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JINGLE BELL RUN & ROLL ON DEC. 20 AT PICO PARK

Bike Winthrop and the Winthrop Run Club have teamed up to host the first ever Jingle Bell Run & Roll through some of Winthrop's most festively lit and decorated streets. Participants can choose to run, bike, stroller or scooter along the mostly flat 1.8 mile ride that starts and ends at the entrance to Pico Park at the bottom of Pico Ave. Decorating begins at 5:30 (we'll have bells and glow sticks but encourage folks to bring additional lights and decorations for their bikes/bodies) and the run/ride begins at 6:00. End with a stop at the famous Sunnyside light show and

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WIHA HOSTS DECEMBER AUCTION FUNDRAISER



Michael Herbert, WIHA president, Denise Bass, board member, Jeff Schiff, House and Grounds, and Sandy Joneck-Schiff, past president, enjoying the festivities in the Deane Winthrop House Barn. See more photos on Page 8.

Latest MBTA bus redesign forum looks at equity

By Adam Swift

The MBTA's Bus Network Redesign meets almost all standards for equity under the federal Civil Rights Act according to T officials.

Last week, the MBTA held an online forum on equity implications of its proposed Bus Network Redesign project, including an analysis of how it squares with Title VI of the federal Civil Rights Act.

The MBTA released an initial draft of system-wide changes in May,

and during the summer, incorporated public input into a revised draft of the plan. The T ended up making changes to 85 of the 133 proposed route changes from the May draft, while still increasing service by 25 percent across the network.

"There are distinctions between equity and Title VI," said Justin Antos, the MBTA's senior director of bus transformation. "We are officially here to talk about the Title VI findings of the bus network redesign, which is a legal requirement. More broadly,

we want to speak about how this project pursued the spirit of equity from the start."

Over the past two years, as part of the redesign initiative, Antos said the MBTA has been listening to riders about what makes good bus service. From those efforts, Antos said four main themes arose – the need to get someplace when riders want to get there, frequency and reliability of service, service being easy to understand, and the need to serve the

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Principal updates School Committee on Cummings School initiatives

By Adam Swift

Arthur T. Cummings Elementary School Principal Andrea O'Leary updated the School Committee on curriculum initiatives, facility upgrades,

and testing results at its most recent meeting last week.

"We are currently on year two of the Illustrative Math program," said O'Leary. "It's a new program that focuses on student-led problem solving and fostering productive struggle."

O'Leary said the program was a big shift for students and teachers in the first year, with a focus on the teacher being more of a facilitator than standing in front of the classroom lecturing or running through problems.

"There is a structure to how it's done and students productively struggle; you talk to them and give them some conversation pieces with time to work on them, and then time to

partner, share, and discuss and then do some activities together," said O'Leary.

Toward the end of the lesson, there is a cooldown period where the class does a song or other activity together, and the teacher can gauge what information from the lesson the students understand.

Initially, O'Leary said Illustrative Math was difficult to get off the ground, but that teachers came around to seeing how students worked through the math problems was eye opening and productive.

Year two of the program has seen some modifications and tweaks that have made it easier to teach and more productive, O'Leary

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Council begins public hearings on proposed charter changes

By Adam Swift

The Town Council began the first of what it expects to be three nights of public hearings on recommendations made by the Ordinance Review Committee (ORC) at its meeting next week.

The ORC has recommended making 13 changes to town government, the majority of them being revisions to the town charter, which will need to be approved by a town-wide vote.

Winthrop Council President James Letterie said the council will vote on whether to move forward on putting the proposed charter changes on the town ballot following the public hearing process.

"Ultimately, this body

is making the decision whether it goes to the whole town for a vote, because we do not make the ultimate decision on this," said Letterie. "Any decision made on any change will be voted on by the constituents."

At last week's meeting, the council ran through a review of about a half-dozen proposed changes, starting with ones that had wide support from the nine-member ORC.

Letterie said two of the charter recommendations likely to cause more discussion and possible dissent will be discussed in more depth at future council meetings. Those proposals include changing the makeup and term lengths of town council-

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11 FOUNDATION CELEBRATES ANNIVERSARY



PHOTO BY MARIANNE SALZA

Amy Fothergill, board member, and Aidan Conlon, supporter, shown during the 11 Foundation's anniversary celebration. See more photos on Page 6.

Town Hall posts holiday hours and schedule

Winthrop Town Hall will observe the following changes to their regular business hours schedule in light of the upcoming holidays.

- Thursday Dec. 15 Closes at 3 PM
- Monday Dec. 26 Closed - Merry Christmas!
- Monday Jan. 2 Closed - Happy New Year!

Residents are reminded that the Town of Winthrop uses City Hall Systems to provide online payment service for the following bills:

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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. The log is a public record and available for review. All persons who are arrested or charged with a crime are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

MONDAY, NOV. 28

1210: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on River Rd. for the civil moving infraction of a stop sign violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

TUESDAY, NOV. 29

0908: A Golden Drive resident came into the station to report that his motor vehicle had been vandalized and parts had been removed.

1233: Officers responded to a motor vehicle (MV) accident in which an MV struck a pole on Golden Drive. The MV was towed and the officer filed a report.

1557: An officer responded to a report from a resident in the area of Thornton Park that a person was going door-to-door selling books. The officer located the person and advised him that he needed to cease his activity until he obtained a permit in order to sell door-to-door in the town.

1632: An officer responded to another report of persons selling books door-to-door on Waldemar Ave. The officer was unable to locate those individuals.

1653: A Loring Rd. resident reported that a person was selling books and magazines door-to-door. The officer was unable to locate the person.

1736: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Pauline St. for the civil moving infraction of operating without headlights after dark. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1753: An officer located the person who was selling magazines door-to-door on Waldemar Ave. without a permit and sent the person on his way. The officer filed a report.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 30

0741: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Franklin St. for the civil moving infraction of failing to keep to the right. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

0813: An officer restored the peace between neighbors on Tewksbury St. involving an incident in which a truck struck a fence. The officer filed a report.

0859: An officer ordered a tow for a motor vehicle that was blocking the pump station on Revere St.

1120: An officer provided assistance to a motorist with a flat tire at the CVS.

1225: Officers arrested Anthony J. Brown, 28, of 586 Shirley St., for the criminal offense of illegal possession of a Class B controlled narcotic substance with intent to distribute.

1952: A resident of the Executive Apartments on

Veterans Rd. reported the theft of a package. The officer filed a report.

2328: An officer directed a group of persons who were talking loudly in their apartment on Jefferson St. to quiet down for the night.

THURSDAY, DEC. 1

1623: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Bowdoin St. for the civil moving infraction of a stop sign violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1733: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Crest Ave. for a civil moving infraction. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1834: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) at Crest Ave. and Hutchinson St. for the civil moving infraction of a one-way violation. When the officer determined that the operator did not have a valid license, which is a criminal offense, a licensed operator came to the scene to take control of the MV. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1914: An officer dispersed a group from Hanaford Park, which is closed after dark.

2045: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Pauline St. for the civil moving infraction of a stop sign violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

2255: An officer assisted the parties with the exchange of papers at a two-car motor vehicle accident at Johnson Ave. and Cottage Park Rd.

FRIDAY, DEC. 2

0006: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Washington Ave. for the civil moving infraction of a stop sign violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

0038: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on River Rd. for the civil moving infraction of a stop sign violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

0101: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Main St. and arrested Adam Philip Goodman, 36, of 50 Coral Ave., for the criminal offense of operating an MV while under the influence of liquor and for the civil infraction of unsafe operation of an MV. A female party came to the scene to take possession of the MV.

0447: Officers responded to Grovers Ave. upon receiving a call from a resident who reported that a motor vehicle (MV) was parked against the bumper of his MV and that the operator of the other MV, which was still running, appeared to be passed out at the wheel. The officers issued a citation to the operator for the criminal offense of unlicensed operation of an MV. The calling party determined that there was no damage to his MV. The officer filed a report.

0716: Officers responded to a motor vehicle (MV) at Hermon and Main Sts. in which a MV struck a pole. The MV was towed and the operator was given a ride by another party. The officer filed a report.

0914: A resident called the station to report that she had received a phone call from the U.S. Border Patrol and was told that they had intercepted a package with her ID and information and that she was going to be charged with drug trafficking. The officer advised the caller that this was a scam phone call.

0943: A caller reported that a person was throwing strips of paper into the street on Winthrop St. The officer will check video cameras in hopes of identifying the perpetrator.

1335: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Shirley St. and Terrace Ave. for the civil moving infraction of a stop sign violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1353: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Walden St. for the civil moving infraction of a stop sign violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator for that offense, as well as for the civil infraction of not having his license in his possession.

1402: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Walden St. for the civil moving infraction of a stop sign violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1938: Officers responded to a report of a disturbance between a male and female party at Governors Drive. The officers arrested

ed the male party, a 20 year-old Boston man, on an outstanding warrant.

2228: An officer dispersed two persons in a motor vehicle from Hanaford Park, which is closed after dark.

2333: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Pleasant St. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

SATURDAY, DEC. 3

2305: An Upland Rd. resident reported that a neighbor's dog was on the loose and was being held by the caller. An officer assisted with the return of the dog to the owner.

SUNDAY, DEC. 4

0449: An officer responded to a report of a TV playing loudly on Central Ave. The officer restored the peace.

1506: An officer directed the owner of a large SUV parked in the middle of the road and obstructing traffic on Golden Drive to move her vehicle. The officer also informed her that the registration of the MV had expired and directed her to contact the Registry to resolve the problem.

1714: An officer issued a parking ticket to a motor vehicle that was parked in a crosswalk on Summit Ave.

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people who need bus service the most.

The equity analysis and work focuses on that last point of serving the people who need it most, Antos said.

Using anonymous cell-phone data and surveys, Antos said the MBTA was able to determine how people actually travel and went into understanding how low-income people and people of color travel in all parts of the bus network.

“This redesign is based on the best information we’ve ever had on how low-income residents and people of color travel,” said Antos. “It allows us to prioritize trips made by these groups twice as much ... and it also ensures that the new service proposed represents everyone whether they had time to participate in outreach or not, or if they were using the T or not.”

As a result, Antos said the redesigned bus network brings high frequency service, defined as a bus leaving a stop every 15 minutes, to 95,000 more minority residents across the Boston region and to another 29,000 low-income households.

“We started out this project leading with equity and to fill gaps in transit service in our bus network for people who need it the most,” said Antos. “We used good data on our equity populations, we weighed our decisions toward these populations, and these results you see bring more and better service to these groups.”

Melissa Dullea, the MBTA’s senior director of service planning and equity monitoring, said the T performs an annual report looking at service availability and quality standards, including span frequency, reliability, comfort, and network quality.

“Each standard has an equity check, where we check the performance of the overall network against our standards and then the performance for low-income riders and riders of color to check for differences,” said Dullea.

Steven Povich, the T’s fare policy and analytics director, said the Title VI equity analysis looks at equity in accordance with the Civil Rights Act and with guidance from the federal government.

“We are really asking two questions with these analyses,” said Povich. “On the service side, we ask how does the change in the amount of service provided to the protected population compare to the change for all other riders.”

The analysis also looks at how the change in the average fare paid by protected populations compares to all riders.

“It’s a relatively technical exercise and we work with the Central Transportation Planning Staff on this analysis,” said Povich. The analysis looks at 12 ratios for service between the protected populations and the general ridership.

Povich said 11 of the 12 ratios show there is not a potential disparate impact or disparate burden on minority or low-income riders. The single ratio that did not meet the minimum metric is a relatively weak measure that will likely be changed for future analysis, Povich said.

During the question and answer portion of the forum, there were some questions raised about changes to specific bus routes, as well as some more systemic concerns about the public not being involved in the redesign at the beginning of the process.

When it came to route concerns, MBTA officials said they would pass on the issues that were raised, but steered the conversation back to the main topic of the forum.

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warm up with free hot chocolate. Bike lights are required (limited supply of extras will be on hand) and warm, holiday attire is encouraged. All ages and abilities welcome! Details on Facebook at <https://tinyurl.com/JingleBellWinthrop>

GIRL SCOUT COOKIES ARE COMING TO FRENCH SQUARE!

On Saturday 12/17 from 10:00-12:00 pm the Brownie Girl Scouts of

Troop 70227 will be selling Girl Scout cookies in the new French Square by the Christmas tree. Come on down and grab your favorites for \$5/box- from thin mints to caramel delights to peanut butter patties to gluten free caramel chocolate chip- in time for your holiday celebrations! You can also order online from “Girl Scout Cookie Booth Troop 70227” on Facebook. Thank you for supporting your local Girl Scouts and helping them achieve their 2023 goals!

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Richard Gill '58 receives James Cotter '55 Courage Award from Boston College High School

Special to the Transcript

Boston College High School is proud to announce that The James E. Cotter '55 Courage Award was presented to Winthrop resident Richard (Dick) Gill '58 during the school's Athletic Hall of Fame ceremony. The award is presented annually to a member of the BC High community in recognition of courage in the face of adversity, tenacious spirit, and force of will.

A man of deep faith, Gill exemplifies the characteristics of a Jesuit-educated man. He has been the leader of a very active and engaged class of 1958 since his days on Morrissey Boulevard. Mr. Gill's biannual lunch event for his class

is eagerly anticipated and well-attended.

Gill's roots run deep at BC High, as his father, Henry Gill, Sr., was apart of the class of 1923. Two of Dick Gill's brothers preceded him at the school – Fr. Dave Gill, SJ '52 and the late Henry Gill, Jr. '56. In 2017, Mr. Gill's grandson, David G. Reynolds, became the third generation in his family to graduate from BC High.

Committed to a lifetime in education, Gill spent much of his career as director of admission at Buckingham Brown and Nichols. He also worked at many Catholic schools including a nearly 10-year stint at BC High. His warm smile, humor, and loving affect were often just the thing to sell a family on a Jesuit Catholic ed-

ucation for their sons.

Together with his late wife, Kathy, they raised two daughters in Winthrop where Gill served many roles on local government committees. He was a constant presence at any political fundraiser held by the Democratic party. While serving others was his life's work, the community rallied around Mr. Gill after he was struck by an MBTA bus on February 9, 2022. He became pinned under the bus, ultimately losing his left leg. Since the accident, Gill has undergone three surgeries and spent nine months between Massachusetts General Hospital and Spalding Rehabilitation Center, all while winning fans among the doctors, nurses, and staff with his sense of humor and positive attitude.

