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TOWN ENCOURAGES RESIDENTS TO COMPLETE STATE COVID-19 COMMUNITY IMPACT SURVEY

Town Manager Austin Faison and Public Health Director Meredith Hurley are encouraging residents to take the COVID-19 Community Impact Survey made available by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH).

"We strongly encourage residents to complete this survey in order to show how communities, especially historically marginalized communities, have been impacted by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic," Town Manager Faison said. "The results will be vital in understanding how different communities have been affected, whether that be emotion-

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SATURDAY: SCENE AROUND THE SHORES



On a day like this past Saturday, when the warmth returned following a chilly preview of fall weather, it's hard to resist gathering with friends and family to enjoy a great day along the shores of Winthrop Harbor. Shown above, Rosemarie and Peter Ottaviano, Rosalie Marino, Vinnie and Lois DiGirolamo, Carol Nicoletti and Louise Marino. See more photos on Page 8.

Board of Health passes order on restaurant safety

Special to the Transcript

At an emergency meeting of the Winthrop Board of Health that was held on Sep. 25, the following order was passed regarding restaurant safety standards.

Pursuant to the declaration of a public health emergency on March 20, 2020, in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 111, Section 122, 310 CMR 11.05, 105 CMR 300.200 and all other authorizing

statutes and regulations, we, the Winthrop Board of Health, in order to protect the public health during the COVID-19 public health emergency in light of current conditions, including an expected surge in COVID-19 cases, hereby issue the following order:

Whereas, on August 10, 2020, Governor Baker authorized the issuance of Sector Specific Workplace Safety Standards for Restaurants to

Address COVID-19, effective August 11, 2020 which, in part, limited the size of a party seated at a table to no more than six people, and prohibited bar seating; and

Whereas, the State Reopening Phase III Mandatory Safety Standards, recommend best practices and a checklist for restaurants issued by the Executive Office of Housing and

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Parents, students push for in-person learning

By Kate Anslinger

In Monday night's school committee meet-

ing, both students and parents were virtually present to voice their concerns regarding re-

mote learning. Following a vocal public comment portion of the meeting, School Superintendent Lisa Howard shared the answers that she received last Friday from the Commissioner of Educa-

Longtime resident and mother of three, Shannon Poulos, applauded the tireless work being done by the staff and committee members, however, she raised critical concern regarding the town's growing need for equality.

"There are several Winthrop students who are attending private

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Health Dept. plans flu clinic this Saturday

Staff report

Town Manager Austin Faison and Public Health Director Meredith Hurley are pleased to announce the Winthrop Public Health Department will be hosting the 2020 flu clinic this weekend on Saturday, Oct. 3 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at E.B. Newton School, 45 Pauline St., rear parking lot off of School Street (drive-thru) and the Fremont Street Circle across from the Winthrop Fire Station, 40 Pauline St. (walk up).

The flu clinic is the first in a series that will be held through November/early December, and is open to all residents age 2 and older. A high-dose vaccine for those age 65 and older will not be available at this clinic, but is expected to be available for future clinics starting in mid-October.

"We are encouraging all residents to get a flu shot this year to help protect the entire community this winter," Hurley said. "Preventive steps like this against communicable diseases such as the flu will be vital as we continue to navigate through the COVID-19 pandemic, and will help to reduce any strain on our country's healthcare system during this challenging time."

Children under the age of 18 must receive

their vaccine through the walk-up clinic. Those planning to receive the vaccine through the drive-thru clinic are encouraged to set up an appointment ahead of time. Please call the Town of Winthrop Emergency Operations Center (EOC) at 617-539-5848 to set up an appointment.

Residents should complete an insurance and consent form ahead of time, and bring a copy of all insurance cards. Separate forms are required for adults ages 19 and older, linked here, and children age 3 through 18, linked here.

Residents are also asked to wear a short-sleeved shirt and to remember that a face mask or covering will be required. A screening for COVID-19 symptoms will be conducted prior to the vaccination as well.

Please contact the Town of Winthrop Emergency Operations Center (EOC) at 617-539-5848 with any questions.

Any homebound seniors in need of a flu shot can contact the Senior Center at coareception@town.winthrop.ma.us or 617-846-8538 to make arrangements.

The next clinic is expected to be held during the second week of October, and the exact day and time will be announced once that information is finalized.

Town urges residents to remain vigilant against COVID-19 virus

Town remains in the 'Red' high risk designation

Special to the Transcript

Town Manager Austin Faison and Public Health Director Meredith Hurley report that Winthrop has seen a rise in positive COVID-19 cases recently, and are urging the community to follow COVID-19 prevention guidance.

At this time, the town is still designated a high risk community by the Commonwealth. Since receiving this desig-

nation, the town has worked in close collaboration with the Department of Public Health to address the recent rise in the prevalence of the novel coronavirus in our community.




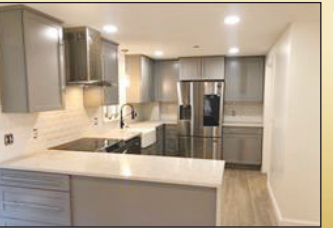

According to data shared by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health on Wednesday, there have been over 20 new confirmed positive cases of the virus in Win-

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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, SEPT. 14

0934: An officer responded to a report of a male party hitchhiking on Washington Ave. The officer informed the party, who said he resides on Shore Drive, that hitchhiking is illegal and dangerous.

0942: A resident reported the attempted use of her identity to obtain a Disaster Relief Loan.

1110: An officer responded to a report of a loose dog on Circuit Rd. The officer caught the dog and turned it over to the Animal Control Officer.

1253: An officer resolved a dispute between two parties in the Centre construction area involving the traffic route.

1333: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) at Main and Wilshire Sts. for a civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI) and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1350: A disabled MV at Governor's Park with a plate that did not match the vehicle's VIN was ordered towed.

1517: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) at Main and Banks Sts. for a civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI) and issued a citation with a written warning to the operator.

1708: A resident came into the station while talking on his cell phone to a person who claimed that he was with the Boston PD and that the resident would be arrested if he did not come up with \$2500. When the resident informed the caller that he was at the Winthrop police station, the caller, an obvious scam artist, hung up.

1927: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) at Revere and Hutchinson Sts. for a civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI) and gave

a verbal warning to the operator.

2055: A resident reported receiving phone calls that obviously were a scam. The resident's report was noted.

2214: An officer had the owner of a motor vehicle (MV) that was partially blocking a driveway on Beal St. move his MV.

2303: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) at Revere and Taylor Sts. for the civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI) of failing to stop for a stop sign. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

2330: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) at Main and Read Sts. for the civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI) of a red light violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 15

0033: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) at Main and Pleasant Sts. for the civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI) of a red light violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

0045: An officer stopped a MV on Main St. and determined that the operator's license was suspended. Another party with a valid license came to get the MV. The officer will file a report.

0143: An officer issued three parking tickets to vehicles without resident parking stickers on Irwin St.

0937: An officer stopped a MV that had been reported as stolen by Hertz at Revere and Winthrop Sts. The officer arrested Jermaine Robinson, 31, of Allston, for the criminal offenses of operating a MV with a suspended license (subsequent offense), illegal possession of a Class B controlled narcotic substance (subseq. offense), and receiving stolen property with a value greater than \$1200.

1114: A resident reported that she gave her

Social Security number over the telephone in an apparent scam. An officer provided advice and assistance.

1325: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) at Morton St. and Pleasant Park Rd. for the civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI) of speeding. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1405: An officer stopped a person on a scooter at Main and Beal Sts. The officer escorted the operator to private property and directed the person not to operate the scooter until he had proper paperwork for the scooter.

1511: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) at Main and Walden Sts. for a civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI) and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1539: An officer responded to a report of a hit-and-run motor vehicle accident (MVA) on Tileston Rd. in which a parked MV was struck by a passing MV. The offending operator returned to the scene after the officer had left.

1621: An officer directed a group of youths ages 9-11 who were playing basketball on Circuit Rd. to wear masks.

1813: An officer stopped a MV with an expired registration at Main and Beal Sts. The officer escorted the operator, who was unaware of the expired registration, to her home and she will resolve the issue.

2125: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) at Tewksbury St. and Shore Dr. for the civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI) of a headlight violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

2359: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) at Summit Ave. and Revere St. for a civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI) and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 16

0003: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Main St. for the civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI) of an equipment violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

0028: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Main St. for the civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI) of an equipment violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

0200: An officer issued three parking tickets to vehicles without resident parking stickers on Central St.

0213: An officer issued four parking tickets to vehicles without resident parking stickers on Irwin St.

1205: The Animal Control Officer responded to a report of a dog that was struck by a vehicle on Hermon St. The dog suffered a leg injury and the ACO obtained the information from all of the parties involved.

1234: A resident came into the station to turn in a handgun that she had found among her ex-husband's belongings.

1640: A resident came to the station to report that she had been the victim of a credit card fraud.

1851: A resident came to the station to report that she had been scammed over the telephone of \$500 in gift cards from Speedway and that the cards already had been cashed.

1913: An officer issued a parking ticket to a MV parked in the No Parking zone at Terrace and Park Aves.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 17

0235: An officer issued a parking ticket for a vehicle parked on Sea Foam Ave. without a resident parking sticker.

0930: A Shore Drive resident reported that a stray pit bull was in her backyard. The ACO responded and reunited the dog with its owner.

0953: A Walden St. resident reported that his MV had been broken into

overnight and that some loose change had been taken.

1411: An officer arrested Christopher James Barbarisi, 26, of Lynn, on two outstanding warrants and for the criminal offense of illegal possession of a Class C controlled narcotic substance with intent to distribute. The arrest took place in the parking lot of a local business

1501: A resident came into the station to report a past hit-and-run in which a headlight on her MV was damaged.

1509: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Bayview Ave. for the civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI) of erratic operation (fishtailing). The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1725: A Main St. resident came to the station to report an attempted break into his MV during the previous 24 hours.

1820: Another Main St. resident reported that someone had rummaged through his MV during the previous night.

2156: A Fremont St. resident reported vandalism to his MV. An officer spoke to the parties and will file a report.

2208: An officer issued a parking ticket to a box truck that was parked at Sturgis St. and Shore Drive.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 18

0109: An officer issued parking tickets to two vehicles without resident parking stickers on Irwin St.

0718: A Pleasant St. resident reported that a truck was blocking her driveway. The truck had broken down and was towed.

1949: A caller reported damage to his MV in the municipal lot in Metcalf Sq.

2315: An officer responded to a report of noisy neighbors in an apartment in the 500 block of Shirley St. The officer directed the neighbors to turn down their TV.

2331: An officer responded to a report of a loud party on Johnson Ave. and directed the party-goers to take it inside for the night.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 19

1524: A Paul Revere bus driver reported that the area in the 400 block of Shirley St. was impassable because of a truck blocking the street. The operator had lost his keys and had ordered a tow for his truck.

1603: A resident came to the station to report a case of identity theft.

2157: A MV that was broken down in the middle of Main St. was towed by AAA.

2328: An officer responded to a report of a loud birthday party in the backyard of a Hillside Ave. residence. The party-goers agreed to end the festivities for the night.

2331: An officer responded to a report of a loud party on Fremont St. The party-goers were wrapping things up for the night.

2340: An officer issued a parking ticket to a MV that was blocking the intersection at Jefferson and Fremont Sts.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 20

1114: An officer responded to a MVA on Otis St. in which a MV struck a parked MV and hit the curb. The operator's MV was towed.

1156: An officer responded to a MVA on Main St. in which one MV rear-ended another. The damage was minor and there were no injuries. The officer assisted the parties with the exchange of papers.

1552: A resident came into the station to report that his MV had been vandalized overnight.

MONDAY, SEPT. 21

0230: An officer directed the residents in an apartment in the 400 block of Shirley St. to turn off their music for the night.

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throp over the past two weeks.

Winthrop Health officials believe that the numbers may be slightly lower than reported by DPH because the local numbers include a number of college students, attending school out of state, whose parents reside in Winthrop. Winthrop officials are working with DPH to correct the numbers to reflect current Winthrop residents.

As of Tuesday, Sept. 29, Winthrop has a reported total of 400 confirmed cases, 24 deceased, 15 isolated and 361 recovered.

All community members are urged to take part in the free COVID-19 testing now available at the McKenna Basketball Courts, 5 Walden St. Pre-

viously, free testing was being offered behind the E.B. Newton School.

Testing is available at this site on the following days and times:

- Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 2-7 p.m. (drive-through)
- Tuesday and Thursday from 2-7 p.m. (walk-up)

Testing providers are able to provide information in English and Spanish.

