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## INDEPENDENT



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## NEWS Briefs

### SUCCESSFUL WINTHROP REPUBLICAN TOWN COMMITTEE "CANDIDATES NIGHT"

On Tuesday October 24 the Winthrop community got a chance to evaluate their potential town representatives as the Winthrop Republican Town Committee (WRTC) hosted another Candidate's Night. Every candidate for every town office was invited to participate in this nonpartisan event, and every participant displayed knowledge and commitment to community issues.

The format of the evening was all candidates had an opportunity to address the audience and present themselves and their platform. Next the School Committee and Town Council Candidates answered two questions presented to them from Moderator Cheryl Fiandra-

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## ANNUAL HALLOWEEN BIKE PARADE



MARIANNE SALZA PHOTOS

Participants beginning the two mile Group Fun Run.



Little ones riding in the costume contest parade around Ingleside Park. See more photos on Page A.

## Schools receive state earmark funds for ELL programs

By Adam Swift

State Senator Lydia Edwards has helped the Winthrop Public Schools secure \$250,000 in state earmark funding that will help fund ELL programs and other services in the schools.

"(School Committee Chair Jennifer) Powell and myself spent quite a bit of time with Senator Edwards talking to her about the state of our schools when it comes to ELL (English Language Learn-

er) students and the work that is expected of us by the Department of Education," said Superintendent of Schools Lisa Howard.

Howard said schools in Winthrop and across the state have had difficulty in hiring ELL staff in the face of the rising number of ELL students.

"So doing some strategic work and laying out what we thought we needed," Sen. Edwards advocated for us and that earmarked funding was granted," said Howard. "It is coming in a little different form than we thought, so we were advised two or three weeks ago that we actually had to write like a grant proposal to write exactly what we are going to be doing with that money, and it works in a reimbursement manner."

Howard said she has been working with the

state and Edwards on how the schools will be using those funds.

"We want to be strategic about it, and we want to make sure we can provide the reimbursement documentation we need in order to receive the funds," said Howard.

Howard said she was expecting to have the documentation process ready within the week in order to receive the first round of money from the earmark funds.

One of the biggest items in the earmark is to support the opening of a parent information center at the Gorman Fort Banks school that will provide translation services and assistance for parents looking to register their children for school.

Howard said some

See SCHOOL COMM. Page 5

## Town election set for Tuesday

By Adam Swift

Town officials are expecting a healthy turnout for the town election on Tuesday, Nov. 7.

Town Clerk Denise Quist and Town Council President Jim Letterie said they expect that about 40 percent of the town's 13,816 registered voters will make it to the polls on Tuesday.

This year's election is topped by a debt exclusion override question for the building of a new fire station at the location of the Wadsworth Building and Kirby Funeral Home. The total cost of the project is expected to fall between \$36-\$40 million.

Letterie noted that the town has moved forward with a number of major building projects over the past several years, including three schools and a new football stadium. He

said that while no projects are perfect, they were the right projects for the time.

"The fire station project might not be the perfect location for some folks," Letterie said. "But if people feel we need a new fire station, I'd suggest they support the project."

Project costs will only continue to go up the longer the town waits to build a new fire station, Letterie said.

"It's not going to be cheaper to build anywhere else, regardless of where it is," Letterie said. "Our firefighters deserve to have a facility that meets 21st century standards. They protect us and we need to protect them."

There are also four questions on the ballot recommending changes to the Town Charter.

Letterie said he consid-

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## WHS Drama presents Freaky Friday

Story by Marianne Salza

Winthrop Drama Society will be presenting "Freaky Friday" November 8,9,10, at 7pm, in the Neil Shapiro Center for the Performing Arts, at Winthrop High School. The musical comedy is based

on the novel, "Freaky Friday," by Mary Rogers, and the Disney films.

When single, overworked mother, Katherine, magically switches bodies with her high school teenage daughter, Ellie, the

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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY, RICH!



