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CAPOBIANCO HIRES BIDEN-HARRIS STAFFER TO MANAGE STATE REPRESENTATIVE CAMPAIGN

Valentino Capobianco, candidate for State Representative in the 19th Suffolk District, announced that he has hired Abbey McHugh as campaign manager. McHugh worked on the Biden-Harris campaign's victory in Michigan as part of the state party's coordinated campaign, and prior to that she served on the Kennedy for Senate campaign. McHugh has strong ties to Massachusetts, having graduated from Boston College in 2020, where she was President of the BC Democrats.

Regarding the decision to bring on McHugh, Capobianco issued the following statement: "I am ready to work with Abbey to run a grassroots-centered campaign that em-

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Juan Jaramillo



Marc Silvestri



Jeffrey Turco

Five candidates vye for DeLeo's House seat

By Cary Shuman

The race to fill the seat held by State Rep. and Speaker of the House Robert A. DeLeo is on.

Four candidates, Marc Silvestri, Jeffrey Turco, Valentino Capobianco, and Alicia DelVento, have officially announced their intentions to run in the special election for the seat that was held by DeLeo since 1991. Additionally, Revere's Juan Jaramillo has filed the necessary paperwork and is expected to formally announce his intentions.

The Democratic Primary and the Republican Primary in the special election will be held on Tuesday, March 2. The general election (Dem-

ocratic Primary winner versus Republican Primary winner) will be held on Tuesday, March 30.

As of Tuesday, no Republican candidate had entered the race. Candidates have until Jan. 19 to submit their nomination signatures to the Revere Election Department or the Winthrop Town Clerk's Office.

The five Democratic candidates have been reaching out to supporters and elected officials in both Revere and Winthrop. In fact, some key endorsements in the race are expected to be announced within the next seven days.

The race will be a barnburner and generate significant interest

among residents in the two politically active communities of Revere and Winthrop, and also among statewide observers who will be following the campaigns to see who ultimately emerges as the successor to the popular DeLeo, the longest-serving speaker in the history of the Commonwealth.

With the condensed, two-month runup to the March 2 Primary, the challenge for the candidates will be to get their message out to the voters at a pace more accelerated than in other, traditional campaigns that usually run through the summer months and into the fall. For example, the Jessica Giannino-Joseph Gravellese 16th Suffolk District state representative race (won by Giannino) was contested over

the course of six months before the Primary was held Sept. 1.

Candidates have expressed interest in participating in a state representative debate before the early balloting period in the election begins. Revere Journal President Stephen Quigley, moderator of the Giannino-Gravellese state representative debate, has reached out to Revere TV Executive Director Robert Dunbar about the logistics of holding a debate during the COVID-19 pandemic. The arrangements will necessitate a venue in which the candidates would be safely distanced during a live broadcast, with most likely no spectators in attendance.

Ward 4 Councilor Patrick Keefe said the special election is a major topic of conversation in Revere. He reasons that residents in general are taking more of an interest in elections because of the increased importance and reliance on the delivery of vital services during the pandemic.

"I've gotten calls from all the candidates, which is flattering," said Keefe. "I'll be rooting for the best person to win. I haven't decided whether or not I'll be getting actively involved. Obviously, I want to see what's best for the district. But it should be an exciting two months of campaigning leading up to the election."

Town sees 72 new COVID-19 cases since start of the year

Staff report

As of Tuesday, Jan. 5 the Massachusetts Department of Public Health has notified Town officials of one-hundred and thirty-five (135) additional confirmed positive cases of the virus in Winthrop since our last reporting on Dec. 30. The current totals are 1,404 total cases with 32 deceased, 143 in isolation and 1,229 recovered.

Residents are strongly encouraged to avoid high risk activities, especially indoor social gatherings, and all Massachusetts

residents are under orders from the Governor to wear masks at all times while in public.

- Remember that an infected individual can spread COVID-19 before they have symptoms, which is why social distancing, maintaining a minimum of 6 feet from others, is critical.
- Those who must go out are urged to:
- Avoid gathering in groups
- Maintain 6 feet from people outside your

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Pictured, are several of the Mi-Amore board members. The complete list of members includes: Dr. Jeffrey Carson, Suzanne Carson, Shannon Poulos, Meredith Hurley, Jason and Micah Tallent, Chris Wallerice, Stella Carson, Jon Poulos, Nicole Ferrara, Ann Vasquez, Jennifer Powell, Jane Rupp, and Kay O'Dwyer.

Mi-Amore helps to fill community food needs

By Kate Anslinger

The year 2020 was one that tested many Winthrop residents, particularly those with job losses and unforeseen illnesses. Well aware of the community's trying times, Mi-Amore helps to fill food insecurity and on December 23rd, the group of volunteers delivered

meals to 53 homes consisting of 80 adults and 91 children. Taking their mission up a level, Mi-Amore is now distributing weekly food from a food bank recently started by Park Street Church in Boston.

"Over the past six years, the project has become a part of the community, embraced by all," said Mi-

Amore Founder Jeff Carson. "We have touched the discretionary human capital that exists in Winthrop. From Scott's Auto Shop to the Marketplace, we are impacting the most destitute families in Winthrop. Imagine being a child in our project and knowing

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Paid Family and Medical Leave Benefit Program for eligible workers now in effect

Special to the Journal

The Department of Family and Medical Leave (DFML) has announced that workers eligible for Paid Family and Medical Leave (PFML) may begin filing certain benefit requests, in accordance with legislation enacted in 2018.

PFML provides temporary income replacement to eligible workers. Workers can now apply for leave for welcoming a new child into their family, for their own serious health condition, and for certain military considerations. Starting July 1, workers can apply for leave to care for an ill or ailing relative.

The program, which is offered separately from the federal Family and Medical Leave Act and any employer-offered leave, provides up to 20 weeks of paid leave per benefit year to manage a serious personal health condition, up to 12 weeks to care for a family member or to bond with a child, and up to 26 weeks to care for a family member who is a member of the armed service. Massachusetts workers can immediately apply for:

- Medical leave due to their own serious health condition. Workers may take up to 20 weeks per year of paid leave to manage a serious health condition.
- Family leave to bond with a child. Family leave can be taken by a parent or legal guardian to bond with a child during the first 12 months after the child’s birth, adoption, or foster care placement. Eligibility for family leave used

for bonding with a child is limited to the child’s parents or legal guardians, although certain other family members may be eligible to take family leave for caring for a child that has a serious medical condition. Workers who are parents or legal guardians may take up to 12 weeks of family leave to bond with a child. The annual 12-week maximum remains the same even if multiple childbirths, adoptions, or foster care placements occur in the same year.

- Family leave to care for a family member with a serious health condition that relates to military service. Workers may take up to 26 weeks of family leave per year to care for a family member who is a current member of the Armed Forces, including the National Guard and Reserves, and who is:

- *Undergoing medical treatment, recuperation, or therapy for a serious health condition that was received or aggravated while the patient was deployed in a foreign country.

- *Being treated as an outpatient for a serious health condition that was received or aggravated while they were deployed in a foreign country.

- *On the temporary disability retired list for a serious injury or illness that happened while deployed in a foreign country.

- *On the temporary disability retired list for a serious injury or illness that existed before the beginning of the member’s active duty and was aggravated by service while deployed in a for-

eign country.

- Family leave to manage any needs that occur immediately after a family member is deployed in a foreign country or has been notified of an upcoming deployment in a foreign country.

Workers may take up to 12 weeks of family leave per year to manage needs which may include:

- Caring for a deployed family member’s child or other family member immediately before their deployment.
- Making financial or legal arrangements for deployed family member.
- Attending counseling.
- Attending military events or ceremonies.
- Spending time with a deployed family member during a rest or recuperation period.
- Spending time with a family member when they return from deployment.
- Making necessary arrangements following the death of a family member who had been deployed.

Beginning July 1, Massachusetts workers can apply for:

- Care for a family member with a serious health condition. Workers may take up to 12 weeks of family leave per year to care for a family member with a serious health condition. For the purposes of family leave used to care for a family member, family members include spouses, domestic partners, children, parents, grandparents, grandchildren, or siblings; spouses’ or domestic partners’ par-

ents; and guardians who legally acted as a parent when the worker is a minor. Workers can take paid family leave to care for a family member with a serious health condition regardless of where the family member resides.

How to Apply for Paid Family and Medical Leave at paidleave.mass.gov

- Timing
Workers should give their employers at least 30 days notice before beginning their application for paid leave. Applications for future paid leave may be made up to 60 calendar days in advance of the anticipated start date. Unplanned leave due to an emergency can be applied for retroactively up to 90 calendar days after a worker has taken time off from the job. Workers should make every effort to schedule their leave for a time that will not disrupt the employer’s business.
- Documentation
Workers will need to provide or fill out the following documents as part of the leave application process:

- Proof of Identity. This is to double-check that worker is eligible, and make sure the benefits are sent to the correct person.
- Certification of a Serious Health Condition form. This may be done in conjunction with a worker’s healthcare provider. Workers applying for family leave to bond with a child, or family leave to manage family affairs when a family member is deployed

in a foreign country, do not need to fill out a Certification of a Serious Health Condition form.

- Current employer’s Federal Employment Identification Number (FEIN).

- A date when the worker informed the employer that he or she planned to apply for and take family or medical leave. (Workers filing for paid leave from multiple employers will need to fill out a separate application for each individual employer).

Benefit and Claim Information

Workers may not be paid wages or salary or use paid sick or vacation time or other earned time off that covers the same period for which the worker receives PFML benefits. Additionally, the amount a worker receives in paid leave benefits and the total amount of leave he or she is eligible for may be reduced by any wage replacement or disability program the worker is enrolled in or has used in the past, either through the government or through the employer. These include:

- Unemployment insurance.
- Worker’s compensation.
- Social security.
- Temporary disability or paid family and medical leave benefits.

Claim to Payment Estimated Timeline

- Worker completes Application on DFML website (20 minutes-1 hour).
- Employer responds to DFML’s Request for In-

formation (1-10 business days). (It is in the worker’s best interest to let the employer know that he or she is completing the application because it may speed up the process.) Employers have 10 business days to respond but may respond sooner.

- DFML reviews Application and makes claim determination (seven-14 calendar days). Timelines are subject to the volume of claims received.

- DFML issues Payment to Worker (eight-10 days after application review). It takes three-five days for the vendor to be established in MMARS for the first payment, then another 5 days for the payment to be received. Timelines may differ based on the payment method selected by the applicant. Direct deposit is the quickest payment option.

Employer participation in the claim approval process is important to ensure DFML has accurate and complete information about the application. Employers may recommend to the DFML that a claim be rejected if an employee has already used the maximum amount of leave for the year or that information from the claim is missing, incorrect or fraudulent. Employers may not recommend a claim be denied because of budgetary, timing, or other circumstantial reasons.

For more information about eligibility, benefits, and how to apply, go to mass.gov/pfml. For multi-lingual support or if you have specific questions, call the PFML Contact Center at 1(833)344-7365.

Town parking Permit applications for 2021 now available online and by mail

Special to the Transcript

Applications for 2021 Resident Parking Permits are now being accepted.

Maroon 2020 permits expired on Thursday, Dec. 31, 2020.

There is a \$5.00 fee for a parking permit and a fee of \$10.00 for a visitor's placard whether you apply online or by mail. These fees are waived for senior citizens, or residents with a valid handicapped parking placard or plate issued

by the RMV. Permit applications are fulfilled by mail.

In-Person applications are no longer accepted except under special circumstances by appointment. All applications are only accepted online or by mail.

To apply for your parking permit or visitor placard online, to download an application to apply by mail, or to determine permit eligibility, please click here.



A sample of the 2021 parking permit.

Motorists must remove expired stickers prior to affixing the new 2021 sticker.

If you have received a parking violation and are

having difficulty accessing the website to pay a fine, you will need to change your default to the following;

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phasizes both traditional and digital organizing. Her success in Michigan is what we’re looking to draw upon. Our campaign is focused on improving our public schools and helping keep our small businesses and workers on their feet during the pandemic, and we look forward to engaging and mobilizing our community on these crucial issues.”

McHugh offered the following comment on the announcement: “This district needs a fighter like Capobianco in the State House, and I am thrilled to join his campaign. Tino has the vision and the political knowledge to deliver for working families during these tumultuous times. As the daughter of a public school teacher, I am particularly excited that he will stand up for students, teachers, and families.”

Capobianco currently serves as the Chief of Staff to State Senator Paul R. Feeney (D-Foxboro). In addition to serving on the Winthrop School Committee for the past five years,

Capobianco serves as an elected member of the Massachusetts Democratic State Committee and as a member of the Shore Educational Collaborative's Board of Trustees. He previously served as an aide to Middlesex Sheriff Peter Kotoujian and to Speaker DeLeo. Capobianco, a graduate of Winthrop High School and Suffolk University, is 32 years old and resides with his dog Bernie at 53 Prospect Ave in Winthrop.

REVERE COUNCILOR MCKENNA WILL NOT RUN FOR STATE REP.

Ward 1 Councilor Joanne McKenna received numerous texts and phone calls last week as news spread that Speaker Robert A. DeLeo would be stepping down from his position.

