheridge performs her mega-hit "I Wanna Come Over"
- Amanda Gorman, first-ever Youth Poet Laureate of the United States, performs a new take on the "Battle Hymn of the Republic" entitled "Believer's

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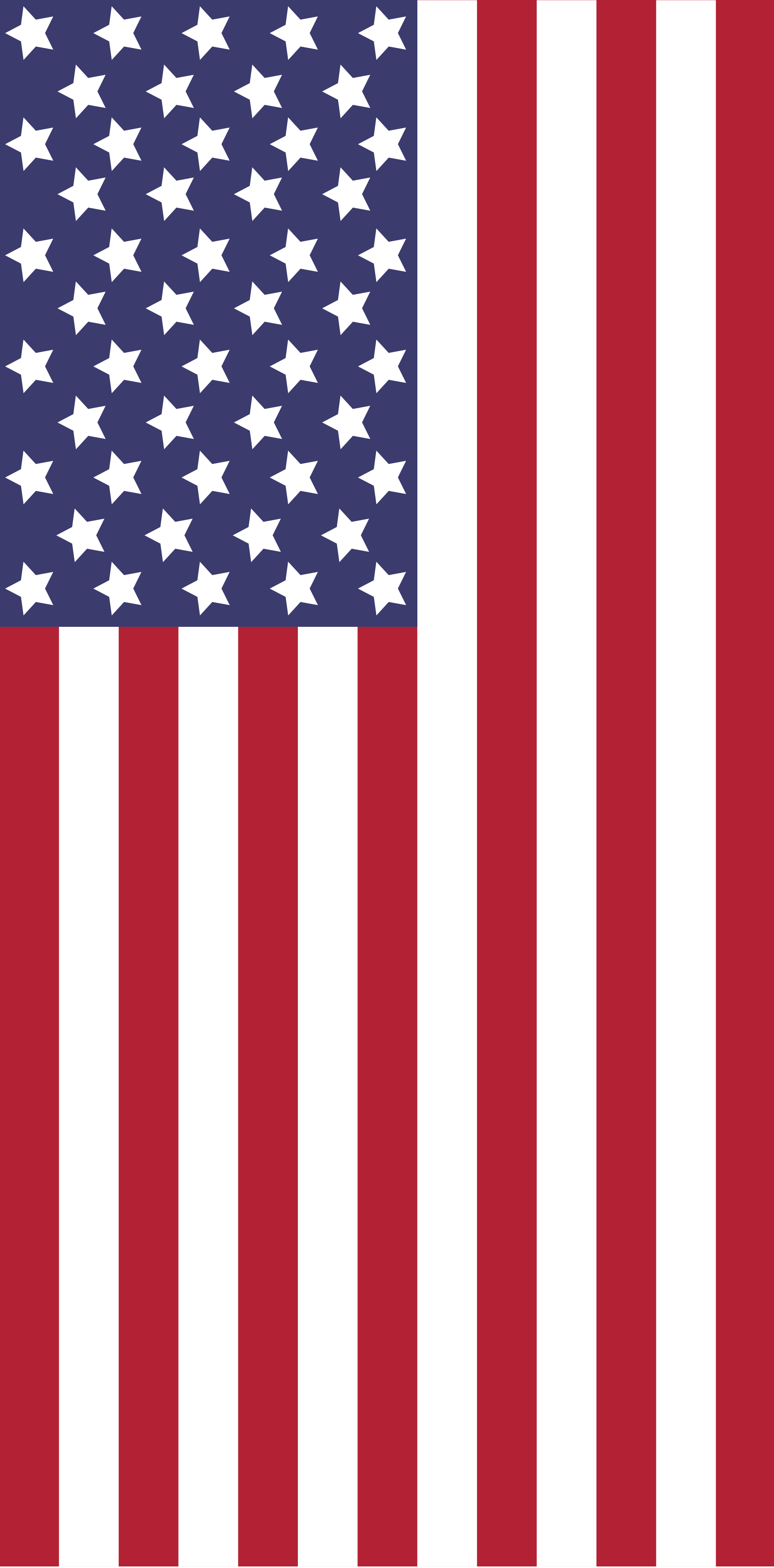
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Staff report

The Massachusetts Registry of Motors Vehicles (RMV) is announcing that in partnership with Boston Software Corporation, a new online service is now available which enables independent insurance agents to renew and reinstate passenger and commercial vehicle registrations on behalf of their customers. This eliminates the need for eligible vehicle owners and drivers to visit an RMV customer service center to renew or reinstate their registration.

“The RMV is committed to working with partners like Boston Software to provide additional flexible online options for our customers that allow them to skip the in-person trip to an RMV Service Center,” said Jamey Tesler, Registrar of the Massachusetts RMV. “This is another great example of leveraging the RMV’s new technology system to help our customers, business partners, and employees stay safer during the COVID-19 pandemic and to also continue making our transactions simpler, less time-consuming, and more convenient.”

Boston Software has been an RMV business partner for more than 20 years. The company’s software platform, known as SinglePoint, is used by the majority of Massachusetts insurance agents and carriers, and is integrated with the RMV’s new ATLAS system to perform various functions includ-

ing inquiries and preparing RMV paperwork. This latest functional update is especially important to ensuring ‘social-distancing’ during the COVID-19 pandemic within RMV Service Centers, by helping drivers get their vehicles properly registered without the need to physically visit the RMV in-person. The new online service is now available.

