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ILLCIT DISCHARGE DETECTION AND ELIMINATION (IDDE) OUTFALL INSPECTION PROGRAM

The Winthrop Department of Public Works (DPW) has commenced an Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination (IDDE) outfall inspection program to find and remove illicit discharges in the Town's storm drainage system. Illicit discharges are direct connections or indirect discharges into the municipal storm drain system that are not composed entirely of stormwater.

Winthrop is authorized by the State and the EPA to discharge stormwater runoff into local waterways in accordance with the Clean Water Act. It is our responsibility to meet these conditions and prevent leaking septic or other illegal substances from entering our stormwater drainage system.

The Town will begin its IDDE program by monitoring stormwater discharge points (outlets, outfalls, and inter-municipal connections to our neighboring towns) in December 2020 as required

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WPD, WFD HOST TOY DRIVE-THRU AND DROP OFF



Santa poses with some lucky residents during the Toy Drive-Thru and Drop Off hosted by the Winthrop Police and Fire Departments, with help from the Winthrop Police Explorers. The Winthrop Police Department organized the toy drive as a way to ensure that Winthrop children in need are still able to enjoy the Christmas spirit during these trying times. See more photos on Page 8.

School district now hiring for hybrid-learning positions

By Kate Anslinger

During Monday night's school committee meeting,

Superintendent Lisa Howard discussed a few factors involved in reopening the schools. Recruiting and

hiring classroom monitors is at the top of the list. The district is in need of three monitors at the middle school and five at the high school. The role of the position is to assist students who are learning in the classroom from a teacher who is remote. Due to family circumstances or health concerns, a number of teachers have opted to stay remote. Classroom monitors will be responsible for engaging with stu-

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T-Mobile brings more connectivity to Town's students with Project 10 Million

By Kate Anslinger

The Winthrop school district will be on the receiving end of Project Ten Million, a program that was launched by T-Mobile to close the homework gap. The mobile telecom-

munication company saw the struggle that many remote learning and hybrid students were having with their home internet access and they made it their mission to open up equal con-

St. John the Evangelist, Holy Rosary to merge

By Cary Shuman

Following discussions among church officials that began in July and a unanimous vote by Cardinal Sean Patrick O'Malley and his advisers, Saint John the Evangelist Parish and Holy Rosary Parish will merge and become one parish in February, 2021.

The Rev. Chris O'Connor, pastor at St. John the

Evangelist, 220 Winthrop St., and administrator at Holy Rosary, 1015 Shirley St., explained the process of the merger of the parishes at the two Catholic churches in Winthrop, which the distinguished clergyman himself called "a little complicated."

"The two parishes will become one," said the Rev. O'Connor. "We have two churches, so what will change is the name of the

parish. Parishioners will be invited to contribute names for the new parish and also then vote for what the parish name should be. However, the names of the churches will remain the same."

The Rev. O'Connor also clarified the current schedules of Masses following a breakdown in the boiler system at Holy Ro-

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Town Council tackles loss, hate, rates

By Laura Plummer

The Winthrop Town Council met remotely for its regularly scheduled meeting on Dec. 1, where it confronted a recent loss, voted on hate and received updates on the town's water and tax rates.

Community Loss

Council President Phil Boncore choked up as he called for a moment of silence for Amy Gallagher, who passed away Nov. 30 at the age of 51. Gallagher, who worked with special education students

at the middle school, was a beloved member of the community.

Police Chief Terence Delahanty delivered an emotional tribute to Gallagher, calling her "a good friend, more like a sister."

"It's a significant loss for the community," he said. "There was so much Amy did and she didn't expect anyone to thank her for it."

"It's very unfortunate and a sad day for Winthrop," said Town Man-

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WHS Senior Class hosts holiday donation Parade

By Kate Anslinger

The Class of 2021 is doing what they can to spread some cheer this holiday season. On Sunday, December 20th at 3pm, Winthrop High School seniors will be decking their vehicles out for a festive car parade that will follow the route that Santa's firetruck makes on Christmas Eve. Led by the Winthrop Police Department, the last two cars of the parade will be collecting food, toys, and winter accessories for

those in need. Participants are asked to wear a mask.

"I continue to be so proud of the students of the Class of 2021," said Senior Class Advisor, Marissa Ferrara. "They are always looking for ways to give back to the community and continuously put other's needs ahead of their own. When Sofia approached us with the idea, we knew it was a great way to inject some holiday spirit during these

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Sofia Vitale gets ready for the Class of 2021 Holiday Donation Parade. The idea to give back to the community, came to her when she was decorating her Christmas tree.

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WINTHROP POLICE BLOTTER

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

MONDAY, NOV. 23

1242: A resident came into the station to report that he had given a No Trespass notice to a female. The officer placed the notice in the control room trespass book.

1323: Officers responded to Walden St. where there was a long line of motor vehicles awaiting a COVID test. The officers handed out pamphlets regarding the procedures and let those in line know that they can come another day.

1343: A caller reported a hit-and-run motor vehicle accident (MVA) on Pauline St. The caller provided a plate of a potential suspect vehicle. The plate came back to an East Boston address. The officer filed a report.

1515: A resident reported that when she went to the basement of her old apartment on Shirley St. to retrieve Christmas decorations that her former landlord had allowed her to store there, she was confronted by the new tenant, who informed her that the Christmas decorations had been disposed of. The former tenant alleged that she had been threatened by the new tenant. The officer filed a report and may file an application for a criminal complaint in the East Boston District Court regarding the alleged threats.

1751: A resident came to the station to report that his identification had been used to file a false unemployment claim.

2019: A resident called the station to report that her identification had been used to file a false unemployment claim.

2023: A Quincy Ave. reported finding a stray dog. The dog had a collar and was reunited with its owner.

TUESDAY, NOV. 24

0852: An officer issued a parking ticket to a MV that was blocking a driveway on Court Rd.

1148: A resident called the station to report that her identification had been used to file a false unemployment claim.

1323: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Revere St. for the civil infraction of failing to stop for a traffic control signal. The officer arrested Raymond Steve Medrano, 29, of Boston, for the criminal offenses of illegal possession of a Class B controlled narcotic substance and illegal possession of a Class A controlled narcotic substance with intent to distribute. The officer also issued a citation for the civil motor vehicle infraction of failing to stop. The Animal Control Officer came to the scene to take possession of a dog that was in the vehicle.

1428: An officer ordered a tow for an abandoned MV at Read and Morton Sts.

1537: A resident called the station to report that her identification had been used to file a fraudulent unemployment claim.

1653: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Revere St. for the civil infraction of failing to have its headlights on. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1653: An officer contacted the Paul Revere Bus Co. to urge its bus drivers to slow down while taking the bend on Shirley St.

1731: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Putnam St. for a civil infraction and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1910: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) at Main and Read Sts. for the civil infraction of failing to have its headlights on. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

2311: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) at Pleasant St. and Tileston Rd. for the civil infraction of an equipment violation. The officer gave

a verbal warning to the operator.

2332: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) at Summit Ave. and Revere St. for the civil infraction of failing to stop for a red light. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 25

1209: A resident called the station to report that her identification had been used to file a fraudulent unemployment claim.

1450: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) with an expired registration at Highland Ave. and Revere St. When the officer determined that the operator did not have a valid driver's license, he issued a citation to the operator for the criminal offense of unlicensed operation of a MV and for the civil infraction of operating an unregistered MV. The MV was towed.

2057: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Winthrop St. for the civil infractions of speeding and a one-way violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

2255: A Plummer Ave. resident reported that her MV had been vandalized twice within the past few days. The officer filed a report.

2305: An officer responded to a MVA at Main and Hermon St. in which a pedestrian was struck and injured. The victim was transported to the MGH and the officer issued a citation to the operator for the civil infraction of failing to yield to a pedestrian in a crosswalk.

THURSDAY, NOV. 26

1728: A Locust St. resident reported that a dog was in a parked MV and had been barking for more than 30 minutes. The officer located the owner of the vehicle.

1731: A Pebble Ave. resident reported that a dog was loose on the street. The owner of the dog had taken possession of the dog by the time an

officer arrived.

FRIDAY, NOV. 27

1030: An officer issued a parking ticket to a MV that was parked at a fire hydrant at Forrest St. and Shore Drive.

1148: The Animal Control Officer took possession of a loose dog in the 500 block of Shirley St.

1209: The dog from the previous call was reunited with its owner.

1250: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) at Main and Paine Sts. for the civil infraction of making an illegal turn. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1257: An officer dispersed 12 vehicles from the COVID test site at the E.B. Newton School and informed them to return tomorrow.

1343: An officer dispersed about 30 more vehicles from the COVID test site at the E.B. Newton School and informed them to return tomorrow.

1744: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) at Hutchinson and Revere Sts. for the civil infraction of failing to have its headlights on. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1955: An officer dispersed persons in a MV from Hannaford Park.

2346: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Revere St. for the civil infraction of speeding. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

SATURDAY, NOV. 28

0006: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) at Banks and Main Sts. for the civil infraction of crossing over the double yellow line. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

0012: An officer dispersed persons in a MV from Hannaford Park.

0156: An officer directed a male party and a female party who were having an argument behind a building on Woodside Ave. to move along.

1413: An officer responded to a minor MVA with no injuries in the 200 block of Main St. The officer filed a report.

1430: A Lincoln St. resident reported that he had been assaulted by a roommate. This has been an ongoing issue. The officer filed a report.

1433: An officer responded to a report of two persons arguing over a parking issue at a Washington Ave. residence. The officer informed the parties that this is a civil matter.

1738: An officer responded to a report of a physical altercation between two females in the 500 block of Shirley St. The officer filed a report.

SUNDAY, NOV. 29

0015: An officer responded to a report of a loud group of persons in an apartment at Gov. Park. The officer spoke to the parties who agreed to keep it down.

0046: The same reporting party called again to report that the music still was loud in a unit at Gov. Park. The officer spoke to the owner of the apartment and he agreed to turn off the music.

0131: A Shore Drive resident reported that he was being robbed by two masked men. The officers located the victim in the street and will file a report.

1226: An officer directed a group of youths playing street hockey at Coughlin Park to put on their masks.

1745: An officer responded to a report of a group of male parties arguing on Grovers Ave. The officer determined that the argument was about work that is being done to the property and therefore is a civil matter.

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by the Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) General Permit. The results of this work will be used to direct further IDDE investigations including visual and building inspections to identify and remove confirmed illicit discharges from our drainage system. In order to perform outfall inspections, crews may need to access private property. The engineering firm, Woodard & Curran, along with their subcontractor, SDE Engineering, will be conducting this work on our behalf and will be wearing proper identification.