Many friends and supporters were urging the hard-working councilor to consider a run for the state representative seat

held by DeLeo.

With her outstanding record as a city councilor and her strength and popularity in Ward 1 and throughout Revere, McKenna would have been a formidable candidate for the seat. McKenna, whose ward neighbors Winthrop, has also collaborated frequently with DeLeo on issues affecting the two communities. But McKenna has decided that she will not run for the seat.

“With an overwhelming amount of phone calls and texts I received from friends and supporters to run for Speaker DeLeo’s seat, I have decided as a Ward 1 councilor my work is not done and I will not run,” said McKenna.

“Working with HYM [developer of the project at Suffolk Downs] for the last three years and sitting down with them on more than 30 occasions, I would like to oversee the revitalization to Beachmont Square and the improvements to the City of Revere,” concluded McKenna.

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OUR Opinions

EMISSIONS BILL IS A BIG STEP FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

The approval on Monday by both houses of the Massachusetts legislature of a bill that requires the state to reduce its carbon emissions by at least 85% below 1990 levels by 2050 represents a huge step toward the goal of mitigating the effects of climate change in our state.

Although the total carbon emissions emanating from Massachusetts obviously is only a small fraction of global emissions, the legislation provides a blueprint for other states and private industry to follow.

Some say that the ultimate goal of net-zero by 2050 is unattainable, but in our view, that is understating the reality of what is happening in the world today.

Despite the best (or worst) efforts of the Trump administration to perpetuate the use of coal and other fossil fuels, renewable energy actually is cheaper than fossil fuels thanks to the advances in technology of wind and solar energy.

Most excitingly, the progress in the development of hydrogen fuel cells, which has been more than two decades in the making, finally is beginning to look like it will become a feasible source of energy within 10 years, making the goal of net-zero carbon emissions by 2050 more than just a dream.

We applaud the action by Gov. Charlie Baker and our legislature in bringing to fruition an environmental action plan that recognizes the pressing need to address the issue of climate change.

Although the pandemic rightly is in the forefront of government leaders' attention today, that problem will seem like a stroll in the park if we do not take immediate action to avert the looming climate catastrophe that threatens our planet's very existence.

IT WAS A GREAT RUN, PATS' FANS

The 2020 season for the New England Patriots came to a merciful close this past weekend. The woeful Pats finished with a 7-9 record, their first losing season since 2000, and missed the playoffs for the first time since 2008.

We have to admit that we feel badly for young Patriots' fans, those born after 1990, who have become accustomed to the dominance and excellence, year-after-year, by Bill Belichick's crew. This season has been the equivalent of having an ice bucket thrown over your head, a rude wake-up call to the reality of the ebb-and-flow of professional sports that the Patriots alone among all sports franchises in the modern era have managed to avoid for an unprecedented two decades.

Admittedly, even for those of us who are long-time Pats' fans who can recall all of the decades of ignominy, from Braves Field to Fenway Park to Harvard Stadium and then to Schaefer Stadium, the relegation of the Patriots to the bottom tier of the NFL this season, in which Foxboro and Gillette Stadium no longer were the epicenter of the football universe, was jarring.

So let's be grateful for the two decades of fun that Bob Kraft and his team brought our way.

But as the proverb says, all things must come to an end -- and so they have for our Patriots.

It was a nice ride -- and those championship banners always will be there to remind us of the good times.

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LETTER to the Editor

THANK YOU SPEAKER DELEO

Dear Editor,

I really enjoyed reading Speaker Bob DeLeo's recent farewell delivery that the "Winthrop Sun Transcript" reprinted in its 12-30-20 issue. I enjoyed reading about the Speaker's and the House of Representatives' accomplishments, under Bob's leadership these past 12 years.

I read about the nation-leading gun safety and health care cost reform laws and those legislative leaders who helped bring them to fruition. I marveled at the legislation undertaken in areas of education, economic development, early childhood education, reproductive rights, criminal justice, protections for transgender individuals, and sound budgeting. Just to name a few.

I was most impressed, however, by Bob DeLeo's advice to other legislators

when they try to assess the distinct needs of their communities. "Go humbly, and listen....You will learn more than you could imagine." I guess that's what I'll remember most about my state representative Bob DeLeo. He and his staff were always there to listen. If there was a problem you just couldn't work out on your own, "Call Bobby DeLeo's office." You knew, he or his staff would get back to you.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for 30 years plus of public service to the residents of Winthrop. Best wishes in your future endeavors.

Donna Segreti Reilly

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL SANTA RIDE

Dear Editor,

I would once again like to thank everyone for another successful trip through Winthrop. I would first like to thank



Santa touring the Town during the 2020 Santa Ride.

Nick Rosa for designing and building our new sleigh. I think everyone would agree that it looked spectacular. Of course none of it would be possible without the hard work and financial backing of The Winthrop Firefighters Local 1070. So many of those guys, including retired Firefighter Dennis Boudrow, donate their time and skills to make this event the great tradition and spectacle that it is. I would also like to thank The Winthrop Fire Dept., The Winthrop Police Dept., The Winthrop DPW, and anyone else

that I may have left out, for helping to make it such a special night. Of course once again, I would like to thank Mrs. Clause and her elves for their help and understanding that I have to work another Christmas Eve. In closing I would like to praise the good people of Winthrop and their guests for their incredible energy and support. I think it's safe to say that we all really needed this event this year.

Have a Happy, Safe, and Healthy New Year.

See you next year. Santa.

Thomas DiBenedetto

GUEST OP-ED

'It was an honor' to serve with Speaker Bob DeLeo

By Joseph Boncore

I am so incredibly honored to have spent these past few years serving alongside House Speaker Robert A. DeLeo in the General Court.

For over 40 years, starting as a town meeting member and ending with his Speakership, Bob has provided inimitable leadership for Winthrop and Revere. His dedication to these com-

munities is clear: from unparalleled constituent services to protecting our shorelines, building new senior centers and founding the Winthrop Foundation.

At the start of his Speakership, he navigated the House through unrest and now, at the end, has led the Commonwealth through the greatest crisis of our time. The Speaker's resignation ends a historic

era and is a huge loss for the Commonwealth, for the General Court, and for residents of Winthrop and Revere, whom we both have the pleasure of serving.

For me, over the past 30 years, Bob has been a coach, a colleague, a mentor, and a friend. While I am sad to see him leave, I'm proud of the work he has accomplished and thankful for the guidance he has taken

the time to provide me. I join the residents of Winthrop, Revere, and entire Commonwealth in wishing him and his family the very best in his next chapter.

Joseph Boncore is state senator in the First Suffolk and Middlesex District that includes the communities of East Boston, Revere, Winthrop and the North End.

GUEST OP-ED

What six dollars can do

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

When I was sixteen years old, I was invited

to speak at a little country church in rural Denver, Kentucky, not far from Paintsville.

The church had all but closed its doors but one man, Harold Rice, and his family wanted to see the church stay open and do well.

A church with few to almost no people typically does not attract too many interested ministers. I had spoken in my home church a few times and was a guest speaker in a few others. Mr. Rice asked if I would consider speaking at the church on the second

and fourth Sunday afternoons at 2:00. I agreed, and brought a message to maybe seven or eight people my first Sunday. The crowd consisted of Harold and his wife June Rice and their family. The church was an old building with a pump organ and a sign behind the pulpit that said, "Preach the Word."

I stayed with the little congregation called

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WINTHROP Then and Now

Winthrop Improvement and Historical Association

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

ARTICLE 950 - 1940 WINTHROP SNOW ACCUMULATIONS



As we bear through the cold of winter, let us flash back 76 years to see our seaside community as it appeared in some of our past such blankets of snow. Picture #1 was taken from the corner of Winthrop and Jefferson Streets looking toward Metcalf Square. The Old Masonic Hall (built 1892), which is now the I.O.O.F. Lodge Building, is on the left and the Town Hall is shown in the distance. In the center is the steeple of the new First Church of Winthrop United Methodist, then just 15 or so years old. The next building has the Ideal Market in the corner where McCormick's and Son Florist is now. On the right is the Winthrop Hardware

Company where, until a few years ago, the Winthrop Sun Transcript had its local office. Today the space is occupied by the Law Offices of Christos C. Tsiotos. In picture #2, one is looking down Jefferson Street toward the Center with the Centre Railroad Station dead ahead. The second small building on the corner of Putnam Street housed the "Little Shop" where our own wonderful Belle Liberman began her career in the Center. Picture 3, taken from in front of what is now "Café Delight", looks back up Jefferson where Hams Ice Cream, John-son Brothers Market and Elliot & Whittier Real Estate and Insurance business fronts can be seen.

Just across Putnam Street, the other side of the building that one time housed the afore-mentioned "Little Shop" is also visible. In picture #4, the Centre Narrow Gauge Railroad Station can be seen on the left standing in what is now French Square. The station is boarded up waiting to be razed following the January 27, 1940 final train ride which terminated the railroad's fifty two years of dedicated service to the people of Winthrop. On the right is again Ham's Ice Cream Store.

Have you been looking for a unique gift to give a Winthrop resident or possibly someone who used to live here?



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 January 6, 2011

House Speaker Robert A. DeLeo outlined plans for taxpayer savings and economic growth in the new legislative session. In remarks before the newly-inaugurated House of Representatives, Speaker DeLeo announced a cost-saving plan to bring municipal employee health insurance into the Group Insurance Commission (GIC). He also spoke of his intention to work toward solutions to rising healthcare costs in the upcoming session.

Town Manager James McKenna had some good news for Winthrop residents when he announced that the Massachusetts Department of Revenue has removed the town from the "watch list" and that Winthrop is on sound, financial footing. It was not too long ago that the threats of closing the public library and the senior center were being discussed as possible options to solve the town's precarious financial situation. The passage by residents of the Proposition 2 1/2 overrides has helped Winthrop emerge from the financial depths to the point where the DOR officially has stated that the town is in good shape.

Two adult males and a 15-year old juvenile male were Winthrop's first arrested persons of the New Year, after a report of a domestic disturbance at a Wave Way residence on New Year's Eve resulted in two Winthrop Police officers needing medical treatment, including one officer who was taken by ambulance to Massachusetts General Hospital. According to the reports of the responding officers, the incident began at approximately 10:30 p.m. on New Year's Eve when a victim reported that she had been assaulted by her father after he'd returned home with two cases of beer he'd intended to share with a 15-year old juvenile at the scene and a 19-year old male. Responding officer Sean Hickey was the first to arrive and he

saw two males fleeing the home. When he approached them to identify them, the older of the two males became combative, and began punching and kicking the officer, who called for immediate assistance. After an initial struggle the primary suspect and his companion were subdued by officers arriving on the scene to assist Officer Hickey, but not before Officer Michael Turner was also injured in the attack.

Friends and family members paid tribute to long-time and popular resident Anthony F. "Lefty" DeFelice at a funeral Mass Monday at St. John the Evangelist Church. DeFelice was in his 100th year. He is survived by his daughter Susan, sons Robert and Frank, seven grandchildren, and 11 great grandchildren.

The Winthrop Town Council has voted by a 9-0 margin that Town Manager James McKenna draft a letter to the individual members of the Planning Board requesting that they submit a letter of reason to the Council by Jan. 13 for their "non-decision" on a petition for an "overlay district" for a former nursing home on Pleasant Street and to be present at the Jan. 18 council meeting to discuss the issue.

Little Fockers, Gulliver's Travels, and Tron: Legacy are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

20 years ago January 4, 2001

The Board of Appeals has approved a special permit to allow the East Boston Neighborhood Health Center to relocate its Winthrop programs to the Bay View Nursing Home on Sturgis St. Atty. James Cipoletta, representing EBNHC, said the new use will not intrude on the tranquility of the neighborhood.

The MDC has begun meeting with local residents in a cooperative effort to work on the design of Shore Drive and renovations to Winthrop Beach.

Century 21 Seacoast Real Estate has announced that the winner of the holiday home decorating contest is Arlene Zuzick at 2 Terrace Ave.

Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon; Rugrats in Paris: The Movie; and Miss Congeniality are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

30 years ago Jan. 2, 1991

The end of an era has come to Massport with the departures of Executive Director David Davis, who served in that post for 15 years, and Pat Moscaritolo, who was the Deputy Director. Davis is leaving to take a job in New Jersey and Moscaritolo for the position of director of the Greater Boston Convention and Visitors Bureau. Davis will be replaced by Alden Raine, who has been the Secretary of Economic Affairs in the administration of Gov. Michael Dukakis. The Sun-Transcript notes that the relationship between Massport and the communities affected by Logan Airport during the Davis-Moscaritolo tenure has been a positive one, especially compared to the previous administration of Massport during the controversial direction of its former Exec. Director, Edward J. King, who later became governor for one term from 1979-82.

Collector of Taxes James Corkhum reports that Winthrop thus far has avoided the problems of other communities which are facing large tax delinquency problems. Corkhum said the high number of foreclosures and the general business downturn has hit other cities and towns in the state much harder than Winthrop. However, Corkhum did note tax delinquency issues with three of the condo developments in town, Seal Harbor, Governor's Park, and Washington Chambers, because the developers have not been paying the property taxes on units that they have been unable to sell.