Mr. Gill recently returned to his home in Winthrop after months at an independent living facility.

Gill was inducted alongside the following 2022 honorees, each of whom was recognized for their significant contributions to the BC High athletic program:

- David Corcoran, '88, Soccer
- Michael Kenney '93, Wrestling
- Brian Fitzgibbons '01, Football & Lacrosse
- Frank Ustach '01, Sailing
- Brian O'Hanley '03, Hockey & Baseball
- Tom Conley '08, Football & Baseball
- Jake O'Brien '08, Basketball
- Andrew Tallman '10, Track & Football

In addition, the school's



Shown left to right- Tom Conley, Athletic Director, Dick Gill's grandson, David Reynolds '17, Grace Cotter Regan, President, and Adam Lewis, Principal.

highest athletic honors, the Paul J. Hunter '53 Man for Others Award, given annually to a person who shows leadership in community, church, and pro-

fession, was presented to Tom Cotter '06 during the induction ceremony.

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ors, and a proposed recall mechanism for elected officials.

The first charter change discussed last week concerned the abandonment language in the charter for town councilors who miss an excessive amount of meetings.

Under the current language, a councilor can miss 50 percent of meetings without an excuse and not be removed from office. The new language recommended by the ORC and the council's rules and ordinance subcommittee state a councilor could be removed from office if they missed 50 percent of meetings in a three month period.

"This is to take a more realistic look and say you were elected by the community to serve them and there should be more stringent requirements," said Letterie.

Precinct 6 Councilor

and rules and ordinance committee chair Stephen Ruggiero noted that there are also more ways for councilors to participate thanks to Zoom and online meetings.

There was also little discussion on a charter change that would require multiple member boards to elect a chairperson at the first meeting of the new fiscal year.

Letterie suggested that the council also add language requiring the boards elect a vice chair. It was also noted that some boards, such as the Board of Health, are required by law to elect a chair at the beginning of the calendar year.

The council also discussed an ordinance change that would disallow use variances.

"Right now, if something is zone Residential A, like a single-family home and you go to sell

that home, all you need to do to put a convenience store on the first floor and to build up a couple stories is to get a use variance from the zoning board of appeals," said Ruggeiro.

Most municipalities in the state do not allow for the use variances. Ruggeiro said general laws would allow the variances to go before the planning board for a recommendation with a vote by the town council.

Projects would still go before the zoning board if they were looking for zoning relief for things such as lot size or setbacks.

"So really, you are getting three bodies, the planning board, the town council, and the zoning board of appeals, in order to make any substantial changes," said Ruggeiro.

Ruggeiro also noted that doing away with the use variance is an ordinance change and not a

charter change, and would only need the approval of the town council.

Letterie said he generally supported the change, but would like some feedback from the town manager and legal counsel before making a final decision.

The ORC also recommended a change in how vacancies are filled in elected bodies outside the town council. Currently, the council is involved in voting to fill any vacancies, along with the affected board.

However, since the council has nine members, Letterie said it actually puts more power in the council's hands rather than the board with the vacancy. The change would allow the elected board to select its own candidate.

"It seems like a no-brainer, but I've been told that technically, the highest-ranking elected

body has to be represented on these vacancies," said Letterie.

Council members agreed they should also look into the proposal a little more to see if there were any legal impediments to enacting it.

The ORC also recommended the town form a water and sewer advisory committee, another move that could be done by

town council vote.

"Water rates and the process have been one of the most heavily scrutinized things in town government," said Ruggeiro. "We've had local and regional news covering our water rates, we've had audits and discussions and protests about the water rates, so I think this is the ORC hearing all that."

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said.

In conjunction with Illustrative Math, O'Leary said the school is also in the second year of using the Zearn online math program, which explains math through pictures, visual models, and real life examples.

Other programs the school is using in its curriculum include Lexia and PowerUp for literacy and grammar.

The school is also in the process of selecting

a new English Language Arts core curriculum that will focus on providing a hands-on approach, O'Leary said.

"In social studies, we received a primary source grant," said O'Leary. "We looked through a list of the primary source activities and supplemental materials they offered and at each grade level at the beginning of the year, I asked each grade level to pick one unit to supplement what they are al-

ready doing."

There is also a field trip component to the grant, and the school is looking to supplement the learning with some field trips.

"I think that in all of our curriculum areas, we are moving forward and we are trying new and innovative things," said O'Leary.

Some recent facilities upgrades include a new playground communication board in the playground that allows students to tap on the board

and communicate with another student in the school. Two new basketball hoops have also been installed outside, one in the front circle and one in the back playground area.

Inside the school, O'Leary said the rugs have been replaced at two of the entranceways, and added that the school is working on door repairs and some security updates.

O'Leary discussed parent communications about student progress, noting there are two parent conference times each year, as well as report cards going out three times per year.

Data from the fall also shows that reading and match scores are going up in almost all areas, O'Leary said.

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CONGRATULATIONS,
KATHERINE CLARK

We wish to offer our congratulations to our Congresswoman, Katherine Clark (who represents the 5th Congressional District that includes Revere and Winthrop and extends west through Malden into Middlesex County) for her recent elevation to the position of Minority Whip, the second highest-ranking office among the Democrats in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Ms. Clark's rise to a position of leadership among House Democrats -- and we would note that Nancy Pelosi is the only other woman to have advanced as far -- has been nothing less than meteoric. She was elected in a special election to fill the seat left vacant by our long-time Congressman, Ed Markey, when he ran successfully for the U.S. Senate in 2013 (which also was a special election when John Kerry became the Secretary of State under President Obama) and soon entered the leadership structure among House Democrats.

But unlike others in Congress (on both sides of the aisle) who are known more for their bombast than for their actual accomplishments, Congresswoman Clark actually does the real work of a member of Congress, both for her constituents and for our country.

We are proud that Katherine Clark is our representative in Congress and we congratulate her upon her elevation to a position of influence among her fellow Democrats.

HAPPY HANUKKAH

The eight-day observance of Hanukkah, also known as the Festival of Lights, starts this Sunday evening, December 18, and will culminate on Monday, December 26.

Hanukkah is observed for eight nights and days by lighting the candles of the Menorah, one on each day of the eight-day celebration. (The Menorah itself consists of nine candles, one of which typically stands above the rest and is used to light the other eight.)

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

When the triumphant Maccabees captured the city of Jerusalem, they quickly entered the Holy Temple, tossing out the images of the Greek gods that had been installed there by the occupying rulers. When the Maccabees went to light the Menorah candles in the Temple, they thought they only had one day's worth of oil. However, the candles remained lit for eight days -- hence the miracle of the Festival of Lights.

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

We want to take the opportunity to wish our friends and readers of the Jewish community a happy, healthy, and joyful Hanukkah season.

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Celine Dion, Kirstie Alley, Christmas, good news and bad

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

Award winning actress Kirstie Alley was diagnosed with cancer shortly before her untimely death at the young age of 71. Grammy award winning Celine Dion has recently been diagnosed with a neurological disease called Stiff Person Syndrome. The disease attacks about one in a million and is a very debilitating disease. She is 54 years old.

Disease, death and bad news can attack anyone at any age and none of us are immune.

Good news came to Britney Griner who spent 10 months in a Russian prison for allegedly having hashish oil in her suitcase at a Moscow airport. She was recently released and is now back in the United States. The Bad news is that arms dealer Victor Bout who smuggled millions of weapons to the Middle East, Eastern Europe and Africa was released from prison

in exchange for Griner's release.

Paul Whelan a former United States marine received bad news in that he is still being held in a Russian prison accused of spying. Russia is apparently holding onto him for another deal with the United States. It's tragic that he wasn't released with Griner.

Please stay out of Russia, North Korea, Iran and China. There are other places to avoid as well but there are plenty of nice places to visit.

My deceased wife was 37 when she received the bad news that she had multiple sclerosis. The diagnosis was very bad news and Karen died one day at a time for 12 years. The last four years of her life she could do nothing. She required 24-hour care. She became a person trapped inside a body. She died at the age of 49. The toll that such a disease took on our family and my young

sons was severe. Such an illness changes the lives of the entire family. Everyone to some extent is involved in the caregiving and are changed by the emotional drain of sickness and death. However, no one suffers as much as the person struggling with the disease.

Such life struggles play havoc with holidays such as Christmas. Our family never had a normal Christmas for at least 12 years. However, it became our new normal.

Jesus is good news at Christmas. He was bad news to King Herod of Judea. Herod was a mental illness case who ordered the death of all male babies two years old and under in the vicinity of Bethlehem. He hoped to eliminate Jesus because wise men from the East had come to worship him.

We must pray for the families of Kirstie Alley, Celine Dion and Paul Whelan and many others.

These families are suffering. Fame and fortune never provide a way of escaping bad news and the results of bad news. We should also pray for one another and rejoice with any good news that comes each other's way.

We are all sojourners in this life. The message of Christmas is a Savior is born, Christ the Lord, peace on earth and good will toward all.

May good news find its way to you this season of the year and may we all with God's grace be there for each other when the news is not so good.

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THE MORE Things Change ...

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

10 years ago
December 13, 2012

Cynthia Wall and Mark Racicot of the Metropolitan Area Planning Council moderated a Winthrop planning and development forum Tuesday night at the Cummings School. The MAPC's professional services and input were the result of a grant secured by the town.

Julia Dalton celebrated a very special birthday Wednesday on a date that comes along once every century. Julia, daughter of Brian and Sharon Dalton of Ocean Avenue, turned 12 on December 12, and in this case, it was a numerologist's dream: 12-12-12. The Middle School sixth grader realized about four years ago that 12s

were going to be wild on Wednesday.

Council President Peter Gill had an idea and unveiled it publicly at a Council meeting: assemble a committee of Winthrop residents interested in helping to improve the parks. Dawn Sullivan jumped on board [the Parks Committee] immediately, became committee chairperson, and is pleased to report that the committee is making a noticeable impact in the town. Sullivan said the first park the committee targeted was Pico Park on the corner of Pico Avenue and Francis Street.

Lincoln, The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey, and Les Miserables are playing at the Revere

Showcase Cinemas.

20 years ago
December 19, 2002

Board of Assessors Chairman Peter Martino said that the increase in valuations of real estate in town will result in a lower tax rate for all property owners. However, Martino said that the typical homeowner will see a slight increase in their real estate tax bill.

The Boyd and Conway Insurance Agencies have announced that the firm has acquired the Philip J. Bruno Agency, which has been in operation in Winthrop for 60 years.

A coalition of business owners and residents appeared before the selectmen to oppose the request for a license to sell beer and wine by the owners of the Citgo service station and convenience store at Shirley and Revere Streets. The opponents said that there already is an abundance of liquor stores in the town and that the selectmen approved a similar license for Wyatt's Mobil just last month.

The Winthrop Fire

Department will escort Santa on his annual tour through the town's streets on Christmas Eve.

Maid in Manhattan, Star Trek: Nemesis, and Adam Sandler's 8 Crazy Nights are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

30 years ago
December 24, 1992

The School Committee unanimously approved the selection of William Gorman as the new Principal of the N.E. Willis School. Gorman, 44, will take over on January 15 for retiring Principal Arthur "Arky" Cummings.

Newly-appointed Massport Board member James Carangelo, a former resident of Winthrop and East Boston, said he does want to see Massport tear apart his former hometown communities.

Santa is set to make his annual tour of the town's streets atop a Winthrop fire truck this evening.

A Muppet Christmas Carol, Forever Young, Toys, and Leap of Faith are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

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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

ART 981 - SHORE DRIVE 1933 WINTER STORM



Similar to last week's article on the March 5, 1931 storm, the pounding of another Atlantic Ocean storm occurred on January 29, 1933 and is presented as this week's Then and Now feature. Picture one shows the strength of the waves hitting the sea wall and the beginning of the damage to the railings along shore drive. As seen in last week's pictures, residents were again out along the opposite sidewalks to watch the ocean waves coming ashore. Picture two depicts the road way, looking up the Northern end of Shore Drive, covered with debris and the sidewalks torn up. The next two pictures were essentially taken from the same spot along the seawall behind the intersection of Crest Avenue and Grover's Avenue. Picture three is looking South at the bridge where Shore Drive passed over the Narrow Gauge

Railroad tracks as they proceeded on down their route next to Beach Road for one block on to what is now Veteran's Road. If one walks below the street level on the seawall in this area today they will see the same large granite stone wall shown coming up from the left along Shore Drive to where this bridge is pictured. The train ran along below on the wide walk way that is there today. Again note the rubble created by the storm and how the tracks were ripped up. Picture four was taken from almost the same spot but looking the other direction, North. The Narrow Gauge Railroad tracks are shown turning to the left to pass under Grover's Avenue to follow along in a trench through what was the Highland (Arthur W. Dalrymple) School playground and on behind the Crest Avenue Medical Building to the

Highland's Train Station that was located where the Playground is today. As one looks at the damage to the tracks, it's a wonder that it did not happen more often. The wood sea wall on the right does not appear to afford much protection from such storms. We encourage our readers to walk along this area with these pictures in your hand and see exactly where they were taken from. If you stand where pictures three and four were taken from and look South, you will see the wall of rectangular granite blocks previously identified to the left of the Shore Drive Bridge over the NGRR Tracks. Then turn around and look North and you will see the two houses in the picture's background. Even though the tracks are long gone it is amazing how much of the area can still be identified.



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40 years ago

December 22, 1982

Local attorney and Town Moderator John L. Murphy Jr. was sworn in as a justice of the Massachusetts Superior Court by outgoing Gov. Edward J. King in a ceremony attended by hundreds of friends and family members.

The Winthrop Conservation Commission has issued a cease and desist order to the State DEQE to halt further activity at the pumping station on Bennington Street in Revere at the point of discharge of effluents from Sales Creek into Belle Isle Marsh.

The School Committee has approved \$20,000 for an instructional computer program in the Winthrop schools.

Police officers handed out 50, \$25 tickets to local motorists who disregarded the new pedestrian traffic light at Magee's Corner. Officers also issued a large number of parking tickets to auto owners who did not remove their vehicles from the town's streets during the recent snow-storm.