If you have any questions regarding IDDE outfall inspections or crew activity, please do not hesitate to contact the Town of Winthrop Department of Public Works at (617) 846-1341.

MBA CHARITABLE FOUNDATION HONORS MVES WITH \$5,000 COMMUNITY GRANT AWARD

Mystic Valley Elder Services (MVES) was recently selected to be a recipient of a \$5,000 Community Grant Award from the Massachusetts Bankers Association (MBA) Charitable Foundation. The award was given by the MBA Charitable Foundation, along with the Massachusetts banking industry, to MVES for all its hard work and initiatives throughout the years in supporting the communities the agency serves.

Close community partners Edward Doherty, CEO of StonehamBank, Jeffrey Worth, President and CEO of Wakefield Co-Operative Bank, and William Rivers, Vice President, Community Reinvestment Act Officer for Eagle Bank, nominated Mystic Valley Elder

Services to recognize its positive and strong community impact.

“We are very grateful to the Massachusetts Bankers Association and its generous donation to our agency,” said Daniel O’Leary, Chief Executive Officer of Mystic Valley Elder Services. “This donation will be a tremendous benefit to helping those older adults and adults living with disabilities in need. I would also like to thank our community partner banks who nominated us for the grant award. They too are tremendous assets to the community.”

“On behalf of the entire Massachusetts banking community, we are thrilled to bring our collective strength to supporting organizations that are doing immense good in local communities across the Commonwealth,” said Peter G. Brown, Chairman of the MBA Charitable Foundation, and President and CEO of Dedham Savings. “As we see the impact of the Foundation’s support as well as the broader support from banks’ individual efforts, we are reminded that every gift-giving season amplifies the needs. As we recognize 49 organizations this year with the 2020 gifts, we do so with the knowledge and renewed focus that our work continues.”

Since its founding in 1996, the Foundation has provided gifts totaling approximately \$2.8 million, which is symbolic of the more than \$106 million in individual donations banks make on an annual basis to charitable non-profits and social agencies in communities throughout the Commonwealth.

The Massachusetts Bankers Association represents approximately 135 commercial, savings, and co-operative and federal savings banks and savings and loan associations across the Com-

monwealth. Annually, the Charitable Foundation reaches out to member banks and ask to send in nominations of worthy charities and organizations who are actively addressing the needs of their community.

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.

SOCIALLY DISTANCED SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN FOR PHOTOS

Join us on Saturday, Dec. 12 or Saturday, Dec. 19, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., at the Memorial Gymnasium on Pauline Street for socially distanced photos with Santa. Photos of your children or your family are available.

Please remember that for “family” for these photos, it is considered only people living in your household. A photo will be emailed to you and you can take your own photo as well.

The cost is \$15 per family and you must register one person in the family to hold a spot for a specific hour. You will be emailed back a specific time to attend within that hour. Masks are required until you sit for your photo.

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very different times. These children all have such bright futures and Winthrop should be proud.”

The idea to host a parade came to senior, Sofia Vitale, when she was decorating her Christmas tree and reflecting on the glum 2020 season.

“My mom and I talked about how giving always feels so good,” said Vitale. “I want to give this parade to the community to spread some holiday cheer in a safe way. And I also want give to the families in need of some

assistance, hopefully making their holiday the best it can be.”

On board with wanting to spread some holiday cheer, Vitale’s classmate, Jenna Dorr, offered her support, helping the parade come to life.

“The senior class is looking to do something special for the holiday season, which is a hard time for many families,” said Dorr. “This parade will not only be able to provide families in need with toys, canned food, and winter accessories, but also unite

the senior class. We have not been able to do activities or see many of our classmates for a long time so I think this will bring everyone some holiday cheer.”

If you have any questions, please reach out to:

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OUR Opinions

GEORGE COSTONIS

Whenever we think of George Costonis, the word that comes to mind is "energy," a quality that George brought to everything he did, whether it was in his business endeavors, raising his family, or his many civic contributions that benefited the town and its residents.

He had a zest for life that truly epitomized the ancient Roman proverb, "Carpe diem" -- seize the day.

George Costonis was a born-and-bred Winthropite who, along with a handful of other forward-looking fellow residents and local businessmen such as Michael Caruccio, helped to lift Winthrop from the moribund community it had become in the period after World War II into the modernity of the latter part of the 20th century.

He realized that with the coming of the jet age in the 1960s and the subsequent growth of Logan Airport, Winthrop's proximity to the airport would become attractive to airline workers and to employees at Massport.

He also recognized that there was a need to develop housing for those of his parents' generation who were looking to sell their big homes and downsize into an affordable apartment, while still being able to remain in their home community.

The construction by Mr. Costonis of the first condominium building in Winthrop, the Nautilus on Washington Ave. in the early 1970s, ushered in a new trajectory in our town's development and growth.

George Costonis truly loved Winthrop and its people. His passing marks the end of an era in our community.

We know we join all of our fellow long-time residents in offering our condolences to his family. May he rest in peace.

HAPPY HANUKKAH

The eight-day observance of Hanukkah, also known as the Festival of Lights, gets underway this Thursday, December 10, and will culminate next Friday, December 18.

In summary, Hanukkah commemorates the victory of the Maccabees -- a group of fierce warriors who used guerilla tactics against an occupying army -- in 166 BCE when the Maccabees liberated the Jewish people from the Greek-based rulers who essentially had outlawed the Jewish religion.

When the triumphant Maccabees captured the city of Jerusalem, they quickly entered the Holy Temple, tossing out the images of the Greek gods that had been installed there by the occupying rulers.

When the Maccabees went to light the Menorah candles in the Temple, they thought they only had one day's worth of oil. However, the lights remained lit for eight days -- hence the miracle of the Festival of Lights.

Hanukkah is a joyous occasion for Jews world-wide, marked by large gatherings of friends and families and the playing of traditional games such as the dreidel and eating traditional foods such as latkes.

Although Hanukkah celebrations this year will be much more subdued than is typical because of the COVID-19 pandemic, we wish all of our Jewish friends a happy, healthy, and meaningful Hanukkah in 2020.

THE VIRUS IS A HUNTER -- AND WE ARE ITS PREY

It now has been nine months since lockdowns went into effect in many states, including here in Massachusetts on March 16. However, despite all of our previous efforts, the COVID-19 pandemic is surging across the entire United States.

The pleas of public health and government officials can only go so far if Americans fail to heed their warnings and do not take the common-sense and easy-to-follow steps of wearing masks, maintaining physical distance, and not congregating in group settings of any kind.

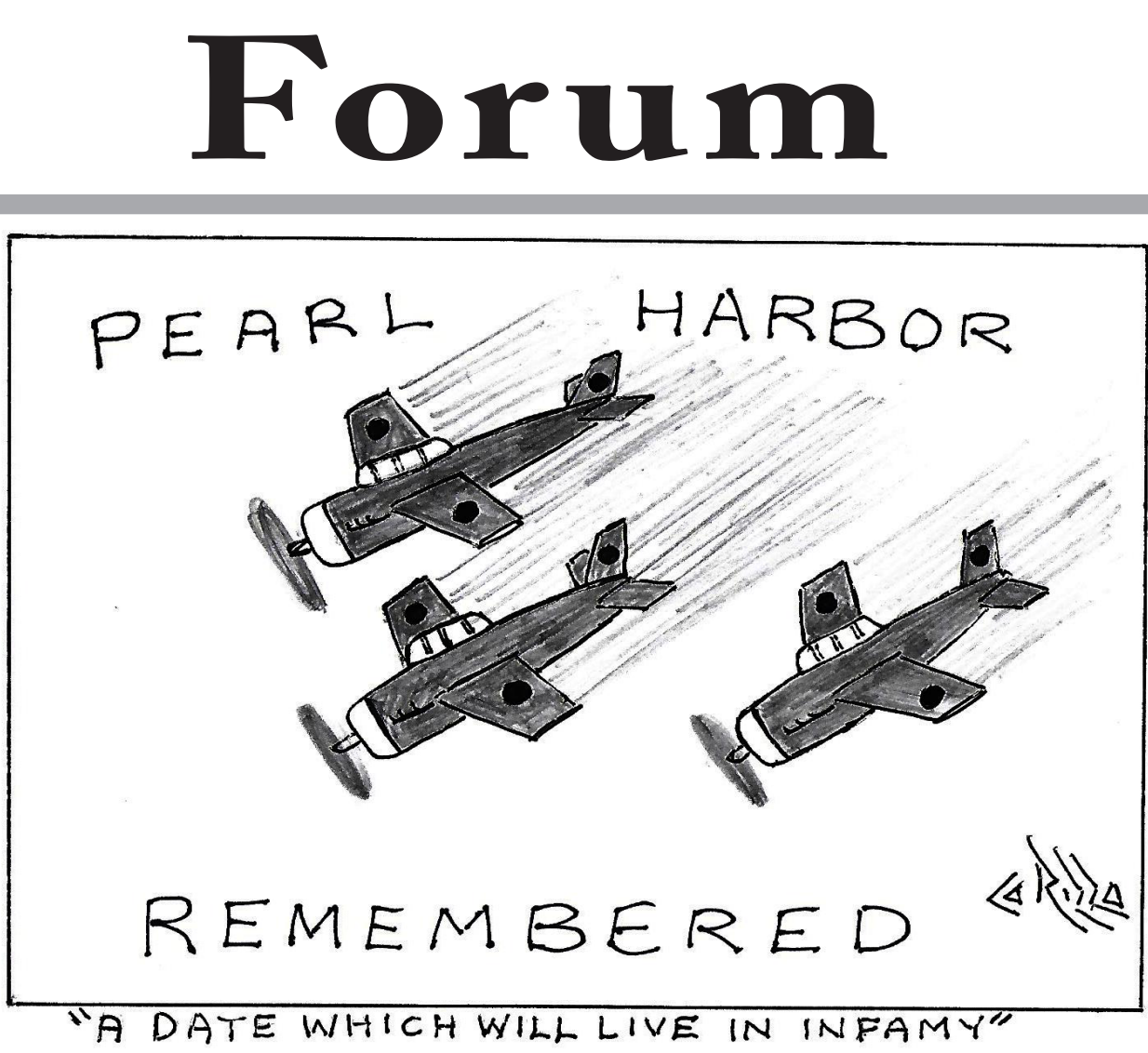
With the promise of a vaccine on the horizon, this is no time to let our guard down. The virus is everywhere and no one is safe from it. Each and every one of us must assume personal responsibility for the safety of ourselves, our families, and our friends.

The coronavirus is a living organism that is stalking us wherever we go and whatever we do. We are its prey -- and it requires that we must be ever-vigilant in order to avoid becoming another victim and spreading it to others.

Selfishness and failure to follow the rules simply are not options amidst this widening pandemic.