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Liberty Baptist Church throughout high school. By the time I was seventeen Mr. Rice was talking to me about being the official pastor and about ordination. In time I would become the pastor and would be ordained. I was too young, too inexperienced and unskilled for such a responsibility but youth is adventurous and will try what those of us who know better would never consider.

The church grew and we started having 20 to 30 people and often more. People literally received Christ, joined the church and were baptized. This was all amazing.

Even more amazing was Mr. Rice offered me a grand salary of \$60 a month to help buy my gasoline. The trip one way from home was over 30 miles so this was appreciated. He also presented me with paperwork for a perk. The church was going to put 10 percent or \$6 of my salary into the church denominational retirement plan, then known as The Annuity Board. It's called Guidestone to-

day. He had me to complete a form solidifying my agreement to this monthly contribution. I was about seventeen at this stage and had zero interest or thoughts about retirement. Six dollars a month kind of seemed like a joke.

I was with Liberty church a couple of years or more and about ten to twelve of those months Mr. Rice made that \$6 contribution to my retirement faithfully. Although, I never thought another day about it from the moment I signed those papers.

Seven or eight years ago I did wonder if that account even existed. I called up The Guidestone retirement people and with my Social Security number they told me in a few seconds that the account did indeed exist and my balance was \$31,000. Shocked would not describe how I felt. I almost had to pick myself off the floor. If Mr. Rice had made as many as 12 contributions the total invested would have been \$72. Now, years later I was looking at over

\$31,000. Since that day of first inquiring that little \$6 account now has over \$46,000 and still growing.

The point of all this is save some money when you can. Start as young as possible but even if you are old put something away every month. If you can save hundreds every month that is wonderful, please do. However, don't ever underestimate the growth potential of saving a little bit of money every month, even if it's just \$6. And yes, every time I look at that account, I remember Mr. Rice and the good people of Liberty Baptist Church who not only encouraged me then but are still encouraging me today with just \$6.

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The Race is on for 19th Suffolk District

Galvin lists dates for Special House of Representatives contest

Special to the Journal

Secretary of the Commonwealth William F. Galvin has issued a calendar of deadlines for a Special State Primary on Tuesday, March 2, 2021 and especial election to

be held on March 30, 2021 in the Nineteenth Middlesex Representative District to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of former Speaker of the House Robert A. DeLeo. No-excuse voting by

mail will be available for both the special state primary and the special state election. Information on voting by mail is available at www.MailMyBallotMA.com. The deadline for submitting nomination pa-

pers to the local registrars of voters is January 19th, while the last day to file certified nomination papers with the Secretary of the Commonwealth is January 26th. Nominations for the House of Representatives require

a minimum of 150 certified signatures. Nomination papers will be available at the Elections Division at One Ashburton Place in Boston, as well as the Winthrop Town Clerk's office and the Revere

Elections Department. The Nineteenth Suffolk District consists of Revere's Ward 1, Precincts 1 and 2; Ward 2; Ward 3, Precincts 2 and 3; and Ward 5, as well as the entire Town of Winthrop.

Jeff Turco announces candidacy for 19th Suffolk State Representative seat

Cites lifelong commitment to community and working-class values for his desire to represent the people of Winthrop and Revere, Jeff Turco has officially launched his campaign for State Representative in the 19th Suffolk District for Winthrop and sections of Revere.

"For 30 years, our district has been represented by a tremendous leader who made the lives of Massachusetts residents better. Robert DeLeo leaves big shoes to fill, but I am confident that I will uphold his values and commitment to our community," said Turco.

"For my entire adult life, I have been dedicated to helping the residents of our community, whether it be as an elected official in Winthrop, serving as the President of the Revere Beach Partnership or helping the youth of our district by fundraising and coaching various teams. As a resident of Revere for 33 years, and now as a resident of Winthrop, I am uniquely suited to understand the issues of our communities. From substance use disorder, creating educational opportunities for those on the college path AND those seeking vocational education, public safety, transportation and standing up to Amazon, I will be a voice for the families across the 19th Suffolk District. I am looking forward to this campaign and continuing my dedication to our values and vision for a better future."

"My prior experience as a Chief of Staff and



Jeff Turco, back left, shown with his family.

Chief Legal Counsel in the Massachusetts State Senate and as the Chief Operating Officer of a large state agency with over seven hundred employees and a fifty million dollar budget, will allow me to hit the ground running for the people of this District.

Learn more about Jeff's campaign at www.TurcoForRep.com.

About Jeff: Working for his community has always been in the forefront for Turco, for two years he served as Town Council President in Winthrop and a School Committee member.

Prior to this, Jeff was a Massachusetts House of Representatives page assigned to the late Representative William G. Reinstein and he served several terms as the elected representative to the Democratic State Committee representing Revere and Winthrop at the Democratic State Party.

Jeff's community involvement is second nature at this point, having served as a director of the McCarthy-Trifone Recreation Committee in Revere for more than fifteen years. During that time, he and his counterparts

worked to raise well in excess of \$1 Million, funds that directly assisted youth sports programs in our community to keep down the per head costs of their programs.

For six years Jeff served on the Revere Beach Partnership Board of Directors, including the last three as President. He previously volunteered as a coach and manager for several Winthrop Little League teams.

Presently, Jeff serves as a lector at St. John the Evangelist in Winthrop, as a Trustee of the Winthrop Foundation and is the appointed chairman of the Winthrop Ordinance and Charter review commission.

A Revere native, Jeff currently resides in Winthrop with his wife, the former Melissa Carbone, and their six children: Rosario 15, Mary 14, Joseph 12, Dominic 10, Grace 8 and Matteo 4. Jeff and Melissa's children attend Malden Catholic High School and the Immaculate Conception School in Revere, where Jeff has served on the Immaculate Conception School Advisory Board for the past 7 years.

Capobianco to seek 19th Suffolk seat in the Mass. House of Representatives

Valentino Capobianco, current member of the Winthrop School Committee, formally announced his candidacy for the Massachusetts House of Representatives' 19th Suffolk district seat, vacated by House Speaker Robert A. DeLeo. The district includes Winthrop and parts of Revere. The special election date has not been set.

"Throughout my time working in the State House and serving on the Winthrop School Committee, I have devoted my entire professional career to making our community and the entire Commonwealth of Massachusetts a better place. I am running for State Representative to improve our public schools and to help our small businesses and



Valentino Capobianco.

working families rebuild after the pandemic," said Capobianco.

"Speaker DeLeo leaves behind a rich legacy of public service and will be missed by the people of Revere, Winthrop, and the entire Commonwealth. I had the pleasure of working for Speaker DeLeo after I graduated from college. I learned that when the phone rings, a legislator needs to take the call, listen to the problem, and then resolve the issue. I

will ensure that Speaker DeLeo's legacy of delivering for Winthrop and Revere continues."

Capobianco currently serves as the Chief of Staff to State Senator Paul R. Feeney (D-Foxboro). In addition to serving on the Winthrop School Committee for the past five years, Capobianco serves as an elected member of the Massachusetts Democratic State Committee and as a member of the Shore Educational Collaborative's Board of Trustees. He previously served as an aide to Middlesex Sheriff Peter Kotoujian and to Speaker DeLeo. Capobianco, a graduate of Winthrop High School and Suffolk University, is 32 years old and resides with his dog Bernie at 53 Prospect Ave in Winthrop.

Alicia DelVento to run for the Mass. House of Representatives 19th Suffolk seat

Alicia DelVento officially announced via video that she is running to fill the Massachusetts House of Representatives 19th Suffolk seat vacated by former Speaker Robert A. DeLeo's resignation. Alicia currently serves as the Democratic State Committee Woman for the First Suffolk and Middlesex District and previously served as an aide to former House Ways and Means Chairman Jeffrey Sánchez and Representative Danielle Gregoire. As part of the announcement, Alicia released the following statement:

"Our community of Winthrop and Revere



Alicia DelVento.

faces many challenges," said Alicia DelVento. "To fix them, we need someone on Beacon Hill who can roll up her sleeves and get to work on day one. I believe the future is bright for Winthrop and Revere if we fight for bold and compassionate policies, and I look forward to sharing my vision with all those

that call Winthrop and Revere home."

Background: Alicia DelVento was born and raised in Winthrop and is a graduate of Winthrop High School. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Health Management and Policy from the University of New Hampshire and is currently a Masters in Public Health candidate at Dartmouth College in Hanover, New Hampshire. During the 2020 election, Alicia served as the lead organizer for the Ed Markey for Senate Campaign in Winthrop. Alicia also serves on Winthrop's Charter and Ordinance Review Committee.

Veterans Services Officer Marc Silvestri announces candidacy for Suffolk District State Rep. seat

To my friends and the residents of Winthrop and Revere:

Speaker Bob DeLeo's decision to step down after 30 years of dedicated service leaves our communities with a significant loss of leadership on Beacon Hill. Bob DeLeo set the highest example of service, and so the individual who attempts to fill his shoes must be one committed to getting into the trenches and tirelessly fighting for all of us.

I am Marc Silvestri, and I believe I am that person. After deep and sincere reflection with my family and friends, I declare my candidacy for State Representative of the 19th Suffolk District. My life experiences, my energy, and my passion for service qualify me to take on the demands and responsibilities to effectively serve the people of Winthrop and Revere.

Who is Marc Silvestri? I grew up here and always aspired to lead. I captained my football, track, and hockey teams before graduating Revere High in 1997. I went on

to Prep school and started college at American International College before family responsibilities steered me into the workforce as a laborer with Local 22.

In 2006, I enlisted in the United States Army. My time in the military shaped me into a strong individual who will never compromise integrity. During my military tour in Afghanistan, I faced life and death situations. I was awarded the Bronze Star with Valor for my actions during a four-hour firefight. Later in my deployment, I suffered severe injuries when a Rocket Propelled Grenade struck my fighting position. Due to the visible and invisible wounds of war, I was over-prescribed and under-treated in the years following my retirement which led to substance misuse.

As a person in long term recovery, I learned that lives can be changed even in the darkest and most difficult times. I know what it is to struggle, what it takes to overcome, and how to



Marc Silvestri.

help those who need it. I learned how service to others, making a difference in their lives, and working fearlessly toward a common good can help us prevail over the threats and obstacles that might stand in our paths.

My experience ignited in me a passion for service. I resumed my education and graduated from Salem State University. I settled in Revere with my wife Nicole and today we are the grateful parents of 17-year old Sienna, a dental technician student at Northeast Regional Vocational High School, and Saige, a 5th grader at the Whelan

School.

In 2017, Mayor Brian Arrigo appointed me as the Veterans Service Officer for the City of Revere, a duty that has deepened my passion for service. I have worked tirelessly with local, state, and federal officials to ensure that Revere's veterans are never overlooked or shortchanged. During my five years as Veterans Service Officer, we have established more programs and opportunities for our veterans than at any time in Revere's history.

- I worked with Councilor at Large Steve Morabito to implement a Veterans work-off program that helps veterans save on their tax or water bills

- I worked with Mayor Brian Arrigo to establish August 7 as "Purple Heart Day" in Revere

- I worked with Ward Six Councilor Rick Serino to create an option for Revere taxpayers to easily donate to the Revere Veterans Fund, and the money raised will help pay for additional services for the most vul-

nerable veterans in our community.

- I worked with Congresswoman Katherine Clark to facilitate the VA Home Loan application process for veterans working in the marijuana industry. Thanks to the effort that began in the Revere Veterans Service Office, Congresswoman Clark and other federal lawmakers are demanding that the Veterans Administration reform its current policies that impede the loan opportunities for these hard-working, entrepreneurial veterans.

- I worked to create reserved parking spaces at Revere City Hall for veterans and Purple Heart recipients.

I have thrived from the privilege to change people's lives, which has taught me how to listen thoughtfully and advocate strongly for others — critical skills of leadership in the quest for shared well-being.

I consider political service to require the same values that were instilled in me in the military: the

virtues of Honor, Dignity, Courage, and Selfless Service. My passion and commitment to service has taken many shapes, whether helping a pair of veterans unite after 60 years, or delivering Turkey Dinners on Thanksgiving Day to those in need. I will bring this passion and commitment to a role in government, for I believe that Government can help find solutions and clear a path for everyone's benefit. It is time that we restore the true meaning of Government "...of the people, by the people, for the people..." where we work together and defend our communities and each other.

Today, I hold fighting for our country in Afghanistan and serving the veterans of Revere as the great honors of my life. It will be an equivalent honor to fight for and serve the people of the 19th Suffolk District. For these reasons, I ask for your vote of confidence for Marc Silvestri at the primary election on March 2, 2021.