COVID-19 prevention tips from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health include:

- Remember that an infected individual can spread COVID-19 before they have symptoms, which is why social distancing, maintaining a minimum of six feet from others, is critical.

Those who must go

out are urged to:

- Avoid gathering in groups
- Maintain six feet from people outside your household
- Do not shake hands or hug
- Wash your hands often
- Those who are at a high risk for COVID-19, including those over the age of 65 and with underlying health conditions, are advised to stay home and avoid non-essential tasks and errands
- Wear a mask in indoor and outdoor spaces where social distancing from people outside your household is not possible. This does not apply to those under the age of two and with underlying health conditions.
- Face coverings should:
- Cover the nose and

mouth

- Fit snugly and comfortably against the side of the face
- Be secured with either ties or ear loops
- Permit breathing without difficulty
- Be able to be washed and machine dried without damage. Face masks should be washed regularly depending on the amount of use.


For more information about COVID-19 prevention and symptoms, visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) website here and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health website.

Winthrop residents are reminded to visit WinthropCOVID19.com, which serves as a dedicated town resource for information on the pandemic.



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Emergency Order // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Economic Development, updated September 22, 2020 and effective September 28, 2020 (‘September 22, 2020 Guidance’ <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/safety-standards-and-checklist-restaurants>) amended the Sector Specific Workplace Safety Standards for Restaurants to Address COVID-19, effective August 11, 2020, by increasing the number of people authorized to sit at a table from a maximum of six people to a maximum of ten people; and

Whereas, the September 22, 2020 Guidance permitted Bar Seating with certain provisions;

Therefore, the Board of Health, at a duly posted Public Emergency Meeting on September 25, 2020, voted as follows:

1. The size of a party seated at a table cannot exceed ten people.
2. Bar seating is permitted provided that food will be served, and there

is a physical barrier (e.g. Plexiglass) separating customers from the bar space that is at least 30 inches high and a gap/opening at the bottom of the barrier is allowed for food and drink service as long as the gap/opening is no more than 8 inches high.

3. Bar seating will be limited to parties of two (2) people seated together (no standing customer service), and parties must be spaced at least six (6) feet from other parties.

4. Prior to serving customers at bar areas, the restaurant bar area(s) must be inspected by the Winthrop Inspectional Services Department.

5. Alcoholic beverages may only be served at tables and bar areas (for on-site consumption) if accompanied by food prepared on-site. Potato chips, pretzels, and other similar pre-packaged, shelf-stable foods, or other food prepared off-site, do not constitute food “prepared on-site.”

For each customer, an item of prepared food must be ordered at the same time as an initial alcoholic beverage order. One or more shareable food service item(s) may be ordered as long as it/they would sufficiently serve the number of people at the table or bar seating.

6. A time limit of (not to exceed) ninety (90) minutes is established for customer service at a table or at the bar area(s). This Emergency Order

shall be effective beginning Thursday, October 1, 2020 at 6:00 AM and remain in effect until notice is given, pursuant to the Board of Health’s judgment that the Public Health Emergency no longer exists. To the extent necessary, this Order shall be enforced by Board of Health officials and their agents, and Building Inspectors. In all other respects, the September 22 2020 Guidance shall be in effect.

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ally or financially.”

The survey is meant to help the DPH learn about the experiences of Massachusetts residents throughout the pandemic, specifically from people of color and communities who have been historically underserved. Residents who have not become ill with COVID-19 are still managing stress, uncertainty and isolation, and these communities have been impacted disproportionately by this public health emergency.

Harris Campaign and election plans for GOTV for state Democrats. All registered Democrats are welcome to attend. For more information, please contact committee Chair Catherine DelVento at catherinedelvento@gmail.com.

MVES OFFERS TELEPHONE COUNSELING DURING MEDICARE OPEN ENROLLMENT

If you have a Medicare Prescription Drug Plan or a Medicare Advantage Plan (HMO, PPO), you will be receiving or should have received information from your plan regarding open enrollment. This information explains changes in your plan for 2021.

During Medicare Open Enrollment (October 15 to December 7, 2020), you will have a chance to CHANGE your plan for next year.

Trained SHINE Counselors can help you understand your plan, changes and options you may have. SHINE counselors offer free, confidential counseling on all aspects of Medicare and related health insurance programs.

important to have your Medicare and insurance cards along with a complete list of your medications when speaking to the SHINE counselor. Call early to get a SHINE appointment during Open Enrollment.

Mystic Valley Elder Services (MVES) SHINE program serves older adults in the communities of Chelsea, Danvers, Everett, Lynn, Lynnfield, Malden, Marblehead, Medford, Melrose, Middleton, Nahant, North Reading, Peabody, Reading, Revere, Salem, Saugus, Stoneham, Swampscott, Wakefield and Winthrop.

MVES URGES YOU TO GET YOUR FLU SHOT EARLY

With the flu preparing to settle in for the fall and winter, Mystic Valley Elder Services (MVES) reminds you it is crucial you take proactive steps against the flu. Public health officials are urging Americans, especially older adults, to get their seasonal flu vaccine early this year, especially with the COVID-19 Pandemic still in existence. Those over 65 years of age are more susceptible to both the flu and COVID-19. Both diseases prompt an inflammatory response in individuals and people with underlying health conditions, such as coronary artery disease, are already at increased risk of severe illness from COVID-19, according to the CDC. It’s more important than ever to get a flu shot this fall — and the sooner the better.

Annual flu vaccinations are important to older adults. According

to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 34,000 people died from the flu last year, down from 62,000 the previous year, and the vast majority of these flu deaths were people over age 65.

Influenza is a respiratory infection that can cause serious complications, particularly to young children, older adults and people with certain medical conditions. In the U.S., influenza is the cause of about 114,000 hospitalizations each year. The ideal time frame for getting a flu shot is during the months of October and November, but you’re encouraged to take action as soon as possible even getting it this month.



Winthrop Parks and Recreation will be holding a Pumpkin Painting event on Saturday, Oct. 10 at Ingleside Park. All participants must register in advance online at Winthrop-prec.com. If you are having trouble online feel free to call the Rec Department at 617-846-8243. Due to the continuing COVID-19 crisis, Winthrop Rec is unable to hold their annual fall fair, but thought it would be nice to offer a little piece of it in the form of this event. Participants must register by time for an adult/child wishing to paint a pumpkin as well as for an adult just accompanying a child. Due to limited space, only one adult allowed per family. Space is limited for each time slot and you must arrive only at your assigned time. All covid 19 rules will apply including social distancing and the wearing of masks. Rain date will be sunday, oct 11th

TOWN COMMITTEE TO MEET

On Wednesday October 7, at 6:30 p.m., the Winthrop Democratic Town Committee will meet remotely via Zoom to discuss the Biden/

Call 781-388-4845 to schedule a phone consultation appointment. Due to COVID-19, counselors will only be available for remote counseling over the phone. There will be no in-person consultations this year. It is

quently.

- Carry small bottles of antiseptic hand gel.
- Cover your mouth when you cough or sneeze.

People worry about possible side effects but the flu shot’s benefits heavily outweigh the side effects. Most people experience nothing more than a little soreness in the arm after being vaccinated. Other mild problems could include fever or aches, which disappear within a few days.

Anyone with a severe egg allergy should not get the vaccine because the vaccine virus is grown in eggs. People who are currently ill or just recovering from an illness should consult their physician before arranging to be vaccinated.

In most instances, they may be advised to wait until they are completely recovered.

The vaccine usually protects most people from the flu, however, sometimes a person who receives the flu vaccine can get the virus, but it will frequently be milder than without the vaccine. The flu vaccine will not protect you from other viruses that sometimes feel like the flu.

If you have not set up an appointment to get your flu shot, please reach out to your healthcare provider. Flu vaccines are covered by insurance. Information partially provided by the Mayo Clinic.



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TRUMP’S TAXES: SHOCKING, BUT NOT SURPRISING

The recent disclosure by the New York Times of President Donald Trump’s personal tax returns for nearly a 20-year period, up to and including his 2017 return (which Trump would have filed in April, 2018), presents evidence of the extent both of Trump’s tax avoidance schemes and the precarious situation of his personal finances.

Trump always has stated his disdain for taxes. While it may be true that he has been able to avoid paying taxes because of loopholes that favor the wealthy, especially real estate developers, what really stands out is the bottom line figure of \$750 in taxes that he paid in BOTH 2016 and 2017.

Americans who make only the minimum wage pay far more in federal income taxes than Trump paid in 2016 and 2017.

In addition, anyone who has filed a tax return for more than one year knows that it is almost impossible to have the same bottom line figure in two consecutive years (which is especially true for someone like Trump, who has multiple business ventures), unless you go out of your way to manipulate the figures.

Another fact that is evident from the tax returns is that Trump is hardly the mogul billionaire he always has claimed to be. The tax returns demonstrate that Trump is a truly terrible businessman.

Just as Trump’s casinos and other projects failed miserably in the late 1980s and early 90s, his high-end golf clubs around the world are a cash sinkhole for him today.

Most disturbing however, the tax returns demonstrate the extent to which Trump personally is deeply in debt. Trump has almost half a billion dollars in loans (that he personally guaranteed) coming due within the next four years, but few liquid assets available to cover this huge debt.

Given that we know Trump is the ultimate embodiment of a pay-to-play president, does anyone doubt that Trump’s desperate need to curry favor either with a bank, an exceedingly-wealthy individual, or a corrupt foreign country in order to refinance his huge debt could compromise his sworn oath to protect and defend the Constitution of the United States?

Finally, the story in the Times makes it clear that for Trump, his re-election is highly personal. If he loses in November, he almost certainly will be facing heightened scrutiny by the IRS and federal authorities relating to his tax filings. He also will have no ability to leverage the office of President in order to obtain refinancing for his huge debt.

The danger lurking for our country is that we know that Trump will go to any extent to win the election -- and that does not bode well for our democracy.

SUFFOLK DA ROLLINS STEPS UP

The announcement this week by Suffolk County District Attorney Rachael Rollins that her office will be expanding the database (often referred to as LEAD) that is comprised of law enforcement personnel whose prior conduct could impact their credibility as witnesses in a court proceeding comes as welcome news to every citizen in the Commonwealth.

The LEAD (Law Enforcement Automatic Discovery) database includes officers who have had incidents of untruthfulness, criminal convictions, candor issues, or some other type of issue reflecting on their ability to perform their job impartially, including discriminatory or defamatory actions, language or conduct targeting any protected category or class, based on race; color; religious creed; national origin; immigration status; sex; gender identity; sexual orientation; pregnancy; ancestry; or status as a veteran.

Although the LEAD database has been in existence for a while, Rollins has expanded it with the addition of 115 officers to a new total of 136 names of law enforcement officers who work, have worked, or could work in Suffolk County.

The list includes former police officers in the cities of Boston, Revere, and Chelsea, as well as MBTA police and Massachusetts State Troopers.

We hasten to point out that the expansion of the LEAD database should not be seen as a reflection that in any way casts doubt upon the basic honesty and integrity of those who work in our police departments.

Even though a total of 136 officers (most of whom have resigned or retired) may seem like a large figure, it represents only a small fraction of the overwhelming majority of our men and women who wear a badge and who do their job, day-in and day-out, protecting our citizenry with honor, dignity, and compassion.

The criminal justice system is imperfect, even under the best of circumstances, for everybody involved, victims and defendants alike.

We applaud District Attorney Rollins for taking this step to ensure that every citizen of our state -- not merely Suffolk County residents -- receive a fair trial, which is an essential cornerstone of our democracy.



LETTERS to the Editor

GOOD ON THE LEGISLATURE

Dear Editor:

I am so pleased that the Legislature decided before it adjourned on July 31 to continue meeting this fall to catch up on so many important bills that got delayed due to the impact of the virus. Our leaders should do all they can to provide medical and economic relief for our state from this difficult time.

I also think that they should provide relief for many of our citizens who are terminally ill with other diseases like cancer by passing The End of Life Options Act. we would become the 10th state to do so. It would give people with 6 months or less to live mentally capable of making their own healthcare decisions, and facing unbearable pain and suffering at the end of life the option of obtaining a medication prescribed by their doctor and taking it if they chose to have a peaceful death in their sleep.

Please join me in contacting our local legislators including Robert DeLeo. Thank them for all they are doing to deal with the virus and urge them to support this compassionate aid to the dying.