PEARL HARBOR WAS 79 YEARS AGO

It was 79 years ago this week -- December 7 -- that the nation of Japan launched its attack on Pearl Harbor. The very next day, President Franklin D. Roosevelt convened a joint session of Congress in which he famously declared the attack as, "A day that will live in infamy," and asked Congress for a Declaration of War. For more than two years prior to the attack, America had stayed out of the war that already had engulfed the rest of the world. By the time of the Japanese attack, Hitler's Nazis had conquered all of continental Europe and much of Africa, while the Japanese had invaded almost all of Asia, save for the U.S. outposts in the Philippines and other small islands in the Pacific. Americans clung to the belief that our isolation, separated from the rest of the world by two oceans, would keep us out of the war. But after Pearl Harbor, we no longer could keep our heads buried in the sand. The lessons of Pearl Harbor are many, but chief among them is that freedom isn't free -- and that we always must be vigilant to recognize the forces of evil that seek to destroy our way of life.



GUEST OP-ED

When does Christmas begin?

up with a big package of firecrackers, cherry bombs and other noisy fireworks. I always loved putting firecrackers and cherry bombs under cans to see how far they would fly through the air.

My mother would make cookies, cakes and pies. My dad would always buy a big box of apples and oranges. It seems like they lasted a week.

Christmas really began when family came home. When we all got together that's when it seemed Christmas really started. The excitement came by us all being together. Sharing gifts was fun and provided moments of laughter. Eating my mother's delicious meal was always a stable holiday treat we always enjoyed.

The best part was everyone being together for a couple of days. With social distancing, this may be one element of Christmas that many will not get to enjoy in 2020.

So many thousands of people have died from Covid-19 and they will be missed at the Christmas table. If this is you please cling to the hope of life beyond this world and that you will see your loved one again.

I believe throughout our planet that seeing our sick friends get well would make Christmas for all of us.

Christmas is different this year. We must enter Christmas this year with hope. You have to have hope to live. Life without hope is like a car with no fuel. A vaccine for Covid-19 is coming. We are praying this will spare lives in 2021. We have hope that by next Christmas we can all get together and celebrate.

Keep in mind there has never been anything normal about Christmas. Mary and Joseph and the baby spent their first Christmas in a barn which was like a cave for animals. The baby was laid in a cow's trough for a bed. Christmas always has the potential of being very different.

Remember Christmas is in your heart and that's where your main celebration and hope lie. May hope and Christmas be bright and rekindled anew and afresh. May you within your spirit hear the bells on Christmas day. And, may you hear the angels sing, "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to all men on whom his favor rests."

GUEST OP-ED

MBTA cuts impact on commuters

By the Public Transit Public Good Riders, Workers and Communities United for Transit Justice

On December 2, 2020 we conducted a series IVR surveys of residents in communities served by the MBTA during afternoon and evening hours.

467 individual respondents completed the survey giving a Margin of Error of +/- 4.53%. Below are the topline results of the survey.

QUESTION RE-SPONSE RATE

1. GENDER

- Male 38.9%
- Female 61.1%

2. AGE

- Under 30 16.1%
- Between 30-49 33.6%
- Between 50-65 26.6%
- Over 65 23.8%

3. Have you utilized public transportation in the last two years?

- HAVE used public transportation 57.5%
- HAVE NOT used public transportation 38.8%

4. The MBTA announced it is planning cuts to its services and staff. Do you support cuts to public transportation millions of dollars in

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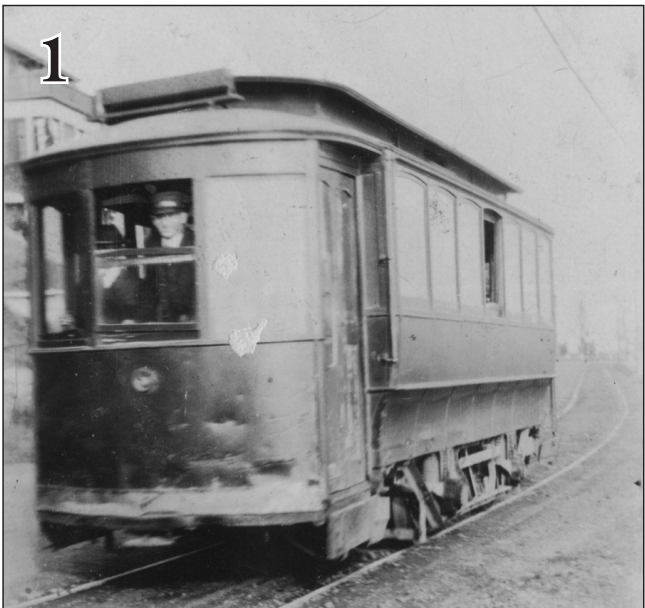
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ARTICLE 948 - REMEMBERING CHARLIE WHEATON



2 Winthrop, on the small peninsula which forms the Eastern border of Boston harbor, has been home to a great number of notable residents among which was Charles W. Wheaton. Charlie came here from West Lynn at the age of 20 in 1910 to drive the Governor Winthrop streetcar, the first one of the newly opened Point Shirley Railway system cars which ran from Delby's Corner (junction of Shirley St. & Washington Ave.) out Shirley St. and Tafts Avenue to Shirley Gut. See picture one which shows Charlie in the cab of this first street car. Not only did he drive this first street car, but in 1915, when buses also started to transport people to Point Shirley, Charlie drove the first such bus, see picture two which shows him standing at the right of his friend Bill Finlayson next to the bus. Picture three shows Charlie in front of his bus with a young local admirer. All such local Trolley and Bus service ceased operation in 1940 and the Rapid Transit Bus Service we know today began to operate. Charlie then became a driver for them and continued on until he retired in 1962. He then lived out the rest of his life in the home he had built with his wife Winifred, who passed away in 1954, at 27 Triton Ave. until his death in 1971. During the early days of driving along Shirley Street, by what is now Yirrell Beach, and then on out Tafts Avenue, there were very few buildings along the water and



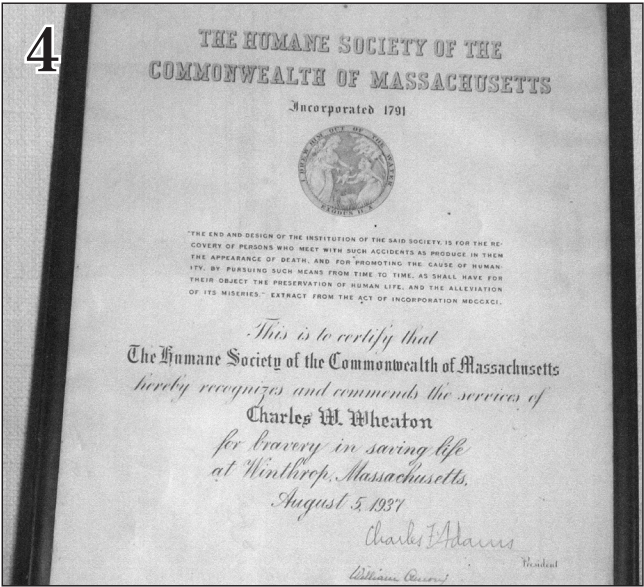
therefore Charlie had an unobstructed view of the ocean where he was able to easily detect people having problems in the water. Many newspaper articles were written about Charlie and the numerous people he saved from drowning along this route. Two such events as reported in local papers were as follows.

From the 10/13/59 Boston Daily Globe: "Charley saved so many lives he doesn't even count them. Once he spotted a tiny child drifting out to sea in the cover of an old trunk. He stripped down to his underwear, swam out and pushed the child in the trunk lid ahead of him to the shore".

From the 6/26/58 Winthrop Transcript: "Or of the time Charlie was humming along the shore in 1924 and spotted a capsized catboat and two struggling figures in the sea beside it - - again leaving his trolley, Charlie commandeered a leaky row boat, grabbed a short

board for an oar and paddled out to the drowning father and daughter. Before Charlie reached the shore, the frail boat sank beneath them but undismayed, he completed the rescue and was greeted by rising cheers on the now crowded beach. As soon as he reached shore, Charlie bounded into his trolley, still soaking wet, gave himself Two Bells and drove off to the Winthrop Beach Station which he reached on schedule".

In August 1937, The Humane Society of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts awarded Charley a Certificate recognizing his heroic efforts in saving lives in Winthrop, see picture four. Those of us who have lived in Winthrop over 50 years will remember Charlie Wheaton's son, Charles A. Wheaton who was a milk delivery man until his death in 1992, and his grandson Charles "Bobby" Wheaton who, until his death in 1997, owned and operated the Woodside Hardware Store, first on Woodside Avenue and then at the entrance to Winthrop on Main Street under the name Woodside ACE Hardware where it continues today. Information for this article was provided by another of Charlie's grandsons James Chicos who has had the above referenced Certificate framed with appropriate related photographs and is presenting it to the Winthrop Improvement and Historical Association for display in their Museum.



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 December 9, 2010

The talk of the town this past week has been about high water bills that have been appearing in residents' mailboxes. Many residents have been complaining to the local Water Department about the bills and a few even took the time to attend a recent Town Council meeting to question the bills they've received. However, Winthrop Public Works Director David Hickey said this week that any suggestions that rates have been raised or that meters have been misread are off-base. The higher rates, according to Hickey, are simply due to a high usage during the billing period -- July, August and September -- for which the bills were sent.

The Winthrop Police Department is partnering with Bunker Hill Community College and Community Action Programs Inter City (CAPIC) on a toy donation and distribution program for Winthrop families. Police Chief Terence Delehanty said that Lee Nugent, domestic violence advocate for the WPD and an employee of Chelsea-based CAPIC, is helping to coordinate the program.

Six weeks after starting the pilot weight loss challenge program, Winthrop Shape-Up Showdown, with 24 program participants, through the efforts of founders Michael Miccichi, Alyssa Foley, Michelle Bishop, and with Marc Wallerice of the Winthrop Maket Place as an Advisor, has recorded its first success in town. On Sunday, November 29, 23 participants successfully completed the program, participated in their final weigh-in at the Point Shirley Association building and recorded a total of 172 pounds lost by the entire group.

The King's Speech, Black Swan, and The Tourist are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

20 years ago Dec. 7, 2000

A rash of vandalism has struck Winthrop in recent weeks, with 25 acts of vandalism reported to police in just the past two weeks alone, most of which is damage to automobiles.

Winthrop High officials dispute allegations of a lack of discipline at the school. Interim Asst. Principal James Burke said that such charges are "derogatory to the school and inaccurate."

A gala 90th birthday party is being planned for well-known local resident E. Arthur King.

