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NEWS Briefs

BONCORE HONORED AS LEGISLATOR OF THE YEAR BY MAPC

Senator Joe Boncore, Chair of the Joint Committee on Transportation, was recognized last week by the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) as "Legislator of the Year." The award is given to honor a legislator who has exhibited leadership in promoting smart growth and fostering regional collaboration in Greater Boston.

"I am grateful for my partnership with MAPC; from collaborating on housing and transportation policy to seeking innovative solutions that meet our communities' need. I am truly humbled by this award," said Senator Joe Boncore (D-Winthrop). "I

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Friday, Nov. 27th**



Friends, Cody Bell, Matt Stoddard, and Cody Wojcik, sorting through Food Pantry donations in the St. John's Episcopal Church hall.

WHS seniors pool time, resources for the Community Food Pantry

By Marianne Salza

Due to the public health crisis, the amount of residents utilizing the Winthrop Community Food Pantry has doubled, but donations have been scarce. Vital food drives have been cancelled, and

visits to the Boston Food Bank are limited, according to Laurisa Wojcik, Administrative Assistant to the Town Manager. The Food Pantry is in critical need of essential, non-perishable goods.

In hopes of maintaining the safety of at-risk

Food Pantry volunteers, a group of Winthrop High School seniors (Cody Wojcik, Brian Houghton, Mike Harris, Cody Bell, and Matt Stoddard) have been volunteering every Wednesday after school since the beginning of November. The friends

have been collecting and sorting food, restocking shelves, and asking local businesses for monetary donations.

On November 18, the friends presented the Food Pantry with an over

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Businesses gear up for Black Friday and Small Business Saturday

By Kate Anslinger

With the pandemic causing several storefronts to close nationwide, it's more important than ever to shop local and support small busi-

nesses. Several Winthrop businesses will be making it easy to shop and score deals this weekend, as they open their doors on Black Friday and Small Business Saturday. Robin's nest, located

at 79 Jefferson Street in Town Center, will be having a storewide 20% off sale until November 29th, to give people more days to shop local.

"With Covid capac-

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Capobianco steps down from Airport Hazards Committee

Will enroll in
Suffolk University
graduate program

By Cary Shuman

Valentino "Tino" Capobianco has stepped down from the Winthrop Airport Hazards Committee that works with

the Massport Authority to monitor air pollution, noise and other hazards at Logan International Airport.

Capobianco said he resigned from the committee because he will be enrolling in a Suffolk University part-time, dual-degree graduate program.

"I resigned because I was accepted to a program at Suffolk University part-time and I just don't have the time to balance the work and School Committee and I need to cut one committee out of my time," said Capobianco, who will

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WINNA WINNA, TURKEY DINNA



Ellen Gaynor, one of the winners of Winthrop Transcript Thankful Contest, shown above with her copy of the Transcript and her prize: a 20-pound Shady Books turkey.

At this time we would like to give thanks to all our
customers for their business and loyalty.
Have a great Thanksgiving.

Lord,
We humbly ask Thy blessing
On the Turkey and the dressing
On the yams and the cranberry
jelly And the pickles from the deli.
Bless the apple pie and tea,
Bless each and every calorie.
Let us enjoy Thanksgiving dinner.
Tomorrow we can all get thinner.
For all Thy help along the way
We're thankful this Thanksgiving
Day. We're thankful too, for all our
dear ones, for all the far away and
near ones. Although we may be far
apart, We're together in my heart.
Keep us in Thy loving care,
This is my Thanksgiving prayer.
P.S. Anyone who wishes may help
with the dishes

WINTHROP POLICE BLOTTER

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

MONDAY, NOV. 9

0818: A resident reported that her Social Security number had been compromised. The officer filed a report.

1616: An officer assisted a Fed Ex driver with getting his truck out of the sand in the 100 block of Tafts Ave.

1641: A resident reported that a fraudulent unemployment claim had been made in his name. The officer filed a report.

1905: A resident reported that a fraudulent unemployment claim had been made in her name. The officer filed a report.

1908: Another resident reported that a fraudulent unemployment claim had been made in her name. The officer filed a report.

TUESDAY, NOV. 10

0458: An officer dispersed two persons who were rummaging through trash bins on Trident Ave.

0827: Officers assisted at the scene of a ruptured gas line on Sunset Rd.

1057: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Revere St. for the civil infraction of failing to use a directional signal. The officer arrested Guilherme Luiz Valbuza, 20, of Revere, for the criminal offenses of unlicensed operation of a MV and illegal possession of a Class B controlled narcotic substance. The officer

also cited him for the civil infraction of failing to signal.

1655: A resident reported that she had been scammed out of \$70,000. The victim initially had sent \$10,000 by wire to a fake scam email and her bank account subsequently was cleaned out. An officer logged onto her account and determined that the funds had been replaced. However, the victim was directed to inform her bank of the situation.

1711: An officer directed a group of about 20 youths at the Ingleside Park skate park to put on masks. Two youths who had an issue were sent on their way.

1821: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Revere St. for a civil infraction (improper registration display) and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

2229: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) at Beal and Main Sts. for a civil infraction (speeding) and issued a citation to the operator.

2303: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) at Revere and Almont Sts. for a civil infraction (failure to signal) and issued a citation to the operator.

2356: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Revere St. for a civil infraction and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 11

0005: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Revere St. for

the civil infraction of an equipment violation (no plate light). The officer arrested Ilyass Mannane, 32, of 482 Winthrop St., on an outstanding warrant and for the criminal offense of unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle. The officer also cited him for the civil infraction of a plate light violation.

1038: An officer issued a parking ticket to a motor vehicle blocking the crosswalk at Bellevue Ave. and Pleasant St.

1328: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) at Locust St. and Shore Drive for a civil infraction and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1632: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Shirley St. for a civil infraction (impeded operation) and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1804: A resident reported being scammed out of \$900 by a caller who said he was with Apple support. The officer filed a report.

2028: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Winthrop St. for a civil infraction and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

2302: A resident reported receiving a fraudulent check. The officer filed a report.

THURSDAY, NOV. 12

0616: An officer responded to a two-car motor vehicle accident (MVA) at Central and Revere Sts. There were no injuries. The officer

filed a report.

0932: A resident reported being the victim of an identity fraud. The officer filed a report.

1024: The Animal Control Officer responded to a report of an injured duck in the 200 block of Washington Ave. and took possession of the duck.

1304: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Main St. with a registration that was revoked for insurance cancellation. The officer arrested Filipe DaSilva, 18, of Framingham, for the criminal offenses of unlicensed operation of a MV and operating an uninsured MV. The officer also cited him for the civil infraction of operating an unregistered MV.

1544: A resident came into the station to report being the victim of identity fraud. The officer filed a report.

1600: A resident reported that a fraudulent unemployment claim had been filed using her name. The officer filed a report.

1600: Another resident reported that a fraudulent unemployment claim had been filed using her name. The officer filed a report.

1827: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Revere St. for a civil infraction (failure to signal) and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

2112: An officer responded to a MVA at Revere St. and Shirley Ave. in which a passing MV struck a parked MV. There were no injuries.

The officer filed a report.

FRIDAY, NOV. 13

1330: An officer issued a parking ticket to a MV parked on the corner of Prospect and Faun Bar Aves.

1422: A resident reported that a fraudulent unemployment claim had been filed using her name. The officer filed a report.

1503: A resident reported that a fraudulent unemployment claim had been filed using his name. The officer filed a report.

1531: A resident reported that a fraudulent unemployment claim had been filed using her name. The officer filed a report.

2221: An officer responded to a report of a group of youths lighting off fireworks at Bowdoin and Ocean View Sts. An officer stopped a MV with five youths at Revere and Harvard Sts. Although the youths denied setting off fireworks, the operator of the MV did not have a license and was cited for that offense. A licensed operator came by to take control of the MV.

2259: An officer dispersed persons in a MV from Kennedy Rd.

2321: An officer responded to a noise complaint from a Governor's Drive resident. The officer spoke to the other parties and they agreed to keep their noise down.

SATURDAY, NOV. 14

0000: An officer directed persons playing

music loudly at Governor's Park to turn down the music.

1513: Officers responded to a two-car MVA at Highland and Grovers Aves. There were no injuries, but both vehicles were towed.

1630: An officer responded to a report of a verbal altercation between two parties on Pleasant St. The argument pertained to a dog. The officer restored the peace.

SUNDAY, NOV. 15

0643: Officers responded to a report of a noise disturbance in a residence on Nevada St. The officers spoke to both parties and restored the peace.

1427: Officers responded to a MVA at Shore Drive and Perkins St. One MV was towed.

1859: Officers responded to a report of a fire in Ingleside Park at Brookfield Rd. The officers were given the description of possible suspects (a group of youths on bicycles), but were unable to locate them after a search of the area. The officers assisted while the Fire Dept. extinguished the blaze. The officers filed a report and will investigate.

MONDAY, NOV. 16

0712: An officer responded to a report of a MV blocking a driveway on Banks St. and issued a parking ticket.

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look forward to continue working alongside our partners in municipal government to make sure they have the resources they need in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic. I'm confident that the solutions are possible with innovation, forward-thinking and collaboration."

"MAPC has deeply valued working with Senator Boncore to advance issues of affordable housing, equitable

transportation, public safety, and sustainability across Greater Boston," said Marc Draisen, Executive Director of the Metropolitan Area Planning Council. "Like our staff, he is committed to looking at these issues through a lens of racial justice, and we are tremendously proud to honor him with this award and to continue working together to better the region moving forward."

Senator Boncore was

recognized for his leadership to move forward key MAPC legislative priorities on housing, transportation, and public safety. Particularly, his leadership in just four years to raise the funding from \$6 million to \$11 million for Shannon Grants, which support community mobilization to address gang and youth violence.

THE UPCOMING HOLIDAYS ARE A TIME TO ENJOY LOTS OF WONDERFUL FOOD

The holidays may be a bit different this year as we practice social distancing and not attend large gatherings, but we can still enjoy lots of wonderful food. But how are you going to enjoy the holidays and not regret eating too much and gaining weight? Here are some tips from Mystic Valley Elder Services Registered Dietitian Candace Quigley on how you can still enjoy eating your favorite foods without regret.

Weeks before the holiday arrives, be sure to get some exercise and eat healthy. Unfortunately, holiday celebrations tend to be all about food. On average, Americans gain approximately 1-2 pounds around the holidays and it tends to stick and accumulate over the years.

No skipping breakfast! High fiber foods will satisfy hunger.

Don't arrive at your party famished because you will be more likely to eat too much. If dinner is going to be late, then have a healthy snack before you go out.

