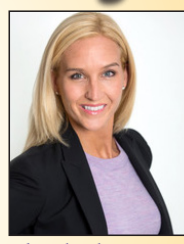




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NEWS Briefs
**CHANGES TO
POINT SHIRLEY
PARKING
RESTRICTIONS**

Changes to parking restrictions at Point Shirley are now in effect from through Monday, Sept. 7.

Town Manager Austin Faison and Police Chief Terence Delehanty announce several changes are being made to the the Point Shirley resident parking as part of a pilot program for the area.

Starting Friday, July 10 until Monday, Sept. 7, a resident permit will be required at all times in order to park on the public roads in the Point Shirley area, beginning at the Southern end of the wall at Yirrell Beach. Resident permits are available for all Winthrop residents. Visitor placards are only valid in the vicinity of the address to which they are issued.

To apply for a resident permit or visitor placard, please click here..

This pilot program aims to provide more parking for Winthrop residents. The changes were approved by the Town Council at their Tuesday, July 7 meeting. The Town Council will evaluate the program in September to decide whether or not to make these restrictions permanent.

The impacted streets are:

- Bay View Avenue, excluding the angle parking adjacent to Coughlin Park, which will only require a permit from 1-5 a.m.
- Elliot Street
- Grand View Avenue
- Hale Avenue

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**THE WINTHROP ART ASSOCIATION
FINDS A SAFE WAY TO MEET**


The Winthrop Art Assoc. had its first board meeting since March. We decided that the safest way to meet was outside and we socially distance. We met at Crest Ave. Park in the Highlands, Thursday, July 9.

We all miss the shows and displays but we are trying to put some things together in the near future. Check our Facebook page.

Let's Talk about Race:

A Conversation with Town Manager Austin Faison - Part II

By Laura Plummer

"If we do not know how to meaningfully talk about racism, our actions will move in misleading directions." - Angela Davis

Last month, the Transcript featured an interview with Town Manager Austin Faison regarding a prepared statement he read at the June 2 Council meeting. This month, we decided to learn more about his own personal experience with the themes discussed therein.

Q. You said in your June 2 statement to Council, "I have been the only Black person in the room for most of my life." How has this experience shaped your identity as a Black person?

A. I grew up in Durham, New Hampshire. My family moved there because my father coached basketball at

UNH. Although the area is quite progressive and there is diversity because of the University, it is not diverse in the school age population. I was generally the only Black student in my classes. I am also the child of an interracial family, so that further ostracized my direct connection with one culture. Then I went to Bates College for my BA and eventually Northeastern University for my MPA. Neither one of these schools can claim to have good diversity metrics. Through these experiences of being a singular entity, I have figured out how to advocate for my individual position and how to ensure that my viewpoint is represented within a group.

Q. Have you spoken up against racial inequality in predominantly white spaces in the past? If so, what were the outcomes?

A. I struggle with speak-

ing about race in connection with my job. There are many stereotypes associated with Black men who speak up on issues (think angry black man), overexplain their positions (think uppity or professorial), or vocally engage (think dangerous or loud). I am in a delicate position of trying my hardest to help guide the Town's financial future, support the staff of the largest employer in Town, inform the Council and facilitate their decision making, and now to be a figurehead in a social upheaval of how we acknowledge and discuss race. Since I am not a politician, it is very difficult for me to advocate for my personal opinion or position on topics. Being a professional manager forces me to remain objective and generally agnostic.

Q. Growing up in Durham, what do you re-

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Library reopening plan in place, dates to be determined

By Kate Anslinger

While business owners start to navigate their way through the "new normal" of serving customers during the various reopening phases, public institutions are faced with the same challenges.

As of July 1st, union employees at the library have been furloughed temporarily, and town manager, Austin Faison said that they are still determining the dates for the different reopening phases of the plan. The plan, which was first presented in May, annotates the various stages, from the current phase that has limited staff members and virtual and digital programming. Phase three of the plan will include the return of all staff

members with limited hours and social distancing practices in place. This phase of the plan will be closed to the public, however; the library will begin accepting returns via the exterior book drop box and patrons will be able to pick up materials.

During phase four of the reopening plan, patrons will be allowed to browse items and have access to computers and copiers with time limits and during limited hours. Phase five will have the library opening with precautions and additional hours. During this phase, the library team will still need to work closely with the town to determine health and safety guidelines. Phase six will see a fully function-

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Latest spike in coronavirus cases largest since May

By Maxim Tamarov

A recent spike in Covid-19 cases has led to calls from town officials for residents to remain vigilant and to practice recommended safety measures.

As of Tuesday, there has been a total of 280 confirmed cases of the novel coronavirus in the Town of Winthrop. So far, 24 people have died, 217 have recovered, and 39 remain in isolation to prevent spread.

In just the last five days however, 23 new cases have been reported. Eight new cases were reported last Thursday alone — the largest single-day increase since May 1.

It's an increase that Public Health Director Mere-

dith Hurley called, "Concerning for sure."

"People have forgotten or have been lulled into this idea that Covid is not in our state anymore and it is," Hurley said.

The first known case of the coronavirus in Winthrop was reported on March 16 and the first death from the virus in Massachusetts was an 87 year-old Winthrop man three days later. Cases seemed to have stabilized in May, but now they're on an upward trend again.

This new wave came as an unfortunate surprise, according to Town Manager Austin Faison.

"It doesn't seem like we have this virus under con-

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KENNEDY VISITS CONSTITUENTS



Chairman of Winthrop's School Committee Valentino Capobianco and his father, Jim (left) are shown with their choice for US Senate Joe Kennedy III, and State Sen. Joseph Boncore at a meet and greet with the Senate candidate at Day Square in East Boston on Sunday, July 12.

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WINTHROP POLICE BLOTTER

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

MONDAY, JUNE 29

0904: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) for a civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI) on Grovers Ave. and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1130: A resident came into the station to report an identity theft relating to her bank account.

1307: A Seal Harbor resident reported that her MV was struck by another MV while her MV was parked in the garage. The other operator left a note on the victim’s car. The officer will file a report.

1837: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) for the civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI) of failing to stop for the stop sign at Walden and Main Sts. and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

2339: An officer stopped a MV that had been reported stolen at the Dunkin’ Donuts on Main St. The officer arrested Badr Aguauouz, 20, of Everett, on charges of receiving a stolen MV and unlicensed operation of a MV.

TUESDAY, JUNE 30

1015: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) for a civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI) at Revere and Hutchinson Sts. and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1214: An officer responded to a motor vehicle accident (MVA) on Cross St. Both operators were injured, but refused medical attention. The officer will file a report.

1303: An officer had the owners of two cars that were parked facing the wrong way on Putnam St. move their vehicles.

1425: A tow company reported that it had performed a trespass tow of a MV on Trident Ave.

1536: A MV that had been driven halfway into the marsh on Morton St. was towed out.

1755: An officer issued a parking ticket for a MV that was parked blocking the stairs of a residence on Pleasant Ct.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1

1511: A resident reported that her identity had been used by someone attempting to obtain unemployment benefits.

2120: An officer responded to a report of a dog barking on Cutler St. The officer spoke to both parties. The dog owner explained that they had left the dog alone for an hour.

2306: An officer directed five persons who were talking loudly outside of their residence on Revere St. to bring it inside for the night.

2311: An officer dispersed a group of youths from Halford Beach.

2315: An officer dispersed a male party from the steps at Hannaford Park.

THURSDAY, JULY 2

0358: An officer dispersed a MV with two persons from the area of Hannaford Park.

1214: A tow was ordered for a MV blocking a driveway in the 900 block of Shirley St.

1245: A Pebble Ave. resident reported that the windshield on his MV had been broken overnight.

1421: An officer directed the owner of a MV blocking a driveway in the 900 block of Shirley St. to move the MV.

1547: A Woodside Park resident reported the theft of a kayak from his backyard about a week ago.

2208: An officer responded to a one-car MVA on Cross St. at the golf club in which the MV went off the road and struck the town guard rail and a National Grid pole, bringing down wires in the middle of the street. The MV was towed.

FRIDAY, JULY 3

0031: An officer directed a couple, who said they were enjoying the view at Hannaford Park in their MV, to move along.

0109: Officers directed a group of loud party-goers on Jefferson St. to end their festivities for the night.

0249: Officers directed a group of party-goers in the 300 block of Winthrop St. to end their festivities for the night.

0832: An officer retrieved a hypodermic sy-

ringe that was found by a DPW worker in the cemetery on Cross St.

1039: An officer responded to a report of a MV striking a wooden fence at the cemetery on Kennedy Drive. The operator agreed to pay for the damage.