Using the new feature in SinglePoint, insurance agents can seamlessly access the RMV’s ATLAS system to confirm that the reinstatement or renewal transaction is eligible to be completed online, and attest that a vehicle is properly insured. Owners or drivers will then get an email link instructing them to pay for the transaction and, when payment is provided, the registration will be reinstated or renewed immediately. This process works for registration renewals and reinstatements that require proof of insurance.

“Without this new ATLAS-SinglePoint service, drivers must complete a Registration and Title Application, get their insurance agent to stamp it and verify insurance is in place, then mail it along with payment to the RMV. The Registry then has to mail back the registration reinstatement or renewal,” Charlie Walsh, one of the owners at Boston Software, points out. “This new process is a huge convenience and provides enhanced efficiency and accuracy.”

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WGBH partners with Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care to launch Family Activity Initiative

Staff report

With schools, preschool centers, and family child-care programs across the state closed in response to COVID-19, public media outlet WGBH in Boston is partnering with the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care to launch the *Family Activity Initiative*, a series of weekly activity resources featuring a carefully curated collection of videos to watch, free online educational games and apps to play, and non-digital hands-on activities for young children.

“Public media outlets across the country are playing an integral role in supporting educators, parents and caregivers with educational resources during these challenging times,” said Jon Abbott, president and CEO of WGBH. “As parents and caregivers of young children take the lead in supporting their child’s learning, we are partnering with the state to make trusted educational resources available for every family across the Commonwealth.”

The resources in the *Family Activity Initiative* will be drawn from popular WGBH and PBS KIDS brands, such as *Arthur* (health and emotions), *Curious George*, *PEEP and the Big Wide World*, *Gracie and Friends*, and the *Ruff Ruffman Show* (STEM) for preschoolers, and *Molly of Denali* (English Language Arts), and *Plum Landing* (environmental science). The activities will be highly accessible, require low/no cost, minimal materials or preparation, and will give families reasons to learn and explore indoors and out, offer strategies for talking through fears and anxieties, provide fun games that build math skills and much more. The resources will be offered in both English and Spanish and will be geared toward children from birth to age 8. Both WGBH and partner station WGBY, part of New England Public Media serving western Massachusetts, will help raise awareness about this initiative among families via a variety of social media platforms.

“The Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care is proud to partner with WGBH to support parents in continuing early learning during this time,” said Early Education and Care Commissioner Samantha Aigner-Treworgy. “Families with young children face a particular set of challenges right now. Our goal is to support them with easy-to-use, age-appropriate tools to ensure that our youngest citizens are still learning during this critical period of their lives.”

Major funding for the *Family Activity Initiative* is being provided by a generous grant from the PNC Foundation.

“The *Family Activity Initiative* is a shining example of how our state comes together to provide essential support to our communities, in innovative ways,” said Jon Bernstein, PNC Bank regional president in Boston. “While children and families are home together, it is critical that families have resources and support to create a rich learning environment for their children. We are committed to ensuring all children develop a love of learning that lasts a lifetime.”

Each week, families will be invited to visit the WGBH Distance Learning Center where they can access that week’s activities. Families will be encouraged to complete as many activities as possible during a week’s time and then be eligible to enter a weekly random drawing for prizes that include books as well as gift cards for essential items donated by Walmart and Stop & Shop. The Distance Learning Center will also offer a collection of resources for parents and caregivers of infants and toddlers, including short-form videos, tips and strategies, and developmentally appropriate, easy-to-do activities, drawn from materials developed by WGBH and The Basics.

To reach families that do not have internet access, WGBH will work with the Coordinated Family and Community Engagement (CFCE) grantees, a network of close to 90 programs providing services to some 350 cities and towns throughout the Commonwealth. Each CFCE will distribute the *Family Activity* packets in their community in collaboration with their local community-based partners, such as food pantries, Head Start, drop and go food distribution sites, and shelters.

“While there is no shortage of information or online resources, many families are struggling to determine what resources best meet the needs of their child. For families with limited access to the internet, this challenge can be overwhelming,” said Seeta Pai, executive director of education at WGBH. “The *Family Activity Initiative* is designed to offer high-quality, turn-key educational activities parents can feel good about and children will enjoy doing.”


Earlier this spring, WGBH announced a partnership with the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to provide students in grades 6-12 distance learning opportunities on broadcast television (WGBH’s WORLD Channel), to complement programming for young children available on the

WGBH Kids 24/7 channel. This ensures students learning at home continue to have access to educational programs, regardless of their access to broadband

internet. The broadcast programming is in addition to other resources from WGBH Education, including PBS LearningMedia, a free online service of thou-

sands of compelling educational resources, aligned to state standards and contextualized for educational use in grades PreK-12, and the WGBH Distance Learn-

ing Center which makes these PBS LearningMedia resources more accessible to families, as well as educators, to support students PreK-12.



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No groups larger than 10 are allowed to gather. (<https://www.mass.gov/doc/march-31-2020-assemblage-guidance/download>)

Safety Rules

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- Organized ball games are not allowed.
- A minimum distance of 6 feet shall be maintained between lifeguards and between the public and lifeguard stands unless in the case of an emergency.
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