102 Dalmatians, Proof of Life, and Chocolat are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

30 years ago Dec. 5, 1990

The independent au-

diting firm hired by the School Committee has concluded in its final report that the anticipated budget deficit is not as large as originally had been feared. The auditors gave a worst case scenario of \$350,000 and a best case scenario of \$85,000 if cost-cutting measures are instituted and a grant from the MWRA comes through.

A commentary in the Sun Transcript suggests that Special Agent Cooper, the fictional character in the cult hit TV show Twin Peaks, should come to Winthrop to investigate the School Department controversy and the bizarre comments by certain School Committee members. According to an article in the Boston Globe, the School Committee chairperson stated that the school deficit was between \$500,000 and \$750,000. Another School Committee member, Deborah D'Avolio, questioned the Special Education account, stating she was unaware that the Special Ed. Department typically runs a deficit pending reimbursement from the state. However, Special Ed. Director Robert Scollins informed D'Avolio that the budget sheets that list the outlays by the Special Ed. Department have been given to School Committee members every year by him for the past 11 years.

The Civil Defense Department has begun the excavation of the former bunkers at Ft. Banks with the intended use of the bunkers as a storage site for its equipment and also as a military museum.

Misery, The Rescuers Down Under, and Ghost are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

40 years ago Dec. 10, 1980

There was an air of gloomy fellowship at Monday night's meeting of the Board of Selectmen and department heads as they discussed the need for a 20 per cent reduction in their budgets because of the passage of Prop. 2 and 1/2.

Last week's School Committee meeting raised as many questions as it answered with the variable of Prop. 2 and 1/2 once again figuring prominently in the discussion. School Committee member William Miner said that the board must be responsive to the voters and, "We must begin tightening our belts immediately."

The Winthrop High School Drama Society will present their fall production of Godspell at the WHS music hall this weekend.

Broadway star Carol Channing sent a letter to Kids Curtain Call wishing the group good luck with its upcoming production of Hello Dolly.

Charlton Heston stars

in The Awakening at the Kincade Theatre.

50 years ago Dec. 9, 1970

The Police Department has reported that more than 500 residents received parking tickets for violating the town's overnight parking ban that went into effect December 1. The main purpose of the ban is to facilitate snow removal and to allow fire-fighting apparatus to negotiate the town's streets.

Prominent local attorney Milton Band has written a letter to the selectmen complaining about their issuance of a liquor license to the Winthrop Golf Club. Band states in his letter that operating a bar room at the golf club is not within the terms of the lease agreement between the town and the club.

Two residents of a Walden St. apartment were bound and gagged by three armed men who made off with an undisclosed sum of cash. A similar robbery had occurred earlier in the evening in East Boston and police are investigating whether there is a connection.

Construction of the hockey rink adjacent to Memorial Auditorium, which was approved by Town Meeting last spring, has been given approval by the state and construction is now underway.

Santa Claus is coming to town, twice in fact, once to visit all of the sick boys and girls in Winthrop at the Winthrop Community Hospital this Sunday, then again on Christmas Eve, escorted by the Winthrop Police and Fire Departments around the town riding a shiny new sleigh constructed by members of the Fire Dept.

The annual fair of St. John's Episcopal Church was a huge success this past weekend.

Sophia Loren and Maurice Chevalier star in Breath of Scandal at the Winthrop Theatre.

60 years ago Dec. 15, 1960

A record pre-winter snow storm dumped 13 inches of snow on Winthrop Sunday through Monday, paralyzing traffic and wreaking general havoc. The Board of Selectmen declared a state of emergency, forcing postponement of a Special Town Meeting, creating scores of minor emergencies, and costing the town some \$25,000 for snow removal.

Who said that the family business has gone out with the gaslight? There's one right here in Winthrop, the Curtain Centre at 68 Woodside Ave., operated by Irving and Ida Ectman, their son Eliot, and their daughter Lila.

Jane Fonda and James Stewart star in The Cheyenne Social Club at the Winthrop Theatre.

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tation funding?

- OPPOSE 67.0%
- SUPPORT 16.4%
- UNSURE 16.6%

5. If the MBTA cuts millions of dollars in funding from the system, are you CONCERNED about the impact it will have on SAFETY for riders and workers?

- ARE CONCERNED 70.0%
- ARE NOT CONCERNED 21.8%

CERNED 21.8%

- UNSURE 8.3%

6. If the MBTA cuts millions of dollars in funding from the system, are you CONCERNED about the impact it will have on the ability of frontline workers to get to their jobs?

- ARE CONCERNED 75.8%
- ARE NOT CONCERNED 16.6%
- UNSURE 7.7%

7. If the MBTA cuts millions of dollars in funding from the system, are you CONCERNED about the impact it will have on local businesses and on a postpandemic economic recovery?

- ARE CONCERNED 69.9%
- ARE NOT CONCERNED 22.0%
- UNSURE 8.1%

MSA'S BOB DEEB MAKES GENEROUS DONATION TO MI AMORE TO PROVIDE THANKSGIVING MEALS TO RESIDENTS



MSA Mortgage and Founding Principal Bob Deeb donated \$4,000 to the local food recovery and community support organization, Mi Amore, to fund Thanksgiving meals for Winthrop families in need. The donation helped to provide boxes filled with turkeys and other dinner ingredients to make an entire holiday meal. Mi Amore delivered boxes to 53 families throughout the town. Shown here, left to right, Mi Amore co-founder Suzanne Carson, Mi Amore Board member Nicole Ferrara, and Deeb, a long-time Mi Amore supporter. "I care deeply about the Winthrop community," Deeb explained. "I raised my children in this town and now my grandchildren. You never know when you'll need the help of others, so we all must do our part. This is a special town and I'm honored to assist Mi Amore in their efforts of making life a little easier for those struggling. We are all in this together."

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Town provides project updates on work in the Center Business District

Special to the Transcript

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

Construction Updates and Schedule:

Work completed this week through December 4:

- Removed all temporary water bypass piping and hosing, and continue site clean-up on Cottage Park Rd., between Somerset Ave. and Pleasant St.; and on Somerset Ave., between Cottage Park Rd. and Pleasant St.
- Completed installation of sewer service connections to new sewer main for properties on Adams St., between Woodside Ave. and Bartlett Rd.; and

- on Cottage Park Rd., between Somerset Ave. and Pleasant St.
- Continued installation of sewer service connections to new sewer main for properties and businesses on Bartlett Rd., between French Sq. and Adams St.; and on Somerset Ave., between Cottage Park Rd. and Pleasant St.
- Completed paving of various roadway and sidewalk areas on Pauline St., Hagman Rd., and Woodside Ave.
- Installed new hydrant

- on Woodside Ave., at Pleasant St.
- Continued construction of the new storm drain in the following locations:
- Woodside Ave., between French Sq. and Pleasant St.
- Pleasant St., at Woodside Ave.
- Somerset Ave., between Woodside Ave. and Cottage Park Rd.
- Adams St., between Bartlett Rd. and Williams St.

Two-week Anticipated Schedule:

1. December 7 to December 11, 2020
Continue installation of sewer service connections to new sewer main for properties and businesses on Bartlett Rd., at French Sq., and on Somerset Ave., between Cottage Park Rd. and Pleasant St.
Continue construction of the new storm drain in the following locations:
 - i. Woodside Ave., at French Sq.
 - ii. Somerset Ave., between Woodside Ave. and Cottage Park Rd.

- iii. Bartlett Rd., between French Sq. and Adams St.
Continue site-clean up within Project limits and all staging/stockpile areas.

2. December 14 to December 15, 2020
Continue site-clean up within Project limits and all staging/stockpile areas.
*All construction activities are scheduled to conclude for Winter Moratorium at end of workday on Tuesday, December 15.

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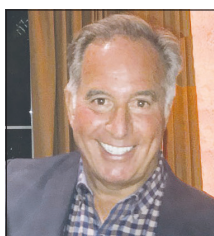
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TRAVEL YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUE WILL BEGIN IN JANUARY

Winthrop Parks and Recreation Director Sean

Driscoll has announced that the Youth Basketball

Travel League will begin its season in January.

“We had a great turnout for registration from fourth grade to eighth grade, both boys and girls,” said Driscoll. “It looks like we’ll be fielding 9-10 teams and playing an abbreviated schedule.”

Driscoll conducted a pre-season instructional basketball clinic for players Wednesday at the former Winthrop Middle School gymnasium.

“We look forward to getting the season with no stoppages,” said Driscoll, adding that the league will follow all COVID-19 social distancing protocols.



A Winthrop youth basketball player dribbles his way toward the hoop during an offensive drill at the instructional clinic.



Shown above, Winthrop youth basketball players work on their defensive stances at the clinic.

Shown to the right, Winthrop youth basketball players received instruction at the pre-season clinic Wednesday.



CRIMSON AND GOLD

Harvard freshman, Olympic hopeful Gabbie Izzo trains at the Cronin Rink

By Cary Shuman

By day Gabbie Izzo is a first-year college student who happens to be attending the oldest and most prestigious university in the United States.

Gabbie Izzo is also one of the nation’s elite figure skaters. The 19-year-old Harvard College freshman and Boston Latin School graduate is the 2019 national junior champion and on a track to represent the USA in the Winter Olympics.

Izzo makes the trek five days a week from her home in Brighton [her classes at Harvard are remote-learning] to the Cronin Rink in Revere to train in the Mitchell Johansson Method (MJM), an elite national and international figure skating program headed by former Swedish national champion and 1988 Olympian Peter Johansson and former American national champion and Olympic alternate Mark Mitchell.

“I love my coaches,” said Gabbie. “I think they push us a lot but that’s what we look to them for. They’re tough when they need to be, but they’re also super supportive in everything we do, so I think that’s really great as well. Peter is wonderful and Mark is the guru of music - he’s so good with picking music for my short and long programs. My short is from The Color Purple - it’s “I’m Here” by Cynthia Erivo. My long is from the Broadway play, Sunset Boulevard, and it’s a medley of music from Andrew Lloyd Weber.”

A rigorous, daily training schedule

Izzo’s immense talents are noteworthy in MJM practice sessions as the powerful 5-foot-3-inch skater soars through the air on her triple jumps and executes her spins with superior precision. Figure skating at this level produces that rare combination of athleticism, style, elegance, and explosiveness.

As one would expect, being a world-caliber figure skater takes a tremen-



Gabbie Izzo performs her long program at the U.S. Figure Skating Championships in Detroit where she won the gold medal in the Junior Ladies Division. Izzo is training in the Mitchell Johansson Method at the Cronin Rink in Revere.

dous commitment. Izzo trains for five hours each day (three hours of practice on the ice, two hours off the ice in strength and stamina workouts) at the Revere rink.