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WHS SPORTS THROUGH THE YEARS

**10 years ago
December 30, 2010**

The Winthrop High boys basketball team unwrapped an early Christmas present for themselves with a solid 56-51 victory over Gloucester last Thursday evening in the local gym. “This was a big win for us,” said WHS head coach Dave Brown. “Gloucester has all five starters returning and they played us tough last year, so for us to beat them

and go into the Christmas break with a 3-1 record is a nice place to be.” Viking Quinton Dale, who is improving game-by-game, turned in a superb, triple-double performance with 20 points, 10 rebounds, and 10 blocked shots. Joe D’Amore and J.P. Doherty both reached double figures with 11 points. Taj Generazzo had a nifty all around performance with seven points, seven rebounds, and eight

assists. The contest was highlighted by a two-handed dunk by D’Amore, the first dunk by a Viking in at least a decade. Brown also lauded the defensive work by Michael Griffin, who held Gloucester’s top scorer, Adam Philpott, who came into the game with a 26 ppg. average, to just five points.

The Winthrop High hockey team turned in a



Winthrop Vikings Hockey players from the 2008-2009 hockey season stop for a group shot after getting off the ice.

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WHS SPORTS ROUNDUP

offensive players. They have phenomenal skills and both are goal-scorers. Emma is a power forward who can beat you in many ways, but her size and strength make her extremely tough to defend. Julia is a player with elite-level skills. She has great feet and her hands are filthy. Abby is the lone defenseman of the trio and she is a highly-skilled defenseman who can be a one-man breakout when she wants. She is great in the defensive zone, but also a threat offensively as well.

“Right now we are really looking forward to our first game,” Martucci added. “We have had three intra-squad scrimmages to this point and the girls are tired of beating up one another. We want to tussle with some other teams and they are ready for battle.”

After Wednesday’s contest with the Lady Fisherman, Martucci and his crew will trek to Peabody next Saturday (January

16).

GIRLS BASKETBALL, BOYS HOCKEY TEAMS OPEN THIS WEEKEND

The Winthrop High girls basketball and boys hockey teams will open their abbreviated seasons this weekend.

Coach Joe Lowe and his Lady Vikings will take to the court tomorrow (Friday) when they will host Gloucester on the Chris Tsiotis floor at Winthrop High.

The Lady Vikings’ next encounter will be at Beverly on Tuesday.

Coach Dale Dunbar and his boys hockey crew will inaugurate their 2021 campaign on Saturday when they will tangle with Beverly at Larsen Rink.

Game two of their 15-game schedule is set for next Wednesday when they will entertain Peabody. The Vikings’ full schedule for 2021 in-

cludes three contests with Beverly and Marblehead; two with Gloucester, Danvers, Masconomet; and single encounters with Swampscott, Saugus, and Peabody.

WHS GYMNASTS ARE MAKING UP FOR LOST TIME

After enduring months of frustration because of their inability to practice thanks to COVID-19 restrictions, the Winthrop High gymnastics team has been hard at work preparing for its upcoming season.

“The team is practicing hard trying to make up for a lot of missed practice time,” said WHS head coach Peter Gobiell. “Even though they realize it’s nobody’s fault that they missed months of workouts, it’s hard not to look back and realize your killing yourself to get skills back that you successfully completed last year.”

The 2021 edition of the Lady Vikings will be

led by a trio of captains, Gabriella Giuffre, Danielle Carter, and Rachel Farley.

Other members of the team are Shannon Abbott, Grace Armitstead, Gabriella Currier, Brandi DiCicco, Molly Girard, Julia Hurley, Ellie O’Donnell, Mary O’Donnell, Taylyn Portrait, Isabella Rice, Alayna Ronan, and Megi Zogasi.

Winthrop’s first meet of the season, which had been scheduled for this weekend with Danvers, was canceled because Danvers started its practices late and can’t compete for two more weeks.

The Lady Vikings now will open their season next Saturday, January 16, at 4:30 when they will host Beverly.

“We have been talking about this team for several years as one of the best we have ever had,” said Gobiell. “Time will tell.”

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### BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM READY FOR OPENER FRIDAY

The Winthrop High boys basketball team will open its shortened 2021 season tomorrow (Friday) evening when the Vikings make the long trek to Gloucester.

“We’re excited,” said first-year head coach Mike Triant. “As coaches, we spend so much time during the pre-season putting in sets and defenses and presses and press-breakers, but none of it matters if we don’t show up ready.

“I think historically we have come out of the gate slow in games and that’s something we have been talking about,” Triant continued. “We are really trying to communicate with the team what we need to do differently to turn this thing around and that’s high on the list. We need our players to be accountable to come out and inject their own energy right from the tip. I think they will be.

“Beyond that, it’s about toughness,” Triant added. “Gloucester will be a great test for us Friday night. They have always been a group of tough kids. That’s a great characteristic of a hoop team. Toughness and discipline are talked about everyday in practice by our staff and players. Friday night will be a great barometer for us to see where we are at. Once we step between the lines, nothing else matters. Pre-season goes out the window and it’s about the next 32 minutes.”

The 2021 edition of the Vikings will be led by senior captain Cam Conway. Other members of the team are: Aljah Treble (senior); Tyler Rockefeller (senior); Tylor Sousa (senior); Chris Cappuccino (junior); Luca Zanelli (junior); Mikey Chaves (junior); Aiden Green (junior); Juan Guaque (junior); and Zach Bogus (sophomore).

Assisting Triant on the sidelines will be assistant coaches Anthony Hatzis-avas, Kevin Adamson, Jason Griffin, Anthony Griffin, and JV coach Joe D’Amore.

“Gloucester got us twice last year so we know we will need to be ready,” said Triant. “That starts with a good week of practices.”

After their encounter with Gloucester, the Vikings will host Beverly on Tuesday and then will travel to Peabody next Fri-

day.

### WHS GIRLS HOCKEY TEAM TO OPEN SEASON JANUARY 13

The Winthrop High girls hockey team is set to open its pandemic-shortened season next week when the Lady Vikings make the long trek to Gloucester on Wednesday (January 13).

“We are getting geared up for the season-opener,” said veteran WHS head coach Anthony Martucci.

Martucci has been putting the extended pre-season to good use, giving his team a thorough look as they prepare for the 2021 campaign.

“Right now we are trying to figure out our line combinations, both up front and on the back end,” said the coach. “There are some players who are having a great camp, so they are making it hard to find the right groups.”

Sophomore Mia Norris is among the Lady Vikings who have shone in the pre-season.

“Mia has been flying,” said Martucci. “She has improved every aspect of her game and has everyone excited for what she can bring. The entire coaching staff feels that she can be a key contributor this season.”

Another player who has impressed early on is sophomore Fallon Hurley.

“Fallon is a big and strong defenseman who is morphing into a top-flight blue-liner,” Martucci said. “Her speed is awesome, she is reading plays great, and has become a beast in the corners and in front of our net.”

Martucci also had words of praise for junior Elle English.

“Elle is one of only three juniors on the team and has really stepped up for us early on,” Martucci said. “She is pushing the pace of practice and working her heart out in every single drill. She controls things when she is out there and we will lean on her heavily.”

The trio of Holmes sisters also have demonstrated that they will play big roles in the upcoming season.

“It is hard to talk about the team and not mention the Holmes triplets,” said Martucci. “All three sisters are sophomores and immense when it comes to contributing to our team. The two forwards, Julia and Emma, are gifted



# PJM Executive Car Service, other area companies receive state grants

Staff report

MassDevelopment has awarded 85 grants totaling \$4,465,619 from the Taxi and Livery Business Support Grant Program to support 104 small businesses operating in the taxi and livery industries and two taxi and livery industry associations including five area businesses.

The first round of the Taxi and Livery Business Support Grant Program offers taxi and livery operators financial assistance to secure products or services that will aid in improving their competitiveness and enhancing safety capabilities in the rapidly evolving market of for-hire transportation. The grants will fund expenses including dispatch systems or other equipment, technology-enabled ride-hailing systems, safety enhancements, workforce training programs, and business consultant services, and will help industry associations fund aggregated improvements that will have a collective impact on the taxi and livery industries in Massachusetts.

The Taxi and Livery Business Support Grant Program is funded by MassDevelopment's allocation from the Commonwealth's Transportation Infrastructure Enhancement Trust Fund. "I'm pleased we can target this necessary support for the taxi and livery industries which make up an important component of the Commonwealth's comprehensive transportation network," said Housing and Economic Development Secretary Michael Kennealy. "These grants will support the competitiveness of the taxi and livery industries by helping them make critical adjustments to operate with the health and safety of both their workers

and customers in mind." The Commonwealth's Transportation Infrastructure Enhancement Trust Fund was created by An Act Regulating Transportation Network Companies, which Gov. Charles Baker signed into law in August 2016 and is supported by a 20-cent assessment

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solid two way effort to post a 4-0 shutout over Medford Tuesday evening at Larsen Rink. The Vikings led by a slim 1-0 margin at the first intermission on a goal by Chris LeBlanc (assisted by Matt Todisco and Mitch Paulsen). The Vikings' dominance soon began to show on the scoreboard as Todisco (assisted by Paulsen and LeBlanc) and LeBlanc (assisted by Joe Scarfo and Jake Rand) lit the lamp in the middle stanza to make it a comfortable 3-0 affair. Scarfo notched an unassisted marker in the final period for the 4-0 finale. WHS head coach Dale Dunbar noted strong efforts at the blue line by defensemen Rand and Mike Paulsen in front of WHS goalie Steven Waites, who earned his first shutout with a fine performance between the pipes. The victory was preceded by an amazing comeback effort last Wednesday at Saugus that saw the Vikings overcome a 3-0 deficit and roar back for a 3-3 tie. Rand lit the lamp on a power play goal (assisted by Mike Paulsen) and Scarfo rang up a shorthanded marker, assisted by Dan Eruzione, to pull Winthrop within a goal and set up a dramatic fight to the finish. The Vikings had pulled out a tie under similar circumstances in their season opener when Eruzione notched the equalizer in the waning seconds. This time it was LeBlanc, with Waites having been pulled in favor of a sixth skat-

er, who donned the hero's helmet when he knotted matters with 1:03 to play. Mike Paulsen and Nick Clewer earned the assists. Winthrop is now 1-2-2 on the season. The Winthrop Lady Bulldogs hockey team rolled to their third straight victory with a decisive 5-0 victory over Masconomet last Wednesday. The contest was the Taylor Brown Show, as the talented senior defenseman and team captain from Winthrop notched the hat trick, including an end to end rush that brought back memories of Bobby Orr for the "older" fans in attendance. Junior McKenzie Clark, who already has reached the 100 career point mark, also lit the red lamp, as did Courtney McTague, who herself has the 100 point milestone within her sights. Katie Burt, the Lady Bulldogs' redoubtable eighth grade goalie, earned the shutout, turning aside all 18 pucks that Masco shot at her. The Winthrop High girls basketball team turned in its best effort of the season, but came up on the short end of a 54-50 decision to Georgetown. WHS senior captain Johnna Fisher pumped in 21 points for the Lady Vikings and sophomore Temison Meggison reached double figures with 13 points. Angelina Favolaro chipped in with eight points, Lauren Kostegan added four, and Liana Ferullo and Niki Tsiotis scored two points each. Winthrop played without the services of its

starting point guard, sophomore Alyssa Mackey, but Tsiotis, an eighth grader who has been playing with the undefeated junior varsity squad, looked impressive in her debut for coach Ignacio Oyola's varsity team. 20 years ago Dec. 28, 2000 The WHS hockey team is off to a fast start, sporting a 4-0 record after a 5-3 win at Gloucester Saturday night. Freshman Matt Driscoll, Mike Moran, Mike Eruzione, Driscoll again, and Capt. Jake Fidler scored for Winthrop. The WHS boys basketball team defeated Beverly 64-50 to improve to 2-2. James Arena led coach Peter Grimes's Vikings with 21 points and Sean Burgess added 13. Former WHS athlete Pat Brown, a member of the Baseball Hall of Fame for her exploits with women's softball teams during WWII, has established two scholarships for female athletes at Winthrop High. 30 years ago Dec. 26, 1990 The Winthrop High hockey team, which has been at the bottom of the Northeastern Conference in recent years, has served notice that the Vikings will be a team to contend with after a 4-3 win over Beverly. Junior Dan Tamasanis scored the game-winner, his second goal of the game, with just 1:14 to play to give Winthrop the big win. Captain

Steve Calla and Mike DiMento also scored for the Vikings. Freshman goalie Anthony Palmer was outstanding in net, stopping 33 Panther shots. Earlier in the week, Winthrop earned a dramatic, 3-3 tie against a strong Lynn English squad. Dave Tallent scored two goals and Derek Kovacev notched the game-tying tally with just 2:20 to go. Winthrop now is 2-1-1 overall, the best start for a Viking hockey team in a while under head coach Tom Holman. The WHS girls basketball team improved to 3-1 on the season with a 47-43 triumph over Marblehead. Sophomore Liz Doherty paced the Lady Vikings to victory, pouring in 26 points. Doherty, who scored 311 points as a freshman, already has hit for 61 points through four games this season. Coach Ron Spinney lauded the defensive play of sophomore Krissy Indresano, who made a key steal late in the game that led to a basket by freshman Tracy Gigliello that sealed the win. The WHS boys basketball team dropped a 65-56 decision to Marblehead. John Bentley led Winthrop with 19 points and pulled down eight offensive rebounds. Todd Sablone scored 12 points. James Faretra and Bobby Nimblett also played well for the Vikings. Karen Zedalis won two events, the 50 yard high hurdles and the shot-put, to lead the WHS girls indoor track team to a 45-40 victory over Danvers. Marianne Cleary took first place in the 1000 in 3:21.9. Also shining for coach Larry Keegan's squad were sophomore Suzanne Jellow, who captured the 50-yard dash in 7.1 and freshman Cindy Romanos, who took the mile in 6:26. The Winthrop Mite A team defeated a strong

Billerica squad, 4-2. Winthrop goalie Ricky DiPietro turned in a magnificent performance with 23 saves. 40 years ago December 31, 1980 The WHS girls basketball team earned a pair of victories, but also suffered a costly defeat this past week. The Lady Vikings easily handled Gloucester and Revere, but fell to Marblehead. Joan Matsumoto, Debbie Consoli, and Sue Wessling led the way in the Gloucester triumph and Eileen Kelly hit for 16 points in the Revere victory. Former WHS girls basketball star Linda Wessling is playing in her second year for the Boston University women's basketball team. 50 years ago December 30, 1970 A promising 1971 athletic year looms on Winthrop High sports scene. The Viking hockey team, blessed with veteran material in this, its sixth season at WHS, is off to its best start ever with two victories and a tie. Although the WHS basketball team lacks experience, it nonetheless appears to have the makings of being a contender for the NEC title. Looking ahead to the spring, coach Jim Evans's baseball team, despite a large depletion in the ranks because of graduation, will return top pitcher Jim Costigan, shortstop Mike Eruzione, and outfielder Jimmy Moore in the defense of its NEC title. And looking to the fall, WHS head coach Bob DeFelice will not need to do much to improve upon his team's 1-8 record this past season and should improve upon that mark given that his starting backfield returns intact along with a number of linemen.

