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## NEWS Brief

### HOLY WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH OF WINTHROP, UNITED METHODIST

The Holy Week Schedule for First Church of Winthrop, United Methodist is as follows:

**Maundy Thursday – April 1, 6pm**  
-Service of Holy Communion at First Church

**Good Friday – April 2, 1-3pm**

-First Church Sanctuary will be open for prayer (reserve a time by contacting the church office)

-Stations of the Cross booklets available for use at home or at the church.

**Ecumenical Easter Sunrise Service – Winthrop Beach, April 4, 6:10am**

-All are welcome to this 25-minute outdoor service with joint leadership from Winthrop's churches

-Meet at the north end of Winthrop Beach at Crest Ave., near the green rails

-The breakfast at First Church following the Sunrise Service is cancelled this year.

**Easter Sunday at First Church – April 4, 11:00am**

-Service of Holy Communion

-Easter fellowship hour in the rear parking lot following the service.

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State Representative-Elect Jeffrey Rosario Turco shown with his family at Casa Lucia in Revere during a victory celebration following the polls' close. Shown right, State Rep.-Elect Turco arrives with thumbs up to Casa Lucia.



# TURCO WINS

Elected State Representative  
for the 19<sup>th</sup> Suffolk District

By Cary Shuman

Attorney Jeffrey Rosario Turco of Winthrop carried the communities of Revere and Winthrop in impressive fashion to win the special election for the 19<sup>th</sup> Suffolk District seat in the Massachusetts House of Representatives.

Turco received 1,861 votes in the district to finish first in the field of three

candidates. Independent candidate Richard Fucillo Jr. was second with 473 votes while Republican candidate Paul Caruccio was third with 466 votes. Turco received 1,385 votes in Winthrop while Caruccio (88) and Fucillo (68) were second and third respectively.

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## ST. JOHN'S THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH SPRING FAIR



At the Spring fair at St. John's the Episcopal Church are from from left to right, are David Pfeiffer, Fr. Walter Connelly, Danny Dalo, Carol Belcher, Chris Foglia, and Ruth Koch-Ashton.

## Town reports 39 additional COVID-19 cases

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health has notified Town officials of 39 additional confirmed positive cases of the virus in Winthrop since our last reporting on March 25. These latest numbers bring the total number of cases up to 2,118, with 35

deceased (no change), 46 in isolation (+14 from last week) and 2,037 recovered (+25 from last week).

The Winthrop Public Health is offering assistance to those who may have difficulty registering for the Covid vaccine. Anyone in need can call

the EOC number at 617-539-5837 or email [eoc@town.winthrop.ma.us](mailto:eoc@town.winthrop.ma.us).

The Town encourages everyone to stay informed by visiting the official Winthrop COVID-19 resource page at [www.WinthropCOVID19.com](http://www.WinthropCOVID19.com)

## CONSTRUCTION LOOK AHEAD

### The Center Business District Construction Project

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

**Construction Updates and Schedule: Two-week Anticipated Schedule (to 4/9/21)**  
March 30, 2021:  
• Construction vehicles will not be entering or exiting the Larsen Rink. Parking at the public parking lot next to Citizens Bank will be closed to the public on March

30, 2021 (Election Day). Construction vehicles will resume entering and exiting the Larsen Rink on March 31, 2021. Access to public parking in a portion of the public parking lot at Citizens Bank will reopen on April 1, 2021. To April 2, 2021:

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## WINTHROP POLICE BLOTTER

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

### MONDAY, MARCH 15

1116: An officer directed the owner of a motor vehicle (MV) parked at a fire hydrant on Forrest St. to move the vehicle.

1615: A towing company reported the trespass tow of a MV from Governor’s Park at the request of the property manager.

1757: An officer responded to a motor vehicle accident (MVA) at Upland Rd. and Revere St. The airbags were deployed in both vehicles and both vehicles were towed. The officer filed a report.

2010: An officer directed the owner of a motor vehicle (MV) parked in a handicapped spot on Cutler St. to move the vehicle.

### TUESDAY, MARCH 16

1026: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) for a civil infraction at Magee’s Corner. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator, who stated that she was in a hurry because she was late for a doctor’s appointment.

1122: A caller reported that there was a loose dog in the parking lot of the medical building on Crest Ave. An officer went to the scene and confirmed that the dog was reunited with its owner.

1632: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) for the civil infraction of a lane violation at Main and Paine Sts. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1702: A resident came into the station to report a larceny. The officer filed a report.

2306: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) for the civil infraction of an equipment violation on Main St. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

2332: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) for the civil infraction of an equipment violation at Main and Read Sts. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17

0021: An officer dispersed a group in a MV from the parking lot at Short Beach which is closed after dark.

1053: A caller reported

finding a hypodermic syringe in the skate park in Ingleside Park. An officer retrieved the needle and brought it back to the station for proper disposal.

1532: An officer stopped an unregistered and uninsured MV on Shirley St. The officer followed the operator, who said she was unaware of the status of her vehicle, to her home in order for it to be parked on private property until the issue is resolved.

1749: A Somerset Ave. resident reported that her parked MV had been struck by a hit-and-run operator, causing minor scuff marks to the driver side quarter panel.

1752: An officer responded to a MVA at Cross and Shirley Sts. The airbags were deployed on both vehicles and both were towed. One of the operators was transported to the Whidden Hospital. The officer issued a citation to the other operator for the civil infraction of a stop sign violation.

1819: An officer issued parking tickets to three vehicles that were parked beyond the “No Parking” sign on Cliff Ave., making it difficult for other vehicles to operate safely on

the street.

1917: A resident came into the station to report being the victim of a fraud. The officer filed a report.

2306: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) for a civil infraction at Taylor and Revere Sts. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

### THURSDAY, MARCH 18

0907: An officer directed the operator of a MV parked at the handicapped ramp at Cutler and Shirley Sts. to move her vehicle.

1108: A resident reported being the victim of a fraud. The officer filed a report.

1123: A resident reported being the victim of a fraud in which she had sent \$500 via a bank transfer as a deposit on an apartment in Plymouth, but that the apartment had been taken. The officer filed a report.

1444: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Revere St. and arrested the operator, Jacob James Desplaines, 18, of 209 Shirley St., for the criminal offense of operating a MV with a suspended license.

### FRIDAY, MARCH 19

1304: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) for a civil infraction on Shore Drive. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1411: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) for a civil infraction on Main St. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1440: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) for a civil infraction at Main and Pleasant Sts. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

2344: An officer responded to a report of loud music in an apartment on Somerset Ave. The officer spoke to the parties and restored the peace.

### SATURDAY, MARCH 20

1205: An officer spoke to a customer of a convenience store who was reported to have been giving a store employee a hard time about wearing a mask. The officer directed the customer to wear a mask when he goes into the store.

1516: A resident came to the station to report a lost dog. The matter was referred to the Animal Control Officer.

1639: An officer re-

sponded to a report of a noise disturbance involving residents of Golden Drive. The officer spoke to both parties and restored the peace.

1722: A Pebble Ave. resident reported the theft of two wind chimes from her property.

2255: An officer directed persons in two vehicles to leave Hannaford Park, which is closed after dark.

### SUNDAY, MARCH 21

0114: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) for the civil infraction of failing to stop for a traffic control sign at Shirley and Perkins Sts. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

0445: An officer issued a parking ticket to a MV that was blocking a driveway on Moore St.

0908: An officer informed contractors working at a residence on Triton Ave. of the town by-law forbidding construction work on a Sunday. The contractors packed up for the day.

2304: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) at Main and Wilshire Sts. for the civil infraction of a red light violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

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### APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE FOR INTERNSHIPS AT SHERIFF'S DEPT.

Applications are once again being accepted for the Suffolk County Sheriff’s Department Summer Enrichment Program (SEP).

The SEP -- which is a seven-week internship that begins on Wednesday, July 7 and ends on Friday, August 23 -- is inviting twenty participants, selected from a group of high school students, to the Suffolk County Sheriff’s Department to learn more about careers in law enforcement.

Participants will work 21 hours a week on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, from 8am – 4pm, and will be compensated at a rate of \$13.50 per-hour. During each week of the internship, members will participate in a “meet and greet” with members of the law enforcement community.

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, and with the implementation of strict health and safety protocols, the Suffolk County Sheriff’s Department’s (SCSD) interns will participate in either REMOTE, HYBRID or IN-PERSON activities.

### GOLDBERG’S OFFICE AWARDS OVER \$1.8 MILLION IN VETERAN BONUSES

The State Treasurer’s Veterans’ Bonus Division is pleased to announce that in 2020 they processed nearly 4,000 bonuses and awarded \$1,850,451 in benefits to Veterans across Massachusetts. In addition, the division oversaw the creation of a new COVID-19 Bonus for Massachusetts National Guard members, activated in response to the state of emergency declared by the governor on March 10th, 2020. This initiative paid out \$838,000 to over

1,500 service members beginning in November.

“In 2019, our team successfully transitioned the Welcome Home bonus to an online platform, which allowed us to successfully manage the increased number of applications during the pandemic,” said State Treasurer Deborah B. Goldberg. “Our servicemembers selflessly give so much to others that we wanted to ensure that each and every one of them had the opportunity to promptly receive their bonus payouts during a time of economic uncertainty.”

“We were thrilled when the legislature passed our COVID bonus for National Guard personnel that supported the Massachusetts’ response to the pandemic,” said Steve Croteau, Manager of the Veterans’ Bonus Division. “This bonus helped relieve some financial stress and allowed the National Guard members to focus on their mission.”

“This bonus was honestly a surprise but greatly appreciated. Aiding in the COVID response took up almost half of my year living away from my family. I think I can speak for myself as well as my fellow soldiers, this money makes us feel appreciated,” said a Massachusetts Veteran after receiving their bonus. “I will be saving my money for a time where COVID is less of an issue and I can go on a relaxing vacation with my family.”

The Veterans’ Bonus Division distributes bonuses for eligible active duty, discharged, and deceased Massachusetts veterans who served during various conflicts. The State Treasurer’s Office has administered the state bonus program since the World War I bonus in 1919 was awarded to Massachusetts individuals who served in the armed forces during that period. To learn more about the Veterans’ Bonus Division, visit VetsBonusMA.com.

### ABCD AND THE GREATER BOSTON FOOD BANK ANNOUNCE A JOINT INITIATIVE

Action for Boston Community Development, Inc. (ABCD) and The Greater Boston Food Bank (GBFB) jointly announced a groundbreaking \$2 million initiative, designed to provide thousands of families affected by COVID-19 with more fresh fruits, vegetables, and other nutritious perishable foods. As experts in the field have noted, the demand for emergency food in Eastern Massachusetts has increased by 66% due to the COVID-19 pandemic. With support from the federal CARES Act (Coronavirus AID, Relief, and Economic Security Act), ABCD will work with GBFB to fund 2.5 million pounds of fresh foods to communities in need through local food pantries, which are affiliated with GBFB. Approximately 260,000 individuals across Greater Boston will benefit over the next six months.

ABCD President/CEO John J. Drew and GBFB CEO Catherine D’Amato noted that this innovation builds on decades of partnership between the two organizations, each with deep, grassroots, community collaborations. In February, GBFB served over 172,000 households with over 2.4 million pounds of food throughout its food pantry network, which includes 8 ABCD sites. Over the past year, ABCD provided more than 100,000 households with a wide range of services designed to fight the current emergency, and to equip families with tools to thrive in the future.

“Our doors have been open. We’ve been providing food, diapers, rental assistance, fuel assistance and other emergency help from day one of the pandemic. By expanding this

important partnership, the Fresh Foods project will keep hungry people healthier during an already difficult time,” said John J. Drew, ABCD President/CEO. “The need is urgent and our ability to help is immediate.”