Most people will consume several handfuls of chips and dip, nuts, puffs, and other appetizers. Choose only one favorite item and don't graze all day until the meal starts. Don't hang around the food table; Focus on people, not the food.

Enjoy your favorite beverage and then switch to water or a non-calorie drink. Try to stay away from punches, eggnog and mixed drinks. Try flavored sparkling water.

When dinner is served, there are usually a lot of choices. Choose those items that you only have on the holiday or are special to you. You could start by putting vegetables on your plate before you put the entrée on it. Survey the entire table before you take any food. Decide which foods are worth eating and which you can ignore and stick to that decision.

Eat slowly and savor every bite; it takes 20 minutes before your stomach registers that you are full.

You don't have to be a member of the clean plate club. You can leave some bites behind.

If you plan on having seconds, wait at least 20 minutes. Even though a lot of the foods are healthy, they all have calories and should be enjoyed in moderation.

Go ahead and have dessert! Just keep it to a reasonable portion and eat slowly. Again, pick an item that is your favorite that you only have during the holidays.

Say NO to food pushers! Smile and say "thanks for making that delicious dessert, but I am full right now. Can I take some home for later?"

Get some physical activity—before, during or after the celebrations. Go for a walk before you leave to go to the party or maybe you will have time after dinner. Still watch your football game but get up between quarters and during ads to mobilize yourself.

Get right back on track with healthy eating and exercise the day after each holiday.

The following recipes are lighter versions of classic holiday dishes:

<https://www.cooking-light.com/recipes/skillet-green-bean-casserole>

<https://www.cookinglight.com/recipes/apple-cranberry-pecan-stuffing>

<https://www.mayoclinic.org/healthy-lifestyle/recipes/turkey-gravy/rcp-20049921>

Give us call to learn more about MVES' nutrition services at 781-324-7705 or visit us at www.mves.org.

Celebrating 45 Years of helping older adults keep their independence, Mystic Valley Elder Services is a non-profit agency located in Malden, Mass., that provides essential home- and community-based care and resources to older adults, adults living with disabilities, and caregivers who reside in Chelsea, Everett, Malden, Medford, Melrose, North Reading, Reading, Revere, Stoneham, Wakefield and Winthrop, regardless of their income level. Agency services include coordination of home care, transportation, Meals on Wheels, and information and referrals. For more information, please call (781) 324-7705 or visit www.mves.org.

POSITIVE TESTS AMONG SUFFOLK INMATES

The Suffolk County Sheriff's Department completed testing last week for COVID-19 infection within a unit housing 59 inmates after an inmate reported symptoms consistent with the virus.

Following the testing of this unit inside the Suffolk County House of Correction, results revealed that, of the 53 inmates who submitted for testing, 15 tested positive for the COVID-19 virus. Six of the 59 inmates refused to be tested.

All of the 59 inmates have since been moved to a special quarantine unit inside the House of Correction, all potentially exposed staff members are self-quarantining, and the now-empty unit has been deep-cleaned and sanitized per COVID-19 protocols in strict accordance with Centers for Disease Control guidelines.

Currently, inmates and staff are asymptomatic and will be under close medical supervision during the quarantine period.

In accordance with state and CDC guidelines and recommendations, the Department continues taking steps to minimize the exposure of staff and inmates and detainees, and to maintain a safe workplace by reviewing, and where necessary, adopting new practices to protect the health of all employees and inmates while we continue to perform the Department's mission.



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EASTON NEIGHBORHOOD HEALTH CENTER

Courts extend start date for jury trials to Jan. 11, 2021

By Kate Anslinger

This holiday season, due to the pandemic, many residents have been forced to get creative with celebrating and carrying on annual traditions. In year's prior, the schools have had holiday fairs put on by the PTO's to raise funds for families in need. At the Arthur T. Cummings School and the Middle School, the annual holiday fair is one of the most anticipated events of the year, allowing students to partake in gift buying, games and holiday festivities. This year, however; the PTOs from

all schools are not giving up a chance to help families in need, and they are joining forces to launch Hope for the Holidays.

After meeting with the principals and School Superintendent Lisa Howard, the PTO boards started to separately brainstorm ideas on how to meet the growing need this year. They reached out to each other to share some ideas for feedback and it didn't take long to figure out a way to try something new.

Because Winthrop is a small town and families often have children in more than one school, the different PTOs will con-

nect to bring some Hope for the Holidays. The gift cards will be used to address either food insecurity or provide gifts for what would otherwise be a dreary holiday.

How to donate to Hope
for the Holidays:

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Mail: 15 Johnson Ave
or 103 Locust Street

Checks can be made payable to: ATC PTO

Donation deadline is
December 11th

If you have any questions, please email: wpsholidays02152@gmail.com

In response to the current situation in the Commonwealth with respect to COVID-19 and the expectation of rising infections during the holiday period, the Supreme Judicial Court (SJC) and the Trial Court announce further postponement of the resumption of jury trials. It is anticipated that Phase 1 of the plan previously approved in the SJC order of Sept. 17, and scheduled to begin the week of Nov. 30, now will commence the week of Jan. 11, 2021.

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ity restrictions, we do not want people to have to worry about crowds during a one or two day sale," said store owner, Robin Gerolamo. "We will also be doing some extras on Nov. 27 - 28 like door prizes and giveaways."

Gerolamo said that the store is stocked with gifts galore including jewelry, decor, apparel & accessories, baby gifts, wedding gifts, custom Winthrop items, and more. Gifts can also be purchased on the recently added online

store at <https://www.robinsnestwinthrop.com/>

"We are incredibly grateful for the support and loyalty of our customers and we look forward to sharing a 'special' holiday season with them."

Across the street from Robin's Nest, the Winthrop Pro Shop will be offering a 10% discount on all adult and children's Winthrop jackets on both Friday and Saturday.

For those who need to shop for their furry family members, Sandy Paw

will be offering 10% off all retail, including food, treats, toys and supplies. When you spend more than \$10, you'll be gifted a free goodie bag of treats, while supplies last.

On Black Friday, the Winthrop Book Depot will be giving away a free hot or iced coffee with the purchase of any Melissa & Doug product. For those wishing to stock up on wine for the holiday, Swett's Liquor will be offering 10% off cases of wine.

Hybrid Learning // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

a lengthy round of public comments, backing both sides of the argument. Several parents, teachers and students, came forward, urging the committee to keep the December 7th start date, many stating that the mental health of students was at risk.

Senior, Jenna Dorn presented a mental health survey that she created for her fellow students, sharing that suicide is the second cause of leading death amongst teens. The survey results are as follows: 49.2% of students from WHS are experiencing anxiety daily, and 16.9% of students have experienced anxiety, 34.6% of students have feelings of depression daily and 22.3% of students have had feelings of depression, 43.1% of students are experiencing loneliness daily and 20% of students have experienced loneliness, 43.8% of students have experienced sadness daily and 19.2% of students have experienced sadness at times, 61.5% of students are not motivated to learn daily and 13.8% of students have had feelings of being not motivated to learn at times.

Parent and community nurse practitioner, Jeanne Holgersen, backed Dorr's statement, sharing that she has witnessed firsthand an uptick of seniors claiming they are depressed.

"As a nurse practitioner in the community, I am dealing with seniors on a daily basis who are depressed and filled with anxiety, students who are being prescribed Zoloft. Kids in our community are suffering and this is a cry for help, I hope everyone is listening. It's time we consider both Covid and mental health concerns. Give us hope, keep the date."

On the other side of the argument, many voiced their concerns over the anxiety that will be attributed to a shifted learning environment.

“When children return to hybrid mode, you have to understand that it won’t be the same,” said Anita Preble, Adjustment Counselor at the ATC School. “They won’t be able to socialize and one of the main sources of anxiety in children is transitioning. If we move into hybrid and there is

an outbreak, that will entail multiple transitions, which will be challenging for children and in turn their anxiety levels will increase.”

Rosemary McCarthy, STEM Director at the Middle School, recognized a coalition forming and splitting the town in half, those who are for schools reopening immediately and those who are erring on the side of caution, opting for a delayed start for in-person learning.

“You can’t rely on an amateur survey given by and taken by the same people who want to go back to school,” McCarthy said. “It’s also important to keep in mind that going back to school is going to be very different than it was pre-Covid. Students will have to maintain a six foot distance at all times, they’ll have to face forward at all times so that when you speak you won’t spew virus-laden air on others. You won’t even be able to get up and sharpen your pencil and only one person will be allowed in the bathroom at a time.”

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continue to serve on the Winthrop School Committee.

Capobianco, who has been a member of the Airport Hazards Committee since 2016, said though he officially announced his resignation at the Nov. 18 meeting, he had made the decision to leave a month ago.

As it turned out, the resignation of three other members – chair Gina Cassetta and members Linda Cargill and Josephine Fatta -- were also announced at the Nov. 18 meeting. Their resignations are unrelated to Capobianco's resignation.

Cassetta said she and members are preparing a formal statement and will release the statement next week.

"I didn't know everyone else was going to resign," said Capobianco. "I resigned just for the purpose of grad school. I have nothing but gratitude for the work of my


fellow members of the Committee and the great coordination with the Council.”

The four remaining members of the Committee are Vice Chair Jerome Falbo, Speaker of the House Robert A. DeLeo, Richard Bangs, and Hannah Belcher.


Capobianco, who graduated from Suffolk in 2011 with a degree in American Government and Politics, will be pursuing separate master's degrees in Public Administration (MPA) and Applied Politics. He has received the Suffolk Graduate Grant Award for academic excellence and will begin his graduate studies in January.

Capobianco, 32, will be continuing in his full-time position at the State House as the chief of staff to Sen. Paul Feeney, who was re-elected without opposition in November.

plications from residents who wish to serve on the Airport Hazards Committee.



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WINTHROP MARKETPLACE

Pass the time with new recipes!

BANANA PIE

INGREDIENTS:

1½ cups graham cracker crumbs	2 (3.5 ounce) packages instant banana pudding mix
¼ cup white sugar	3½ cups milk
⅓ cup butter, melted	1 (8 ounce) container frozen whipped topping, thawed
5 bananas	2 bananas, sliced
1 (3 ounce) package cream cheese, softened	1 tablespoon lemon juice (Optional)

DIRECTIONS:

STEP 1: In a medium bowl, mix graham cracker crumbs and sugar. Stir in melted butter. Mix thoroughly, then press mixture into bottom of a 9x13 inch pan.

STEP 2: Cut bananas into 1/4 inch slices and make a single layer of banana slices on graham cracker crust. Reserve remaining banana slices.