2007: An officer dispersed a group of about 50 youths from Yirrell Beach.

2051: An officer returned to Yirrell Beach to disperse the group of youths who had congregated behind the water tower.

2057: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) for the civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI) of failing to stop for the stop sign at Shirley St. and Washington Ave. and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

2114: Officers ensured that the youths who were congregating at Yirrell Beach behind the water tower were picked up by their parents.

2142: Two male parties on Yirrell Beach were ordered to leave for the night.

2206: An officer directed youths setting off fireworks behind the water tower to leave the area.

2256: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Washington Ave. for the civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI) of a one-way violation and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

SATURDAY, JULY 4

0031: A officer directed a group of party-goers playing music loudly on Revere St. to turn it down.

0031: Two MVs that were damaged in a MVA on Main St. were towed. The operator of one of the MVs

had fled the scene.

0047: An officer confiscated fireworks from a group that had been setting them off at Short Beach.

1132: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Hadassah Way for the civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI) of a one-way violation and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1253: An officer directed the owner of a MV illegally parked along Yirrell Beach to move his MV.

1357: An officer issued multiple parking tickets to vehicles parked illegally in the 900 block of Shirley St.

1615: Vehicles that were parked so as to obstruct the flow of traffic on Billows St. at Triton Ave. were ordered towed.

1657: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Winthrop St. for the civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI) of failing to yield and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1708: An officer issued parking tickets to four MVs that were parked illegally in the 700 block of Shirley St.

1921: Officers arrested a 30 year-old Wilshire St. man on an outstanding warrant.

1931: An officer ended a fireworks display at Lewis Lake.

2049: Officers shut down more fireworks at Bowdoin St. and River Rd.

2059: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Washington Ave. for a civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI) and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

2108: An officer directed parties on Almont St. to end their fireworks.

2125: An officer directed youths at Beacon Circle to end their fireworks.

2228: A group of youths who were setting off fireworks at Morton St. and Amelia Ave. fled the scene when an officer arrived. The officer seized the remaining fireworks.

2309: An officer directed residents and guests at a loud house party at Wyman St. and Tafts Ave. to end it for the night.

2315: Officers dispersed a large group from Yirrell Beach.

2319: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on River Rd. for a civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI) and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

2343: Officers dispersed a group of 30 persons from the area of Shirley and Elliot Sts. who reportedly had been setting off fireworks and drinking.

SUNDAY, JULY 5

0017: An officer restored the peace among persons involved in an altercation on Crest Ave., one of whom allegedly had a baseball bat.

0042: Officers ensured that a loud party at a Court Rd. address had ended for the night.

1056: A Pleasant St. resident reported that a children’s bicycle had been stolen from their backyard overnight. The officer will file a report.

1210: An officer assisted a person who reported that she had lost her engagement ring on Yirrell Beach. The officer located a person with a metal detector and the ring was found.

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trol,” Faison wrote in an email to the Sun-Transcript. “In my opinion, the easing of restrictions has led to the increase in cases.”

Hurley agreed that the state’s progression through the reopening phases (Massachusetts entered Phase 3 on July 6) has had an effect. Since then, many establishments such as restaurants and fitness centers have reopened.

According to Hurley, there are a few other developments that the recent spike can be attributed to as well.

For one, testing capabilities have increased since March. While the town does not have a testing center of its own, the health department receives information from Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Massachusetts General Hospital, East Boston Neighborhood Health, Cambridge Health Alliance, CVS and other sites across the state. Some sites report results within 24 hours; some take as long as eight days.

Although testing is an important step to keeping the community safe, according to Hurley, it is not a fail-safe. It can take anywhere between two and 14 days for the virus to be detected. Someone exposed to a sick person on Friday can find out they were exposed on Sunday, get tested on Monday, have a negative

result and start showing symptoms on Wednesday.

This discrepancy, according to Hurley, makes it difficult and laborious to trace contacts and warn them of exposure. Hurley currently runs the tracing operation in town with three paid interns.

Furthermore, there is the increased social interaction that comes with summer weather and a population that is “fatigued” by the lack of socializing that the pandemic has forced it to endure.

Had you asked residents in April whether they would attend a barbeque with communal food, they would have vehemently rejected the notion, according to Hurley. But in the summer months, especially on holidays such as July 4th, that is exactly what was happening.

“We have to do a lot better at assessing our social interactions,” Hurley said.

When interacting with others, Hurley said, it is important not to share food or drinks. Group interactions should be kept to 10 people or less and should not be held indoors. Residents should also continue wearing masks or face covering whenever in situations where social distancing (staying six feet apart from others) is not possible.

“The more times that people interact with one another indoors or without

masks,” Faison said, “the higher probability that people can contract the virus.”

According to Faison, the town is exploring ideas to enforce certain measures “for the safety of everyone.” He did not clarify what those measures were.

And despite the spike, there currently is no plan to reclose any of the businesses that already have opened back up.

There is no plan to keep the schools closed in the fall, either. In fact, town officials and the health department have been working with Superintendent Lisa Howard to ensure a safe transition.

There likewise is no plan to close the beaches, although Faison said the town is “considering all measures to keep people safe.”

Those locations are not inherently dangerous; rather they may be locales for breaking the rules of social distancing.

“That’s not the beach that’s putting them at risk,” Hurley said. “That’s their behavior that’s putting them at risk.”

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member about the formal education you received regarding Black history? How was this education supplemented by your family and by your own research?

A. There wasn’t a ton of attention to Black History while I was growing up in Durham. Some of my teachers noted important people throughout history, but there was little attention paid to some of the negative qualities of the people that we did spend time on. That said, I was lucky to have a Black father that taught me about Black culture, the heroes that have been celebrated, some that have been forgotten, and the importance that we have played in the foundation of this country. Having a close relationship with UNH also afforded me relationships with college aged athletes and professors that opened my eyes to the world outside of Durham. Lastly, I was a teacher’s assistant in college for an African-Ameri-

can Studies professor, so I had a crash course in that history in college.

Q. Talk about a time that you experienced overt racism or racist microaggression.

A. Every time that an individual assumes that I went to college to help the diversity metrics of my class or that I was there due to affirmative action. And the same goes for my professional life, when people assert that I was afforded an opportunity because of the color of my skin or the positive messaging that could be afforded to my employer.

Q. How has your experience in Winthrop as a Black person been similar or different to the other majority white spaces in which you have previously existed?

A. Winthrop is similar because there are many people that want to help get the culture into the correct place. They are willing to

listen, show up, and do the work. This group has been empowered due to recent events, and I look forward to where their work takes them. The way that I would note that Winthrop is different, is that there are vocal people that are advocating against paying attention to [this] issue. I don’t understand how data and numbers do not convince these individuals, but they feel it is necessary to try to redefine or diminish the experiences of others and fail to acknowledge data.

Q: At the Council meeting on June 2, you invited residents who objected to your June 2 statement to contact you directly for a conversation. Has anyone reached out?

A. Nobody has contacted me to further discuss my statements. My invitation stands though. I am more than willing to have a conversation about the formation of my opinions and viewpoints as a Black man.

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- Maryland Avenue
- Otis Street
- Pebble Avenue
- Shirley Street heading south from the Petrel Street intersection.

- Siren Street
 - Tafts Avenue
 - Townsend Street
 - Triton Avenue
 - Undine Avenue
 - Whittier Street
- For a map of the affected area, please click here.

Areas posted as “No Parking except for Saturday and Sunday Church Services” are exempt from the permit requirement from one hour before scheduled church services to one hour after the services end.

All other parking regulations remain in effect.

NEW PASTOR AT FIRST CHURCH OF WINTHROP

Parishioners at First Church of Winthrop Unit-

ed Methodist welcomed their new pastor, Rev. John Melick on July 5th.

Rev. Melick succeeds Pastor Sunjae Lee, who was reassigned to a full time ministry position in Vermont after a two-year part-time assignment at First Church.

Rev. Melick shared that he has a long connection to Methodism and spent his early years in United Methodist churches in North Carolina and Ohio. During his high school years he felt a call to vocational ministry in the church so after graduating he studied music composition and voice at Belmont University in Nashville with the intention of working in music ministry.

He worked as a youth and music minister at a church in Georgia and at Calvary United Methodist in Nashville.

He began to explore his

call to ordained ministry during his eight years at Calvary and was certified for candidacy and attended Vanderbilt University Divinity School

Rev. Melick is married to Eveleigh Wagner, who works as an outpatient psychiatrist at Mount Auburn Hospital in Cambridge.