60 years ago December 29, 1960 The Winthrop High basketball team got off to an auspicious start in the defense of its NEC title with a 51-36 walloping of Marblehead. Capt. Al DiPietro led all scorers with 11 points. Teammates Alan Sternberg and Charlie Parlagreco scored 10 points apiece. Dave O'Brien added eight points, followed by Jim Corbett with six, Billy Van Dalinda with four, and Bobby Krute with two. 70 years ago December 28, 1950 Despite a 40-30 loss to non-league rival Winchester last Friday evening, there was an optimistic note in the Winthrop High basketball camp as the squad tuned up for the final dress rehearsal before beginning Northeastern Conference activity a week from tomorrow against defending league champ Marblehead. The last of four pre-conference games comes Tuesday afternoon when the Alumni squad will attempt to show the present high school team how the game is really played. Prior to the Winchester contest, Winthrop defeated Melrose for a second time this season, 36-28. Lanky Paul Connor was the big gun with 18 points and Carmen Merlino contributed 11. Junior Steve Miles broke into the starting lineup in the backcourt in the absence of Tommy Wood, who was home with a cold. Birdie Tibbetts, the former catcher for the Boston Braves, will be among those in attendance at the Sports Night of the Brotherhood of Temple Tifereth Israel at which Walter A. Brown, the general manager of the Boston Arena-Garden Corporation and owner of the Boston Celtics, will be honored as the recipient of the annual Achievement Award.

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# Mass. Legislature passes landmark climate change bill

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Rep. RoseLee Vincent and Senator Joseph Boncore joined with their colleagues in the Massachusetts Legislature this week in passing breakthrough climate legislation that overhauls the state’s climate laws, drives down greenhouse gas emissions, creates clean energy jobs, and protects environmental justice communities.

The bill, An Act Creating a Next-Generation Roadmap for Massachusetts Climate Policy (S.2995), sets a 2050 net-zero greenhouse gas emissions limit, as well as statewide limits every five years; increases the requirements for offshore wind energy procurement bringing the statewide total to 5,600 megawatts; requires emission reduction goals for MassSave, the state’s energy efficiency program; and, for the first time, establishes the criteria in statute that define environmental justice populations. The legislation also increases support for clean energy workforce development programs including those targeting low-income communities and improves gas pipeline safety.

“This legislation takes a historic step in the fight against climate change, putting Massachusetts on the path to creating a cleaner, greener and healthier future for the next generation,” stated Senate President Karen E. Spilka (D-Ashland). “I am thrilled to see this legislation codifies our shared goal of reducing harmful carbon emissions to zero by 2050, and creates new energy initiatives and standards to help us reach that target. I want to thank Senator Barrett, Representative Golden and their fellow conferees for their advocacy and hard work, as well as Speaker Mariano and former Speaker DeLeo for their partnership in seeing this bill through to fruition. I’d also like to note how much the Senate has been inspired to action by the energy and determina-

tion demonstrated by the young people of this Commonwealth. Your commitment to protecting our planet is inspiring and I welcome your continued collaboration as we move forward together in addressing our climate crisis.”

“This legislation represents a major piece of climate legislation that will set the course of the Commonwealth for the next three decades,” said House Speaker Ronald J. Mariano (D-Quincy). “Today we send a message loud and clear that Massachusetts will empower our environmental justice communities, achieve net zero emissions by 2050, continue to lead on offshore wind, increase equitable access to our clean energy programs, and create pathways to clean energy jobs for underserved and low-income communities.”

“As the sun sets on my time in the House, I am particularly proud of the steps the Legislature took to codify the concept of ‘Environmental Justice’ into our general laws. The Environmental Justice provision included in this final bill will provide stronger protections from pollution, and a greater public process for communities like Revere, Chelsea and Saugus that are overburdened by polluters. The codification of EJ into our general laws will amplify the community’s voice, and give populations in EJ neighborhoods a bolder seat at the table. Seeking Environmental Justice for my district has been something I have advocated for during my nearly seven years as a member of the House, and I could not be more thrilled that one of the final votes I took as a member of the Legislature will truly make a difference to the people of Revere, Chelsea and Saugus,” said Representative RoseLee Vincent (D-Revere). “Overall, as the state representative of a district who has seen firsthand the effects of climate change during severe coastal storms through my tenure, I am

glad that the Legislature is taking action on this front. Specifically, I want to express my appreciation to former Speaker DeLeo, Speaker Mariano and Chairman Golden for their work in getting this critical piece of legislation over the finish line.”

“By creating unique protections for Environmental Justice communities, we center our policy around those most impacted by climate change,” said Senator Joe Boncore (D-Winthrop). “Similarly, recognizing the impact of the transportation sector on climate change, this legislation takes key steps to limit greenhouse gas emissions and set benchmarks for the adoption of electric vehicles and vehicle charging stations.”

“Amid the unprecedented public health and economic challenges brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic, I’m proud of the Legislature’s ongoing commitment to protecting our environment,” said former House Speaker Robert A. DeLeo (D-Winthrop). “The actions the House and Senate took today will keep Massachusetts on-track to lead the nation in clean energy and environmental policies. Thank you to Speaker Mariano, Chair Golden and my colleagues in the House for their commitment to legislation that will help to grow our clean energy economy, address environmental justice concerns, and bolster our efforts to address the effects of climate change.”

“This bill steps up the pace of our collective drive to contain climate change,” said Senator Mike Barrett (D-Lexington), Senate Chair of the Joint Committee on Telecommunications, Utilities, and Energy. “It’s the strongest effort of its kind in the country. With the tools the Legislature assembles here, we’re constructing the response we need and providing a blueprint to other states.”

“It has been a pleasure to work with my House and Senate colleagues on the conference committee on this historic climate bill,” said Representative Thomas A. Golden, Jr. (D-Lowell), Chair of the Joint Com-

mittee on Telecommunications, Utilities, and Energy. “I owe a special debt of gratitude to Speaker Mariano for his invaluable mentorship over my six years as House energy chair. It is his long-standing recognition of Massachusetts’ opportunity to play a leadership role in offshore wind and his fearless commitment to push forward when others hang back that have led us to advance legislation as ambitious as the Next Generation Roadmap bill.”

“This bill continues our commitment to reducing harmful carbon emissions, and enacting policies of environmental equity. We have made sure to include enforceability and compliance rules, so we reach our net-zero goals,” said Senate Majority Leader Cindy Creem (D-Newton). “I am so pleased that we also require public hearings on whether classifying biomass as renewable can actually be scientifically justified. And I am proud we will now regulate natural gas as the damaging fossil fuel that it is and strengthen policies to prevent gas leaks and encourage renewable geothermal alternatives.”

“As the birthplace of the offshore wind industry in the United States, Massachusetts sets an example to the nation for its leadership on climate policy and today’s action by the legislature further cements that legacy,” said Representative Patricia Haddad (D-Somerset). “The House, along with our colleagues in the Senate, took steps today to increase the use of renewable energy, cut greenhouse gasses and create clean energy jobs in Massachusetts. I thank Speaker Mariano, former Speaker DeLeo and Chair Golden for their leadership and work on these important issues.”

“This is an historic day for Massachusetts. We have long been one of the clean energy leaders in our country, but today, we’ve strengthened the foundation that we have built upon and chart a course that has been long discussed but never codified or fully implemented,” said Senator Patrick O’Connor

(R-Weymouth). “Climate policy can’t wait – that’s why this bipartisan legislation sets aggressive and practical goals in the areas of emissions reduction, green energy, environmental justice, and grid modernization. I am proud to have served on this conference committee and thank my colleagues for their hard work and collaborative spirit in crafting this legislation.”

“The climate change bill takes a comprehensive approach to reducing greenhouse gas emissions, including recognizing how forests and other natural and working lands can be used to promote carbon sequestration and help Massachusetts reach its goal of net-zero emissions by 2050,” said House Minority Leader Bradley H. Jones, Jr. (R-North Reading). “It also incorporates municipal lighting plants as partners in these efforts by setting greenhouse gas emissions standards and establishing an equal playing field for these facilities. I’m proud to have served on the conference committee that produced this historic bill which reaffirms Massachusetts’ role as a national leader on clean energy issues.”

The legislation includes, among other items, the following provisions.

- Sets a statewide net zero limit on greenhouse gas emissions by 2050 and mandates emissions limits every five years, as well as limits for specific sectors of the economy, including transportation and buildings.
- Codifies environmental justice provisions into Massachusetts law, defining environmental justice populations and providing new tools and protections for affected neighborhoods.
- Requires an additional 2,400 megawatts of offshore wind, building on previous legislation action and increases the total to 5,600 megawatts in the Commonwealth.
- Directs the Department of Public Utilities (DPU), regulator of the state’s electric and natural gas utilities, to balance priorities going forward: system safety, system security, reliability, affordability, equity, and, significantly, reductions in greenhouse gas emissions.

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- Sets appliance energy efficiency standards for a variety of common appliances including plumbing, faucets, computers, and commercial appliances.

- Adopts several measures aimed at improves gas pipeline safety, including increased fines for safety violations and regulations related to training and certifying utility contractors.

- Increases the Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) by 3 percent each year from 2025 – 2029, resulting in 40 percent renewable energy by 2030.

- Establishes an opt-in municipal net zero energy stretch code, including a definition of “net zero building.”

- Prioritizes equitable access to the state’s solar programs by low-income communities

- Establishes \$12 million in annual funding for the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center in order to create a pathway to the clean energy industry for environmental justice populations and minority-owned and women-owned businesses.

- Provides solar incentives for businesses by exempting them from the net metering cap to allow them to install solar systems on their premises to help offset their electricity use and save money.

- Requires utilities to include an explicit value for greenhouse gas reductions when they calculate the cost-effectiveness of an offering of MassSave.

- Creates a first-time greenhouse gas emissions standard for municipal lighting plants that requires them to purchase 50 percent non-emitting electricity by 2030 and “net zero” by 2050.

- Sets benchmarks for the adoption of clean energy technologies including electric vehicles, charging stations, solar technology, energy storage, heat pumps and anaerobic digestors.

The bill is now with the governor.

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ment on every transportation network company ride in Massachusetts. One-quarter of the Fund is being designated to Mass-Development to provide financial assistance to small businesses operating in the taxicab, livery, or hackney industries.

In August 2020, Mass-Development announced it is using up to two-thirds of its allotment from the Transportation Infrastructure Enhancement Trust Fund to support the Taxi and Livery Business Support Grant Program, and opened a competitive solicitation for the first round of funding. Small businesses operating in the taxi, livery, and hackney industries could apply for grants of up to \$50,000, while taxi and livery industry associations could apply for grants of up to \$1 million, and could direct up to \$200,000 of such awards toward the purchase of marketing materials that promote the taxi and livery industries. The remaining one-third of MassDevelopment’s allotment from the Trans-

portation Infrastructure Enhancement Trust Fund is supporting the Taxi/Livery Partnership Grant Program, launched and administered by the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) in fall 2020, which is an operational subsidy program enabling municipalities, municipal entities, regional transit authorities, health and human service providers, and applicable nonprofits to expand transportation service capacity through contracts with licensed taxi or livery businesses. In response to COVID-19, in April 2020 MAPC launched an early version of this program, the Urgent COVID-19 Taxicab, Livery, and Hackney Partnership Grant Program, to facilitate urgent transportation and delivery needs for vulnerable populations during the pandemic; in November 2020, Mass-Development and MAPC awarded \$1,003,978 through the program to 25 cities and towns, municipal agencies, regional transit authorities, and

health and human services transportation providers. The following businesses and organizations in the area received funding from the Taxi and Livery Business Support Grant

Program:

- PJM Executive Car Service, Winthrop – \$23,000
- The Transportation Alliance, Inc., Statewide – \$1 million

- New England Livery Association, Inc., Statewide – \$1 million
- Boston Domestic Limo, Chelsea – \$20,308
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### AVELLANEDA REMAINS COUNCIL PRESIDENT

CHELSEA - Council President Roy Avellaneda received a unanimous, 6-0, vote to likely serve a second term as Council President, that coming during an organizational meeting of the Council on Dec. 21.