STEP 3: In a large mixing bowl, whip cream cheese until fluffy. Add pudding mix and whip mixture until smooth. Add milk and mix until all ingredients are thoroughly combined. Pour mixture over layer of bananas.

STEP 4: Make another layer of banana slices on top of pudding layer. Cover bananas with whipped topping. Refrigerate at least 3 hours before serving. If using banana slices for garnish, toss with lemon juice to prevent browning.

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OUR Opinions

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Thanksgiving is a uniquely American holiday, tracing its roots back almost 400 years to the Pilgrims, long before there was even a thought of a United States of America.

Thanksgiving is the ultimate family-centered holiday. It has no religious meaning, no national-celebration connotations, and no required gift-giving. It lacks the commercialism, religiosity, solemnity, and political overtones of all of our other national observances.

It is the only day on the calendar when we have no obligation other than to spend the day with those who mean the most to us. It asks nothing more from each of us (other than for the person who is doing all the cooking!) beyond just showing up and enjoying the company of our family and friends and then having a great meal.

Even amidst this time of a raging pandemic in our country, we all can agree that Thanksgiving makes us aware of what we have to be thankful for. Despite our present trials and tribulations, Americans are remarkably fortunate to be where we are. Thanksgiving is a national celebration that serves to remind us how blessed we are at a time when circumstances are so cruel for so many others in a world in which there are more refugees than at any time since the end of World War II.

Thanksgiving serves as a rare day for relaxation, reflection, and inevitably -- at least for some of us -- a post-dinner nap or early night of sleep. In a time when so many of us are connected 24/7 to some instrument of communication, it truly is a relief to have a day when we can just shut it all off.

We wish all of our readers a happy -- and restful -- Thanksgiving.

ENJOY THE
HOLIDAY SAFELY

We would be remiss if we did not remind our readers to enjoy the holiday weekend, but to do so safely.

The pandemic is spreading like wildfire across our nation, shattering previous records of infection on a daily basis and requiring all of us to take every precaution to ensure that we do not spread the coronavirus among our friends and family members.

The virus does not take a holiday -- and each of us must act accordingly.

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HAPPY THANKSGIVING

GUEST OP-ED

Thanksgiving 2020, home, but not alone

By Karen Lee Sobol

Has your sense of time shifted lately? Does avoiding people feel bizarre, and has Purell become your new best friend? Do you spot beauty in surprising places, and feel the rhythm of your breath inside your mask?

I’ve lived through this before. Then, I was solo. Now, I’m one of seven billion, living through it again, with you. Both times, with little advance notice, a deadly disease became a dire threat. Then, in 2005, I was diagnosed with a non-Hodgkin’s lymphoma defined as rare and incurable. Now, in 2020, we all risk infection by COVID-19, a wildly contagious novel coronavirus with no known cure. My blood cancer was so rare it’s called an orphan disease. COVID-19 is so universal it’s called a pandemic.

Thinking about the Thanksgiving holiday usually energizes us. Plans often include travel, time with family and friends, and meals shared. This year, the dangers of spreading or contracting COVID-19 trigger anxiety and dread. What to do?

In 2005, I faced a similar dilemma. I was in the midst of a clinical trial with a monoclonal antibody. Because the drug had annihilated my immune system, every germ and virus, wheth-

er it came from another person or naturally lived inside my body or on my skin, could pose a lethal threat. I washed and sanitized my hands obsessively and never touched my face. Social isolation was self-protection, so I left home only to go to the hospital or take solitary walks, a scarf wrapped over my nose and mouth. Holding a vision of myself as cancer-free and healthy, as though I already were, I felt that a brighter future was just a matter of time.

In a normal year, my family’s Thanksgiving tradition might start by serving a mid-day meal to guests at a local shelter, then welcoming family and friends to dinner in our home. But for us 2005 was no normal year and exposing me to other people wasn’t an option. Instead, we ordered in dinner for three—my husband, our teen-aged daughter, and me—and felt grateful. We connected with people by phone, and their intangible energy helped sustain my nuclear family through our crisis.

For us all, 2020 is no normal year. Together we face the potentially deadly risk of COVID-19. And we’re tired of social isolation. But what opportunities we have, including the opportunity to keep ourselves, our families, and our friends, safe, and to share our resources more

widely.

Remember what they say before an airplane takes off? “If the oxygen masks drop down, put your own mask on before assisting others.”

This Thanksgiving, if you’re lucky enough to have a home, please stay there. Being alone doesn’t have to mean being lonely. Consider safe, helpful ways to support and connect with people. Perhaps order your dinner from a local restaurant to help keep cooks and staff employed. Perhaps donate to a local food bank or shelter so those less fortunate have meals to nourish them. Perhaps, in recognition of the historic roots of the day, contribute to an organization like the Indigenous Environmental Network which provides desperately needed food and emergency COVID-19 relief funds to Native Americans.

With challenge comes opportunity. We have the chance to stem COVID-19’s spread, and we have the chance to spread compassion. Compassion nurtures healing and hope. Its intangible energy creates real results.

When the twelve weeks of my clinical trial ended, I was frail and exhausted, but signs of cancer had decreased dramatically, and five months later, the disease was gone. It took two years and four months for my immune system to

rebuild and I was able to resume normal life. With the welcome news that a vaccine will likely be available within the next few months, I feel optimistic that our collective timeline will be much shorter.

I believe in medical science and I believe in the power of holding a vision of good health. Now, as then, I think of my favorite equation ever: Hope = Belief + Expectation. I believe, and I fully expect, we can and we will stop COVID-19.

Imagine a world free of COVID-19 as if it already exists, and hold this vision with me. Imagine a world in which we care for ourselves and each other as one family.

Now expand the vision to embrace the planet. If we actively protect and preserve biodiversity—earth’s wondrously varied habitats and the countless species who thrive in them—we take a giant step to keeping hundreds of thousands of viruses in the plant and animal kingdoms where they belong, and where they won’t leap to us.

Now we know. Good health is global health.

Karen Lee Sobol lives in Boston, MA and is Artist and Author of Twelve Weeks: An Artist’s Story of Cancer, Healing, and Hope.

LETTER to the Editor

THANK YOU

Dear Editor,

Many may remember flooding in Winthrop Center in late 2017 when waters reached car handle doors. A small lake has formed each year at the bottom of our Cottage Park Road and Somerset Avenue. These are only a few reasons the Town has consigned with P. Gioioso & Sons to conduct major sewer, drain, and water repair in the Center area.

I personally want to thank Superintendent Frank Fruci and all

the good construction crew working on this involved and difficult project. These workers bring the word “labor” to a new level. They work hard and are very considerate of residents who are impacted by noise, parking relocation, etc. The workers are quick to advise neighbors of BRIEF water shutoffs and water resumption.

Thank you Town officials for legislating this essential infrastructure and keeping us all apprised of upcoming work. Thank you state

legislators for grant money you may have sanctioned. Thank you Steve Calla, Public Works Director, for your and your staff’s assistance in any way.

We’ll all experience some inconvenience while this construction is going on, but in the end it’ll all be worth it! Thank you to all those workers

making a positive difference in our Winthrop Center.

Donna Segreti Reilly



Food Pantry // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

\$5,000 check, raised from the generosity of Corolla Roofing, Light-house Construction, Winthrop Center Café, Seacoast Construction, Inc., Print Boston, A & K Waste, Special F/X, Mutual Beef, Robert Paul Properties, Richard Ferrino & Family, Senator Joe Boncore, Kerry Spindler, Spine Center North Shore PLLC, Milano’s Deli, Chesnut Hill Wealth Management Group, Council President Phil Boncore, Boston Commercial Lending, the Wojcik Family, MSA Mortgage, Christopher’s Flowers, and Richard Graham.

Now, the Food Pan-

try has gathered enough food to last through the end of December.

Members of the community who have also donated to the Food Pantry during this town-wide effort include: the Winthrop Middle School Student Council, the Winthrop Police Department, the Winthrop Fire Department 1070, the Winthrop Marketplace, and Twist and Shake.

Please call the Winthrop Community Food Pantry, located at 222 Bowdoin Street, at (617) 846-6884, or the St. John’s Episcopal Church parish office at (617) 846-2363, to schedule a time to deliver donations.



Winthrop High School students, Cody Wojcik, Brian Houghton, Mike Harris, Cody Bell, and Matt Stoddard, with volunteer, Shiela Bissett, and Father Walter Connelly, of St. John’s Episcopal Church



High School Senior, Cody Wojcik, presenting Reverend Walter Connelly, Rector of St. John’s Episcopal Church, with a check to benefit the Food Pantry on November 18.



Winthrop High School seniors, Mike Harris and Brian Houghton, organizing Food Pantry donations.



Cody Bell, Winthrop High School senior, volunteering at the Food Pantry.

Massport helps feed most vulnerable this holiday season

Throughout the upcoming holiday season, families and friends throughout the Boston area will give thanks for each other, and for the food we enjoy as part of our traditions. This year, Massport is pleased to

provide food donations to three programs in our local communities: Crossroads Family Center in East Boston; Winthrop Community Food Pantry; and South Boston Community Health Center Food Pantry. These

three organizations serve hundreds of people each month, and often mean the difference between paying for heat and having enough food for the family to eat.

“This year, due to the

COVID-19 crisis, food demand continues to rise,” said Alaina Coppola, Director of Community Relations at Massachusetts Port Authority. “During these unprecedented times, it is more important than ever that

we look out for our neighbors. We hope that these donations are enjoyed by the many families that receive support from these organizations.”

Massport employees donated over 40 boxes of food and raised over

\$300 in grocery store gift cards for this year’s food drive. These programs and many others provide critical assistance year-round to the most vulnerable members of our community.

Winthrop Senior Center News

Website: town.winthrop.ma.us/council-aging
Email: COARception@town.winthrop.ma.us

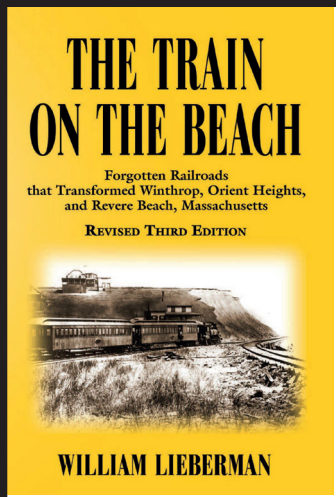
The Senior Center remains closed at this time. While lunch is not being served, Meals on Wheels continues to operate. Residents who are in need and are not currently on the list to receive meals through Meals on Wheels can call Mystic Valley Elder Services at 781-324-7705, with their name, phone number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

Senior Phone Buddy Program: Senior Center volunteers are available to make friendly phone calls to homebound seniors. 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.