They are living in the church’s parsonage with their dog, Archie, and are looking forward to becoming part of the Winthrop community.

In light of the continuing concerns about the coronavirus, Rev. Melick will be broadcasting his weekly sermons on Winthrop cable at 9 a.m. on Sundays until further notice. Sermons will also be available on the church’s website.

Church members and friends will meet in the parking lot of the church at 10 a.m. for continued fellowship.

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OUR Opinions

WHEN DID THE U.S. GO FROM FIRST TO WORST?

For those of us of the Baby Boom generation, it was unquestionable that the United States was "the best" country in the world.

Despite the war in Vietnam, Watergate, recessions, 9/11, and other setbacks, America continued to be a global leader in just about every aspect of world affairs.

Basically, there was the U.S. -- and then there was everybody else.

American exceptionalism was taken for granted (even if in truth we often were not all that exceptional).

However, the coronavirus has pulled back the curtain and exposed us for what we have become -- a nation that ranks among the worst by many metrics. Compared to our supposed peers in Western Europe and Asia, our response to the pandemic has been pathetic. COVID-19 death rates per capita in Western Europe are only a 10th of the death rate in the U.S. And while theirs are falling, ours is rising.

Consider these additional facts:

How can it be that we have 4% of the world's population, but we have 25% of the deaths from COVID-19?

How can it be that four months into the pandemic, we still do not have enough PPE (personal protective equipment) for our hospital and other front line workers?

How can it be that some of our states have more new cases of COVID-19 than entire countries?

How can it be that not only is the amount of our testing still woefully inadequate, but that our labs are so backed up that it is taking 5-7 days to get results -- which all but makes the testing useless because results need to be made available within 24-48 hours?

COVID-19 has revealed us to be the equivalent of a so-called Third World country.

To put it simply, we have devolved from being a global leader to that of a global laggard with the result that thousands of Americans are getting sick and dying and our economy remains in tatters -- and with no end in sight.

NAME CHANGE WAS A LONG TIME COMING

The decision this week by the Washington Redskins to change its team name was long, long, LONG overdue.

The term "redskin" is -- and always has been -- a racist reference to Native Americans.

For anyone who doubts that notion, just think about all of the western movies that have permeated our culture for almost 100 years. When the hero would say something like, "Let's kill all of those thievin' redskins," (or something similar), the use of the term "redskin" was meant to dehumanize Native Americans.

It certainly was not a complimentary term.

We should point out that the obnoxious and arrogant owner of the Washington football team for years has ridiculed any suggestion that he change the team's name.

It finally was the force of economics, not a sudden surge of altruism, that prompted the team's about-face. When various team sponsors -- who themselves became motivated to do so only in light of recent events -- threatened to remove their millions of dollars of revenue, that finally is what got the team ownership's attention.

So we're happy to see that yet another vestige of America's racist past is falling. There still is a lot more to do, but changing the name of Washington's football team is yet another step in the right direction as we acknowledge and renounce our racist and genocidal past.

To quote the Sam Cooke song:

It's been a long, a long time coming

But I know a change's gonna come, oh, yes, it will

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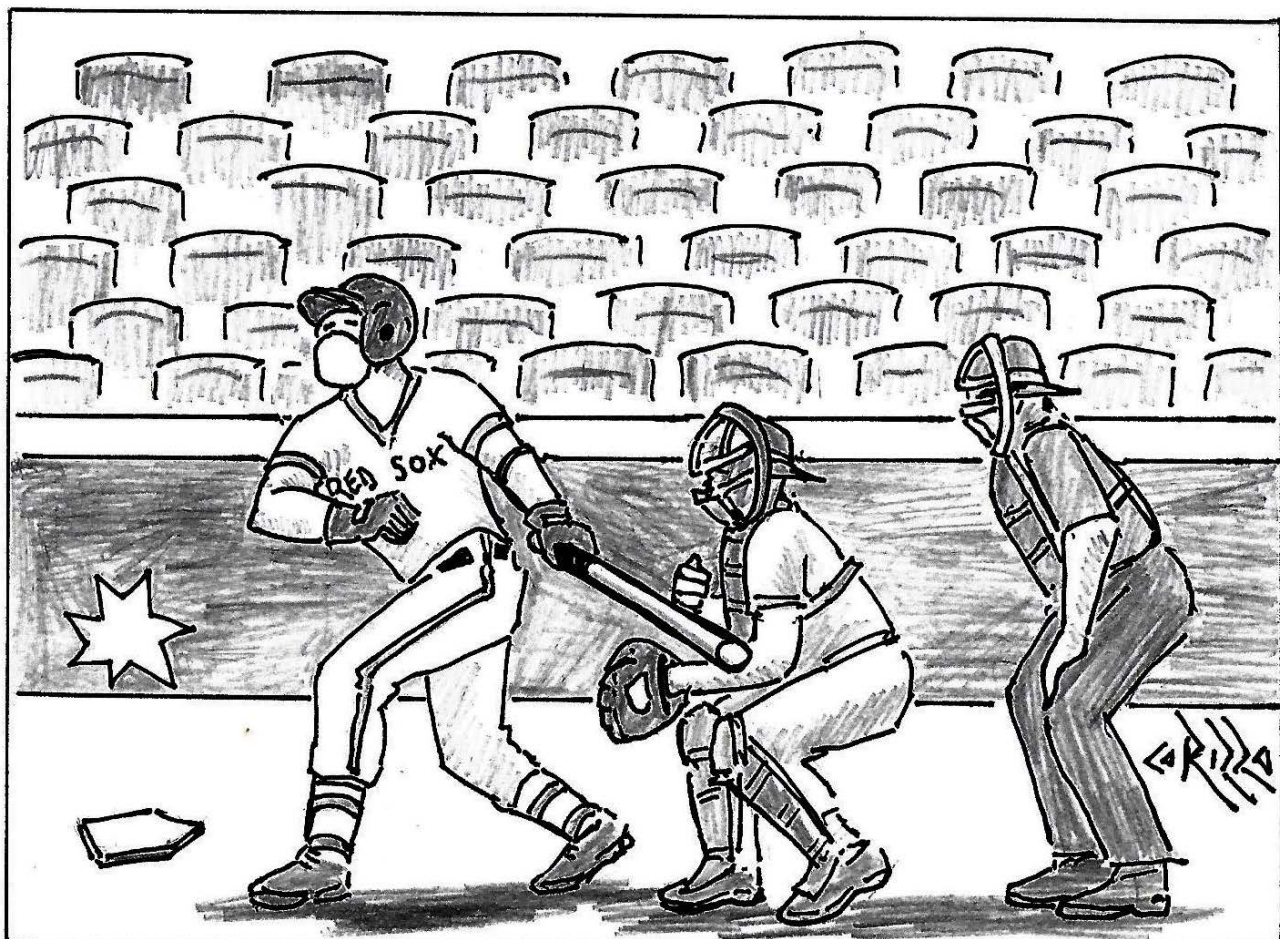
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LOOKING FORWARD TO GETTING BACK

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What to consider before adopting a pet

By Susan Marie

As word grew that people were going to have to shelter-in-place for an unspecified length of time, animal shelters began to empty. Thousands of people realized that they may be lonely during this time of social-distancing from family and friends. In some situations, parents came to the conclusion that their children needed a happy diversion and agreed to add a furkid to their family. Whatever the reason, shelters began to empty and animal lovers, like myself, were thrilled. However, families are seeking guidance on what dog might be right for them. Those who have already added a dog to their family are concerned with how to keep their new pet happy. Below are some points to consider, as you ponder which animal to bring home and what to do once they step their excited paws through your threshold.

1. The coronavirus pandemic will not last forever,

but adopting your "forever friend" is a lifetime commitment of unconditional love. The first thing to consider is your family's lifestyle. Are you looking for a dog that is high energy that will join the kids in playful romps in the yard and long runs? Or are you looking for a less active dog who enjoys binge watching TV while you are on Zoom meetings and the kids are in online classes? Do you want your dog to be happy with a leisurely walk after dinner and easy, quiet fun in the home or yard? A senior citizen might consider a smaller senior pup who enjoys cuddling on the sofa and healthy snacks. It is important to keep in mind your pup's breed, size and temperament when considering what your home and lifestyle can reasonably accommodate. Though the adoption process itself may differ slightly during COVID-19, please feel free to contact your local shelter and rescue organization and they will gladly help you choose the "forever

friend" that is best for your home and family.

2. Consider preparing for the pandemic as you would to prepare for a disaster, like hurricane season. Compile a first aid kit and an emergency kit and for your pet that includes at least two weeks of food and treats, medications, medical records, veterinarian(s) contact information. Also be sure to have all necessary everyday supplies, such as collars, leashes, harnesses and disposable bags. Make sure your dog has ID tags and is microchipped with your current contact information as well as that of an emergency contact outside the area.