Councilor Damali Vidot voted ‘present,’ as did Avellaneda – which is customary in Chelsea for the candidate not to vote for themselves. Absent were Councilors Giovanni Recupero, Melinda Vega-Maldonado and Enio Lopez. Still, Avellaneda received the required six votes, which propelled him to a likely second term. The official vote will take place on Jan. 4 at the first Council meeting of the year.

“I know all of us when we pulled papers last year back in May 2019, and we had what we thought was an agenda and a platform and were elected in Nov. 2019 – none of us expected to experience what this community, this country and this world went through,” he said. “Of course, all of those plans, ideas and agenda got shifted aside and COVID-19 response was front and center. All of that, this City had to adapt and struggle with the community that, more than many, got hit hard.”

He also praised the City Manager, public safety officials, Council staffers and many other City employees for keeping things together and serving in one of the most difficult times in the City’s modern history. He also praised the City’s IT Department and Chelsea Cable for being able to pivot and, nearly seamlessly, hold hybrid online meetings that allowed the City Council to move forward in a normal fashion.

“At the City Council we had to adopt to meeting in a much different way,” he said. “The ability to Facetime has been available for a while but until this year I never used it. I never warmed up to it, but I used it this year and I know many of my other colleagues have done it...I read with satisfaction how other cities have struggled to accommodate their colleagues so they could safely meet from their homes. They didn’t have the infrastructure and technology. I know it wasn’t

easy and I remember that beginning where we had to figure it out. You MacGyver-ed it with Ricky of Chelsea Cable and it was to our benefit and our constituents’ benefit...”

Councillor Calvin Brown said Avellaneda stood up when the chips were down last year, and he is glad that he will be president again.

“I want to thank the president of this City Council for really standing up in 2020,” said Brown. “I’m sure when he was elected president, he didn’t realize we were going to get hit with a pandemic that would last his entire term. Roy Avellaneda has dedicated himself to being on the front lines...He helped us and supported us and at times he was the only one here. I know it took a lot of his personal time. I’m glad we re-elected him as Council President in 2021 as well.”

Councillor Vidot, who did not vote for Avellaneda, still gave him accolades for keeping the meetings going and keeping everyone in the loop.

“As the immediate past president...I feel spoiled to have had Paul Casino by my side and we were able to meet in person,” she said. “It was just a lot smoother and I recognize how much work it took for you to be able to chair these meetings remotely, reading your orders when Paul couldn’t come in. I think it’s absolutely commendable. I have an autoimmune disorder and cannot come in because I am vulnerable. I want to thank everyone for making sure I could still attend these meetings and kept me in the loop as much as possible...It has not been an easy year.”

In other election news, Councillor Judith Garcia was elected to a second vice president term as well, getting a unanimous 7-0 vote.

The School Committee representative was not voted, but it will be taken up on Jan. 4 and filled at that time.

The new voting order drawn – as tradition dictates – for 2021 will be:

Vidot, Avellaneda, Recupero, Garcia, Vega-Maldonado, Leo Robinson, Yamil Rodriguez, Todd Taylor, Lopez, Brown and Naomi Zabot.

The new order of seating for 2021 – chosen as tradition dictates on Dec. 21 – is the following:

(Left side) Vega-Maldonado, Rodriguez, Rob-

inson, Zabot and Garcia. (Right side) Recupero, Vidot, Brown, Lopez and Taylor.

### RENOVATIONS CONTINUE AT GARDEN CEMETERY

CHELSEA - The historic renovation program for the Garden Cemetery in Chelsea continues on this winter with restoration crews now working on restoring and setting the old tombstones in the cemetery – a key part of Phase 3.

The Garden Cemetery is an historic property, designed by Frederick Law Olmstead, but has fallen on tough times over the last decade or more. About one year ago, the City’s Planning Department unveiled a multi-phase project to fully restore the cemetery, and now Phase 3 is underway. The current phase includes restoring some of the older stones, and also building a retaining wall.

“We’re planning to fully fund this and we have at least three more years of work there to do,” said City Manager Tom Ambrosino.

The project has been headed up by Planner Karl Allen.

Recently, preservationists restored the stone of Capt. Olsen, who was lost at sea in 1862.

Meanwhile, the hard work in this part of the project is finding all of the broken pieces for many of the stones, and then getting them re-assembled. Most are broken, and many of the pieces are scattered about the cemetery. The contractor uses a previously completed inventory of the monuments and grave markers to locate, sort, and assess each one, before beginning the careful restoration of each feature.

Right now, the contractor is seeking to continue monument restoration throughout the winter.

### DEMARIA DISTRIBUTES MASKS TO RESIDENTS

EVERETT - Mayor Carlo DeMaria announced that last week the City mailed masks to Everett residents to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. Each resident will be receiving a reusable mask with the City of Everett “E” printed on it

### EVERETT BANK MAKES GENEROUS DONATION



The Everett School Department received a generous donation from Everett Bank on Friday, Dec. 18. The following schools received a \$1,000 donation: Adams School, Albert N. Parlin School, George Keverian, Madeline English, Lafayette, Webster School, and Whittier School. “I am truly grateful for the generosity of Everett Bank,” said Mayor Carlo DeMaria. “The Everett School Department will use these funds to help support our students during these uncertain times. It is with the help of local businesses and community members such as Everett Bank that makes us Everett Strong.” Principals from the schools were in attendance to receive the donations along with Mayor Carlo DeMaria, Superintendent Priya Tahiliani, and Everett Teacher’s Association President Kim Auger. The City of Everett is proud of the relationship between the City and Everett Bank.

“It is important that we are all being safe during these uncertain times,” said Mayor Carlo DeMaria. “I am truly grateful for all the sacrifices our community has made throughout the year and these masks are a small token of my gratitude. We need to continue to fight this virus and stay safe. I hope residents will wear these masks with pride.”

The mask includes a QRC code printed on the inside that can be scanned by using a smartphone camera. Once this code is scanned, residents will be brought to the COVID-19 resources section of the City of Everett’s website.

For residents who did not receive a mask or for residents who would like additional masks, please email your name, address, and phone number to mask@ci.everett.ma.us.

### DAV SCHOLARSHIP IS SECURE

EVERETT - City Councilor and Everett attorney Fred Capone met with Supt. Priya Tahiliani earlier in December to cement the future of an annual scholarship program that celebrates a great American service organization and equally dedicated Everett residents.

The Everett Disabled American Veterans Chapter 51 (DAV), which was formed in 1937 and merged with Malden Chapter 85 in 2012, has long awarded an annual \$1,000 scholarship to an Everett High School senior. The Everett chapter was led by the tireless direction and supervision of George Desiderio and Richard F. Horgan for many years. Richard Connolly and John Troy were also instrumental in the chapter’s earlier work and charitable efforts. Mr. Capone has served as the organization’s legal counsel for more than two decades.

The trustee, pursuant to the terms of the trust, recently decided that coordinating the scholarship fund is best left to the Everett Public Schools, which can carry on this tradition every June by awarding the “Disabled Veterans’ Camp Corporation/Janet Connolly O’Neil Memorial Scholarship.”

The late Janet Connolly O’Neil was a beloved Everett educator and a former Webster School assistant principal.

“Naturally, it will be our honor to maintain this scholarship program well into the future,” Superintendent Tahiliani said. “While the membership of Chapter 51 has dwindled in recent years, the mission and core values of the DAV will endure. I know I speak for everyone in the EPS when I say it will be a privilege to recognize this organization and the memory of Ms. O’Neil as part of our annual scholarship awards night.”

Attorney Capone expressed sincere appreciation, on behalf of the scholarship fund trustee and former Everett Chapter, that the School Department will continue the Everett DAV’s proud tradition.

The Disabled Veterans’ Camp Corporation/Janet Connolly O’Neil Memorial Scholarship will be presented to an EHS senior who has maintained a minimum of a 4.0 grade point average and is planning to attend a four-year college or university to pursue a career in medicine and/or the health sciences.

### DINNER PROGRAM IS A SUCCESS

EAST BOSTON - Back in February before COVID, the Shah Family Foundation (SFF) partnered with the Salesian Boys & Girls Club to revamp the club’s kitchen.

The SFF outfitted the Boys & Girls Club’s kitchen on Byron Street with Welbilt ovens that can not only reheat, but cook and steam fresh foods. At the time, the Boys & Girls Club served more than 130 meals at the club each day the new kitchen allowed the Salesian to prepare hot, freshly cooked meals.

An added bonus was the meals were being prepared daily by Cunard’s Executive Chef and former Boys & Girls member Anthony Pino.

However, the pandemic cut down the Salesian afterschool and annual summer camp enrollment numbers in order to safely practice social distancing.

While the Boys & Girls Club may not be serving

130 meals in house as the pandemic continues, they are still able to feed all club members thanks to a recent Boston Resiliency Fund grant.

The Boys & Girls Club received the grant from the Boston Resiliency Fund to run a ten-week dinner program for club members and their families to enjoy at home.

A hot nutritious delicious meal is prepared by Pino on Wednesday evening to help families prevent food insecurity.

“Since the Club was closed for the holidays, bags of food were provided so families would not be without a meal last Wednesday evening along with extras to help families prepare for their holiday meal,” said Salesian Executive Director Michael Triant. “The food packages were made available with funds provided from the Boston Resiliency Grant. We are sincerely grateful to the Boston Resiliency fund for their hard work and generosity in providing needed resources for the children and families in our community during this very challenging time.”

Triant said Pino was a Club kid and staff member while attending Savio Prep and Johnson & Wales University.

“He’s brought his amazing talent back home and our kids are the winners,” he said.

Pino said he will go to the club each Wednesday before heading to his regular shop at the Cunard at 4 p.m. Pino will prepare all the food for the day and Salesian staff will simply use the new kitchen equipment provided by the SFF to reheat and distribute the meals to Club members so they can enjoy the food at home.

“I grew up going to and working at the Salesian in high school and college,” said Pino. “It’s pretty cool being back in the building a few hours a week and seeing the smiles on the kids faces again.”

### COVID RATE SHOWS DECREASE

EAST BOSTON - Last week the cumulative COVID-19 positive test rate in Eastie as well as the weekly positive test rate decreased for the

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# Baker-Polito Administration announces First Week Hikes at State Parks

Special to the Journal

For the 30th year in a row, the State will offer residents and visitors the opportunity to explore the great outdoors through the Department of Conservation and Recreation’s (DCR) First Week Hikes program in celebration of the start of the New Year.

An alternative to the traditional First Day Hikes, First Week Hikes encourage visitors to enjoy outdoor activities on their own throughout the first week of the New Year, until Friday, Jan. 8. This year, DCR celebrates 30 years of this tradition in the Commonwealth. Additionally, it

marks 10 years that all 50 states have adopted this happy, healthy New Years’ tradition. “First Day Hikes are a time honored tradition for many people across the Commonwealth, with thousands of visitors ringing in the New Year with a hike in a state park,” said Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) Secretary Kathleen Theoharides. “It is with pleasure that the tradition continues and we are pleased to offer safe, healthy, recreational opportunities through these First Week Hikes.” Historically, First Day Hikes are popular adventures guided by DCR staff. In an effort

to provide residents and visitors with outdoor recreation opportunities for the New Year in a safe manner during the COVID-19 pandemic, DCR will implement the following changes for this year:

- Extending the traditional one-day hike to any day or multiple visits during First Week 2021 to prevent crowds forming at parks;
- Introducing self-guided adventures to encourage social distancing in place of guided offerings, for a list of recommendations visit the DCR [web-site](#).
- “Taking a stroll in your local park for First Week Hikes is a great



Scan the QR code to find a State Park near you.

way to kick-off the new year, build tradition, and discover the stunning natural and recreational resources that Massachusetts has to offer,” said DCR Commissioner Jim Montgomery. “For the 30th year, the state parks system has provided hiking opportunities on January 1, and while this year may look a little different, DCR still

encourages people to get outdoors safely.”

Ahead of an adventure outdoors, watch the DCR First Week Hike [video](#) and see the following guidance:

- Pick a local park near you, not necessarily a state park;
- Print or download a trail map;
- Check the weather forecast and dress appropriately;
- Keep your hike short and safe;
- Be flexible – if a park is busy, visit another park or return at a later time; and,
- Return to your car by 4:30 p.m. before the sun sets;

DCR asks visitors to

park in designated areas only, if a parking lot is full come back another time. Many visitor centers remain closed. However, restrooms or porta-johns within many DCR parks remain open. Dogs are to be on leash in state parks unless signage designates otherwise. Dogs are not permitted on DCR Water Supply Protection areas. To find a dog-friendly park, visit the DCR [web-site](#).