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

Subscribe to the Senior Center’s monthly newsletter. You can now subscribe to receive the Senior Center newsletter via email. To sign up, go to www.town.winthrop.ma.us/subscribe, enter your email address and select “Senior Center Newsletter” from the options.



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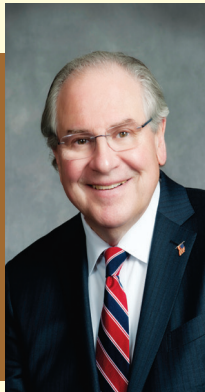
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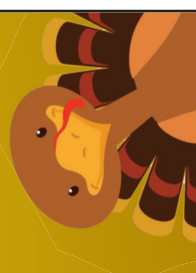
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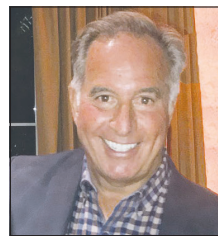


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Winthrop High winter sports can begin practices Dec. 14

By Cary Shuman

Following the official go-ahead from the Winthrop School Committee, WHS Athletic Director Matt Serino announced that winter sports teams will begin their preseason practices on Monday, Dec. 14.

Winter practices usually begin on the Monday after Thanksgiving, but the start date was pushed back due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The WHS boys and girls hockey teams will practice at the Larsen Rink at the Mike Eruzi-one Center. Head coaches Dale Dunbar and Anthony Martucci, respectively, will return to lead their highly successful programs.

The WHS boys and girls basketball will practice at the high school gymnasium. Mike Triant will begin his first season at the helm of the

Vikings' boys basketball program. Joe Lowe is returning for his second season as the girls basketball head coach.

The WHS gymnastics team, under the direction of coaches Peter Gobiell and Daria Millerick, will practice at the Winthrop Gymnastics Academy.

The boys and girls indoor track seasons have been moved to the "Fall 2" season with a start date of late February.

Winthrop High varsity swimmers compete for the Lynn English co-op team, but Lynn officials have not made a decision about the season. The team's home meets are held at Lynn Tech.

The hockey and basketball teams will play a regular season schedule consisting of between 12-14 games. The hockey and basketball teams will open their seasons on Jan. 9. and Jan. 12,

respectively. The date of the gymnastics team's opening meet has not been announced, but the season will not commence any earlier than Jan. 9. The JV and freshman teams will also play a regular season schedule.

Serino said he was excited that the winter sports season will begin soon after having the entire fall season postponed until February.

"I'm extremely excited that we'll be starting on Dec. 14," said Serino. "I was pleasantly surprised Monday night when the School Committee voted to allow us to start winter sports. I know our students are really looking forward to it. It will be a nice way to ease them back into a little bit of normalcy. I'm happy for our kids and our coaches and this town to get some athletics back."

WHS SPORTS THROUGH THE YEARS

10 years ago
November 24, 2010

A 2-8 Winthrop High football team will rate as an underdog to a 3-7 Revere squad when the teams meet for their annual contest on Thanksgiving Day at Harry Della Russo Stadium. The Vikings will be led by their senior captains, Nick McCarthy, Joe Boudrow, and Nick Doonan. Revere will be led by their senior running back duo of Trae Weathers and Quintin Wesley, who have combined for more than 200 points this season for Revere. Weathers has been the workhorse, playing every game and amassing 167 total points, while Wesley battled a pre-season injury early, but returned down the stretch to give Revere a balanced one-two rushing attack. Other Viking seniors who will be playing in their final game on Thursday are Jake Adelstein, Nick Beaudry, Mike Caputo, Joe Clougherty, Paul Correale, Alex Dalton, JP Doherty, Rich Ferrino, Anthony Hatzisavas, Joe Mazzuchelli, and Chris Strangie.

20 years ago
Nov. 23, 2000

A 6-4 WHS football team rates a strong favorite over a 3-7 Revere squad in tomorrow's annual Turkey Day tilt between the archrivals. Coach Tony Fucillo's Vikings will be led by their star running back, junior Bobby Kneeland, who has rushed for 946 yards on 134 carries and leads

the Northeastern Conference with 16 touchdowns. Fullback David Dirkers has been a solid contributor in short yardage situations, rushing for 560 yards and four TDs. Quarterback Matt Emanuelson has connected on 46-of-89 pass attempts for 687 yards and four TDs. Winthrop has won 10 straight games in the series, with Revere's last victory coming in 1989.

Revere Police say they will be taking extra precautions to ensure the safety of fans and players for the Thanksgiving Day game at Revere. Fights broke out between fans at Harry Della Russo Stadium in 1994, 1996, and 1998.

The WHS football team earned a 33-21 victory over Danvers in their final Northeastern Conference game of the season, overcoming a 21-7 deficit. Bobby Kneeland exploded for three touchdowns and sophomore Lucas Guarino clinched the victory with a 42 yard romp into the endzone.

The WHS senior girls and a team of parents and faculty battled to a 0-0 tie in a Powder Puff football game Sunday afternoon at Miller Field.

30 years ago
November 21, 1990

A winless WHS football team will seek to end its season on a winning note against a 1-8 Revere squad at Harry Della Russo Stadium in Revere on Thanksgiving Day. Revere defeated the Vikings in last year's contest.

WINTHROP BASEBALL PLAYERS COMPETE IN EASTIE



While the Winthrop Senior Baseball League returned to the town this summer for a successful season under the direction of Mark DeGregorio, some Winthrop players also competed in the East Boston Senior League at Noyes Park. Pictured are members of the league champion Blue Jays, from left, Joe Ferullo, Cam Martin, Jeriel Cuello, Matt DeCarney, and Brian Kelly.

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OBITUARIES

Edward Cardoza

The winner of many Special Olympics Medals, had many friends and touched many lives

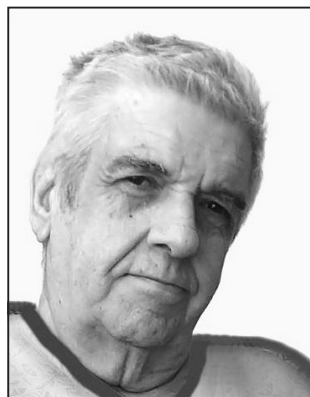
Edward M. “Eddie” (Ned) Cardoza, 69, of Winthrop passed suddenly on November 15 at Advocate Rehab, East Boston as a result of many post-Covid-19 recovery complications. He recently enjoyed in-house social activities and outdoor visits with his devoted sister, Ann Cultrera of Medford and her husband, Steve.

The son of the late Manuel and Anna (Riley) Cardoza, Ned was also the beloved brother of Tom and Sandy Cardoza of Parrish, FL, Maureen and Bob Saffi and Bobby and Alicia Cardoza of Waterbury, VT and the late Richard Cardoza and his wife, Lorraine of N. Andover. He is also survived by many loving nieces and cousins as well as the DDS/MRS family who cared for and about him for so many years.

Ned went through the Winthrop public school system, special needs, graduating with the class of 1970. He loved being on the high school cross-country and track teams, excelling in longer-distance events. He would go on to win many Special Olympic medals, including during the 1991 International games in Minneapolis.

After his father’s death in 1972, Ned lived at home for over five years with his caring brother Bobby followed by Dept. of Developmental Services group home placements and many years with the Fernald in Waltham.

Eddie, as his DDS family knew him, was lovingly called the “Walking Man.” He would roam the Fernald



grounds, popping in to visit many patient and supportive staff members on his way to the activity center. Eddie loved chatting about sports and recent events as well as family and the latest Sunday matinee movie seen with his sister.

When the Fernald closed, Eddie moved to a group home in South Boston where he will be sadly missed by his loving staff and roommates as well as so many others within the DDS system who served his many needs and appreciated his sweet soul, quirky sense of humor, and caring nature.

Eddie also attended weekday social programs at Work, Inc. in Dorchester where he was known for doing “Take Me Out to the Ball Game” at weekly karaoke.

Services are being arranged by the Maurice W. Kirby Funeral Home, 210 Winthrop St., Winthrop with a celebration of Ned’s life to be planned there at a future time. Contributions in his name may be made to the Special Olympics or any other favorite charity.

“Eddie” (Ned) had many friends and touched many lives. We encourage you to share your memories by visiting www.mauricekirbyfh.com.

Thomas Donovan

Vice Commander of Orient Heights Yacht Club



Thomas J. Donovan of Winthrop passed away on November 18.

Thomas loved dogs. He was a past member of the VFW and the Vice Commander of the Orient Heights Yacht Club. Thomas was also a veteran of the United States Navy.

He was the devoted husband of Mary P. Donovan (Cohan), loving father of Ian Donovan, Christine Noel, Kara Kelley and Erin Kehoe; cherished grandfather of Mark, Emily, Julia, Nora, Spencer, Kylie and Danika.

Family and friends will honor Thomas’s life by gathering at the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home, 971 Saratoga Street, Ori-



ent Heights East Boston on Friday, November 27 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for a memorial service celebrating his life. All services will be held in accordance with Phase-3 of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts phased reopening plan due to COVID-19. Face coverings are required to be worn and social distancing measures are encouraged. For more information, please visit www.ruggieromh.com.

Edward 'Jim' Soper III

Director of Everett Inspectional Services and Former Winthrop Building Inspector

Edward “Jim” Soper III of Winthrop passed away unexpectedly at the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston on November 21. He was 60 years old. Born in Winthrop, he was the beloved son of the late Marilyn “Cookie” (Ciampa) and Edward J. Soper, Jr. A lifelong Winthrop resident, he was a 1978 graduate of Winthrop High School. He went on to attend Norwich University where he earned his Bachelor’s Degree. He worked in the roofing industry for many years before becoming the building inspector for the Town of Winthrop. At the time of his passing, he was the Director of Inspectional Services for the City of Everett. He also taught at the Wentworth Institute in Boston.

He had a lifelong love of Hockey and would still skate two nights a week at the Winthrop Rink. He was a member of the Winthrop Lodge of Elks and the Barn Boys, Inc. He loved fishing but most of all loved his kids and cherished his grandchildren. He also enjoyed working on his daughter’s farm.

He was the devoted husband since 1982 to Diane (Ricupero) and



the loving father of Jennifer Hernandez and her husband, Rob and James Soper and his wife, Sara Soper Stevens; dear brother of Michael Soper and his wife, Debbie and the late Lisa Zagarella; cherished grandfather of Elian Hernandez, Janelise Hernandez and Scarlett Soper Stevens.

Family and friends are cordially invited to attend the Funeral Mass in the St. John the Evangelist Church 320 Winthrop St., Winthrop on Saturday, November 28 at 10 a.m. Committal will be private.