“Partnerships are key in the work to end hunger in our communities, and ABCD has been one partner that is essential in GBFB’s COVID-19 response,” said Catherine D’Amato, president and CEO, The Greater Boston Food Bank. “Beyond partnering since 1989 as a pantry food distributor in the Greater Boston area, they have stepped up to provide critical funding to enable GBFB to distribute healthy and nutritious food for all partners in this region during this challenging pandemic.”

The response from communities has been enthusiastic. “ABCD has been a critical partner in keeping folks in Malden, and across the region, housed, fed, and safe throughout the pandemic and long before,” said Representative Steven Ultrino (D – Malden) “I’m incredibly excited about this new collaboration between ABCD and The Greater Boston Food Bank, and look forward to continuing our work with them to ensure that every member of our community can keep food on the table for themselves and their families.”

ABCD and GBFB will also work together to identify barriers to better nutrition for low-income families. Both GBFB and ABCD are committed to seeking durable systems change which will enhance the effectiveness and cost-efficiency of the resources struggling families rely on.

“Our families were letting us know that finding food and supplies was becoming more difficult in the grocery stores as COVID got worse,” said Jenny Sugilio, Acting Director at ABCD Parker Hill/Fenway Neighbor-

hood Service Center. “We had to do something about it! No one should be allowed to go hungry.

### MVES RECEIVES GRANT TO SUPPORT OLDER ADULTS AND THEIR PETS

Mystic Valley Elder Services (MVES) received a \$4,000 emergency pet food grant through a partnership between Meals on Wheels America and PetSmart Charities®. Funding was used to meet an increased demand for MVES’ pet-related services and overcome infrastructure challenges amid COVID-19. MVES care managers chose consumers who needed the help the most. Through this generous grant, 20 consumers and more than 30 pet companions were helped.

“While our mission remains focused on the independence and dignity of older adults, often times, their best friends may be their pets. For that reason, being able to provide food resources for both people and their pet pals can make a positive difference,” said Mystic Valley Elder Services CEO Daniel O’Leary.

Amid stay-at-home guidance and other health and safety measures in place to protect against COVID-19, millions of older adults are experiencing the impacts of loneliness and diminished social connection. While pet ownership is known to lower instances of illness and reported feelings of loneliness among older adults and is particularly crucial during this challenging time, many face difficulties with procuring groceries, like pet food and supplies, on their own.

According to a Grace, whose mother Betty is a MVES consumer and a recipient of the grant, the gift of dog food for her pet has helped her family in several ways. “Be-

cause my mother is 97 years old, and I too am a senior, we will not have to go out now to get food for our dog. We have been trying to keep our public outings to a minimum during COVID,” explains Grace. “Because our dog is on a special diet, her pet food costs a little more. This grant helped save about \$170 over the next 3 months. The saving will go toward pet insurance and our dog’s needs. There is even a little left over for a toy or two! So the savings are a great help.”

“As so many older adults became homebound practically overnight in the face of the pandemic, they also became shut off from critical social connections,” said Ellie Hollander, President and CEO, Meals on Wheels America. “Meals on Wheels programs have been working around the clock to serve an influx of seniors in need of support over the past year, which includes preserving the proven powerful relationships they have with their pets. This generous funding from PetSmart Charities makes that possible.”

Grace and Betty’s dog is a 4-year-old rescue dog who has been with them for about a year and half. She is part Chihuahua and part terrier. “When we were asked by the MVES care manager what kind of food our dog ate, I was surprised. She then explained the grant to me and how my mother could benefit from it. At first, I thought we would receive a bag of dog food. Never did I imagine we would receive two large boxes of food!” says Grace. “Yes, there are savings, but more than that, it is the thought of the organization to realize that pets are one of the nearest and dearest things to folks, especially during the Pandemic.”

To learn more about MVES services and how you can donate to those in need, please call us at 781-324-7705 or visit [www.mves.org](http://www.mves.org).

# Governor signs climate legislation with goal of achieving Net Zero emissions by 2050

Staff Report

Gov. Charles Baker on Friday signed comprehensive climate change legislation that codifies into law the Baker-Polito Administration’s commitment to achieve Net Zero emissions in 2050 and furthers the Commonwealth’s nation-leading efforts to combat climate change and protect vulnerable communities. The new law, Senate Bill 9 - An Act Creating a Next Generation Roadmap for Massachusetts Climate Policy, establishes new interim goals for emissions reductions, significantly increases protections for Environmental Justice communities across Massachusetts, authorizes the Administration to implement a new, voluntary energy efficient building code for municipalities, and allows the Commonwealth to procure an additional 2,400 Megawatts (MW) of clean, reliable offshore wind energy by 2027. Building upon the framework established in the Administration’s 2050 Decarbonization Roadmap and Clean Energy and Climate Plan for 2030, the

bipartisan bill allows the Commonwealth to pursue ambitious emissions reduction goals in a cost-effective and equitable manner while creating jobs and opportunities for economic development throughout Massachusetts.

“Climate change is an urgent challenge that requires action, and this legislation will reduce emissions in Massachusetts for decades to come while also ensuring the Commonwealth remains economically competitive,” said Gov. Baker. “We are proud to have worked closely with the Legislature to produce bipartisan legislation that will advance clean energy sources and secure a healthy, livable environment for future generations.”

The legislation signed by Gov. Baker updates the greenhouse gas emissions limits related to the 2008 Global Warming Solutions Act, commits Massachusetts to achieve Net Zero emissions in 2050, and authorizes the Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) to establish an emissions limit of

no less than 50 percent for 2030, and no less than 75 percent for 2040. The legislation also authorizes EEA to establish emissions limits every five years and sublimits for at least six sectors of the Massachusetts economy - electric power; transportation; commercial and industrial heating and cooling; residential heating and cooling; industrial processes; and natural gas distribution and service.

Recognizing the significant impact of climate change on Environmental Justice communities overburdened by poor air quality and disproportionately high levels of pollution, the legislation statutorily defines Environmental Justice and environmental burdens, including climate change as an environmental burden. The legislation also expands Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act (MEPA) review to require an Environmental Impact Report for all projects that impact air quality within one mile of an Environmental Justice Neighborhood, and requires the Department of Environmental Protection to conduct a

stakeholder process to develop a cumulative impact analysis as a condition of permitting certain projects. This change would, for the first time, require the agency to evaluate not just individual project impacts but also historic environmental pollution throughout the community through the permit process.

The legislation authorizes the Commonwealth to procure an additional 2,400 MW of offshore wind power, bringing the state’s total required authorization to 4,000 MW by 2027. Earlier this year, the Department of

Energy Resources (DOER) filed the third offshore wind power Request for Proposals (RFP) with the Department of Public Utilities for review and approval. The RFP solicits project proposals of up to 1,600 MW of offshore wind power and includes important new provisions related to diversity, inclusion, economic development, and environmental justice.

In a move that will continue to advance the Commonwealth’s nation-leading energy efficiency programs, the legislation establishes new energy ef-

ficiency requirements for commercial kitchen equipment, plumbing, lighting, computers and computer monitors, electric vehicle supply equipment and consumer appliances including faucets, residential ventilating fans, portable electric spas, showerheads, toilets, and water coolers. A key component of the Administration’s Clean Energy and Climate Plan, the legislation authorizes DOER to establish by 2023 a highly efficient stretch energy code for newly constructed buildings that municipalities may adopt.

## CBD //CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

**Scheduled Work:**

- Construction of storm drain improvements on Jefferson Street, between French Square and Putnam Street, and at the intersection of Putnam Street and Jefferson Street.

**Traffic Management:**

The CBD can be accessed from Woodside Avenue and Somerset Avenue during construction hours (7 AM to 4 PM). Hagman Road and Bartlett Road will be open during construction hours (7 AM to 4 PM) to exit the CBD.



Construction of storm drain improvements (manhole installation) on Jefferson Street, between French Square and Putnam Street.

**Road Closings (Monday through Friday; 7 AM to 4 PM):**

- Putnam Street will be closed to through traffic. Access will be permitted to local residents and businesses between Buchanan Street and Jefferson Street.
- Jefferson Street will be closed at Fremont Street. Access will be permitted to local residents and businesses.
- Putnam Street will be closed at the Citizens Bank. Access to Michael’s Mall and Citizens Bank will remain open. Access to businesses will be maintained.
- Jefferson Street will be closed at French Square. Access to businesses will be maintained.

**April 5 to April 9, 2021**

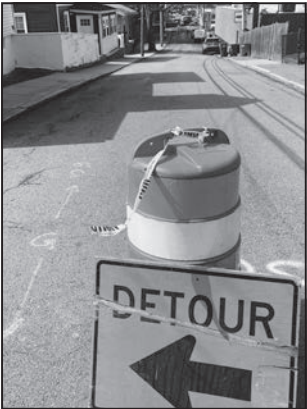
**Scheduled Work:**

- Construction of storm drain improvements on Jefferson Street, between French Square and Putnam Street, and at the intersection of Putnam Street and Jefferson Street.

- Construction of storm drain improvements on Somerset Avenue, between Cottage Park Road and Pleasant Street.

**Traffic Management for Jefferson St./Putnam St. work:**

The CBD can be accessed from Woodside Avenue and Somerset Avenue during construction hours (7 AM to 4 PM). Hagman Road and Bartlett



Access to Jefferson Street has been closed heading south at the intersection of Fremont Street due to ongoing construction work in the Center Business District

Road will be open during construction hours (7 AM to 4 PM) to exit the CBD.

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- Jefferson Street will be closed at Fremont Street. Access will be permitted to local residents and businesses.
- Putnam Street will be closed at the Citizens Bank. Access to Michael’s Mall and Citizens Bank will remain open. Access to businesses will be maintained.
- Jefferson Street will be closed at French Square. Access to businesses will be maintained.

**Traffic Management for Somerset Avenue work:**

The CBD can be accessed from Woodside Avenue and Jefferson Street during construction hours (7 AM to 4 PM). Hagman Road and Bartlett Road will be open during construction hours (7 AM to 4 PM) to exit the CBD.

- Somerset Avenue will be closed at Pleasant Street. Access will be permitted to local residents and businesses.
- Intersection of Cottage Park Road and Somerset Avenue will be closed. Access to the CBD from Pleasant Street will be from Woodside Avenue.

## Real Estate Transfers

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### MWRA WORK WILL IMPACT PUBLIC ACCESS AT DEER ISLAND

On April 12, 2021, MWRA will be starting inspections of the sea wall that surrounds Deer Island. This work is expected to last about two weeks. During that time, portions of the public access pathway may be closed and detours required. Please contact Deer Island Hotline at 617-660-7633 or [DIHotline@mwra.com](mailto:DIHotline@mwra.com) with any concerns

# Winthrop Senior Center News

Website: [town.winthrop.ma.us/council-aging](http://town.winthrop.ma.us/council-aging)

**The Senior Center remains closed to the public at this time.** If you need assistance, please call us at 617-846-8538 (or email [coareception@town.winthrop.ma.us](mailto:coareception@town.winthrop.ma.us)) and leave a message, as well as your name and phone number. We will do our best to get back to you in a timely manner.

**The Winthrop Department of Public Health** is offering assistance to those who may have difficulty registering for the COVID vaccine. Anyone in need can call 617-539-5837 or email: [eoc@town.winthrop.ma.us](mailto:eoc@town.winthrop.ma.us).

**The East Boston Neighborhood Health**

Center is offering COVID vaccine clinics in East Boston, Revere and Chelsea. To make an appointment, you can call them at 617-568-4870 or go to: [ebnhc.org/en/services/covid-19/covid-19-vaccine](http://ebnhc.org/en/services/covid-19/covid-19-vaccine).

**Mystic Valley Elder Services Offering Transportation Services to COVID Vaccine Sites for Adults 60 Years and Older.** There are three eligibility guidelines to get approved for your two roundtrips: you must be 60 years of age or older; do not have other means to get to a vaccination site; or do not have access to the vaccine in the building complex where you live.

For more information, or to schedule a ride, call MVES at 781-324-7705. If you need a ride, please make sure to call in advance so you can plan the most convenient travel time for yourself.