3. How much time will you be able to spend with your dog during and after the pandemic? More time spent at home together while you work from home is a great opportunity to bond with your furkid and also increases your availability to train. For some behavioral concerns, including separation anxiety, please contact a profes-

sional trainer who may offer online classes. When you return to work, keep in mind who will look after your pup during the day. You may decide to take your pup to doggy day care or hire a professional pet sitter to visit your home in the morning and afternoon for bathroom breaks and exercise.

4. If adopting is something that you may not be able to commit to at this time, please consider fostering a dog. Contact your local shelter or rescue organization to see if they have a foster plan that better suits your family's lifestyle. Keep in mind adopting a pet into your family is a lifetime commitment that will change both of your lives "forever."

For over fifteen years, Susan Marie has been spreading the word about puppy love through her national weekly radio show, *The Doggy Diva Show*. Susan is also the author of the award-winning Miss Olive children's book trilogy *The Doggy Diva Diaries*.

LETTER to the Editor

STOCK MARKET RELEVANCE EDITORIAL

Dear Editor:

I strongly agree with your incisive editorial which eviscerated the common myth that the stock market accurately represents the U.S. economy. As you point out there is

in fact a major dichotomy between the stock market and the economy, known as the Wall Street-Main Street disconnect which continues to be a huge factor in the long term erosion of America's essential middle class, the country's heart and soul.

The coronavirus pandemic has clearly intensi-

fied this trend toward growing economic equality to the point where significant public sector monetary and fiscal policies are urgently required for immediate implementation in order to avoid a 1929 era Great Recession repeat. Louis Brandeis was right: "America can choose between a true democracy, or wealth

concentrated in the hands of a few, but not both."

The country must immediately invest in our long-term future to begin the rebuilding of our middle class which historically has been the nation's economic recovery engine while reducing economic inequality.

John Vitagliano

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CANDIDATE FOR U.S. SENATE JOE KENNEDY VISITS CONSTITUENTS IN EAST BOSTON

Candidate for US Senate Joe Kennedy was hard at work last Sunday afternoon, he visited East Boston’s Day Square, and was received at local business owner, Marvin Jimenez at Pueblo Viejo on Bennington Street. Supporters from East Boston, Winthrop, Everett and Revere and other surrounding communities joined Kennedy for sign holding and door knocking.



Shown above, candidate for US Senate Joe Kennedy had a big reception in East Boston’s Day Square last Sunday, prior to his door to door campaigning following his reception. Shown to the left, State Sen. Joseph Boncore greets his friend Joe Kennedy last Sunday afternoon.

Markey and Kennedy answer questions posed by inmates in socially distanced forum

By Lauren Bennett

On July 7, the Suffolk County Sheriff’s Department held a Senate Forum with Senator Ed Markey and Congressman Joe Kennedy III, candidates for the US Senate in this year’s election.

The forum, which was moderated by Suffolk County Sheriff Steven Tompkins, was closed to the public, but was live streamed on Facebook and included questions from men and women in custody at the South Bay House of Correction. Each candidate had their own round of questions and were not in the room at the same time, and masks were worn by everyone and social distancing was observed.

Questions ranged from concerns about transportation access to ensuring support after prison to child-care and housing.

In his opening statement, Senator Markey said that the criminal justice system needs to be “overhauled,” and that resources are not currently provided to people to make sure they get the help they need before, during, and after prison. “We have to change that,” he said.

“You learn a lot about a country by who it imprisons,” Markey said. “We imprison the black and the brown citizens in our country in disproportionate numbers.”

When asked about the necessity for access to transportation, Markey said that he and Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley introduced legislation saying that public transportation should be free “so that you’re able to go to your destination, to be where you have to be, to do what you have to do.”

Congressman Kennedy agreed that “the obstacles that exist” for people to be able to get to and from places like work, school, and the grocery store “are massive” and possibly expanding or rethinking programs like the MBTA’s The Ride could be part of the solution.

Markey was also asked why prisons and jails are becoming “de facto mental health institutions,” and he said that de-institutionalizing people about 35 years ago put people with mental illness out on the streets.

“What we did was we took one program and ended it,” he said, adding that the government then did not provide funding to ensure that individuals received proper health care. He said that making access to treatment available “before they do something that results in the police taking them” is necessary, as are sufficient funds for the mental health system in general.

“We criminalize low level offenses rather than give resources,” he said, saying that mental health issues should be treated like the diseases they are.

Markey was also asked why he is “interested in what we have to say if we are not able to vote as inmates?” In Massachusetts,

those incarcerated for a felony are ineligible to vote, but are permitted to do so again once they are released.

Markey responded with “because you’re citizens; because everyone should be treated with dignity.” He said that one day, “you’re going to go back out there,” and after leaving prison, he wants to make sure they get the help and support they need to be successful. “We have to think of you as a part of a larger family,” he said, and make sure that many issues are treated as health issues, not criminal ones.

“Our country in this moment is in the midst of a massive cry for change,” Kennedy said in his opening statement.

Kennedy called for fewer people in jails, and “[making] sure we aren’t incarcerating folks who are sick.”

On police reform, Markey said that “every police officer should have to wear a camera. There should be no circumstances of where they aren’t and there should be a full recording of what took place.”

He added that “any police officer that engages in conduct that violates the constitutional rights of an individual should be held accountable...in the criminal justice system.”

Markey also called for more social workers, mental health resources, drug rehabilitation workers, and employment opportunities to be funded with the

reallocation of resources. He said doing so will help rid of the “school to prison pipeline” in America.

“This is the moment of reckoning,” Markey said. “We need police accountability” and to deal with the “racial bias that is built into the system.” He talked about sentencing guidelines and the discrepancy that exists between crack and powdered cocaine.

Markey was also asked about his initiatives against gun violence, and why there is a lot of housing for people dealing with substance abuse but not those involved in gun violence.

Markey said that despite the National Rifle Association (NRA) not wanting it, he succeeded in adding \$25 million to the federal budget for the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) to conduct research on the causes of gun violence. He also agreed that more assistance and funding for those involved in gun violence is necessary.

“A vision without funding is a hallucination,” he said.

When asked about how he will help with racial disparities if elected to the Senate, Kennedy said “we need to be doing so much more. My efforts are obviously not enough. My commitment to you is to do everything I possibly can.” He talked about filing legislation to address structural inequities, but he said showing up to communities “who have been screaming about this for longer than I’ve been alive” and “where people are unseen and unheard” is vital. “There is value in showing up,” he said.

Kennedy said that “the way in which we approach the ‘war on drugs’ does not work,” and it “has to change.”

He said those in prison for a long period of time also need access to education and professional development programs to give them skill sets to be able to provide for their families once they are out of prison.

Markey also said he will advocate for change to the mandatory minimum sentencing system, which he said is “leading to over incarceration.” Kennedy agreed that they system needs to change.

Housing was another issue brought up several times in different contexts. Markey said that making sure people do not get evicted from their homes and ensuring they have income coming in each month is important.

Kennedy said that “housing is one of the biggest roadblocks that we face here,” and more money is needed for affordable housing as many people who are vital to running the city can’t even afford to live in it. “100 percent, we have to do an awful lot more,” Kennedy said.

One of the women said that many inmates do not trust elected officials like Kennedy because “you haven’t had our background.” She said that when she gets out, she wants to fight for women inmates, and suggested that hiring people like her would be a huge help to elected officials. “People that don’t know what it’s like to be arrested” shouldn’t be the ones making decisions on related topics, she said, adding that she believes former inmates acting as consultants could be beneficial.

“I think it’s a great idea,” Kennedy said. “Government is the way we as a collective respond to challenges.”

In closing, Markey reiterated his commitment to working on the lack of funding for substance abuse and mental health issues, which are “making it difficult for people to reincorporate into society,” he said.

“I promise you that I will fight with every ounce of strength which I have to overhaul this criminal justice system; this policing system,” he added. There are “too many people behind bars who shouldn’t be there.”

Kennedy said that “our normal...isn’t good enough. We have a chance to actually reset the trajectory of our country.” He called for “policies that meet people where they are and say ‘let’s do something about it.’”

The full Senate forum can be viewed on the Suffolk County Sheriff’s Department Facebook page.

Winthrop Senior Center News

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The Senior Center remains closed at this time.