Attendees must observe social distancing and wear masks in the Church

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

Patricia Austin Jones

Touched many and will be missed by all who knew her

Patricia Jones Austin of South Yarmouth and Naples, FL, formerly of Winthrop and Melrose, passed away on November 18. Patricia was the beloved wife of Robert C. Austin and devoted mother of Joanne Austin of Malden. Born in Winthrop, she was the cherished daughter of the late Thomas A. and Margaret M. (Flannery) Jones, dear sister of Thomas Jones and his wife, Martha of Virginia Beach, VA. and Margaret “Peggy” Herbert and her late husband Daniel of Winthrop. Chachee (as she was affectionately known) had many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends who loved her dearly.

Patricia worked for many years at the United Airlines Red Carpet Club at Logan Airport, a job she truly loved and a treasure trove of wonderful friends and memories.

She touched the lives of many people and will be missed by all who knew her.

Keep howling at the



moon!!

Her Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. John the Evangelist Church, 320 Winthrop St., Winthrop on Monday, November 23. Interment was private. A celebration of her life will be held at a later date. Donations in her memory can be made to the Dana Farber Cancer Institute 450 Brookline Ave. Boston, MA. 02215 or to a charity of your choice.

Funeral arrangements were by the Maurice W. Kirby Funeral Home, 210 Winthrop St., Winthrop. To sign her guestbook, please visit our website at www.mauricekirbyfh.com.

Stella Anastos Rodis

A mother with quick wit and loving nature

On Thursday, November 19, Stella Anastos Rodis, loving mother of three children, passed away at age 95.

Stella was born on March 18, 1925 in Winthrop. She graduated from Winthrop High School and went on to attend the Massachusetts School of Art in Boston and majored in advertising. She created ads that were published in the Boston Globe before she married.

She had a quick wit and a loving nature. She inspired her children to go to college and to be all they could be.

Stella was preceded in death by her husband, Eleptherios, her mother, Elizabeth, her father, Christi, her brothers, Harry and Theodore. She is survived by her three children: Elizabeth and

her husband, Richard, Deborah and her husband, Charles and Jonathan and his wife, Kathy. She is also survived by her three grandchildren, Erin and her husband, Robert, Shaun and his wife Bidisha, and Harrison and his girlfriend, Jenna. She also leaves three great grandchildren: Stella, Isabelle and Oliver.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in memory of Stella can be made to Rosie’s Place, 889 Harrison Avenue, Boston, MA 02118.

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

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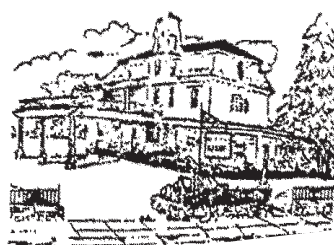
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OBITUARIES

Judge Joseph Vincent Ferrino, Sr.

Retired Justice of East Boston District Court



Judge Joseph Vincent Ferrino, Sr. passed away peacefully in Boston on November 22.

Born in 1926 in Boston, he was a child of Sicilian parents who immigrated to the Boston area via Ellis Island around 1910. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his wife of over 60 years, Marie A. (“Jeanette”) Ferrino, his brother, Peter J. Ferrino, MD, and his sister, Annette M. Nazzaro. He is survived by his four children: Joseph V. Ferrino, Jr. of Winthrop, Joanne F. Zahrobsky and her husband, Colonel Joseph R. Zahrobsky, USAF (Ret.), of Tampa, FL, Paula J. Fosa of Winthrop and Richard H. Ferrino and his wife, Rhonda K. Ferrino of Winthrop. He is also survived by nine grandchildren, several great grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Judge Ferrino was a World War II veteran, a Boston area attorney, a district court justice, a veterans organization leader, a patriotic organization founder, a beacon in the Italian American community, and a volunteer for hundreds of community causes and organizations.

A graduate of Boston University Law in 1951, Judge Ferrino returned to his roots to open a one-man practice in a brownstone law office in East Boston. There he served clients and became involved in several national causes until, in 1971, the Governor of Massachusetts appointed him a judge in the East Boston District Court. In 1976, he was promoted to presiding justice of that court. Over the ensuing 25 years, Judge Ferrino stewarded his court into a unique community asset--a multi-dimensional community court complete with a totally unique in-court community medical clinic and a Boy Scout coeducational Explorer Post. In addition, he also initiated Law Day in the Massachusetts courts. In 1989 the president of the Massachusetts Bar Association presented him their Public Service Award, calling his court “unparalleled in the state.” In addition to his court responsibilities, Judge Ferrino was a member of the Massachusetts, North Suffolk, and Boston Bar Associations. He sat on the Executive Committee of the International Association of Jurists, the Governor’s Task Force on Juvenile Justice, and the Judicial Committee on Courthouses and Facilities. He also served as President of the Justinian Law Society and was recently named “Honorary



Dean”. His academic lecture and two advising resumes included Harvard University, the National Judicial College, the Massachusetts Bar Association, the University of Massachusetts, Brandeis University, Salem State University and numerous others. Many of these activities resulted in published scholarly work.

Beyond his legal career, however, Judge Ferrino lived a remarkable life in many other diverse fields. He entered the Merchant Marines and then later, enlisted in the U. S. Navy for the last 24 months of World War II. After the war ended, he attended college at the University of Alabama, and Boston University for law school. But he never lost his connection with veterans. He was a member of the Disabled American Veterans, the Italian American War Veterans, the East Boston Veterans Council, and most notably, the American Veterans--commonly known as the AMVETS. There, he commanded its local post, served as its Massachusetts Judge Advocate, co-wrote the national constitution and by-laws, and commanded its Northeast District. He went on to serve as its National Judge Advocate and its representative to international veterans councils in The Hague and Geneva. Finally, in 1968, he was elected its 25th National Commander and served in Washington, DC for a year.

He was also fiercely patriotic. Judge Ferrino founded the Bay State Chapter of Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge. It became a major focus of his energies, particularly after retirement from the bench in 1991, and he served in multiple offices, including president. His work in building the group from scratch ultimately provided hundreds of young people an immersive U. S. policy and education experience at the Freedoms Foundation national education center in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania even as his local chapter served Massachusetts as a cornerstone organization in public affairs and traditions.

Judge Ferrino’s role in the Italian American community was legendary. Over the decades he served in every leadership role in the Dante Alighieri Society of

Massachusetts. He was instrumental in building the cultural center in Cambridge. In 1998, working closely with the governor, he was instrumental in establishing the annual October Italian Heritage Month in Massachusetts. He maintained active membership in a plethora of Italian American organizations his entire life. He also worked closely with the Italian 3 Consulate in Boston, hosting and supporting a number of consuls general and their work in Massachusetts and New England.

Judge Ferrino also served in numerous other leadership and advisory capacities. At various times he co-chaired the 1987/1988 East Boston and Winthrop Bicentennial Committee, the Trinity Neighborhood House, the Boston Bicentennial and the Boston Jubilee. He incorporated and advised the East Boston and North Suffolk Mental Health Clinics. He served as president of the East Boston Chamber of Commerce, the East Boston Kiwanis Club, and the East Boston Social Centers, Inc. He sat on the Boards of the YMCA Armed Services, Huntington General Hospital, Trinity House Camps, Inc., and the Board of Trustees of the Boston Public Library. He served as Scoutmaster of Troop 15, and sat on the Executive Board of the Boston Council of the Boy Scouts. And he co-published the East Boston Leader.

Judge Ferrino’s U.S. and International awards and decorations were myriad. He was knighted by the President of the Italian Republic as Commendatore dell’Ordine della Stella della solidarietà italiana (A Commander of the Order of the Star of Italian Solidarity). In May 2016, Freedoms Foundation presented him its highest national award, the “Spirit of ‘76” medal and, in 2018, the Massachusetts State House of Representatives honored him for his “collective body of work” on the Italian Heritage Month Committee. In 1989 he was honored with a Grand Knighthood in the Order of Saint Michael the Archangel of the Massachusetts Italian American Police Officers Association. He held awards and recognition from every level of the Massachusetts Bar and countless other organizations.

In view of the national health emergency, memorial and interment services will be held privately for the immediate family only. A retrospective public celebration of life is contemplated for some later date when safety can be assured. Friends wishing to make a memorial gesture are encouraged to donate to the American Diabetes Association.

Arrangements under the direction of the Caggiano-O’Maley-Frazier Funeral Home, Winthrop.

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

Baker-Polito administration announces \$10 million to Community Foundations for immediate COVID-19 relief

Staff report

The Baker-Polito Administration announced \$10 million in immediate relief and support to individuals and households experiencing severe economic hardship due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The funds, awarded to 14 organizations through the Community Foundations Grant Program for COVID-19 Relief, can be used for vital services such as food security, housing and utilities support, emergency childcare and transportation, and other unmet needs of the community.

“This pandemic has created challenges for families across Massachusetts, including food insecurity, housing instability, and a lack of childcare, and these grants build on the Commonwealth’s efforts to help residents access these essential services and items,” said Secretary of Housing and Economic Development Mike Kennealy. “We appreciate the partnership of the Legislature in moving this funding forward, and applaud the work of so many organizations across the state helping people to access critical aid.”

“We are pleased to award these grants to regional and local organizations to help achieve goals such as keeping people in their homes, providing nourishing food, and supporting remote work and school,” said Undersecretary of Housing and Community Development Jennifer Maddox. “These additional resources complement the Eviction Diversion Initiative and other administration programs that boost the critical safety nets for our most disadvantaged and at-risk communities.”

The Community Foundation Grant awards

continue the Administration’s efforts to support the individuals and families who have been hit especially hard during the pandemic, and are part of Partnerships for Recovery, the comprehensive plan to stabilize and grow the Commonwealth’s economy. These one-time grants to community organizations range from \$200,000 to nearly \$1.7 million. Each foundation will re-grant program funds to local or regional community-based organizations that have the capacity to efficiently provide immediate relief and support for individuals and families.

The Community Foundations Grant Program for COVID-19 Relief was authorized under Chapter 124 of the Acts of 2020 (Supplemental Budget), to grant \$10 million in funds to eligible Community Foundations for immediate COVID-19-related needs. Applications were evaluated based on both the Community Foundation’s history of funded activities and proposed activities to serve the intended populations, and allocations were based on a formula determined by the demographics identified in the Supplemental Budget language. The program is administered by the Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development and the Department of Housing and Community Development.