Happy 102nd Birthday to Winthrop's WWII Army/Air Corps Fighter pilot, Rich Minichiello. He lives at Winthrop Veteran/Public Housing. Shown above with Rich is Roseann Trionfi-Mazzuchelli.

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## LOOKING AT THE BALLOT QUESTIONS

### DEBT EXCLUSION BALLOT QUESTION FOR PROPOSED FIRE STATION

Shall the Town of Winthrop be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bonds issued in order to pay the costs of acquiring property and the construction of a new Fire Station Building to be located at 210-224 Winthrop Street, Winthrop, including the payment of costs related to studying, planning and designing the project, demolishing existing buildings, equipping and furnishing the building, making site improvements, and all other costs incidental and related thereto?

#### Summary:

The town council has determined that it is necessary to construct a new, centrally located fire station in the town. The new station will replace the two existing stations that will be deactivated upon completion of construction.

A **Yes vote** will authorize the town to fund all of the costs of building the fire station, anticipated not to exceed forty (40) million dollars, by issuing bonds to pay for the costs of the project and to temporarily exclude that amount of debt from the provisions of Proposition 2 ½. This is what is called a “Debt Exclusion.” In other words, a debt exclusion is a means of funding a particular project with

a temporary increase, in this case for 30 years, in the levy limit. The debt is excluded from (that is, exempt from) the levy limitations of Proposition 2½.

A **No vote** will not authorize the town to exclude the debt from the levy and will be held to the limitations required by Proposition 2 ½ in which case the town will not be able to build the fire station, or will need to bring forward a new or the same ballot question seeking authorization to override the Proposition 2 ½ limit at a future town election.

### CHARTER BALLOT QUESTIONS

**Recommendation No. 2:** Should the Abandonment language in Section 2-1(d) be changed from missing more than half of the meetings over a one-year period to either: (1) three consecutive regularly scheduled meetings of the full council, or (2) by failing to appear at 50% of the regularly scheduled meetings of the full council over a three-month period?

A **Yes vote** would consider the Council member as abandoning office if missed 3 consecutive meetings over the first three months in lieu of the first year in office.

A **No vote** would not change the language of the Charter Section 2-1(d)

**Recommendation No. 5A:** Should the Charter be amended to add a provision that will allow for the recall of an elected official

through a citizen’s initiative?

A **Yes vote** would amend the Charter and allow the citizens to participate with a petition with 10% signatures of registered voters requesting this person be removed from office with substantial reasoning.

A **No vote** would not affect the Charter which currently contains no provision for a recall petition.

**Recommendation No. 6:** Should the Charter be amended to include that, if there is a dispute between this Charter and Council Rules, Charter is binding.

A **Yes vote** would include in the Charter that if there are any conflict between the Charter Language and the Language contained in the Town Council Rules, the Language contained in the Charter would prevail.

A **No vote** would not affect the Charter.

**Recommendation No. 9:** Should the Charter Section 7-8 be amended to change the time in which the Town Council may adopt the budget ‘from a 45-day following the date that the proposed budget was received’ to ‘not less than 15 days prior to the start of the fiscal year.’

A **Yes vote** would allow the Town Council & Town Manager additional time to review the budget for the next fiscal year while allowing a Capital Plan with a more sufficient time frame for review.

A **No vote** would not affect current Charter Section 7-8



COURTESY PHOTOS

The photo shows a rendering of the proposed fire station. The station would be set back 100 feet from the sidewalk and the apparatus would be able to completely leave the station and still sit on the footprint of the property.



The picture give a depiction of what the whole site,including the police station, would look like in a future phase 2, creating a complete public safety facility

## Election // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

ers Recommendation #9 the most important of the charter questions. He said a positive vote would create greater transparency in the town budget process.

There is also a contested at-large council race that is expected to draw in voters on Tuesday.

Max Tassinari is facing Todd Sacco in the race for the at-large seat.

In Precinct 2, incumbent councilor John Munson is being challenged

by Kurt Millar and Marc Chapdelaine.

