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LADY VIKINGS OPEN SEASON WITH CRUSHING VICTORY OVER GLOUCESTER



HIGH GROUND: Caroline Earl gets above the defense and lofts a shot for a pair of her game-high 16 points. The Winthrop Lady Vikings defeated the Gloucester Fishermen 56-22. See more photos on Page 8.

Covid cases in Winthrop continue to climb

As of Tuesday, Jan. 12, the Massachusetts Department of Public Health has notified Town officials of one hundred and twenty-six (126) additional confirmed positive cases of the virus in Winthrop since January 5. These bring the new total case number up to 1,530 cases with 33

deceased, 155 in isolation and 1,342 recovered.

Testing is still being offered at the McKenna Basketball Courts. The schedule is as follows for the rest of this week:

Winthrop
#Stopthespread
COVID testing Schedule
Thursday Jan. 14: 9

a.m. – 1 p.m. (walk up)
Friday Jan. 15: 9 a.m. –
1 p.m. (drive thru)
Indoor testing information will be announced when details have been finalized with the State DPH.

Residents are strongly

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State Rep. Race Highlight: Looking at the Candidates

Turco looks to deep seeded Revere and Winthrop roots in bid for DeLeo seat

By Melissa Moore-Randall

When House Speaker Robert DeLeo announced his retirement from the Massachusetts House of Representatives, Jeff Turco looked at his own background, experience and belief in the nobility of public service. Tur-

co used this as a catalyst for his decision to run for State Representative in the 19th Suffolk District of Winthrop and sections of Revere.

Turco, who grew up in Revere and currently resides in Winthrop, spoke highly of the man whose office he hopes to take

over. "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 commitment to

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Boncore praises Town workers for fighting COVID

By Laura Plummer

On Jan. 5, the Winthrop Town Council convened remotely for its first meeting of 2021, where it heard updates impacting the community.

State of the Town Address

Council President Phil Boncore opened the meeting with his annual State of the Town Address, in which he summarized the town's achievements of the past year.

Unsurprisingly, the bulk of his address had to do with how the town con-

fronted an unprecedented health crisis. He applauded the efforts of municipal workers in combating the pandemic and the continuity of services provided to the community. His full speech is available on the Town Council web page.

COVID Update

DPH Director Meredith Hurley delivered her usual public health update. As of Jan. 5, Winthrop had 1,404 confirmed cases of the virus, with 32 deceased and 143 in isolation. Winthrop remains a high-risk com-

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FIGHTING COVID ONE VACCINE AT A TIME



Michelle Cataldo Favaloro, PMHNP Director of Nursing at NSMHA, receives her COVID-19 vaccine.

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WINTHROP POLICE BLOTTER

MONDAY, DEC. 28
1122: An officer assisted with traffic control at the COVID testing site at the E.B. Newton School.
1538: A Governor's Drive resident came to the station to report that four of her packages had been taken from the entryway of her building.
1619: A Pleasant St. resident reported that his motor vehicle (MV) had been struck, causing minor damage, while it was parked and orange paint (presumably from the other vehicle) had been left on his vehicle.

TUESDAY, DEC. 29
0831: An officer assisted the parties at a minor motor vehicle accident (MVA) in the parking area of the Mobil Mart on Main St. with the exchange of papers.
0846: An officer responded to a report of two men fighting outside of a business on Putnam St. The officer spoke to both men and neither wanted to pursue charges.
1057: An officer went to Revere to execute an arrest warrant. The officer arrested a 35 year-old

Winthrop man on the outstanding warrant.
1844: An officer responded to a report of a MV blocking a driveway on Revere St. The officer spoke to the owner of the MV, who moved his vehicle.
2323: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Revere St. at Governor's Drive for the civil infractions of speeding and a red light violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 30
1203: A caller reported that two persons in a MV in the parking lot at Short Beach appear to be engaging in illegal drug activity. The officer who responded reported that the alleged suspects were elderly persons who were bird-watching.
1233: A Pleasant St. resident reported that her house had been egged. The officer spoke to the party.
1456: A Cliff Ave. resident reported that his MV, which he had left unlocked, had been rummaged through. However,

there was no damage and nothing was taken.
1559: A resident reported that persons were walking their dogs without leashes at Coughlin Playground and that his children almost were bit. The officer spoke to one person and directed him to put the dog on a leash.
1940: An officer responded to a report of a noise complaint involving residents at Governor's Park. The officer spoke to all parties and restored the peace.

THURSDAY, DEC. 31
0856: A Shore Drive resident reported that he found a firearm in the building while doing some renovations. An officer came to take control of the firearm and brought it to the station.
1225: An officer issued a parking ticket to a MV that was parked beyond the No Parking sign at Irwin and Shirley Sts.
1852: An officer stopped a MV at River Rd. and Thornton St. for a civil infraction and gave a verbal warning to the operator.
2046: An officer

stopped a MV on Revere St. for the civil infraction of a red light violation and gave a verbal warning to the operator.
2055: An officer directed a resident in the 500 block of Shirley St. to turn down her loud music by 10 p.m.
2128: An officer responded to a report of youths setting off fireworks at Massa Playground. The youths had left the area by the time an officer arrived.
2150: An officer dispersed persons in a MV from the parking lot at Hannaford Park.
2202: An officer stopped a MV on Revere St. for the civil infraction of illegal passing and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

took a taxi to East Boston.
0649: An officer responded to a report of loud music that had been playing all night from a house on Plummer Ave. An officer spoke to the person, who said she had fallen asleep, and she turned down her music.
1122: A person who said he was visiting with his family from No. Carolina reported that his car had been stolen from Veterans Rd. The officer filed a report.
1142: A person called the station to report witnessing a drug deal involving three males on Linden St. The officer filed a report.

SATURDAY, JAN 2
1145: An officer assisted with traffic control at the COVID testing site at the E.B. Newton School.
1306: A former resident who now lives in New Hampshire reported that her ATM card had been stolen while she was in Winthrop and now is being used fraudulently. The officer filed a report.
1818: A Cliff Ave. resident reported that two nights previously his un-

locked MV, which was parked in his driveway, had been rummaged through. However, there was no damage and nothing was taken.
2344: An officer directed persons playing music loudly at a Gov. Drive apartment to turn down the music.

COVID-19 //CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

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 household
 - Do not shake hands or hug
 - Wash your hands often
 - Those who are at a high risk for COVID-19,

including those over the age of 65 and with underlying health conditions, are advised to stay home and avoid non-essential tasks and errands

- Wear a mask in indoor and outdoor spaces at all times.

Face coverings should:

- Cover nose and mouth
- Fit snugly and comfortably against the side of the face

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

Stay Informed!

Town officials encourages everyone to

stay informed regarding COVID-19. The following websites are recommended for the most updated information:

Town of Winthrop COVID-19 resource page: WinthropCOVID19.com

Town of Winthrop Official Website: www.town.winthrop.ma.us

Massachusetts Department of Public Health:

www.mass.gov/covid-19

Massachusetts 2-1-1 general COVID-19 information: Click here or dial 2-1-1 (24/7)

United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: www.cdc.gov

The best way to contact the Public Health Department is by email at COVID19info@town.winthrop.ma.us.

News Briefs //CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Maroon 2020 permits expired on Thursday, December 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 per-

mit eligibility, please click here.

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:

As of January 1, 2021, Kelley & Ryan Associates will only support the following browsers for access:

- Microsoft Edge version 86.0.622.56 or higher
- Google Chrome
- Mozilla Firefox
- Safari

This change is necessary to allow them to continue to provide the highest level of protection to

their users. They are committed to providing the highest security standards of the payment processing industry for each and every online transaction that they process.

MVES ELECTS OFFICERS AND MEMBERS TO ITS BOARD

The Board of Directors of Mystic Valley Elder Services (MVES) elected four new officers to lead the company in the coming year including Charles Randall of Winthrop. The MVES Board of Directors is composed of 29 members all of whom represent the 11 communities that MVES serves. More than 50 percent of the board is age 60 or over and more than half are appointed by our area municipal Councils on Aging, ensuring that MVES is governed by



Charles Randall, newly elected Treasurer for MVES.

the people that the agency serves.

"Mystic Valley Elder Services is fortunate to have dedicated community members who are willing and able to serve our agency," said MVES Chief Executive Officer Daniel J. O'Leary. "The new officers, elected by their peers, will undoubtedly bring wisdom and energy to the agency and its initiatives."

The following individ-

uals were elected officers at the Annual Board of Directors meeting:

Janice T. Houghton of Stoneham has been elected President. Ms. Houghton has served on the Board of Directors at Mystic Valley Elder Services since 2009 and is the Chair of the Executive Committee. She is retired having recently served at Stoneham Bank as President and Chief Executive Officer for nearly 20 years. Ms. Houghton serves as a member of the Winchester Hospital Board and is Chair of the Town of Stoneham Retirement Board as well as Chair of StonehamBank.

Karen Rose of Medford has been elected Vice President. Ms. Rose has served on the Board of Directors at Mystic Valley Elder Services since 2011. She is Chair of the Board's Oversight and Planning Committee and is a member of the Board's Executive and Finance Committees as well as the Board liaison to the Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council at Mystic Valley. Ms. Rose recently retired after dual Director Responsibilities for 5 years as Director of Public Health, which she served for a total of 15 years, and Director of Elder Affairs in Medford.

Charles Randall of Winthrop has been elected Treasurer. Mr. Randall has served on the Board of Directors at Mystic Valley Elder Services since 2015 and is the Chair of the Board's Finance Committee and a member of the Executive Committee. He is a SHINE volunteer in Winthrop and President of the Board of Community Action Programs Inter-City, Inc. (CAPIC). Mr. Randall is currently retired.

Attorney Brian Snell of Reading has been elected Clerk. Mr. Snell has served on the Board of Directors at Mystic Valley Elder Services since 2015 and serves as Clerk of the Agency. He is a member of the Board's Oversight and Planning Committee as well as the Executive and Nominating & Bylaws Committees. Attorney Snell has an established law firm in Reading specializing in Elder Law and Estate Planning. He has served as a member of Reading Town Meeting, various School Councils and as Chairman of the Council on Aging. Additionally, he acts as pro bono counsel to the Reading Knights of Columbus and serves as a member of the Board of the Reading Coalition for Prevention and Support (formerly known as RCASA).

WINTHROP MARKETPLACE

pass the time with new recipes!

CHICKEN AND ROOTS

INGREDIENTS:

4 chicken drumsticks

4 bone in chicken thighs

2 tablespoons olive oil, divided, or as needed

salt and ground black pepper to taste

4 russet potatoes, cut into 1-inch cubes

2 onions, cut into 1/4-inch rings

3 carrots, peeled and cut into 1/2-inch pieces

2 broccoli crowns cut up

4 cloves garlic

2 teaspoons of dried thyme

2 teaspoons of dried marjoram

Half teaspoon of rosemary

Half teaspoon of fennel seeds crushed

DIRECTIONS:

STEP 1

Preheat oven to 375 degrees F (190 degrees C).

STEP 2

Place chicken in a large roasting pan. Coat chicken with 1 tablespoon of olive oil; season with salt and pepper.

STEP 3

Bake in the preheated oven, about 30 minutes.

STEP 4

Combine potatoes, onions, carrots, broccoli crowns, garlic, salt, and pepper and dried herbs in a large bowl. Coat vegetables with the remaining 1 tablespoon olive oil.

STEP 5

Remove the chicken from the oven; stir the vegetables and herbes de Provence into the pan.

STEP 6

Continue baking until chicken is no longer pink at the bone and the juices run clear, about 30 minutes. An instant-read thermometer inserted near the bone should read 165 degrees F (74 degrees C).

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Gov. Baker holds bill signing for Patient First Health Care bill

Staff report

Gov. Charles Baker and Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito joined Secretary of Health and Human Services Marylou Sudders to participate in a ceremonial signing of S.2984, *An Act Promoting a Resilient Health Care System That Puts Patients First*.

Baker and Polito were also joined by Sen. Cindy Friedman, Sen. Julian Cyr, and Senate Minority Leader Bruce Tarr to participate in the ceremonial signing. Baker also acknowledged the work of Speaker of the House Ronald Mariano, Senate President Karen Spilka, and other legislators for

their work in advancing this comprehensive health care legislation. 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 cov-

er COVID-19 testing and treatment. In addition, the legislation takes several steps to increase MassHealth member access to urgent care sites, includ-

ing eliminating referral requirements before urgent care visits and requirements for care coordination with the member's primary care physician.

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munity with a 5.9 percent positive rate. The previous two weeks had seen 73 new cases for every 100,000 people.

Winthrop residents count for 67 percent of the individuals who have visited the town's Stop the Spread testing site. This program will be extended until March 31. Testing will be fully indoors by the third week of January, and will be available by appointment only. The location and date are to be determined.

Vaccines are already being administered in the state, with a priority on first responders, long term care facilities and healthcare workers. The general public may not have access to the vaccine until the summer. Town Manager Austin Faison also mentioned the "new aggressive variant" of the virus.

"This is going to be a hard time," he said.

Schools are open and Supt. Lisa Howard is making a presence at all locations. The School Committee voted 4-3 to hold their first meeting of February in person. The Council was likewise split on whether or not to resume in-person meetings. (See separate ar-

ticle in this issue.)

Committee Reports

The Finance Committee discussed the FY21 budget, the new position of town planner, and recommended to transfer \$20,000 from the Town Council reserves for pest control. Council voted to approve the transfer.

The Citizens Advisory Committee on Finance welcomed new members and elected Karin Chavis as its chairperson. The committee is "optimistic, ready and willing" to affect change.

The Public Safety Committee and the Capital Assets Committee held a joint meeting on Dec. 30 in which it evaluated new sites for the public safety building. The two sites being considered are the little league ballfield and the 7th hole of the golf course. Current occupants of these spaces object to their use. The matter was tabled until more exploration could be conducted.