**Meals on Wheels continues to operate.** Residents who are in need and are not currently on the list to receive meals through Meals on Wheels can call Mystic Valley Elder Services at 781-324-7705, with their name, phone number and address to be included in the program.

**Senior Phone Buddy Program.** Senior Center volunteers are available to make friendly phone

calls to homebound seniors. If you, or someone you know would like to receive a call, please contact the Senior Center at 617-846-8538, or email [COAREception@town.winthrop.ma.us](mailto:COAREception@town.winthrop.ma.us). Additionally, if you would like to volunteer to be a friendly caller, email [mrodes@town.winthrop.ma.us](mailto:mrodes@town.winthrop.ma.us).

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

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## A VISIT FROM A FATHER AFAR



Vanessa (owner of Beraka Juice) recently had her parents, Cathy and Joseph Mukania stop by and visit the store. Vanessa’s father, who lives in the Congo has not been in the Winthrop area since February 2020.

## State awards grants to businesses for COVID Relief

Staff report

Last week, the Baker-Polito Administration announced approximately \$14.6 million in awards for 295 additional businesses in the eleventh round of COVID relief grants administered by the Massachusetts Growth Capital Corporation (MGCC). As in prior rounds, each grant recipient meets sector or demographic priorities set for the grant programs administered by MGCC.

With the addition of this round of grants, the Administration has awarded al-

most \$648 million in direct financial support to 14,351 businesses across the Commonwealth. Grants for this round were awarded to 107 minority-owned, and 107 woman-owned, businesses; 64 grantees are in the restaurant sector, 91 recipients are located in Gateway Cities, and 104 businesses have not received any prior aid.

Acknowledging the importance of restaurants and independent retailers to communities across Massachusetts, business owners of multiple locations that met demograph-

ic and sector priorities are receiving awards to support additional locations.

Additionally, MGCC this week announced the availability of funding to support non-profits that offer technical assistance designed to help existing small businesses recover and thrive post COVID-19, as well as community development financial institutions that will back the recovery, resiliency and growth of small businesses in underserved communities through matching capital.

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Holy Rosary  
St. John the Evangelist  
Our Lady of the Airways  
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**Holy Week**

Holy Week Services are all at St. John the Evangelist in the upper church unless noted:

Holy Thursday, April 1, 7pm  
Good Friday, April 2, 7 pm  
Easter Vigil, April 3, 7 pm  
Easter Sunday, 8 am, 10 am, 11 am (lower church), 12 noon

Easter is meant to be a symbol of hope, renewal and new life.

May your heart be full of love, joy & endless hope.

We wish you not to lose the beautiful Easter feeling of new beginnings.

May this Spring season bring you new hope, new friendships and new prospectives.

State Representative-Elect  
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From our family to yours:  
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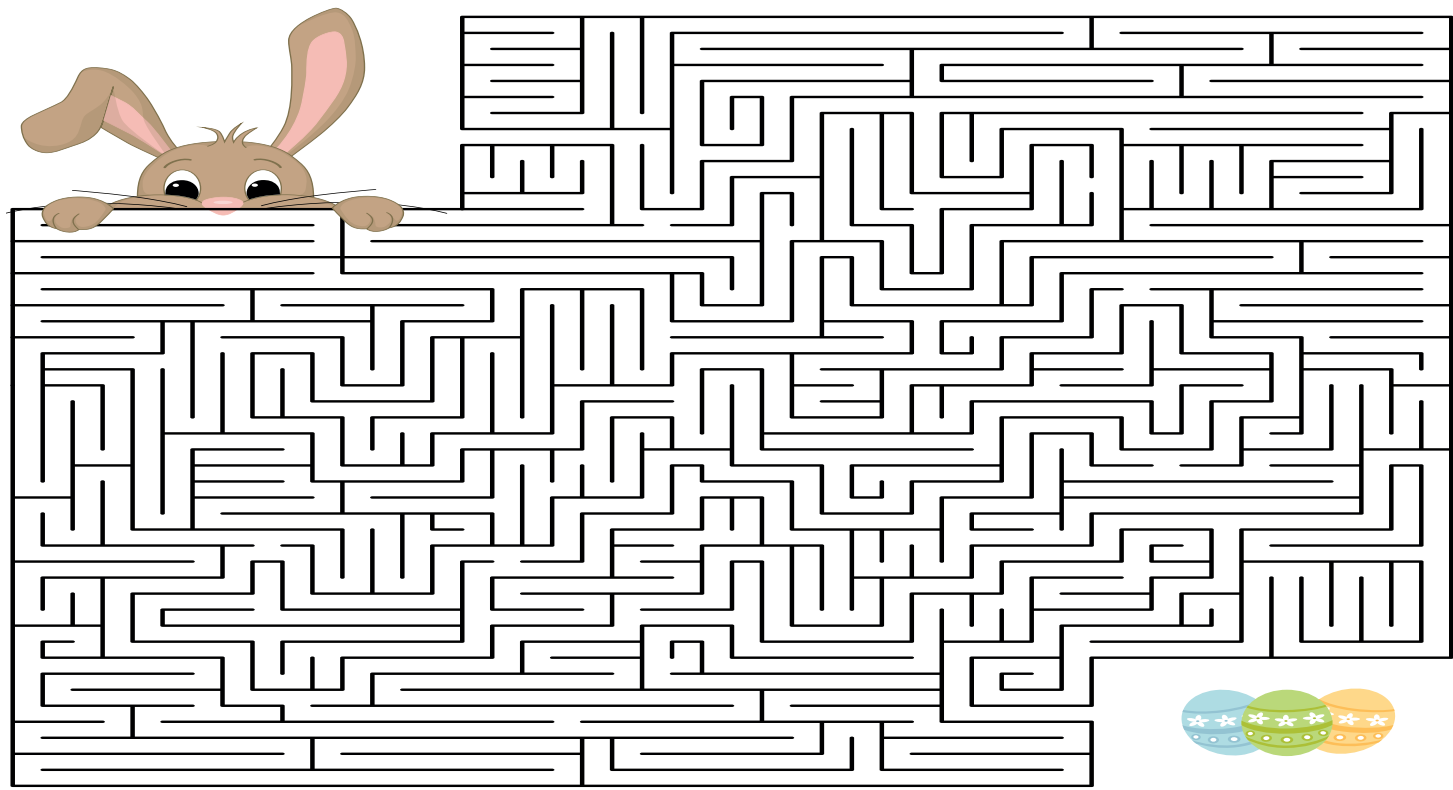
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# Winthrop Sun Transcript's 2021 Easter Hunnies



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Happy Easter from Hannah



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Johnny and Max



Happy Easter from Lunar



Happy Easter from Alianora & Emmalia



Happy Easter from Georgia



Happy Easter from Maeve,  
Ellie & Wesley!



Happy Easter from Tatum



Happy Easter from Theodore



Happy Easter from Mikki



Happy Easter from Fiona



Happy Easter from Rocco

OUR Opinions

THE MARKEY-WARREN-AOC BUILD GREEN ACT IS NEEDED

The recent catastrophic winter-weather event in Texas has highlighted the degree to which our national infrastructure (among other things) has fallen victim to the penny-wise and pound-foolish thinking that has dominated our national politics for the past 40 years.

The winter hurricane, as some have labeled it, reportedly will prove to be the most-costly natural disaster in the history of the United States. Both the public utilities and the private companies in Texas did not invest in the types of infrastructure improvements to their plants and facilities that would have allowed them to withstand a weather event that really should not have been all that catastrophic.

Much was made of the wind farms that were knocked out of service, but wind turbines all across the globe exist in far harsher conditions than what occurred in Texas and they do not experience the catastrophic failure that was seen in Texas. Texas simply had not spent the money necessary for the winterization of those turbines .

The damage to the state’s infrastructure left millions of Texans and residents of other states without power and clean water, causing billions in damage to individual homes (when their pipes froze), as well as the tragic loss of life that now numbers 111 persons.

In addition, the shutdown of oil refineries and petrochemical plants that were damaged by the storm has created shortages across the country that will drive prices needlessly higher for everybody.

And here’s the thing: The winter storm would not have been a big deal in most of the rest of the U.S., where governments and business are prepared for such weather events.

But in Texas, keeping energy costs as low as possible was a priority for state regulators. The end result of not spending a few billion dollars upfront to weatherize the state’s power grid resulted in tens of billions of dollars in post-catastrophe costs.

This sort of shortsighted thinking is not confined to Texas, however. The COVID-19 pandemic has exposed the vulnerability of our nation to public health emergencies because we have become entirely dependent on foreign manufacturers for all sorts of critical medical supplies, from drugs to masks to mechanical equipment -- all in the name of “efficiency” and “cost-cutting.”

Similarly, we have under-invested to such an extent in our roads, bridges, airports, dams, water supplies, and power grids -- everything -- that we have plummeted to the level of a Third World country. We no longer are a world leader --we’re a world loser.

Our refusal to acknowledge and address the impending impacts of climate change have set us up for even more catastrophic weather-related events in the near-future. The proverbial “100-year” flood, wildfire, or storm has become commonplace.

The Build Green Act sponsored by our U.S. Senators, Ed Markey and Elizabeth Warren, and House member Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez seeks to remedy the twin problems of our crumbling infrastructure and the looming climate crisis.

The time to take action is running short. Hopefully, elements of the Build Green Act will be included in President Biden’s forthcoming national infrastructure plan, which needs to get going as soon as possible.



HAPPY EASTER

LETTERS to the Editor

LET US SET THE EXAMPLE

Dear Editor:

I was very saddened last week to see tensions flare in our community over the decision to send all students back to school for in-person learning on April 5. Superintendent Lisa Howard presented a reasonable, logical, staggered return-to-school plan, taking into consideration safety, equity, state requirements, health guidelines, and countless other factors. While many teachers are parents, and can understand the challenges faced with children

learning at home, most parents haven’t experienced the hurdles teachers face, teachers can’t imagine what the principals face, and none of us can imagine what the Superintendent needs to consider. That is why I was disappointed when the School Committee disregarded Superintendent Howard’s advice and forged ahead with an April 5 opening for all students. Nevertheless, the Winthrop teachers will continue to rise to the occasion and provide outstanding educational opportunities to all students. They have gone above and

beyond every day, keeping students engaged, fairly and equitably, remotely and simultaneously, in-person, creating a much more challenging and difficult job!

Although everyone agrees that it is better for children’s education and mental health to be in person in the pre-pandemic “regular” school model, unfortunately, that is not possible right now. Even when children go back to in-person learning, it is going to look and feel very different than before. We all need to consider that in-person learning, in

the current atmosphere, will not be a cure-all. This pandemic is still providing only bad choices. There really are no good ones. With that in mind, everyone needs be respectful of each other. Social media is certainly not the place to be airing grievances. All that does is create a larger divide in our community.

Someday this pandemic will be over and hopefully our community can heal. Let’s show our children how to be respectful and kind. That is what we are teaching them in school!

Leslee Cummings  
Kfoury

GUEST OP-ED

Vaccination is the ticket to getting the U.S. back on track

By Carlos del Rio, M.D.

The end of the pandemic in the U.S. is in sight. The Covid-19 vaccines currently available in the United States have proven to be outstandingly effective at protecting recipients from coronavirus and they are also safe.

living in rural areas -- remain hesitant about getting the shot.

In redoubling efforts to dispel fears about Covid-19 vaccines, the message that needs to be conveyed across the board is that these breakthroughs will not only stamp out the virus, but also end much of the growing collateral damage due to the pandemic.

Moderna vaccine is 100 percent effective in preventing severe Covid-19 infections. The data from Pfizer and Johnson & Johnson is remarkably similar.

Skeptics say the vaccines were developed too quickly to be effective, that they’ll cause worse side effects than the coronavirus itself, or that they won’t prevent person-to-person spread.

hospitalized and 12 times more likely to die from Covid-19 than people with no chronic conditions.