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Sean Driscoll features teams in the Summer Parks Program

By Cary Shuman

Meet the Blue Racers

The Racers, consisting of 6-and-7-year-old campers, are having a great summer in what has been ideal weather for outdoor activities at the park. The team seems to enjoy arts and crafts the most, although sports and games are also popular.

Olexis Tallent, Gianna Knapp, Jimmy and Christian all received votes for “Favorite Staff” – hey, what about some votes for the great high school football coach in charge of the program?

They really like living in Winthrop, especially the beach and a big vote was cast for Twist and Shake for ice cream.

Here are the Racers’ responses to the question: What is Your favorite camp activity (FCA)?

Ben: Playground
Joseph: Playing Football
Avery: Arts and Crafts
Kourtney: Arts and Crafts
Zachary: Arts and Crafts
Charlie: Sports and

Games
Ella: Snack Time

Meet the Green Knights

The Knights, ages 8-11, like their sports, and Winthrop sure is a sports-minded town. Camp instructors Mark Amatucci, Sid Albert, and Anthony Conner all received votes for “Favorite Staff” though one camper voted for two instructors – which would make them “co-favorites,” I guess.

When asked what the best part of living in Winthrop was, one beautiful response was: “Everything.” Another great response: “The people are really nice and I like the beach.”

Here are the Knights’ responses to the question: What is your favorite camp activity (FCA)?

Dennis: Sports and Games
Maxx: Tennis
Dylan: Playground
Lucas: End-of-the-day free-time
Charlie: Sports and Games



The Green Knights and their instructors take a timeout from their football game for a group photograph.



The Blue Racers participate in a recreational activity in the Winthrop Summer Parks Program.

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Colarusso officially announces candidacy for U.S. Congress

Special to the Transcript

Stoneham Selectwoman Caroline Colarusso officially announced her campaign for U.S. Congress in the Massachusetts 5th Congressional District to unseat incumbent Katherine Clark. “The voters of the 5th Congressional District will have a real choice on November 3rd,” said Colarusso. “Voters want America to remain a nation of free individuals, equal under the law, with an impartial government, and an economy excluding no one. Americans built America – not government. Katherine Clark has lost her way – focused on her own advancement, and on building an oversized government that frustrates the dreams of individual citizens.” Colarusso grew up in Boston’s North End and moved to Stoneham over 27 years ago. Professionally Caroline rose to the position senior management

over a 25-year career in the federal system, recognized with performance awards as a “fix it role” specialist. “I worked in a male dominated environment, turning around broken and mis-managed operations.” My federal career was never easy, but I am not the type of person that settles for the status quo.” Throughout her tenure as a member of the Stoneham Select Board Caroline has “never voted for a tax increase.” Colarusso is known for oversight and accountability in government operations and working to lower tax burdens for all residents. “Far left progressives like Katherine Clark arrogantly claim they can produce specific social results through federal direction of the most complicated economy in history. They claim they can weigh the talents, interests, and drive of individuals – and then decide who should win and lose. They ‘know’ what’s fair and

best for you and your family. This conceit is wrong. Every failed socialist state proves it. America’s success with freedom over the last twelve generations should be celebrated – not regulated by government.” “You know what’s best for you, not Katherine Clark.” Parents know what is best for their children. That’s why in sharp contrast to Congresswoman Clark who opposes school choice, I will fight for educational equality for all students so that our economically disadvantaged minority student populations will not be forced to attend schools based on their zip code. “America is unique, America innovates, America is filled with achievers. America is a nation built on individual freedom – liberty. My grandfather and great grandparents were immigrants who came here to seeking a better life. They found it in America, and passed that drive, determi-

nation, and hope to me. We need to pass it along to our children and grandchildren. I’m running for Congress to stop Clark and her colleagues from constructing a system based on politicians picking winners and losers while destroying political, economic and religious freedom,” said Colarusso. Colarusso was also a longtime community volunteer in youth settings and at the high school level. She helped coach the Stoneham High Girls Varsity Ice Hockey team during the years when the program was struggling. In 1974 Caroline began her ice hockey days playing for the Winthrop Massport Jets. She graduated magna cum laude from Emmanuel College. She and her husband Joseph have been married for 30 years and have 3 adult sons - Anthony, Joseph, and Richard. For more information, visit my webpage at colarussoforcongress.com



Candidate for U.S. Congress Caroline Colarusso.

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DeLeo joins House colleagues in bolstering commitment to children and families

Legislation targets accountability and analysis

Staff report

Speaker DeLeo joined his colleagues in the Massachusetts House of Representatives in passing An Act relative to accountability for vulnerable children and families, which strengthens the laws ensuring the safety and well-being of the Commonwealth’s youngest and most at-risk residents. Building on the House of Representative’s steadfast commitment to those served by the Department of Children and Families (DCF), this legislation addresses the needs of vulnerable children and families that have also been ampli-

fied by the COVID-19 public health crisis and further illuminated through the lens of racial equity. Specifically, this legislation strengthens DCF policies and operations, develops a tool to retain and recruit foster families, holds DCF accountable for timely, accurate and relevant reports, and clarifies communication by the Child Advocate to the Legislature and state officeholders. The legislation compels data to analyze the impacts of remote learning on all children during the COVID-19 crisis with a focus on understanding the disparate educational impacts on children served by DCF. Additionally, the bill calls for a public service campaign to increase awareness of child abuse and neglect.

“Making sure that children under the care of DCF are safe is one of my top personal priorities. It’s our job as representatives to keep these vulnerable young people free from harm. This bill will provide new tools to enhance the lives of these children, particularly in the age of COVID-19,” said House Speaker Robert A. DeLeo (D-Winthrop). “I thank Chair Garlick for her tremendous work on this effort and commend Leader Donato as well as Chairs Michlewitz and Khan and my colleagues in the House for their work on this bill.” “I share the grave concerns about the precipitous drop in child abuse and neglect reports during the COVID-19 crisis, which we believe is because the children, usually interacting with mandated reporters

including their educators, coaches, early education staff and childcare providers have not been ‘seen,’ ” said Representative Denise C. Garlick (D-Needham) Vice Chair of the House Committee on Ways and Means and leader of the Caring Collaboration for Vulnerable Children and Families. “With this bill, the House has demonstrated that we have not lost sight of the children, DCF’s accountability and the Commonwealth’s responsibility.” “This legislation will not only streamline the way the Department of Children & Families works but it will also prioritize the needs of our most vulnerable children,” said Representative Aaron Michlewitz, Chair of the House Committee on Ways & Means (D-Boston). “These reforms will also allow the Department to better handle the effects that the COVID-19 pandemic has had on this community.” “Behind every data point required of DCF under this legislation there are families struggling to stay

together and children experiencing trauma who are looking for stability and love. This data and all of the requirements of H.4841 build on the House of Representative’s long-standing commitment to promoting the welfare of the Commonwealth’s most vulnerable children and families,” said Representative Kay Khan, House Chair of the Joint Committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities (D-Newton). “I commend Speaker DeLeo for his leadership in ensuring this agency can succeed in protecting those who so greatly depend on the services DCF provides.” “As the Chair of the Foster Care Caucus and as a former foster care child, issues regarding the protection of children and the services provided by state agencies including DCF have always been central to me as a state representative,” said Representative Paul Donato (D-Medford). The legislation addresses the needs of at-risk children and families through five major initiatives:

of COVID-19. The public health pandemic has exacerbated concerns regarding all children across the Commonwealth, particularly those served by DCF. Since the declaration of the state of emergency on March 10th, reports of abuse and neglect have alarmingly decreased 51%, while home removals have dropped 60% over the same period of time. In order to best understand the effects of the state of emergency related to COVID-19, this legislation requires DCF to report on various aspects of the child welfare and education system during the state of emergency. Specifically the bill requires:

- DCF to report monthly to the Legislature on changes in child abuse and neglect cases;
- DCF to implement a public information campaign to improve awareness of child abuse and neglect during the public health crisis;
- DCF to report on efforts to support the foster

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Maureen Bailey

Of Winthrop



Maureen A. Bailey of Lincoln St., Winthrop passed away at the Kaplan Family Hospice in Danvers on July 8. She was 82 years old.

Born in Winthrop, the beloved daughter of the late Agnes (Carlton) and Thomas Farley, she was the devoted wife of the late William G. Bailey and the loving mother of William Bailey of Arlington, Kevin Bailey of Boston, Kerry Reddy and her husband, Chris of California and Thomas Bailey and his wife, Beth of Winthrop; dear sister of the late Agnes, Bernard, Thomas and John Farley and cherished grandmother of Julia, Con-

nor, John, Owen, Shannon, Nick, Thomas and Teddy.