The Public Safety Committee also discussed the idea of the town council resuming in-person meetings. Locations other than the Harvey Room at Town Hall were considered.

The Miller Field Committee and the School

Building Assistance Committee met to discuss the future of the tennis court project. The project will include four new courts, improved drainage, improved intersections, safer sidewalks, and additional parking. It should be completed by mid-June.

Other Updates

The council unanimously appointed Council Peter Christopher as the new Council Vice President.

The Town Council authorized Town Manager Faison to sign the North Suffolk Resilience & Sustainability Agreement, which will allow it to collaborate with neighboring towns and cities in its efforts to produce more environmentally friendly development.

The town has made an offer to an individual for the newly created position of Town Planner.

There are immediate openings on the following committees: the Airport Hazards Committee, Commission for Diversity, Inclusion and Community Relations, and the Winthrop Planning Board. In addition, Winthrop Public Schools is hiring for numerous positions.

Council divided over in-person meetings

By Laura Plummer

The Winthrop Town Council met on Jan. 5 for its first meeting of the new year. A motion on the agenda asked the town manager to develop a plan that would allow the body to resume in-person meetings when deemed safe to do so by health experts.

Councilor DeMarco voiced his support of the motion, citing that if it's safe enough for children to return to school, then it should be safe enough to convene in person. At last week's meeting, he added that he'd like to work toward meeting physically on Feb. 2.

Council Vice President James Letterie agreed with resuming in-person sessions as soon as possible. Councilors would always have the option of attending virtually.

"We just asked kids and staff to go back to school and they've done an incredible job," he said. "It's hard to ask a six year old to do something we're not willing to do."

"I feel perfectly safe," he continued. "We should get it done."

However, some councilors balked at the idea of having a timeline.

Councilwoman Barbara Flockhart noted that children were sent back to school because studies bore out that they were suffering academically at

home.

"Council is functioning perfectly fine," she said. "It seems unreasonable to take an additional risk to return early to in-person meetings."

"School and council are two very different things," said Councilor Peter Christopher. "I can't think of anything that has hindered my participation by being on Zoom."

He added that managing a meeting in which some attend in person and some attend on Zoom would be "logistically much more difficult to manage."

Councilor Stephen Ruggiero said he didn't know "what the benefit to the public would be."

In fact, some feared that a switch away from Zoom would actually hurt the community, aside from the obvious risk of exposing them to the virus. Four callers urged council to persist with remote meetings.

"I've never listened to more meetings in my entire adult life since this pandemic, so I hope you continue with Zoom," said resident Colleen Murphy.

"I've never seen so many people so active and participating in local government," said Wendy Millar Page. "The amount of participation is because of Zoom."

"You're going to lose a lot of people," said first-time caller Jenn from Pre-

cinct 6. "For people to be involved and heard, this is a much better route."

Jenn also cited the town money that would be "wasted" on electricity, heat, internet and other resources required to host a group in a building.

"We should be looking for ways to save money, not spend money," she said. "Whether you all sit in one building is irrelevant."

"Going back in person right now seems foolish and pointless," said Resident Heather Graziani, adding that there should always be a remote participation option even when in-person meetings resume.

"Having small children, there's no way I could make it to a meeting," she said.

Councilor Letterie admitted that the surge in public participation seen over the past year is likely due individuals becoming more accustomed to virtual meetings, and said he would like both councilors and the public to be able to attend meetings virtually.

Town Manager Austin Faison reminded the council that state-mandated limits on indoor gatherings will govern how many people can assemble for the council meetings.

When put up for a vote, council voted unanimously to approve the motion.

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OUR Opinions

THANK YOU, SGT. JUDY RACOW

Amidst all of the commotion in the world of the past few weeks, we wish to acknowledge the recent retirement and outstanding career of long-time Winthrop Police Sergeant Judy Racow.

It’s hard to believe that it was more than 27 years ago that Judy Racow joined the Winthrop P.D. Time flies!

Shortly after Sgt. Racow joined the local police force, she often went undercover for drug investigations, one of the most dangerous assignments for any police officer.

Her harrowing experience in 1995, when a drug suspect tried to kidnap her and she struggled with the suspect and ultimately assisted with his arrest, earned her the highest medal that can be bestowed upon a Massachusetts police officer, the Trooper George L. Hanna Memorial Award for Bravery.

Upon receiving the award, Sgt. Racow said, “I was faced with a scary situation, the one where every officer battles with the question of whether or not they will be going home that night. You’re scared and emotionally upset, but then you do it all over again. It was a bad situation. I went home that night, and the bad guy went to jail. It’s an honor to receive this dedication in the name of all law enforcement officers, not only for the town of Winthrop, but as a whole nationwide for the work we do.”

She is the only officer from Winthrop and one of only 19 women to be the recipient of the Hanna Award since its inception in the 1980s.

Sgt. Racow, who was the first-ever female detective for the Winthrop P.D., received numerous other commendations and awards for bravery and actions beyond the call of duty. She received the Narcotics Enforcement Officers Award in 1996 from the New England Narcotic Officers Association. She also received the local department’s community service award in 1996, having organized the Winthrop Police Department holiday toy drive for many years.

Most recently in November, 2019, The Horses and Heroes Foundation donated a horse to The United States Park Police in her name as a living memorial for her act of bravery in 1995.

Judy Racow (who, we should note, is a military veteran who served in Operation Iraqi Freedom) epitomized the no-nonsense, straightforward police officer who brought to mind the Jack Webb character in the TV show Dragnet, “Just the facts, ma’am.”

Judy Racow served the people of our town with distinction, integrity, and professionalism during her entire tenure with the Winthrop Police Department.

We know we join with all of our fellow residents in thanking Judy for her years of dedicated service and in wishing her the best in her retirement years.

WE MUST NEVER FORGET THE LEGACY OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

As we were watching on TV the dramatic events unfold in Washington last week when the Trump Mob stormed the Capitol, threatening the lives of the Vice President, members of Congress, and the police who tried to hold them back (and actually murdering one of the members of the Capitol Police), the image of a gathering 58 years earlier in August, 1963, illuminated our mind’s eye.

We are referring to the March on Washington, when more than 250,000 Americans from all across the country gathered at the Lincoln Memorial on a steamy summer day to demand “jobs and freedom,” an event that was climaxed by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.’s immortal “I Have a Dream” speech.

The March on Washington was famous not only for Dr. King’s iconic words, but also because the unprecedented mass gathering of Americans was completely peaceful. Pundits and others had predicted rioting, but there were no arrests, no incidents, no violence -- a stark contrast to the events of last Wednesday perpetrated by Trump’s Mob.

The March on Washington and Dr. King’s subsequent peaceful protests galvanized support for the goals of “jobs and freedom,” eventually resulting in laws such as the Voting Rights Act and the Civil Rights Act that ended segregation in the South and discrimination in the North.

We would note that even the best efforts of a revered figure such as Dr. King could not stem the tide of violent rioting that marked the 1960s, most notably Watts in 1965, Detroit in 1967, and Chicago in 1968.

Yet Dr. King’s legacy of peaceful protest is what endures today.

For those of us old enough to remember the 1960s, it’s hard to believe that it has been almost 53 years since Dr. King was assassinated while he was standing on a balcony in a motel room in Memphis. Dr. King was in Memphis to show his solidarity with striking city trash collection workers.

Every school child for the past generation knows well the story of Dr. Martin Luther King. But an elementary school textbook cannot truly convey the extent to which he brought about real change in our country. To anyone under the age of 50, Dr. King is just another historical figure.

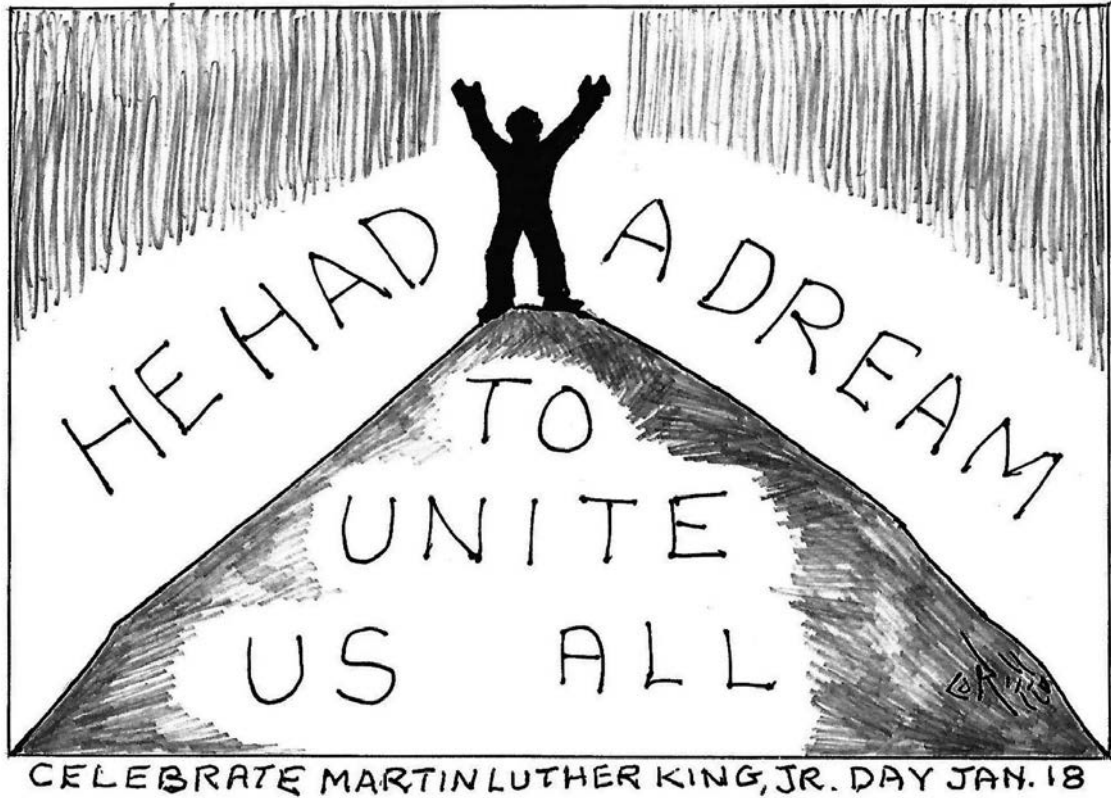
But for those of us who can recall the 1960s, a time when racial segregation was lawful throughout half of our country and a stealthy racism prevailed throughout the other half, Martin Luther King stands out as one of the great leaders in American history, a man whose stirring words and perseverance to his cause changed forever the historical trajectory of race relations in America, a subject that some historians refer to as the Original Sin of the American experience.

However, as much as things have changed for the better in the past 53 years in terms of racial equality in our society, the events of last Wednesday also made it clear that we still have a long way to go before it can be said, as Dr. King put it in his speech at the Lincoln Memorial in 1963: “I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character.”

“What would Dr. Martin Luther King do if he were alive today?” we often ask ourselves. We can’t say for sure, but we do know that although King accomplished much in his lifetime, he would be the first to understand that the work for which he gave his life still is far from done.

Dr. King advocated for non-violent protest and he practiced what he preached. That’s a lesson that must be re-learned by each succeeding generation. We can only hope that his spirit and courage can continue to inspire this and future generations to bring about a world in which all persons are treated with fairness, dignity, and respect.

Forum



LETTER to the Editor

“CAN’T DO THAT”
Dear Editor,

I am writing to try to help our “Younger Generation” to understand “The Elderly.” Soon it will be a year since this deadly virus ravaged our lives. My wife and I were regularly going to the community center gym. Now, “Can’t Do That” – A visit to the Casino – Now, “Can’t Do That” – Go see a movie at the Revere cinema – Now, “Can’t Do That” – To dinner with friends – Now, “Can’t Do That” – Hug your kids/grandkids – Now, “Can’t Do That”...

I don’t believe that I have to go on any further. Everyone has been through these situations. However, talk with your Dad/Mom, Grandpar-

ents, Aunt or Uncle or Elderly Friend and ask them how they feel. Perhaps, I’m different. I just lost ONE year of whatever time remaining (80+ and counting). I’ve had the personal experience of family members being affected by both aspects of the virus – physically/mentally (thankfully recovered). I read and see the daily reports in the media – 1,000’s infected; 1000’s dead! I am aware that the average age of those dying (80); those hospitalized (70+).

I guess what I’m attempting to explain is that it is much harder to tell “The Elderly”, “Can’t Do That” due to the fact we have been “Doing it” for such a long time and don’t know how

much longer that we can “Do it!” Hopefully, when the rightfully deserved first responders, health care workers, long term care facility residents, and us, “The Elderly”, and all others receive the vaccine, our lives will have some normalcy.

Once again, I do ask that Seniors/handicapped have provisions/accommodations available to them for testing. I read that there will be no time set aside at Pope John High School. All testing is to be done at the Recreation Center. Certainly, provisions/accommodations can be available inside for Seniors/handicapped. There already is at least one large

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GUEST OP-ED

Please stop the violence

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

Acts of violence against a marriage partner have never saved a marriage. Violent acts toward family members have never made a family happier. Typically, they create emotional and sometimes physical wounds that are never forgotten. Too many families have suffered because someone in the family became violent.

Violence in our communities and towns always results in pain, division and sometimes even loss of life. Violence typically brings the wrong people together to do bad things. No community, city or state needs this.

In times of war or enemy aggression against our United States, violence has been necessary. Acts of war have never been pleasant. They result in the loss of life and horrific debilitation of so many people physically and mentally. Most Americans do not want to be at war with anyone.

In years past, we have had to protect our country against those who sought to harm us. The Second Amendment gives Americans the right to bear arms and protect ourselves. We are grateful for our military but we pray for peace. None of us want our family members actively involved in combat if it can be avoided.