We also know that this pandemic disproportionately impacts persons of color. According to the CDC, Black and Hispanic people are about four times more likely to be hospitalized and almost three times more likely to die from Covid-19 than whites.

These vaccines -- and the potential of others on the way -- have the power to lift us out of the depths of this pandemic and put us on the path forward to rebuilding from Covid-19’s devastating economic, social, and psychological impacts.

Put simply, getting America vaccinated is our ticket to halting the death toll and significantly slowing the spread of the virus. The vaccines are our ticket forward -- this is the message that needs to be shouted from the roof tops right now.

While public confidence in the vaccines, and access to them, continues to grow, many Americans -- especially Black and Hispanic adults and those

We know that these are very safe vaccines. Out of the first 1.9 million Pfizer vaccine recipients, only 21 people experienced severe reactions. That’s 0.00001 percent.

We also know that the vaccines have demonstrated successful results. In a Moderna trial of 30,000 volunteers, half received the vaccine and the other half a placebo. In the placebo group, 185 came down with Covid-19, whereas in the vaccinated group, only 11 did, and all those cases were mild. That translates into an efficacy rate of 94.1 percent.

Even more importantly, the data shows that the

The medical community knows that the first two of those statements are wrong, and the third, while very unlikely, has also been proven wrong in clinical trials where even when the virus was contracted the cases were notably mild.

Underselling the vaccine and fostering skepticism has very real consequences -- especially for the vulnerable communities who have already been most hard hit.

Even before Covid-19, our health care system was fraught with millions across America living with one or more chronic conditions. People with chronic illnesses are six times more likely to be

With awareness of these impacts must also come awareness of the path forward that the available vaccines provide us. This awareness is simple: Get vaccinated as soon as you are eligible.

Carlos del Rio, M.D., FIDSA is a Professor of Medicine at Emory University School of Medicine, Professor of Global Health and Epidemiology at the Rollins School of Public Health of Emory University and the Executive Associate Dean of Emory at Grady Health System. Dr. del Rio also serves on the Board of Directors for the Infectious Diseases Society of America.

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# WINTHROP Then and Now

Winthrop Improvement and Historical Association

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

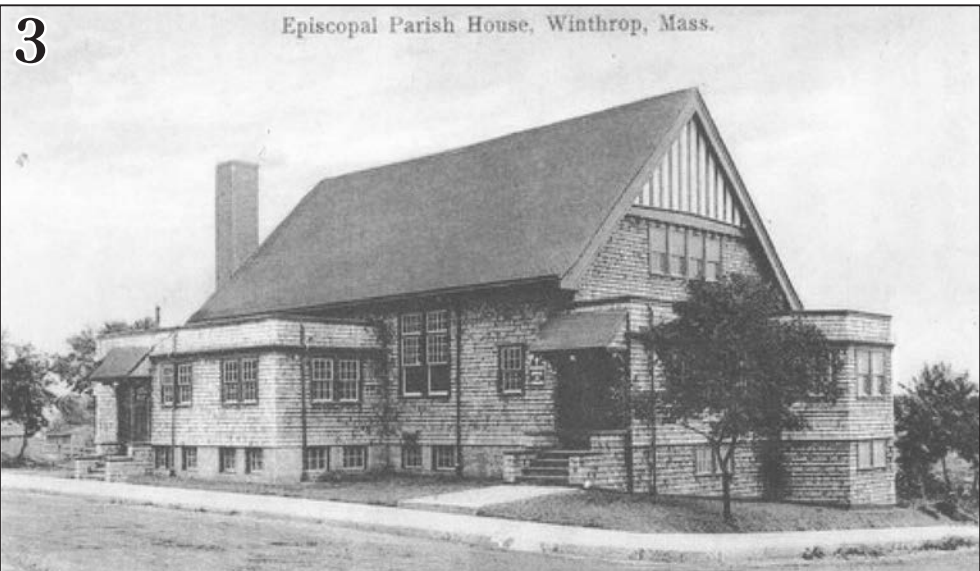
## ARTICLE 960 - EPISCOPAL CHURCH AND PARISH HALL



Saint John’s Episcopal Church, located at the corner of Bowdoin and Buchanan Streets, is shown in picture one as it appears today. Established in 1885 it is celebrating its 131st year of Faith and Fellowship in the Winthrop Community under the leadership of its current Rector, Reverend Walter J. Connelly. Some of the early material for this article was obtained from the 100th year Episcopal Church Anniversary History (1885-1985) booklet and conversations previously held with the late Olivia F. Blazo, who was a member of the Church’s Centennial Historical Committee. The Episcopal Church in Winthrop started as a Mission in the Diocese of Boston during the early 1880’s and on August 30, 1885, the Reverend John S. Beers, a Diocesan Missionary, conducted their first service in the old (1856) Town Hall at Columbia (now Metcalf) square. The local Baptist Church then generously offered the use of their church facilities on Hermon Street (later

the home of the Winthrop Playmakers) for services and Sunday School from 1887 until the first Episcopal Service was conducted on December 8, 1889 in the then newly constructed church building. See picture two which depicts how the building originally appeared in 1890. As the congregation grew in numbers so did their desire for the addition of a parish house to support their many church related organizations. A building fund drive was initiated by the Young Women’s Guild which raised a sufficient amount of money to begin construction. The wood shingled Parish House, shown in picture three, opened in 1911. The lower floor contained a kitchen, lavatory facilities and a large hall where church suppers could be held and basketball games were played. By the 1960’s it was decided that a new Parish House was needed and in 1962 the present brick building was dedicated as shown in picture four. In 1982 a second floor was added in the meeting hall to pro-

vide more Sunday School rooms and a Parish Library. Through the years, these Parish Halls served not only church organizations such as Sunday School, Alter Guild, Bible Study, Nursing Home Visits, Episcopal Women’s Groups and Men’s Clubs but also provided a home for many civic service groups. These have included the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Alcohol Anonymous, and Narcotic Anonymous. About 1985, the Episcopal Church initiated the Winthrop Food Pantry which now operates out of this building and provides food supplies to those in need. Now, under the Directorship of Dona O’Donnell, the organization receives food donations from many Winthrop Churches, the local Rotary Club and other civic organizations. For those who would like to avail themselves of these services, Dona may be contacted at 617-846-6884 where she would welcome your call. These parish houses have, for over 100 years, served Winthrop extremely well.



# THE MORE Things Change ...

Items selected from past issues of the Winthrop Sun, The Winthrop Review, The Winthrop Visitor, The Transcript and The Sun-Transcript

### 10 years ago March 31, 2011

Town grants administrator Peter Lombardi told the Town Council Tuesday night that the town has been able to secure \$684,000 in grants since he began in his part-time position last July. Lombardi made his presentation during the council’s annual spring financial forum held at the Cummings School.

Winthrop Council on Aging/Senior Center Director Nancy Williams was positively ecstatic this week as she surveyed the new computer lab and 52” flat screen television that were donated to the Senior Center. Two local families, who “have not forgotten their roots” as Williams put it, donated these items. The six new computers, monitors, and a printer were purchased through a donation made by the Flanagan family, including Robert Flanagan, brother to Winthrop Fire Chief Paul Flanagan and lieutenant Chucky Flanagan, and son to Marilyn Flanagan, a board member of the Council on Aging, and former Chief Charles Flanagan. The television was a gift from Mike Eruzione, whose father, Eugene, is a member and frequent visitor to the Senior Center.

Hop, Insidious, and Source Code are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

### 20 years ago April 5, 2001

The Winthrop High Drama Society captured first place in the Massachusetts Drama Festival held at John Hancock Hall

in Boston over the weekend. Drama Society Director Neil Shapiro’s crew and cast of 46 students took home the top prize for their original play, Bread and Roses, which was written by eight students and tells the story of a textile workers’ strike at a Lawrence factory in 1912.

A 19 year old youth with mental health issues has been charged with stabbing an 11 year old local youth in the chest with a kitchen knife, a crime that has stunned the Winthrop community.

The selectmen met with School Supt. Thomas Giancristiano and the School Committee to discuss the budget shortfall for FY 2002 in light of the voters’ rejection of the recent Prop. 2 and 1/2 override referendum. School officials said they will announce their budget cuts on April 12.

Nine year old Courtney Finn swished 15 straight free throws in a three-way playoff to capture her age group championship of the New England Lodge of Elks Hoop Shoot Free Throw Shooting Contest Saturday at Nashua High, New Hampshire. Finn had hit on 19 of 25 free throws to force a playoff with the winners from Maine and Vermont. Courtney now advances to the national finals in Springfield, Mass., on April 21.

Along Came a Spider, Blow, and Pokemon 3: The Movie are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

### 30 years ago April 3, 1991

Marie Turner became

the first woman to be elected to the Board of Selectmen in town history thanks to a decisive victory by a 3-2 margin over one-term incumbent Richard DiMento in Monday’s town election. Turner, who campaigned on a platform to renegotiate the mitigation agreement with the MWRA to allow the town to use the money for its budget, received 3060 votes to 1954 for DiMento. In the School Committee contest, voters returned former School Committeeman Alex Alexanian with 1902 votes in a three-way contest that saw Peter Raimondi finish second with 1749 votes and incumbent Anthony Evangelista a distant third with just 1281 votes. Evangelista had been one of three School Committee members who has been seeking to remove School Supt. Joseph Laino.

WCAT found itself embroiled amidst town politics when it pulled from the air a

commentary by Carol DeMio, a supporter of Selectman Richard Bangs, that DeMio made at the end of a local news show, “Cat Action News.”

The Winthrop High School Classics Color Guard captured the 1991 New England Scholastic Band Association Championship last weekend at UMass Boston. The group next will compete in Dayton, Ohio in an international competition.

The Marrying Man, Defending Your Life, and Five Heartbeats are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

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## GUEST OP-ED

## Pandemic highlights the contributions of immigrants to Massachusetts

By Marcelo M. Suárez-Orozco

In Massachusetts, immigration is both history and destiny. Immigrants have been shaping the state’s economy, politics and culture since the 1700s. The COVID-19 pandemic is illuminating how their contributions will shape the Commonwealth well into the future.

Although they are often invisible, immigrants today represent more than 17 percent of the state’s population. In some communities, the number is more than double that. In Revere, immigrants account for 38.7 percent of the population.

At a time when birth rates are declining and our overall population is aging, immigrants are our first line of defense against the deep demographic winter facing the Commonwealth. Over the next 15 years, immigrants and their U.S.-born children will represent *all* net labor growth, according to new research from the Migration Policy Institute (MPI).

One area where immigrants play an important role is the state’s economy. They account for one in five Massachusetts workers and one in four entrepreneurs, and they contribute \$36.4 billion in consumer spending and \$4.5 billion in state and local taxes every year, according to the American Immigration Council.

Another is the state’s

higher education system, which is deeply connected to our innovation-based economy. The aforementioned demographic patterns are hurting enrollment and creating an existential crisis for many colleges and universities. The pandemic and its wake of economic destruction is expected to drive down enrollment even further.

Again, immigrants are providing welcome news. The number of US-born adults with immigrant parents is projected to more than double between 2015 and 2035, and now accounts for 28 percent of all college students. (UMass Boston, home to thousands of immigrant-origin students, plays a unique role in the Commonwealth: most of our students will stay, live and work in Massachusetts after graduation, becoming an integral part of our labor force.)

The pandemic has revealed the extent to which immigrants form the backbone of our health care system. If you are being treated for COVID-19 in the U.S., there is a nearly one in three chance that you will be seen by an immigrant physician, according to MPI. If you or a loved one needs a home health aide, there is a 40 percent chance that person will be an immigrant. One in six nurses working on the front lines is an immigrant, according to the

Brookings Institution.

Even before the pandemic, immigrants were filling essential jobs that support every facet of our existence. They care for the sick, people with disabilities, older adults, children and babies. They deliver our food and work in our factories and warehouses and throughout the supply chain. They teach our children and make our higher education system the envy of the world: since 2000 they have been awarded nearly 40 percent of the Nobel Prizes won by Americans in Chemistry, Medicine and Physics.