“As Massachusetts experiences a second COVID-19 surge, there are so many people suffering and in need of help,” said Senate President Karen Spilka (D-Ashland). “Our priorities in the Senate have been to provide immediate access to emergency food support, mental health support, rental and

utility assistance, emergency childcare, educational support, and emergency financial support for individuals with COVID. We are fortunate to be able to work with outstanding community partners such as Foundation for MetroWest to provide these critical resources in a timely and effective manner.”

“Since the onset of the pandemic, the House has worked to provide relief to the most vulnerable among us with funding for housing, food security, unemployment benefits and economic development,” said House Speaker Robert A. DeLeo (D-Winthrop). “Our communities need support during these unprecedented times, and these investments will go into the hands of groups that directly serve those in need across the Commonwealth.”

In May 2020, the Baker-Polito Administration created a new Food Security Infrastructure Grant Program as part of a \$56 million investment to combat urgent food insecurity for some Massachusetts families and individuals as a result of COVID-19. To date, the Administration has awarded over \$17.7 million in grants through four rounds of funding, ensuring that Massachusetts’ farmers, fishermen and other local food producers are better connected to a strong, resilient food system to help mitigate future food supply and distribution disruption.

The Boston Foundation Boston, Braintree, Chelsea, Everett, Lynn, Malden, Quincy, Randolph, Revere, Weymouth Housing support, utilities, food security, technology needs for remote work/school, transportation \$1,690,681

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Stetson Realty LLC	Bodvar, Paul J	24 Beacon St	\$540,000
Dow, Kristine	36-38 Beal Street RT	36 Beal St #1	\$170,000
Crane, Matthew M	Mitchell, Grant P	267 Court Rd	\$703,000
Brace, Susan L	266 Main Street T	266 Main St	\$513,000
Owens, Stephen J	Ruchie, Barbara	35 Ocean Ave	\$499,000
Patrick J Donahue T	8 Paine Street RT	8 Paine St	\$650,000
Shoreline Rlty Group LLC	Oak Treet T	42-48 Summit Ave	\$1,000,000
Hurley-Felt, Patricia A	Northrop, Charles M	34 Sunnyside Ave	\$700,000



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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
November 24, 2010
Winthrop Police Lieutenant Paul DeLeo said this week that car owners should be careful not to leave valuables in plain sight in their cars and to always lock car doors and close windows in light of the recent rash of thefts from cars parked on Winthrop streets. DeLeo reported that in a recent three-day period from Friday, November 12, through Sunday, November 14, there were 12 reports of items stolen from cars, with the vast majority of those coming in the Lewis Avenue-Lewis Lake-River Road area.

The 17th edition of the commemorative Winthrop ornaments have been issued. This year's design features the Winthrop Playhouse in white on a maroon bulb, drawn by artist Grace Meidanis. All proceeds benefit the holiday lighting fund. Ornaments are \$5 and are available at local stores. Viking football and snowman ornaments are also on sale at the Winthrop Chamber of Commerce office at 207 Hagman Road.

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows and Tangled are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

20 years ago
Nov. 23, 2000
It took the Special Town Meeting just 30 minutes to zip through 11 articles and spend \$650,000 Thursday evening, all in accordance with the recommendations of the Advisory Committee. Half of the money was appropriated for town employee pay raises and the rest for various departmental requests for new vehicles and school building repairs.

The Chamber of Commerce's annual Home for the Holidays festival is set for the Friday after Thanksgiving starting at 1:00 in French Square and culminating with the lighting of the holiday lights in the Centre.

The Winthrop High Drama Society presented a one-act comedy, Of

Widows and Vegetables, last weekend.

Little Nicky and 102 Dalmatians are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

30 years ago
Nov. 21, 1990
St John's Episcopal Church and its new pastor, Fr. Don Milligan, recently welcomed Bishop Barbara Harris, the first woman to be ordained a Bishop in the Anglican Church, in a Friday evening ceremony at which Bishop Harris confirmed and baptized a number of St. John's parishioners.

Winthrop Dog Officer Jack Van Buskirk has resigned his position. Van Buskirk had served in that post since 1965, but recently has come under fire from

Selectman Richard DiMento for what DiMento said is Van Buskirk's lack of enforcement of the town's leash and pooper-scooper by-laws.

The School Committee has received and accepted the findings of an independent audit in identifying the causes of the \$385,000 shortfall in the school budget for the current year. Much of the deficit appears to be the result of transfers for bond issues that should not have been charged to the School Department.

The selectmen have blasted the MBTA for a proposal that may eliminate a drop-off for bus passengers on the Winthrop side of the Orient Heights T station.

A Chelsea man, 44 year-old William Fitzmeyer, has been found guilty of murder in the first degree for strangling 76 year-old Thomas Fowler who was Fitzmeyer's roommate at Winthrop Hospital. Fitzmeyer allegedly strangled Fowler because Fowler's snoring was bothering him.

3 Men and a Little Lady, Misery, and Goodfellas are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

40 years ago
Nov. 18, 1980
A meeting between the selectmen and the Advisory Committee

determined that every town department should prepare for a 20 percent reduction in its budget in the aftermath of the passage by the voters of Prop. 2 and 1/2 with the possibility that the cuts could be even deeper.

Byron Matthews, the Secretary for the Office of Communities and Development in the King administration, told the Winthrop Rotary Club that there are 320 firms in Massachusetts that are in the process of expanding and adding 16,000 new jobs.

Twenty members of the Winthrop Police Department, led by Union Pres. Frank DeFronzo, attended the selectmen's meeting Monday night to protest the decision by Police Chief David Rice to reduce the minimum manning level from five to four men.

50 years ago
Nov. 23, 1970

The Winthrop Jaycees have been rated the top Jaycee chapter among the 125 chapters in the state, even though the organization here is only three years old. Jaycees' Pres. James Loughran said that credit for the top rating must go to all of the Jaycees members and his fellow officers and directors, Robert Kendall, Paul Marks, Bob Pulsifer, Phil Boncore, Myer Bix, Bob Gaglin, Bud Cash, Alan Shore, and James Doyle.

Naval Officer Fred Blakeman, recently back from duty in Vietnam, asked the Rotarians at their weekly luncheon to join the national letter-writing campaign to seek the release of U.S. POWs in No. Vietnam.

The School Committee and the PTA informed a group of irate teachers that until the current school building campaign is completed in two or three years, there will continue to be a shortage of classroom space at the Center and E.B. Newton schools that will require double sessions.

Vandals used rocks to shatter the windows at Another Way, the local drug counseling program.

WINTHROP HISTORY WEBSITE: WIHAONLINE.ORG

WINTHROP Then and Now

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

ARTICLE 946 - WINTHROP'S FIRST 'MOVIE HOUSE'



Early movies were sometimes shown in public halls and function rooms/ballrooms of the local beachside resort hotels, in other words, anyplace where a screen, projector and chairs could be set up with perhaps a piano for an enterprising musician to provide melodies to accompany the black and white movie shows. These gave way to Movie Houses built mainly with the intent of providing motion picture entertainment to the public. Initially such theaters usually had large theater type organs which not only could provide appropriate music for the scene being displayed, but had a large range of sound effects to accentuate the action on the screen such as storms, gunshots, explosions, animal sounds, screeching tires etc. In 1927, the first film created to be a "Talkie", The Jazz Singer, was produced. Although it was 75% silent, it did occasionally burst into song and contained one monologue and one dialogue between two people. This film forever changed the movie industry. The first of Winthrop's six movie theaters was located in Constitution Hall which was constructed in 1897 on Shirley Street in the current parking lot between the Lewis Block and Alia's Restaurant at Delby's Corner (The intersection of Shirley Street, Sturgis Street and Washington Avenue). This building started out as a silent Movie House, under the name of the "Past Time Theater", for a short period. The upper floor contained a hall for dancing which was very

popular among those vacationing in Winthrop. Large hotels, along the Crest (now called Winthrop Shore Drive), the New Winthrop Hotel on Sturgis Street (where the East Boston Neighborhood Medical Facility is currently located) and the Colonial Inn on Shirley Street (now called the Inn at Crystal Cove), helped to provide the patrons to support the new entertainment industry. See picture one for how it appeared about 1910, note the porches on the front of the building. In the early 1920's, the upstairs became Kelly's Key Club, a "Speak-easy" with pool tables operated by Mr. Kelley of Underhill Street. By 1933, when prohibition ended with the repeal of the 18th amendment, the building had been converted to house candlepin bowling alleys at the rear of the first floor where the theater used to be and

the front became Conti's Fruit Market. The second picture, taken about 1940, depicts the building with the bowling alleys and the fruit market. The porch pillars remain but the open areas in the front have been filled in to provide more retail space for the store. The original peak in the roof above the porches is still visible. Unfortunately this building succumbed to the ravages of fire in the 1950's as shown in picture three. Picture four depicts the area as it exists today, a parking lot. Two of the other theater buildings which were in town are still standing, one at the Center where Peter Gobiell's Winthrop Gymnastics Academy along with Kathy's Place Youth Center are now located, and the second is the large brick building on Shirley Street across from the Beach Fire Station. Again, another era has come and gone.





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The applicant seeks a permit to construct a 48 x 20 (2,185 sq. ft.) two- and one-half story single family structure. The structure is proposed to be constructed on a lot with an existing structure. The lot with consists of 4050 sq. feet.

According to the proposed building plan, parking for the proposed structure will be on site, sufficient and not require relief. The owner and architect states in their application the home is in disrepair and the foundation is failing.