Violence like we saw last week at the United States Capitol was criminal. It helped no one. It solved nothing. Everyone who traveled to hear President Trump speak should have bought a nice dinner in D.C. and then traveled back to their families. Unlawfully entering the

Capitol was wrong and was carried out in a violent criminal way. People were killed. Offices were torn apart and doors broken down. Staffers were terrified for their lives. This should never have happened. Many of these criminals will eventually be arrested and spend time in jail.

This act of criminal stupidity did nothing to advance or help President Trump. If they had stopped in front of the Capitol and given speeches, yelled, screamed, waved their signs throughout the day and then gone home the results would have been better. Terrorism never produces positive results. Destruction of the property of others and the terrorism of people are savage and criminal.

This same kind of unnecessary violence was seen in many of our cities last summer. I traveled to Cleveland, Ohio after a march had taken place and saw the results of acts of violence. I saw almost all of downtown Cleveland boarded up. Businesses were closed. Hotels were closed. Very few restaurants were open. For weeks my family was afraid to stop in downtown Louisville because of the protests and disruption occurring in the city.

In the United States of America, individuals,

groups and organizations have the absolute right to march, protest and exercise their free speech. However, the destruction of buildings and businesses are acts of violence and are criminal. The people who shut down sections of cities throughout our country should be arrested for their behavior. An acquaintance, who lived outside Seattle for many years, was terrified to travel back to that city last year.

Violence against Democrats or Republicans will not bring this country back together. Invasion and violence against the Capitol solved nothing but ruined some lives. Violence will not change the results of the election. Joe Biden will be the President of the United States for the next four years.

March, protest, yell, scream and financially support organizations who promote your point of view. But please, put your guns, pipe bombs and hatred away.

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Winthrop Improvement and Historical Association

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ARTICLE 951 - FOOTPATH ACCESS TO NARROW GAUGE RAILROAD STATIONS



As our peninsula developed from a few farms into an active seaside resort community, roads were laid out and the Narrow Gauge Railroad was established to provide transportation for the residents and visiting vacationers. It was in 1875 that the Ocean Spray area, along what is now Shore Drive, began to have summer cottages constructed. This was followed in 1883 by the Highlands and Cottage Hill subdivision activities and in the early 1890's Court Park joined in the development of new home sites. As the above named subdivisions were laid out, public pathways/steps were included in the plot plans for three purposes. The first of such pathways were constructed to enable people to more easily walk from their homes to the nearest Train Station. The second group was designed to insure that residents in the area would always have free access to the water/beaches. The third group evolved as short cuts between streets so neighbors could drop by and visit one another. In almost all cases, the pathways were laid out and deeded to the Town as part of the initial subdivision plot plans prepared by the various developers or landowners. This is supported by the many town maps from 1876 to date that continue to show these public pathways. In addition to providing ready access to the trains and beaches, children used them as "secret trails" to school and residents, who liked to walk to the local stores found them to be a scenic diversion as they strolled out to patronize the Winthrop merchants. One or two of these trails, all owned by the town, have been encroached upon by abutters resulting in neighbors taking action to retain access rights to the water. If you know of any such paths, consider reporting them to the local authorities so they can be reopened for public use. This article will address the first group of 6 pathways that reduced the walk to our various Train Stations. The rest will be the subject of future articles.

1. Quincy Path/Steps - (built 1887 on Prospect Hill - see picture 1) Runs from 66 Quincy Avenue



down to Revere Street and then one could proceed on to the Highland Station.

2. Summit Avenue Path - (built 1887 on Floyd Hill - see picture 2) Runs from 74 Summit Avenue down to 67 Sagamore Avenue, then to 47 Hutchinson Avenue and finally opens out at 49 Crest Avenue across from the site of the Highland Station.

3. Buckthorn Path - (built ~ 1920 - see picture 3) Runs from Buckthorn Terrace to 59 Buchanan Street. This path gave easy access to the Center Station for the residents of the Beacon Villa Sanatorium/Rooming House and the neighboring homes.

4. Short Street Path - (built 1887 - see picture 4) Runs from 134 Hermon Street down steps and via Short Street to the Ingalls Station site on Walden Street.

5. Loring Path - (built 1891) Runs from 162 Court Road up 32 steps to 75 Loring Road where it intersects with Lowell Road for an easy walk to Pauline street and



the Center Station.

6. Green Hill Path - (laid out in 1883 to provide Cottage Hill residents access to the "Short Beach" station at what is now the Northern end of Yirrell Beach). This station only lasted until 1887 when the line around Water Tower Hill was shut down. It was then that the Narrow Gauge Railroad began operation and its new Beach Station at Delbys Corner was opened to serve those living on Cottage Hill. This path runs from 36 Cottage Avenue up to 52 Prospect Avenue, then on to 66 Harbor View Avenue and finally down to 102 Terrace Avenue.

All of these pathways are still useable but a few could use some realignment of their stone steps. Hopefully some of our readers will take the time to walk one or more of these charming pathways a number of which are being considered for possible inclusion into the "walking trails" being proposed for public use under a grant.



10 years ago January 14, 2011

The Viking Pride Foundation held a dedication ceremony for the new school buses that the organization has donated to the School Department for their use by Winthrop sports teams, students, and residents. Vincent Crossman, chairman of the non-profit group, presided over the event that was held at Miller Field. Crossman said the fleet consists of a brand new, top-of-the-line school bus that has been used daily since September on the intra-town transportation route; a new, multi-function school activity bus that is designed for use in co-curricular and town (seniors, Parks and Recreation Department) activities; and two used school buses. The Viking Pride Foundation's generous donation is expected to save the town hundreds of thousands of dollars in the years ahead.

As town emergency and public safety workers prepared for the next big snowstorm of the season on Tuesday evening, Police Chief Terrence Delehanty said that local police will be ticketing residents and businesses alike for failure to comply with the town's snow and ice removal by-law.

The Sun-Transcript writes that the tragic shootings in Tucson, Arizona this past Saturday served once again to remind us that the greatest threats to our nation's stability are not from our real or imagined enemies in far-off places, but rather from within our own borders. Congressman Gabrielle Giffords and a nine year-old girl were among those who were shot.

Season of the Witch, The Dilemma, and The Green Hornet are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

20 years ago January 11, 2001

A group of nine WHS students, all members of teacher Marilyn Fogg's sewing class, recently gathered for two hours after school to sew-up holes in new baby clothing that had been donated to the Infants and Toddlers Program at the Gregg House in Lynn through the Children's Law Center. The clothes are samples donated by large department stores, but as such they typically have small holes when presented to department store buyers.

A 17 year-old Winthrop youth has been charged with breaking & entering into an apartment on Beal St. He also was charged with slashing the two female tenants who surprised him when they arrived home. The defendant is well-known to police and was under supervision of the DYS at the time of the incident.

The Mass. Appeals Court has upheld the \$600,000 judgment, plus

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

attorney's fees, that was awarded by lower courts to Winthrop police officer Nancy Dalrymple, the first woman police officer in the history of the Winthrop P.D. when she was hired in 1982, in her two lawsuits against the town for gender discrimination. Selectmen Chairman Matt Lanza said the town will seek to appeal the case to the state Supreme Judicial Court. Dalrymple has prevailed at hearings before the MCAD, the Civil Service Commission, and before a Suffolk County jury. Among the damaging testimony in her case, Richard Bangs, a selectman at the time in 1989 and a friend of the Dalrymple family, had suggested to Dalrymple that she should not have wanted to participate in a drug raid because she had a baby at home. Two years later, then-Police Chief Angelo LaMonica assigned Dalrymple to desk duty when she was pregnant and ultimately dismissed her, a decision that was reversed by the Civil Service Commission.

Countless Winthrop children are enjoying the skating pond that has been constructed at Ingleside Park by the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Meet the Parents, What Women Want, and The Emperor's New Groove are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

30 years ago Jan. 9, 1991

Town Clerk Marie Turner has pulled nomination papers for the Board of Selectmen contest in the upcoming town election. She will be taking on incumbent Richard DiMento, who also has taken out his papers.

The selectmen approved a pay hike for Police Chief Angelo LaMonica from \$49,906 to \$50,388, but put off raises for the DPW Director and a police lieutenant.

Lionheart, Edward Scissorhands, and Dances With Wolves are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

30 years ago Jan. 14, 1981

School Department officials outlined for the School Committee the budget cuts that will be necessitated by the implementation of Prop. 2 and 1/2 for the coming fiscal year. Asst. School Supt. Peter Finn gave the grim news before a large crowd at the meeting: 36 teachers will be laid off, all sports and other extracurricular activities will be eliminated, the E.B. Newton School will be closed, and the hockey rink shut down.

Winthrop has been given a reprieve from the scheduled elimination of a subsidy from the MBTA to Rapid Transit Bus. Company after Gov. Edward J. King met with MBTA chairman Barry Locke. Rapid Transit has been told however, to cut back

on service and raise fares from 35 to 50 cents.

Ronald Vecchia, present chairman of the Conservation Commission and a member of the Board of Health, and Robert Noonan, a life-long resident and practicing attorney, have announced their candidacies for the Board of Selectmen.

The Playmakers have announced a casting call for their production of Equus.

The Police Department's annual report of statistics reveals that there were 263 arrests, 1012 summonses served, and 148 persons held in protective custody for drunkenness in 1980. The two highest categories for arrests were for operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor and disorderly conduct.

The semi-annual Viking Sale Days is underway with plenty of bargains for local shoppers in Winthrop stores.

40 years ago Jan. 13, 1971

Another Way, the local drug counseling center, received a \$12,500 grant last week from the state, one of 60 such grants throughout the Commonwealth.

State Senator Mario Umana has been selected the Senate Majority Leader by Senate President Kevin Harrington, marking the first time that a senator from this district has attained such a lofty position.

The Jaycees have named Larry Larsen as the recipient of the annual Distinguished Service Award that will be presented at a dinner to be held at the local Knights of Columbus.

Local shoppers will be flocking to Winthrop stores for the semi-annual Viking Dollar Days.

The Boys in the Band is playing at the Winthrop Cinema.

60 years ago Jan. 12, 1961

The long-simmering pot of local politics was moved to the front of the stove this week with the acquisition of nomination papers for local office by nearly a score of present and prospective officeholders for the March town election.

Fred G. Soper has been named the chairman of the local March of Dimes campaign for the 10th consecutive year.

The now-controversial subject of the town's school building plans will be aired at a public meeting to be held Jan. 25 in Memorial Auditorium.

The Winthrop Redevelopment Authority has been notified that it has received authorization for \$1,480,000 in federal funds for financing a General Neighborhood Renewal Project. The authority has named G. Jerry Carlz as its Executive Director.

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bench inside. Chairs can be brought from the Armory - proper Social Distance to allow Seniors/handicapped to wait inside. My wife & sister-in-law twice had to wait outside in inclement weather for testing -

"Can't Do That"!!! Also, please when "The Elderly" are safely vaccinated allow "US" to go back to the gym, restaurants, and cinema - We "can do that"!

Thank you for listening to one of "The Elder-

ly". Stay in touch with "Us". Visit/call Mom/Dad, Grandparents, Aunt/Uncle, Old Friend, Neighbor. Good health to all.

Sincerely,
Bob Sansone

The Race is on for 19th Suffolk District

Jaramillo formally announces campaign for State Representative

Juan, a former ICU Janitor at Mass General Hospital, intern for Speaker DeLeo, and Budget Director for State Senator Joe Boncore has already raised \$20,000 towards the effort.

“I will come to the House of Representatives with years of experience, as a state house Budget Director I helped secure millions of dollars for housing, public transportation, and health care for the residents of Revere and Winthrop. I am rolling up my sleeves and running for State Representative to put that experience to work for the residents of this district. I know that together, we can recover from COVID-19, and ensure that we continue to have the strong leadership that Winthrop and Revere deserve,” said Jaramillo.

Juan Jaramillo, an immigrant, is the son of hard-working parents who came to America escaping violence. His mother nearly lost her life after receiving death threats from drug cartels. Juan grew up in a working-class family, with both of his parents working 80 hour weeks as janitors to provide for the family. Juan joined them, cleaning ICU beds at Mass General to pay his way through college.

“During the Boston Marathon Bombing, Juan was an integral part of our healthcare team. No one worked harder to ensure that front line workers like me, had all the resources and cleanliness necessary to provide quality care for victims,” said Paula Restrepo, an ICU nurse, and Winthrop resident. She adds that



Juan next to his fiancée Crystal and 15-week Cece at Yirrell Beach.

she trusts that Juan will “work just as hard to deliver for her hometown as State Representative.”

“When we came to America, Revere welcomed my family with open arms,” Jaramillo added. “My parents worked countless hours but despite that, they instilled in me the value of public service. Because of their sacrifices, I was able to go from cleaning ICU beds to interning with Speaker DeLeo, to serving as Budget Director for Senator Joe Boncore.”

When asked why he is supporting Juan Jaramillo, Ed Deveau, longtime volunteer and participant of many Revere community groups, said “from his younger years just out of High School through the current day, Juan has always been grounded in his pursuit to do what he can to make Revere a better place for all its residents. His experience at the State House, as an aide to Senator Boncore and his ability to connect with and understand the needs of all people within his district, are why he is the candidate that I am supporting in the upcoming primary.”

Since high school, Juan has worked as a mentor for young people, serving as a Big Brother in the Big Brother Big Sister program and as Program Director for Revere Youth in Action. Currently, Juan mentors youth as a Pop Warner football coach and represents front-line union workers fighting COVID-19 at SEIU, Local 32BJ.

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December state revenue collections total \$2.8 billion

Staff report

Massachusetts Department of Revenue (DOR) Commissioner Geoffrey Snyder announced that December revenue collections totaled \$2.842 billion, which was \$230 million or 8.8 percent more than the actual collections in December 2019.