And they are doing all of this despite numerous obstacles, from disproportionately high rates of COVID-19 infections and deaths to xenophobic and racist rhetoric coming from some quarters of society.

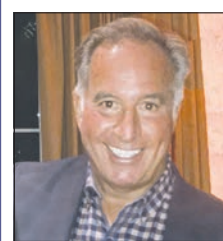
The data shows that when given the chance, immigrants take up an American identity, gravitate toward cultural norms and embrace the English language – and improve the levels of education, occupational diversity and income in their communities.

That’s good for them – and everyone else. After all, their future is our future.

Marcelo M. Suárez-Orozco is Chancellor of UMass Boston and an immigrant from Argentina.



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## WHS SPORTS ROUNDUP

### WHS GIRLS IMPROVE TO 6-0; MAURA DORR ATTAINS 100 CAREER POINTS

The Winthrop High girls soccer team improved to 6-0 in their Fall II season with a pair of victories over Lynn Tech in a home-and-home series last week.

In last Monday's 4-0 triumph, the Vikings received all of the offense they would need just 45 seconds after the opening kickoff when senior Maura Dorr, Winthrop's all-time leading scorer, found the back of the Tech net, assisted by junior Mia Martucci.

The duo teamed up again before the end of the half for a 2-0 Winthrop lead at the intermission, and then reversed their roles in the second half, with Mia scoring the goal off an assist from Maura D.

"These two seem to have found a connection this year," noted WHS head coach Tracey Martucci.

Winthrop then put the game away when Maddie Stiglets, assisted by Abby Holmes, found the back of the Tech net for the 4-0 finale.

"I have to shout out to our sweeper, junior Julia Marcoccio, who holds it down in the backfield for us," said Martucci. "Her aggressive play and strong plays to carry the ball out of the backfield has her cut up and bruised, but just shows how much of a hard worker she is.

"In addition, Grace Arena and Nora McCarey

## INDOMINABLE WINTHROP HIGH VIKINGS SHUT OUT SALEM, 41-0



CRUNCH TIME: While Chris Ferrara (11) has a hold of Salem qb Michael Ready's jersey, Dillon Doherty (6) adds the finishing touch to a tackle. See more photos on Page 11.



END ZONE BOUND: Cam Martin (14) smiles as he sees nothing but open turf between him and the end zone.

are taking control of the middle of the field, sharing that center midfield

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Photos by Bob Marra

The Vikings remained unbeaten and unscored upon after dominating Salem, 41-0, at Bishop Fenwick. The game ended with 6:24 left in the fourth quarter after Salem quar-

terback Michael Ready was injured and transported to Salem Hospital. But there was never any doubt about this one. Chris Ferrara ran 35 yards for a TD on Winthrop's first offensive play of the game and the Vikings never looked back.



GAME OF INCHES: Bobby Hubert breaks free of a last tackler and stays just in bounds en route to a 56-yard punt return for touchdown during Winthrop's 41-0 win over Salem Saturday at Bishop Fenwick High School.



LUCKY BOUNCE: Winthrop's Rob Noonan (16) and Chris Ferrara (11) are about to pounce on a loose ball on a Winthrop kickoff, which gave the Vikings the ball and led to their second score of the game during Winthrop's 41-0 win over Salem Saturday at Bishop Fenwick High School

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Maura Dorr (second from right) celebrates scoring her 100th career point for the Winthrop High girls soccer team with her parents, Jill and Jerry, and twin sister Jenna. Maura, who is the all-time leading goal-scorer for the WHS girls soccer program, achieved the feat of notching her 100th career point when she scored the opening goal in Winthrop's 6-0 victory over Lynn Tech last Wednesday at Miller Field.

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# Mass. unemployment estimates for Feb. are down

Staff report

The state's February total unemployment rate is down 0.7 percentage points at 7.1 percent, the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development announced Friday.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics' preliminary job estimates indicate Massachusetts gained 14,100 jobs in February. This follows last month's revised gain of 37,900 jobs. Over the month, the private sector added 22,300 jobs as gains occurred across all sectors, led by Leisure and Hospitality and Professional, Scientific, and Business Services.

From February 2020 to February 2021, BLS estimates Massachusetts lost 325,100 jobs. Losses occurred in each of the private sectors with the exception of Mining and Logging, with the largest percentage losses in Leisure and Hospitality, with 30.1 percent of the jobs lost; Other Services, with 19.0 percent of the jobs lost; and Education and Health Services, with 8.9 percent of the jobs lost.

The February unemployment rate was 0.9 percentage points higher than the national rate of 6.2 percent reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The labor force dropped by 11,900 from 3,756,700 in January, as 15,700 more residents were employed and 27,600 fewer residents were unemployed

over the month.

Over the year, the state's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was up by 4.3 percentage points.

The state's labor force participation rate – the total number of residents 16 or older who worked or were unemployed and actively sought work in the last four weeks – was down two-tenths of a percentage point at 66.3 percent. Compared to February 2020, the labor force participation rate is down one-tenth of a percentage point.

February 2021 Employment Overview

- Leisure and Hospitality gained 10,300 (+4.0%) jobs over the month. Over the year, Leisure and Hospitality lost 115,500 (-30.1%) jobs.
- Professional, Scientific and Business Services gained 9,400 (+1.6%) jobs over the month. Over the year, Professional, Scientific and Business Services lost 14,800 (-2.4%) jobs.
- Trade, Transportation and Utilities gained 2,000 (+0.4%) jobs over the month. Over the year, Trade, Transportation and Utilities lost 24,800 (-4.3%) jobs.
- Education and Health Services gained 1,300 (+0.2%) jobs over the month. Over the year, Education and Health Services lost 74,000 (-8.9%) jobs.
- Manufacturing gained 1,200 (+0.5%) jobs over

the month. Over the year, Manufacturing lost 13,400 (-5.5%) jobs.

- Financial Activities gained 800 (+0.4%) jobs over the month. Over the year, Financial Activities lost 3,500 (-1.6%) jobs.
- Other Services had no over the month change in employment. Over the year, Other Services are down -26,900 (-19.0%) jobs.
- Information lost 300 (-0.3%) jobs over the month. Over the year, Information lost 6,900 (-7.3%) jobs.
- Construction lost 2,300 (-1.4%) jobs over the month. Over the year, Construction has lost 5,100 (-3.1%) jobs.
- Government lost 8,200 (-1.9%) jobs over the month. Over the year, Government lost 40,200 (-8.7%) jobs.

Labor Force Overview

The February estimates show 3,477,700 Massachusetts residents were employed and 267,100 were unemployed, for a total labor force of 3,744,800. The unemployment rate dropped seven-tenths of a percentage point over the month. The February labor force decreased by 11,900 from 3,744,800 in January, as 15,700 more residents were employed and 27,600 fewer residents were unemployed over the month. The labor force participation rate,

the share of working age population employed and unemployed, dropped two-tenths of a percentage point at 66.3 percent. The labor force was down 2,400 from the 3,747,200 February 2020 estimate, with 164,900 fewer residents employed and 162,500 more residents unemployed.

The unemployment rate is based on a monthly sample of households. The job estimates are derived from a monthly sample survey of employers. As a result, the two statistics may exhibit different monthly trends.

NOTES: The labor force is the sum of the numbers of employed residents and those unemployed, that is residents not working but actively seeking work in the last four weeks. Estimates may not add up to the total labor force due to rounding. For further information on seasonal adjustment methodology, please refer to the Bureau of Labor Statistics website <https://www.bls.gov>.

Local area unemployment statistics for February 2021 will be released on Tuesday, March 30, 2021. The preliminary March 2021 and revised February 2021 unemployment rate, labor force and job estimates for Massachusetts will be released on Friday, April 16, 2021. See the 2021 Media Advisory for complete list of release dates.

# Frontline workers cheer final passage of emergency paid sick time for five days

Staff report

Labor advocates and frontline workers cheered the final passage last week of legislation that would allow all Massachusetts workers to access five days of emergency paid sick time for COVID-related sickness, quarantine, caregiving, and vaccination.

The Raise Up Massachusetts coalition of community groups, faith-based organizations, and labor unions, which has advocated for emergency paid sick time throughout the pandemic, praised the emergency paid sick time legislation for its worker-friendly provisions.

"This much-needed legislation will be an enormous help to the essential workers who have been carrying us all through the pandemic, and we thank Senate President Spilka, Speaker Mariano, Chairman Rodrigues, and Chairman Michlewitz for ensuring that all workers will be protected," said Cindy Rowe, Executive Director of the Jewish Alliance for Law and Social Action. "We're especially happy to see that the bill includes job protection, so that workers can't be penalized or fired for using emergency paid sick time, that it covers all workers in Massachusetts, and that it covers the full range of needs workers have, including paid sick time for workers receiving a vaccine and paid sick time for workers who need to care for a family member with COVID-19 symptoms."

The coalition called on Governor Baker to sign the bill immediately.

"Over the past year, thousands of Massachusetts workers have lost pay, or even lost their jobs, because they needed to stay home from work due to COVID symptoms, or to recover after receiving a vaccine. Countless other workers have gone to work even when they might be sick because they can't afford not to get paid," said Steven Tolman, President of the Massachusetts AFL-CIO. "Workers need Emergency Paid Sick Time today, and we urge Governor Baker to sign this critical legislation immediately."

•Background

The state's Earned Sick Time law, passed by the voters in 2014, provides 40 hours of paid sick time yearly, but for thousands of workers this isn't enough to meet the scale and impact of this public health crisis. The federal Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) provided 10 days of

additional paid sick time for many workers, and it made a real difference: states that gained access to paid sick time under the FFCRA experienced about 400 fewer cases of COVID-19 per day, according to research from Cornell University and the Swiss Economic Institute. But the FFCRA had big coverage gaps that left millions of front-line workers without paid sick time, including workers at companies with more than 500 employees, and many employees of health care and residential facilities. The Center for American Progress estimates that at least 1.8 million workers in Massachusetts were not covered by the FFCRA's paid sick time protections.

In December, the FFCRA's paid sick time protections expired, leaving all Massachusetts workers without access to emergency paid sick time benefits if they contract or are exposed to COVID-19. Massachusetts's new paid family and medical leave program, which took effect January 1, allows workers with serious medical problems as a result of COVID-19 to receive partial wage replacement if they take time off from work to recover. However, the new program has a one-week waiting period to receive wage replacement benefits, which means it will not help lower-income workers who cannot afford to miss an entire week of pay to isolate or quarantine. The new state law will fill this gap and ensure that workers do not feel pressure to go to work when they may be infectious.

The legislation requires all Massachusetts employers to provide 40 hours of emergency paid sick time to a full-time worker, and an equivalent amount for part-time workers. The sick time can be used for COVID-related sickness, quarantine, caregiving, and vaccination.

The costs to employers are covered in one of two ways:

- Businesses with fewer than 500 employees, as well as government entities, will be eligible to receive a tax credit from the federal government to cover the cost, as part of American Rescue Plan Act signed by President Biden this month.
- The state legislation provides state reimbursement to businesses with over 500 employees, and creates a \$75 million state fund for reimbursement.

Between the state and federal governments, all businesses will be eligible for either state reimbursement or the federal tax credit.

# Sports Years // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 9

spot as well. And in net, Summer Tallent and Miya Grein have stepped into the goalie spot for us this year," added Martucci, whose defense has yielded only one goal in their six victories thus far this spring.

Two nights later, the Vikings reprised Monday's victory with a 6-0 blanking of Tech.

Maura Dorr once again got Winthrop off to a fast start with a goal which netted Maura her 100th career point, an accomplishment seldom achieved on the soccer pitch and the first in WHS soccer annals.

"Maura is an outstanding athlete, but an even better kid," said Martucci of her senior captain. "She is a pleasure to coach. She's one of those players that every coach wishes

they had. She's a great leader, supportive to her teammates, and a tremendous captain. I'm proud to have been her coach for both of her milestones, our all-time leading goal scorer and 100 points."