First Day Hikes were started at the Blue Hills Reservation in the Town of Milton in 1992 in an effort to promote year-round outdoor recreation, and to motivate the public to explore the Commonwealth’s awe-inspir-

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first time in weeks.

According to the latest data released by the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC), Eastie residents testing positive for COVID last week decreased 43.5 and the weekly positive test rate dropped 19.5 percent.

Of the 29,855 Eastie residents tested for COVID, 16.7 percent overall were found to be positive for the virus, a 43.5 percent increase from the 29.6 percent reported two Fridays ago.

Last week 2,406 Eastie residents were tested and 10.3 percent were positive--a 19.5 percent decrease from the 12.8 that tested positive two Fridays ago.

Citywide 34,463 residents were tested and 7 percent were COVID positive--a 4 percent decrease from the 7.3 percent testing positive two weeks ago.

At his daily press briefing last week, Mayor Martin Walsh noted that on TuesDAY, DEC. 29, the City of Boston surpassed 1,000 deaths from COVID. He said that every number represents a person, with family and friends who are grieving their loss and missing them every day.

“My prayers are with everyone who has lost a loved one or continues to suffer from this terrible virus,” said Walsh.

He acknowledged residents are all tired of living with the virus, and that it’s tempting to let one’s guard down but the virus is still with us, and will be in 2021.

“In Boston, we remain concerned about an increase in COVID activity following the holidays,” said Walsh. “Our hospital numbers are higher than we’d like them to be. We have more people hospitalized right now due to COVID than we’ve had since early June. We all have a role to play in protecting each other, especially our most vulnerable, and helping to prevent further loss. That means staying vigilant -- and continuing to follow the public health guidance.”

Walsh said the city and public health officials continue to encourage everyone to get tested -- especially if you were traveling during the holidays.

“There are more than 30 testing sites in the City of Boston, including mobile testing sites which are free and open to all, regardless of symptoms,”

said Walsh. “To learn more about these, or any of our testing sites, go to [boston.gov/coronavirus](#) or call 3-1-1.”

Walsh added that the city continues to be in communication with healthcare partners as the federal and state governments work on distribution of the COVID vaccine.

“This week, Boston EMT’s began getting vaccinated,” said Walsh. “Since day one of this crisis, they have been on the frontlines, risking their own health for the health and wellbeing of all Boston residents. Our EMS providers have encountered more than 3,500 COVID-positive patients in Boston.”

He also said that vaccine distribution to long term care facilities across Boston, like the Don Orione Nursing Home, began this week and this will help protect Boston’s most vulnerable people, in the city’s most vulnerable settings.

You can visit the State’s website at [Mass.gov](#) to see the full schedule of when vaccines will be available.

“I encourage everyone to get the vaccine, when your time comes,” said Walsh. “It’s safe, it’s free, and it’s the best way you can protect yourself and those around you. It’s how we can help get life back to normal sooner -- and get back to doing all the things and seeing the people we love.”

Eastie’s infection rate rose by 6.1 percent according to the data released by the BPHC last Friday. Eastie’s COVID infection rate went from 1,040.5 cases per 10,000 residents to 1,104.9 cases per 10,000 residents. The citywide average is 593.5 cases per 10,000 residents.

An additional 302 Eastie residents contracted the virus and there are now 5,185 confirmed cases, up from the 4,883 reported two weeks ago.

The statistics released by the BPHC as part of its weekly COVID19 report breaks down the number of cases and infection rates in each neighborhood. It also breaks down the number of cases by age, gender and race.

Citywide positive cases of coronavirus increased 11.9 percent last week and went from 37,366 cases to 41,847 confirmed cases in a week. Thirty-two more Boston residents died from the virus and

there are now 1,020 total deaths in the city from COVID.

### LYNN NATIVE HAS A NEW INVENTION

LYNN - Lynn resident William B. Lott Jr. is well-known locally as the interim executive director of the Community Minority Cultural Council (CMCC) on Union Street.

In that organization, Lott has worked closely with community leaders such as Darrell Murkison and Andrew Burton to help create opportunities and jobs for Lynn residents while strengthening the community overall. The CMCC’s annual the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast has become the city’s foremost celebration in honoring the outstanding civil rights leader.

Lott is also a retired senior IBM computer software engineer, a licensed pilot, and a veteran of the United States Air Force.

Through his work as a pilot and his service in the U.S. Air Force, Lott feels he “gained a unique perspective on oxygen and air delivery systems.”

And Lott believes those experiences make him eminently qualified for his “ambitious undertaking” of creating a Portable Powered Air Respirator (mask) that was initially designed to combat the coronavirus.

“I have developed a PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) that we (LottoGraphs Company – LGC) call a PPEE (Personal Protective Equipment for Everybody) – because everybody needs to wear a mask during the pandemic,” said Lott, who is the founder, creator, and CEO of LottoGraphs. “I have invented a mask that’s based off an inspirational thing I saw. The mask is as easy as putting on a baseball cap and it covers all three vital areas: your mouth, your nose, and your eyes.”

Lott said he is putting together a public relational campaign to raise awareness for his invention, help him fund his project, and begin production “and help with the fight against COVID-19.”

He has launched a GoFundMe campaign “to help support, a small minority-owned, veteran business.”

“The GoFundMe drive will fund the formation of a corporation and the IP, which is the Intellectual Property rights – patents, copyrights, trademarks,

service marks, utility patents and all that stuff,” said Lott.

He has been reaching out to the Lynn community for its support. “I’m just trying to help the cause.”

Lott said he has five prototype masks ready for the initial phase in the production process. He explained the exact design and function of his invention.

“Basically, it’s a mask that you slip on. There are powered fans that push nice, clean fresh air,” said Lott. “So instead of wearing a stuffy mask all day, you have a nice breathing environment. I’ve looked at the industry, looked at what the doctors and experts are saying, and incorporated some of the best technology and features into my design. Even with the vaccines, you are still going to need to wear a mask. Wearing a mask is going to be around for a while. It’s not going away.”

Lott grew up in Sudbury and attended Lincoln-Sudbury schools before moving to Danvers.

“In my sophomore year of high school, my dad moved us to Danvers, Massachusetts,” said Lott. “My dad was a doctor. He was the VP for years at the Family and Children’s Services Agency in Lynn. I used to work at General Electric and knew a lot of people in Lynn. I attended North Shore Community College and studied in the Professional Pilot Program. I got my pilot’s license at Beverly Airport. In fact, I used to live right behind the Beverly Airport on Burley Street in Danvers. It was a stone’s throw away from the airport.”

### COMMITTEE HEARS ABOUT SPORTS PROGRAM

REVERE - At Revere Public School Committee meeting on Dec. 15, RPS Athletic Director Frank Shea updated the committee on a plan to bring school sports back to the district in a limited capacity and with new rules and regulations.

“As you all know I was a high school coach for many years,” said Shea at the Dec. 15 meeting. “We’re obviously in unprecedented times and I think that everybody on the committee and at the district level and above wants nothing more than to get our kids back and playing (sports). But we have to do what’s best

for everybody and what’s safe for everybody.”

Shea said that he and RPS Superintendent DiAnne Kelly met with the Greater Boston League about six weeks ago where the decision was made to suspend all sports till after the holidays.

“Even though a lot of our neighbors were aggressive and said we’re gonna start on the 14th of December,” said Shea. “However, what we have seen in the last couple of weeks is that a lot of those communities have rolled back to rethinking this decision. Malden, Everett, Peabody, Salem, Boston, have all rolled back till after the holidays and schools like Bishop Fenwick decided to shut down and delay till after the holiday. So I just think that was the right call at the time.”

Shea said tentatively RPS hopes to start winter sports in early January through late February. Fall sports will be played between February 22 and April 25 and spring sports will most likely be played from April 26 through June 3.

“The MIAA is having no tournaments, at least not in the fall and winter season so that allows us to play with these dates even further,” said Shea. “So if the Greater Boston League decided that we could safely have sports in mid January, we could offer winter sports and go past the February 21 deadline. If the numbers in the community and surrounding communities dictate that we couldn’t play in January we could start February 1 and play on into March. So there’s a lot of flexibility, which is a good thing.”

Shea said RPS is preparing now to get its students on fields in all three winter sports shortly.

While Shea is excited at the prospect of bringing kids back for sports to help with their mental health and physical wellness during the pandemic, the sports seasons will look vastly different than years past with new MIAA rules and regulations.

“If we do play it’s really not going to look like the sports that we had last winter,” said Shea. “There’ve been many modifications made both at district level up to the state level,” said Shea. “Each sport will have their own modification so the seasons have basically been cut down to half and there are no MIAA playoffs,” said Shea. “The goal is that we play one game per week with the option, if things are

going well, that we can add a second game per week as the season goes on and our teams would practice every other day.”

Shea said the MIAA has put limits on rosters, added locker room and transportation protocols and limited the number of coaches and eliminated spectators during games.

There have even been changes to the sport rules.

However, Shea said while it is not ideal for students’ parents there are alternatives.

“Our hockey rink is equipped with cameras to live stream games so parents would be able to watch their kids live on live stream,” he said. “And in contests of basketball or swimming we would work with Revere TV and some of the RHS personnel to get those games taped and sent out.”

As for the rules of the games, Shea said the new protocols went through four committees.

“Each sport had their own committee,” said Shea. “These committees took each sport as we know them and said how do we make these sports safer? They came up with certain modifications in each sport. Those sport committees reported to the MIAA COVID-19 taskforce and the MIAA Sports Medicine Committee, which consists of doctors and trainers throughout the state. Those two committees signed off on these modifications as being as safe as they possibly can. From there that went to the MIAA board of directors who okayed the modifications.”

For example the recommendation included for instance taking away the jump ball in boys and girls basketball in order to limit contact. The MIAA will only allow four players in the free throw lane instead of six.

“They’ve taken away under the basket inbounds where there’s a lot of physical contact so everything would be a side throw-in,” said Shea. “So there’s a lot of different protocols. Ice hockey for instance during an ice hockey game a player got the puck in the corner and you get a scrum. You get three four or five kids going into battle for the puck. What the committee has ruled is there’s only two people one from each team that can go into the corner. Once a third player enters the corner the whistle blows, the play is stopped and there’s a face off.”

In the end Shea told



## OBITUARIES

### Anna DiPalma

Everyone's 'grandma'

Anna M. (Gullifa) DiPalma died unexpectedly in East Boston on December 30.

The beloved mother of the late Robert J. DiPalma Sr., she was the grandmother of Robert J. DiPalma Jr. and his wife, Danielle of Beverly; great-grandmother of Staci DiPalma of Beverly; loving aunt of Diane Vaughn, Gail DellaCroce, Geri DellaCroce, Lynne Tranfaglia, Doreeen DeCrescito and Billy Gullifa and is also survived by many grand-nieces and grand-nephews and the dear friend of Adriana and Lisa Giuliano, who were the daughters she never had, their love and devotion to Anna was immense and was appreciated by her every day, and the beloved cousin of Rhonda Mariano.

Anna was well known for her generosity in all things. She had a big heart and loved to cook and had a special attachment to children. She became everyone's "grandma." She would greet you with her brash and tough voice, though beneath it all was the biggest heart and kindest soul. She was adored by her family, friends and anyone who came in contact with her.

Her kitchen table was the core of her home and heart where a fresh pot of coffee was always brewing. You could find someone at any given time at the table sampling her famous pizzelle or biscotti. Her door was always open, especially to the "landlord"



Rafaele and his sons Neffo and Ralph "Ralph" who she watched grow up as children on Chelsea Street. Within the last few years, she grew a strong affection for the "landord's" grandson Christian. A special bond developed between the two of them. The sparkle in Anna's eyes reappeared when he was born and from that day forward, she happily awaited his daily visits.

Anna was genuinely loved by all. A simple, humble woman who lived her life to her fullest desires; baking, cooking, sharing her boisterous laughter with friends and family, she provided a comfort to everyone who crossed her path. There could never be another "Anna" but a bit of her will always live within us. She taught us to not take life so seriously and to enjoy the present moment. Rest In Peace dear Anna.

Visiting hours were held at Magrath Funeral Home, Tuesday, January 5 followed by graveside services in Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett.

Because of her love for children donations in her memory to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital would be appreciated.

### Anne Jaworski

The last of her generation

Anne M. (Eruzione) Jaworski, 97, of Winthrop passed away peacefully on Saturday, January 2 at the Abbott House Nursing Home in Lynn.

Anne was the last of her generation. She is joined in Heaven with her husband, Jerry C. Jaworski and her much-loved brothers and sisters: Eugene "Jeep" Eruzione and his wife, Helen, Vincent Eruzione and his wife, Vera, Mary Albano and her husband, Carmen, Phyllis Manzo and her husband, Salvatore and her beloved twin sister. Annette and her husband, Tony Fucillo.