FY2021 year-to-date collections totaled approximately \$14.306 billion, which is \$372 million or 2.7% more than collections in the same period of FY2020.

“December revenue included increases in corporate and business taxes, withholding, and regular sales tax, as well as decreases in meals tax and ‘all other’ tax,” said Snyder. “The increase in withholding reflects increases in unemployment insurance benefits and the increase in corporate and business taxes is partly attributable to one-time business restructuring events and timing factors such as changes to corporate estimated payment installment patterns. DOR will continue to monitor revenue collections closely in the coming months.”

In general, December is a significant month for revenues because many corporate and business taxpayers are required to make quarterly estimated payments.

In addition, quarterly income estimated payments could also begin to come in (income estimated payments are due by Jan. 15). December generally produces about 9.5 percent of annual revenue, making December the fifth largest revenue month of the year.

Similar to prior months, collections in December reflected the impact of filing and payment due date extensions for regular sales, meals, and room occupancy taxes. The due date for these tax types has been extended several times this year for certain businesses. The most recent extension was announced on Sept. 15, 2020. With this extension, returns and payments of these taxes for certain small businesses originally due during the period beginning March 2020 through April 2021 will instead be due in May 2021.

Officials noted that December revenues continued to reflect the impact of COVID-19 on the tax base. Also noted was that DOR has finalized the monthly benchmarks for the January to June 2021 period based on the revised FY21 tax revenue estimate of \$28.390 billion, not including \$50 million in settlements and judgments estimated to be certified in FY21. The benchmarks will be posted on the DOR website.

Details:

Preliminary December Revenue Collections

- Income tax collections for December were \$1.477 billion, \$44 million or 3.1 percent more than December 2019.
- Withholding tax collections for December totaled \$1.306 billion, \$44 million more than December 2019.
- Income tax estimated payments totaled \$138 million for December, \$4 million less than December 2019.
- Income tax returns and bills totaled \$41 million for December, \$6 million more than December 2019.
- Income tax cash refunds in December totaled \$8 million in outflows, \$1 million more outflow than December 2019.
- Sales and use tax collections for December totaled \$581 million, \$9 million less than December 2019.
- Corporate and business tax collections, including corporate estimated payments, for December totaled \$589 million, \$201 million more than December 2019.
- “Other tax” collections for December totaled \$195 million, \$6 million less than December 2019.

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our communities.”

Turco hopes his election to the 19th Suffolk District seat will make the community and world a better place for his six children. “I have been blessed as a husband and father of six young children, and I believe I have a duty to try and serve our community so they grow up in a world which is better than the one I grew up in.” Currently, Jeff 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. Their children attend Malden Catholic High School and the Immaculate Conception School, where Jeff has served on the Immaculate Conception School Advisory Board for the past 7 years.

Turco has deep seeded Revere and Winthrop roots. Growing up on Reservoir Avenue, he was one of seven siblings from a classic family of what he called “his, hers, them and ours”. After attending the former McKinley School from grades kindergar-

ten through 8th grade, he attended Northeast Regional Vocational School before transferring to and graduating from Malden Catholic High School in 1989. A graduate of the UMass-Amherst where he earned a Bachelor’s Degree in History, Turco would go on to attend Quinnipiac University School of Law in Connecticut where he graduated with honors. While at Quinnipiac, he was also part of the Connecticut Probate Law Journal and attended an intensive international law program at Trinity College in Dublin, Ireland.

Presently an attorney in Chelsea, Turco thinks he is the best successor for DeLeo’s seat on Beacon Hill. “I am the only candidate in the race with deep ties to both Revere and Winthrop. For the first 33 years of my life, I lived and was raised in Revere. For the last 16 years, I chose Winthrop as the place to have and raise my family. We attend St. John the Evangelist Parish in Winthrop. My children are involved in youth

sports in Winthrop. My children attend Immaculate Conception School in Revere and are very involved with the programs at Revere Parks and Recreation. I have been honored to serve on the Board of the Revere Beach Partnership as a Director of the McCarthy-Trifone Recreation Committee and more recently the Winthrop Foundation. I believe my combined experience in local government, the Massachusetts House and Senate as well as an administrator of a large state agency gives me a breadth of experience that is tough to match. This coupled with my community involvement in both Winthrop and Revere have placed me in a position to understand the issues that affect our communities.”

Turco’s experience at the state level started as a Massachusetts House of Representatives page assigned to the late Representative William G. Reinstein. He also served several terms as the elected representative to the Democratic State Committee representing Re-

vere and Winthrop at the Democratic State Party. In addition, he was the Chief of Staff for Senator Guy Glodis, where he worked on election law, insurance law and the Commonwealth's post 9/11 response creating the first ever State Director of Homeland Security.

Turco’s resume includes experience in law enforcement as well. Jeff was the Special Sheriff and Superintendent of the Worcester County Sheriff’s Office and was appointed a Special Assistant Attorney General representing the agency. He led the successful effort to obtain national accreditation for the first time in the institution's history.

Turco sees the recent reform related to public safety services as a priority if elected to DeLeo’s seat. “I support accountability and reform in our public safety services at the same time, I will always have the backs of the brave men and women of our public safety community. I believe the recent reform will have dangerous, unintended conse-



9th Suffolk District State Representative candidate Jeff Turco and his family.

quences for our schools and our communities by limiting critical information sharing that the law enforcement community took decades to build.”

Another priority would be legislation related to substance abuse. “There is not a family in this district that has not been affected by mental health and substance use disorders. I will make it a top priority of my service to work to transform the Commonwealth's efforts in this area. We need a holistic approach so that people are not left without hope and families have the support necessary to help them through the difficult times.”

When asked what legislation DeLeo enacted that he wanted to continue to lobby for if elected, Turco noted the need for increased funding for education. “Bob DeLeo has been a fighter for increased funding for education. Education is the great equalizer for people from all walks of life. I look forward to continuing to fight to increase funding for education which also increases accountability.”

The primary for DeLeo’s seat is slated for March 2 with a special election set for March 30. For more information about Turco’s campaign you may visit his website turcoforrep.com.

Capobianco receives sixty-seven early endorsements in bid for representative

Special to the Transcript

Valentino Capobianco, candidate for State Representative in the 19th Suffolk District, announced sixty-seven endorsements from Revere, Winthrop, and around the Commonwealth. These endorsements showcase the outpouring of support for Capobianco’s campaign.

The list includes elected officials from Winthrop and Revere, such as Councilor at Large Rob DeMarco (Winthrop) and Fmr. City Councilor John Correggio (Revere) and local community leaders like Donna Reilly, Jason Griffin, and Bettie Dalton. Other elected officials backing Capobianco include State Senator Paul Feeney, Suffolk County Clerk of Courts Maura Hennigan, Governor’s Councilor Terrence Kennedy, and Suffolk County Register of Deeds Stephen Murphy.

Liberal activists accros Massachusetts politics are also throwing their support behind Capobianco, including Jackie Ryan, the first openly transgender elected official in Massachusetts, Deb Kozkikowski, the Massachusetts Democratic Party Vice Chair, and Kate Donaghue , a member of the Democratic State Committee and vaunted door-to-door canvassing enthusiast. In total, Capobianco received the endorsement of forty-three current and former members of the Massachusetts Democratic State Committee.

Capobianco has also notably earned the support of organized labor, having won the endorsement of Shore Educational Collaborative’s Union (LEA Professional Association Local 0394), Transport Workers Local 2054, and the Office and Professional Employees International Union (OPEIU) Local 453, both of which represent numerous members that reside in the 19th Suffolk District.

Regarding the endorsements, Capobianco issued the following statement: “I am honored to have the support of so many community leaders, activists, and labor organizations at this stage in my campaign - including a number of people I had the pleasure of



Candidate for State Representative Valentino Capobianco.

working with in local government, state government, and on the Democratic Party’s State Committee. They know my record of service, they know my values, and they know that I will be ready for the job on day one. I am truly grateful to have the opportunity to fight alongside them for better public schools, relief for small businesses and workers, and quality, affordable healthcare.”

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 former House Speaker Robert 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.

The full list of endorsements is as follows:

Councilor Rob DeMarco, Winthrop Councilor At Large

Julie Demarco-Barry, Winthrop School Committee Member

Suzanne Swope, Winthrop School Committee Member

Fred Silck, Winthrop Housing Authority

Tom Reilly, Former Winthrop Town Council President

Ron Vecchia, Former Winthrop Town Council President

Hal Abrams, Former Revere School Committee Member

John R. Correggio, For-

mer Revere City Councilor At-Large

Donna Segreti-Reilly, Former Winthrop School Committee Member

Marilyn Petitto Devaney, Governor's Council District 3

Eileen Duff, Governor's Council District 5

Terrance Kennedy, Governor's Council District 6

Maura A. Hennigan, Suffolk County Clerk of Courts, Former Boston City Councilor

Stephen J. Murphy, Suffolk County Register of Deeds

Karen Cosmas, Executive Director, March Forward Massachusetts

Bettie Dalton, Exalted Ruler, Winthrop Lodge of Elks #1078

Jason Griffin, Host of Down 4 The Cause Podcast & Winthrop High School Boys

Basketball Assistant Coach

Tajah Thomas, Winthrop Community Activist

State Senator Paul Feeney, State Senator, Bristol and Norfolk District

State Senator Edward Kennedy, State Senator First Middlesex District & Democratic State Committee Member

Shelly MacNeil, Stoneham Selectboard

Hanna Switekowski, Sharon Selectboard

Phil Johnston, Former State Representative and Former Democratic State Committee Chair

Jacquelyn Ryan, Democratic State Committee Member & Southbridge Town Councilor, first openly transgender elected official in Massachusetts

Debra Kozikowski, Massachusetts Democratic Party Vice Chair, Democratic State Committee Member

Melvin Pointdexter, Democratic National Committee Member & Democratic State Committee Member

Kate Donaghue, Democratic State Committee Member & Former DNC

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LADY VIKINGS OPEN SEASON WITH CRUSHING VICTORY OVER GLOUCESTER

Photos by Bob Marra

They may be wearing masks, but that did not disguise their energy and determination as Winthrop's Lady Vikings opened their 2021 season with a convincing 56-22



VIKING BLOCKADE: Grace Galuris (31) presents a defensive barrier to Gloucester's Ella Marshall (14) as high school sports returned to Winthrop Friday night with Winthrop's 56-22 win.

win over Gloucester Friday night before a socially-distanced gathering of similarly-masked fans at Winthrop High School. It was Winthrop's first game since they bowed to Amesbury last March 3 in the Division 3 North semi-finals—just before Covid-19 wreaked havoc with high school sports and just about everything else in the world.

Off a successful 13-7 season and deep playoff run last year, this year's team has high hopes for success, despite the pandemic-related revisions in the schedule, game rules, and spectator attendance. Action on the court was intense and the Lady Vikings, led by Caroline Earl's 16 points and Maura Dorr's 12, controlled the game from the outset.

Winthrop set the tone early as an evenly-distributed offense ran out to a 12-6 first period lead. But Earl erupted for 9 points in the second quarter to



OFF AND RUNNING: Winthrop's Lily Pulsifer (4) makes her way past Gloucester's Taniya Wongus.

pace the Vikings to a 33-13 halftime lead, and the game was never in doubt afterward. Winthrop's defense held Gloucester to single-digit scores in each quarter. Besides Earl's 16 and Maura Dorr's 12, the Lady Vikings got off-

sive contributions from Kaylee Farrell (11), Lily Pulsifer (10), Maddie Stiglets (5), and Grace Galuris (2). Winthrop plays at Beverly Tuesday (January 12) night and faces Peabody at home Friday (January 15).



UP IN ARMS: Caroline Earl (14) and Kaylee Farrell are in position to haul in a rebound during Winthrop's 56-22 win over Gloucester at Winthrop High Friday night. The game marked the return of high school sports and the Vikings first game since March 3, 2020.



NO PROBLEM: Kaylee Farrell (23) is unfazed by defender Ella Marshall's hand in her face as she moves toward a pair of her 11 points on the night.



COMING THROUGH: Maddie Stiglets has her sights set and drives for the basket. She scored five points during the Winthrop victory.



STEADY HAND: Maura Dorr scored 12 points and generally guided the Winthrop offense to a convincing 56-22 win over Gloucester Friday night in the teams' season-opener.

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WHS SPORTS ROUNDUP

WHS BOYS HOCKEY SEASON OPENER DELAYED

The Winthrop High boys hockey team, which had been scheduled to open its season last Saturday against Beverly, was seeking to get the 2021 campaign underway last night (Wednesday) against Peabody.

Coach Dale Dunbar and his crew, who have been practicing since December 14, are anxious to move forward against their Northeastern Conference opponents. The Peabody contest is the first of 14 games presently on the schedule in the Vikings' pandemic-shortened season.

"Obviously, this year will be a game of adjustments with personnel and scheduled games due to COVID, but from a team standpoint, we're really focusing on what we can do to control each day to get better," said Dunbar's long-time assistant coach Mike Norris.

The 2021 edition of the Vikings will be led by a pair of veteran senior captains, goalie Ryan Hovermale and forward Joey Holgersen. Senior Chris Ferrara and juniors Joey Hayes, Ari Hain, and JD Parker will be assistant captains.

The Vikings will host Beverly on the holiday on Monday and will journey to Gloucester next Wednesday.

WHS BOYS BASKETBALL DROPS OPENER TO GLOUCESTER

Although the Winthrop High boys basketball team came up short in its 2021 season-opener at Gloucester,

64-45, first-year head coach Mike Triant saw a number of positive signs in his team's performance.

"We came out slowly, Gloucester shot the ball well early, we were down 26-6 at the five-minute mark of the second period," said Triant. "But we outscored Gloucester 20-14 in the third.

"I thought we really played our brand of basketball in the second half. We pushed tempo and played with great energy and passion," Triant continued. "We never quit, but we just couldn't get it under a 10-point deficit. We had their lead down to 11 and with the ball a couple of times, but just couldn't knock down our open shots."