Phyllis Poor

IT IS TIME TO MAKE A STAND

Dear Editor,

Almost four years ago, One Winthrop formed

and became vocal in Winthrop around social justice issues. Our statements were often met with denial from residents and town leaders. We were told many times: Yes racism, anti-Semitism, sexism, and other forms of discrimination exist, “but not here, Winthrop doesn’t have a racism problem.” Now we have a confirmed hate group on our front door every Thursday from 2-4pm, and Winthrop residents joining them in clear hate speech - using inflammatory and discriminatory language against People of Color, women, and LGBTQ+ persons. It is clear we have a problem, all towns and cities do in our nation. Winthrop is not immune or an exception: it is everywhere, embedded into the fabric of our nation.

We urge you, as our Town Council and leaders, to issue a strong public statement condemning hate speech in all its forms to be published in multiple outlets, including but not limited to, the Winthrop Transcript, town website, and social media. We need to show our community, our residents who identify as Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC), that we support them and stand in solidarity against hate.

Many have suggested this come from our newly formed Diversity, Inclusion, and Community Relations committee; however, we recognize that it will be months

before this is a fully functioning government committee in a position to do this. Committee formations take time that we do not have with our town being targeted each week.

One Winthrop urges you to act now.

Signed:
One Winthrop
One Winthrop is a community driven initiative that seeks to counteract the current rhetoric and incidents of discrimination and violence. We stand for racial justice, women’s rights, civil liberties and civil rights for immigrants, LGBTQ+ rights, religious freedom, refugee support, economic equality, and voting rights.


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SUPPORT OF SUFFOLK DOWNS DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL

Dear Editor,
The following letter was submitted to the

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BRING OUR CHILDREN BACK
TO THE CLASSROOM
JOE & DONNA FERRARA

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WINTHROP Then and Now

Winthrop Improvement and Historical Association

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

ARTICLE 938 - 1880 — 1930 PT. SHIRLEY



Of the fifty five buildings that operated as Hotels, Inns or Rooming/ Guest Houses in Winthrop during our 1880 to 1930 “heyday” as a resort community, only two were located at Point Shirley –The Taft Inn (also known as The Point Shirley Club) and the Harbor View House.

The Taft Inn, built originally about 1840 at the South end of Taft Avenue near Shirley Gut, was burned to the ground on May 25, 1851. The only thing saved was some whiskey which was consumed by those on-lookers standing by to watch the fire. The building was reportedly restored to its original appearance as depicted in picture one. Many festive affairs including weddings, convention activities and literary meetings were held here. For instance, in 1883 the Atlantic Club held a dinner meeting at the Taft Inn where such notable authors as Lowell, Emerson, Hawthorn, Holmes, Poe and Longfellow were in attendance. On August 17th of the

same year, during a five hour banquet, Mr. Orray Taft offered \$1,000 to anyone who could name a local fish or fowl that he could not produce from his larder immediately – remember that this was prior to electricity and refrigeration as we know it today – there were no takers. His basement contained a large ice-cooled room that the local teenagers stocked with fish and fowl they caught during the summer and in the winter months they cut large blocks of ice from local ponds and filled the same room with them to provide the refrigeration. In 1889, Mr. Taft closed the inn and sold it along with the overflow cottages to a group who converted the building into the Point Shirley Club. After another fire, further modifications were made and the building appeared in the 1920’s as shown in picture two. (Note the changes to the main roof lines). This building was razed in 1951 and the land converted to house lots. .

The second resort building on Point Shirley was

the Harbor View House at 27 Siren Street. Built about 1900, its appearance in earlier days can be seen in picture three. This building’s location on the high side of the street gave it a commanding view of the Boston Harbor during its thirty years as a guest house. According to the current owners, Janice and Larry Thomas whose family has been there since 1954, the ceilings on the first floor are fifteen feet in height and all the wood-work and floors are solid maple. The second floor again has maple woodwork and floors but only eight foot ceilings. In the front of the second floor, there is a large reception hall with a number of guest rooms that open into it. Picture four shows this home as it appears now. Note the new deck on the roof, reached by a ladder from a porch on the other side of the home, where today one can see not only the Boston harbor but also out to sea. For people who enjoy the ocean, Point Shirley is truly a great place to live.



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 September 23, 2010

There are two big events in the town in the coming two weeks, the town-wide cleanup, in which residents will help spruce up various parks and areas of the town, and the Annual Fall Fair and Craft Show that will be held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Ingleside Park, at which there will be a pumpkin patch, craft tables, amusements, and more for all members of the family to enjoy.

The historic E.B. Newton School building is entering a new era following the exit of the School Department headquarters to Town Hall and the Parks and Recreation Department to the Middle School. Based on the Town Manager’s report at the last Town Council meeting, it appears that the building will need extensive repairs to the upper floors and exterior.

The Town and Wall Street 2: Money Never Sleeps are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

20 years ago September 21, 2000

The selectmen met with the School Committee, Advisory Committee, and other town officials to discuss the upcoming Special Town Meeting and the need for a Prop. 2 and 1/2 override. Interim School Supt. Thomas Giancristiano told the group that the School Department’s finances are in dire shape and that funds are needed as soon as possible to prevent layoffs in the current school year.

A profile in the Sun-Transcript features former resident Carol McManus, who has opened a successful coffee shop, Espresso Love, in Edgartown on Martha’s Vineyard, with her children Maureen and T.J. The shop gained national prominence during the visits to the island by

President Bill Clinton for his summer vacations when McManus made a special Presidential Muffin that included cream cheese, strawberries, and blueberries.

The Winthrop police union has become vocal in its criticism of Police Chief Charles Reynolds, asserting that Reynolds, who resides in New Hampshire, almost never is in his office.

The annual Coastsweep clean-up of Winthrop Beach is set for this weekend.

Best in Show, Remember the Titans, and Almost Famous are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

30 years ago September 19, 1990

Former selectman Robert DeLeo handily won the Democratic nomination for State Representative in Tuesday’s state primary election, defeating challengers Joseph Franzese of Winthrop and Pat Tata of Revere. DeLeo received 6142 votes, compared to just 2379 for Tata and 1572 for Franzese. DeLeo will face Republican nominee Stephen White in November for the right to succeed current incumbent Alfred Saggese, who chose not to seek re-election.

In the race for governor, B.U. President John Silbr upset Francis X. Bellotti for the Democratic nomination and now will face the GOP nominee, William Weld.

William Haight Jr., the former head of the town’s DPW, and two others have been indicted by a Suffolk County grand jury on 56 counts of larceny for a scam in which the trio allegedly bilked the town by billing the DPW for phony work orders that Haight approved.

Two months of controversy came to an end when selectmen Robert Noonan and Rich-

ard Bangs voted to give Building Inspector Dave Hayden a full term of one year. Selectman Richard DiMento voted for a 90-day conditional appointment.

A large crowd turned out for the recent retirement party for former Fire Chief Charles Flanagan.

Texasville, State of Grace, and Fantasia are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

40 years ago September 17, 1980

The Central Communication Committee, headed by chairman John Stevens, is studying the problems of the town’s police and fire communications systems.

The Citizens Advisory Committee reported this week that Winthrop, specifically Pt. Shirley, bears the brunt of noise from Logan Airport, with 80 percent of all traffic flying into and out of Logan passing over the Point. Airport Hazards Committee member Virginia Noiles also reported that Massport has agreed to extend the hours of its nighttime curfew from the present hours of 12-7 to 11:30-6:30.

Ron Vecchia, an active member of the local Jaycees and a member of the Board of Health, has announced his candidacy for the Board of Selectmen.

Chuck Norris stars in The Octagon at the Kincaide Theatre.

50 years ago September 23, 1970

Winthrop voters followed the state in Tuesday’s state primary election, with Democrats favoring Boston Mayor Kevin H. White over Senate President Maurice Donahue and Francis X. Bellotti for the Democratic nomination for governor. Local voters also gave a huge vote for Brookline State Rep.

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Boston Planning and Development Agency and received by the Journal for publication

Dear BPDA Board Members:

I am a lifelong neighbor of the former Suffolk Downs racetrack, including residency in East Boston overlooking the site, and I currently reside in Winthrop which has a direct interest in the site due to its proximity. I have served the City of Boston as the Transportation Department Commissioner, as the Parks and Recreation Department Commissioner, as the Housing Inspection Department Commissioner and as the Manager of the East Boston Little City Hall. I enthusiastically endorse and support the HYM proposal before you regarding their innovative and comprehensive proposal for developing the disused former racetrack facility and urge the BPDA to expeditiously approve the proposal.

The HYM plan ingeniously connects both key public segments of

the overall 161-acre site, East Boston with two thirds of the property and Revere with the other one third of the site. The HYM Suffolk Downs proposal is laudatory enough for its success in melding the various public policy requirements of these two diverse municipalities into a comprehensive and seamless design, a remarkable achievement.

The HYM commitment for providing some 1,500 affordable housing units in its mix of 10,000 total housing units is substantial and historic and would set a benchmark for other developers.

The HYM proposal to provide 40 acres of parks and open space would

partially compensate East Boston for its decades of takings of community facilities such as Wood Island Park for public projects, such as Logan Airport, the Tunnels, Route 1A, et al.

The HYM proposal would optimize the public transit potential for serving the Suffolk Downs site by the two MBTA Blue Line stations in East Boston and Revere, substantially reducing any dependence of the property for vehicular access. The HYM plan would also significantly enhance much of the local roadway network to accommodate any moderate traffic increase that might occur.

John Vitagliano



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Winthrop Senior Center News

Website: town.winthrop.ma.us/council-aging

Email: COARception@town.winthrop.ma.us

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 pres-

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

Senior Phone Buddy Program: Senior Center volunteers are available to make friendly phone calls to homebound se-

niors. If you, or someone you know would like to receive a call, please contact the Senior Center at 617-846-8538, or email COARception@town.winthrop.ma.us.

Flu Shots: The Win-

throp Health Department will be conducting a flu clinic on Saturday, October 3 from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. The flu clinic will be held at the rear of the EB Newton School. You can drive-thru or walk up to get a flu shot.

If you are homebound and need a flu shot, please contact the Senior Center at: COARception@town.winthrop.ma.us or call 617-846-8538 and we will make arrangements for you to get a flu shot.

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schools in-person, yet our tax-paying residents can’t access schools. I do not believe that economic status should be what dictates access and opportunity for education. The majority of Winthrop residents don’t want to send their kids to private schools or they simply cannot afford to. During a time when there is so much discussion and protest around social injustice, it’s time to do something about it.”

Poulos brought up the importance of learning to adapt.

“If other industries have learned to adapt with social distance and mask-wearing, then Winthrop Public Schools should too.”

Like Poulos, Marissa Ferrara, mother of four, questioned why it was okay for paid programs like For Kids Only (FKO) and Parks and Rec to be

open, while students are forced to stay home and learn remotely.

“I have grave concerns about the remote learning model and I’ve witnessed firsthand the detrimental affect it has had on my senior,” said Ferrara, who is the Senior Class Advisor. “The socioeconomic gap in education that is being caused by this will take years to overcome. Let’s copy the models of the schools that are open and get back to in-person learning.”

Students stepped into the conversation, sharing their personal experiences regarding remote learning.

“I’ve witnessed firsthand how detrimental remote learning is,” said senior, Jenna Dorr, on behalf of her classmates. “Kids of all levels are dealing with tech outages, Zoom confusion, excessive screen time, and

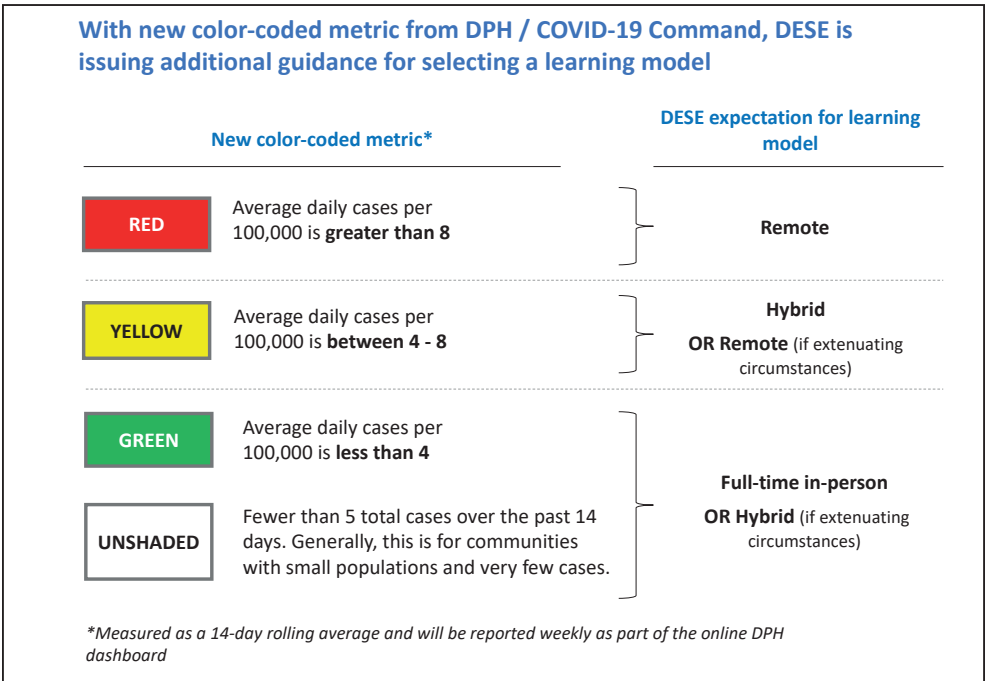
a decline in their social emotional wellbeing. I can’t imagine how a first grader feels when they fall behind in a class on the screen. How can a teacher gauge how a student is learning?”