The Toy, Airplane II, Catherine and Co., and 48 Hours are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

50 years ago

December 20, 1972

As a result of the new state fiscal cycle law, local property owners can expect to receive a tax bill that will be almost double their usual bill. However, the tax bill will be for an 18-month period and taxpayers can pay in two installments.

Santa Claus will make his usual trip around town on Christmas Eve atop a Winthrop fire truck.

Police officer Angelo LaMonica escaped serious injury when he almost was run down by two youths in a stolen car. After narrowly escaping with his life, LaMonica then jumped into his cruiser and took off at a high speed in pursuit of the youths. He fired several shots at their vehicle, one of which blew out a tire. The youths eventually were arrested in Revere. Two accomplices are being sought.

60 years ago

December 20, 1962

Housing for the elderly in Winthrop moved one step closer to reality this week with the announcement by Housing Authority Chairman John D. O'Connell that invitations for bids for a proposed 30-unit development will be advertised soon. The project will be located in Winthrop Centre adjacent to Putnam and Buchanan Streets and will include part of the old right of way of the Narrow Gauge Railroad.

More than 200 young people were enrolled in the ranks of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine of St. John the Evangelist Church in annual ceremonies Saturday.

Santa has announced that he will make his

annual visit to town on Christmas Eve escorted by the police and fire departments. He also will make a special visit on December 23 to Winthrop Community Hospital to see all of the sick boys and girls.

Bette Davis and Joan Crawford star in Whatever Happened to Baby Jane? at the Revere Theatre.

70 years ago

December 18, 1952

The School Committee has turned down a request by the teachers for a pay raise of \$200. The committee last week voted to give all teachers a \$100 raise. Teachers without degrees now will receive a salary of \$3700; those with a bachelor's degree \$3900; and those with a master's degree \$4100.

State Treasurer Foster Furcolo has announced that Winthrop will have a merry Christmas with receipt of a check from the state for \$67,847 as the town's share of excess revenue from income, meals, and corporate taxes. The money, which comes to the town at the end of each year in varying amounts, is on top of the \$186,000 that already has been received from the state this year.

Roy Rogers stars in The Old Spanish Trail at the Winthrop Theatre.

80 years ago

December 24, 1942

As far as is known, Staff Sgt. Harold F. Lightbown, 23, is the first Winthrop serviceman to achieve the outstanding honor of the award of the Distinguished Flying Cross in the current war. He was a member of the crew aboard a Flying Fortress during a raid on a Nazi submarine base in which his crew shot down seven German Focke-Wulf fighters.

The City of Boston is asking that as many commuters as possible not ride on the Boston Elevated during rush hours because of the increased congestion on the line which is being caused by auto owners not being able to use their vehicles because of the gasoline shortage. Officials are asking commuters to try to use the El either before or during rush hour times.

Henry Fonda and Lucille Ball star in the Big Street at the Revere and Boulevard Theatres.

90 years ago

December 24, 1932

Through the efforts of local businessman Charles Bennison, Jolly Old St. Nicholas will traverse through the town aboard a modernized sleigh on wheels, dispensing appropriate music and a realistic Christmas spirit, spreading good cheer to all on Christmas Eve.

The Winthrop Unemployment Committee is preparing 100 bountiful Christmas baskets for distribution on Christmas Eve to the families in the town who are not receiving baskets from other organizations.

Burns and Allen, Bing

Crosby, and Kate Smith are among the all star cast in the Big Broadcast playing at the Winthrop and State Theaters.

100 years ago

December 22, 1922

The newly-formed Winthrop Community Hospital officially will open January 1 on the site of the former Metcalf Hospital on Winthrop St. Repairs to the buildings and other improvements have been made since Dr. Metcalf turned his hospital over to the trustees last fall.

A large crowd listened to a lecture on Christian Science: The Religion of Right Resistance Sunday afternoon in the Winthrop Theatre.

Winthrop residents now can make a phone call within a radius of 72 miles for 50 cents by using station-to-station service.

110 years ago

December 21, 1912

The Men's Brotherhood of the First Baptist Church presented the mock trial in the case of "What Became of Jenny Brice?" at Wadsworth Hall.

Among the issues discussed by the selectmen with the town's representatives in the legislature were a bulkhead at Great Head, a breakwater along the easterly shore at Winthrop Beach, construction of the so-called missing link road to Revere, and dredging the channels in the local harbor.

A large crowd attended the funeral services of Miss Emma L. Belcher, 68, who was born at the home at Sunnyside where her father, John Burrill Belcher, also was born.

The Winthrop Cash Market suffered the loss of one horse which took ill on Crystal Cove Ave, opposite the Colonial Hotel. Another of the market's horses became frightened on Prospect Avenue and bolted down Hillside Ave., where it turned sharply onto Cottage, overturning the covered wagon and doing considerable damage.

120 years ago

December 26, 1902

An ad in the Sun seeks, "Two young men of good character can obtain room and board for one large room for \$6.00 each or a smaller room for \$5.00 each. Apply to 173 Pleasant St., Winthrop Centre."

A very unique and attractive prelude to the distribution of gifts to the Baptist Sunday School in their vestry Sunday evening was a little play entitled, "The Revolt of Santa Claus" which featured 13 girls and boys in costumes representing different countries.

Christmas Day services were held at all of the local churches Wednesday and festivals were held prior to Christmas Day for the children. Christmas trees for the little folks were enjoyed by many private families. Winthrop's schoolchildren are now enjoying the Christmas vacation.

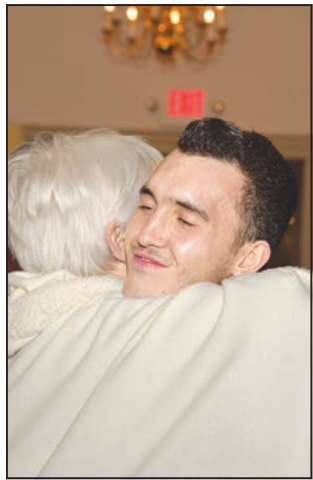


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THE 11 FOUNDATION CELEBRATES 11TH ANNIVERSARY

Photos & Story by Marianne Salza

The 11 Foundation celebrated its 11th anniversary of promoting health, wellness, and activity on December 10 at the Winthrop Lodge of Elks. The non-profit organization remembers the life and legacy of Michael (Mase) Mason, who passed



Loved ones embracing at The 11 Foundation's 11th anniversary on December 10.

away suddenly in 2011 at 36-years-old.

“He was a remarkable man, an amazing friend, a fantastic coach, and an all-around good guy. He would give you the shirt off his back,” said Karen Mason, Mase’s sister. “When he died it was devastating to everyone in the community and all the family. We joined together to create a foundation that would memorialize him, and give members of the community some of the great experiences that he had.”

Mase was a gifted, Winthrop High School athlete: captain of the basketball team, pitcher of the baseball team, quarterback of the football team, and member of the 1000 Point Club. The 11 Foundation’s name is a tribute to the number Mase wore throughout his athletic career.

Since being established



Alice Lally and Jack Daly, Michael Mason's aunt and uncle.



Christopher Lally and Deanna Prizio.



Angela and Christos Tsiotos.



Livi Tsetslias, singer of the country rock band, Whiskey-6.

in August 2011, The 11 Foundation has presented 15 \$1,100 scholarships to high school students, and has co-sponsored several events in honor of Mase’s generosity, thoughtfulness, and admiration for the Town of Winthrop.

“My brother loved the community. We have worked hard to keep his memory alive. It is a testament to how impactful he was,” shared Mason. “The things we do at the Foundation make it feel like my brother is making an impact.”



Rich Vivolo, Michael Triant, and Joseph Ferrara.



Atiyeh and Greg Cassidy.



Joseph Ferrara, President of The 11 Foundation, and Michael Mason's childhood best friend.



Michelle Tallent and Cheryl Butler placing chances for the 33 raffle items.



Emily and Kim Nichols, Michael Mason's sister and niece.



Michelle Tallent, Megan Noonan, Marissa Ferrara, and Danielle McLaughlin.

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MFA presents Otherworldly Realms of Wu Junyong starting January 13

Staff Report

In Otherworldly Realms of Wu Junyong, heroes face off in mighty clashes with their enemies; charming animals growl at one another, vying for superiority; and troubled souls retreat into murky caves, searching for inner peace. The exhibition, on view at the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston (MFA), starting January 13, 2023, marks the artist’s U.S. museum debut.

Wu (born 1978) grew up in a family of artisans who created sculptures and murals for local temples in their southern Chinese village. Immersed in China’s folklore throughout his childhood, he became fascinated with European painting and the heroes of ancient Greek mythology after arriving in art school. His work reflects all these influences, seamlessly blending diverse historical traditions with his contemporary experience to express human

emotions, conflicts and aspirations that transcend time and borders.

Otherworldly Realms of Wu Junyong features more than a dozen mixed-media works on paper, where, beneath playful imagery, exuberant brushstrokes and riotous color, dark truths hide and serenity awaits in secluded haunts.

Museum visitors will have a unique opportunity to see painting performances by the artist at the MFA’s Lunar New Year celebration on February

2. The annual event will offer \$5 admission for the evening (5–10 pm), lion dances and Spotlight Talks in the galleries.

"Otherworldly Realms of Wu Junyong" is generously supported by Bonnie Huang. Additional support from Eva Hu, the Joel Alvord and Lisa Schmid Alvord Fund, the Diane Krane Family and Jonathan and Gina Krane Family Fund and the Dr. Robert A. and Dr. Veronica Petersen Fund for Exhibitions.

Lion and Tiger Contending for Hegemony (2017), by Wu Junyong.

Healey and Driscoll announce Administration and Finance Secretary, top staff

Special to the Journal

Governor-elect Maura Healey and Lieutenant Governor-elect Driscoll today announced their first round of hires for their incoming administration. Matthew Gorzkowicz will be appointed as Secretary of the Executive Office for Administration and Finance. Kate Cook will be Chief of Staff and Gabrielle Viator will serve as Senior Advisor.

Matthew Gorzkowicz has more than 25 years' experience in state finance and budgeting in the Commonwealth. He has served as the Associate Vice President for Administration and Finance at the University of Massachusetts President's Office for more than a decade, where he has had a direct role in setting the University's long-range administrative and financial goals and managed the development of an annual operating budget of \$3.8 billion. Prior to UMass, Matt worked in the Massachusetts Senate, the Department of Mental

Health, the School Building Authority, and the Executive Office for Administration and Finance under Governor Deval Patrick, where he served as Assistant Secretary for Budget and then Undersecretary. He is a graduate of Northeastern University and lives in Winthrop, MA with his wife and two children.

"In this time of record state revenues and economic stress for so many of our residents, it's essential to have an Administration and Finance Secretary with a proven record of maintaining economic stability and implementing processes that ensure efficiency and effectiveness," said Healey. "Matt Gorzkowicz has done just that in his decades of service to Massachusetts, and I'm proud to have his leadership in our administration."

"I'm honored to be appointed as Secretary of the Executive Office for Administration and Finance by Governor-elect Healey and Lieutenant

Governor-elect Driscoll," said Gorzkowicz. "This is going to be a dynamic and effective administration, and I'm proud to contribute my experience in state finance and budgeting to serve the Commonwealth. I'm looking forward to getting to work on a number of important priorities that center on equity and affordability and drive progress across the administration."

Kate Cook currently serves as the First Assistant Attorney General in the Office of Massachusetts Attorney General Maura Healey, where she assists AG Healey with oversight, operations and decision-making in all legal and policy matters across the office. For over two decades, Cook has served as a trusted legal advisor and litigator for public officials and state and local government agencies. Prior to her appointment as First Assistant, Kate was a partner at Sugarman Rogers, where she chaired the government law and election law

practice groups and had an active pro bono practice focused on civil rights and civil liberties matters. Kate formerly served as Chief Legal Counsel to Governor Deval L. Patrick, General Counsel to the Massachusetts Senate Ways & Means Committee and Assistant Corporation Counsel to the City of Boston. She holds degrees from Harvard University and Brown University and lives in Marblehead with her husband and daughter.

"Kate has been integral to the operations of the Attorney General's Office and a wonderful addition to our team over the past year," said Healey. "With her strong background serving both in state and city government as well as the private sector, I'm confident that she is the best person to lead our office and build a team that's going to deliver real results for people."

"I'm honored that Governor-elect Healey and Lieutenant Governor-elect Driscoll have placed their faith in me to lead the

Governor's Office and for the opportunity to continue my service to the Commonwealth," said Cook. "We're committed to building a strong, experienced and diverse team that is ready to get to work delivering for people and moving Massachusetts forward."

Gabe Viator is the Chief Deputy Attorney General in the Office of Massachusetts Attorney General Maura Healey. She oversees litigation efforts across the office and coordinates policy, government affairs and strategic initiatives. Gabrielle previously served as Chief of Staff and Senior Policy Advisor to AG Healey, and as an Assistant Attorney General in the Civil Rights Division. Before joining the Attorney General's Office, Gabrielle practiced commercial litigation as an associate at Ropes & Gray. She also served as a Legislative Director in the State Senate and as a legislative aide in the Massachusetts House of Representatives. She is

a graduate of Boston College and Suffolk University Law School, and lives in Beverly with her husband and two daughters.

"Gabe has been a close and trusted advisor to me for many years, and I'm thrilled to have her guidance with us in the Governor's Office," said Healey. "She has outstanding legal and policy experience, a strong commitment to public service and a passion for teamwork, all of which will be invaluable for our team."

"From working with Governor-elect Healey for more than a decade, I've seen firsthand her commitment to the people of Massachusetts and her ability to bring together the very best team to make real progress," said Viator. "I'm honored to continue this partnership in the Governor's Office and excited to get to work creating a stronger Massachusetts."

CPI for all items rises 0.1% in November as shelter and food increase

Special to the Journal

The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) rose 0.1 percent in November on a seasonally adjusted basis, after increasing 0.4 percent in October, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. Over the last 12 months, the all items index increased 7.1 percent before seasonal adjustment.

The index for shelter was by far the largest contributor to the monthly all items increase, more than offsetting decreases in energy indexes. The food index increased 0.5 percent over the month with the food at home index also rising 0.5 percent. The energy index decreased 1.6 percent over the month as the gasoline index, the natural gas index, and the electricity index all declined.