The Funeral Mass in St. John the Evangelist Church and interment in the River-view Cemetery, Groveland were private. o sign the on-line guestbook, go to www.caggianofuneralhome.com.

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care system;

- DCF to analyze the effect on virtual and video technology on services during COVID-19;
- Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) to work with DCF to provide an analysis of active remote learning participation rates during the COVID-19 crisis, including participation rates of children with open DCF cases; and
- DESE to coordinate with DCF to develop a statewide plan to ensure effective and ongoing engagement relative to remote learning, including guidance and best practices for engaging the most vulnerable and at-risk students and families.

Quality Improvement. The House of Representatives remains committed to ensuring accountability related to critical incidents that result in a fatality or near fatality, while also reviewing those critical incidents that are highlighted by systemic weaknesses.

This bill installs certain safeguards, including requirements for DCF to review the case transfer policy to improve protocols for complex cases, and create a managerial review in reunification decisions. It also requires social services programs to communicate more promptly with social workers conducting client and collateral checks.

Foster Parents’ Bill of Rights. Concerns of uncertainty regarding the rights of foster parents and the responsibilities of DCF related to training and processes have been intensified by COVID-19. This bill requires DCF to create a Foster Parents’ Bill of Rights outlining the relationship between the department and foster parents. A clear articulation of the rights of

foster parents and the responsibilities of DCF will increase confidence and trust and is designed to retain and recruit foster families.

Strengthening the Integrity of the Office of the Child Advocate. The Office of the Child Advocate is statutorily required to ensure the highest quality of services and supports are provided to safeguard the health, safety, and well-being of all children receiving services across the Commonwealth. This bill requires the Child Advocate to report any findings of critical incident reports that result in the death of a child due to a reasonable belief that a state agency failed in its duty to protect a child, jointly and simultaneously, to the governor, attorney general, speaker of the house, and senate president before the agency in question.

Data Reporting Initiative. In response to serious events and concerns about children in DCF care, the Legislature has historically directed DCF to complete various reporting requirements; however, the agency has been unable to fulfill its statutory requirements to complete all reports. This bill updates and streamlines DCF reporting requirements to ensure the delivery of timely and relevant data in both a comprehensive annual report and robust quarterly reports. In addition, DCF is required to detail actions it has taken to provide culturally competent services to children and families and report on transition planning, fair hearings, reports made to the Ombudsman, and a detailed accounting of services provided through contracted agencies.

The bill now moves to the Senate.

Ernest ‘Ernie’ Deeb

World War II Combat Veteran and retired Boston Firefighter/ Inspector



Mr. Ernest “Ernie” Deeb, age 97, of Winthrop, passed away peacefully of natural causes on Sunday afternoon, July 5, 2020.

He was the son of Shaheen and Zahee Deeb, who immigrated from Lebanon, through Ellis Island in early 1900, and was the brother to Jim, Nat, and Alice.

Shortly after returning home from the war, he married Rose Nassif, of the South End, and joined the Boston Fire Department.

Mr. Deeb is survived by his devoted sons, Ernie, Billy, Bobby, and Sammy, daughters-in-law Debbie, Terry, and Lisa. He also leaves grandchildren Jason, Jordan, Peter, Billy, Jenna, Bianca, Christina, Robert, Zachary, Sam, Nick, and Joe; great-grandchildren Elias, Zacki, Cyrus, Soraya, Maddison, Pete, Milo, Lena, and Alex, all of Winthrop. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews, friends and relatives.

He loved his family and people in general.

As the last surviving member of the Army’s 150th Combat Engineer Battalion, and all-New England outfit, Mr. Deeb fought through six major European campaigns, including “The Invasion of Normandy” and “The Battle of the Bulge.”

He and his fellow soldiers served under the command of General George S. Patton, and along with surviving members of his Battalion, later received “The Presidential Unit Citation” from President Harry Truman for their contributions to the war effort and many outstanding achievements.

As a combat engineer, attached to the 4th Armor Division, he and the men of the 150th built numerous roads and bridges under heavy fire that allowed General Patton’s 3rd Army to advance across Europe and complete their mission.

A decorated Boston firefighter and inspector, Mr. Deeb served with distinction for 31 years in a number of firehouses throughout Boston. In 1959, while assigned to Ladder 22 in Charlestown, firefighters responded to alarm, where



OBITUARIES

Barbara Craig

Of Missouri, formerly of Winthrop and Revere



Barbara Craig of Kansas City, MO passed away peacefully at her home on July 12. She was 81 years old.

Barbara was born on June 25, 1939 in Winthrop to Alfred and Dorothy (Kelly) Silva. She grew up in Winthrop and graduated from Winthrop High School in 1956. She lived in Revere for 49 years.

On May 30, 1968 she married the love of her life, John E. Craig. From this marriage they had two children. While in Revere, Barbara was a member of the Revere Society for Cultural and Historic Preservation (RSCHP) and the Immaculate Guild.

In 2017, she and John moved from the East Coast to Kansas City to be closer to her beloved grandchildren.

Barbara loved Elvis Presley; one of the family’s favorite memories is taking her to visit Graceland.

In her later years, Barbara found enjoyment going out to eat with her family and catching the latest episode of Days of Our Lives.

She is preceded in death by her parents; husband, John, who passed away in October of 2017; and sis-

ter, Elaine Cleary. She will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by her children: William (Charlene) Craig and James (Kathleen) Craig; grandchildren, Meadow, Danica, Cory, Kyle, Leah, and Ailsa; her sister, Geraldine Crombie and many nieces and nephews.

Services will be held privately in Massachusetts.

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in accordance to the Town of Winthrop Zoning By-Laws Chapter 17.16 Dimensional Regulations due to the following reason.

1. Noncompliance of proposed structure with respect to minimum side yard setback of 10 feet (section 17.16.020 J. 1.) Dimensional Regulations.

Copies of the aforementioned application and plans are on file and available for inspection at the Town of Winthrop’s website calendar with the agenda.

Darren Baird, Chairman
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Date of Death 04/30/2020

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NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

MGC SEES NEED FOR BEACHAM ST. IMPROVEMENTS

CHELSEA - The City and the Massachusetts Gaming Commission (MGC) can agree on one thing – that Beacham Street needs significant monies to improve the path to the Encore Boston Harbor casino for guests and employees.

The Beacham Street corridor is one of the only connections from Chelsea to the casino, and it is also a major freight corridor for the region’s food supply from the New England Produce Market, and the MGC voted on June 25 to award \$1.5 million to Chelsea to assist in building out their re-construction of Beacham.

The City applied for two grants from the MGC’s mitigation funds, which was rare for one project to request significant funds for mitigation. Nevertheless, the MGC’s review board felt Beacham was very important.

They awarded \$500,000 from the Specific Impact Program based on a Casino Traffic Study the City conducted showing more traffic after the casino opened. Then the City also got a \$1 million grant from the Transportation Construction Program.

“We’re indescribably excited and pleased with the Gaming Commission’s decision,” said Planner Alex Train. “This is a benefit to the community as well. By getting this Mass Gaming grant, we can finance the project independently and allow the City to finance other capital projects. It relieves an immense financial burden on us given the current fiscal condition.”

The project has been in the works for some time, and is just about ready to go to construction. Train said it has been fully engineered and designed. It has also been permitted and the City plans to release it for bids this month.

“This project will allow the corridor to further its use as a freight corridor, but also it will allow it to become more of a pedestrian and bicycle corridor,” he said.

The project is a full reconstruction of the area, including new drainage with double the capacity for flood absorption. They will rehabilitate the sewer and water piping, and do a full-depth reconstruction of the roadway.

There will also be a shared use path installed for pedestrians and cyclists and landscaping installed along the corridor to “green up” the area.

The City has already received federal grant money for the project, and some state money as well. Everett is in the midst of planning their section of the project as well, which will allow for the entire Beacham Street stretch between Chelsea and Everett to be one, matching, contiguous reconstruction.

The corridor has not been seriously improved, Train said, since it was built in the 1960s.

MURAL ON FIFTH STREET PLANNED

CHELSEA - Active members of the community and the arts community in Chelsea are being sought to plan and design a massive mural on Fifth Street to be painted by highly-regarded muralist David Fichter.

The Chelsea Cultural Council has approved funding provided by the State Gaming Commission to engage the highly regarded muralist David Fichter to create an 80-foot mural for the Fifth Street side of 466 Broadway.

Over the next five months the design will be developed with input from members of the community, and Downtown Coordinator Mimi Graney is recruiting members of the community for a Steering Committee. Fichter will paint the design on aluminum panels in his studio over the winter and the Chelsea Heritage Mural will be installed in late May/early June 2021.