Dorr said that since March, several of her classmates have suffered from depression and anxiety and there is a general fear that no one will be fully prepared for college.

“The risk of the virus is nothing compared to the mental health of 2000 kids.”

Jenna’s sister, Maura mentioned the impact of long days spent in front of a screen. Like her sister, Maura spends nearly her entire school day in front of a screen, from 7:50 am until 2:20 pm, which is then followed by several hours of homework, also in front of a screen.

“Without afterschool sports and activities, I’ve been turning to social media during my downtime. Pediatricians recommend that excessive screen time causes headaches and a lack of social-emotional learning. As students, we get nine short months in every grade level, let’s minimize the damage that is being done and get back to in-person learning.”



In response to the comments, Superintendent Howard shared information that she obtained in her meeting with the Commissioner of Education. Along with Winthrop, six other nearby districts are faced with the same questions surrounding their “red” status.

“When we asked if there was any way to return to in-person learning, the message was clear and if you are a district that has been in the red for any length of time than you are expected to be remote.”

The commissioner shared the color-coded metric that details the DESE learning model expectation, which for red (average daily cases per 100,000 is greater than 8), is a fully remote model.

According to Howard, the Commissioner said that only extenuating cir-

cumstances would allow a red district to switch to the hybrid learning model. An example of an extenuating circumstance would be a cluster of incidents stemming from a nursing home or care facility which have driven up the numbers in the entire community. That, according to the Commissioner, is a circumstance that could be taken into consideration.

Without an extenuating circumstance, the School Department COVID Task Force Health and Safety Subcommittee

continues to review data daily with Town Nurse Meredith Hurly and the school nurses. Howard said that they are continually updating protocols and plans for how to open when Winthrop is out of the red and in the yellow (average daily cases between 4 and 8).

“We are all in agreement that remote learning and teaching is not ideal for students at any level and we have a strong desire to have them back to in-person learning ASAP.”



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OBITUARIES

David Edward Pradell

Educator and Renaissance Man

 David Edward Pradell, born August 31, 1930, died peacefully in his sleep in Winthrop on September 27, 2020 at the age of 90 after a long battle with pancreatic cancer.

David was the youngest child and only son of Morris and Esther Pradell, growing up during the Depression in Detroit, Michigan with his siblings before heading west to attend Hollywood High School in Los Angeles, California.

After hitchhiking around the country, David joined the US Marine Corps, serving in Japan during the Korean War. He went to Columbia College graduating Phi Beta Kappa with a major in Oriental Art History. He then attended Harvard in pursuit of a PhD, escaping with a Master's Degree.

In 1956, David journeyed with his first wife, Leila to Alaska by driving from the East Coast up the Alcan Highway to Alaska in a Volkswagen bus. Their first son, Steven, was born in Fairbanks and they taught school in Hooper Bay, a remote native village in the Alaska bush. He returned to Boston in 1961, had two additional children, Lawrence and Brenna, and was divorced in 1965.

David taught sixth grade at the Lawrence School in Brookline, Massachusetts for 30 years before retiring and he is still remembered fondly by his former students, who are setting up a memorial fund in his honor. David ran the Boston Film Center from 1967 until 1973, which he founded.

There, David shared his passion for photography and movie making with many young people who would prepare and exhibit their work at the center, including award winning short films. He also operated a theater, which featured European cinema classics, Roger Corman movies and puppet shows.

At the film center, David met and married Judy Sawin, an artist, teacher and architect in 1971. In

addition to David's three children, Judy brought her daughter, Marjanna and together David and Judy had two more children, Lisa and Amy.

In 1977, David and Judy took their five current children in a Dodge Maxivan for the road trip of their lifetime traveling to 38 states, Mexico and Canada before returning home. As a result of that experience, David wrote the book "Home is the Longest Trip."

David and Judy operated Maine Frame, purchasing and remodeling beautiful old Victorian homes and David ultimately and single handedly built large Colonial houses in Maine into his 70's.

At the age of 75, he survived triple bypass surgery and was elated upon waking up after the operation.

David enjoyed driving annually from Maine to winter in San Diego, California, visiting his relatives in Los Angeles and making new friends.

In his 80's, he worked for FEMA, traveling around the country and U.S. territories processing the claims of those who suffered from disasters.

In addition to teaching, building and remodeling homes, David was a prolific reader, enjoyed opera, the music of Joe Cocker and Otis Redding, and the great outdoors.

He loved his children and traveled around the world visiting friends and family members who reside as far away as Germany and Alaska.

David is survived by his wife, Judy, his six children: Steven Pradell and his wife, Nancy Edtl, Lawrence Pradell and Lorraine DeFronzo, Brenna Pradell-Boyd, Marjanna and Michael Perrotta, Lisa and Patrick Farrell and Amy Pradell and Roger Kaiser; his older sister, Faye Schwab, numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his parents and his older sisters, Shelley Pradell and Helen Pradell.

Memorial services will be held in 2021.

Audrey O'Maley

Bank of America retiree

Audrey J. O'Maley, 90, of Laconia, NH passed away at the Lakes Region Hospital on September 27.

Born in Winthrop, the beloved daughter of the late Mary (Morrison) and Francis J. O'Maley, she was a longtime Winthrop resident and worked as a secretary for Bank of America for over 25 years. She was also a member of the Laconia Senior Center, the Friendship Club and was a great lover of animals.

The dear sister of the late Francis J. O'Maley,

Jr. and Eileen Campisi, she is survived by several nieces and nephews and was the dear friend of Kathy and Gary Milne of Laconia, New Hampshire.

The funeral was held from the Caggiano-O'Maley-Frazier Funeral Home, Winthrop on Wednesday, Sept. 30 followed by a Funeral Mass in St. John the Evangelist Church. Services concluded with interment in Winthrop Cemetery. To sign the online guestbook, go to www.caggianofuneralhome.com.

Audrey Megquier

Retired legal secretary

Audrey J. (Sears) Megquier of Winthrop passed away on Sept. 23 in the house she grew up in at the age of 83. In recent weeks she had many happy visits with family and friends and was attended to lovingly by her daughter, Kelley.

The loving daughter of the late Daniel and Helen (Fuller) Sears, she attended St. Lazarus School in East Boston and Mount Saint Joseph's Academy in Brighton. Audrey was a legal secretary for the majority of her working life, most notably 23 years in the Suffolk County District Attorney's office.

Audrey was the devoted mother of Daniel H. Megquier of Dorchester, Lynda A. McDonough and her partner, Ed Widomski of Port St. Lucie, FL, Kelley J. Megquier of Winthrop and Donna M. Megquier and her husband, Jim Ohm of Waltham. She was the

much beloved grandmother of Joseph McDonough, Daniel P. Megquier, Sean Taverna and Madeleine and Lulu Ohm; the dear sister of Daniel G. Sears of Warrenton, VA and the spoiler-in-chief of pups: Boo, Izzy and Bear.

Audrey's talents were



many and included crafting, cooking and gardening. Her Christmas parties were as legendary as her sharp wit. Her grandchildren were the light of her life and she spoiled them with Nana weekends of inappropriate movies and trips to Toys 'R Us and Friendly's.

Funeral services will be private and are being arranged by the Maurice W. Kirby Funeral Home, Winthrop. A celebration of her life is planned for the future. Contributions in her name can be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 309 Waverly Oaks Road, Waltham, MA. 02452 or Care Dimensions Hospice Services, 75 Sylvan Street, Danvers, MA 01923.

"Honey" had many friends and many lives. We encourage you to share your memories by visiting: www.maurice-kirbyfh.com.

Years // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 5

Michael Dukakis for the Democratic nomination for Lieut. Gov.

The State Division of Waterways has informed State Rep. Ralph Sirianni that a \$15,000 contract has been awarded for the construction of a public boating facility next to the Winthrop Yacht Club for next fall.

Gov. Francis Sargent came to Winthrop last week to make a visit to Another Way, the local drug counseling and referral center.

The Mass. Port Authority last week rejected an idea to construct a second major airport in the Boston area to alleviate overcrowding at Logan Airport and instead favored a plan to improve rail service between Boston and New York.

Although today's headlines scream of unrest and revolution among the country's youth, Winthrop High drama students are among a number of area high school and college students who have been working all summer on a production of a new, original comedy entitled The Meaning of It All. The show is set in 1957 when campus unrest was unheard of and Dick Clark tickled the ears of millions of bobby-soxed, gum-chewing teenagers.

Sidney Poitier stars in The Heat of the Night at the Suffolk Downs Drive In.

60 years ago Sept. 22, 1960

State and local health officials have solved the mystery of what is causing the paint to peel and be discolored on the homes that are adjacent to the bayside on Pt. Shirley. After sampling the water in the area, it has been determined that the odor and resultant damage are being caused by a decomposing sea growth on the spores at low tide that are not being washed away and that remain on the mudflats in the heat of the sun. The algae emits a smell similar to that of rotten eggs.

WHS students and teachers have banded to-

gether to form their own fire prevention program that will be coordinated with the efforts of the entire Winthrop community and the town's Fire Safety Committee in October.

Police are investigating three housebreaks and a break into the First Church of Christ, Scientist that occurred this past week.

The Winthrop Theater's Saturday afternoon matinees for children feature The Return of the Fly and The Alligator People.

70 years ago September 21, 1950

Chelsea State Representative Andrew P. Quigley, the 24 year-old publisher of the Winthrop Transcript, received the overwhelming support of Democrats in Tuesday's state primary to win the nomination for State Senate from this district, which includes Chelsea, Winthrop, Revere, and a part of Saugus. Quigley outpolled his nearest competitors, William Conley of Chelsea and Mayor Raymond Carey of Revere, by more than 3000 votes. Quigley won Winthrop, where he has been a summer resident with his family on Pt. Shirley for many years, by a vote of 1170-380 over his closest rival in the six-man field. Quigley is all but assured of election in November and will become the youngest person ever to serve in the Mass. Senate.

In the State Representative contest, Peter Princi, the chairman of the Board of Selectmen, edged Housing Authority Chairman Henry Moynihan by 111 votes to win the Democratic nomination and earn the right to face Republican incumbent Thomas Key in November. A record primary total of 3837 voters, 2158 Democrats and 1679 Republicans, turned out for the election.

A storm of indignation and a petition and an appeal to the Civil Service Commission has followed the 2-1 vote by the Board of Fire Engineers that reduces the hourly pay of call firemen, who answer emergencies, from \$1.50 per hour to \$1.00 per hour.

The Transcript has published a letter from Capt. Richard C. Lepke of Winthrop, who was among the first American soldiers to have landed in Korea after the fall of the South Korean capital of Seoul to the No. Korean invading army. Lepke writes: "The war over here has been hell.