The index for all items less food and energy rose 0.2 percent in November, after rising 0.3 percent in October. The indexes for shelter, communication, recreation, motor vehicle insurance, education, and apparel were among those that increased over the month. Indexes which declined in November include the used cars and trucks, medical care, and airline fares indexes.

The all items index increased 7.1 percent for the 12 months ending November; this was the smallest 12-month increase since the period ending December 2021. The all items less food and energy index rose 6.0 percent over the last 12 months. The energy index increased 13.1 percent for the 12 months ending November, and the food index increased 10.6 percent over the last year; all of these increases were smaller than for the period ending October.

Food

The food index increased 0.5 percent in November following a 0.6-percent increase in October. The food at home index also rose 0.5 percent in November. Four of the six major grocery store food group indexes increased over the month. The index for fruits and vegetables increased 1.4 percent in November, after falling 0.9 percent in

October. The index for cereals and bakery products rose 1.1 percent over the month while the index for dairy and related products increased 1.0 percent in November. The index for nonalcoholic beverages rose 0.7 percent in November, after rising 0.5 percent last month.

In contrast, the index for meats, poultry, fish, and eggs fell 0.2 percent over the month after increasing 0.6 percent in October. The beef index fell 0.8 percent over the month, while the pork index fell 0.3 percent. The index for other food at home also declined in November, falling 0.1 percent.

The food away from home index rose 0.5 percent in November, after increasing 0.9 percent in each of the previous 3 months. The index for limited service meals increased 0.6 percent over the month and the index for full service meals increased 0.4 percent.

The food at home index rose 12.0 percent over the last 12 months. The index for cereals and bakery products and the index for dairy and related products both rose 16.4 percent over the year. The remaining major grocery store food groups posted increases ranging from 6.8 percent (meats, poultry, fish, and eggs) to 13.9 percent (other food at home).

The index for food away from home rose 8.5 percent over the last year. The index for full service meals rose 9.0 percent over the last 12 months, and the index for limited service meals rose 6.7 percent over the same period.

Energy

The energy index fell 1.6 percent in November after rising 1.8 percent in October. The gasoline index declined 2.0 percent over the month, following a 4.0-percent increase in October. (Before seasonal adjustment, gasoline prices fell 3.6 percent in November.) The index for natural gas continued to decline over the month, falling 3.5 percent after decreasing 4.6 percent in October. The electricity index decreased 0.2 percent in November.

The energy index rose 13.1 percent over the past 12 months. The gasoline

index increased 10.1 percent over the span and the fuel oil index rose 65.7 percent. The index for electricity rose 13.7 percent over the last 12 months, and the index for natural gas increased 15.5 percent over the same period.

All items less food and energy

The index for all items less food and energy rose 0.2 percent in November, its smallest increase since August 2021. The shelter index continued to increase, rising 0.6 percent over the month. The rent index rose 0.8 percent over the month, and the owners' equivalent rent index rose 0.7 percent. The index for lodging away from home decreased 0.7 percent in November, after rising 4.9 percent in October.

The shelter index was the dominant factor in the monthly increase in the index for all items less food and energy; other components were a mix of increases and declines. Among the indexes that rose in November was the index for communication which increased 1.0 percent over the month after decreasing 0.1 percent in October. The index for recreation rose 0.5 percent in November, following a 0.7-percent increase in the previous month. The motor vehicle insurance index increased 0.9 percent in November, the personal care index rose 0.7 percent, and the education index rose 0.3 percent over the month.

In contrast, the medical care index fell 0.5 percent in November, as it did in October. The index for hospital and related services decreased 0.3 percent over the month, and the index for prescription drugs declined 0.2 percent. The index for physicians' services was unchanged in November.

Other indexes which declined over the month include the index for used cars and trucks, which fell 2.9 percent in November, the fifth consecutive decline in that index. The index for airline fares fell 3.0 percent over the month, following a 1.1-percent decrease in October. The index for household furnishings and operations was unchanged in November, as was the in-

dex for new vehicles.

The index for all items less food and energy rose 6.0 percent over the past 12 months. The shelter index increased 7.1 percent over the last year, accounting for nearly half of the total increase in all items less food and energy. Other indexes with notable increases over the last year include household furnishings and operations (+7.6 percent), medical care (+4.2 percent), new vehicles (+7.2 percent), and recreation (+4.7 percent).

Not seasonally

adjusted CPI measures

The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) increased 7.1 percent over the last 12 months to an index level of 297.711 (1982-84=100). For the month, the index decreased 0.1 percent prior to seasonal adjustment.

The Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) increased 7.1 percent over the last 12 months to an index level of 292.495 (1982-84=100). For the month, the index decreased 0.2 percent prior to season-

al adjustment.

The Chained Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (C-CPI-U) increased 6.9 percent over the last 12 months. For the month, the index decreased 0.1 percent on a not seasonally adjusted basis. Please note that the indexes for the past 10 to 12 months are subject to revision.

The Consumer Price Index for December 2022 is scheduled to be released on Thursday, January 12, 2023, at 8:30 a.m. (ET).

CONSULTATION SESSION

Massport will host a hybrid (in-person and virtual) consultation session on the *Boston Logan International Airport 2020/2021 Environmental Data Report (2020/2021 EDR)*. A representative from the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act (MEPA) Office will participate. This meeting will be streamed in English and Spanish.

The hybrid Consultation Session for the 2020/2021 Boston Logan EDR is scheduled for:

Thursday, December 15, 2022 at 6:00 PM
Cathy Leonard-McLean Community Room
Logan Airport's Rental Car Center*
15 Transportation Way
East Boston, MA 02128

If you wish to attend the meeting virtually, please visit <https://www.massport.com/massport/about-massport/project-environmental-filings/logan-airport>

Requests for additional languages must be made a minimum of 72 hours before the December 15, 2022 meeting date and should be sent to community@massport.com.

Please note that an electronic copy of the 2020/2021 EDR is available on Massport's website at <http://www.massport.com/massport/about-massport/project-environmental-filings/logan-airport>.

Additional copies of the 2020/2021 EDR may be obtained by calling Brad Washburn at (617) 568-3546 or emailing bwashburn@massport.com during the public comment period.

Massport has requested an extension of the public comment period, which began on **November 23, 2022**, the publication date of the MEPA *Environmental Monitor*, and will end on **January 23, 2023**.

Written comments may be submitted by **January 23, 2023** to the following address:

The Honorable Bethany A. Card,
Secretary Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs
Attn: MEPA Office EEA #3247
100 Cambridge Street, Suite 900
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WIHA HOSTS DECEMBER AUCTION FUNDRAISER

Photos by Marianne Salza

The Winthrop Improvement and Historical Association (WIHA) celebrated the holiday season with a December Auction Fundraiser, led by auc-

tioner and past president, Matt Honan. Members enjoyed a roast beef dinner and raffle prizes during the December 6 festivities in the Deane Winthrop House barn.



Susan DeFelice, Tish Sullivan, and Pat Leary.



Michael Herbert, WIHA president, and Joanne Hillman.



Fatima and Michael Munson.



Auctioneer, Matt Honan, past president, and Denise Bass, board member.



Past president, Sandy Joneck-Schiff, and Stephanie Honan.



Anne and John McGovern enjoying dinner in the Deane Winthrop House barn.



Visitors enjoying a roast beef dinner at the Deane Winthrop House Barn during WIHA's December Auction on December 6.

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Shown to the left, Jaime, Brandy, 2-years-old, and Brandy Stern.

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WHS SPORTS ROUNDUP

SILVERMAN'S TWO GOALS LIFT VIKINGS OVER FENWICK

The Winthrop High boys hockey team opened its 2023 season on a winning note with a 2-1 victory over non-conference rival Bishop Fenwick on Saturday at the McVann-O'Keefe Rink in Peabody.

After spotting Fenwick, which is a Division 1 school, a 1-0 lead in the opening period, the Vikings brought the contest back to level in the middle stanza when junior captain Petey Silverman lit the lamp, assisted by junior defenseman Hunter Fife, who sent Silverman in alone on the Crusader goalie with a nice stretch pass through the middle, with Silverman finishing the breakaway opportunity.

Silverman then provided the game-winner for the Vikings with an unassisted lamplighter in the third period.

Viking senior netminder Nicolas Babine shut the door over the final two periods, stopping 24 shots to preserve the win.

Coach Dale Dunbar and his crew next will face Northeastern Conference rival Danvers this Saturday afternoon at 2:00 at the Ray Bourque Arena at Endicott College. The Vikings will stay on the road for their next encounter next Wednesday evening against non-league foe Lynnfield with another visit to the McVann-O'Keefe Rink. The opening face-off is set for 8:15.

The roster for this year's WHS boys varsity hockey squad is as follows:

#1 Michael Donahue / SO /G; #2 Colin Banfield /SR /F; #3 Luke Gthinji /SO/F; #4 Thomas Babine /FR/ D; #5 Nicholas Ramano /FR /F; #6 Robert Rich / JR/F; #7 Phillip Boncore SO /F; #8 Jack Hayes /SR/F *(Captain)*; #9 Jackson Andy /JR/ D; #10 Nate Evangelista /SR /F&D / *(Asst Capt)*; #11 Robert Noonan /R/ D *(Asst Capt)*; #12 Aidan Survilas / SO /F; #15 James Fo-

tiades /SO/F; #16 Michael Holgersen /SO/F; #17 Colin O'Leary /FR/D; #18 Hunter Fife /JR/D; #19 Billy Hayes /JR/D *(Asst Capt)*; #20 Petey Silverman /JR/F *(Captain)*; #22 Glen Calla /JR/F; #30 Nicolas Babine /SR /G; #31 Stephen Lindinger /SO/G; Nolan Upton /SO/F; Joseph Rich /JR/F; and Bertle Kline /FR/F.

WHS GIRLS HOCKEY STARTS SEASON WITH 9-0 WIN VS. SHAWSHEEN

The Winthrop High girls hockey team opened its season in smashing fashion with a 9-0 triumph over Shawsheen Valley Tech/Bedford Tuesday evening at Larsen Rink.

"It was a great season-opening win for us," said WHS head coach Anthony Martucci. "Everyone got involved and got some good minutes. I was very happy with our teamwork."

The Lady Vikings took control of the contest from the drop of the opening faceoff, sprinting to a 5-0 lead in the opening period. Five different Winthrop skaters -- Izzy Cash (her first career goal), Julia Holmes, Abby Holmes, Emma Holmes (with what Martucci termed as "an absolute highlight reel goal"), and Talia Martucci -- all reached the back of the Shawsheen net.

Although the visitors continued to fight hard, the Lady Vikings added to their bulge in the middle stanza with three more goals off the sticks of Emma Holmes (her second of the night), Mia Norris, and freshman Chloe Couture (her first career goal).

Izi Hain applied the icing on the WHS victory cake with a lamplighter in the final frame for the 9-0 finale.

"Izi is a great kid," noted Martucci of the sophomore, who scored her first career varsity goal. "She works hard, never says a word, and is a pleasure to

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The Winthrop High School boys basketball team defeated Salem Academy and Danvers High to claim the Zack Markowitz Memorial Tournament Championship at Salem Academy. Front row, left to right, are Captain Zach Bogusz, Jerami Matias, George Galuris, and Demetri Koutsouflakis. Back row, from left, are Coach Kevin Adamson, Team Manager Matt Connors, Coach Mugo Manigo, Julian Diaz, James Faretra, David Gonzalez, Eddie Ramadani, Ryan Harris, Elio Hysa, Vasili Tsiotis, Andrew Faretra, Raesean Bebri, Alex Daigneault, Head Coach Mike Triant, and Coach Derek Wasson.

DRAMATIC VICTORY

Galuris banks in three-pointer at the buzzer to lift Winthrop over Danvers

By Cary Shuman

George Galuris had 22 points and five assists in a 65-58 victory over the host Salem Academy team in the semifinals of the Zack Markowitz Memorial

Tournament Friday. But the talented sophomore guard truly saved his best for last in the championship game.

By last, we mean the last available second on the clock.

Galuris banked home a 23-foot, three-pointer at the buzzer to give Winthrop a dramatic 47-46 comeback victory over Danvers in the tournament final at the Read Gymnasium. The Vikings had trailed by as many as 20 points in the second quarter and by 19 (31-12) at the break.

But Coach Mike Triant's contingent kept pecking away at the deficit and eventually closed the gap to four (46-42) in the final minute, greatly aided by Raesean Bebri's eight, clutch fourth-quarter points.

That set the stage for the final hectic 15 seconds when Winthrop made a series of game-deciding plays and Triant called two propitious timeouts.

Junior forward Alex

Daigneault stepped up with a crucial basket in the lane with 13.5 seconds left after Jeremy Matias had battled hard for an offensive rebound, with the basketball ultimately being tipped to Daigneault.

Following a timeout, Winthrop's defense forced a traveling violation on the inbounds play, giving the Vikings the ball with 11.6 seconds left.

Each of Winthrop's five players had a role in the game-winning basket. Zach Bogusz inbounded the basketball to Matias in the corner, who passed the ball to Bebri, who located Galuris (sprung open by a Daigneault screen of a Danvers defender) beyond the top of the key.

Galuris took two quick dribbles, squared to the

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All-Tournament Team selection Zach Bogusz, Head Coach Mike Triant (holding the Zack Markowitz Tournament championship trophy), and Tournament MVP George Galuris.

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WHS SPORTS *Through the Years*

10 years ago December 13, 2012

The Winthrop High boys hockey team will open its 2012-13 season this evening (Thursday) at Mansfield in a non league encounter at 5:30. Winthrop faced Mansfield twice last season and split the two contests. WHS head coach Dale Dunbar will skate a Viking squad that is as young as any in recent years. Only four members of the team, senior captain Jake McKinnon, senior assistant captain Luke Hodgkins, junior asst. captain Chris Page, and junior asst. captain Chris Page, return with significant varsity experience. Sophomores Dylan Driscoll and Pat Todisco also saw some varsity ice time last year.

The Winthrop High boys basketball team ran into one of the top teams in Eastern Massachusetts, Malden of the Greater

Boston League, in the Vikings' season opener Tuesday evening and came out on the short end of a 98-45 decision. Junior forward Curtis Lockett dropped in 10 points to lead the Vikings in the scoring department. Senior captain Mike Lessard displayed tenacity under the defensive boards.