She leaves behind her three children: Karen Guelfo and her husband, Laurence of Swampscott, Geraldine Benoit and her husband, Joseph of Swampscott, Robert Jaworski and his wife, Rosanne of Winthrop and her grandchildren: Victoria Gello and her husband, Joseph, Caroline Guelfo, Genevieve Benoit, Brett Benoit and Alex Jaworski. She is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

Anne raised her family at 274 Bowdoin Street



along with the Fucillo and Eruzione families. She loved family times. She will be missed by all.

Family and friends are cordially invited to attend the visitation in the St. John the Evangelist Church, 320 Winthrop St., Winthrop today, Thursday, January 7 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. followed by a Funeral Mass at 12:30 p.m. Services will conclude with interment in the Belle Isle section of Winthrop Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to The Greater Boston Food Bank at <https://www.gbfb.org/>.

To sign the online guestbook, go to [www.caggianofuneralhome.com](http://www.caggianofuneralhome.com). Arrangements under the direction of the Caggiano-O'Maley-Frazier Funeral Home, Winthrop.

### Anthony Ferrara

Retired MBTA Police Officer



Anthony S. Ferrara, 68, a lifelong resident of Winthrop, passed

away at the Lighthouse Nursing Care Center in Revere on January 1.

Born in Boston, he was the beloved son of the late Lucille (Iovanna) and Salvatore Ferrara. He enlisted in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War reaching the rank of Airman First Class. After his discharge he went on to work as a police officer for the MBTA Police.

He was the devoted husband of Marilyn (Driscoll) and the loving father of Anthony S. Ferrara, Jr. and his fiancé, Jamie Croteau of Winthrop and Lindsay Alcorn and her husband, Jamieson of Peabody; dear brother of Frank "Buster" Ferrara and Mary "Minnie" Martucci, both of Winthrop



and Roberta Tiano of Florida and the cherished grandfather of Henry Nino and Wyatt.

His Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. John the Evangelist Church on/or the National Police Dog Foundation at [www.nationalpolicedogfoundation.org](http://www.nationalpolicedogfoundation.org)

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### Vincent Finocchio

John Hancock retiree and longtime Winthrop Little League coach

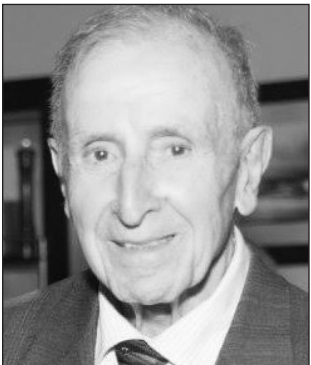


Vincent R. Finocchio of Winthrop passed away at home on December 31. He was 92 years old.

Born in Boston, the beloved son of the late Anna (Valente) and Frank Finocchio, he was a resident of Winthrop for over 71 years.

He enlisted in the US Navy during the Korean War and was honorably discharged after almost four years of service. After his discharge, he went on to work as a machinist for John Hancock Insurance repairing office equipment. He also coached for many years for Winthrop Little League.

He was the devoted husband of Mary Ann (Antonliolo) and the loving father of Anne Marie Lynch of Winthrop and the late Vincent W. Finocchio; the dear brother of the late Guido and Joseph Finocchio; cherished grandfa-



ther of Bobbie, Stefanie, Christopher, Kate, Sierra and Michael; great grandfather of Gianni, Sky, Vincenza and River.

The Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. John the Evangelist Church, Winthrop on Tuesday, January 5. Services concluded with military honors in the Cross Street section of Winthrop Cemetery.

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### Gay 'Chicky' Ryan

Former FedEx recruiter and Italian Women's Bowling League member

Gay T. "Chicky" Ryan, 77, of Seal Harbor Rd., Winthrop passed away at the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston on December 30. Born in Chelsea, was the beloved daughter of the late Josephine (Gallese) and Phillip Sciarillo, she was a lifelong resident of Winthrop and worked as a recruiter for Fedex for over ten years. She was also a member of Italian Women's Bowling League.

She was the devoted wife of James F. Ryan and the loving mother of Lisa Ryan of Tennes-



see, Jennifer Tantillo of Taunton, Michelle Peraza of Las Vegas and James Ryan of Vermont; dear sister of Joanne Quilty of Winthrop and cherished grandmother of Ryan, Catherine, Mario, Isabella, Frank, Nick and Joe.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

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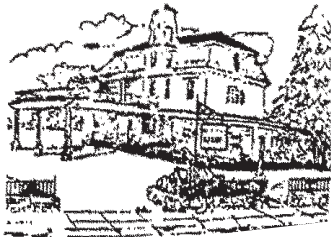
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**WITNESS,** Hon. Brian J. Gunn, First Justice of this court.

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### LEGAL NOTICE

**PUBLIC HEARING DATE OF JANUARY 19, 2021**

Notice is hereby given in accordance with Section 2.9 (c) of the Code of the Town of Winthrop that the Winthrop Town Council will conduct a Public Hearing on Tuesday, January 19, 2021, at 7:00 PM VIA ZOOM-

That the Town Council accept the recommendations of the Transportation Safety Advisory committee from their December 16, 2020 meeting to make Terrace Avenue a one-way street between Park Avenue and Cottage Avenue, and to make Cottage Avenue a one-way street in its entirety from Terrace Avenue to Faun Bar Avenue by amending section 10.24.010 of the town ordinances titled "Schedule of one-way streets" as follows:

Insert the following line into the table:

Name of Street	Location
Terrace Avenue	From Park Avenue to Cottage Avenue

Amend the following line in the table.

Name of Street	Location
Cottage Avenue	From Hillside Avenue

of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs

All documents, legally accessible, pertaining to this hearing(s) and Zoom information can be re-requested by email to councilclerk@town.winthrop.ma.us or calling 617-846-1852 x 1034.

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to Faun Bar Avenue by deleting the current location of "From Hillside Avenue to Faun Bar Avenue," and inserting "From Terrace Avenue to Faun Bar Avenue" in its place. The revised entry in the table will read:

Name of Street	Location
Cottage Avenue	From Terrace Avenue to Faun Bar Avenue

That the Town Council accept the recommendation of the Transportation Safety Advisory committee from their November 18, 2020 meeting to install a four-way stop sign at the intersection of Grovers Avenue and Highland Avenue and amend section 10.20.020 of the town ordinances titled "Schedule of stop intersections" as follows.

Insert the following line into the table:

Name of Street	Direction of Travel
At Intersection of Highland Avenue	Northeast-bound and Southwest-bound

Groves Avenue Please note that Groves Avenue already has two stop signs in place at this intersection, so this is the only change necessary to make this intersection a four-way stop.

That the Town Council accept the recommendations of the Transportation Safety Advisory committee from their September 16, 2020 meeting to allow parking on a portion of Beach Road where it is currently prohibited and amend section 10.16.090 of the town ordinances titled "Parking prohibited upon certain streets," as follows:

Delete the following line from the table:

Name of Street	Side
Beach Road	Both

Shore Drive to Locust Street

Insert the following lines into the table:

Name of Street	Side
Beach Road	Both
Shore Drive to Locust Street	East

Street to a point 30 feet Northeastly

All documents, legally accessible, pertaining to this hearing(s) and Zoom information can be requested by email to councilclerk@town.winthrop.ma.us or calling 617-846-1852 x 1034.

Zoom information will also be available on the Town Website under the Calendar.

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Jess Graham, Protective Services Caseworker, and her mother Barbra Graham, both gave a \$1,000 donation each to Mystic Valley Elder Services through the Cummings Properties' Community Giving Program. Jess also works per diem at New Horizon Assisted Living in Woburn, which is owned by Cummings Properties. Barbra also works at New Horizons Assisted Living as the Director of Community Relations.

## Mother and daughter donate \$2,000 to MVES

Staff report

Cummings Properties recently donated \$2,000 to Mystic Valley Elder Services (MVES) through a unique giving program called Cummings Community Giving that honors colleagues, long-term clients, and other select associates of the Cummings organization by contributing \$1,000 to the local charity of their choice. Jessica Graham, Protective Services Caseworker at MVES, and her mother, Barbra Graham, completed the application and it was accepted, requesting the funds be donated to MVES as their non-profit of choice.

Along with working at MVES, Jessica also

works per diem at New Horizon Assisted Living in Woburn, which is owned by Cummings Properties. She has worked at New Horizon Assisted Living for 10 years. Barbra has also worked at New Horizons Assisted Living for 10 years as Director of Community Relations. Cummings Properties employees who have worked for Cummings for at least 5 years have the opportunity to participate in the program. This unique initiative is one of the many ways that "Cummings Builds Power Charities."

For more information, including the complete 2020 Cummings Community Giving recipient list, is available at [cumplings.com/ccg](http://cumplings.com/ccg).

## Winthrop Senior Center News

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## Governor Baker signs Health Care Legislation

Increases access to quality, affordable care, promotes telehealth, protects access to COVID testing and treatment

Staff report

Gov. Charles Baker has signed a comprehensive healthcare legislation that promotes key priorities initially included in the Administration's healthcare legislation filed in 2019.

The new law increases insurance coverage for telehealth services, expands the scope of practice for nurse practitioners, other specialized nurses, and optometrists, and takes steps to protect consumers from surprise medical bills. Recognizing the continuing impacts of COVID-19, the law also extends requirements for all insurance carriers in Massachusetts to cover COVID-19 testing and treatment.

The legislation signed contains several priorities initially included in the Baker-Polito Administration's healthcare legislation, which was introduced in the fall of 2019, including requiring coverage of telehealth services and expanding the scope of practice for Advanced Practice Nurses. The legislation also extends, and in some instances codifies, critical measures taken through executive action throughout the pandemic to ensure timely access and coverage for COVID-19 treatment and services.

In addition to the provisions enacted, the recently signed Fiscal Year 2021 budget includes several provisions that

correspond to proposals initially introduced in the Administration's healthcare legislation. These proposals require all Massachusetts insurers to use a standard credentialing form, and prohibit additional costs for same-day billing for multiple primary care and behavioral health visits.

The key provisions of the new law include:

- Requiring coverage of telehealth services including behavioral healthcare
- Expanding Scope of Practice for Advanced Practice Nurses and Optometrists
- Increasing disclosures around provider costs and network status to protect consumers from surprise medical bills.
- Removing barriers to urgent care centers for MassHealth members.
- Extending insurance coverage and access to COVID-19 testing and treatment.
- Directing a study and report of the impacts of COVID-19 on the health care system.

"Massachusetts has long been a leader in ensuring health care quality and access and with this new law, we are making further progress in building a strong, accessible and affordable health-care system, a goal that is more important now than ever," said Gov. Charlie Baker. "I am proud to sign this legislation which promotes telehealth services that have become vital during this pandemic, expands access to high-quality, affordable care, takes steps to protect consumers from surprise medical bills, and preserves access to COVID-19 testing and treatment. We look forward to working with our partners in the Legislature and the health care community to build on these reforms in the future."

Key provisions of the law signed today include:

- Strengthening Telehealth Coverage: At the start of the COVID-19 public health emergency, the Baker-Polito Administration, through emergency order, required

insurers to immediately cover telehealth to ensure the continuity of services remotely when it was not safe to do so in person. This led to a rapid shift to remote delivery and significant uptake in telehealth services. The legislation builds on these emergency flexibilities, and requires coverage parity for telehealth services and implements permanent telehealth rate parity for behavioral health services. Additionally, it requires rate parity for telehealth coverage for primary care and chronic disease management services for two years, and rate parity for all services for 90 days past the state of emergency.

- Expanding Scope of Practice: During the public health emergency, the Administration implemented emergency orders to increase health care system capacity, including temporarily expanding the scope of practice for several types of practitioners, and streamlining licensure requirements before independent practice. The new law makes permanent certain measures to expand scope of practice for nurse practitioners, nurse anesthetists, psychiatric nurse mental health specialists and optometrists.
- Taking Steps to Address Surprise Billing: The new legislation takes steps to protect consumers from surprise bills, including a provision that requires providers to notify patients in advance as to whether a procedure is in or out of network. Additionally, it directs the Secretary of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services to work with the Health Policy Commission, Center for Health Information and Analytics, and Division of Insurance to recommend a default rate for out of network billing by September of 2021.
- Increasing Access to Urgent Care for MassHealth Members: Retail clinics and urgent care centers provide important access points to healthcare beyond the traditional hours and sites of physician offices, community health centers, and hospitals. This legislation takes several steps to increase MassHealth member access to urgent care sites, including eliminating referral requirements before urgent care visits and requirements for care coordination with the member's primary care physician.
- COVID-19 Related Provisions: The bill extends requirements for insurers in Massachusetts to cover COVID-19 testing and treatment. Under this legislation, insurers including MassHealth, are required to cover all COVID-19 related emergency, inpatient, and cognitive rehab services. Additionally, coverage is required for medically necessary outpatient COVID-19 testing, including for asymptomatic individuals under specific circumstances outlined by the Secretary of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services. The legislation also directs the Health Policy Commission and Center for Health Information and Analytics to analyze and report on the effect of COVID-19 on healthcare accessibility, quality and fiscal sustainability in both the short and long term, as well as those effects on long-term policy considerations, including an examination of existing healthcare disparities due to economic, geographic, racial or other factors.

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