The Vikings shot 30% from the floor and only made 4-of-22 from beyond the three-point arc.

"We had plenty of good looks at the basket and I'm confident that those shots will fall," said Triant. "Offensively we played very unselfishly and got whatever shot we wanted."

Senior captain Cam Conway led the way for the Vikings on the scoring chart with 18 points. Luca Zanelli turned in a strong performance with nine points and pulled down seven rebounds. Chris Cappuccio and Zach Bogusz added seven points apiece.

"I was very proud of the fact that we scratched, clawed, and fought our tails off for 32 minutes," Triant added. "We are not happy with the results, but we felt we did a lot of things that we wanted to do. We were very active on defense with eight deflections and 11 steals, which is something we've been working on. We actu-

ally won the turnover battle. Now we just have to focus on knocking down shots moving forward."

Senior captain Cam Conway led the way for Winthrop in the scoring column with 18 points. Junior Luca Zanelli almost reached double figures with a nine-point contribution. Junior captain Chris Cappuccio and sophomore Zach Bogusz chipped in with seven points apiece.

Triant and his crew were scheduled to host Beverly this past Tuesday and will trek to Peabody tomorrow (Friday). They will travel to Masconomet next Tuesday.

WHS GIRLS HOCKEY READY FOR OPENER

The Winthrop High girls hockey team was scheduled to open its pandemic-shortened season last night (Wednesday) at Gloucester.

"So far things are going well," said WHS head coach Anthony Martucci. "Practices are going well. The girls are really working hard and cannot wait to get going."

Although the Lady Vikings have yet to face an opponent, Martucci has seen a lot of positive signs in his team's pre-season play.

"Some of the players who have really started to ramp up the offense are a pair of freshmen, Hannah Parker and Sami DiMento," said Martucci. "They are very good friends and

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DO YOU REMEMBER?



Youth Hockey has always been big in Winthrop, going back decades. Shown above, a Winthrop Youth Hockey team poses on ice for a photo in the Mid-70s.

WHS SPORTS THROUGH THE YEARS

10 years ago January 6, 2011

The Winthrop High boys hockey team racked up a pair of victories this past week, defeating Martha's Vineyard and Gloucester. Senior Joe Scarfo was the number one star for the Vikings against the visitors from the Vineyard, as the senior turned in a career day by scoring four goals and assisting on a fifth in a 5-0 Winthrop victory. Joe fed the linemate Chris LeBlanc on a pretty give-and-go for the first Viking tally in the opening frame and then lit the lamp himself four times thereafter. LeBlanc assisted on three of the tallies for a four-point game of his own. Nick Clewer and Jake Rand also earned assists on goals by Scarfo. Monday's encounter at Gloucester proved a more

difficult test. The Fishermen grabbed a 1-0 lead in the second period, but junior Bobby Clewer, assisted by freshman Dan Eruzione, knotted matters at 1-1 before the period ended. Winthrop controlled the play in the third period, as it had throughout the game, but was unable to forge the go-ahead goal until LeBlanc, assisted by Scarfo, reached the back of the Gloucester net with just 1:17 to play. The Vikings now stand at 3-2-2 on the season.

The Winthrop High girls basketball team broke into the win column with a pair of victories this past week. The Lady Vikings gave head coach Ignacio Oyola his first career victory with a 48-38 win over Georgetown last Wednesday and then made it two in a row with a 54-37 triumph over

Saugus Tuesday. Johnna Fisher poured in 26 points in the win against Saugus and also reached double figures in the rebounding department. Tamisa Meggison reached double figures with 10 points and Angelina Favolaro hit for nine. Niki Tsiotis contributed three points with Lianna Ferullo, Theresa Jones, and Taylor adding two points apiece. The game at Georgetown was a rematch of the teams' contest the previous evening in Winthrop that saw Georgetown pull out a 54-50 win. However, the Lady Vikings turned the tables up north, led by Favolaro with 15 points. Fisher tingled the twine for 12 points, followed by Ferullo with eight, Meggison with five, Lauren

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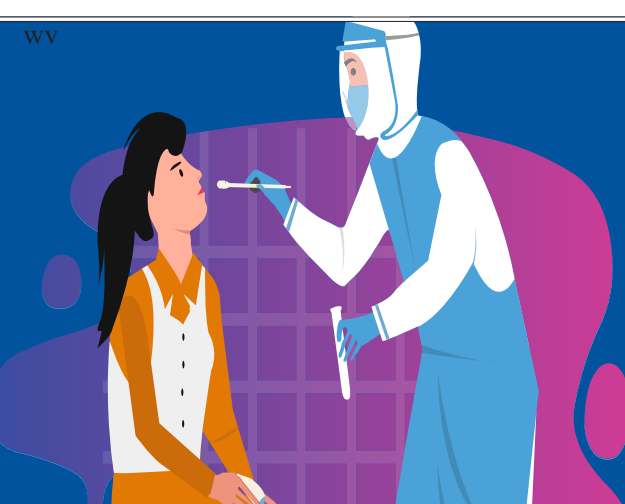
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OBITUARIES

June Briggs

Retired Registered Nurse

June B. (Evans) Briggs, 91, of Winthrop passed away peacefully in her home on January 7. June was a lifelong resident of Winthrop. She was predeceased by her parents, John and Rosamond Evans and her daughter, Susan Hal-dane.

June graduated from nursing school at Faulkner Hospital in Jamaica Plain in 1951, having worked hard to regain her strength after contracting Bulbar Polio in 1949 during her training. She worked briefly in Chicago before joining the nursing staff at Winthrop Hospital where she trained nurses as well as tended to the sick. She retired after almost 40 years at Winthrop Hospital in 1991.

June's long life brought her joys of a big and close-knit family. She leaves behind her loving husband of 66 years, Charles H., her children, Nancy Smith and Les Bruce of Wilmington, Joan and Clark Wamsley of Goshen, NH, John and Sue Ellen Briggs of Lexington and Ruth and John Reideman of Grass



Lake, MI; ten grandchildren: Kimberley Schultz, Pamela Bruce, Matthew Haldane, Robert Howard, Ryan Howard, Jocelyn Howard, Priscilla Briggs, Nicholas Briggs, Rosamond Riedeman and Charlotte Riedeman, June was blessed to know five great grandchildren: Mason, Elizabeth, Gregory, Na-omie and Jesse.

Due to the pandemic, the service will be for the family only. A memorial service will be held later in the year.

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

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

Joshua Cohen

His life will serve as an example of strength, dignity and perseverance

Joshua K. Cohen of Winthrop, a beloved son, brother, grandson, and friend, passed peacefully after a three-year battle with cancer at the Boston Children's Hospital on January 7. His life will serve as an example of strength, dignity, and perseverance for those who knew him.

He is survived by his mother, April, his brother, Alexander, his stepfather, James Gallagher III, his aunt, Nichole, his father, David, his grandparents, Rosemary and Larry Kaye, Sharon Cohen and Patricia and James Gallagher Jr. along with an army of aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends who will all miss him deeply.

Services and interment in the Belle Isle section of Winthrop Cemetery were private.



Memorial donations may be made to the Dana Farber Cancer Institute at www.dana-farber.org. The family asks those who are able to join the bone marrow registry to honor his memory.

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Legislature closes out session by passing Boncore's bills

Staff report

In the final session of the 191st General Court last Tuesday evening, a number of bills and policies championed by Senator Boncore passed the Massachusetts State Senate and House of Representatives. Critical legislation, ranging from transportation and housing to economic development and environmental protection, passed in the final days of the legislative session.

"Throughout this session, and especially over the past few weeks, the policies passed by the Senate represent our collective commitment to improving the lives of residents across the Commonwealth," said Senator Joe Boncore (D-Winthrop). "Our path to both health and economic recovery from the COVID-19 will be shaped by these policies; ranging from sealing eviction records and expanding health insurance coverage, to improving our public transit system and supporting local restaurants. As we begin this new legislative session, I will continue to support policies that guarantee equity and justice."

Boncore, who serves as the Senate Chair of the Joint Committee on Transportation, led efforts to pass the transportation bond bill; a \$16.5 billion investment to modernize the Commonwealth's transportation system. In addition to the wide variety of infrastructure projects, the bond bill addresses equity in public transit by requiring a low-income fare program, modernizes the transportation network fee structure, and decriminalizes fare evasion on MBTA service.

A number of bills to expand housing access and affordability, initially filed by Senator Boncore, passed the Legislature this week. Among these housing policies are:

- The HOMES Act; to create a process for sealing eviction records, protect minors from being named in eviction cases and expunge the names of minors from existing eviction records.
- Legislation to guarantee an elected tenant representative on local housing authority boards.
- Zoning reform to help cities and towns approve smart growth zoning and affordable housing by lowering the required vote threshold for a range of housing-related zoning changes from a two-thirds supermajority to a simple majority.
- Policy to expand housing access by creating new requirements for transit-oriented development and multi-family housing.

State announce pooled testing initiative for schools, districts

Staff report

The Baker-Polito Administration has announced weekly COVID-19 pooled testing will be available within the next month to schools and districts across the Commonwealth, expanding on a rapid testing initiative that began in schools in December.

Through collaboration with the COVID-19 Response Command Center and the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE), participating school districts providing in-person or hybrid learning will be prioritized for testing kits. Schools in remote learning, looking to bring students back to classrooms, can also participate in the pooled testing program. Interested districts and schools have until Jan. 15 to notify DESE of their participation in the program.

Pooled testing involves mixing several test samples together in a "batch" or "pool," and then testing the pooled sample with a diagnostic, PCR test for detection of SARS-CoV-2. This approach increases the number of individuals that can be tested using the same amount of laboratory resources as a single PCR test.

The test is performed at least once per week on an anterior nasal swab and results are delivered within approximately 24-48 hours. If a pooled test result is negative, then all individuals within that pool are presumed negative and may continue to remain in school. If a pooled test result is positive, then everyone in the pool is given an individual diagnostic test. Once positive individuals are identified, they must follow isolation guidance. Students, teachers, and staff that were close contacts of the positive case must quarantine according to current requirements.

Under a state contract being developed, districts and schools will work with pooled testing service providers who will coordinate with testing labs, implement a technology platform for tracking results, and provide training for school staff, and technical assistance. Tests will be analyzed at a CLIA-certified laboratory. DESE will assume the costs for the testing initiative during the initial start-up of the program, estimated to cost between \$15 million and \$30 million, which will be funded by federal stimulus funds. Following the initial launch, districts and schools may continue using pooled testing by purchasing the tests and any other accompanying testing materials and software from a statewide contract using their federal stimulus dollars.

The testing strategy announced today builds on a rapid testing initiative launched at schools across the Commonwealth in December. Massachusetts received Abbott BinaxNOW tests from the federal government, some of which are currently being used in public school districts and other educational settings to test students and staff showing symptoms. Abbott BinaxNOW tests are currently provided to more than 100 schools at no cost.

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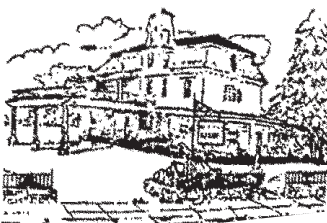
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USPS will issue new 2021 stamps for price change

Additional ounce, Priority Mail and Postcard Stamps Available Jan. 24

Staff report

The U.S. Postal Service will release three new stamps as part of 2021 price change:

Barns, a 36-cent postcard stamp; Brush Rabbit, a 20-cent additional ounce stamp; and Castillo de San Marcos, a \$7.95 Priority Mail stamp. The stamps will be available beginning Sunday, Jan. 24. There will be no national first-day-of-issue ceremony for these stamps.

•Barns
The U.S. Postal Service has four new postcard stamps that celebrate the beauty and history of American barns. The artist created digital paintings of four types of iconic barns

found in the rural American landscape. With differing qualities of light and color, each piece reflects one of the four seasons: a round barn surrounded by the hazy light and warm colors of fall; a gambrel-roofed barn in summer; a forebay barn in early spring; and a Western barn on a winter’s night. Ashley Walton designed the stamps with original artwork by Kim Johnson. Greg Breeding was the art director.

Along the bottom of each stamp is the word “postcard,” to indicate their usage. These stamps will always be valid for the rate printed on them.

•Brush Rabbits
The U.S. Postal Service features a brush rabbit (*Sylvilagus bachmani*) on this additional ounce stamp, available in a pane of 20 or a coil

of 100. The brush rabbit is a small brownish cottontail rabbit of the U.S. West Coast and Baja California, Mexico. It lives mostly west of the Sierra Nevada range and south of the Columbia River, which defines the coastal Oregon-Washington border. The adult is about a foot long and generally weighs between one and two pounds.

The pencil-and-watercolor illustration is from preexisting artwork by designer and illustrator Dugald Stermer (1936-2011). Art director Ethel Kessler designed the stamp.

The words “additional ounce” on this stamp indicate its usage value. This stamp will always be valid for the rate printed on it.

•Castillo de San Marcos
The latest Priority Mail

stamp, which bears the new price, celebrates the oldest masonry fortification in the United States, the Castillo de San Marcos in St. Augustine, Fla.

The stamp art features a digital illustration of the fortress based on a contemporary photograph. With a view toward the northeast corner of the fortress, the artwork captures it in the golden glow of sunrise over Matanzas Bay. Art director Greg Breeding designed the stamp with art created by Chicago-based graphic illustrator Dan Cosgrove.

This stamp provides a convenient way for customers to pay for Priority Mail Flat Rate shipping with a single stamp. Priority Mail is the Postal Service’s bestselling mail service. Domestic deliveries arrive in one-three business days depending on where a



One of the focuses of the new stamps will be barns.

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Kostegan with four, and Tsiotis with four.