The Winthrop High girls basketball team will get its 2012-13 season underway tomorrow evening (Friday) when the Lady Vikings host Swampscott at the Holland Gymnasium. Tip off time is set for 7:00.

The Winthrop Lady Bulldog hockey team was set to start its season last night (Wednesday) at Medford as it sets out once again to claim a division title in the Eastern Mass. Girls Ice Hockey League. Coach Anthony Martucci's squad will meet Cambridge Saturday evening in its home opener.

20 years ago December 19, 2002

The WHS hockey team opened its season in a big way with a 9-2 win over Swampscott. Pat Gunn, Nick Bettano and Nick Farmer scored two goals apiece for the Vikings.

Colleen Lally scored 17 points, but the WHS girls basketball team came up short, 41-40, to Beverly in the season opener.

Brendan Murphy led Winthrop with 11 points, but the Viking boys basketball was no match for Beverly in a 69-34 loss to the Panthers in the season opener.

The WHS football team held its annual break up and awards banquet. Brendan Murphy received the Bob Remer Coaches Award, Michael Eruzi-one received the Curtis Cramb Memorial Award, and Sean Kirby received the Dan Govoni Memorial Award, among the award recipients.

30 years ago December 24, 1992

Lori Thomas poured in 27 points and grabbed 11 rebounds as the WHS basketball team rolled past Lynn English, 79-47. Liz Doherty with 17 points and Joanna Saggese with 11 points also reached double figures for the Lady Vikings.

The WHS boys basketball team lost a nail-biter to Lynn English, 76-74, on two free throws by English with 2.4 seconds to play. James Faretra scored 21 points for the Vikings.

Neal Arbuthnot notched a hat trick as the WHS

hockey team defeated Beverly, 7-0. Winthrop lost its next game, 6-3 to defending NEC champ Beverly in which Viking goalie Anthony Palmer made 44 saves.

40 years ago December 24, 1982

Maureen McManus poured in 45 points to lead the WHS girls basketball team to a roaring start of the season with a 64-56 triumph over defending Division II state champion Marblehead. McManus set a new WHS girls scoring record with her dominating performance.

50 years ago December 20, 1972

Winthrop's winter sports teams got off to a fast start this week. The boys basketball team received a huge effort from Chris Tsiotis, who scored 24 points and snared 22 rebounds, in an 80-40 triumph over Malden Catholic. The WHS hockey team, under the direction of new head coach William Falasca, defeated Danvers 2-1, though lost to Marblehead, 3-1. Viking goalie Ken Lorange turned in a stellar game in nets vs. Marblehead.

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coach."

Freshman goaltender Riley Towse earned her first career win (and first shutout) in the Winthrop net.

"Riley was fantastic in her varsity debut," lauded Martucci. "She was not called upon a lot in this game, but when she was tested, she responded well. It was great to see her get not only her first win, but also her first shutout.

"The leadership of our four captains was awesome," Martucci continued. "Mia Norris and the Holmes triplets were elite. They are seniors and have a ton of varsity experience. They really helped our younger players get over those first-game jitters."

Martucci also praised the Lady Viking defensive corps.

"Our defense was incredible from start to finish," said the coach. "Abby Holmes, Tegan Pereira, Avalina Coffey, Adrianna Rizzotto, Amelia Spencer, and Mia Currier all played lock-down defense, as well as supplying some offense."

A good crowd was on hand at Larsen to celebrate the Lady Vikings' victory.

"For a season-opener, we had a bunch of fans," noted Martucci. "It was very exciting to see as many people as we had in attendance."

Martucci and his crew will make the long trek up I-95 this Saturday evening for a 7:00 encounter with Newburyport at the Henry Graf Skating Rink and then will travel to Salem State College next Tuesday (December 20) to meet perennial Northeast Hockey League archrival Marblehead at 7:30.

NEW COACH, NEW SEASON FOR WHS GIRLS BASKETBALL; HOST SAUGUS THIS FRIDAY

A new coach, but with a familiar face, will be patrolling the sidelines for the Winthrop High girls basketball team this season.

Former WHS star Anthony Hatzisavas, who led the Viking boys to a state title in 2010, has taken over the reins of the Lady Viking program.

"My dream was always to be a head coach and I am thankful for this opportunity," said Hatzisavas.

The new coach is enthusiastic about the upcoming season, although the Lady Vikings will be playing a challenging schedule both against their usual Northeastern Conference rivals and their non-conference opponents.

"We have a great group of kids," said Hatzisavas. "They are young and already have a lot of experience."

Winthrop opened its season with Andover -- the number two-ranked team in the Boston Globe's rankings -- this past Saturday, and though the Lady Vikings came up on the short end of a 47-19 decision, Hatzisavas was pleased with his team's effort.

"We couldn't have asked for a better first test," he said. "We lost 47-19, but had a great showing from Grace Fleuriel, who had nine points, and captain Maddie Stiglets, who had four points and seven rebounds."

Andover was just

the first team on the Lady Vikings' tough non-conference schedule, which includes Bridgewater-Raynham, Newton North, Woburn, St. Mary's of Lynn, Newburyport, and Bishop Fenwick.

"They are all top 15 teams in the Boston Globe and the hope is this schedule will have us battle-tested to make a deep run in the state tournament," said Hatzisavas.

Leading the way for the Lady Vikings this season will be senior captain Maddie Stiglets and junior Grace Fleuriel, who were both All Conference All Stars in 2022. Also returning are juniors Reese Brodin and Kaylee Farrell, both of whom were starters last year.

Juniors April Ferguson and Hailey Forsyth also are back from last year's squad.

Sophomores Zoey Bogus, Lilly Conway, Sophia Lindinger, Tina Fabiano, and Kate Brodin and freshmen Amina Barry, Bailey Ferguson, Giada Gergerian, and Poli Tsiotos are expected to be key contributors.

Hatzisavas will be assisted by assistant coaches Andrea Martucci, Mark DeGregorio, Francesca Capone, and Grace Jenkins.

"Also, I could never forget my former coach, who is now also one of my assistants, and that is the famous Frankie Fabiano," Hatzisavas added.

Hatzisavas and his crew made the long trek to Bridgewater-Raynham this past Tuesday and will host NEC rival Saugus tomorrow (Friday) evening at 6:00. They will travel to Newton North next Thursday.

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basket, and launched a shot that hit off the glass and fell through the basket as time expired. The Vikings' celebration among players, coaches, and fans was jubilant.

Galuris, who was named Tournament Most Valuable Player, talked about the game-winning sequence.

"It was awesome," said Galuris. "We had Alex making a clutch, two-pointer to get us within two points. There was the traveling call and we got the possession. Rae hit me and I went full-speed, stepped back, and I threw it up. I didn't call, 'bank,' obviously, but it went in."

Galuris, a multi-sport athlete who was coming off a defensive MVP performance in the Thanksgiving football victory over Revere, said he remembered one other buzzer-beater in his career.

"Eighth grade in the [Cape Ann Youth Basketball League] championship game," recalled Gal-

uris. "That was awesome, too, but this one was truly awesome."

Bogusz, the Vikings' captain and All-Tournament Team selection, scored 16 points in the semifinal win and had some key buckets in the championship game.

"I hope we can keep this rolling," said Bogusz. "As a captain, I'm just giving everyone encouragement. It's a great team win."

Bogusz called his teammate Galuris' shot, "amazing."

"When he took it, I was just hoping it would go in. But he didn't call 'bank' just as he said," joked Bogusz.

"I'm proud of the guys. That was a clutch shot from George," said Matias, who had 11 points in the title game. "Zach is always being a leader, pushing everybody and me. The coaches encouraged us to go strong in the second half and we came out and played well. We just want to keep winning

games. This is only the beginning."

Andrew Faretra had eight points in the win over Salem Academy.

Coach Mike Triant praised his team, stating, "What a couple of days. These guys are so resilient. I couldn't be prouder of how they responded in the second half. Our assistant coaches did an amazing job with some new offensive sets. Everyone who stepped on the floor was ready to go, and they all contributed one way or another. Alex Daigneault came through with a big bucket late. George and Zach were immense carrying the offense, and Jeremy had 11 big points as he continues to find his role. We were thinking 'three' the whole way on our final possession to get us out of the gymnasium with a win. George made a huge shot. I'm proud of our 2-0 start."

Winthrop returns to action Friday at Saugus.

VOCATIONAL SCHOOL STUDENTS THANK VETERANS AT CHELSEA SOLDIERS HOME



Peg Canning (front row, far right) brought her students from the Dental Assistant program at the Northeast Regional Vocational School to the Chelsea Soldiers Home prior to Veterans Day in order for the students to present their hand-made cards to the veterans who live at the home, thanking them for their service to our country. The students are standing on the steps of the Quigley Hospital building, which is soon to be torn down.

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WINTHROP INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS #42 STOCKS LOCAL FOOD PANTRY FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON



Food Drive Chairman and lodge Treasurer, Councillman John Munson with Nobel Grand Geri Gatchell and Winthrop's Veteran's Officer Phil Ronan.

On Saturday Nov. 26, the IOOF #42 of Winthrop in conjunction with the Winthrop Food Pantry offered anyone dropping by with canned goods or nonperishable food items, a pasta dinner complete with homemade meatballs, and dessert.

The Winthrop Loge of Odd Fellows had been collecting foods from their members and friends for a few weeks prior, but the turnout on Saturday was



Girl Scout Maureen Joyce helps carry the supplies collected for the food pantry to the car.



Local veterans, Don Zirngiebel and Rich Tewksbury getting their delicious lunch at the Winthrop Lodge of Odd Fellows #42.

terrific. Joining the lodge for lunch were the local veterans from the American Legion Post #146 with Winthrop's Veterans Officer Phil Ronan and the Winthrop Girl Scout

Troop # 70227. Representing the food pantry was Donna O'Donnell, who joined the lodge for lunch and thanked them all for their hard work and generosity.



Lodge Vice Grand and on Saturday, Chief Cook Joann Rivieccio checks on the meatballs for lunch.



Nobel Grand of Winthrop's IOOF #42 Geri Gatchell is joined by her officers, former treasurer Lou Dingee, Winthrop's Veteran's Officer Phil Ronan, Chair and Treasurer John Munson, Vice Grand Joann Rivieccio, Past Grand Master of Massachusetts Mary Vitiello, and Fatima Munson. Also shown are Winthrop's veterans from Post 146.



Front row: Maureen Joyce, Jaycee Bevacqua-Ortega, Hazel Veins and Ella Ryan. Back row: Troop Leader Julia Wallerice, Asst. Leader Nadia Munson, Treasurer of Lodge John Munson, Winthrop Food Pantry Dir. Donna O'Donnell, Nobel Grand Geri Gatchell, Diana Veins and Janine Ortega.

Save the Harbor wants your ideas for free beach events

Special to the Journal

Save the Harbor/Save the Bay is dedicating \$25,000 to make your dream event happen this summer on the region's public beaches from Nahant to Nantasket. Your participation is necessary to make this summer the best one yet. Save the Harbor's participatory budgeting process has already begun, so submit your ideas <https://tinyurl.com/STH-idea-collection-form>.



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Save the Harbor will host the five events that receive the most votes from the community. These events will take place on our region's public beaches in Nahant, Lynn, Revere, Winthrop, East Boston, South Boston, Dorchester, Quincy, and Hull. The goal of participatory budgeting is to center community voices by asking the public what events they want to see on the region's beaches. With this process, Save the Harbor hopes to bridge access to the beach by engaging communities that may face significant challenges accessing the beach.

"Community members across the state share ownership of so many incredible beaches, so it is exciting to create programming that empowers people to harness that ownership and entrust the community with directly selecting a variety of events that make people feel genuinely excited to get outside and experience programs that reflects them," said Maya Smith, Partnerships and Program Development Director at Save the Harbor/Save the Bay."

In 2022, Save the Harbor centered community voices by distributing \$25,000 of Better Beaches funds through a participatory budgeting process. Over 200 community members submitted ideas for the free events they wanted to see on the beaches this summer. More than 600 people voted on the winners: the Teen Beach Bash in South Boston, the Beats on the Beach Block Party in Dorchester, the Diversity Matters Festival in Lynn, which connected thousands of youth, families and community members to the beach to experience free, fun and accessible summertime activities.

"We hope to center the voices of people of color, people with disabilities, and non-native English speakers," said Maria Rodriguez Ortega, Public Policy Coordinator at Save the Harbor/Save the Bay. "These groups face barriers that prevent them from enjoying our region's beaches due to discrimination and limited

access. We strive to make our beautiful natural resources welcoming, safe, and accessible to all."

Idea collection and voting are open for community members of all ages who live in Massachusetts or use Department of Conservation and Recreation beaches. To have your idea considered for the ballot, please create an idea that can be free and open to the public, can take place in Summer 2023, and complies with DCR beach usage guidelines. We will be prioritizing events that center people of color, people with disabilities, people who do not primarily communicate in English, and other groups that do not currently have equitable access to the waterfront.

To submit your idea for a free beach event, fill out the form at <https://tinyurl.com/STH-idea-collection-form>. You can also fill out the form at <https://tinyurl.com/sts-idea-form-translated>, translatable into over 100 languages.

Save the Harbor will be collecting ideas until January 27th. These ideas will be used to create a ballot to be voted on by the public. Voting will take place from February 5th to March 6th. The winners will be announced at Save the Harbor/Save the Bay's Annual Shamrock Splash in partnership with Harpoon Brewery on March 12th.

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- 1 pint cherry tomatoes, or to taste

STEP 1: Preheat the oven to 375 degrees F (190 degrees C). Line a large baking sheet with parchment paper. Draw a 5-inch circle on the center of the parchment paper.

STEP 2: Open both cans of dough and separate crescents into 16 triangles. Arrange the triangles on the prepared baking sheet the flat edges lined up and overlapping along the 5-inch circle and the points facing outward; it will resemble a sunburst.

STEP 3: Combine cream cheese, mozzarella cheese, and 6 tablespoons pesto in a bowl. Mix until well combined, then spread around the center of the ring of crescent dough.

STEP 4: Wrap each dough triangle up over filling and tucking it under the bottom to secure. Repeat around the entire ring. Brush remaining 2 tablespoons pesto on top.