A major break-through at the U.S.A. Junior Nationals

Izzo had her breakthrough performance at the 2019 U.S. Figure Skating Championship in Detroit. Putting together a fabulous, high-energy program, Izzo captured the gold medal. At the age of 17, the then-Boston Latin student was officially the best junior skater in the nation.

“It was something that I had worked toward for a really long time, and so to have that all come together, it was great,” said Izzo. “Not only was I on the podium, but two of my other training mates were also medalists. It was such a great vibe for all of us just to be there, and to work so long for it and see it all come into fruition was amazing.”

Izzo continued her competitive schedule in 2019 at national and international events. She received a bronze medal in the Senior Division Internationals at the Asian Open in China. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, her schedule in 2020 has been limited to one competition in January. She is now preparing for a Nationals’ virtual qualification event that will be held in December. “And hope-

fully nationals in January or February,” she said.

Olympic aspirations

As a junior national champion and rising star in the world of figure skating, Izzo is asked frequently about her path to the Winter Olympics. Dr. Tenley Albright, a prominent surgeon who attended Radcliffe College and Harvard Medical School, won an Olympic gold medal in 1956 in Cortina d’Ampezzo, Italy. Interestingly, that was the last time Olympic figure skating was held outdoors.

Could Gabbie become

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(ex 3-bean & asparagus)	
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WINTHROP POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS HOLD TOY DRIVE-THRU AND DROP OFF

Last Sunday, Winthrop Police and Fire with assistance from the Winthrop Police Explorers, hosted a Toy Drive Thru and Drop Off, adhering to Covid 19 regulations, and the outpouring from the community was astounding! While a fun atmosphere was provided which including holiday music, blow-ups, hot chocolate and yes, Santa himself, it was the residents who were the true stars of the show. It's understood that with the ongoing pan-

demic, many families are struggling, and people of the town stepped up to ensure that kids can enjoy the spirit of the season. If you are a family experiencing need this season, please email Lt. Stephen Rogers at (SRogers@Town.winthrop.ma.us) or Officer Samantha Petersen (SPetersen@Town.winthrop.ma.us). Please include your children's ages, gender, and a parent/guardian's address and phone number. All emails are confidential.



One small resident hands Santa a dump truck for the toy drive.



Members of the Winthrop Police and Fire Departments with Santa and members of the Winthrop Police Explorers program.



The members of the community who stopped by the Toy Drive were lucky enough to get a photo with the big man himself, St. Nick. A special thank you to Santa and those who came out from the community to make it a success.



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the second woman of Harvard to bring home the gold? “I prefer to take it day

by day,” said Izzo. “People always ask me that and I’m never super explicit about it because I just

want to take the sport as far as I can and then we’ll see where it goes from there.”

Peter Johansson said Gabbie has performed well in international events following her smashing victo-

ry in the Junior Nationals. Gabbie is on the top tier of the MJM skaters training in Revere and aspiring to compete to the Olympics.

“Gabbie did very well internationally last year,” said Johansson. “She’s started college and trying to manage college with skating, and she’s working hard.”

John Carroll, arena manager at Cronin Rink, has been impressed by Izzo’s personable, humble manner and the incredible work ethic of all the MJM skaters training at the rink.

“Every day it’s a privilege and honor to be able to see this level of talent and to have some small piece in contributing to the careers of these amazing skaters such as Gabbie Izzo, who are going to travel the world and represent our country,” said Carroll.

Enjoying her first year at Harvard

Izzo said while she’s participating in her college classes online due to the coronavirus pandemic, she’s enjoying her first year of studies.

“Harvard has done such a good job over Zoom and online and I really love the school,” said Izzo, who has met many of her classmates despite living a few miles away from Harvard Yard.

Making a large financial commitment

Figure skating at the

elite level requires a sizable financial investment from a family. Through U.S. Figure Skating scholarships and the support of her parents, John and Eliana Izzo, Gabbie is being coached by the best and able to pursue the highest goals in the sport.

“My parents have been super supportive,” said Izzo. “My mom is a medical interpreter and works two full-time jobs. My dad is a grant writer for Forsyth Institute. There are other opportunities for scholarships, but it’s been a constant work in progress to pay for this.”

Gabbie has an older brother, David, who graduated from Boston Latin School and is a student at Bentley University.

Asked which figure skater she admires the most for her contributions to the sport, Gabbie replied, “I personally love Yuna Kim (South Korea), the 2010 Olympic champion and the 2014 silver medalist. I think she just embodies everything that figure skating should be. She was graceful. Her jumps were huge. She was powerful. I love her.”

Do not be surprised one bit if young athletes nationwide will be looking to Gabbie Izzo as their inspiration one day soon.

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Amy Gallagher

Her favorite motto was 'Kindness Matters'

Amy T. Gallagher (Miss G.) passed away unexpectedly on Monday, November 30.

A lifelong resident of Winthrop, she was the cherished daughter of William J. and Mary T. (McGillycuddy) Gallagher, loving sister of Judith M. Teixeira and her husband, Timothy, Katherine B. Hubert and her husband, Daniel, Ellen M. Baxter and her husband, Mark and James P. Gallagher and his partner, Mary Beth Hetherton. She was the devoted aunt of Mark and his partner, Rachel and James (Baxter), Katherine, Mary and Patrick (Teixeira), Billy and Bobby (Hubert), Jaclyn and her partner, Erik, Billy and Carolyn (Hetherton). She is also survived by her uncle Walter Mahoney and also by her aunt Eileen McGillicuddy with whom she traveled to Ireland and enjoyed the trip of a lifetime. Amy is also survived by her extended family and countless close friends.

She was a proud graduate of Winthrop High School, Class of 1983. Amy was the heart and soul of Winthrop Public Schools serving for over 10 years as a Winthrop Middle School ESP. She was named Queen of the Café by the WHS Post Graduates. Amy was WMS Stuco advisor, co-Quiz Bowl advisor, Spelling Bee co-chair, and Winthrop Teachers Association PR officer.

Prior to her WPS career, Amy began her employment at Faneuil Hall Marketplace and Quincy Market for over 37 years managing Sports Etc., The Brearley Collection and The Leather Shop.

Amy was a devout Catholic who ran the St. John's Breakfast with Santa for several years. She was a board member of St. Vincent de Paul Society, and past member

of the Winthrop Catholic Women's Club. Amy was a longtime volunteer of Winthrop Viking Football.

Amy led an incredibly full life, but above all else, treasured family time at West Yarmouth, Cape Cod and the circle at Seagull Beach, loved watching the Red Sox, especially her beloved Big Papi. She treasured her twice daily walks, enjoying "The Landing" and Belle Isle.

Her many activities included helping run the Winthrop Food Pantry during the pandemic, uniting the town in its time of need, cooking, crafting and celebrating all of the holidays with family and friends.

Her favorite motto was "Kindness matters". Amy would never let anyone go without.

It was her goal to make sure every 8th grader at WMS be able to go to Washington, D.C. The family kindly asks that if you wish to honor her memory, to donate to the Miss G Memorial Washington D.C. Scholarship Fund c/o Webster First Federal Credit Union, 15 Woodside Ave. Winthrop, MA 02152 or via venmo @MISSGDC. There will be a memorial celebration for Amy in the spring.

Family and friends are cordially invited to attend the Funeral Mass in St. John the Evangelist Church, 320 Winthrop St., Winthrop on Tuesday, December 15 at 11 a.m. Services will conclude with the interment in the Cross Street section of Winthrop Cemetery.

Attendees must wear masks and maintain social distancing in the church and at the cemetery

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

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

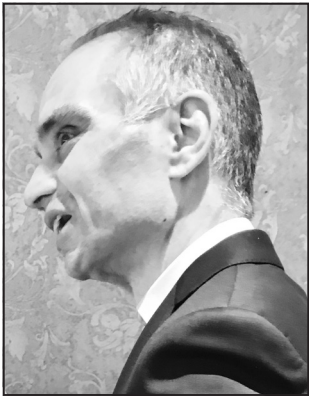
John Anthony Zankowski

He will be forever remembered

John Anthony Zankowski, a lifelong resident of Revere, was taken from us too soon at the age of 59. John passed away unexpectedly on December 3, 2020.

John will be forever remembered as the youngest, loving, and special child of the late Anthony A. and Dolores A. (Cecere/DiGiulio) Zankowski. John was a beloved brother to the late Denise (Zankowski) Winter and her late husband, Edward, and sisters Darlene (Zankowski) O'Keefe and husband, Thomas, and Doreen M. Zankowski, Esq. and her partner, Billie Jean Potter. He leaves behind his beloved nieces, Kimberly Winter, Tara Diefenbach (Paul), Tina Gongas (William), and nephew Daniel Winter (Kenneth Holgersen). John was great uncle to Mia McLean, Lucas and Alexia Gongas and Thomas and Declan Diefenbach. He leaves behind many cousins who love him.

John was special indeed. His early life included his enrollment in the prestigious May Institute in Chatham, MA, where he lived away from his family at great angst to his parents and siblings. At the May Institute, he thrived and overcame many of life's obstacles from autism. Upon returning home, John was forever cared for by his



family. He was a very funny guy and could surprise those around him with some salty talk and funny expressions. John's persona created a sense of love, duty, honor, and empathy in his family. His sisters always felt a duty to protect him, include him in their activities, and make sure he was loved and understood. He will be forever remembered. He is with his mother, father and sister now, and at peace.

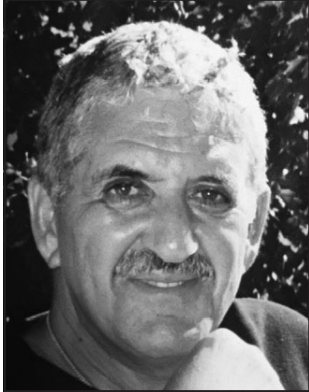
A Funeral Mass will be celebrated at St. Anthony's Church, 250 Revere St, Revere today, Thursday, December 10 at 11 a.m. everyone meet directly at church. (Names and temperatures will be taken upon entrance). Interment at Holy Cross Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in John's name to the May Institute, 41 Pacella Drive, Randolph, MA 02368 and designate the Revere May Facility as the beneficiary or at MayInstitute.org. For guest book please visit www.buonfiglio.com.

Salvatore Spinale

Boston Police Dept. retiree and Carnegie Medal of Honor recipient

Salvatore F. Spinale, beloved husband of Joan (Lombard) Spinale, father of the late Steven F. Spinale, son of the late Francesco and Rosaria Spinale and brother of the late Connie Solferino and Virginia Spinale, died on December 2.

He was a member of the Boston Police Department



for 43 years and the recipient of the Carnegie Medal of Honor.

A private burial in Winthrop will be held at a later date.