“David has a distinctive, realistic style that features the people, architecture and other details reflective of the mural location,” said Graney. “For over 30 years he has created murals and mosaics, taking him all over the United States and internationally, including Nicaragua, Armenia, and Georgia. You likely have seen some of his work in high profile locations like the Alewife T station.

“What’s exciting about working with David is that his approach is to collaborate closely with the community in the development of the design,” she continued. “Working with residents of all ages, he’s completed more than 200 permanent murals that have become beloved local landmarks that communicate the story of each neighborhood.”

Over a series of virtual meetings members of the Steering Committee will be working progressively to define the mural’s theme, identify specific elements to include in the mural, source reference images for his illustration, and reach out to other members of the community for gather their input.

Art skills are not required, Graney said.

“We’re looking for folks who are reflective of the city and who are ready to contribute their ideas and insights on the people, history and architecture of Chelsea,” she said.

The Steering Committee will be most active through the design development phase with four meetings held between July to November. The decision-making and design process will be sequential so they are seeking a consistent group through these four meetings to build on the ideas and to keep the project moving forward.

BREAD OF LIFE KEEPS HELPING

EVERETT - As the COVID-19 pandemic continues into the summer months, it can be taken for granted that the need for many families to access food continues just as strongly as it did in April or May.

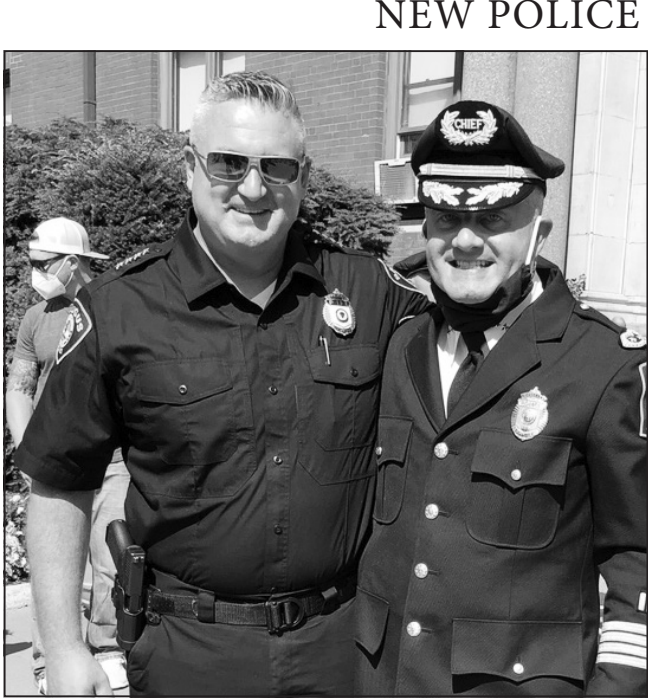
Lines at the Food Pantries in Everett have not let up as the months have gone on, and that’s why Bread of Life introduced their pop-up food pantry at the Lafayette School in late May.

The pantry has a walk-up option, but it also has a very smooth drive-thru option as well – which involves much less contact and time than the pantries with lines for service.

Tainara Candido runs the pop-up, which takes place from 3-5 p.m. every Thursday at the Lafayette front door. She said there are no requirements, and the pop-up – which has operated out of City Hall for years – simply wants to get food into the hands of needy people.

“There are no requirements and no one has to prove anything to get help,” she said. “There definitely is still a huge need in Everett. I really think this one can be easier for a lot of people. The need is there and I don’t think everyone is aware of all the places giving out food, like ours.”

Last week the traffic at the pantry was steady, and Candida said they serve



about 200 families per week that drive thru or walk up on a Thursday.

The first week, on May 28, they had 240 families come through.

Patty Kelly of Bread of Life said they have served 555 households in June, and a total of 795 households since they opened in May.

“We’ve been in City Hall for quite some time,” said Kelly. “City Hall is closed for now and the need in Everett continues to grow. There are other food resources in Everett, which is wonderful, but there is need for more. That’s why we decided to add a day on Thursdays.”

Candida said the site is really smooth, and almost made for such a system.

“I do like the site because it’s visible and for us it’s a quick and easy set-up,” she said. “For those coming, you just drive down the street, get the food and leave.”

Last Thursday, cars came in one after another in the afternoon. Volunteers asked where they were from, just for record keeping purposes, and then they proceeded to the distribution point, where volunteers loaded their food in the trunk or back seat.

Margaret Mato, her son Samuel Costa and his friend, Vinicius Terra, have been volunteering at the Lafayette for several weeks. Mato said there is so much need, and it’s something she can do to help.

“I always like to do volunteer work and I do volunteer at my church too,” she said. “It’s our way to help others who need it. There are a lot of people who are in need. Some don’t know or aren’t aware this is here. So, I always tell everyone about it too. My son and his friend didn’t want to come the first time. Now, they have a lot of fun and they like to help. It’s good to know when times are tough whom you can count on.”

Other volunteers are needed to help load up the truck at Bread of Life in Malden and unload it at the Lafayette. Volunteers are also needed to break down the pantry and take supplies back to Malden. Likewise, many volunteers there come from Encore Boston Harbor and with them going back to work,

NEW POLICE CHIEF IN REVERE



Numerous law enforcement officials attended the swearing-in of new Revere Police Chief David Callahan last week at City Hall, including Saugus Police Chief Michael Ricciardelli (top left), Massachusetts State Police Troop A Commander Matthew Gravini and Executive Officer Captain Nunzio Orlando (top right), and Troopers Joseph MacFarlane and Carlo Mastromattei (left).

leaders in Charlestown threatened to take another look at the DPA in Charlestown to unlock some parcels for recreation. That was dropped when several amenities were included in a new lease agreement with MassPort. In Chelsea, a full review of their DPA with the Coastal Zone Management (CZM) agency in 2018 bore mixed results. Some parts Chelsea wanted out of its DPA on the Chelsea Creek were kept in, and other places they weren’t excited about particularly were taken out. It is a process that is full up to CZM and to the maritime businesses that inhabit the DPA. That said, including the MGC, believe the Everett DPA could be a different story given that a \$2.1 billion resort casino lies but 200 yards from the boundary of the DPA. This has also been a fact that Mayor Carlo DeMaria has touted for many years, most recently when Encore opened last summer.

Tom Philbin, waterfront and resiliency director for Everett, said there are plenty of examples of DPAs throughout Massachusetts being altered for different uses, including hotels and HarborWalks.

Sousa said he could envision some sort of cruise ship terminal to complement Black Falcon in the Seaport and to serve Encore. Meanwhile, he said a helicopter heliport that is needed in Greater Boston could be located in the DPA as well. He said it will also be important to work with the strong businesses that are there, and also to complement the plans being made for Lower Broadway in the future by Encore and others.

“I’m super-excited because this is what starts it all – the Lower Broadway Master Plan we’ve been talking about for years,” he said. “There will be transformative. It’s hard to believe we have the ability and it can open up a lot of opportunities to build off the strong businesses that are there. We were really excited as a City to get that grant. It’s always been, ‘Hey, it’s the DPA. We can’t do anything.’ This will be looking at it with an open mind.”

Philbin said the first step will be procuring the grant money from the MGC, and then getting a consultant on board sometime in July or August. That will lead to a one-year study which will solicit community and business input, and will update the existing Municipal Harbor Plan done several years ago ahead of Encore’s construction. That study will then be submitted in 2021, likely, to CZM, who

will analyze it and look to see if there is any room for altering the DPA in Everett.

There are about 100 additional acres of land in the DPA that is over the City Line in Chelsea, and they will likely become a partner eventually in the study.

EHCA HOLDS MEETING ON PROJECTS

EAST BOSTON - At the end of June the Eagle Hill Civic Association (EHCA) board held its first ‘virtual’ meeting on ZOOM in order to once again begin in forming the community of development projects and other issues happening in the neighborhood.

At the virtual monthly meeting, EHCA members received information on four development projects from Attorneys Jeff Drago and Richard Lynds.

The first project at 231 Saratoga St., Drago proposed a renovation project to change the occupancy of the existing residential dwelling from three to four rental units.

Drago explained to the group that the fourth unit will be a garden level apartment and the height of the building would remain unchanged.

The existing tenants in the three units would remain during renovation and the new garden level would be available to a potential new tenant.

Drago said prior to the COVID pandemic he and the owner met with abutters and the only concerns expressed were over the lack of parking and the disruption that current tenants may experience during construction.

Drago said the next project at 226-228 Princeton St. calls for renovating the existing 5 unit residential home and adding three units with five parking spaces. The plan calls for building an additional story to the three story home while keeping the mansard roof.