The Winthrop High boys basketball team dropped a tough 61-57 decision at Saugus. Winthrop received balanced scoring with four players reaching double figures, led by Michael Griffith with 13 points. Joe D’Amore hit for 12 and Quinton Dale and J.P. Doherty both added 10 apiece. The contest also was notable for the return of Viking Anthony Hatzis-avas, who was out with a back injury from the football season. Hatzi’ made his presence known inside and chipped in with eight points. However, Saugus hit 10 three-pointers on the night to make the difference. Winthrop now is 3-2 on the season.

The Winthrop Lady Bulldog hockey team rolled to its fourth straight win with a 6-1 triumph over Beverly. Courtney McTague and McKenzie Clark scored two goals each with Taylor Brown and Anna Fucillo also lighting the red lamp. Junior Hannah LoPresti

turned in a stellar performance in the play-making department, as she was credited with three assists. Beverly spoiled goalie Katie Burt’s shutout bid in the last few minutes.

The Winthrop High girls track team won its first meet of the season with a 45-41 triumph at Revere. Julia Wallace won the high jump with a leap of 4-6; Lexi Vaccaro dashed to victory in the 55 meter sprint in 8.3; Amy Sena won the 1000 in 3:48.8; Jordan Griffith took the mile in 6:33.6; and Kaitlyn Hersey captured the two mile run in 13:49.7. Adding three points to the Lady Viking scoresheet with second place finishes were: Katherine Heather-ton with a high jump of 4-4; Ashley Jurovich with a shot-put toss of 24-6; Jessica Dowson in the 55 hurdles in 10.4; Kristen Lanza in the 600 in 2:06.1; and Corey Charis in the 1000 in 3:49.1. Contributing single points, which in a close meet are crucial, with third place efforts were: Kayla Aceto in the hurdles in 10.6; Alero

Meggison in the dash in 8.7; Carly O’Keefe in the 300 in 51.3; Mario Rago in the 600 in 2:07.1; and Wallace in the two mile in 4:58.6.

Jordan Ekidat was the lone winner for the Winthrop High boys indoor track team in the Vikings’ meet last week with Revere. Jordan captured the high jump with a leap of 5’-5”, beating his closest Revere rivals by two inches. Ekidat also added three points to the Winthrop scoresheet with a second place finish in the 55 meter hurdles in a time of 9.8 seconds. Teammate Trevor Heatherton took third in that event with a time of 9.9. Patrick Brogan rounded out the Winthrop scoring in the meet with a third place finish in the 600 in a time of 1:47.2.

20 years ago January 4, 2001

Sean Burgess pumped in 22 points, including 14 free throws, to lead the WHS boys basketball team to a 56-46 win over Danvers. Burgess also pulled down 13 rebounds and dished out

eight assists. James Arena added 14 points for coach Peter Grimes’s squad, which now stands at 3-2 on the season.

The unbeaten Danvers girls basketball team held off an upset-minded WHS squad to post a 67-49 win over the Lady Vikings, who are now 1-4 on the season. Kristen Costello and Kim Lally scored 12 points apiece and Angela Martino added nine points for coach Ron Spinney’s team.

The WHS hockey team battled Everett to a 2-2 tie

to remain unbeaten at 4-0-1 on the season. Dan Wilson, assisted by Michael Eruzi-one and Dan Coughlin, and Rob DeLeo, assisted by Matt Driscoll, scored the goals for coach Tom Holmen’s Vikings.

Danielle Dillard remained unbeaten in the 300 dash to pace the WHS girls indoor track team to a 52-33 triumph over Lynn English for its first win of the season. Other winners for interim coach Mark D’Amico’s squad were Michelle LaFrazia in the

50 high hurdles, Ashley Woods in the 1000, Laura Sweeney in the mile, Annie Wallace in the two-mile, and Corinne Petraglia in the shot-put.

30 years ago Jan. 2, 1991

The Winthrop High boys indoor track team posted two victories this week over Marblehead and Lynn Classical. Billy Perella was a double-winner in both meets, capturing the hurdles and high jump.

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they play well together. Both are great kids and they are hard workers.

“On the defensive side of things, I am so proud of the entire unit of seven players. Obviously, we are getting great leadership from Taya Schlichting, but you are also seeing leadership from Elle English and Abby Holmes. Fallon Hurley is just playing incredible hockey, and the grit and toughness of Adriana Rizzotto has been huge as well. Amelia Spencer is going to be a huge player for us this year and Casey Petersen has really taken her game to the next level. Under the watchful eye of coaches Chris Palmer and Taylor Brown, our defense looks tremendous.”

Martucci also mentioned his team’s outstanding goalie, Summer Tallent.

“It’s hard not to mention our goalie when we speak about team defense,” noted Martucci. “Summer Tallent is such an impact player. She competes like an animal every time she steps on the ice.

“We are really looking forward to locking horns with another team,” the coach added. “We have had four intense intrasquad scrimmages and now we are ready to tussle

with someone else.”

The Lady Vikings next will lace up their skates when they play at Peabody on Saturday. They will host Newburyport at Larsen next Wednesday.

LADY VIKINGS WIN FIRST TWO CONTESTS

The Winthrop High girls basketball team opened its 2021 season on a high note with a pair of victories over Northeastern Conference rivals this past week.

Last Friday, the Lady Vikings routed Gloucester, 56-22, and this past Tuesday they topped Beverly, 47-37.

In the contest with Gloucester, Winthrop utilized a stifling and relentless full-court press that overwhelmed the visiting Lady Fishermen from the outset. Maura Dorr, Lily Pulsifer, and Madison Stiglets played key roles in the team’s overall defensive effort. The Lady Vikings recorded 19 steals on the night to create numerous fast-break buckets.

Caroline Earl drained a big three-pointer that boosted the Lady Vikings into a 23-8 advantage in the second period, helping Winthrop to build an in-

surmountable 31-13 lead late in the first half.

The Lady Vikings are scheduled to take on Peabody today (Thursday) and will entertain Masconomet next Tuesday.

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NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

ANTHONY SIMBOLI DEAD AT 91

CHELSEA - On Tuesday morning, December 29, 2020, the American flag flying atop the Massachusetts General Hospital Building at 151 Everett Avenue was lowered to half-mast. The first developer to take an outsized risk on the City after the great fire in 1973, Anthony C. Simboli, died early that morning. He was 91.

He is known far and wide in city circles dating back to the 1980's as being driven, focused, fair, intelligent and a risk taker. Thankfully, for the city of Chelsea he chose to take a risk on the city, when almost no one would. To underscore this point, It took almost ten more years before another major risk on the City was taken by the Wyndham Hotel in 1991, now the Hilton Hotel.

He and his children, Anthony and Patricia, developed more than 14 parcels in the city from 1983-2016. The family held company, ACS Development Corporation, may be best known for relocating the Federal Bureau of Investigation from downtown Boston to the corner of Everett Avenue and Maple Street, an architectural gem of more than 275,000 sf, which lights up Route 1 every evening and brings hundreds to the city by day to eat, shop and stay in hotels.

ACS Development Corporation's history of development started at 151 Everett Avenue in 1983, jumped to 160-180 Second Street in 1986, landed for some time, beginning from 1992 2000, at 80, 90 and what later was developed into 70 Everett Avenue, and known as Harbour Pointe

Park. Its projects also included the refurbishment of the 105 Everett Avenue, the Fire Station, now known as Chelsea Station, 99 Fourth Street, the strip along the north side of Second Street, where Chelsea Clock was relocated and where Mass Truck and Tire once stood and 215 William Street, an abandoned poultry processing factory.

They bought properties from banks, the city, quasi-government agencies and other property owners. They did what they had to do to protect investments previously made. It was important in the early days of Chelsea's emergence to control the surrounding properties in order to create an atmosphere of safety, beauty and opportunity. One project was not enough. There were no other developers or projects to create the momentum. They had to create it themselves, taking bigger and bigger risks. It took enormous effort to lure businesses to the city. The environment and the properties had to start to look and feel like other suburban and downtown properties. The City was the envy of other communities. In Anthony C. Simboli and ACS Development Corporation, it had a developer willing to invest and offer high quality, well designed buildings, provide conscientious management and long-term stable ownership.

Beyond its contribution to the built environment, the family has invested in the community in a number of different ways supporting ROCA in negotiating the acquisition of its current home, serving on the School Buildings



New Council President Wayne Matewsky welcomed his mother, Marion, to the Council Chambers on Monday night, Jan. 4, to celebrate his first-ever election as Council President. He will chair his first meeting next week.

Committee, creating the Simboli Family College Award for graduating Chelsea High School seniors which has reached more than 150 students, and contributing to the Chamber of Commerce, as well as numerous other non-profits.

But most of all, it cannot be too boldly stated how valuable it was to have a respected advocate, promotor, believer, loyal, disciplined, and patient investor in our small community of 1.8 square miles. The commercial tax base was built up; an example for what was possible was proven; and the way was paved the way for the hotels, retail modernization, and residential projects. Without a fight, the firm gave up land to make the Silver Line possible for the residents and businesses of Chelsea.

Always willing to participate in the community, ever promoting and bringing Chelsea to the attention of major corporations, and quietly continuing to support the young people and other needs of the residents, the founder of ACS Development Corporation,

Anthony C. Simboli, is a true hero and favored son of the city of Chelsea. He will be missed at Chelsea Zoning Board meetings. His passion and drive for the city and for himself to do the right thing always led to positive outcomes for his proposed projects. We look to his children, Patricia and Anthony, to continue to carry on in his standards of excellence. There has not been as bold a champion, who patiently waited and committed to the City for as long and as deeply, as Tony Simboli. An eternal optimist, a lover of people and a believer in location, he turned out to be right over and over again. We are grateful to him for his love of Chelsea, trust in its Government, and respect for the good people who loved the City and encouraged him to take a risk such as Val Kowalski, Leo Robinson and others. A piece of Chelsea's history is lost but his properties are a lasting legacy.

RESIDENTS RECEIVE VACCINE

CHELSEA - Last week, the first veteran residents at the Soldiers' Home in Chelsea received the COVID-19 vaccination. Vaccination was done onsite through a federal Long Term Care pharmacy partnership program with CVS and Walgreens. The onsite vaccinations also began for staff at the Soldiers' Home.

In Chelsea, Dominic Pitella, 94, was the first resident vaccinated at the Soldiers' Home. Pitella has been a resident of the Soldiers' Home in Chelsea since April 2018. Pitella, a U.S. Army Air Corps Corporal, was a cook with the 559th Air Service Group and served in the Pacific Theater during World War II 1945-1946. His awards include the Army of Occupation Medal, World War II Victory Medal, and the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal.

"I'm hopeful this will help everybody," said Pitella.

"Administering vaccines to our frontline health care workers and now some of our most vulnerable residents in the Soldiers' Home provides relief and hope that there are brighter days ahead for all," said Governor Charlie Baker. "We are pleased to start providing the first dose to the incredible men and women living in the Chelsea facilities to offer more protection from COVID-19, and remain grateful to the dedicated staff who are working tirelessly to keep our vet-

erans safe and healthy during the pandemic."

Said Veterans Services Secretary, and former Chelsea Soldiers' Home superintendent, Cheryl Lussier Poppe, "The Department of Veterans' Services and the Soldiers' Home in Chelsea move forward with hope and perseverance to a bright future for our veteran residents and staff. We look forward to continuing our work to ensure our veterans are cared for, and today's vaccination is another vital step in our mission as we continue this commitment. The ongoing support of the surrounding community is impactful, and deeply appreciated, as we navigate this public health emergency together."

As a Long Term Care facility, the Soldiers' Homes in Chelsea is prioritized in Phase One of the COVID vaccine distribution plan. The Soldiers' Home is enrolled in the CDC's Long-Term Care Pharmacy Partnership program for the COVID-19 vaccination administration.

In the coming weeks, there will be additional onsite vaccination clinics at the Home to vaccinate veteran residents and staff. The Home is encouraging the vaccine for all Veteran residents and staff, and are working to obtain consent for those interested. COVID vaccination is voluntary for everyone – however all people are encouraged to get vaccinated.

In addition to the COVID-19 vaccination at the Soldiers' Home, the facility will continue weekly testing and daily symptom checking of all residents and staff.

MATEWSKY TO LEAD COUNCIL

EVERETT - The Everett City Council elected Councilor-at-Large Wayne Matewsky as the 2021 City Council President during their annual Organizational Meeting on Monday, January 4 – with some attending in person and some attending via Zoom.

"Honesty, respect, and fairness has always been what I strive to do in this chamber and in my life," said Matewsky. "I want to thank my colleagues who spoke and sponsored me tonight. I'm very grateful, [and] I appreciate your faith in me."

The motion to nominate Matewsky as President was accompanied by words of praise from many of his fellow Council members, each of whom recognized his dedication to serving the

people of Everett. His election to the position of Council President was unanimously affirmed by the body, with no opposition from fellow Councilors.

"I have known Wayne for many years and have always admired his work ethic and his deep connection that he has fostered with his constituents throughout the years," said Mayor Carlo DeMaria. "I look forward to working closely with Council President Matewsky and want to congratulate him for his election to the position of Council President."

President Matewsky has proudly served 40 years in public office, advocating for the Everett community. He has held numerous elected positions, including Common Councilor, Alderman-at-Large, and Massachusetts State Representative. Matewsky has been on the City Council as a Councilor-at-Large since 2015, but in all his years, he has never been the Council President until now.

DEVELOPER TO START MORE PROJECTS

EVERETT - A Boston developer who already has a transformative, 320-unit apartment building on Second and Vine Streets under review by the City has purchased additional land on the street.

According to Bldup.com, Block Properties purchased two other development parcels along Second and Vine this month for \$7.3 million. Last fall, they purchased the property with the apartment building proposal for \$5 million.

The current proposal on 2nd and Vine replaces and older warehouse building and is part of a complete transformation that has happened before and during COVID-19 on the Commercial Triangle area of the city. That comes only about one year after the City changed the zoning.