Memorial donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105

Funeral arrangements entrusted to Hodges, Kiser, Ft. Myers, Florida.

John MacDonald

Longtime Boston Cab Driver

John A. MacDonald of Winthrop passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving family on Friday, December 4 at the age of 71.

John was a past member of Laborers Local #22 and a Boston Cab Driver for over 40 years.

The beloved husband of Madeline (Shand) MacDonald, he was the devoted father of Frank Forsyth, John MacDonald, Madeline Forsyth and the late Gina Forsyth and James MacDonald; dear brother of Emilia Ambroult and her husband, Charlie, Duncan MacDonald and his wife, Debbie, Virginia Hitaffer, Graham Mac-

Donald and Tammy MacDonald; adored grandfather of Philip, Joseph, Haylee, Frankie, Danny, Farah, Giovanna, Jacob and Isabella and cherished great grandfather of Lilly, Gianna and Mia. He is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

Family and friends will honor John's life by gathering for a graveside service on Monday, December 14 at 1 p.m. at Winthrop Cemetery (Belle Isle Section). Face coverings are required to be worn and social distancing measures are encouraged. For more information: www.ruggieromh.com

John "Jack" Connolly

Longtime Malden evening news compositor

John "Jacky" Connolly of Revere passed away on December 2 at the age of 69.

Jack loved the beach (Rocky Beach) and was referred to as Weaser by his Beachmont friends. He will be sorely missed by all who knew him. Jacky was a longtime compositor with the Malden Evening News.

Born in Boston on April 8, 1951 to the late Thomas and Marguerite "Peggy" (Chandler), he was the devoted father of Christopher Connolly and his wife, Melanie of Winthrop, cherished grandfather of Brianna, Michaela, and Victoria, dear brother of Thomas Connolly and his wife, Mary of Winthrop, Judith McGhee and her husband, William of Harwich port, and Robert Connolly Sr. and his wife, Susan of Revere. He is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.



Due to the current spike in COVID-19, the guidelines issued by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and local officials, funeral services will be privately held for the immediate family under the direction of Paul Bounfiglio & Sons - Bruno Funeral Home, 128 Revere Street, Revere, MA 02151. Interment Woodlawn Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the M.S.P.C.A., Angel, 350 S. Huntington Ave, Boston, MA 02130 or at mspc.org. For guest book please visit www.buonfiglio.com.

Robert McDuffee

NE Tel & Tel retiree



Robert M. McDuffee, 88, of Winthrop passed away on December 2.

Robert was a U.S. Navy veteran of the Korean War serving from 1951-1955. Prior to his retirement, Robert worked for the former New England Telephone Company in the repair and maintenance department. He enjoyed playing golf and watching all the different professional and local sports teams.

Robert was the beloved husband of Marion J. (Colby) McDuffee. Born in Medford, he was the cherished son of the late George F. and Jennie M. (Bartlett) McDuffee. Robert was the devoted father of Lynn McDuffee Giuliano Berry of Ovideo, Fla., Deborah McDuffee and Donna Infantino, both of Winthrop, Diane McDuffee of Dover, N.H., Robert R. McDuffee and his wife, Kristen of Winthrop and Denise Usseglio of Goffstown, N.H. and the late Michael McDuffee and his surviving wife, Joanne of Winthrop; the adored grandfather of Rob Giulano, Lindsay Ruocco, Michael and Samantha McDuffee, Sarah and Keith McNeff, Jennifer



Keefe and Edward Infantino, Nicole Miller, Robert, Kimberly, Elizabeth and Erin McDuffee and John and Ashley Usseglio. He was also the loving great-grandfather of 16. Robert was the dear brother of the late George McDuffee.

A Funeral Mass will be celebrated in St. John the Evangelist Church 320 Winthrop St., Winthrop, today, Thursday, December 10, at 11:30 a.m. Please go directly to church. Interment will follow in Winthrop Cemetery (Belle Isle Section). In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory can be made to the Viking Pride Foundation Inc.

PO Box 520037 Winthrop, MA 02152. Funeral arrangements are from the Maurice W. Kirby Funeral Home, 210 Winthrop St., Winthrop. To sign Robert's guestbook, please visit www.mauricekirby-fh.com.

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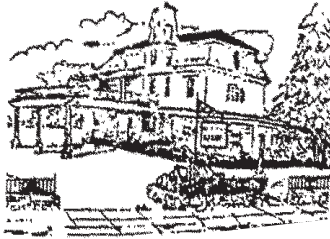


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NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

CHELSEA EATS PROGRAM ROLLS OUT

CHELSEA - The Chelsea Eats debit card program – one of the first such municipal programs in the nation - has been nearly fully deployed for those who won the chance in the lottery last month, that allowed 2,000 residents to get a set amount loaded on their new cards every month through March.

After a number of logistical issues that had to be ironed out, City Manager Tom Ambrosino said the Chelsea Eats program started in earnest last week just before Thanksgiving, when the first amount was deposited onto the cards. The cards are procured through a Visa provider and can be used at any store in the region.

“We distributed the cards to residents at City Hall the week before Thanksgiving,” he said. “We distributed about 1,500 cards of the 2,000 cards that we announced to lottery winners. We loaded that batch of cards with the first installment of money on the Tuesday before Thanksgiving and so far everything is going well.”

The City has committed to funding the first two months, including last Tuesday’s money and another loading in December before Christmas. Meanwhile, two donors have submitted large donations to the City to fund the months of January and February.

“That should get people to the end of March and hopefully there is a vaccine and everyone is able and everyone is

back to work,” he said.

The donations came from the Shah Family Foundation and the United Way, both of which like the idea of Universal Basic Income. Ambrosino said he isn’t so much interested in that, but says it could help them secure more funding for beyond March.

“It’s possible we could get more donations for that concept, but for now we can get people to March,” he added.

The card is provided by Prepaid Expense Card Solutions, Inc. out of New York, and they have been a good partner with the City on this trailblazing program. He said the City would incur less than \$10,000 in fees for the program, which officially can go until June 30, 2021 if there is funding.

Those who have the card get a set amount based on family size, Ambrosino said. Those with three or more in a family get \$400 per load, two in a family get \$300 and a single person gets \$200.

The lottery was weighted to favor those who had more children, who were elderly, disabled, veterans or were in deep poverty. There was also a check for those who were already receiving state or federal public assistance. No one qualified unless they were under 100 percent of the federal poverty line, which is about 30 percent of AMI in Greater Boston.

Ambrosino said there are about 500 cards that weren’t picked up and they have reached out to those individuals, but their contact informa-

tion isn’t helping. Letters have gone out, but it is assumed many moved on since the application period last August. Anyone not living in Chelsea does not qualify for the program.

CITY COUNCIL SETS TAX RATE

CHELSEA - The Chelsea City Council took every measure in protecting homeowners with rising tax bills in setting the tax rate at its regular meeting – but did so with a warning that next year those tools won’t be in the toolbox if people are still struggling with the fallout from the pandemic.

The Council applied the maximum commercial shift of 175 percent to commercial property and away from residential property in an 11-0 vote, a move allowed by law and applied virtually every year.

That said, Council President Roy Avellaneda reminded everyone that this usual shift does create a hardship for small business owners – particularly this year when stores and commercial offices are sitting vacant at higher rates.

“I want us to all be cognizant this shift does unfairly burden the small commercial owners,” he said. “I think of Madelyn Garcia who bought a commercial building in Cary Square and has \$20,000 worth of taxes. To overcome that tax burden means you’ll need to make 10 times that amount in revenue. She has to get \$200,000 in revenue to get that. It’s easy to shift to the commercial side, but we have to think about being fair



The demolition of the St. Therese’s Church campus on Broadway and Gledhill has begun over the last several weeks, and Tuesday night marked the first public meeting on the plan now that construction has gotten underway. The Neighborhood Developers (TND) plans to develop a 77-unit senior affordable building on the site with a health center located at the ground floor. There will also be workforce home ownership opportunities developed on Gledhill Avenue as part of the project. The online meeting was the first of what is expected to be several meetings prior to the building construction kicking off in the spring after the site has been cleared.

St. Therese Church was the site of perhaps the longest vigil in the Archdiocese of Boston when it’s closure was announced in the early 2000s. Dedicated parishioners occupied the church come what may for more than 1,000 days to keep it going and keep it open before eventually conceding.

to the small guy as well as the homeowner.”

As well, the Council voted 11-0 to set the owner-occupant residential tax exemption at 35 percent – a rise of five percent and higher than the City had planned for. The City had been carefully rolling out that tax savings over five years and was expected to go to 32 percent this year, and 35 percent next year.

However, City Manager Tom Ambrosino said he recommended the 35 percent owner-occupant fee so that residents could have maximum savings during this difficult time in Chelsea.

“The maximum amount we can give is 35 percent and over the time I’ve been on the Council

we’ve upped it consistently,” said Councilor Damali Vidot. “However, after we apply this one there is no more room left to give any higher tax breaks. I want to urge this administration to do what it can. We’re carrying burdens right now that, quite frankly, no municipality should have to carry. At this point, we’ve exhausted all the tools in the toolbox.”

That program erases 35 percent of the value of a residential property that is owner occupied, up to a three-family home. That results in substantial savings on the tax bill for those homeowners occupying their homes in Chelsea.

That 35 percent, as Vidot said, is the maximum amount allowed by state law, a law that was changed in Chelsea’s favor some years ago by Avellaneda. He said that effort was a second go-around for the savings, and he had tried previously with former Councilor Stan Troisi and they were rejected at the State House.

He said it was a “special moment” to be able to have that savings to give, and thanked Troisi for getting the ball rolling so many years ago.

With all savings applied and shifted, the residential tax rate was set at \$13.62 per \$1,000 of value. The commercial rate came in at \$26.65.

The largest tax increase is expected to hit two-family and three-family homeowners this year.

The Council has been submitted a request from Ambrosino to transfer \$750,000 into the new Homeowner Stabilization Fund to help those with increasing residential taxes to get assistance. That program would likely roll out in January, and the Council is set to vote on the transfer at the Dec. 14 meeting. They are expected to approve it.

•GETTING THE VALUES RIGHT

One of the main issues on Monday night, and back to last year, was the questions raised by Avellaneda, Vidot and Councilor Giovanni Recupero about the valuations of multi-unit buildings of eight units or more.

Avellaneda has consistently said those larger

buildings are undervalued in his estimation, and Vidot and Recupero have agreed with that.

“Those values are not up to the proper value in my opinion compared to how well they do on smaller properties,” he said. “We have to no disagreement with how they value singles, two-families, condos and three-families. But we feel there is a lot of catching up to do with the others. That under-valuation puts an unfair burden on the smaller residential properties.”