STEP 5: Bake in the preheated oven until the dough is golden brown and cooked, 18 to 20 minutes. Remove from oven and allow to cool for 5 minutes.


STEP 6: Slice into individually portioned rings, but keep all the rings in place in the shape of a wreath. Garnish with rosemary sprigs and cherry tomatoes.

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OBITUARIES

Dr. Thomas Vasilos

He really was a “Rocket Scientist”

 Dr. Thomas (Tom, Tommy Boy, Dr. Know, The Rocket Man) Vasilos, 93 years young, passed away peacefully in his home with family after a brief illness.

Tom was a devoted husband, father, Papou, Great-Papou, uncle, cousin and friend. He was brilliant, open-minded and open-hearted, a lover of science and nature, who lived life to its fullest. He was generous, kind and caring and shared his wisdom, knowledge and experience with all. He was a vibrant storyteller often relating significant and humorous events that shaped his life and yes, he really was a “Rocket Scientist.”

Tom was born on October 18, 1929 in Astoria (Queens), New York, to Mercedes (Voulgarakis) and George (Vasigliou) Vasilos. His parents were poor Greek immigrants, who came to America for a better life, and they certainly succeeded in providing that for their three children. Tom was a Great Depression era baby, an inquisitive child, an excellent student, whose early life experiences helped shape who he became.

Tom attended Public School 122 in Astoria, Queens and graduated as a Senior Arista and Salutatory speaker from Long Island City High School in 1947. In his elementary school years, Tom’s older brother, Michael, gave his very curious younger brother, a chemistry set. Tom became a “boy scientist” and attributed this gift as to what led him on his path to become a “Rocket Scientist.” Throughout his younger years, Tom performed many experiments and even invented a “rocket plane,” which was published in Popular Science Magazine in March of 1947.

Tom graduated from Brooklyn College with a BS in Chemistry in 1950. He received a full scholarship to attend the Massachusetts Institute of Technology where he studied Metallurgy and Ceramics. His professor, who facilitated his graduate education and research assistantship, labeled him “The Rocket Man.” Tom graduated with a Doctor of Science degree in Ceramics in 1954, the same year he married the love of his life, Helen and missed his MIT graduation ceremony to attend his wedding.

Tom served in the United States Army as a Specialist Scientist at Signal Corps Engineering Labs (S & P Program) in Fort Monmouth, New Jersey from 1953 to 1955, where he was a chemical engineer, developed a patent, wrote peer review papers

and received the National Defense Service Medal. He was in the active reserves from 1955 to 1961 and honorably discharged with rank grade of SP4.

Tom worked for Corning Glass Works in Corning, New York from 1955 to 1957 as a Research Chemist and Manager of the Ceramic Research Department. Tom’s passion, however, was in the aerospace industry.

In 1957, Tom got his dream job of 30 years at AVCO Systems Division/TEXTRON Defense System in Lowell, Massachusetts as a Principal Scientist and Department Head Manager of Research and Development (RAD) of Materials and Chemical Processes, until 1987. He and his team were responsible developing materials for strategic and tactical applications in government sponsored contracts such as NASA and the United States Military. He worked on the Air Force’s Titan, Minuteman and Peacekeeper intercontinental ballistic missile programs and NASA’s Apollo vehicle’s returning astronauts back to Earth. He was co-inventor and developer of the metal honeycomb reinforced ceramics known as AVCO-ITE Materials Fabrication, which was successfully used for heat shielding purposes in re-entry vehicles. He and his team also developed other important components used in the space industry and military projects. Tom and his research team’s projects were on exhibit at the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum in the early 1960s. He prided himself on being “the best problem-solver in the world.”

Tom’s second career began upon retiring from AVCO/TEXTRON. He became a professor in the Department of Chemical and Nuclear Engineering at UMASS Lowell from 1987 to 2003. In 2003 with Emeritus status, he continued to work with faculty members on projects. He co-authored two textbooks with his colleague David A. Colling, Industrial Materials: Volume 1 and 2, as well as published many scientific articles. Tom also did private consulting work for many companies, such as those concentrating in biologic materials, with an emphasis on prosthetics.

Tom’s third career was serving as President of the Seville Condo Association in Pelican Marsh, Naples, FL for 10 years from 2005 to 2015. He would tell you that this was perhaps his most challenging job—having to deal with people’s problems all day and all night instead of chemicals, ceramics, met-



als, polymers and components.

Tom and Helen bought their beloved Winthrop home in 1959, where he resided for over 60 years. Tom and his family vacationed every summer at their Pine Manor home in the National Seashore in North Truro, Cape Cod and every winter in Naples, Florida. Depending on where he was vacationing and with which beach buddies, that became Paradise #1.

Tom would tell everyone that he lived “in the water, on the water, under the water and by the water.” He was a long-distance swimmer, a kayaker, a fisherman, a snorkeler, a surf clam diver, a reef explorer, and owner of three properties near the water. Tom loved the beach and all his beach buddies.

Tom wrote memoirs of his life experiences and adventures and shared them eagerly with his friends and family. He enjoyed “playing” the stock market game and making a variety of investments from gold to a tree farm in Maine. His best investments were his family and his three homes all “by the water,” which gave him and his family many happy memories. Tom was an avid reader of nonfiction, from every scientific magazine and research publication to newspapers and current events magazines, to stock trade magazines, to biographies and books about significant historical and scientific events and politics.

Tom was a wealth of knowledge and wisdom, and his friends and family were fortunate to acquire valuable information from him ranging from the trivial to the momentous. His story of the “white rock” was one of his favorites, but others preferred his story of almost being “shark bait” during a long-distance swim at Coast Beach in North Truro. He loved quoting famous philosophers, poets, writers, politicians and dialogue from movies and TV. Tom appreciated classical music and he and Helen frequently attended concerts at the Boston Symphony Orchestra. He enjoyed performing acapella at his condo talent shows where he sang western songs and 60’s folk songs while entertaining the audience with his life experiences.

He was a devoted “Yankees” fan, which led to many lively “discussions” when they played against the Red Sox. Tom loved nature and traveling and exploring his surroundings. Tom wrote many published letters to the editor in the Naples Daily News on topics that triggered his interest or concern and was proud to share them with everyone. He loved peace and tranquility which was often difficult to achieve in our Greek family. He was frequently

heard to proclaim, “Serenity Now!”

Tom was predeceased by his beautiful Greek Goddess, Helen (Karnakis), his parents, Mercedes and George Vasilos, his brother, Michael Vasilos, his sister, Penelope (Penny Vasilos) Pappas, his favorite cousin (Elettra Tatigikis Titone) who nicknamed him “Tommy Boy,” and his favorite brothers-in-law, Louis and Nicholas Karnakis, who coined him the nickname of “Dr. Know,” since “Tommy Boy” claimed to know everything.

Tom is survived by his children: Stephanie Vasilos of Winthrop, Artemis Vasilos and Kate Cyr of Medford, his granddaughter, Alexandra (Ali) Calandrelli, his great-grandchildren, Elanie Rose (Lanie) and Thomas James (Tommy) Dellenbaugh of Winthrop, their father, David Dellenbaugh of Chesterfield, NH, his sister-in-law, Georgia Vasilos of Atlanta, GA and her family, his brother-in-law, Andrew Karnakis and wife, Vicki of Medfield and their family, his sister-in-law, Nancy Nix Karnakis (Vienna, VA) and an extended family of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

He was a member and fellow of the American Ceramic Society and Chairman of the Basic Science Division in 1964, the British Ceramic Society, the American Chemical Society, the Society of Sigma Xi, Tua Beta Pi and National Engineering Honor Society. Tom was an active member of the Materials Advisory Board Committees for the National Academy of Sciences and appointed to American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics Materials Committees. Tom was the author or co-author of over 60 published papers. He received the Ross Coffin Purdy Award in 1967 from the American Ceramic Society, in 1968 he received the Distinguished Achievement Award for the New England Section of the American Ceramic Society and 1983 received the Excalibur Award TEXTRON for the invention and development of antenna window material.

Family and friends are cordially invited to attend the visitation from the Caggiano-O’Maley-Frazier Funeral Home, Winthrop today, Thursday, December 15 from 10 a.m. to 12 followed by a funeral service in the funeral home at 12 Noon. Services will conclude with the interment with military honors in the Belle Isle section of Winthrop Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial donations to the Winthrop Teachers’ Association (WTA) Scholarship Fund located at Winthrop High School, 400 Main Street, Winthrop, MA 02152, or to the charity of your choice.

We are so proud of all your accomplishments. You will be forever loved and remembered. He would tell you, “To thine own self be true” and “May the force be with you.”

For directions or to sign the online guestbook, go to www.caggianofuneralhome.com.

Beverly Pisco/DeVeau

August 17, 1938 - December 10, 2022

Beverly Pisco/DeVeau passed in Florida on December 10.

Her first husband, Waldo Pisco, preceded her in 1985. She is survived by her husband, Edward DeVeau; her children: Paula Floyd and her husband, William Floyd, Michael Pisco and his wife, Jance, Dennis

Pisco and Gayle Devaney; her grandchildren: Kelli, Michael, Kristin, Amanda, Geoffery, Jonathan, Megan, Jeremy, Erica and the late William Floyd and seven great-grandchildren.

She was well loved and will be missed. Services will be held at a later date.

Hayden announces Transition and Community Advisory Committee

Special to the Journal

District Attorney Kevin R. Hayden today announced the formation of his Transition and Community Advisory Committee, which will advise him and his office as he prepares to begin his first full term as District Attorney and throughout his first 100 days.

The Transition and Community Advisory Committee will be tasked with providing recommendations to improve the functions and operations of the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office, helping to increase community engagement by making the office more accessible and responsive to the public, and advise on policies that will seek to strengthen transparency, accountability, and equity throughout the Suffolk County legal system.

The committee will be co-chaired by State Sen.

Lydia Edwards, Robert Gittens, and Reverend Dr. Ray Hammond.

“This is an extraordinary group of individuals with extensive knowledge of administrative functions and city and county issues ranging from legal system operations to civic engagement. I’m deeply grateful for their willingness to help shape our approach over the next four years,” Hayden said.

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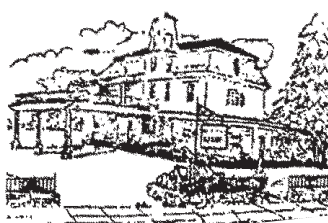
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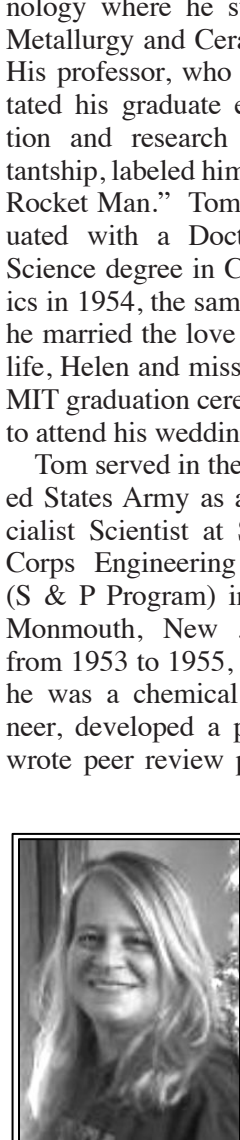
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1 Year Anniversary

Lisa Magnasco

2021 December 28 2022

Silent Tear

So it seems

No matter what we do
Our hearts will always look for you
In everything we do
In every memory old and new
Our hearts will always look for you.

Winthrop Senior Center News

35 Harvard Street, Winthrop, MA 02152

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Additional information on our activities and programs can be found in our monthly newsletter, which is available at the Senior Center and on our website.

Thursday, December 15

9:30am: Exercise
10:30am: Coffee & Conversation
11:00am: Grab and Go Lunch Pick-Up
12:15pm: Bingo

Friday, December 16

10:00am: Ceramics
10:00am: Line Dancing
11:00am: Grab and Go Lunch Pick-Up

Monday, December 19

9:30am: Yoga with Kathleen
10:00am: Rep. Turco Office Hours
11:00am: Blood Pressures
11:00am: Grab and Go Lunch
11:30am: Game Day/Mahjong
12:30pm: Art with Dawn
1:00pm: Creative Writ-

ing with Gerard

Tuesday, December 20

9:30am: Exercise
10:00am: Spanish Class
11:00am: Grab and Go Lunch Pick-Up
1:30pm: Chorus

Wednesday, December 21

9:30am-12pm: CAPIC Fuel Assistance
9:30am: Yoga with Kathleen
10:00am: Bereavement & Caregiver Support Group
11:00am: Grab and Go Lunch Pick-Up
11:00am: Zumba with Cindy
1:15pm: Italian Class

Grab and Go Lunches are available for pick up Monday – Friday between 11am and 1pm. To reserve a lunch, please stop by the front desk or call the Senior Center at 617-846-8538 by 11am the day before (for Monday lunch, reservations must be made by 11am on Friday). Menus are available on our website and at the Senior Center. Please

note, lunches cannot be held overnight, they must be picked up on the day it was requested.

Senior Van. Van transportation is available on Tuesday – Thursday from 9am-3pm. Reservations are on a first come, first served basis, and can be made by calling the Senior Center. Medical rides will be prioritized. A list of destinations and pricing is available on our website and in our newsletter.

Food Drive to Support the Winthrop Community Food Pantry. The Council on Aging will be holding a food drive in support of the Winthrop Community Food Pantry during the months of November and December. Nonperishable items can be dropped off at the Senior Center during our regular hours.

Accepted items include, but are not limited to: Peanut Butter, Jelly, Cereal, Pasta Sauce, Canned Tuna Fish, Soup, Personal items (toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, deodorant & shampoo), Household items (laundry detergent, liq-

uid dish soap, paper towels, trash bags, sandwich bags). Thank you for your support!

Upcoming Events

Sign Up Now Apple Pie Giveaway. The Council on Aging will be giving away a limited number of apple pies again this holiday season. To request a pie, call us at 617-846-8538. Pies can be picked up at the Senior Center on Tuesday, December 20 between 10am-1pm. *Limit of 1 pie per household

Programming & Activities

A full listing of the Senior Center’s programs and activities is available in our newsletter and on our website.