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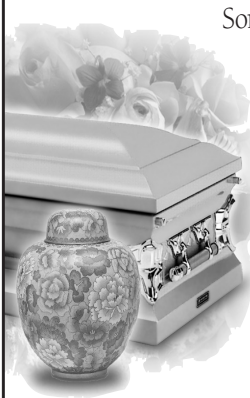
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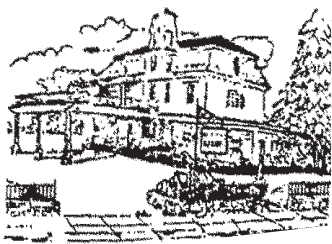
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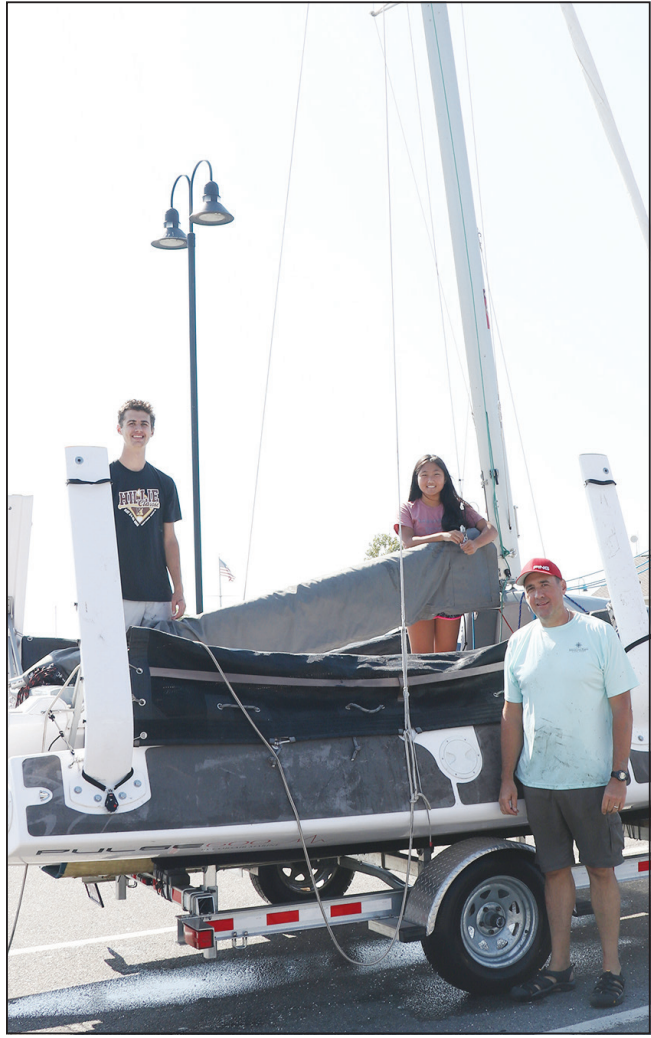
Residents flocked to the beaches and shores of Winthrop on Saturday, as the warmth returned following a week of fall weather.



It was a terrific sunny afternoon for a early fall boat excursion, before the boating season finally comes to an end.



Maria Polcaro, Jason Adler and Maureen Papile enjoy the sunshine at the public launch ramp area.



The Pelican will sail no more in 2020. Calling it a season, the Galletta's, Enro, Tezza and Matthew wrap up the Pelican for another year.



Kayaking is very popular around Winthrop's harbor area, and a seagull follows closely behind following the shoreline.



This jet skier heads out of the boat launching area last Saturday afternoon for a tour around the harbor.

Town set to begin Phase 1 for road resurfacing project

Traffic disruptions, detours to be expected

Special to the Transcript

Town Manager Austin Faison and Department of Public Works Director Steve Calla announce that a three-phased pavement restoration project began on Monday, Sept. 28 and will create traffic disruptions for numerous streets in town while the work progresses.

The project will consist of mill and overlay maintenance work to repair deteriorated pavement on many roadways throughout the town. The work has been divided up into three phases and each phase consists of a milling component and a resurfacing component. Phase 1 is expected to take about a week to mill and will be followed by a week of resurfacing work. While the resurfacing begins on the first phase, the milling work will continue on the second phase.

Parking will not be allowed on these roadways from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., and signs with the with specific restrictions, dates and times will be posted in those areas while the work

is completed. All residents and business owners on the affected roadways will also receive written notifications with more specific information pertinent to their area. Residents should expect delays in these areas while the work is performed and are encouraged to seek alternative routes whenever possible. Detours, including those for bus routes will be put in place as well.

The streets that will be impacted during the first phase are:

- Pleasant Street from Brookfield Road to Pauline Street
- Sargent Street and Sargent Street Extension
- Washington Avenue from Winthrop Street to River Road

- Shirley Street from Revere Street to Beach Road
- Beach Road from Veterans Road to Shirley Street
- Myrtle Avenue
- Shirley Street from Beach Road to Sturgis Street
- Sturgis Street
- A small section of Tewksbury Street at the Shirley Street end
- The outbound lane of Shirley Street from Terrace Avenue to Tewksbury Street
- Shirley Street from Bay View Avenue to the Church Square near Holy Rosary Church
- Shirley Street from the Holy Rosary Square to Siren Street
- Elliot Street
- A half-lane portion of Tafts Avenue from Otis Street to Shirley Street

Specific information pertaining to Phase 2 and Phase 3 of this project will be shared next week. Residents are encouraged to check the Town's website and social media for additional updates as well.

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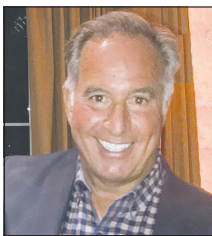
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THE COURSE OF HISTORY Rand sets new Winthrop Golf Course record

By Cary Shuman

Jake Rand won the prestigious Bentley Swift Cup at Winthrop High School. He was the Most Valuable Player in

the Northeastern Conference for golf.

Put those two achievements together – best all-around athlete and best golfer – along with an ex-

cellent career at Endicott College – and very good things can happen on a golf course.

And that's exactly what transpired on Sept.

Montone, who was Rand's teammate in Peter Lyons' WHS golf program, was not surprised that Rand was the one to set the record.

"I'm not surprised at all – I knew it was only a matter of time," said Montone. "It was quite a special moment for us at the club because Jake and I have been through it all as teammates and playing against each other. We basically grew up playing the game together when we were 14 years old. If I wasn't going to be myself, I'm happy that it's him who broke the record."

Eleven birdies and a clutch finish

Jake Rand, 28, was playing in a foursome with Mike Vatalaro, Brian Sullivan, and Frank

W G C Head Golf Professional Ed

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A PIECE OF HISTORY: Jake Rand's scorecard showing his Winthrop Golf Course record-breaking round of 62.



Jake Rand (left) holds his record-setting scorecard of 62 in the company of his former Winthrop High teammate, Winthrop Golf Club Head Professional Ed Montone.

Ciampa when lighting Rand, who is 6 feet tall, struck during a regular Thursday afternoon round. had 11 birdies and three

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WHS SPORTS THROUGH THE YEARS

20 years ago September 21, 2000

The Winthrop High football team improved to 2-0 with a 28-20 victory over Saugus Friday evening at Miller Field. Bobby Kneeland, the Vikings' junior star running back, ran for three touchdowns, including an electrifying 86-yard runback of the opening kickoff, to pace the Winthrop victory. WHS quarterback Matt Emanuelson turned in a solid performance, completing 7-of-13 passes for 112 yards. Senior fullback David Dirkers scored the fourth Winthrop TD that provided the ultimate margin of victory.

The WHS girls cross country team defeated Salem, 23-36, in a tri-meet with Gloucester. Caitlyn Doherty led the way for the Lady Vikings, completing the 2.9 mile course for a second-place finish overall. Jen Arena was the next Winthrop runner across the line in seventh place, followed by captain Ashley Woods, Danielle DeSantis, and Laura Walker. In the scoring with Gloucester, the Lady Vikings came up short by a score of 21-36.

The WHS boys cross country team dropped a tri-meet with Gloucester, 15-50, and Salem, 26-33. Jonathan White was the top finisher for Winthrop in the tri-meet, completing the 2.9 mile course in 18:30, good for 12th place overall.

40 years ago September 17, 1980

The Winthrop High football team will host Saugus this Sunday afternoon in the 1980 season-opener. The Vikings will be led by returning starting quarterback John Tiano, who together with fellow juniors Chuck Sullivan and Joe Giaquinto, paced the Vikings to a 5-5 record in 1979.

50 years ago September 23, 1970

A new team, a new coaching staff, a partially-resurfaced gridiron, some new visitors bleachers, and hopefully new student and adult enthusiasm will be on view Saturday afternoon when the Winthrop High football team opens its season against Danvers. Unfortunately for new head coach Bob DeFellece and his squad, this

year's Danvers team resembles the Falcon contingent that walloped the Vikings last year by a score of 42-6.

60 years ago September 22, 1960

The Winthrop High

football team, led by co-captains Bill Adamson and John Polino, opens its nine-game, 1960 season this Saturday at Methuen. Coach Ed MacFarland's team

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looked sharp during its spring training sessions, but has been a little bit rusty around the edges in the fall pre-season. The veteran Winthrop team is the heaviest in years, with the line averaging 191 pounds, including a trio of 200 pound-plus players up front, while the backfield hits the scales at an average of 173 pounds.

70 years ago September 21, 1950

The Winthrop High football team will open its 1950 season Saturday afternoon at Lexington, hoping to present new head coach Ed MacFarland with his first coaching victory. The 1950 squad will be led by co-captains Al-

lan Abrams and Louis Racca and will feature 190-pound junior Steve Miles at fullback and a pair of speedsters, Carmen Merlino and Angelo "Buster" Ruggiero, at halfback.

80 years ago September 19, 1940

The turmoil that has engrossed the populace of our nation for the past year will be cast aside at least momentarily this Saturday afternoon when local football fans trek down to Miller Field at 2:00 for the opening game of the 1940 season between Winthrop and Brookline.

Seven cheerleaders will be on hand to lead Winthrop fans in lending moral and vocal sup-



The 2008 Winthrop High School Varsity Football team and Cheerleaders with their coaches.

port to the WHS football team. After careful consideration by the faculty, Jean Lafond, Grace Crombie, Marjorie Tape,

Leonora Repucci, Joseph Weiner, John Patchett, and David Ryan were selected for the tedious task of producing uniformed

vocal support for Winthrop's gridiron warriors. The WHS band will not make an appearance this Saturday, however.

According to the band's instructor, Mr. N. Eliot Willis, the music-makers still are in the process of organization.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Center Business District infrastructure improvements and look-ahead

Staff report

The following is a summary of the work completed and the work P. Gioioso & Sons, Inc. (contractor) has scheduled for the next two weeks. Please note, the anticipated schedule may vary due to unforeseen site conditions, weather conditions, or other factors out of the contractor's control.

Construction Updates and Schedule:

Work completed through Sept. 25:

- Continued construction of the new sewer main on Somerset Ave.,

- between Cottage Park Rd. and Pleasant St.
- Continued construction of the new storm drain on Hagman Rd., between Pauline St. and French Square. Installed new catch basins and laterals.
- Continued installation of water service connections to new water main for residences/businesses on Somerset Ave., between Woodside Ave. and Cottage Park Rd.
- Began installation of water service connections to new water main for residences on Adams St., between Bartlett Rd. and Williams St.; and on

- Williams St., between Adams St. and Pleasant St.
- Installed temporary trench pavement for trenches excavated on Somerset Ave., Hagman Rd., and Adams St.

Two-week Anticipated Schedule to October 9, 2020

- 1. Through October 2, 2020
 - Continue construction of the new sewer main on Somerset Ave., between Cottage Park Rd. and Pleasant St.
 - Begin construction of the new storm drain on Woodside Ave., between Pauline St. and Somerset Ave. Install new drain manholes, catch basins and drain pipe.
 - Continue installation of sewer service connections to new sewer main for residences/businesses on Bartlett Rd., between French Square and Pleasant St.; and on Adams St., between Woodside Ave. and Williams St.

- Begin installation of water service connections to new water main for residences/businesses on Bartlett Rd., between French Square and Pleasant St.
- Continue installation of water service connections to new water main for residences/businesses on Adams St., between Woodside Ave. and Williams St.
- Install temporary trench pavement for trenches excavated on Somerset Ave., Woodside Ave., Bartlett Rd. and Adams St.
- 2. October 5 to October 9, 2020
 - Begin construction of the new sewer main on Cottage Park Rd., between Somerset Ave. and Pleasant St.
 - Continue construction of the new storm drain on Woodside Ave., between Pauline St. and Somerset Ave. Install new drain manholes, catch basins and drain pipe.
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- Ave. and Williams St.
- Install temporary trench pavement for trenches excavated on Cottage park Rd., Woodside Ave., Bartlett Rd. and Adams St.

NOTICES:

1. NIGHT WORK:

Beginning Monday, October 5th, construction of storm drain, water main, and water and sewer services on Woodside Ave. at French Square will be performed from 8 PM and 6 AM, Monday night through Thursday night. No construction is planned for Friday night, Saturday night, or Sunday night. When night work begins, construction activities will occur during normal work hours (7 AM to 3:30 PM) as well as night hours (8 PM to 6 AM). Night work is scheduled to be completed by 6 AM Friday, October 23rd.

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BUSINESS HIGHLIGHT:

Tewksbury’s Greenhouses are still going strong

By Kate Anslinger

While there are several Winthrop businesses that have stood the test of time, few have been around as long as Tewksbury’s Greenhouses. Close to Town Center, the greenhouses are located at 294 Bowdoin Street and have been going strong for 130 years.