The company, owned by Jon Block of Block Properties, had a hearing on Dec. 7 at the Planning Board, but it was continued due to an advertising error until this month – when the Board will continue the review.

Last October 12, the Planning Board heard an initial review of the project from the development team where they reported a 320-unit, six-story apartment building with 450 parking spaces and 4,000 sq. ft. of ground

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floor retail. The project was reported to be an as-of-right project that would need no Zoning Board relief, a new trend in that district. They only need Site Plan Review from the Planning Board and an Inclusionary Zoning (Affordable Housing) certification.

“Our approach is to make our front door on Second Street,” said Tamara Ray, an architect on the team with Stantec. “We know that in the future that is going to be the main street in the area. The T will probably go down the middle of the street so that’s our front door. We’re still in a gritty district now... We know we’re in a transformative district and we see our project as part of the transformation of the neighborhood.”

One unique part of the project is it is not a podium style development with parking on the first floors. Instead, they’ll have a hidden parking garage.

“Our project is not a podium project,” she said.

The design of the building includes the Planning Board’s preferred red brick on part of it, but also fibre cement and a lot of unique colors.

It was uncertain how the new property acquisition would fit into the existing development.

CRIME UP IN EASTIE

EAST BOSTON - The Boston Police Department released the year-end crime report for East Boston that compared the overall crime stats in 2020 with the overall crime stats for 2019.

The report shows larceny from motor vehicles, or car breaks, in Eastie skewed the overall crime stats in the neighborhood and were up 100 percent from the previous year.

Part One Crimes, the more serious crimes that the Boston Police track, was up 21 percent overall in Eastie when comparing Jan. 1, 2020 through Dec. 31, 2020 with the same time period last year.

According to District A-7 Community Police Officer Dan Simons the main culprit for the uptick in overall crime was larceny from a motor vehicle.

There were only 107 reported car breaks in 2019 but that number increased to 213 for 2020.

“We ended the year with a 100 percent increase in car breaks,” said Simons at a Harbor View Neighborhood Assoc. meeting Monday night. “Unfortunately I have the report that over this past weekend we did have some reports of some more car breaks up in the St. Andrew Road, Thurston Street and Baywater Street area. The tough thing with these crimes is the victims that reported these car breaks also reported that they don’t think they locked their vehicles. Ultimately, the best way to put a stop to the car breaks is for everybody to make sure that they take all their valuables into their home or lock them in the trunk and lock their vehicle. Our detectives are

finding that probably 90 percent of the vehicles that are victims of car breaks left their vehicle unlocked and there’s no forcible entry. We’re hoping, going forward in 2021, we can bring some of these numbers down.”

It seems the number of motor vehicle larcenies, an opportunistic crime that only takes seconds to pull off, is up all over Boston. Citywide the number has gone from 2,713 in 2019 to 3,348 in 2020 or a 23 percent increase.

As for other Part One Crimes, Eastie nearly ended 2020 with no recorded homicides, but the Christmas Eve killing of Kerwide Barthélemy in Maverick Square became the only recorded homicide of the year.

“We were doing really well with homicides and we didn’t have one until Christmas Eve unfortunately,” said Simons. “We had the assault in Maverick Square that resulted in a fatality. However, I can’t stress it enough that with the community’s help, the help of witnesses and the quick action of the police we were able to apprehend the suspect that was ultimately charged with the homicide. Unfortunately 2019 ended the way it did with just one homicide in East Boston which is one too many.”

Rape or Attempted Rape was down from 10 to 6; Robbery or Attempted Robbery remained the same at 57 for both 2019 and 2020; Domestic Aggravated Assault was up from 41 to 43; Non-Domestic Aggravated Assault was up from 49 to 67; Commercial Burglaries were up from 25 to 29; Residential Burglaries were up from 49 to 56; other Larcenies were up from 199 to 203; and Auto Theft was up from 44 to 51.

Overall there were 736 Part One Crimes, up from the 583 reported during 2019.

THIEVES TARGET PRIUS CATALYTIC CONVERTERS

EAST BOSTON - Just before New Years Eve an Orient Heights resident awoke to a loud noise outside his home.

“I heard a loud noise, looked outside and didn’t see anything,” said the residents who will remain nameless.

The next morning when he started his Toyota Prius he realized someone had stolen his catalytic converter.

“It was so fast within 10-20 seconds,” he said. “They also got another resident who lives right near me.”

A car’s catalytic converter acts to decrease the harmful chemicals in car emissions and the theft of these parts from Toyota Priuses are on the rise here and nationally.

Apparently thieves target these devices on the underside of cars because they contain valuable metals that act as oxidation catalysts and are mandated to reduce pollution.

The Prius catalytic converters contain platinum, palladium and rhodium and thieves can pocket up to \$200 per converter and it takes only minutes for a skilled thief to cut it from underneath the car. All the

thief needs is a reciprocal saw and a steady hand. Experts believe it takes two to three minutes to pull off the heist.

This type of crime has gotten so bad that online manufacturers sell metal plates to cover the catalytic converters, which make them more difficult to steal. Those parts are rarely covered by insurance and retail at around \$440 installed. While they’re pricey they are cheaper than the cost to replace a stolen one. Even with insurance a replacement cost is around \$500. Without insurance, it could cost a Prius owner \$3,000 or more to replace.

It has gotten so bad that many Prius owners have asked Toyota to recall Priuses and install the metal plates that should have been there to begin with to protect converters.

“Yeah, we did get one theft recently in East Boston and I believe like three or four citywide,” said District A-7 Community Officer Dan Simons. “The report I saw that was recorded in the last few days was that somebody went out and realized that their catalytic converter was taken. He realized this because the car was making a loud noise like a muscle car. Those are valuable parts to thieves.”

MCGEE LAUDS DELEO ON WORK

LYNN - Lynn Mayor Thomas M. McGee had an up-close look at the prestige and honor associated with being the Speaker of the Mass. House of Representatives.

McGee’s father, the late Thomas W. McGee, served as Speaker of the House from 1975 to 1984, rising from his seat on the Lynn City Council to be elected state representative and then elected by his House colleagues to one of the most powerful positions in state government.

“My dad was elected Speaker when I was 19 so I visited him in the Speaker’s Office a lot,” said the mayor. “It was an exciting time. I was thinking of the day my dad was elected speaker, how excited he was and how proud we were of him. It was a culmination of the hard work he did over the years. I’m very proud of what he did when he was Speaker of the House. It’s a position that only a small number of people over 200-plus years have served in. I was thinking of my dad and how important it was for him to be able to be in that position and make a difference in people’s lives.”

McGee thus had a unique perspective as Speaker of the House Robert DeLeo retired from the position last week. DeLeo is seeking a teaching position at Northeastern University, his alma mater.

McGee served eight years in the House of Representatives with Robert DeLeo. As state senator and chair of the Mass. Democratic Party, McGee continued a good working relationship with DeLeo, who represented Revere and Winthrop in the House.

“I got a chance to know him really well and I really enjoyed serving

with him,” said McGee. “I also had the opportunity to work with him as senator over the years and also as mayor of Lynn. He’s always been a great supporter of the city on issues of importance that we’ve needed help on. He topped off a great 30-year career by serving as Speaker of the House and he had a lot of major accomplishments. He was always available by phone on things of importance to Lynn and he’ll definitely be missed. I wish him the best.”

Interestingly, five candidates are running in the special election on March 2 for the state representative seat held by DeLeo. The Democratic candidates are Marc Silvestri and Juan Pablo Jaramillo of Revere and Jeffrey Turco, Valentino Capobianco, and Alicia DelVento of Winthrop. As of Wednesday, there was no Republican candidate running for the seat.

“It’s been 30 years so when there’s an open seat, there is an opportunity and it’s good to see a lot of candidates coming out and putting their names out to run,” said McGee. “Public service is tough during these pretty challenging times and it’s important that good people continue to be involved and serve in the Legislature. So that should be an interesting race with a good field of candidates.”

KEEFE REFLECTS ON TERM AS PRESIDENT

REVERE - Ward 4 Councilor Patrick Keefe completed a successful year as City Council President. The Council elected its new leader at its first meeting of 2021 on Monday, Jan. 11.

Keefe led the 11-member Council through an unprecedented year that was dominated by the COVID-19 pandemic which had a major impact on all areas of life in Revere. Due to the coronavirus, the Council began holding its meetings on Zoom, giving councilors the opportunity to participate remotely from their respective homes. To their credit, Keefe and virtually all of his colleagues had perfect attendance records in 2020.

Keefe drew praise from his colleagues for his leadership and accessibility throughout the year. He was held in high esteem by the longer-serving councilors and the newer members such as Councilor-at-Large Gerry Visconti and Ward 6 Councilor Richard Serino.

As a newly elected member of the Council, I felt President Keefe was very welcoming and cordial,” said Serino. “In the early days of the pandemic, we got to know each other and bond a bit while we put together food packages at the Senior Center for the City’s COVID food delivery program. I always found Pat to be receptive to my ideas, and I thank him for his service as our Council President during a very challenging year.”

The Revere Journal asked President Keefe to talk about his and the Council’s achievements

during the past year and the challenge of leading the Council during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Keefe issued the following statement reflecting on his year as the president of the Revere City Council:

“The last year serving as Council President has been a pleasure. It was my honor to represent my colleagues and I feel like I represented them well.

The year 2020 was nothing that we expected and since early March it has certainly reshaped our focus on how council business is handled and what our priorities should be.

I don’t like to personally list my accomplishments as I feel they should speak for themselves and the residents of Revere certainly acknowledge me when they are happy, and I hear when they are not happy with the decisions we make. This is how I always do my job. It’s not about me, it’s about the residents we serve.

One of the most significant achievements we as a Council made this year was an enormous sense of inclusion and communication within the council membership.

Even though we may not have met in person as much as we would have liked, I can honestly say that the entire team chatted almost every day - more often it was all throughout the day. Technology has certainly brought us closer together, even for my senior colleagues!

Whether it was about how we can better serve our residents in need during these tumultuous times or just checking in on each other, everyone at some point came across a personal or family struggle.

If I can look back, I will say my most important accomplishment was this: creating a better bond among the group. And we had a few tough meetings -communicating through Zoom can at times be misinterpreted and give the wrong impression or you might miss what a fellow councilor meant to say. But in the end, we had a productive year and we are all stronger because of it.

As I said before, maybe I’ll go down as the first Zoom President in Revere’s history, but I hope at some point I’ll get another chance to yield the gavel in front of a live audience.

Let’s all hope we can go back to normalcy soon, but in the meantime I want to wish our residents, my fellow councilors and the next President of the Revere City Council (Tony Zambuto perhaps) a happy and healthy new year!

And thank you.”

SCHOOL COMMITTEE HEARS UPDATE

REVERE - At the most recent Revere Public School Committee meeting late last month, RPS Athletic Director Frank Shea gave committee members an update on the district’s Wellness Committee.

“There are a couple of big rocks that we’re try-

ing to get through this year and the first one is our Wellness Committee policy review,” said Shea. “This was set to be done last year in the spring. However, when COVID struck the state granted us some leniency, and allowed us to take on that work this year. So we are just starting to review our wellness policy which is a 12 page document. It is revised once every three years.”

Shea said the policy review will consist of Wellness Committee members reviewing the committee’s policy and proposing any changes to either personnel on the committee, or to some of the policies that are associated with wellness, nutrition, physical activity and anything else that promotes student wellness in the district.

“We just started meeting and we’ll continue this work with some chunks of time going forward,” said Shea. “As we get towards the springtime any revisions or omissions to the policy will be presented to the entire committee and the changes will be put into a policy draft, and presented to the superintendent’s office and then to the school committee. When these revisions are accepted and updated they’ll be shared on our district website and they will promote our work going forward into next year.”

Shea another big task the Wellness Committee is tackling is its subcommittee work.

“We had just begun to start working in subcommittees when, again, we got struck by COVID,” said Shea. “But Mrs. (Stacey) Rizzo asked that we continue this work which is very important to our committee going forward. All of our (Wellness Committee) members serve on one of the four subcommittees. These committees spend a bit of time in each monthly meeting to discuss what we can add and what we can strengthen what we need to change. Obviously, as we go forward, and as COVID continues, we’ve come across some different areas of concern in the city and areas where we think we can make a change. And again, those changes will go into the overall Wellness Committee’s updated policy if applicable.”

Shea said the subcommittees and the topics the subcommittees discuss can change from any given year.

“Last year the focus was on nutrition, mental health, physical activity and substance abuse,” said Shea. “We first asked each committee member which subcommittee they feel comfortable joining and then we go out and we try to pick some people who have expertise in those fields and add them to the subcommittees.”

School Committee member Stacey Rizzo commended Shea and the Wellness Committee for the work they have been doing.

“I just need to say when Frank (Shea) came on board he really formed this committee so that it was doing work, not just in words, but actually work,” said Rizzo.

Sewage notification bill passes legislature, now awaits Governor’s signature

Staff report

During the final hours of the legislative session, the Massachusetts House and Senate enacted, An Act promoting awareness of sewage pollution in public waters.

The bill now sits on Gov. Charles Baker’s desk, where he has 10 days after the bill’s enactment to sign it.

This is an important step in protecting public health, our state’s water quality, and upgrading outdated water infrastructure. H.4921, sponsored by Rep. Linda Dean Campbell (D-Methuen), Sen. Pat Jehlen (D-Somerville), and Rep. Denise Provost (D-Somerville), will require water suppliers to establish a public notification system to let Massachusetts residents know when there’s been a sewage discharge in their area. Up until now, residents had no way to know when sewage was present in their local waterways, running the risk of unknowingly coming in contact with harmful bacteria and toxins

that could cause serious health impacts. Increasing awareness about archaic infrastructure is the first step in the long journey of updating and replacing aging combined sewer systems with modern systems that are cleaner and safer for our communities.