Blood Pressures: First and third Monday of each month from 11am to 12pm. No appointment needed.

Bowling: Tuesdays at 10am at the Winthrop Elks.

Coffee and Conversation. Join us on the third Thursday of each month at 10:30am for an informal chat and some coffee and cookies too.

Computers are available for use Monday-Thursday from 10am-2pm and Fridays from 10am-12pm.

Podiatry: Barbara Ullman, RN, a registered nurse, and pedicurist from Seen Your Feet will be at the Senior Center on the first Thursday of each month. Cost: \$20 (or \$25 to have toe and fingernails done). Cash only. Appointment required; to schedule, please call the Senior Center.

SHINE Counseling: Our SHINE Counselor, Charlie Randall, is available to help you with any health insurance questions you have. Charlie will be at the Senior Center on the second Wednesday of the month from 12p-3pm. Appointments are required; to schedule, please stop by the Senior Center or call us at 617-846-8538.

Technology Class: Volunteers will be available from 10am-12pm on the fourth Tuesday of each month to help you with any tech support you need. Bring your laptops, smartphones, or tablets, along with your questions. To register, call the Senior Center.

Senior Center Trips

More information, including trip flyers with detailed travel itinerary, is available at the Senior Center and on our website.

Dennis’ Holiday Light Tour Van Trip & Dinner at D’Parmas. Thursday, December 15. \$10 (cash or check; make checks payable to “Town of Winthrop”); dinner on your own. The van will pick you up from your home between 3:30pm and 4:00pm, and drive you to D’Parmas, where you can enjoy dinner before viewing the area’s holiday light displays. Please note that dinner is not included in the cost of the trip. Van trips are limited to 8 people. Sign up at the Senior Center. Only a few seats remain available.

Committee // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 12

CO-CHAIRS

State Sen. Lydia Edwards represents the Third Suffolk District, consisting of Revere, Winthrop, East Boston, the North End, Beacon Hill, and the Back Bay. She previously represented District 1 on the Boston City Council. She served as Deputy Director of Office of Housing Stability for the City of Boston, and worked as a public interest attorney with Greater Boston Legal Services, focusing on labor issues such as fighting for access to unemployment insurance, back wages, fair treatment for domestic workers, and human labor trafficking.

Robert Gittens is the former Commissioner of the Department of Youth Services, Secretary of Health and Human Services, and First Assistant District Attorney in the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office. He currently serves on the boards of the Children’s League of Massachusetts and the Massachusetts Nonprofit Network and Commonwealth Care Alliance, and is the executive director for Cambridge Family and Children’s Service.

Reverend Dr. Ray Hammond is the co-founder of Bethel A.M.E. Church and chairman of the Ten Point Coalition, an ecumenical group of Christian clergy and lay leaders mobilizing the Greater Boston community around issues affecting Black and Latino youth. He is an Executive Committee member of the Black Ministerial Alliance and serves as a trustee on many institutions, including the Yawkey Foundation, BMC Health System, the John F. Kennedy Library Foundation, and the MATCH School.

MEMBERS

Dr. Aisha Miller is the Vice President of Permitting, Community, and Corporate Engagement for Related Beal and the Vice Chair of the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women. She previously served as Chief of the Civic Engagement Cabinet for the City of Boston and as Regional

Steward for Suffolk County Probation Officers.

Andrea Cabral is a former Secretary of the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, and twice elected Sheriff of Suffolk County. She was Chief of the District Courts at SCDAO and is currently CEO of a multi-state cannabis company.

Annissa Essaibi George is the President & CEO of Big Sister Boston and is a former Boston City Councilor At-Large. On the Boston City Council she chaired both the Committee on Education and the Committee on Homelessness, Mental Health, and Recovery. She has previously worked as a Boston Public Schools teacher and is a small business owner.

Byron Knight is a former Suffolk assistant district attorney who joined the Deval Patrick administration as special counsel to assist in providing discovery to all parties affected by the Hinton Lab drug scandal. He later served as Deputy Legal Counsel for Patrick.

Brian Arrigo has served as mayor of the City of Revere since 2015. During his tenure, Mayor Arrigo has professionalized and modernized the city’s government and has worked to help those most in need. He established the Substance Use Disorder Initiatives office, making Revere one of the Commonwealth’s leaders in focusing efforts toward tackling the opioid crisis. Prior to his election as mayor, he served for several years on the Revere City Council.

Pastor B. Christopher Sumner is Executive Director of St. Stephen's Youth Programs and associate Pastor at Jubilee Christian Church. He also serves on the City of Boston Civilian Review Board. He previously served as Chief of Operations at the Salvation Army Ray & Joan Kroc Community Center of Boston, and as Executive Director of the Boston Ten Point Coalition the Blue Hill Boys and Girls Club of Boston.

Courtney Grey is Director of Disaster Behavioral Health in the Office of Public Health Preparedness at the Boston Public Health Commission. She has coordinated many local and national DBH deployments to deal with incidents of homicide, suicide, fires, as well as natural and man-made disasters such as Hurricane Katrina and the 2013 Boston Marathon bombing.

Darryl Smith is Co-Founder of Communities of Color (COC), former Assistant Commissioner of Boston’s Inspectional Services Department, and former chair of Mayor Thomas Menino’s Neighborhood Response Team.

Gladys Vega is executive director of Chelsea’s La Colaborativa and has led organizing efforts for immigrants' rights, welfare rights, tenants' rights, open space and the environment, multicultural and anti-racism programs and in numerous grassroots campaigns.

Helen Chan Kwong is President of the Gee How Oak Tin Association of New England and Secretary of the Chinatown Business Association. She also serves on the Board of Directors for the Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association, an umbrella organization in Chinatown which sponsors Chinatown Crime Watch. She is one of Chinatown’s affordable housing developers.

John McGann is President and CEO of the Gavin Foundation, a community-based addiction education, prevention and treatment facility. He is a licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor, Certified Addiction Specialist, and a Certified Domestic Violence Counselor. He is also Vice President of the MA Recovery Homes Collaborative and Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Action for Recovery Services for Boston Public Schools and as a Special Agent with the United States Department of Justice.

Kristen Palma is a former victim witness advocate at SCDAO who became public affairs director of the Massachusetts Office for Victim Assistance.

as Receiver for Roxbury Comprehensive Community Health Center, Interim Administrator of the Boston Housing Authority, and President of the Boston Branch NAACP. Feaster is of counsel at McKenzie & Associates, P.C. in Boston.

J.W. Carney, Jr. is a renowned criminal defense attorney who began his career as a public defender and is a contributing author to treatises on Massachusetts Criminal Practice. He has been listed in The Best Lawyers in America since 1998. Carney also has been a member of the Massachusetts Judicial Nominating Commission for 20 years.

J. Larry Mayes is Senior Vice President for Government and Community Relations at Catholic Charities for the Archdiocese of Boston. He previously served as Cabinet Chief of Human Services for Boston Mayor Thomas Menino and as an advisor for public safety issues for the City of Boston.

Katie O’Leary is the Director of Recovery at North Suffolk Mental Health and has spent her career in the mental health care and recovery services industry. She previously worked as a Recovery Services Coach at the Gavin Foundation and in the United States Probation Office.

Kimberly Pelletreau is Director of Strategic Initiatives for the Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security. She previously served as Executive Director of Safety Services for Boston Public Schools and as a Special Agent with the United States Department of Justice.

Kristen Palma is a former victim witness advocate at SCDAO who became public affairs director of the Massachusetts Office for Victim Assistance.

Kourou Pich is executive director of HarborCOV, which provides services and opportunities that promote long-term stability for people affected by violence and abuse. She began work there in 1998 as the Cambodian advocate. Kourou has served as a consultant

for the Women of Color Network since 2011.

Linda Dorcena Forry is a business leader and former state senator, currently serving as Vice president of external affairs at Suffolk Construction. She previously served in both the Massachusetts House and Senate representing Mattapan, Dorchester, and South Boston. Dorcena Forry was the first, and to date only, person of Haitian descent elected to the Senate.

Lisa Howard is the Superintendent of Winthrop Public Schools and a past board member of the Massachusetts Administrators for Special Education. She is a lifelong resident of Winthrop.

Lisa Holmes is an associate lecturer at UMass Boston and former Boston police officer, with 33 years in the department. Prior to her retirement from BPD, Lisa most recently served as Superintendent-in-Chief of the Bureau of Professional Development responsible for overseeing the training and education of officers at the Boston Police Academy.

Louis Elisa is a community activist with over 40 years of experience working in local, state, and federal government. He has served as Region 1 Director for the Federal Emergency Management Agency and is a former President of the Boston Branch NAACP.

Marjorie Pauléon Tynes, an attorney and former Suffolk ADA and victim witness advocate, is a member of teaching team at Harvard’s Trial Advocacy Workshop.

Michael Kozu is the Co-Director of Project Right, a neighborhood-based organization that works to prevent crime and violence in the Grove Hall neighborhood of Roxbury and North Dorchester.

State Sen. Nick Collins represents the First Suffolk District, consisting of Dorchester, South Boston, the South End, and Chinatown. He serves on both the Joint Committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery and the Joint Committee on Public Service. Prior to his election to the Senate, Collins served

a number of years in the House.

Talia Barrales is an attorney specializing in issues of immigration who founded her own firm, Barrales Law in 2013. She has spent her career helping clients navigate complex immigration and employment matters and has represented clients across Massachusetts. Barrales serves on the boards of Cosecha and the Chica Project, and in 2020 was recognized by the Boston Business Journal as one of the Top 40 under 40 Boston professionals.

Paul Popeo is co-chair of Choate’s litigation department and has served as a special assistant attorney general and special Suffolk ADA.

Paulo DeBarros is Director of the Teen Center at St. Peter’s Church in Dorchester and a founding partner of the Safe City Collaborative. Barros serves as President of the Cape Verdean Community UNIDO and is on the board of the National Alliance of Cape Verdean Organizations.

Sandra M. McCroom is president and CEO of Children’s Services of Roxbury, which provides comprehensive childcare services to economically disadvantaged families. She previously served as for Criminal Justice in the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security.

State Sen. William Brownsberger represents Second Suffolk and Middlesex District, which includes the towns of Belmont and Watertown, and the Boston neighborhoods of Allston, Brighton, Fenway, and Back Bay. During his tenure Sen. Brownsberger has been a leader on issues of criminal justice and legal reform. He has served as the Massachusetts State Senate President Pro Tempore since 2019.

Bishop William E. Dickerson II is pastor of the Greater Love Tabernacle church in Boston. He is the founder and President of Restoration Ministries Inc. and the President of Greater Love Community Cares, Inc., a philanthropic agency that helps the needy.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

COUNCILORS
RAISE QUESTIONS
ABOUT 311
SYSTEM

CHELSEA- The 311 system is intended to give Chelsea residents a number to call if they have municipal issues they would like to see taken care of, from trash pick up to potholes and sidewalk repair requests.

But at Monday night’s City Council meeting, several councilors had questions about the 311 service itself.

District 6 Councilor Giovanni introduced an order requesting City Manager Thomas Ambrosino verify that 311 employees are working either out of an officer or their home. Recupero said he’s received a number of complaints lately from residents unable to get through to one of the city’s three 311 operators.

“I don’t understand why it goes to a recorded message,” said Recupero. “People have complained to me, and I’ve called myself, and it went right to a recorded message.”

Recupero said he understands that one of the 311 employees is pregnant and working from, which he said he didn’t see as an issue. Still, the councilor said he was flummoxed as to why so many calls go unanswered.

“Who supervises these people?” Recupero said. “It’s supposed to be the DPW, but I don’t understand how you have three people and it goes to an answering machine.”

District 4 Councilor Enio Lopez said he’s also heard complaints about 311 going unanswered. He said he was also concerned because when Spanish speaking residents call the line, there is not someone there who speaks Spanish.

“I thank Councilor Recupero for bringing this up,” said Lopez. “There are some answers that need to be given to our community.”

With changes in recycling for items such as textiles and mattresses, Lopez also noted that the calls to 311 from the community are also likely to increase.

District 1 Councilor Todd Taylor added to the chorus of those who have received complaints about 311.

“As a councilor, I’ve been getting feedback from the community that this isn’t working,” said Taylor.

He said he understood from the city side that the 311 system might be more convenient than the older ticket-based computer system, but that it wasn’t working well for a number of residents.

“Some improvements need to be made if we are going to stick with this 311 system, otherwise we need to figure out something else, because this is not just coming from up here, this is real feedback coming from the community,” said Taylor.

Councilor-at-Large Damali Vidot said she has not heard the complaints about 311, but recommended discussing the issue further at a subcommittee on conference meeting to hash out what the issues are and how they can be fixed.

“I think it does bring value, but we should have a discussion on how we can work out the kinks,” Vidot said.

SLIM MAJORITY
OPPOSES BROOKE
CHARTER
SCHOOL’S
ADDITION

EAST BOSTON- In a vote of 15 to 13, a slight majority of residents who attended and voted during the Harbor View Neighborhood Association (HVNA) meeting on Monday, Dec. 5, were not in favor of the proposed addition to the Brooke Charter School on Horace Street.

The Brooke Charter School is a public college preparatory school that serves underserved students in the community – low-income students, students of color, English language learners (ELL), and students with disabilities. Over time the school has done tremendous work for its student body and was named the best-performing non-exam High School in the city just last year.

However, even as the school has succeeded, it is still looking to improve and better serve its students. Now the Brooke Charter School is looking to add an addition to its building that would span about 4,500 square feet.

“Our school next door – 94 Horace Street – has always been one of our smallest buildings which means it has kind of the smallest ability to provide programmatic space for our students, and we want to improve that with this addition,” said Brooke Charter School’s Chief Operating Officer Mark Loring.

The three-floor addition would add space to build science labs, a designated art room, and additional small pull-out spaces for special education and ELL students.

“There’s been new regulations that have been passed in the last several years which effects this in terms of number of kids within a group, number of minutes that we need to serve students, so it’s affecting how many spaces we need to be able to provide these services,” said Loring.

Loring indicated the school’s population has changed over time, saying, “As we tried to recruit more ELL and special needs students, we have gotten those students, and as we get those students, we have more need for staff or spaces in order to provide the required services for those students.”

Since March, this project has been presented and debated; if the latest vote is any indicator, it has been polarizing.