The permit was denied in accordance with the Town of Winthrop Zoning By-Laws Chapter 17.16.020.J.1. General Regulations for the following Reasons:
1. Noncompliance of proposed structure with respect to minimum Lot area requirement of 5000 sq. ft.
2. Noncompliance of frontage.
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1. Variance from the provisions of Section 17.52.030 for use as a three (3) family residential dwelling.
2. Variance from the provisions of Section 17.20.020.B. The public is invited to attend, and interest parties shall have an opportunity to be heard. To Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88583294584> Meeting ID: 885 8329 4584
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1. Variance from the provisions of Section 17.52.030 for use as a three-family residential dwelling.
2. Variance from the provisions of Section 17.20 - Table of Off-Street Parking Regulations. The public is invited to attend, and interest parties shall have an opportunity to be heard. To Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88583294584> Meeting ID: 885 8329 4584
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Copies of the aforementioned application and plans are on file and available for inspection on the web page of the Town Clerk, Town Hall, Monday through Thursday during the normal business hours. Darren Baird, Chairman Joanne M. DeMato, Clerk Winthrop Board of Appeals

November 19, 2020
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LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
LAND COURT
DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT
Docket No. 20 SM 001812
ORDER OF NOTICE
TO: James R. Earl, Nancy E. Earl
and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 (et seq): Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for NovaStar Mortgage Funding Trust, Series 2007-1 claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Winthrop, numbered 239 Pleasant Street, given by James R. Earl and Nancy E. Earl to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, acting solely as a nominee for NovaStar Mortgage, Inc., dated December 22, 2006, and recorded in Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 41284, Page 163, and now held by the Plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/ Defendants' Servicemembers status. If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written

appearance and answer in this court at Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before 1/4/2021 or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the Act. Witness, GORDON H. PIPER Chief Justice of this Court on 11/20/2020 Attest: Deborah J. Patterson, Recorder

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The Winthrop Housing Authority, the Awarding Authority, invites sealed bids from Contractors for the Shingle Roof Replacement at Golden Drive 667-02 Elderly Housing Development for the Winthrop Housing Authority in Winthrop, Massachusetts, in accordance with the documents prepared by Raymond T. Guertin, Architect. The Project consists of: Shingle roof replacement at 14 separate Type A & B Buildings at the Golden Drive 667-02 Elderly Housing Development including all related work as shown on the Drawings and Project Manual. Alternate No 1 - Shingle roof replacement at one additional Type A Building (Building 20 - Type A2) at the Golden Drive 667-02 Elderly Housing Development including all related work as shown on the Drawings and Project Manual. Alternate No 2 - Shingle roof replacement at one additional Type B Building (Building 16-18 - Type B1) at the Golden Drive 667-02 Elderly Housing Development including all related work as shown on the Drawings and Project Manual. Alternate No 3 - Replacement of all existing aluminum cladding at all fascia and rake boards at all Type A & B Buildings at the Golden Drive 667-02 Elderly Housing Development as shown on the Drawings and Project Manual. The work is estimated to cost \$510,800.00 (Base Bid: \$376,400.00 - Alternates: \$134,400.00) Bids are subject to M.G.L. c.149 §44A-J & to minimum wage rates as required by M.G.L. c.149 §826 to 27H inclusive. General bidders must be certified by the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (DCAMM) in the category of ROOFING. General Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m., Thursday, December 10, 2020 and publicly opened, forthwith. This project is being Electronically Bid (E-Bid). All bids shall be prepared

and submitted online at www.Projectdog.com and received no later than the date & time specified above. Hard copy bids will not be accepted by the Awarding Authority. For E-Bid Tutorial and Instructions, click here to download the Supplemental Instructions To Bidders for Electronic Bid Projects from www.Projectdog.com. For assistance, contact Projectdog, Inc. at 978.499.9014 General bids shall be accompanied by a bid deposit that is not less than five (5%) of the greatest possible bid amount (considering all alternates) and made payable to the Winthrop Housing Authority. Bid forms and contract documents will be available or for purchase at www.Projectdog.com Project Code 840696. Additional sets may be purchased online at www.Projectdog.com. CD-ROMs are available upon request. Bidders requesting Contract Documents to be mailed to them shall include a separate check for \$35.00 per set, payable to Projectdog, Inc., to cover mail handling costs. General bidders must agree to contract with minority and women business enterprises as certified by the Supplier Diversity Office (SDO), formerly known as SOMWBA. The combined participation goal reserved for such enterprises shall not be less than 13% percent of the final contract price including accepted alternates. Request for waivers must be sent to DHCD (david.mcclavie@mass.gov) 5 calendar days prior to the General Bid date. NO WAIVERS WILL BE GRANTED AFTER THE GENERAL BIDS ARE OPENED. Some scope of the project requires interior access. Full or portions of the project may be impacted by the pandemic. The Notice to Proceed for this project may be issued as much as 90 days from the date DHCD approves the construction contract. PRE-BID CONFERENCE / SITE VISIT:
Date and Time: Wednesday, December 2, 2020 at 10 AM Address: 9 Golden Drive, Winthrop, MA 02152 Instructions: Site briefing to follow Center for Disease Control and Prevention & State COVID-19 guidelines & recommendations for social distancing. All attendees must wear a mask. SITE VISIT BY APPOINTMENT: For an appointment call Peg Tiernan Lyons, Executive Director at 617-846-7100.
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NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

FORMER MAYOR BRENNAN DIES

‘Butch’ Brennan Jr., who served as the last mayor of Chelsea for two terms in 1988 to 1991 before the city went into receivership, died Monday after a lengthy illness. He was 76.

Mr. Brennan symbolized that anything is possible in the arena of politics with the right mix of hard work, integrity, honor, and a belief in oneself that can you help improve the lives of residents with your decisive actions and deeds.

Mr. Brennan was a bartender at Ryan’s Tavern on Fifth Street when he decided to enter Chelsea politics. Friends and bar patrons urged him to run for public office, convinced that the tall, personable, straight-talking common man could help Chelsea become a better city.

Voters responded in record numbers to Mr. Brennan’s candidacy. He topped the ticket twice in alderman-at-large races and then decided to run against incumbent mayor Thomas Nolan in 1987. He won that election and took office in January, 1988, for the first of his two terms in office.

Michael Patrick Brennan, son of John “Butch” Brennan and Kathleen Brennan, was seven years old when his father decided to run for mayor.

“I definitely have some memories of the mayoral campaigns,” said Michael. “His stickers had a black background and Brennan was written in Kelly green.”

Mr. Brennan ran a high-voltage, high-visibility campaign. The people responded enthusiastically to the towering, 6-foot-4-inch candidate who could relate well to the everyday plight and basic needs of Chelsea residents.

“I remember every Saturday morning holding signs across from the Central Fire Station,” said Michael. “Every day my father would come home from work, eat dinner early and we’d go door to door, knocking on everyone’s door just so he could introduce himself and say that he’s there for the common person. He wanted to listen to what people wanted from a mayor.”

Brennan was answerable and accessible to residents who rallied around him, admiring this new type of politician who was one of them.

“My father would take me to the park to play catch and someone would drive by and get out of their car and say, ‘Mayor Brennan, I’m having a problem with this’ and the next day, my father would try and address it, whether it was calling the city workers to fix a pothole in front of someone’s house or something else. He just listened and he cared about people and that’s why he was so beloved.”

No matter was too big or too small for Mayor Brennan.

“There was one elderly woman who couldn’t get the newspaper anymore – I remember my father dropping the paper off at her house. He would go out of his way to deliver the newspaper on his way

home from work,” said Michael. “That meant the world to her.”

Michael Patrick recalled that his stepbrother, Robert Small, also helped out immensely with their father’s campaigns and during his service as mayor. “He used to go with my dad down to the projects and help residents with their repairs. He’d tell Robert to bring his camera and he’d follow him, take pictures, and document everything.”

Kathleen Brennan, a strikingly elegant first lady of Chelsea, would assist in beautification projects throughout the city. “My mother and dad would drive around town watering the plants at nights,” recalled Michael. “My mother took a lot of pride in that.”

With the city facing difficult financial times, Mayor Brennan tried to convince residents to vote in favor of an override of Proposition 2 ½.

“My father would walk around door to door with this can of coffee,” remembered Michael. “My father’s point was that the cost of the can of coffee is what you’d be paying once a month in taxes and that it would help the school system and he wouldn’t have to lay off firefighters and police officers. But Proposition 2 ½ lost big time. The residents turned it down. They didn’t want to do it. That’s when he reached out to the state to help Chelsea. My father thought that was the way to put the city he loved back on track to recovery after all those years of difficult financial circumstances. He pretty much gave away his job as mayor for the city he loved.”

Michael Patrick graduated from Saint Rose School, Malden Catholic High School, and Stonehill College. He played in the Chelsea Little League and for Jimmy Manzo’s Knickerbockers in the CYBL.

Tall (6-feet, 3 inches) like his father, Michael and his wife, Meghan, have two daughters.

“People still ask me if I’m related to Butch Brennan,” said Michael. “So many people call him a hero. It just makes me so proud. He did a lot for a lot of people. He was respected. It’s different when your son loves you, but when people that aren’t related to you care about you, it just makes you proud.”

A loving younger brother William “Biff” Brennan

William “Biff” Brennan, Chelsea High Class of 1971, was nine years the junior to his only brother, John “Butch” Brennan, Chelsea High Class of 1962. He said this past Monday was a difficult day in the Brennan house.

“I really had a bad day when Michael Patrick called me with the news,” said Biff. “But I have a lot of personal friends in life and they’ve been calling and texting me and getting me through it. I appreciate their condolences, but this is a big loss for me.”

Biff recalled that Butch was the best man at his wedding when he married Claudia Nowic-

ki, a popular member of the Chelsea High School Class of 1976. Biff and Claudia have been married for 30 years.

Biff said his brother suffered a heart attack in September, 2019. He recovered and was doing well this summer but his condition deteriorated in the past few months.

“He was a great brother,” said Biff. “He was always there for me. I tried to be the same for him through the politics and the other things in life.”

The sons of the late John J. Brennan Sr. and Eileen (Ryan) Brennan, Biff Brennan and John J. Brennan Jr. grew up on Walnut Street across from the Williams School.

Biff Brennan took an active role in his brother’s campaigns. “I wrote some of the political advertisements,” said Biff. “My brother never lost an election. He topped the ticket in 1983 and 1985 and won for mayor in 1987 and 1989. Being mayor is a tough job. He tried to do a good job and I think he did.”

Mayor John J. “Butch” Brennan Jr. will always occupy a place of royalty and respect in the annals of Chelsea. He made a tough decision at a pivotal point in the city’s history and the city is now better for it.

Biff Brennan said the family will hold a memorial observance for his brother in the spring of 2021.

SEEKING TO HELP HOMEOWNERS

CHELSEA - The City will use almost \$5 million in Rainy Day Funds to shore up a budget deficit, and City Manager Tom Ambrosino is still requesting the Council use another \$750,000 to help homeowners about to be hit with large property tax increases in the midst of the COVID-19 public health and economic crisis.

Ambrosino gave his annual report to the Council on the potential tax rate setting process, which also reveals the City’s standing on the tax bill and just how much residents can look forward (or maybe not so forward) to paying in the coming year. The tax rate for all properties is slated to be voted on by the Council Nov. 30.

“There is a large increase in values for two- and three-family homes,” said Ambrosino. “We will try to ameliorate it somewhat...but there will be significant tax increases on these two classes of property owners. There is a small increase for single-families and condo owners will get a decrease in tax bills. It is the two-family and three-family homeowners that will be impacted the most.”

Under the proposed rates, the average tax bill for a two-family will be \$4,629, which is an increase of \$442 over last year. Three-family homes would have an average tax bill of \$6,315, which is an increase of \$767 over last year.