Vidot also stressed that she would like the Assessor’s Department to look to an outside consultant or find a way to address these values.

“We have to make sure these bigger commercial buildings are being held accountable and paying their fair share so the burden is not on our residential or small business owners,” she said. “We don’t have any more to give.”

Avellaneda said he would like to see a consultant brought on this year, particularly after Ambrosino announces the hiring of a new permanent City Assessor in the coming months.

“The clock starts ticking today for the Assessor’s to do a better job with these identified properties in that sector so we don’t have this problem next year,” he said.

Ambrosino said they would be paying closer attention next year to those values.

“I think that will be the focus of attention in the next year,” he said. “We’re in the process of naming a new Chair of the Board of Assessors. That will be the top priority for that new person. When we present a tax rate next November I hope we can say with confidence those values are accurate.”

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COUNCILOR NAPOLITANO RESIGNS FROM SEAT

EVERETT - Councilor Peter Napolitano confirmed late Tuesday that he has submitted his letter of resignation from the City Council, and will apply for the recently-opened Assistant City

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Clerk position.

“I have submitted my resignation and plan on issuing a statement in my own words addressing the situation this week,” he said. “I’m confident where I stand with the City and I’m more than ready to do the job and have a great working relationship with (City Clerk) Sergio Cornelio. I’ve lived in Everett 63 years and I’m not ready to go away. I’m anxious to continue to be of service.”

Napolitano said it was time to take a new direction, and that was particularly made clear after he and his entire family became ill with COVID-19 in October. He said that was a deciding moment, and after 20 years on the Council he was ready to make a change.

As of the close of business on Tuesday, he was no longer a councilor, which he said was tough to grasp after so many years. Napolitano was often controversial on the Council and was the one that made the biggest push to change the City Charter and get away from the bi-cameral system. He said he had to announce the resignation at this time in order to be out of office 30 days, which is required before applying for a City job.

OWENS MOVERS SELLS BUILDING

EVERETT - The longtime Owens Movers company has sold its building in the Commercial Triangle area of the city recently to Boston commercial real estate company Oliver Street Capital.

The transaction for 44-48 Garden St. came in at \$15 million for the property, which has been in the Owens family for years and leases to the scene shop for the Huntington Theatre Company – among others.

Eddie Owens Jr., chief financial officer of the company, did not return a phone call from the Independent for comment.

Oliver Street Capital was founded in downtown Boston in 2014 by Jonathan Hyde and Jonathan O’Donnell. Their company strategy is “a value based real estate investment manager focused on acquiring and managing high quality commercial and residential real estate investments.”

Neither Hyde nor O’Donnell returned e-mails seeking comment on the purchase of the Owens Business Center.

The property has ongoing leases and it could be possible Oliver Street only intends to take an income investing approach to managing and operating the existing tenants. However, the area is rapidly changing and has seen several long-time industrial and/or commercial uses flip to residential or office. Research and Development is also a target for City Planners in the area, while the old industrial uses are now being discouraged under the 2019 Commercial Triangle Redevelopment Plan.

Mayor Carlo DeMaria said he was encouraged by the sale and others that share his enthusiasm for the area.

“I am excited to see developers sharing my enthusiasm for the future development of the Commercial Triangle Area,” he said. “I appreciate the commitment that long standing businesses such as Owens Movers have made to Everett and certainly hope that these deals are mutually beneficial to all parties. The changes that will be taking place in this part of our City will present new and different opportunities for economic growth. I look forward to these new development opportunities and appreciate the increasing recognition of Everett as a place where residents and businesses can grow and thrive.”

In February, the Massachusetts Gaming Commission (MGC) honored the Owens family at their regular meeting in a spotlight on vendors who had benefitted from the casino introduction to the state.

Eddie Owens Jr. and Ed Owens both appeared and told the story of their company, which includes Henry Owens Jr. making the rare move in 1927 as a black man to open his own major moving company. Soon, they had become one of the top companies in the Boston area, and Ed Owens expanded the company when he took over to include more commercial accounts such as Raytheon and others.

The company had been located in Everett for decades and recently had found success in working for Encore Boston Harbor, and also in leasing out portions of their facility to organizations like the Huntington Theatre Company.

PLANS FOR PIERS PARK PHASE III DISCUSSED

East Boston - Two years ago, the Massachusetts Trustees of Reservation (MTR) submitted the only bid to Massport’s call for a private/public partner to come forward and help fund the design and construction of Piers Park Phase III.

The dilapidated pier adjacent to Massport’s award-winning Piers Park and the future Piers Park Phase II is being eyed by Massport as the future site of a third waterfront park.

Last week, MTR’s Nick Black and Amy Eynatian briefed residents on where Massport and the MTR are in the process.

“We’re going around talking to a number of neighborhood associations about our plans,” said Black. “The reason why we’re here tonight is an effort that we’ve been working on for about three or four years now to do something different and create something new within the City of Boston. What we’re really trying to do is create a network of green public open space that is an iconic world class type of destination--a park that really supports the community’s needs and provides access to the waterfront in a public way. We’re also trying to really bring some value to Boston’s climate resiliency goals and the issues we face in terms of storm

surge and sea level rise. We’re all trying to do this in a financially feasible manner which would be great.”

MTR operates 120 miles of protected coastline, which includes over 60 miles of trails, and a bunch of beaches and all sorts of other natural habitats in the state.

Black said Massport has been working with the community and other stakeholders over the last two to three years to build out Piers Park Phase II. It was around this time Black said the MTR started having conversations with Massport about their waterfront initiative.

“A number of years ago we talked about the possibility of what would happen with Phase III, which is this rotted-out pier that sticks off the end of Piers Park. For us it’s a really amazing location. It’s centrally located right in the heart of the harbor and we think it could provide a really great connection point between East Boston and the city as a whole. It also has a fantastic history.”

Black said MTR spent a lot of 2019 working with Massport and others to really investigate the site and understand what the conditions were so MTR could start to piece together what the possibilities would be for a waterfront park that is active and engaging.

“So one of the places that we turn to for inspiration is Brooklyn Bridge Park,” said Black. “For those of you who may not have been there this is a series of five piers along the Brooklyn waterfront that overlooks the skyline in Manhattan. There’s a lot of similarities between what you see in this old industrial waterfront (in Eastie) and Brooklyn. Unfortunately we only have one pier to work with, not five.”

Black said as a result MTR really started to focus on what New Yorkers call Pier One in Brooklyn Bridge Park.

“This park is actually built into the footprints of the old pier that offers a wide variety of experiences for people and is a really close comparison to what we have opportunity wise at Piers Park Phase III,” said Black. “So this is really where we started our thinking in terms of what we would like to see happen at this location in East Boston.”

Black said MTR is looking to build a park that’s both robust and resilient in Eastie.

“And what that means to us is that it can stand up to the elements,” said Black. “We’ve seen a lot of issues with not only storm surges in increasing frequency but also tidal flooding that’s happening on a regular basis, both in East Boston and across the city. The situation is probably just going to get worse. So we have to build a place, mindful of all of those challenges and also a place that can redevelop some of the ecology along the coast.”

Black said MTR will start a community process to bring the community together to build this park.

“We have a few ideas in terms of the direction that we want to go but

we’re very excited about the community process to really start and have conversations with people in terms of what they would want to see there,” he said. “You’ll probably start to see a lot of us over the coming weeks. We’re going to try to be a presence here as much as possible, because we want to really hear from folks who would use this park.”

Eynatian, who is a Project Manager for the Waterfront Initiatives at MTR and an Eagle Hill resident, said the design phase for the future park will take the better part of the next year.

“We want to make sure we really have a chance to hear from the community about what you’d like to see happen there so if the design can reflect that,” said Eynatian. “So things like, what type of programming you’d be interested in, what kind of concerns you might have about the project as well as increasing access to the water so there’s a way for residents to come down and really engage with the harbor at the park.”

Eynatian said MTR will be hosting a series of larger community meetings where MTR will invite residents to hear a little bit more about the project in more detail.

“This will give us the opportunity to really give folks a chance to engage in conversation about what you’d like to see at a new, free, open public park in East Boston,” she said.

The first in a series of meetings MTR is planning to host will be in January.

“So as the year goes on, I’m hoping that in the summer we can do some more creative in-person programs,” said Eynatian. “We’re hopeful to be able to get out and engage with you in person but in the meantime we’ll be doing a lot of different virtual opportunities and putting together some different ways to give us feedback. This is so folks can either join us live in meetings or give us feedback to make sure we can gather input from as many folks as we can.”

BOARD MEMBERS SOUGHT

East Boston - Since 2017, the City of Boston has been creating neighborhood solutions

to coastal flooding from sea level rise and storms in East Boston. This Climate Ready East Boston initiative focuses on locations that face risks from coastal flooding and sea level rise and have identified short- and long-term solutions to protect the neighborhood.

In the latest study, the city worked in partnership with local residents, businesses, and regional partners to find coastal resilience solutions for Jeffries Point, Maverick, Central Square, and Lower Eagle Hill.

Now, the city’s Climate Ready East Boston is switching focus to other areas in the neighborhood that are threatened by climate change and are looking for residents interested in joining the Community Advisory Board.

According to the city’s Climate Resilience Program Coordinator Peyton Siler Jones residents interested can fill out the online application at <https://tinyurl.com/ClimateReadyEastieApplication> through Dec. 7.

Jones said this planning process will expand the city’s analysis to additional areas not covered in the prior phase.

“Basically, this is a really similar process to the process covered back in 2017,” said Jones. “We’re basically just looking at a different part of the neighborhood’s geography, but it’s really similar in that we’re looking at the location of flooding and going through a community engagement process to identify design solutions for mitigating the impacts of sea level rise and climate change.”

Jones said the new geographic area that the city is looking at now is the Chelsea Creek, the Belle Isle Marsh, Constitution Beach and Wood Island.

“These are the parts of East Boston that kind of wrap around the neighborhood,” said Jones. “So we want to work with the community, and Massport, along this area of the neighborhood that kind of wraps around back to where the Jeffries Point study happened in the first phase.”

Jones said the climate team wants to create the advisory board to include more opportunity for neighborhood input and feedback.

“We heard feedback after the first study that residents wanted to see even more opportunity for community engagement and a more community driven process,” said Jones. “And we took that to heart and adapted our scope of work. So now we have this Community Advisory Board, which will be part of the project team to really help us identify the best engagement solution with a particular focus on racial equity in the context of COVID-19.”

Jones said any member of the community can apply to be an advisory board member.

“We encourage anyone and everyone who’s interested to apply,” she said. “We are estimating about 10 folks would be picked, although there’s some flexibility there. We may have up to 12 or 13 members.”

Jones said the role of the advisory board will be to help city planners drive the agenda and engage the community on coastal resiliency.