The Vikings scored thrice more in the first half, with Lily Tallent (assisted by Mia Martucci), Mia Martucci (assisted by Maura Dorr), and Stiglets all finding the range.

In the second half, Fal-lon Hurley delivered a beautiful goal from the 30-yard line on a direct kick and Emma Holmes, assisted by Brianna Marley, capped off the Winthrop scoring for the 6-0 finale.

The Winthrop girls are scheduled to be back in action today (Thursday) at Boston Latin. They will trek to Whittier Tech on

Monday and then will host Whittier next Wednesday at 6:00 at Miller Field.

BOYS SOCCER BLANKS GR. LAWRENCE, 6-0

The Winthrop High boys soccer team improved to 3-2-2 in their Fall II season with a 6-0 blanking of Greater Lawrence this past Monday at Miller Field.

Juan Guauque paced the Vikings' offense with two goals. Teammates Zane Bower, Loert Mana, Chris Nunes, and Michael Soares all reached the back of the GL net for a goal apiece.

The goals from Bower, Mana, and Soares were their first career varsity goals.

Esteban Alvarez had

two assists.

Last Wednesday the boys dropped a 4-1 decision to Lynn Tech. The lone goal for Winthrop came via an "own goal" by the Tigers.

The top performers for Winthrop were Bower and Chad Bernstein.

"Overall, we didn't play badly, but there was definitely a lack of communication throughout the game," noted WHS head coach Kyle Gagin.

Gagin and his crew were scheduled to make the long trek to Greater Lawrence yesterday (Wednesday) for a rematch. They will host Whittier Tech Monday evening at Miller Field at 6:00 and then return the favor at Whittier next Wednesday.

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# Vikings rout NEC foed Salem, 41-0

## Set for non-league showdown with Framingham

By Cary Shuman

Consider Salem High a quiz. Now comes a test for Coach John Cadigan’s undefeated, unscored-upon Winthrop High football team as the Vikings host undefeated Framingham High Thursday at Miller Field. The Vikings scored early and often in a 41-0 victory over Salem High last Saturday at Bishop Fenwick High School in Peabody. Senior captain Chris Ferrara, who represented the Vikings in the coin toss (only one captain per team is allowed for the pre-game conference at mid-field), scored on a 22-yard run on the first play from scrimmage. Ferrara also caught a 35-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Duke Doherty. Bobby Hubert made his presence felt in a big way again with his second punt return (65 yards) for a

touchdown in two games. Hubert also scored on two-yard run. Doherty connected with Mike Chaves on a 53-yard touchdown pass while Bryan Conceicao scored the final TD on a three-yard run. Doherty dented the Witches’ defense for 142 yards passing (4-of-5) and two touchdowns. Coach Cadigan was pleased with his team’s performance. The Vikings have outscored their opponents, 69-0, in two games. “I am happy with our progress,” said Cadigan. “It’s always good obviously to start off 2-0. It’s always good to shut out your first two opponents and score on special teams for two straight weeks. But the message going forward is that it’s going to get tougher.” And that begins today (Thursday at 6:30 p.m.) when the Vikings play a 2-0 Framingham team out of the highly regarded Bay State League. Framingham was the largest town in the United States before becoming a city in 2018. “We have our work cut out for us,” said Cadigan. “It’s a great challenge and we’re certainly excited about it.”

**Conceicao receives defensive player award**  
Bryan Conceicao won the Black Shirt award with two sacks, a tackle for a loss, and a caused fumble for Coach James Fucillo’s defensive squad. Middle linebacker Ian Harris had eight tackles.

**Carter blocks a punt**  
Michael Carter nearly blocked a punt against Saugus in the Vikings’ season-opening 28-0 victory. Carter was credited with blocked punt against Salem, setting up the Vikings’ first touchdown. “That play was really a catalyst to starting the game for us,” said Cadigan. “We’ve been working on special teams a lot in practice.” Cadigan related that Carter told him that he “got a fingertip” on a Saugus punt a week ago. “I said, ‘this week get more than a fingertip on it’ and he went out and blocked the first punt of the game. That was pretty good.”

**Hovermale continues his sensational start**  
Ryan Hovermale, the Vikings’ defensive player of the game in Week



GREAT GOLDEN FLIPPER: Chris Ferrara goes low to flip Salem quarterback Michael Ready.

1, had six carries for 113 yards behind some solid blocking by the offensive line. “Ryan was all over the place offensively and de-



TWO ON TWO: Winthrop’s Mike Cheves (2) leaps in front of Salem’s Devin Tolbert to haul in a pass.



THANKS FOR THE LIFT: Bryan Conceicao has a clear path thanks to a solid block by guard Stevie Perullo



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WINTHROP HIGH GIRLS TRACK TEAM VERSUS SAUGUS

The Winthrop High School Indoor Track and Field team faced off against Saugus last Thursday, March 25. Due to COVID-19 regulations, the meet was held outdoors at Miller Field..



COMING AT YOU: Skylar Zappula on the hurdles.

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OFF AND RUNNING: Beatriz Holzbach (left) takes the baton from Olexis Tallent.



RELAYER: Sophia Munson has a lead on the competition in the relay race.



OUT FRONT: Elizabeth Carney en route to a win in the 1000 yard run.



UP AND (ALMOST) OVER: Isabella Mahoney on the high jump.



WITH A HEAVE: Tatyanna Lewis in the shot put.



TAKE IT FROM HERE: Gianna Doherty and Caroline Hickey exchange the relay baton.

McNamara publishes Annual Financial Report

Staff Report

Comptroller of the Commonwealth William McNamara published the Commonwealth’s Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2020, the period that ended June 30, 2020.

The objective of the report is to provide a clear financial picture of the government of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as a single, unified entity. The Annual Report incorporates activity from over 150 departments, including the various agencies, boards, and commissions, the 25 institutions of higher education, the judicial and legislative branches of government, and constitutional offices, as well as 41 separate, independent public authorities.

This analysis is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB). The Office of the Comptroller staff has prepared this report following GASB guidelines on what must be included, and in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) in the United States of America.

Additionally, the Annual Report includes an auditor’s report prepared by the Commonwealth’s independent auditors, KPMG, LLP.

This report presents the Commonwealth’s financial information on three bases of accounting, each serving a different purpose:

- The fund perspective statements present governmental operations on a modified accrual basis of accounting.
- The government-wide perspective combines all governmental and business-type activities in a statement of net position and a statement of activities, presenting all functions on a full accrual basis of accounting.
- In the government-wide statements, the balance sheet has been organized into a net position format, which classifies all assets and liabilities as either short-term or long-term, and then subtracts liabilities and deferred inflows of resources from assets and deferred outflows of resources from liabilities to arrive at a net position.

“I am pleased to publish the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, a key deliverable of the Office of the Comptroller,” Comptroller of the Commonwealth William McNamara said. “I believe this report presents an accurate, detailed, and comprehensive picture of the Commonwealth and its component parts. I am grateful to the members of this office, our partners throughout state government, and our independent auditors at KPMG for their extensive work to publish this report.”

The Annual Report has historically been published in December or January following the pertinent fiscal year. The belated publication of this year’s edition reflects the delayed legislative and administrative close of Fiscal Year 2020. Said Comptroller McNamara, “The Legislature and our partners throughout the Administration have worked through extraordinary

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## Michael Gerard DeGregorio

A friendly, kind and thoughtful man with an adorable smile and laugh

Michael Gerard DeGregorio, 73, of Winthrop passed away on March 25 surrounded by his family after courageously living with Parkinson’s disease for many years.

Michael attended Winthrop High School earned a bachelor’s degree at Westfield State and a master’s degree at the University of New Mexico. Professionally, Michael was a talented and beloved teacher in Winthrop. He then managed Baystate Adhesive in Salem for many years. He also worked as a real estate agent in Florida. Michael was previously a member of the Salem Rotary Club, the Winthrop Golf Club, the Winthrop Yacht Club and the Ould Newbury Golf Club. Michael loved to golf and ski. He loved music and dancing and had an impressive record collection. He also loved sweet treats. Michael was friendly, kind and thoughtful man, with an adorable smile and laugh.

He was the cherished and devoted son of the late Geraldine (Gambale) DeGregorio and Pasquale DeGregorio. He was the proud and beloved father of Susie (DeGregorio) Douyotas and her husband, Robert Douyotas of Winthrop. He was the adored grandfather to Brooke Douyotas. Michael was the cherished big brother to Richard DeGregorio of Winthrop and Patrick DeGregorio of Lynnfield. Michael leaves behind Susie’s mother, Jane DeGregorio of Winthrop. Michael also leaves behind his former wife, Claudia DeGregorio of Byfield and his step



daughters Briana DiBenedetto of North Reading and Susan Licciardi of North Andover. He also leaves behind many dear friends and extended family.

Michael’s family would like to extend gratitude and appreciation to Winthrop PACE, The Parc at Harbor View (formerly the Arbors), East Pointe Rehabilitation, and Massachusetts General Hospital for the tender care provided to Michael and the support that they provided to Susie. Michael will be dearly missed always and his loved ones will keep his memory alive. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to Winthrop PACE 26 Sturgis St., Winthrop MA 02152 or the Michael J Fox Foundation at [www.michaeljfox.org](http://www.michaeljfox.org).

Family and friends are cordially invited to attend a Celebration of Life Service in the Belle Isle section of Winthrop Cemetery on Saturday, April 3 at 1 p.m.

\*Attendees must observe social distancing and wear masks in the cemetery\*

For directions or to sign the online guestbook, go to [www.caggianofuneralhome.com](http://www.caggianofuneralhome.com).

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## Louis Torrone

Former owner of East Boston Times and thoroughbred racehorse owner and trainer

Family and friends are invited to attend a Memorial Visitation on Saturday, April 3 from 12 noon to 3 p.m., in the Vertuccio & Smith, Home for Funerals, 773 Broadway (Rt. 107) Revere for Louis J. Torrone who died on Sunday, March 21 peacefully in his sleep at his Winthrop residence. He was 77 years old. Interment will be held privately. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic, all protocols are strictly enforced. All visitors must wear a face covering, maintain Social distancing, capacity limits apply in recognition of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the CDC and the City of Revere.

Louis was born and raised in Winthrop. He was a proud graduate of Winthrop High School, Class of 1961. He was a talented baseball player and catcher for the Winthrop Vikings. He was also a gifted musician as he loved playing the drums.

Louis worked alongside his father as Editor and Publisher at the East Boston Times, later succeeding his father in his retirement. Louis owned and operated the newspaper until he retired in 2004.

Louis was a well-known figure in East Boston and assisted in many fundraisers, organizations and high school sports. He was best known for all his fundraising efforts and support for the East Boston Columbus Day Parade for many years. Louis was a well-known and respected horse trainer along with his brother Richard and



he owned and bred many prize-winning horses.

The beloved son of the late John Torrone and Blanche (Reppucci) Torrone, he was the dear brother of Barbara A. Pellegrino of Burlington, John A. Torrone and his wife, Virginia of Farmington Hills, MI and Richard G. “Dick” Torrone and his wife, Margaret D. “Marge” Torrone of Surfside Beach, SC and the cherished best friend of many years to Marie M. Matarese of Revere. He is also lovingly survived by several nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews.

In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to The Central New England Equine Rescue, Inc. by visiting <https://centralnewenglandequinerescue.com/>.

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## Peter Anthony Fountain

Retired Chef

Peter Anthony Fountain of Winthrop, 74, passed away on Tuesday, March 23 at Kaplan Family Hospice House of Danvers.

Born and raised in Medford, the son of the late Anthony and Matilda (D’Alessandro) Fountain, Peter began his career as a chef at Boston’s Durgin Park and worked at many restaurants before retiring from the Winthrop Golf Club. He and his wife have lived in Winthrop for the past 20 years.