One of the main issues with the project brought up in the past and even at Monday’s meeting is that the school would increase its enrollment, admitting more students and contributing to more traffic in the area.

However, Loring once again denied that notion saying, “There’s a common belief that we’re going to build this addition because we’re trying to add more students. We have stated clearly and continue to state clearly that is not true – we are not looking to expand our enrollment.”

Loring mentioned that the school has been willing to put the fact that the addition is not being built to add students in writing with the board of the HVNA.

Debate raged on Monday, mainly about the



Princess Kate holds a bouquet of flowers that were given to her as she greeted the large crowd during her Dec. 1 visit to Roca headquarters in Chelsea.

A ROYAL VISIT TO CHELSEA



Prince William is pictured in Chelsea during his visit to ROCA where he met with Executive Director Molly Baldwin and ROCA officials to highlight the success of the internationally recognized organization.

school’s enrollment, as some residents were not convinced that the school would not add students even with it in writing.

Other concerns broached Monday about the project involved parking issues during construction as well as construction bringing rodents to the area.

While an HVNA majority opposed the project, the project is slated to go before the Zoning Board of Appeals Tuesday, Dec. 13.

“All I’m trying to do is build space as considerately as possible, knowing that there’s some disruption and trying to address those disruptions in order to give the space for the kids who deserve it – I’m not trying to build myself an office,” said Loring.

JUDGE REJECTS
FORESTEIRE
PLEA, TRIAL WILL
LIKELY START ON
FEBRUARY 6

EVERETT- A Malden District Court judge has rejected the plea by former Everett Public School Supt. Fred Foresteire for a continuance without a finding -- commonly referred to as a CWOFF -- which means that Foresteire’s criminal case now will likely go to trial.

The next court date in the case is set for February 6, 2023.

Foresteire is charged with six counts of indecent assault and battery and one count of assault and battery for his alleged actions during his tenure as superintendent of schools.

Under the law, the entry of a CWOFF means that the defendant admits that there are sufficient facts, if the prosecution were to present the case, for a finding of guilty. However, a CWOFF does not trigger a guilty finding and after a period of time to be determined by the judge, during which the defendant typically is placed on probation, the CWOFF becomes a judgment of dismissal.

The practical effect of a CWOFF is that the defendant will not have a criminal conviction and does not go to jail.

However, after reviewing Foresteire’s plea for a CWOFF and hearing from three of Foresteire’s alleged victims, Judge Emily Karstetter said she would reject the CWOFF and instead would recom-

mend a finding of guilty, imposing a sentence of 18 months with 12 months suspended.

Three women who worked for the Everett School Department delivered emotional victim impact statements inside the courtroom Friday. All three women, who worked in different capacities in the School Department, alleged that Foresteire engaged in inappropriate behavior while they were working in their jobs in the School Department that was led by Foresteire at the time. The three women also said that Foresteire’s actions adversely affected their physical and mental health.

Following the statements by the three women, Judge Karstetter said, “I want you all to know that those were powerful, articulate, and very helpful statements. I want you all to know that you do have a voice. You are heard. You are not powerless, and you are not alone.”

In his remarks, Gerard Malone, the attorney representing Foresteire, noted some of the former superintendent’s “professional accomplishments” at the helm of the Everett School Department, including the implementation of the first pre-school program that was free of charge, an extension of the school year from 180 to 186 days, the construction of new schools throughout the city, a STEM program that received national recognition, and a top ranking among all public school districts in Massachusetts.

“He took the Everett school system to a much higher level,” said Malone in urging the judge to accept Foresteire’s request for a CWOFF.

Following the hearing, Malone and Foresteire declined to comment to the media.

FINALISTS CHOSEN
FOR LYNN
SUPERINTENDENT
OF SCHOOLS
POSITION

LYNN- The Superintendent Search Screening Committee has chosen three finalists for the superintendent of schools position and will recommend them to the School Committee at its meeting Thursday night.

The finalists are: Dr. Evonne Alvarez, chief academic officer of Providence (R.I.) Public Schools; Molly Cohen,

interim deputy superintendent of Lynn Public Schools (LPS); and Kevin McCaskill, assistant superintendent of Boston Public Schools (BPS).

The next steps are for the School Committee to vote to accept the finalists and schedule site visits and public interviews. The original timeline called for a superintendent to be named in December and that is on schedule.

“I’m thrilled with the finalists and the way the search process has been conducted,” said Mayor Jared C. Nicholson, chair of the School Committee who served in the same capacity on the search committee, which has worked in conjunction with the Massachusetts Association of School Committees. “I’m grateful for the hard work and thoroughness of the committee members.”

Alvarez worked in the Miami-Dade school district in Florida for 27 years as a teacher, principal, district director and administrative director. She came to Providence earlier this year as redesign and innovation officer before being named chief academic officer.

Alvarez earned a bachelor’s degree at the University of Maryland, a master’s from Nova Southeastern University in Florida and a doctorate from the College of William and Mary in Virginia. She lives in Revere.

Cohen started her teaching career in Chile 25 years ago. When she returned to the U.S., she worked a sheltered English immersion teacher at Salem High and Lynn Vocational Technical Institute (LVTI). She then served as a bilingual guidance counselor at Lynn English High School, assistant principal at Breed Middle School, and principal of Thurgood Marshall Middle School from 2015-22. She was named interim deputy superintendent in August.

Cohen earned a bachelor’s degree from the University of Vermont and master’s degrees from Simmons University and Salem State University. She lives in Marblehead.

McCaskill worked in Springfield Public Schools for 22 years as a teacher and administrator, including six years as principal of Roger L. Putnam Vocational Technical Academy. After serving as director of secondary schools and op-

erations for Hartford Public Schools from 2010-15, McCaskill moved to BPS as executive director of Madison Park Vocational High School. In 2021, he was named chief academic officer for high schools, a position recognized as assistant superintendent.

McCaskill earned a bachelor’s degree from Western New England University in Springfield, a master’s from Westfield State University and an education specialist certificate from UMass Amherst. He lives in Boston.

There were 16 applicants for the superintendent position, nine of whom were selected for a 75-minute interview, with three advancing as finalists.

Debra Ruggiero has been serving as interim superintendent since August, after the resignation of Dr. Patrick Tutwiler. She was not an applicant for the permanent position.

In addition to Nicholson, search committee members include: LPS parent Amy Butterworth; School Committee member Donna Coppola; Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Officer Faustina Cuevas; Lynn English High School teacher Lisa Escalera; Washington Elementary School Principal Anthony Frye; LVTI Principal Fred Gallo; North Shore Community College President Dr. William Heineman; LPS parent Quendia Martinez; LPS parent Tanisha Soo Miller; Lynn Teachers Union President Sheila O’Neil; School Committee member Lennin Pena; and Shoemaker Elementary School teacher Julie Potter.

COUNCIL
APPROVES INITIAL
DEPOSIT TO
OPIOID RECOVERY
TRUST FUND

REVERE- More than \$250,000, the initial payment in a statewide opioid settlement, has been transferred to a special trust fund in Revere.

Monday night, the City Council approved transferring the \$254,470 for calendar year 2022, the first year of the settlement, to the new Opioid Recovery and Remediation Trust Fund. Revere is slated to receive over \$1.2 million as a result of the settlement through 2038.

State Fire Marshal Ostroskey reminds residents to handle candles with care

Candle Safety Day is observed on the second Monday of December, and State Fire Marshal Peter J. Ostroskey is reminding residents to follow safety guidelines as we enter the period when most candle fires start.

“There have been more than 1,000 candle fires in Massachusetts over the past 10 years,” State Fire Marshal Ostroskey said. “Together, they caused nine deaths, 192 injuries, and over \$32 million in damages. More of these fires started in December than in any other month, and especially on the days leading up to Christmas. If candles are part of your celebration or decoration, be sure to use them carefully.”

Candles are part of many holiday traditions this time of year, including Christmas, Hanukkah, and Kwanzaa. State Fire Marshal Ostroskey offered the following safety tips to reduce the risk of fire:

- No matter the season, have working smoke alarms on every level of your home, outside bedrooms, at the top of open stairs, and at the base of cellar stairs.
- Keep a one-foot “circle of safety” around candles, free of anything that can burn.
- Always extinguish candles when you leave the room or go to sleep, and don’t leave them unattended.
- Use a non-combustible saucer or candleholder.
- Keep candles out of reach of children and pets, and store matches and lighters up high where kids can’t access them.
- Consider switching to battery-operated flameless candles.

There were 93 candle fires in Massachusetts last year and 75 took place in residential settings. The most common location was the bedroom, followed by the kitchen, bathroom, and living room. One such fire in Boston began when a candle ignited bedroom curtains and spread, causing half a million dollars in damages and displacing five people from their home.

“Candle fires peaked in Massachusetts in 1999, when we recorded 342 of them,” State Fire Marshal Ostroskey said. “The following year, we began observing Candle Safety Day on the second Monday of December to promote awareness of the problem. Since that time, we’ve observed a 73% decrease in candle fires. Let’s continue to practice safe candle use, especially around the holidays.”

For more candle safety resources, including Spanish-language information, visit the DFS website.

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The council had the option of reviewing the transfer in subcommittee, but unanimously voted to move ahead and approve the transfer to the trust fund.

“I have no problem whatsoever, we talked about creating the trust fund at our last meeting, and it just makes perfect sense to fund it,” said Councilor-at-Large Dan Rizzo. “It just makes perfect sense to fund it, the funding is there, (city finance director Richard Viscay) shows where the money was allocated in the general fund and it’s just a matter of sliding it over.”

Last month, the council approved setting up the trust fund.

“The purpose of this trust fund, once established, will be to supplement prevention, harm reduction, treatment, and recovery programs throughout the city,” stated Viscay.

In July of 2021, state Attorney General Maura Healey announced a \$26 billion resolution with opioid distributors and Johnson & Johnson which will provide more than \$500 million to Massachusetts and its cities and towns for prevention, harm reduction, treatment, and recovery services.

Per the state’s revenue department, all the money collected from the settlement goes into a municipality’s general fund unless a general law exists to spend it for a particular purpose.

The vote to create the special trust fund allows the city to use the funds in the manner set out in the opioid settlement.

Healey, the governor-elect, also has several other potential opioid settlements in the works, which could mean more money for cities and towns.

On Nov. 15, Healey announced a proposed \$3 billion nationwide resolution with Walmart, which could provide more than \$61 million to cities and towns in Massachusetts.

On Nov. 23, Healey announced a proposed \$6.6 billion nationwide resolution with drugmakers Teva and Allergan, which will provide more than \$130 million to the Commonwealth and its cities and towns for prevention, harm reduction, treatment, and recovery across Massachusetts, once finalized. The AG stated that the parties are optimistic that the proposed settlements will gain critical support from attorneys general nationwide, so that local governments have an opportunity to join the resolutions during the first quarter of 2023.

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DECEMBER 17, 2022
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PUBLIC HEARING
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Notice is hereby given in accordance with Section 2.9 (c) of the Code of the Town of Winthrop that the Winthrop Town Council will conduct a FY 2023 Tax Classification Public Hearing on Tuesday, December 20, 2022, at 7:00 PM in the Harvey Hearing Room and VIA ZOOM - On the issue of adopting the Tax Levy Percentages for FY2023 and authorize Town Manager Marino to sign and electronically submit the LA-5 to the Department of Revenue- All documents, legally accessible, pertaining to this hearing(s) and Zoom information can be requested by email to councilclerk@town.winthrop.ma.us or calling 617-846-1852 x 1034. Zoom information will also be available on the Town Website under the Calendar. Denise Quist Council Clerk 12/8/22, 12/15/22 W

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CITY PAWS

Dog Training Season

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

Winter is a great time to concentrate on dog training. When icy cold days have you seeking alternatives for long walks to burn off your dog’s energy, turn to training to engage the dog’s mind. Learning something new can be exhausting. Following a training session with a game of fetch is good exercise.

Neither your dog’s age nor how long you’ve had the pup matters. Solid basic training and constant reinforcement are critical to a great canine/human relationship. Think about how you’d like to adjust how you and your dog interact and use the quieter months ahead to work on specific goals.

Positive Training, Not Pain
The Humane Society of

the United States warns, “Some trainers use aversive collars to train ‘difficult’ dogs with correction or punishment. These collars rely on physical discomfort or even pain to teach the dog what not to do. They suppress the unwanted behavior but don’t teach him what the proper one is. At best, they are unpleasant for your dog, and at worst, they may cause your dog to act aggressively and even bite you. Positive training methods should always be your first choice.”

First, Train Yourself
After years of having dogs, training dogs, and writing about dogs, Penny recently took an online course in positive dog training. She learned new ways to approach specific issues we still have with our Westie Poppy, like

barking inside our home. This approach proved worth the time it took to train the human.

There are excellent resources online, available through library cards, and in-person classes that train you and your dog together. You might need a veterinary behaviorist or qualified positive trainer if you have serious issues.

Motivation
Whatever positive method you choose, you must determine what motivates your dog. Since many treats are needed to keep up the training, they should be small. Tiny bits of cheese, sausage, or jerky might work. It should be something reserved for training and that your dog loves. Naturally, you can double up the reward with lots of praise and a pat here and

there.

Have Fun!
You can invent your helpful interactions. Penny taught Poppy to back up using the cue, “Beep Beep.” It’s useful when our little dog climbs like a goat on the arm of a sofa or tries to invade the kitchen.

You might teach your dog to dance with you, do funny tricks, or play fun games like finding a hidden treat. As long as your dog enjoys the activities and it makes both of you happy, it’s good training.

Favorite Tips
Whatever you decide to teach your dog, add a sound to indicate you want your dog to pay attention to you. A hand signal, in addition, to each verbal cue, is helpful when you’re on Zoom or



Training your dog to sit quietly under a table without begging is something you can do over the winter.

engaged in conversation. Hand signals are valuable in later years if a dog’s hearing fails.

For some training, you might need another dog or person to act as a distraction. When your dog is dependable inside, it’s time to add the challenge of doing the same outside around other dogs and people. Consider partnering with another dog family to refine some behaviors.

Dogs need to learn and remember how to behave in public, and it’s more critical with city dogs because they spend so much time out and about. Training should begin at the start of your relationship and continue for a lifetime.

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