“The advisory board will be an important voice in the conversation,” said Jones. “We really want to have the members be the leaders on how we think about community engagement around design scenarios and design alternatives when it comes to sea level rise and coastal flooding in this geographic area. Should we have a landscape berm? Should we create a seawall? The board will be working through those different alternatives with the underlying objective of really increasing transparency in city planning and how residents can be involved.”

However, once the board is in place the process may look a lot different than it did in 2017 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

“So after the advisory board is in place it’s will look a lot different than the initial meetings in 2017-2018 where there was a real hands on approach of walking the Greenway with groups of activists and environmentalists in the neighborhood,” said Jones. “I think one thing we’re exploring is how we create as many educational opportunities that were so valuable to the community.”

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Baker admin. announces statewide rollback to Step Three, Phase One

By Lauren Bennett

The Baker administration on Tuesday announced that all Massachusetts cities and towns will roll back to Step Three, Phase One of the state’s reopening plan, effective Sunday, December 13.

Following increases in hospitalizations and cases after the Thanksgiving holiday, the “sharp increase is putting a strain on our healthcare system and frontline workers,” Baker said.

As of Monday, the state had 2,463 new cases of COVID-19, and the seven day average test rate is about 5.5 percent, the governor said. There are also 1,516 people hospitalized with the virus, and 302 in the ICU.

He said that continuing at this rate is “not sustain-

able over time” and will continue to put the healthcare system and healthcare workers at increased risk.

Prior to and “just after” Thanksgiving, Baker said that the “data was showing progress” from the restrictions put in place about a month ago, including a stay at home advisory from 10pm to 5am, and reducing the indoor gathering limit to 10 people. But as the state encounters a second surge of the virus and cases continue to increase, more restrictions are being put in place.

He said that there is “hope” with the vaccine coming soon, but “we cannot simply wait for the vaccine to get here.”

Reverting back to Phase Three, Step One will help to “reduce the opportunities this virus can have to spread,” said Lt. Governor Karyn Polito. Baker ac-

knowledge that a lot has been asked of both residents and businesses over the past nine months, but everyone needs to continue to follow the guidelines in order to slow spread of the virus to ensure health and safety for all communities across the state.

“Today’s announcement is meant to tighten up guidance and to ensure that all residents are taking the proper COVID-19 prevention measures, no matter where they are,” Polito said.

Starting on Sunday, the outdoor gathering limit at event venues will be reduced from 100 people to 50, and people hosting outdoor gatherings with more than 25 people “will now be responsible for notifying their local board of health,” Polito said. Additionally, the rollback requires indoor theaters,

performance venues, and “higher contact indoor recreation businesses” to close, according to the state, and theaters and performance venues that are outdoors may not operate with more than 25% capacity, and not more than 50 people.

Statewide, capacity limits for arcades, driving and flight schools, gyms, libraries, museums, retail, offices, places of worship, lodging common areas, movie theaters, and gold facilities, will be reduced from 50 percent to 40 percent, the state said. Movie theaters may not have more than 50 people per theater.

Polito said that the administration is “hoping this will be a temporary closure,” and that they will “consider reopening” indoor theaters and performance venues” when the

data and hospitalizations improve.

Additionally, there are new guidelines for restaurants as well, including that masks are required at all times inside restaurants expect for when actively eating and drinking. No more than six people per table will be allowed, and all tables will have a 90 minute time limit. Also, musical performances at restaurants will no longer be allowed, and food court seating at malls will be closed.

Polito said that residents should only eat at restaurants with people in their immediate household. She added that all social clubs serving food must abide by the restaurant guidelines.

Inside gyms and fitness centers, masks are required at all times, and all office workers are also

required to wear masks except when not in their own personal workspace, and the use of break rooms should be limited or eliminated. Polito also suggested that employers continue to use teleworking as much as possible to slow the spread.

“In order to beat this virus, we must all continue to do our part,” Polito said.

Baker said that these new restrictions will help to prevent infection and the spread of the virus, “especially in indoor settings,” and will also help to “reduce mobility” and the amount of time that people spend with those outside of their household.

“There’s nothing more powerful than people playing their part and understanding their role,” Baker said.

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ty a few years back when we started the process.”

Jones said this may include uploaded video walking tours of the areas in focus, photos, history of the areas and other tools that can be interactive while remaining virtual.

TRAFFIC COMM. DISCUSSES NEW LAYOUT, PARKING METER STATUS FOR CENTRAL AVE. LOT

REVERE - Last week’s meeting of the Revere Traffic Commission was historic in that the members fielded exemption requests from residents pertaining to the city’s first-ever residential parking program that began on Oct. 15.

It was also historic in that it will be the last time the Commission begins its meetings at 4 p.m. As a result of Ward 6 Councilor Richard Serino’s successful motion and as Commission Chair Paul Argenzio announced at the end of the meeting, “All [Traffic Commission] meetings will be held at 5 o’clock instead of 4 o’clock from now on to allow for the participation of residents that work. so our next

and subsequent meetings will be at 5 o’clock.”

The Central Avenue municipal parking lot that serves many parking purposes, Broadway businesses, residences, and the Rossetti Cowan Senior Center, was a major topic of discussion by the committee relative to the proposed fee schedule [meaning the installation of parking meters] and the uses of the lot for varying reasons.

“The section going in from Central Avenue (which is located off of Broadway across from the Central Fire Station) would have parking meters,” said Argenzio while paraphrasing the many changes being proposed for the lot.

He further explained that there would be parking meters for the two rows of spaces that face each other, just behind the bus shelter seating area on Central Avenue.

Two of those spaces would be designated for handicapped parking.

Argenzio said the spaces in the right corner of the lot closest to Aucella Court would become “business permit areas” where businesses would have access to obtaining business parking permits.

He added that the

Sprague Street side of the lot would designated for people using the Rossetti-Cowan Senior Center while the spaces in the back area of the lot would have parking meters.

Ralph DeCicco, chair of the Revere Commission on Disabilities, asked whether some of the handicapped parking spots would be eliminated from the Sprague Street side of the lot.

“There were a dozen handicapped spots [and it was determined] that we didn’t need that many, so we’re reducing that number back down to four which it was originally,” responded Argenzio.

DeCicco supported the decision to reduce the number of handicapped spaces to four spots.

The issues pertaining to the actual per-hour cost for a parking space in the Central Avenue lot and the potential cost of a business parking permit in the lot were not discussed at the meeting.

The Commission did approve a motion by Police Chief David Callahan that the Central Avenue parking lot and parking meter proposal proceed to a public hearing. That hearing will likely be held during the first week in January.

McKinley School parking discussed at the meeting

Ward 2 Councilor Ira Novoselsky, Ward 1 Councilor Joanne McKenna, and Council President Patrick Keefe appeared during the meeting, speaking in favor of certain parking-space requests made by their constituents.

Keefe was pleased with the support that the use of the lot at the former McKinley School for off-street parking received at the meeting.

McKenna said at the meeting that she supported the use of the McKinley parking lot for patrons of businesses on Broadway and for residents during snow emergencies.

“This lot is idle, it’s not being used,” said McKenna. “I’m definitely in favor of using the parking lot for snowstorms and for residents.”

Police Sgt. Chris Giannino clarified to the Commission that all restrictions to use the McKinley School lot for parking were removed in 2018. He added that the only parking restriction was for the fire lane in front of the former elementary school.

The Commission

asked Fire Chief Chris Bright, a member of the Traffic Commission, for his professional opinion on the removal of the fire lane restriction in front of the school.

“I would have no problem removing the fire lane with the current use of that building,” said Bright, adding that the issue could be revisited if the McKinley School is converted for another use.

After the meeting, Keefe said there is an effort being made to convert the parking area at the McKinley School into a municipal parking lot.

“We want to add more off-street parking for the residents in the neighborhood,” said Keefe. “We would eventually like to stripe it, clean it up, and make it so there’s an area for people to park. With the lack of use of the school, there isn’t a heavy demand on that street, but when the restaurants and businesses on Broadway and the Post Office gets busy – and there’s going to be new retail space on Yeamans Street - you’re going to get more people wanting to park in the area.”

ZBA APPROVES SCALED-DOWN PROJECT

REVERE - The Revere Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) met on November 18, approving one project and continuing two others.

The board approved a scaled-down version of a development for Lot 1 at the junction of Washington Avenue and Sherman Street. The developer, Sarnaglia, LLC, originally was looking to build a five-story building with 42 apartments and one commercial space. The project needed a variance for minimum front, side, and rear yards, minimum screening, maximum floor area ratio, and parking requirements for apartment use.

After a series of meetings with neighbors and Ward 6 Councilor Richard Serino, the developer reduced his project to four stories with 30 studio and one-bedroom rentals and no commer-

cial spaces. There will be 36 parking spaces provided on the ground level.

“The developer did a tremendous job in meeting with the neighborhood residents,” Serino noted. “I am happy to support this project.”

“This is a good project and will contribute \$100,000 to the Community Improvement Trust Fund that will address infrastructure and public utilities impacted by the project,” said Robert O’Brien, Revere’s Director of Planning and Development.

ZBA chairman Michael Tucker urged that a provision be placed into the documents that there will be no overnight street-parking permits issued to any resident at this address.

Serino added that he hopes the street can be repaved and improvements made to Sherman St. in the future.

The developer will bait the area for rodent control prior to demolition.

The commissioners unanimously voted to grant the variance request.

In other business, the ZBA continued the hearing for a variance at 185 Endicott Street. The property owner, who is seeking to convert the single-family dwelling into a two-family, said he needs to hire legal counsel.

The request was approved and the matter continued.

The third applicant to come before the board was seeking a variance to add 356 square feet to a dwelling at 951 Revere Beach Parkway. The variance would address the lack of the required 10 feet of side-yard setback.

Ward 4 Councilor Patrick Keefe noted that the neighbors felt that the extension would be fine. However, there is concern about a sewer line easement and whether the new structure would be built over it.

After Tucker stated that the applicant needs to get a letter from the city engineer for the sewer line easement, a motion to continue was approved.

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Winthrop residents named to Honor Roll at BC High

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BC High successfully reopened for in-person learning this past September using a hybrid model, with two cohorts of students coming onto campus on alternating weeks. This model provided all BC High students with completely synchronous learning opportunities throughout the fall, regardless of whether the student was at school or at home. The school also implemented extensive safety protocols to help keep students, faculty, staff, and others safe and healthy during the global pandemic, and plans to continue offering in-person instruction in January.

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Here, Ship Commander John Benda, NPS of Boston Supt. Michael Creasey and Constitution Museum Director Ann Grimes Rand pose before the wreath to commemorate Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7. The ceremony was held on the USS Cassin Young.



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