Peter was the beloved husband of Judith “Judy” (Campbell) Fountain and devoted father of Michelle Sabatino and her husband, Anthony of Reading and Christopher Fountain of Phoenix, AZ. He was the loving grandfather of Samantha and William Sabatino and the dear brother of Christine Beckett and her husband, Fred of Las Vegas, Jane Fountain and her husband, Michael Serio of Sturbridge, Susan Fountain-Michel and her husband, Junior Michel of Lynn, Frank Fountain of Norway, ME,



and Maria Cascio and her husband, Eddy of Revere. Peter is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

A Memorial Mass will be celebrated in St. Joseph Church, 118 High St., Medford, on Monday, April 5 at 11:30 a.m. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend. Visiting hours have been respectfully omitted. Services will conclude with burial at Oak Grove Cemetery, Medford. Social distancing protocols will be observed throughout the services. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be sent in Peter’s name to Dana Farber Cancer Institute/Jimmy Fund, PO Box 849168, Boston, MA 02284-9168.

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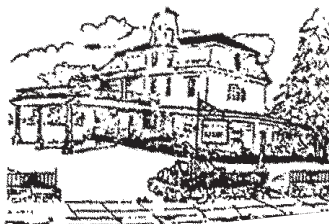
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budgetary circumstances this year brought about by COVID-19, which have led to the delayed publication of this report.

As we return to a greater sense of normalcy in Fiscal Year 2021, this office stands ready to work with our legislative and admin-

istrative partners to ensure a timely close to the year.”

The report can be found online at [macomptroller.org/comprehensiveannualfinancialreport](http://macomptroller.org/comprehensiveannualfinancialreport).

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## LEGAL NOTICES

### LEGAL NOTICE



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS  
SPRING FORUM APRIL 20, 2021

In accordance with Section 9-12 of the Town of Winthrop Home Rule Charter, you are hereby notified that the Town Council President will hold a Public Forum on the budgeting and other spending matters via zoom on April 20, 2021 at 7:00 pm. Denise Quist Council Clerk

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### LEGAL NOTICE



Board will conduct a Joint Public Hearing on Tuesday April 22, 2021 at on or after 7:00 p.m Via Zoom, pertaining to the Zoning of 141 Pauline St. and 151 Pauline St. (Winthrop Middle School, Auditorium, Gymnasium and Rink) Denise Quist Council Clerk

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### LEGAL NOTICE



PUBLIC HEARING APRIL 8, 2021  
THE ORDINANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE WILL BE HOLDING A PUBLIC HEARING ON APRIL 8, 2021 FROM 6-8pm Via Zoom.

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Upon motion of plaintiff(s) for an order directing the defendant(s), to appear, plead, or answer, in accordance with Mass.R. Civ.P./Mass.R.Dom.Rel.P. Rule 4, it appearing to the court that this is an action for 1B. Pursuant to Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411, an Automatic Restraining Order has been entered against the above named parties. Defendant cannot be found within the Commonwealth and his/her present whereabouts are unknown. Personal service on defendant is therefore not practicable, and defendant has not voluntarily appeared in this action. It is Ordered that

defendant is directed to appear, plead, answer, or otherwise move with May 13, 2021. If you fail to do so this Court will proceed to a hearing and adjudication of this matter. Date: February 22, 2021 Frances M. Giordano Justice of Probate and Family Court

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## NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

### STUDENTS TO RETURN TO CLASS

CHELSEA - The School Committee voted unanimously on Thursday night, March 18, to approve a plan that will return general education students in the youngest grades back to the classroom five days a week on April 12.

The vote was unanimous amongst the Committee, though many were disappointed as they felt their hands were forced by state Education Secretary Jeff Riley's decision to require districts to re-open.

Nevertheless, after Chelsea Public Schools (CPS) celebrated one full year of remote learning on March 13, they also pivoted to adopt a plan that will have students who wish to return be able to return.

"On Friday, March 5, the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education met and voted to adopt a recommendation giving Commissioner Riley the authority to return Elementary students to full-time, in-person school on April 5, 2021 and April 28, 2021 for students in grades 5-8," said Supt. Almi Abeyta. "Therefore, we are skipping hybrid learning and going straight to in-person learning. This means that students who return to in-person learning will be in school five days a week every day. Thus, I am pleased to announce our timeline for in-person learning."

The plan also continues to offer a rigorous remote learning plan as well, known as the Online Learning Academy (OLA). Any parent who does not want to have their students return to the classroom can choose to remain online for the rest of the school term.

School Committee Chair Kelly Garcia said she was glad Chelsea was offering options to parents before the year ended.

"I'm excited we're offering parent choice in this decision," she said. "I want to emphasize that because some of our families aren't comfortable sending their child or child back to school buildings...While I'm excited we are finally opening our schools, I am equally excited about offering remote learning to students who are being successful in that model. This is a great first step for Chelsea because we are the hardest hit community by COVID and so this is a big step for us."

School Committeeman Roberto Jimenez said the plan is the only option they have given the heavy hand of the state Education Commissioner.

"I support our current plan not because I think it's the best option, but because it's the only option DESE has left us with," he said. "I'm outraged at the anti-democratic power grab the state Board of Education just passed, taking away our School Committee's power to make decisions for our community in order to push Charlie Baker's political propaganda. We've seen the risks of full reopening from other communities, including the Governor's own town of Swampscott, which just had to shut down schools after a massive outbreak. DESE has made this whole process more difficult for us every step of the way, and I have no confidence in their ability to prioritize the well-being of our students. It's shameful that

this is where we are. Our students and staff deserve better. Chelsea deserves better."

In the most recent surveys, about 57 percent of parents would like to send their children back to school in-person five days a week, while another 43 percent said they wanted to remain remote. That is an ideal number for a return, school officials said, as there isn't space under COVID protocols to house large numbers of students in the buildings at a three-foot distance. However, if between 50 and 70 percent wish to return, that can be accommodated much easier.

The timeline for return is as follows:

- CPS students in Special Education Sub-Separate classes and the Chelsea Opportunity Academy students will return to full-time, in-person learning on Monday, April 5, 2021.
- Students in grades K-4 will return to in-person learning on Monday, April 12, 2021.
- Middle school students, grades 5-8, will return to in-person learning on Wednesday, April 28, 2021.
- English language learners at levels 1 and 2 in grades 9-12 will return to in-person learning on Wednesday, April 28, 2021.
- Plans are in the works to increase in-person learning opportunities for high school students.

Garcia added that the Committee has made a decision that uniforms this year will be optional, and parents do not need to spend their last dollar to get uniforms for students.

"We have many families that lost their homes or their jobs during the pandemic," she said. "I've had families wanting to spend their last dollar on uniforms. We don't want that. Many of our families are still struggling."

### SEEKING TO EXPAND VOTING RIGHTS

CHELSEA - A group of young adults and high school students are calling on members of the City Council to insert a provision into the revised City Charter that would allow for certain non-citizens to be able to vote in municipal elections.

Led by Manuel Teshe, the former Chelsea High graduate known a few years ago for fighting to get graduation outdoors at the Stadium, the group of young people said they had petitioned the Charter Review Commission to include the voting provision in its recommendations.

The Commission did not agree to do that, and after more than one year of work on the Charter Review, submitted their recommendations Monday night to the City Council for review. Those recommendations will be reviewed at length by the Council in a Committee on Conference, and the Council can adopt the recommendations and it can also add to them.

The Charter is reviewed every 10 years, so making such a fundamental change would be now or never.

Teshe, Chelsea High students Richard Flores and Jazmin Jovel appeared during the Council's Public Speaking portion on Monday night to advocate for the insertion. They said they would ask that the Council seriously

consider allowing those with Permanent Resident cards (Green Cards), those on visas and those with work permits the right to vote in Chelsea municipal elections.

"I'm here to ask you to take this seriously," said Teshe. "We are talking about a Civil Rights issue. We are talking about a voting rights issue...It goes like this, I don't care if you've spent 20, 30, 40 or 50 years in this community, if you were not born here, you cannot vote here...You can spend your entire life here and if you weren't born on this side of the border, you can't vote."

"Non-citizens will get the right to vote in this City and our neighboring cities soon," he continued. "The question is only a matter of time. Join me on the right side of history with this issue."

Teshe added that many rebut the argument by saying people should get their citizenship. He said he did just that, and it is a time-consuming and expensive process that not everyone can embark on.

Said Jovel, "Many of the essential workers that keep this city so orderly do not get a chance to say what happens in their own community."

Flores, who will be attending Harvard University next year, said it is time to stop this injustice, and asked the Council to insert this provision in its final Charter vote.

"Let's not wait for the state to fix this injustice; let's be the leaders," he said. "There are business owners in this city who live here as well and do not get to vote. Why? They don't have the accurate paperwork."

### GAUTHIER TO SUE OVER AGE DISCRIMINATION

EVERETT - After a rocky ending with former Supt. Janice Gauthier in the Everett Public Schools (EPS) in 2019 and 2020, the long-time former Everett educator has now filed a discrimination suit in Middlesex Superior Court claiming the City and the School Committee used her age against her in not considering her application to be the new superintendent in 2019.

After former Supt. Fred Foresteire abruptly resigned in 2019 following allegations of sexual misconduct – allegations that are still alive in a criminal case – Gauthier, now 70, took the reins as Interim Supt. and hoped to be considered for the full-time position during that year's Search Committee process. However, in her suit, she claimed that despite putting in an application and serving for decades in the Everett Public Schools – including during the tumultuous interim process – she was not considered at all.

Her 28-point suit, filed on March 10 and put on a fast track in Civil Court, alleged she was lumped in with the allegations against Foresteire and was discriminated against due to her age during that Search Committee process.

"As a result of these infractions, and as a result of the concerted conspiratorial relationship which existed in the newly constituted School Committee for the City of Everett and the Executive Offices of the City of Everett School Committee, the Plaintiff's Constitutional

Rights have been violated, she has been the subject of Age Discrimination, has been deprived of Equal Protection under the United States Constitution and the Massachusetts Bill of Rights, and has sustained Damages, including Costs, Loss of Employment, Gainful Employment, Professional Advancement and has been compelled to deal with the false and malicious innuendos created by her predecessor which have been linked to her in a malicious fashion in order to exclude her from selection in the selection process of the determination of the successor Superintendent of Schools for the City of Everett," read one of the points in her lawsuit.

The suit asked for judgements on four counts laid out in the suit, with interests and costs on the first three counts. It requests a potential jury trial in Civil Court for the Constitutional discrimination suit detailed in Count 5.

City Solicitor Colleen Mejia acknowledged the City has received the suit, but that they – as a practice – do not and cannot comment on personnel matters.

School Committee Chair Frank Parker, who was named in the suit along with several other members of the Committee, said it was best not to comment on pending litigation.

"I appreciate the call to comment on this, but I have a sworn duty and obligation to protect the City of Everett and the students of Everett Public Schools and in this case, the best comment is no comment," he said.

Gauthier's attorney, David Fulmer, did not return a call from the Independent in time to comment on the case or its merits.

Gauthier's suit also claims reverse racial discrimination as well, and also indicates that she was told she could assume her old job as Curriculum Director. However, her suit relays that the position had been filled by someone with lesser academic and professional qualifications by the time a new superintendent was picked.

"The acts and practices engaged in by the City of Everett were confirmation of Age Discrimination and Reverse Discrimination, in that, by virtue of the fact that the Plaintiff is a Caucasian, she was not amongst those considered in the final process of evaluation and selection for the position of Superintendent of Schools, and as a result of the unpredictable and reversal of behavior of the conduct engaged in by the City of Everett and the City of Everett's School Committee in its utter failure to consider her favorably for the position of Superintendent, following her having successfully discharged her duties in that position for a period of in excess of 15 months, prior to consideration and while eliminating her job by reposting and filling her prior position as Director of Curriculum Development with an individual of lesser academic and professional qualifications was and is a violation of the Plaintiff's Civil Rights and a right to Equal Protection under the law..." read the suit.