Single-family homes would see an increase of \$63 over last year, with an average bill of \$2,705, while condo owners would see a reduction of \$237 from last year with an average bill of \$1,935.

That is happening because property values have skyrocketed in Chelsea and the surrounding communities – with the values used reflected the 2019 calendar year when sales of homes were on fire.

The average value of a three-family home increased by 12.9 percent in the time assessed, and two-families increased by 11.2 percent. Single-families increased by 8.9 percent, and condos by 6.6 percent. Meanwhile, larger apartment buildings – which had increased in the double digits last year – were up only 4.1 percent. While such increases in values are wonderful if one is selling or borrowing money on their equity, they aren’t such good news when one is staying put and trying to pay increasing bills in a COVID-19 pandemic.

To combat those values and increases, Ambrosino suggested the Council approve the full 35 percent of the owner-occupant residential exemption that is available. Up to now, the City has been slowly increasing the percentage from 25 percent over a five-year period. It wasn’t to hit 35 percent until next year. However, Ambrosino said now is the time to unleash all available help to taxpayers.

“This year, given COVID-19, we should take the maximum exemption and that means taking the remaining 4 percent that is left and using it all this year,” he said.

Typically, tax increases have been approached with sympathy, but an understanding that taxes have been going up for a long time. However, with the economic distress put on the City by COVID-19 – from job loss to tenants not paying rent – Ambrosino said there had to be a different approach.

Ambrosino recommended the Council use more Rainy Day Funds to help all homeowners dispel the increase in taxes through the new Homeowner Stabilization Fund. He said that Fund has \$250,000 in it, but an addition of \$750,000 would put it at \$1 million and would allow a great amount of help.

Other forms of help, he said, would end up helping absentee landlords and industrial property owners, and spread thin the help for those most affected. With the Fund, they can target the help.

“The other ways are not the most effective way in my opinion to assist the two- and three-family homeowners who will suffer from these large tax increases in COVID-19 times,” he said. “What I suggest is we add funds to the existing Homeowner Stabilization Fund.”

On Tuesday, the City announced the Homeowner Stabilization Program application period had been extended to November 30.

The City’s finances which had been strong for some time, have suffered greatly under COVID-19. First, excise taxes that are mostly paid in Chelsea by Enterprise Car Rental for its airport activities has plummeted.

LYNN ROTARY CLUB DONATES TO POLICE DEPARTMENT



Lynn Rotary Club President William Reilly and Past President Stephen Upton donated to the Lynn Police Department 3,000 Nitrile Gloves and a case of Disinfectant Wipes. Rotary District 7930 and the Lynn Rotary Club provided the funds for this contribution. Products were purchased at ERC Wiping Products in Lynn. Pictured are William Reilly and Stephen Upton presented the donation to the Lynn Police Department.

Last year, the City collected \$12 million in excise tax, but that has been reduced to \$5.4 million as airport activity has decreased by 90 percent, Ambrosino said.

Hotel/Motel Room Taxes also decreased significantly, going from \$1.95 million to \$700,000 this year. In all, receipts across the board were down, and previously they had been growing steadily each year.

Councilor Giovanni Recupero said he felt there was a problem with valuations, and with some changes in the Assessor’s Office, he asked for a meeting to talk about the values with them.

“Apartment buildings didn’t go up substantially,” he said. “The last couple of years they didn’t increase as significantly as the two- and three-families. It doesn’t make sense. They’re the ones making all the money and they didn’t raise as significantly.”

Council President Roy Avellaneda agreed that there seemed to be some issues with the values, and he echoed that he wanted to speak with the Assessors.

“I want to echo some of the concerns that my colleague has,” he said.

“There are a number of inconsistencies in the property values I saw,” he said. “I don’t think enough work was done to update the values from a couple of years ago to now. Values in certain spots went up, but not in the larger buildings. I don’t see the larger building values going up and I think they should... The best thing we can do is make sure the values are fair to everyone and I want to say the values I saw posted weren’t fair.”

Todd Taylor asked about the Fund and how people would qualify for it, as many people with high incomes on documents have lost their jobs or significant parts of their income. He said a lot of people who have recently been hit with economic pain might be missed with traditional documentation.

Ambrosino said for most of the COVID programs, they have allowed people to self-certify, and they have had no problems.

“Our experience is people have been honest about it,” he said.

CALMER WITH RECENT COVID SPIKE

EVERETT - Whether

it’s raising kids or treating COVID, the second time is always a little bit easier, and as the so-called “second wave” begins to hit the Everett and Chelsea communities – and show up at CHA Everett Hospital – things are much more calm than in the first go-around.

“When people came in last spring, we felt frantic and brought in supplemental oxygen and begged for the oxygen levels to go up and people to be able to breath,” said Dr. Melisa Lai-Becker, chief of the Emergency Department at CHA Everett. “We didn’t know. Now we know what’s going on. We let them know we’re pretty sure they have COVID and we flip them on their belly and suddenly they’re breathing easier. We know we don’t have to pump the oxygen into them like a fire hose...Everyone is more calm about being able to talk about (treatment)...and what we’re going to be able to do. It’s so nice to have a pre-flight checklist to go over with patients now. I guess we’re just accepting how it can work without engaging in all the psychic drama that it took previously.”

That said, there are preparations underway for the increased numbers that are coming into the hospital in fits and spurts. Lai-Becker said there will be days when everyone who comes in seems to have COVID-19, and then there will be days when no one has it, followed by another day with heavy cases. It is a trend, she said, and the hospital has spent much of this month re-bolstering their protocols, hiring more staff to prepare and getting plenty of supplies in order.

“There are no major numbers or breakthroughs or setbacks,” she said. “That’s all good and no major explosions either. There is a growth of cases in the community and the positivity rates and we’re admitting more people...However, the other good thing is it’s not an exponential increase of cases either. It’s still big numbers, but at the same time it didn’t double, so that’s good...I guess it’s also just realizing that viruses like the flu love the cold, dry air.”

The differences between the first and second waves has also been dramatic in the age range and the mystery in which how the disease has been contracted, Lai-Becker said. It is a much younger group of people, and many of them have been doing all the right things

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for the health protocols, but somehow got sick anyway.

“I want to confirm for people that last spring our hospital was filled with a lot of different populations and Nursing Home populations,” she said. “Now, as we look at the start of winter, it seems like we have plenty of people that are 20 or 30 years old. In the spring, it felt like the 30 or 40 year olds were in the front line essential jobs – like a grocery store cashier...This time there seems to be just enough people saying they don’t know where they got it. It is a bit of a puzzle. Many say they have been doing all the right things for the last six months... It’s not like they attended a 200-person wedding.”

Right now, the hospital is in an enviable position, as they invested in several different testing platforms and ample testing supplies. When people come into the Emergency Room, there is plenty of ability to test people for the traditional flu and COVID-19. That was a testament, she said, to the Laboratory Department at CHA which was very scrappy in securing testing equipment during the surge last spring, and then continuing with that push through the summer so that any second wave wouldn’t come without supplies – including all of the PPE that was missing in the spring at times.

Adding onto that the fact that the hospital has adopted newly-informed

COVID precautions that are constantly changing with new discoveries and conditions, and Lai-Becker said the hospital is very safe and fully supplied.

“I believe we hit an inflection point in the summer and still are at that point where it’s safer in the hospital than to go grocery shopping,” she said, “just because of all the precautions everyone around you is taking at the hospital.”

That, of course, is one of the key differences between then and now. The preparations are in place and the experience of the first time around was so valuable that health professionals still maintain a confidence even as cases do go up week after week. That brings about a contentious issue regarding another lockdown or shutdown, something Dr. Lai-Becker said probably isn’t necessary again. Instead of lockdowns, she said it should be more about adjusting to the circumstances as they come – being vigilant and going back to good habits when cases increase.

“Look at the fact that hospitals operate and grocery stores operate and they do it by wearing a mask in the hospital and they wash their hands thoroughly,” she said. “People are still functioning. We’re not shut down. In a hospital people will be able to maintain some perspective. It’s not a shutdown or a lockdown. It’s just adjusting to what precautions we’re taking. We’re going into winter now

and viruses love cold, dry air. I don’t know why, but they do, and we should remember that.”

TESTING PLATFORMS INVESTMENT

One of the great items of readiness marked off on the CHA Everett checklist is the fact that the hospital and the network invested in testing and testing supplies – multiple different kinds and platforms so that a second wave wouldn’t cause the same disruption as the first wave when testing was in short supply.

The Laboratory and Pathology Departments both got on waiting lists for different analyzing systems and testing supplies in the surge, and

then took advantage of that place in line when their number was called in the early summer. Then throughout the summer they continued to invest in testing kits to be ready for any second wave.

It has proven to be a good ally now that more people are arriving in the Emergency Room with COVID symptoms. They can be quickly tested with quick turnarounds – as opposed to the spring when testing had to be done off-site and often delayed due to supply issues.

“We’re very fortunate that our Lab and Pathology Department, they did not want to take any chances of running out of any one type of test,”

she said. “We have several different platforms and a couple of different analyzers. That’s been a pretty good boon for us in our supply chain...So it’s been a lot to run all these different types of tests and to have enough agents and supplies and testing kits on hand. We’re positioned well.”

To date, since March, CHA has done 81,000 tests and around 4,250 have come back positive.

COME TO THE HOSPITAL

Dr. Lai-Becker said they are also encouraging people to come to the hospital when they are experiencing non-COVID emergencies – such as chest pains or stomach pains or any

other injuries.

She said there was a clear message in the spring to not come to the hospital, but that time has passed and they now want patients to come in if they feel a health issues. Ignoring the emergency visits and even check-ups and follow-up visits can complicate health problems.

She stressed that the hospital is very safe, even with the increase in cases lately.

“If you’re having chest pains, that’s a good reason to come to the hospital,” she said. “If you have belly pain, that’s a good reason to come to the hospital. We really want to encourage people to come to the hospital when they need to.

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Courtesy photos

For Richard Honan, Tuesday was a very busy morning. Starting at 5:30am at the American Legion Building where Roseann Trionfi-Mazuchelli, Richard Gay and Richard “Duvie” Duval helped him load thirty eight Christmas Tree Care Packages into his truck.

From there, he made his way to the Winthrop Post Office where Rose LoPresti and Donna

Barker opened one hour early to process the packages and custom forms.

Next stop, Afghanistan, So. Korea, Africa, Spain, Okinawa, Qatar, Germany, UAE, Japan.

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Richard Honan passes a box down from his truck to its bin for shipment outside the Post Office.



Shown above and below, in the wee hours of the morning, Honan and his team prepared and shipped out dozens of Trees for Troops.



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