Ashley Tewksbury-Barisano shared what it was like growing up around the greenhouse and how she took over as the fifth-generation owner.

“When I was in high school, it was a chore to work in the greenhouses, then I had my own house in Florida and I got interested in learning about plants. When I moved home in 2012, my parents were going to sell it after they ran it for 25 years, but I asked them to let me try running it.”

The rest is history. Since then, Ashley has added a fall season to the greenhouses, supplying the community with 12-inch patio mums, cabbages, fall pansies, pumpkins, cornstalks, kale, and hay bales from Labor Day until Halloween.

“In the past, the greenhouses have only been open for spring plants, but I decided to add fall and it’s been great so far.”

Since she opened for fall on September 11, Ashley has already had to replenish all plants twice.

“My parents taught me everything and when you do make mistakes, you learn from them,”



Ashley Tewksbury-Barisano, is the fifth-generation owner of Tewksbury’s Greenhouses

said Ashley, who is now teaching her 4-year-old son Brayden about the greenhouses. “He loves greeting customers and watering rocks.”

When Ashley learned that the greenhouses were considered essential during COVID, she was grateful that she could open back up and has expanded her offerings for customer convenience. She now offers curbside pickup and deliveries for those who can’t go out. And if a customer needs window boxes planted; Ashley will get the job done. Since COVID, she has had to be more strict about having multiple shoppers at once so she requires an appointment before visiting the busi-

ness. Thirty-minute appointments can be made Monday thru Saturday from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Tewksbury’s Greenhouses opens at the end of April or early May with a plethora of herbs, veggies and perennials until July and again after Labor Day until Halloween.

“When I saw that we were on the essential list I felt so blessed that we were able to open. I started making appointments and requiring masks and everyone has felt safe. The community has been such a big support and it’s so fun to hear people tell me stories about when they came to the greenhouses when they were children.”

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bogeys. At one point, he buried five consecutive birdies. He came within two feet of a hole-in-one on the 155-yard, sixth hole.

“I was 7-under at one point, so I was aware that the record was within reach – the word was out,” said Rand. “I knew I had to go birdie-birdie on the last two holes to break it.”

Rand hit a clutch 8-footer on the final hole to break the record with a score of 8-under par. “The guys in my foursome knew and they were great sports about it,” said Rand. “The whole experience was incredible. The older members have been congratulating me. I’m so proud to see the record up on the board outside the pro shop.”

Rand is a power hitter who averages 300-315 yards off the tee. “I’d say that’s the strongest part of my game, my distance off the tee. I use Mizuno irons and a Taylor Made driver.”

Vatalaro, a former Salem State shortstop, said of Rand’s record-setting performance, “Jake was unbelievable. The hole when he was putting was huge. He made great shots but he made unbelievable putts. We were all aware during the round that the record was a possibility. He was red hot. Honestly, I’ve never seen anything like it. He’s a really good golfer.”

Rand had praise for his friend, Ed Montone, who

is doing a superb job in his first year as WGC head professional. “Eddie’s awesome. It’s been great for the course. The course needed someone like Eddie to come in and give it some new life and some young blood in there. It’s been awesome.”

Earning 12 letters at Winthrop High

Jake Rand graduated from Winthrop High in 2011. He was the No. 1 golfer and a captain for the Vikings in his final two seasons and played four varsity seasons of ice hockey and tennis, also captaining those teams.

He went on to play four years of golf and ice hockey

at Endicott, helping the Gulls qualify for the NCAA Division 3 Golf Nationals in Greensboro, N.C. He received a degree in Business Management and currently works at Massport Authority.

Jake is the son of David Rand and Linda (Gobiel) Rand and the nephew of legendary Winthrop gymnastics coach Pete Gobiel. His sister, Britney Rand, is a personal trainer who owns Stronger By Design, a personal training and nutrition business.



Jake Rand, shown holding his scorecard, is pictured with the other members of his foursome, Frank Ciampa, Brian Sullivan, and Mike Vatalaro, after shooting a record-breaking score of 62 at the Winthrop Golf Club.

EBSB celebrates the opening of third Brookline branch

Staff report

East Boston Savings Bank (EBSB) has opened its 3rd branch office in Brookline. The new branch is located at 473

Harvard Street and is the 43rd location in EBSB’s branch network.

“The Bank has been part of the Brookline community since 2015 with our two other Brook-

line branches at 1050 and 1441 Beacon Street. We have developed a great relationship with our customers in Brookline as well as the surrounding communities,” said President, Chairman and CEO, Richard J. Gavgano. “We are looking forward to continuing to provide products and services that meet the needs of the ever-growing consumer and business community.”

The Bank appointed Ruslan Kagramanov as Vice President, Branch Officer. Ruslan is responsible for the branch’s business development initiatives as well as overseeing the daily operations of the branch and staff development. Assisting Ruslan will be Assistant Branch Manager, Diana K. Bell.

About East Boston Savings Bank

Founded in 1848, East Boston Savings Bank operates 43 full-service branches throughout the greater Boston metropolitan area. EBSB offers a variety of deposit and loan products to individuals and businesses located in its primary market, which consists of Essex, Middlesex, Norfolk and Suffolk counties. As a member of both the FDIC and Depositors Insurance Fund (DIF) all deposits are insured in full.

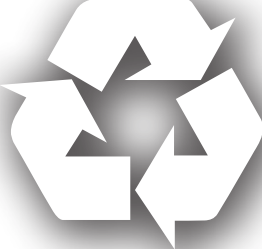


Assistant Branch Manager, Diana K. Bell and Vice President, Branch Officer, Ruslan Kagramanov outside EBSB’s Brookline branch.




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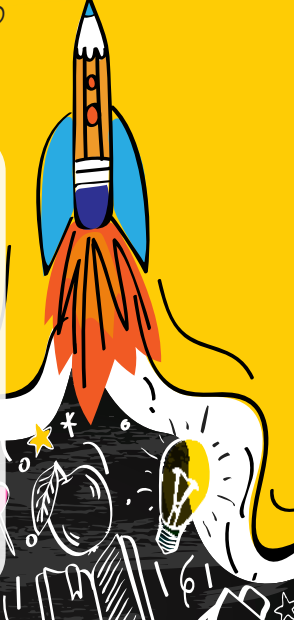
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NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

REP. RYAN READY TO HELP

CHELSEA - This year’s Primary Election was one to remember, and with State Rep. Dan Ryan prevailing in the vote – and no challenger on the ballot in November – he said he is thinking about his next term and noted it will be all about getting Charlestown and Chelsea back on their feet after COVID-19.

Ryan prevailed over Chelsea Councillor Damali Vidot in the Sept. 1 Primary vote, winning Charlestown handily but losing the Chelsea vote and winning overall by about 1,100 votes. However, unlike previous re-election campaigns, the new term will be anything but typical. In fact, he said, many of the goals he might have typically had will need to be put aside for the next term.

“It’s really going to be about just getting my two communities that I represent back up on their feet,” he said. “That’s my goal. We all know the story of how hard Chelsea was hit and we need to achieve the same structure we had in Charlestown and bring some normalcy back to where it was before COVID-19. Chelsea was headed in a good direction before COVID-19, but I think COVID-19 also showed us the structural issues that exist in our urban areas and that we have to address. Both communities have pretty large public housing re-developments going on. We have to do a lot of work making sure those are done right. We’re re-inventing public housing in Charlestown and Chelsea. Regardless of COVID-19, I think we need to move forward on those projects.”

Most of the work to be done, he said, will be making sure basic needs are met for residents in Charlestown and Chelsea – such as housing foreclosure/eviction prevention and making sure essential workers can safely get to their jobs. Those aren’t grand plans for a newly elected representative, but Ryan said that’s the work that is going to be required for his district.

“The biggest thing we

need to do is to make sure we are being safe to get our numbers down so we can get people back to work when it’s safe to do so and then keep people in their homes,” he said. “There is a lot of work to do on that. The primary issues I’ve been working on for the last six years are really going to have to be put on the back burner.”

One of the major concerns he said he has is with downtown areas in Boston and Chelsea – and how the changes in work dynamics are going to affect businesses there and workers who go there for jobs. He said the delegation in the State House has already been informally talking about these issues since COVID-19 hit, and he expects them to be more prominent moving forward.

“It looks like this is going to bring a huge societal shift,” he said. “I don’t think downtowns will be completely empty, but I think businesses and workers that go there will be affected...What I think eventually we’ll be dealing with is downtown businesses that are the day-to-day services – the sandwich shops, the stores and the bars – they’re going to take a big hit if the economy doesn’t come back.”

Ryan, reflecting on the election process, said it was a very hard campaign to define and to carry out. With COVID-19 hitting just after he had announced his re-election campaign, there was a lot of uncertainty about how to proceed. First, he said he took a pause, and then the work of the State Legislature picked up and he described it as being one of the busiest and hardest few months of his career.

“I didn’t really start campaigning until June,” he said. “We were so busy unemployment cases and getting PPE to places that needed it and getting food to the elderly, there wasn’t time for it. When we started, it was by telephone and Zoom meetings. When I saw people walking around more and going to the coffee shops and supermarket and getting out, I started on my own street in Charlestown where people know me. Gradually I worked my

way out in Charlestown and Chelsea. For the most part, I got a good reception. Nobody told me they didn’t want me at the door...The majority thanked me for coming out and doing it.”

He said he found that there was a much higher turnout than expected, largely driven by mail-in voting, early voting and other unique aspects of this election process. He said he believes that the turnout was balanced on mail-in voting, and it is likely here to stay in some form.

“Going forward post-COVID, we’ll have a good process in place and much more efficiencies like everything else,” he said.

Now, back in the legislature, Ryan said it will be his job this coming term to make sure places like Chelsea and Charlestown get their fair share of funding to put things back in order. That will be particularly critical in Chelsea and parts of Charlestown hit harder by the virus and the downturn in the economy.

“We have to make sure that Gateway Cities and urban areas get a weight-share of the monies,” he said. “Do we have a better argument now? Yes. But I think we were moving that way already. The Student Opportunity Act was a good step to help these urban cities and towns. I don’t think COVID exposed to us anything we didn’t know, but it gives us more of an immediacy to move where we were going.”

State Rep. Ryan will be inaugurated into his fourth term in January.

SANTARPIO’S IN TOP TEN

EAST BOSTON - An online food magazine has once again told America what East Bostonians have known for decades—Santarpio’s Pizza has one of the best pizzas in the U.S.

In the Daily Meal’s annual ‘101 Best Pizzas in America’ list that was released last week, Santarpio’s was named #7 on their best pizza list up 24 spots from its ranking of #31 on the list back in 2017.

To compile the list, the Daily Meal said it turned to a panel of experts to narrow the list down to America’s 101 best.

“If you’re looking for pizza in this major sports city, it’s gotta be Santarpio’s,” wrote the Daily Mail. “This cash-only Boston restaurant has no shortage of options on the menu, down to even shrimp scampi pizza, but its top-selling slice is classic pepperoni. “We do our very best to please our customers,” an employee told The Daily Meal over the phone.”

The Eastie landmark and its awesomely chewy, cheesy, sweet-

COLORFUL MURALS TO DELIGHT CHELSEA CITY-SCAPE THIS MONTH



A number of painted murals and Wheat Paste murals will be going up all over Chelsea’s downtown area this month to help bring people out and celebrate a new story of the community. The effort by Chelsea Prospers started on Sept. 19 and will continue through early October. All in all, 14 artists will be working, and more than 40 residents will have contributed in some fashion as well. Here, Chelsea teacher and muralist Demetrius Fuller’s music-themed piece has taken shape on the back of Apollinaire Theatre.

sauced pizza has received the coveted ‘Best Pizza’ prize numerous times by Boston Magazine over the years. Barstool Sports recently brought New England Patriots receiver Julian Edelman to Santarpio’s to rate the pizza. Edelman gave the pizza a solid rating.

“Delicious slices and pies are being cooked up all across America, so this ranking takes special care to highlight pizzerias from all parts of the country, as well as female- and Black-owned businesses,” wrote Daily Meal. “While America does love its pizza chains, this list is focused on smaller establishments and local favorites that have found success branching out to a few locations. To find them, we used internal expertise, scoured Yelp and other review sites, looked at coverage by local journalists and gathered suggestions from readers.”

Owner and Santarpio Family patriarch, Frank Santarpio, said, “Whether we are #7 or #107 our only goal at Santarpio’s Pizza is to please each and every customer that walks through our doors”

For decades Santarpio’s, or ‘Tarp’s’ if you’re an Eastie resident, has gained the reputation of being an unpolished oasis that has refused to age with the time.