The Massachusetts Rivers Alliance led the advocacy effort, and is thrilled to see the Massachusetts legislature pass this common-sense bill. Mass Rivers credits the passage of this bill to hard work by a diverse and persistent coalition of legislative leaders, environmental advocates, and municipal leaders over several years.

“Massachusetts residents have a right to know if there is sewage in their rivers, especially this year when we’ve turned to nature for safe recreation and peace of mind,” said Julia Blatt, Executive Director of the Massachusetts Rivers Alliance. “Mass Rivers appreciates the leadership of the bill’s sponsors, Senator Jehlen, Representative Campbell, and

Representative Provost on this issue, and we are thrilled to see it approved by the legislature. Passage of this bill is an important step toward raising awareness of this problem, bringing our water infrastructure out of the nineteenth and into the twenty-first century.”

“With a COVID-19 connection to sewage, this legislation becomes more critical to preserve public health,” said Rep. Campbell. “Many citizens have fought for this for years – and they will now be able to receive individual notification of sewage spills. State government has a responsibility to ensure that our residents and local leaders are notified of public health concerns. This legislation also has a huge economic component. Our waterways in Massachusetts are treasured by all, and we all want to be able to enjoy and respect these treasures. Their viability is critical to local economies. Our next battle will be to upgrade our sewage treatment facilities to prevent CSOs.”

“Combined Sewer Overflows may not be the first thing on many people’s minds when they head to one of the Commonwealth’s many beautiful waterways, but right now, public health is on all of our minds,” said Sen. Jehlen. “We need this notification system so everyone can make informed decisions, protect their health, and safely enjoy our natural resources.”

“Passage of this bill could not be more timely,” said Rep. Provost. “When people utilize our rivers and ponds, they deserve to be informed about the lurking health hazards from germ-laden sewer outfalls. Especially given the scientific uncertainty about the infectiousness of solid waste containing excreted coronavirus, we should be enabling the people of Massachusetts to make informed decisions about when it’s safe to go in the water.”

“It is a relief to know that the public health is protected and residents in Massachusetts will finally have the awareness

that municipalities are discharging sewage into their rivers,” said Patrick Herron, Executive Director of the Mystic River Watershed Association “and this would not have happened without the leadership of Senator Jehlen, Representative Campbell, and Representative Provost and the tireless advocacy of Mass Rivers Alliance.”

“In this day and age, most people probably assume that the public would have to be notified if there was a sewage spill at their favorite, beach, swimming hole or paddling spot, but that hasn’t been the case until now,” said Ian Cooke, Executive Director of the Neponset River Watershed Association. “We are very excited to see this common sense requirement to protect public health, wildlife and our waterways finally moving forward.”

I believe this bill is critically important for all communities adjacent to waterways who are subjected to sewage discharges,” said Newburyport Mayor Donna

Holaday. “As an end user on the Merrimack River, Newburyport experiences combined sewage and stormwater discharges from upriver communities nearly every time it rains. We have been working with the Merrimack River District Commission on developing a pilot notification system to alert our residents, boaters, fishermen, swimmers and others from using the river and beaches when there are high bacteria levels. In order to fully implement this system we need to know when CSOs are occurring upriver. I am very grateful to our legislators and the many advocates who have worked on this initiative for several years.”

Baker must sign H.4921 into law within 10 days of its enactment, after which time the Department of Environmental Protection will work with sewage operators on establishing a public notification system.

New report focuses on landfill long-term management issues, commitment to public health

The Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA) Applied Research Foundation (ARF) recently conducted important research on the long-term management (LTM) that will be needed for closed landfills following the 30-year post-closure care period required under current regulations.

The resulting report addresses key issues such as the expected ser-

vice life of the landfill’s final cover system and the tasks that will need to be performed to ensure the long-term protection of public health and the environment. The report also addresses the issue of how long-term management activities can be financed.

“SWANA continues to be at the forefront of identifying solutions to challenging solid waste issues, and this important

new report provides useful information and data for solid waste managers and their communities,” stated David Biderman, SWANA Executive Director and CEO. “We need to assure the public that today’s landfills will not only provide communities with needed solid waste disposal services but that they will continue to protect public health and the environment for hundreds of

years following their closure,” he added.

The report provides reassuring evidence regarding the efficacy of the federal design standards that have been established for these facilities. For example, the research study concluded that it is unlikely that the geomembrane in the landfill’s final cover system would need to be replaced for 2,000 years following its installation.

“We appreciate the support and involvement of our Disposal Group subscribers who submitted and voted for this important research topic and provided funding support for the research effort,” said Jeremy O’Brien, SWANA’s Director of Applied Research.

It is SWANA’s intention that this report will serve as a useful reference for solid waste managers who are responsi-

ble for the provision of landfill disposal services for their communities.

The full report, The Long-Term Management of Closed MSW Landfills Following the Post-Closure Care Period, is currently available only to SWANA ARF subscribers. SWANA members receive free access to ARF industry reports one year after publication.



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Legal Notice #001-2021
Notice is hereby given in accordance with Chapter 40A of the Massachusetts General Laws and Chapter 17 of the Code of the Town of Winthrop that the Winthrop Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on Thursday, January 28, 2021, at or after 7:00 p.m. via Zoom, upon the application of Stephanie Furfaro, owner of the property located at, 92 Nahant Avenue, Winthrop, MA 02152. The owner has requested a permit to construct an addition to the existing one-family home. The construction consists, in part, of the creation of additional space at the top level of the house. The proposed plan shows a finished height of less than 35 feet; however, the top floor addition will result in the creation of space in excess of a half story. The area with living space under a ceiling of seven feet (7' 0") or more will be 76%. Section 17.04.050 defines a half story as follows: Story, Half. "Half story" means a story which is under a gable, hipped or gambrel roof, where less than one-half the floor area has a clear height of seven feet or more. The maximum height allowable in the RB zone is not more than 35 feet or not more than 2 1/2 stories. The addition proposed will create a third story which requires a variance from the Board of Appeals from the provisions of Section 17.16.030 The owner has the right to appeal to the Board of Appeals for a variance from the maximum allowable height in the RB zone.

Copies of the aforementioned application and plans are on file and available for inspection on the web page of the Town Clerk, Town Hall, Monday through Thursday during the normal business hours.
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p.m. via Zoom, upon the application of LG SOMERSET, LLC, owner of the property located at, 35 Somerset Avenue, Winthrop, MA 02152. The owner has requested a permit to convert the existing three-family home to a six-unit residential dwelling ("Multi-Family Dwelling") with six off-street parking spaces in the Residence B (RB) District. For the following reasons, the permit is hereby DENIED. The current use of the property is that of a Multi-Family Dwelling as defined in Section 17.04.050. A Multi-Family Dwelling is not an allowed use in the RB District. Therefore, the property is a pre-existing nonconforming use. Conversion may be accomplished only by way of Special Permit issued by the Board of Appeals pursuant to the provisions of Section 17.28.030.D, "Nonconforming Uses, Structures, and Lots". Parking requirements in the RB district for residential uses is two spaces for each dwelling unit. The Owner would require a variance from the parking regulations set out in Section 17.20.060. The owner has the right to appeal this decision to the Board of Appeals for a Special Permit and a Variance. Therefore: the only requires a variance from the provisions of section 17.16.130 to allow for this creation or maintenance of a three-story building. Copies of the aforementioned application and plans are on file and available for inspection on the web page of the Town Clerk, Town Hall, Monday through Thursday during the normal business hours.
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Recovery on the Harbor set to open next month

By John Lynds

A new resource center for people in recovery will open its doors in Orient Heights Square next month and serve residents from East Boston and Winthrop working on their sobriety.

Run by North Suffolk Mental Health Association (NSMH) Recovery on the Harbor at 983 Bennington St. will offer those in recovery access to a wide array of resources and programs to help on their road to recovery.

“The only requirement for somebody to use this center is 24 hours of recovery and they have to be 18 years old or over,” said NSMH’s Katherine O’Leary. “It will be a member driven program based on a peer to peer participatory process. So the members will decide to include things like parenting classes; AA and NA meetings; Smart Recovery meetings; Refuge Recovery meetings and multiple other pathways to recovery programs. There is some discussion to include vocational training or a parent support group.

It’s really just meant to empower and enhance the community and strengthen the recovery community overall.”

There were some earlier misconceptions over exactly what sort of programs would be offered at Recovery on the Harbor when NSMHA announced it was moving into the space on Bennington Street. Some residents on social media spread rumors the space would be anything from an addiction treatment facility to a methadone clinic.

“It’s not a hangout,” said O’Leary. “It’s not a place that someone can come to if they’re getting high. If somebody comes in and needs treatment then we can assist them and help them find treatment but that’s not what Recovery on the Harbor is designed for. It is really designed to strengthen and enhance the recovery community. Everybody that works there has some form of lived experience with alcohol or addiction.”

Recovery on the Harbor percolated up from several stakeholders that work with the addiction

community and programs that help addicts to expand resources for the community.

“Right now there are 26 recovery support centers across Massachusetts,” said O’Leary. “And before Recovery on the Harbor there were only three in Boston. I think the opposite of addiction is connection and I think that’s really what’s lacking right now and we’re seeing that in the lack of detox beds; we’re seeing that in the emergency departments; we’re seeing it in the homeless populations out on the street. There is a lack of resources right now in places like Recovery on the Harbor brings people together rather than push them apart.”

O’Leary said in the final analysis Recovery on the Harbor will give somebody a safe place to go. “It will help remove some of the barriers to next steps,” said O’Leary. “One of the coaches that will be rotating in and out of there will have some kind of information to share with these people in recovery. It’s about building resources and building bridges

rather than burning them down. So we really want to extend this into the community and welcome the community and because right now I feel like there isn’t a person out there that hasn’t been touched or affected by addiction in some way shape or form. So this center kind of helps to diminish the stigma attached to it.”

O’Leary, who is closing in on 10 years sober herself, says more resources and funding have been poured into treatment with little emphasis on recovery support.

“Putting down the drink or drug a lot of times in hindsight is the easy part,” said O’Leary. “Getting people to maintain accountability living life in recovery, where they’re connected to their community and maintaining their recovery is a long uphill battle. It’s really a blessing when someone gets to that point but I think what’s happening is we had so many resources getting dumped into treatments and detox we’re finally at a point with the lingering question, “Now What?”. We want to sus-



tain, we want to improve the recovery community and make sure they’re staying connected and continue to be supported. I think that is the continuum of care with substance use disorder and that’s where this new recovery center falls. We’re here to meet

the needs of the recovery community.”

Those looking to find out more information or want to become a member of Recovery on the Harbor contact Jenny Celata, Director of Recovery on the Harbor, at VCelata@northsuffolk.org.

Is Your Dog a Hero to You?

Nominations Open for the 2021 American Humane Hero Dog Awards

Special to the Transcript

American Humane, the country’s first national humane organization, has announced the official start of the 2021 American Humane Hero Dog Awards campaign. The annual, year-long campaign seeks to identify and honor the best of our best friends and will culminate this fall with the premiere of the “American Humane Hero Dog Awards” on Hallmark Channel. The two-hour special, now in its 11th year, is broadcast in conjunction with the network’s pet adoption advocacy initiative, Hallmark Channel’s Adoption Ever After, which aims to empty the shelters and end this country’s epidemic of pet homelessness.

Dog owners across the country are invited to visit www.herodogawards.org and nominate their heroic hound in one of seven categories. This fall, the top dog in each category will appear at the nationally televised, star-studded, red-carpet awards gala and one of the seven will be named the American Hero Dog of the year – the most prestigious honor a canine can receive.

The seven categories for 2021 are: Law Enforcement Dogs, Military Dogs, Therapy Dogs, Service Dogs, Shelter Dogs, Search and Rescue Dogs and Guide/Hearing Dogs. Following the nomination period, which ends on March 2, 21 semi-

finalists (the top three in each category) will be chosen in a first round of voting by the public. The second round, featuring a combination of public and celebrity judge voting, will narrow the field to seven category finalists who will then vie, through a final round of public and celebrity judge voting, for the title of 2021 American Hero Dog.

During the past 10 years, Americans have cast millions of votes for thousands of dogs, all seeking the coveted title of American Hero Dog. The program reached more than four billion people last year and draws the support and participation of top celebrity dog lovers from all over the world. Hosts, judges, award presenters and entertainment acts have included Vivica A. Fox, Jay Leno, Billy Crystal, Betty White, Ariel Winter, Rebecca Romijn, Faithe Herman, Marcus Scribner, Dean Cain, Katharine McPhee, Shannen Doherty, Whoopi Goldberg, Denise Richards, Sarah Michelle Gellar, Chelsea Handler, Martin Short, Jewel, Wilson Phillips, Carson Kressley, Miranda Lambert, Pauley Perrette, Kristin Chenoweth, Naomi Judd, Eric Stonestreet, Fred Willard, Danica McKellar and many, many more.

“Whether they protect us on the battlefield, help us with medical challenges, or just lighten our spir-

its with an enthusiastic kiss after a hard day, dogs save and improve our lives every day,” said Dr. Robin Ganzert, American Humane’s president and CEO. “The American Humane Hero Dog Awards is our way of saluting our best friends and we invite every dog lover to take a few minutes to recognize the love, skill and loyalty these remarkable animals show us every day by nominating their canine companion now at www.HeroDogAwards.org.”

Key dates for the 2021 American Humane Hero Dog Awards contest include:

- Nominations through March 2
- First Round Voting: March 25 – May 6
- Second Round Voting: May 27 – July 15
- Third Round Voting: July 29 – September 9
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More information about the 2021 American Humane Hero Dog Awards, including complete contest rules and entry information, can be obtained by visiting www.herodogawards.org and be sure to follow us on Facebook and Twitter. More information on sponsorship opportunities can be had by emailing JillN@americanhumane.org or by calling 1-800-227-4645.

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