Drago explained there would be no change to the building’s footprint and the side and rear yard will remain the same.

The proposal also called for additional landscaping in the backyard.

Some at the meeting expressed disapproval of the extensive renovations. Others argued if EHCA members voted in favor of changing a three story home into a four story home it would open a Pandora’s Box and future developers

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might want to do the same thus changing the character of Eagle Hill.

EHCA member Charlie Lograsso said the renovations were not historically appropriate and would destroy the character of the Victorian building. He urged the developer to change the design and come back to the group.

The next project at 141 Falcon St. was pitched by Lynds and called for renovating the existing home in order to maintain and preserve the existing structure while changing the occupancy from two to three residential condo units.

The project also called for building a rear addition and dormers to create a mix of one, two and three-bedroom units that would range in size from 1,025 - 1,100 square feet.

EHCA members approved the proposal because it does not destroy the elegant Victorian home. However, Lograsso, who advocates for historic preservation on Eagle Hill, wanted to see the developer add a little more original detail to the design.

The final project, again proposed by Lynds, was at an old industrial warehouse at 98-100 Condor St.

There, Lynds's client plans to renovate the building in order to maintain and preserve the existing historical structure while changing occupancy from a commercial warehouse and manufacturing plant to 39 residential rental units with parking for 15 vehicles.

Lynds said there would also be onsite bike storage as well as other building amenities like a fitness center and common room.

Lynds said units are in-

tended to accommodate the city's compact living policy and five of the 39 units would be set aside as affordable housing units under the BPDA's inclusionary policy.

Lynds said the property has an area for open space but no waterfront access because his client does not own the lot behind the proposal that runs along the Chelsea Creek.

EHCA members liked the plans, especially the proposed green roof but made a request for more affordable housing units and pick-up spots for Uber/Lyft.

EDWARDS CALLS FOR THE COUNCIL TO HAVE MORE BUDGETARY POWERS

EAST BOSTON - Historically Boston has followed a 'Strong-Mayor' form of government as opposed to a "Weak Mayor" system practiced by small or mid-sized cities and towns across the country.

In the Strong Mayor system Mayor Martin Walsh is given almost total administrative authority and a clear, wide range of political independence, with the power to appoint and dismiss department heads without council approval and little or no public input.

Under this system Walsh, like Boston mayor's before him, prepares and administers the city budget, although the council often must approve that budget, and has veto power over council votes.

This differs from a weak-mayor system where the mayor has no formal authority outside the council, cannot directly ap-

point or remove officials, and lacks veto power over council votes.

This week, City Councilor Lydia Edwards filed a proposed amendment to Boston's city charter that would give the Boston City Council budgetary powers equal to those of the Mayors.

The historic proposal was filed under a provision in state law that allows local elected officials to propose amendments to city charters which have never been used before.

"I've spent a lot of time over the past few weeks thinking about how to answer the calls for systemic change and investment in our future," said Edwards. "An annual up or down vote alone on the mayor's budget cannot bring about the long term change that is needed and that people are calling for. That change will not come from any one vote or annual budget. It's time to break the wheel of Boston's budget making process. This will take time, research, negotiations, and sustained conversations about what we want to invest in as a city. Until we change the budget process, we don't have an opportunity to have those conversations in a meaningful way."

According to Edwards the proposed amendment specifically targets the budgetary powers of the City and is separate from the complete charter reform the councilor proposed earlier this year. "Boston can move forward on specific reforms to our budgetary process even as we pursue a democratic process to examine the entire charter," said Edwards. "That process will require much more organizing and eventually candidates will have to run for an opportunity

to write the charter. I am still committed to writing a clear, accessible, complete charter but right now people are asking for direct impact and influence on our budget. We can give them that power by modernizing and democratizing the budgetary process and expanding participatory budgeting, which would give residents greater control over portions of the budget."

Under Massachusetts General Laws, a member of the city council may suggest a charter amendment. After a hearing and final vote by the city council the Attorney General must approve the question's constitutionality and then it will be put to the voters to decide in November 2021. This proposal would be the first known charter amendment to be implemented using this process.

If Boston voters approve

this amendment next fall, the Boston City Council and the Mayor would share power over the city's budget. This includes the ability to create proposals for the city's capital and operating budgets, change line items within the proposals, allocate parts of the budget for a participatory budget process (voter direct allocation), and amend the budget for Boston Public Schools.

Additionally, this change would also give the city council tools to more quickly respond to the need for budget cuts in times of fiscal austerity and allow for public deliberation on what services could or should be reduced without lasting harm. This change also allows for earlier budgetary deliberation should either the Mayor or Council desire to do so.

COUNCIL TO RETURN TO CHAMBERS

REVERE - City Council President Patrick Keefe said the 11-member Council will return to the Joseph A. DelGrosso Chambers at City Hall for its next meeting on July 27.

The Council has been participating remotely in meetings for the past few months during the COVID-19 health crisis.

"We're working out the details and our intention is to hold our meetings in the Chambers with restrictions," said Keefe. "It's a good sign that's we'll be back at City Hall and I feel it's a better format for our meetings to be held in our historic Chambers. And the meetings will still be broadcast live on Revere TV. "

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Drive-in to return to Suffolk Downs for the first time in 50 years

By John Lynds

The 1950s and 1960s were the height of the drive-in movie theater craze that swept the U.S. and was immortalized in such films depicting the era like *Grease* and *The Last Picture Show*. In Winthrop, the Suffolk Downs Drive-In that opened in the mid 1950s was a place where teens of the era would meet, a place to take a date and a weekly summer tradition for entire Winthrop families that would put their children in pajamas and watch the latest films from their cars.

And everyone that grew up during that time has fond memories of the unique drive-in that was under a Logan Airport flightpath and in a marsh. Yes, the noise and bugs were sometimes a problem but everyone agreed it was a lot of fun and full of great memories.

“I went on a date there with my now husband,” said Phyllis Campagna D’Amato. “I was not supposed to go for a drive in. I



Shown above (left) An aerial view of the Suffolk Downs Drive-In circa late 1950s beside an aerial view of Suffolk Downs’s former racetrack oval where HYM Investment Group will host a summer drive-in series starting Thursday.



Of course we didn’t notice the time and I was in a panic because now I was late getting home. We quickly left the drive in but forgot to take the speaker out of the window and it smashed his car window.”

Like the drive-in scene straight out of *Grease*, Ray Poirier said he remembers years ago they would charge per person so he’d hide his friends in the trunk. Eventually the drive-in operators caught on to the teen prank and started charging \$5 per car for admittance.

JoAnne Overlan Vitiello said her dad never really liked the drive-in, but her mother did and convinced him to take her and her brother from time to time.

“We hid under a blanket so my parents only paid for two people,” said Vitiello. “One time when we were leaving, my brother forgot to take the speaker out of the window and it pulled out the speaker and broke the window. Needless to say that was the last time we went as kids. However, when I went as a teenager we would go in two or three cars and park beside each other and bring pepperoni and provolone with fresh Italian bread and pass it from car to car.”

Recently, HYM Invest-

ments Group, who is developing the Suffolk Downs site into a large mixed use development, announced it is returning the drive-in to Suffolk Downs after a 50 year absence.

“As we plan for the long-term redevelopment of the site, we are looking at different ways to honor Suffolk Downs’ rich entertainment history,” said Thomas O’Brien, founding partner and managing director of The HYM Investment Group. “We saw an opportunity with a drive-in movie series to provide communities with events that can be enjoyed safely during the current public health crisis, while also offering family-friendly and culturally-diverse programming to reflect the rich diversity of the community here.”

HYM will host a summer-long Weekly Movie Series starting Thursday July 16 through Sept. 10.

The first two films to be shown will be *Grease* on July 16 and *Field of Dreams* on July 23. Movie will be announced biweekly at www.summerscreenatsuffolkdowns.com. The Summer Screen at Suffolk Downs aims to curate a collection of movies as diverse as the community and surrounding cities and towns.



An old advertisement poster for movies playing at the Suffolk Downs Drive-in.

Films will satisfy various ages, audiences, and cultures, including Spanish language movies.

O’Brien said the event space will have capacity for 300 vehicles, with a limit of up to six people per vehicle. Viewers will be able to park

their cars on-site to enjoy movies every Thursday. Each vehicle will be parked 6 feet apart from each other, attendees will remain in their cars unless going to the bathroom or a food truck, and attendees will be required to wear a mask

any time they are outside of their vehicle.

All events will require one ticket per car to enter and tickets will cost \$15. All visitors should practice city and state recommendations on social distancing.

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