A status that Frank Santarpio says gives the popular pizzeria character and charm.

“When you first come here, you’re either going to love it or you’re never coming back,” said Frank.

However, on Friday and Saturday nights the line to get into Santarpio’s stretches around the block so Frank can be unapologetic about the ambiance.

The bill of fare has always been simple, and since it was turned into a pizza place in 1966 there’s only been a few deviations from the main staples of pizza, grilled lamb or sausage and beer.

However, Santarpio’s has come a long way from an Italian bakery that opened in 1903 on the corner of Chelsea and Porter Streets.

“My grandfather, Francisco, came to America in 1900,” said Frank. “He bought a couple of buildings in Eastie, one was this building, which he made into Santarpio’s Bakery in March 1903.”

In 1933, Santarpio’s father, Joseph, one of six children took over the establishment, and revamped the building, turning the bakery into Santarpio’s Café, a popular bar among Eastie residents and sports fanatics.

Every once in a while patrons of Santarpio’s Café could expect a visit from one of their favorite boxers.

From Rocky Marciano to Jack Dempsey, legendary fighters would pop in for a cold beer and a quick photo opportunity throughout the late 40s and early 50s.

It was during this time the food started to catch on.

“My father used to make the tripe on Saturdays and they had the pizza and grill,” said Frank. “I guess it just sort of caught on from then.”

In 1966, the restaurant went through another facelift when Frank took over, ultimately bearing the name Santarpio’s Pizza.

“We put the sign up with the last \$700 I had and that’s when it really caught on,” he said.

Along with the sign came a wave of success that hasn’t stopped for decades.

CAR BREAKS CONTINUE IN EASTIE

EAST BOSTON - The Boston Police Department released the third quarter crime statistics for East Boston and much like the first quarter report released back in May, car breaks continue to be a problem in the neighborhood.

While Part One

Crimes are down 40 percent since the first quarter report, crime is up 29 percent when comparing January 1, 2019 through September 13, 2019 with the same time period this year.

Part One Crimes are the more serious crimes the Boston Police track.

When comparing January 1, 2020 through September 13, 2020 with the same time period during the third quarter of 2019 Larceny from Motor Vehicles has increased 142 percent in Eastie.

By the third quarter of 2019 there were only 73 motor vehicle larcenies but that number has increased to 177 so far this year. It seems the number of motor vehicle larcenies, an opportunistic crime that only takes seconds to pull off, is up all over Boston.

Citywide the number has gone from 1,891 in the third quarter of 2019 to 2,377 so far in 2020, a 25 percent increase.

“The Department obviously takes great pride in the fact that arrests were made in all three incidents, we would, nevertheless, like to take this opportunity to remind community members to employ common sense preventative measures to protect items of value when exiting their vehicles,” said the statement. “As simple as it may sound, protecting your motor vehicle from a break-in starts with locking the doors and closing windows. Simple? Yes. But, highly effective.”

In fact, simple steps can often spell the difference between your car being broken into and the would-be thief moving on to another, more desirable target.

“More than anything else, thieves look for the easy score,” said the police. “So, don’t make it easy. If you have items of value, be it a cell phone, charger, money or iPad,

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WINTHROP MARKETPLACE

pass the time with new recipes!

STOVETOP MOROCCAN TAGINE

INGREDIENTS:

1 tablespoon olive oil

2 boneless chicken breast halves - cut into chunks

½ onion, chopped

3 cloves garlic, minced

1 small butternut squash, peeled and chopped

1 (15.5 ounce) can garbanzo beans, drained and rinsed

1 carrot, peeled and chopped

1 (14.5 ounce) can diced tomatoes with juice

1 (14 ounce) can vegetable broth

1 tablespoon sugar

1 tablespoon lemon juice

1 teaspoon salt

1 teaspoon ground coriander

1 dash cayenne pepper

DIRECTIONS:

STEP 1: Heat the olive oil in a large skillet over medium heat, and cook the chicken, onion, and garlic about 15 minutes, until browned.

STEP 2: Mix the squash, garbanzo beans, carrot, tomatoes with juice, broth, sugar, and lemon juice into the skillet. Season with salt, coriander, and cayenne pepper. Bring the mixture to a boil, and continue cooking 30 minutes, until vegetables are tender.

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take them with you when you exit your car. Because if a thief can see it, you can be sure he or she will do everything they can to steal it.”

As for other Part One Crimes in Eastie there have been zero reported Homicides for 2020; Rape or Attempted Rape is down from 7 to 4; Robbery or Attempted Robbery is up from 35 to

44; Domestic Aggravated Assault is up by from 32 to 40; Non-Domestic Aggravated Assault is up by from 33 to 41; Commercial Burglaries are up from 19 to 12; Residential Burglaries are up by from 38 to 41; other Larcenies are down by from 131 to 112; and Auto Theft is up slightly from 32 to 37.

So far this year there has been a total of 519 Part One Crimes, up from the 402 reported in the third quarter of 2019.

Again, police are reminding residents that of the 117 additional reported Part One Crimes reported so far in 2020, 104 of those crimes have been traced back to motor vehicle larcenies.

As always, if you observe any unusual activity or observe a car theft or a break-in in progress, don’t hesitate to call 9-1-1.

DLR UPHOLDS CARLI’S APPOINTMENT

EVERETT - The City is trumpeting a decision this week from a Department of Labor Relations (DLR) hearing officer that sided with them in the battle over how Fire Chief Tony Carli was picked as chief some years ago – and confirmed as a permanent pick this past January.

Meanwhile, the Fire Union said the decision by the hearing officer doesn’t clear up the matter, and they are pondering an appeal to straighten out all of the issues – including collective bargaining issues.

Chief Carli, the City of Everett’s Fire Chief was named permanent on January 27, 2020 and confirmed by the Everett City Council. His appointment to permanent was not without controversy. Carli, a 20-year veteran of the Everett Fire Department, climbed the ranks and was named the City of Everett’s acting Fire Chief on June of 2016.

Everett Firefighters Local 143, the Union that represents Everett’s Fire Department with the exception of the Chief, contended that the appointment of Carli was done without merit. Specifically, they stated that the “impacts of promotional procedures to a managerial position should be declared a mandatory subject of bargaining, especially where, as here, the incumbent was involved in the promotional process and because the City did not bargain”.

However, in a recent opinion issued by Attorney James Sunkenberg, the hearing officer presiding over the complaint for the Department of Labor Relations, he determined that

“The union has not established that the City’s decision impacted a mandatory subject of bargaining,” read his decision.

“Accordingly, it has not established that the City violated the law.

“The Union’s position collapses the distinction between decisional and impact bargaining and that does not persuade me,” he continued. “Here, the Union does not identify any impacts on a mandatory subject of bargaining that result from the City’s decision”. Ultimately, the City’s decision to use an assessment center to select the Chief’s position was well within their rights.”

Mayor Carlo DeMaria maintained the selection of chief a under his jurisdiction and doesn’t require collective bargaining, even if using an Assessment Center.

“The role of Fire Chief is a managerial role under the jurisdiction of the Executive Office,” he said. “While the union’s input will always be welcome and taken into consideration, I applaud the decision of the Department of Labor Relations in being able to differentiate the roles between a union employee and that of executive level management.”

Said Chief Carli, “I can understand that new processes may seem difficult to grasp in the fire service with so much longstanding tradition. However, the fire service is changing along with the management of it. The City and other communities across the state have moved towards assessment center testing, rather than written. I appreciate the Department of Labor Relations understanding of management’s rights to select a Department Head.”

Union President Craig Hardy said they strongly disagree with the decision, and also said they will contemplate an appeal – noting that the hearing officer’s decision is not a final ruling.

“This hearing officers decision only decided the City didn’t violate any collective bargaining laws,” he said. “It did not decide that the process was fair or objective. We still believe it’s inappropriate for the Fire Chief position to be selected in this manner regardless of the ruling of the hearing officer, which we strongly disagree with and are pondering an Appeal with the DLR.”

He said the Union still believes having Carli participate in crafting the Assessment Center when he was knowingly a candidate was not fair to other members that wanted to try for the position.

“We believe the city conducted an unfair and biased process to benefit an ally of the Mayor,” he said. “The hearing established that the Mayor promised to promote the Acting Chief regardless of his performance in the process. The Acting Chief was involved in the critical decision-making of the process the City chose for the seat he occupied and wanted to fill permanently. Ultimately the City chose the process that advantaged the Acting Chief’s chances for the promotion. The City did not bargain with the union despite effectively promising to bargain this new process that benefitted the Acting Chief.”

Hardy said they would decide within 10 days whether they will appeal

the decision by the DLR.

CITY MARKS BRAZILIAN FLAG RAISING

EVERETT - The familiar blue, yellow and green Brazilian flag might hang in two out of three storefront businesses in Everett, but the flag had never flown over City Hall before.

Mayor Carlo DeMaria, School Committeeman Marcony Almeida Barros and Councilor Stephanie Martins joined a host of friends, City officials and well-wishers to celebrate the 198th anniversary of Brazilian independence by flying the flag over Everett City Hall for the first time ever.

Brazilians have made up more and more of the population of the United States over the last several years, and in 2018, 10,538 Brazilians were naturalized as American Citizens. Massachusetts is a hotbed for Brazilian immigrants, second only behind Florida in numbers. Of that Middlesex County has the second most concentrated population of Brazilians in the United States – which includes Everett and Framingham.

In the Everett Public Schools, the numbers of Brazilian students has skyrocketed and Portuguese speakers in the schools are second only to Spanish speakers.

School Committeeman Almeida Barros said that isn’t lost on him, and he noted that six of the new Family Liaisons hired recently to assist school community families are Brazilian. He said when he could have never imagined when he came to Everett many years ago that he would be the first Brazilian American elected to the Everett School Committee.

“I am proud of that, not for myself, but for the community that I represent,” he said.

But he also said raising the Brazilian flag does not mean he isn’t proud to be an American also.

“We are here as one - as one community,” he said. “Being here and raising the Brazilian flag doesn’t make me less American. I am Brazilian by birth and proudly American by choice.”

Mayor Carlo DeMaria said he was honored to be there with his wife, Stacy, to raise the flag over City Hall for the first time – showing the City is a welcoming place to everyone.

“When people see this flag in our city, it is my hope they will know Everett is welcoming for everyone and will remain that way indefinitely,” he said.

“I hope this is the first of what will be many, many celebrations of Brazilian independence and raising this flag,” he added.

Councilor Martins is the first Brazilian American to be elected to the Council, and she said it was something she took great pride in knowing that those who came before her worked hard so that the younger generation could be at the decision-making table.

“The City of Everett is the home of one of the largest Brazilian populations,” she said. “We are thankful to be able to call Everett our Home

— where the people who built the foundation of this city extended Everett’s mission of pride, progress, and possibilities to the Brazilian community, so today we can also be a part of the building of this city. The many businesses that brought life to our storefronts, our entrepreneurs, renters, homeowners. The Brazilian community is now also part of the making of this city.

“Our parents who scrubbed toilets, cleaned houses, washed dishes, worked in construction and performed manual labor that they never imagined doing before, can now contemplate the first generation of college graduates, elected officials, army veterans, and police officers... This country gave so much to us and now we are giving back,” she continued.

State Sen. Sal DiDomenico said Brazilians have led the way in being ‘One Everett.’

“When I look around our city, state and country, there’s a lot happening now,” he said. “We can combat all that’s going on by sticking together with every ethnic group and everyone who wants to be a part of our community – One Everett – and Brazilians have led the way on that.”

Following the presentation, City officials gathered as the Brazilian Anthem was played, and the flag was raised on the ceremonial flag pole. Then, Brazilian music and dancing was provided outdoors by Groover-sity.

CROWLEY STILL HELPING

LYNN - With a storied career in public service, Paul Crowley is moving on to his next chapter by providing financial and management services to small businesses and for individuals approaching retirement.

Paul Crowley has opened a new office in the Clock Tower Business Center at 330 Lynnway.

The former Lynn city councillor and chief executive officer of Greater Lynn Senior Services (GLSS), Crowley has

jumped right in by helping 35 businesses secure loans in the Paycheck Protection Program [established by the CARES Act].

“Those businesses received about \$3 million and put 300 people back to work,” said Crowley. “As a result of this work, my clients have looked to me to provide further help in other areas.”

Three terms on the City Council

A 1977 graduate of Lynn Tech, and 1987 graduate of Northeastern University’s business program, Crowley served three terms on the Lynn City Council from 2005 to 2011.