The suit is also loaded with language about the conduct of the former superintendent, Fred Foresteire, and indicates School Committee members and

## LONG-TIME EVERETT FUNERAL HOMES ANNOUNCE MERGER



Richard Rocco, owner of Salvatore Rocco & Sons Funeral Home (left), and Fran O'Hara, owner of Murphy O'Hara Funeral Services, recently announced their decision to merge the two businesses. The Rocco Family and the O'Hara Family have had a long friendship and mutual respect. It is with this friendship and respect that Fran O'Hara has decided to semi-retire, but he will still to continue to work with Salvatore Rocco Funeral Home to service families. Together, they bring more than 150 years of dedicated professional funeral service to families and to the community.

City officials successfully lumped her in with that alleged behavior.

"By reason of the unlawful, wrongful, and improper association of the Plaintiff with the prior Superintendent, and by virtue of the School Committee's maligning of her character by association of the sexual predator who served as Superintendent before her, the Defendant Everett School Committee barred her from resuming her position as Director of Curriculum Development," the suit read.

The suit indicated that since the time of not being considered for the superintendent job, Gauthier "has been humiliated and has suffered great pain, and has endured great mental suffering, and has been otherwise Damaged."

The Counts in the suit include (Count 1) Breach of Contract; (Count 2) Malicious Interference with Contractual Relations; (Count 3) Breach of the Covenant of Good Faith and Fair Dealing; and (Count 4) Violations of Plaintiff's Constitutional Rights Under the Massachusetts Bill of Rights and Under the 14th Amendment of the United States Constitution and Violations Against U.S. Codes.

### MATEWSKY SUFFERS HEART ATTACK

EVERETT - News traveled fast from Florida to Everett as Council President Wayne Matewsky reported had a major heart attack on March 18, and has been hospitalized at Holy Cross Hospital in Ft. Lauderdale ever since.

The news was talked about intently throughout the City all weekend, and was officially announced Monday night at the City Council meeting – where a somber group of colleagues wished Matewsky the best as he fought for his life.

"As most all of us know by now, Council President Matewsky did suffer a heart attack last week so we are keeping him in our prayers and asking for a quick recovery," said Councilor Anthony DiPierro at the outset of Monday's meeting.

Matewsky was apparently visiting friends in Florida when he was hit with a massive heart at-

tack that put him in the hospital immediately.

Reports from City officials over the weekend were grim, and Matewsky was fighting for his life. However, there was some good news by Tuesday when it appeared he might have made some progress in his condition.

The family has asked that everyone keep Council President Matewsky in their prayers for a recovery.

### JANEY BECOMES ACTING MAYOR

EAST BOSTON - On Monday District 7 City Councilor Kim Janey became the first woman and the first Black mayor in the city's history after former Boston Mayor Martin Walsh was confirmed by the Senate to become U.S. Secretary of Labor.

Janey will be officially sworn in as the 55th Mayor of Boston on Wednesday, March 24.

Janey became acting mayor at 9:01 p.m. Monday night after Walsh submitted his resignation letter. Janey thanked Walsh in a statement for his service.

"Congratulations on your confirmation, Secretary Walsh," said Janey. "You are a proud son of Dorchester who will bring our city with you to the United States Department of Labor. The working people of America will benefit greatly from your passion. Now, we look ahead to a new day – a new chapter – in Boston's history."

As Walsh heads down to Washington D.C., he paused to congratulate his successor Monday.

"Congratulations on making history, Kim Janey," said Walsh. "I know you are going to continue serving our city and supporting an equitable recovery from COVID-19. I am always here for you, my friend."

Walsh said the two exchanged texts Monday with Walsh texting, "Think about this for a minute: A little girl from Roxbury is about to become mayor of Boston." Walsh said her response was, "Think about this for a minute: A little boy from Dorchester is about to become the ... labor secretary of the United States of America."

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What an amazing city we live in.”

Since Walsh was nominated as Secretary of Labor, Janey has been laser focused on transitioning into the role as Mayor of Boston. Under the city charter, Boston’s City Council President assumes the role of Mayor until an election can be held.

Janey hopes to continue to lead Boston through the COVID-19 pandemic with a citywide agenda for recovery, reopening and renewal. Janey’s pandemic recovery priorities include distributing vaccines effectively, returning children to school safely, and centering disadvantaged workers and businesses in the City’s economic recovery. Janey is committed to ensuring the City of Boston reopens safely and equitably, with relief and renewal in every neighborhood.

Janey is a fourth-generation Roxbury resident and her family includes a long line of educators, entrepreneurs, artists, and advocates. She said she was raised with values that have guided her to this day: the importance of education, the power of community organizing, and the fundamental principles of equity and justice.

Janey became a mother in high school and worked hard to give her daughter everything she needed to succeed. She began her advocacy on behalf of children inspired by the interconnection of her own daughter’s experiences with those of other children.

In her role at Massachusetts Advocates for Children, Janey championed systemic policy reforms to increase equity, excellence, access, and opportunity in Boston Public Schools. She placed a special focus on eliminating opportunity and achievement gaps for children of color, immigrant children, students who are learning English, children with special needs, and those living in poverty.

After attending the New School for Children, her parents enrolled Janey in Boston Public Schools. In middle school she had rocks and racial slurs thrown at her during the tumultuous busing era. Later, Janey attended Reading Public Schools through the METCO program, where she was one of two Black students in her graduating class. Janey went on to attend Smith College as an Ada Comstock Scholar, but withdrew to care for her grandfather.

Prior to becoming Mayor, Janey made history in 2017 when she was elected to the Boston City Council as the first woman to represent District 7, which includes Roxbury and parts of the South End, Dorchester, and the Fenway. In 2020, she was elected by her peers as President of the Boston City Council.

### LYNCH FINALLY RECEIVES RECOGNITION

East Boston - On Friday March 6, 1964, Boston Police Patrolman Edward

Lynch, of East Boston, was killed in the line of duty after chasing a stolen vehicle from Dorchester to Quincy early that fateful morning but his name was never added to the National Law Enforcement Memorial in Washington D.C., until now.

“I have been working with the Lynch family in East Boston for a few years,” said Boston Police Officer and Department Historian Robert Anthony. “With the assistance of the information they sent me a few years ago we found that Patrolman Edward Lynch, of East Boston, was overlooked for “Killed in the Line of Duty” status and was never added to the National Law Enforcement Memorial.”

Officer Anthony, also an Eastie resident, said after careful research looking through Boston Police records and records from the Quincy Police Department of the incident the facts were clear.

Lynch died five days after sustaining critical injuries when his personal vehicle crashed head-on into a bridge abutment at a high rate of speed on the Atlantic Railroad Bridge at 165 Hancock Street in Quincy.

Lynch, who had joined the police department in 1958, had been assigned to a foot post on Dorchester Avenue in Fields Corner.

On March 1, he observed a stolen vehicle at approximately 4:00 a.m. during the last half hour of his shift. He pursued the vehicle into Quincy where he crashed while attempting to force the vehicle he

was chasing off the road. The crash was witnessed by multiple people according to police records.

The driver of the stolen vehicle was never captured.

Lynch was taken to Quincy City Hospital where he was suffering from a fractured skull, broken neck, and internal injuries. He died following emergency surgery.

Lynch was a U.S Army veteran of the Korean War. He had served with the Boston Police Department for five years and was assigned to District 11, Dorchester. He was survived by his wife, and two children.

“The information was gathered and sent to former Boston Police Commissioner William Gross who agreed with the findings,” said Anthony. “The information was then sent down to Washington D.C.’s National Law Enforcement Museum and after they reviewed the information they certified Officer Lynch as “Killed in the Line of Duty”.

Anthony said Lynch’s name will finally be added to the National Law Enforcement Memorial Wall in June.

“His name will also be added to the Hero Wall at Boston Police Headquarters as well as the Massachusetts State House Memorial,” said Anthony.

Officer Lynch’s name is one of 11 eleven officers that have been overlooked and will be added to the National Law Enforcement Memorial Wall this year. Some of these officers date back to the 1800’s.

### COUNCIL APPROVES MEMORIAL PLAQUE

REVERE - The City Council unanimously approved a motion by Councilors Joanne McKenna, Jessica Giannino, and Richard Serino that the city install a memorial plaque at the front of City Hall to pay tribute to Revere residents who lost their lives to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Noting that the pandemic began one year ago, McKenna said “it would

be wonderful to honor the people that have passed, within the city and within the United States.”

Serino said that 159 residents in Revere have died because of the coronavirus. “Let’s hope with the vaccine and with life getting back to normal, that number will stay at 159,” said Serino. “Let’s hope. Let’s pray. I think this [memorial plaque] would be a wonderful gesture to have going forward.”

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Winthrop High School's Jamie Conley, Secretary to Winthrop High Principal Matt Crombie, Zonta member Mary Jan O'Neill.

## Zonta Club of Chelsea and North Shore awards local student scholarships

Members of the Zonta Club of Chelsea and North Shore recently delivered scholarship checks to local High Schools in Everett, Winthrop, Revere, Saugus and Chelsea. We are so pleased to continue awarding these scholar-

ships to deserving young woman excelling in mathematics and science studies who are graduating from local High Schools. We are proud to be able to support the high school's scholarship programs and we wish the recipients all the best in their future endeavors.



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# Recovery on the Harbor cuts ribbon

By John Lynds

A new resource center for people in recovery opened its doors in East Boston earlier this month that hopes to target the recovery community in Eastie, Winthrop, Revere, Charlestown and Chelsea. 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. On Friday NSMH staff was joined by Eastie's elected officials, members of the recovery community and Mass Secretary of Health and Human Services Marylou Sudders to cut the ribbon on Recovery on the Harbor.

"It was a really good turnout," said NSMH's Katherine O'Leary. "Everyone that stopped by on Friday loved it. It's a nice big wide open space, it has really high ceilings, the acoustics are great, there's various different rooms and there's a garage door in the middle of the space so we can shut it and have completely different spaces and can have meetings on both sides if necessary."

The only requirement for somebody to use this center is 24 hours of recovery and they have to be 18 years old or over. O'Leary said 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.

"Some of the sober

homes in the area--East Boston Rehab the Recovery Home have already sent some people down to use the computers," said O'Leary. "Meridian Houses have utilized the space and now we're starting to get more interest from the sober houses. I reached out to all of the AA and NA meetings that were kind of displaced because of COVID and all of those meetings will start to be rejuvenated in that space. So all of the mutual aid groups that kind of went away will now have a new home. The former director of Meridian house is going to do the NA group that was at the Social Center on Friday nights and the women's meeting will come back and do a Codependency Anonymous meeting on Thursday nights. There'll be a parent support group on Monday nights. So there's just all kinds of stuff like that and then we'll see what the community and what the members want."

Local business owner and leader in the recovery community Joe Ruggiero III will be hosting meetings in the space on Tuesday nights.

"Recovery on the Harbor is a fantastic resource for people in every phase of recovery from substance use disorder," said Ruggiero. "Its leadership team is committed to the community, to helping people recover and connecting people. I wholeheartedly welcome them into the Orient Heights business community."

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.

O'Leary said the space is not a hangout and not a place that someone can come to if they're getting high. If somebody comes in and needs treatment



Secretary of Health and Human Services Marylou Sudders, Audrey Clairmont, Director of Addiction Services NSMHA, Jackie Moore, CEO NSMHA, Katie O'Leary, Director of Recovery Support Services NSMHA, and Judi Lemoine COO NSMHA.



Senator Joe Boncore with Jenny Celata.

then NSMHA 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.

Sen. Joe Boncore added it's critically important that services and support for those experiencing substance use disorders become more available, visible, and accessible in our communities.

"North Suffolk Mental Health Association's new Recovery on the Harbor

will provide all pathways to recovery for the East Boston community," he said.

City Councilor Lydia Edwards said she loved the concept.

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.

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@nortsuffolk.org](mailto:VCelata@nortsuffolk.org).

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