Prior to his first election, he had become a board member on the Lynn Council on Aging, having been appointed by then-Mayor Patrick McManus. He became very active in the Lynn Chamber of Commerce and the Lynn Lions Club. “Around the year 2000, I just started helping everywhere I could and I was enjoying it,” said Crowley, whose family owned the Lynnway Bowling Center at that time. “I also realized how important it was to give back to the community.”

In 2005, he was elected as a councillor-at-large in his first bid for public office. “I finished second as a dark-horse candidate,” he recalled. “Tim Phelan topped the ticket.”

Crowley said he has no current plans to run for public office.

“It’s in my blood but as it stands right now, I feel like I’ve given my service in government,” said Crowley. For the past 20 years, I have been a passionate advocate for the City of Lynn through my work on the council, in non-profit organizations and other endeavors.” In recognition of his public

service and contributions to the community, he received the Lynn Journal ‘Man of the Year’ Award in 2007.

He is currently a board member of the Lynn Shelter Association and a member of the board at the Riverworks Credit Union.

His years at GLSS

Crowley became the chief executive officer for GLSS in 2009, serving for 10 years. In that role, he also oversaw the MBTA’s “The Ride” public transportation program for seniors on the North Shore.

“The Ride is a good service and a needed service,” said Crowley. “At our peak, we were doing 2,500-3,000 rides per day.”

He is proud of his achievements at GLSS.

“I worked with some extraordinary people at GLSS and it is an outstanding organization,” said Crowley. “I was blessed to be a part of that and I’m very proud of the accomplishments we had there.

“We set the standard for elder care during the ten years I worked there,” said Crowley. “People were looking to us for guidance across the state. We were a \$75 million agency when I left. When I took over, it was a \$50 million agency, so we grew by 50 percent. We were the largest non-profit doing elder care in the state.”

Crowley praised GLSS Chief Executive Officer Kathryn Burns.

“Kathy Burns, the new CEO, is an extraordinary talent and has a warm sport in her heart for the elderly ,” said Crowley. “She has been taking care of seniors for many years. She is a natural fit for that position and I think GLSS will be on good hands for many years to come.”



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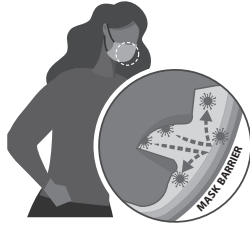
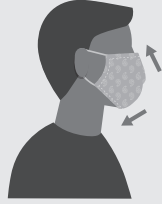
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Students benefitted from the 12th annual Backpack Project

Staff report

Children at the Community Action for Safe Alternatives (CASA) in Winthrop received a surprise back-to-school gift from the Massachusetts Port Authority. Each of them were given a backpack filled with school supplies and clothing to get them ready for the first day of classes. “The Backpack Project is a fun and rewarding experience for Massport employees each year,”

said Massport Director of Community Relations & Government Affairs Alaina Coppola. “Now, more than ever, we want to help these students build their confidence and self-esteem and encourage them to look forward to the new school year.” The giveaway was part of Massport’s 12th annual Backpack Project for Children aimed at assisting homeless families and families in need. This year, about 75 Massport employees donated items and volunteered their time to fill the backpacks. Thank you to Massport for another successful

Backpack Project,” said LeighAnn Eruzione, Director of Diversion at CASA. “The youth at 21st Century and CASA are thrilled to have new school supplies and backpacks as they transition into the school year. Knowing that they have the support of the many giving people over at Massport, has made the start of a unique virtual school year feel better!” Massport also sponsored children at the Crossroads Family Center in East Boston and the South Boston Neighborhood House in South Boston. In all, 49 students from the three



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organizations benefitted from the project this year. The children range in age between 4 to 17. The Massachusetts

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BHCC to offer Google IT Support Professional Certificate Program

Staff report

Bunker Hill Community College (BHCC) Di-

vision of Economic and Workforce Development is offering the Google IT Support Profession-

al Certificate Program, a five-course non-credit program developed by Google. IT Support is

one of the fastest-growing fields in the United States, and this program prepares students for an entry-level job in IT Support. The program is part of Grow with Google, a Google initiative to help create economic opportunities for all Americans.

•Google IT Support Professional Certificate (WBD-100E) Cost: \$1,899 Classes start Oct. 18. Hosted on Coursera, the five courses cover key topics in IT support: troubleshooting, customer service, networking, system administration, security, and operating systems. No experience

is necessary for the program, and coursework includes a dynamic mix of video lectures, quizzes, and hands-on labs. Coursework is asynchronous, allowing students in the program to complete coursework at their own pace – students can complete the certificate in two and one-half months with 20 hours per week of work, or in eight months with six hours per week of work. Participants will also hear from Google employees with unique backgrounds and perspectives, whose own foundation in IT support served as a jumping-off point for their careers.

Upon completion, students will be able to apply for entry-level IT positions. Top employers such as Cognizant, GE Digital, Hulu, Info says, Intel, and Sprint are interested in applicants with this credential. Training vouchers for the program may be available for Massachusetts residents who are unemployed through MassHire. Additional discounts are available for students who pay out of pocket for the program. Learn more at bhcc.edu/corporatetraining/googleitsupportprofessionalcertificate.

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FEMA continues to provide critical supplies to state and tribal partners throughout New England

Staff report

Six months after federal disaster declarations for COVID-19, FEMA Region 1 said it continues to support its state and tribal partners in New England by providing financial relief, coordinating federal resources and delivering critical supplies in the fight against the deadly pandemic and the concurrent economic disaster.

In March, the region and nation faced a critical shortage of essential supplies—including personal protective and life-saving equipment necessary to support strained health care systems and slow the spread of the virus. “In response, our logistics team secured an 86,000 square-foot warehouse, ramped up operations, streamlined procedures and moved mountains of those critical supplies,” said Capt. Russ Webster, the FEMA Regional Administrator who also serves as the Federal Coordinating Officer for the region’s response. “We helped ensure the health, safety and well-being of our fellow New Englanders.”

Examples of supplies include personal protective equipment (PPE) for frontline workers and health care professionals, food to help families who faced economic hardships due to COVID-19, and disinfectants to clean surfaces and kill the coronavirus.

To supplement the Strategic National Stockpile, the regional team from FEMA and the U.S. Department of

Health and Human Services’ Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR) set up a supply taskforce to achieve better pricing, quicker delivery, and greater reliability of medical equipment and supplies for the region’s six states and ten tribal partners.

Specifically, the regional taskforce sourced vendors, procured resources based on projected needs and specific requests, allocated supplies based on well-defined algorithms, and arranged for deliveries. That joint effort served as a model for the nation.

FEMA’s Franklin, Massachusetts warehouse deliveries had to be received, tracked, unloaded, sorted and reloaded. To date, FEMA Region 1 warehouse workers have moved more than 22 million pieces of equipment and commodities.

That’s more than 500 truckloads—including semi-trucks, box trucks and panel vans—that rolled in and out of the warehouse.

Examples of outbound loads:

- More than 20 million pieces of personal protective equipment to protect frontline workers and health care professionals—including 1.7 million N95 respirators, 3.1 million KN95 respirators, 275,000 face shields, 400,000 surgical gowns, 1 million Tyvek suits, 1.6 million procedural gowns, and 6 million pairs of clinical gloves. Additional protective gear includes 5

million cloth face coverings given away to infrastructure workers, first responders, schoolchildren, nursing home residents and food producers who did not need medical-grade PPE for their daily use.

- More than 1.7 million boxed meals, low-sodium meals and meals-ready-to-eat to help households and families who faced economic hardships due to COVID-19. Driven by requests from state and tribal partners, those

meals went to food pantries, homeless shelters, senior centers and other community-based organizations.

- More than 90,000 units of hand sanitizer (including bottles and 55-gallon drums), 700,000 boxes of disinfectant wipes and 500,000 units of soaps to clean hands and surfaces and kill the coronavirus. State and tribal partners then distributed the items.

While New England

states and tribes continue to partner with federal agencies during this global public health crisis, they also work together to identify the entire region’s needs for essential resources, aggregate demand among the states, reap bulk discounts and work towards stabilizing the supply chain.

To eradicate the virus, state and federal agencies in Region 1 established a planning group to prepare for the delivery of millions of doses of safe

and effective vaccines throughout New England. The group will support the states in creating plans for widespread distribution and managing any contingencies.

“Logistics—along with a unity of effort—clearly play an integral part in the war against COVID-19,” said Gary Kleinman, ASPR Region 1 Administrator who also serves as the Federal Health Coordinating Officer for the region’s response. “We’re better together.”

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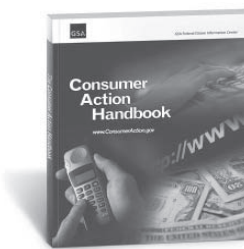
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Suffolk DA Rollins announces expansion of LEAD database

By Journal Staff

Suffolk County District Attorney Rachael Rollins announced this week the expansion and revision of a database comprised of law enforcement personnel whose prior conduct could impact their credibility as witnesses in a court proceeding. The database is called LEAD – Law Enforcement Automatic Discovery.

“The database will be one pillar of my office’s Integrity Review Bureau,” said Rollins. “As members of law enforcement, we are held to a higher standard. We in law enforcement cannot adequately perform our duties if the community does not trust us or believes that we lack integrity. That does nothing to keep our communities safe; to solve crimes; and to foster, cultivate, and build mutual trust and respect between the police and the people and communities they serve. The LEAD database will help us ensure that the legal process works and people charged with crimes by our office receive all of the information they are entitled to in order

to properly defend themselves. The Constitution requires as much.”

“If testimony provided by prosecution witnesses is suspect, then the criminal legal system itself is suspect,” Rollins continued. “All of us in law enforcement must be beyond reproach because what we do impacts matters of life, death, and freedom for the general public.

“The overwhelming majority of law enforcement officers and employees in Suffolk County are dedicated and compassionate professionals who provide exemplary service to the communities they serve,” Rollins added. “The database is not voluminous, but the actions of the officers within LEAD are harmful, or potentially harmful to the community and the criminal legal system. When the credibility of law enforcement is in question, all participants in the system – and the public – should be aware of that. The people of Suffolk County deserve to know that the public officials they rely on for their safety are truly invested in it. Anything less is a betrayal of

their trust and our obligation to serve.”

The LEAD database currently has some 136 names of law enforcement officers who work, have worked, or could work in Suffolk County, including State Troopers, MBTA police, and police officers from Boston, Chelsea and Revere.

More than 115 names have been added by the Suffolk DA’s office in the last year.

There are several ways in which an individual can be added to the database, including: an investigation or prosecution into criminal conduct in any jurisdiction; an investigation in any jurisdiction based on discriminatory or defamatory actions, language or conduct targeting any protected category or class (including but not limited to: race; color; religious creed; national origin; immigration status; sex; gender identity; sexual orientation; pregnancy; ancestry; or status as a veteran); an investigation, including a law enforcement agency’s internal affairs or anti-corruption units/divisions in any jurisdiction casting doubt upon truthfulness

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Rollins said her office is committed to a policy to ensure both that law enforcement agencies are kept apprised of their officers’ activities that come under scrutiny by the office, and that defendants have access to information concerning alleged misconduct of prosecution witnesses, regardless of its admissibility in court.

“In these uncertain times that we as a nation find ourselves in, with so much tension and mistrust between law enforcement and the communities we are sworn to protect, we must maintain credibility in everything we do,” Rollins said.

As part of District Attorney Rollins’ review and administration of the database, inclusion in the LEAD Database and re-

moval from the database will mirror statutory time guidelines concerning the admissibility of prior convictions that is set forth in state law. This disclosure protocol exceeds any current statutory and common law obligation and does not concede admissibility in any court proceeding.

“The clock starts running from disclosure. So to be clear, when we learn of Internal Affairs or Anti-Corruption investigations through the Boston Globe, the Dorchester Reporter, Commonwealth Magazine, or any other media outlet or publication and not our law enforcement partners, the clock starts running from the article date, not the infraction or investigation date. This should hopefully encourage disclosure and cooperation,” said Rollins.

Officers can appeal in writing to the DA’s office when they believe that they should be excluded from the list and those appeals will be reviewed initially by the First Assistant District Attorney and General Counsel, and then ultimately by the District Attorney.

“This is a living document,” Rollins concluded. “Names will be added to it, when, for example we are made aware of an investigation or any of the other entry criteria, and names can come off if an investigation exonerates someone, or an appeal is sustained. The Suffolk County District Attorney’s Office discovery policy will meet or exceed constitutional and ethical obligations and reflect a culture of integrity, transparency and honesty.”



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