Letterie is running unopposed for another term as Town Council President.

Suzanne Swope is running unopposed in Precinct 4 and John DaRos is running unopposed for the Precinct 6 council seat.

School Committee candidates on the ballot are Layne Petrie, Zachary Purrinton, and Gus Martucci. Frank Ferrara, John

Tranfaglia, and Roseann Trionfi-Mazzuchelli are on the ballot for the Housing Authority and Anne Ferreira is a candidate for library trustee.

Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 7. Voters in precincts 1, 2, 3, 5, and 6 will vote at the Old Middle School. Voters in precinct 4 will vote on Golden Drive.

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## Freaky Friday // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

two must masquerade as one another until they are able to solve the dilemma before Katherine’s wedding the next day.

“They go through challenges that they have to face,” described sophomore, Josie Barry, who plays Ellie. “It builds their relationship.”

The mother and daughter come to appreciate the other’s struggles and realize the boundless love and respect that they have for each other.

“I really like my part,” said senior, Sarah Delehanty, who plays Katherine. “I was excited to find out that I was playing the mother. Katherine is uptight, neurotic, and very particular. She knows what she wants. When she switches with her daughter, she is more loosey-goosey.”

Delehanty is a fan of Jamie Lee Curtis, who portrays the mother in the 2003 Disney movie. She and Barry collaborated closely to perfect the physicality of their characters so that audiences will understand the body reversal.

“I love working with Sarah,” said Barry. “It was fun challenging myself.”

Barry, who finds it difficult playing an adult character, is a fan of Lindsay Lohan, who plays the daughter in the 2003 Disney

version.

“I love the dance numbers,” Delehanty smiled. “I think they’re so fun. It’s silly choreography.”

Watching the play come together is the most fulfilling part of participating in “Freaky Friday” for senior, Zineb Belghiti, Stage Manager. Belghiti oversees every aspect of the production’s development. From communications to the technical department and rehearsals, Belghiti is taking notes for the 30 cast and crew members.

“I see the actors’ side of things; but I’ve also seen the set designed and built,” explained Belghiti. “I think that’s the most beautiful part of it.”

The set is a series of interchangeable scaffoldings for various scenes such as high school lockers, a kitchen, and the wedding.

A team of costumers gather existing outfits from the Drama Society’s collection; but actors are also self-costuming from their own closets, since the characters are mostly teenagers.

“Through self-costuming, we can add our own, personal aspects, which is important,” added Barry.

Audiences will also view scenes that are not from the original movie, such as a scavenger hunt during the search for the determining item that

will return the mother and daughter to their true bodies.

“It’s really funny, but it’s also a nice story that people of any age could enjoy,” said Belghiti. “People know the plot, so it’s interesting to see a different take on it. The biggest difference is how they personify their characters. Each person puts a little bit of themselves into it.”

“Freaky Friday” tickets cost \$15 for adults, \$10 for students/seniors, and can be purchased at www.WinthropDramaSociety.com.

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OUR Opinions

GET OUT AND VOTE ON TUESDAY

Many of us view local government in the same way that we think about the weather: Everybody complains about it, but nobody does anything about it.

However, unlike the weather, there actually is something we can do about the future direction of our local government: We can get out and vote.

We’ve always found it ironic that the turnout for national elections far exceeds the turnout for local elections. Local government has a much more direct impact on our daily lives than what happens in Washington. Our local government officials are responsible for just about everything that affects the quality of life in our communities, including our schools, public safety departments, trash collection, snow removal, street repair, etc., etc., etc.

Local governments are holding elections across the state this Tuesday, November 7. We urge all of our readers to take the time to get out and vote in order to elect the leaders in our community who best will reflect our values and goals for ourselves and our families.

HOUSE DEMOCRATS: TOTAL FAILURES

It is clear that the decision by the Democrats in the House of Representatives to allow a small band of narcissistic and anarchistic Republicans, led by the odious Matt Gaetz of Florida, to throw the Congress (as well as the country and the world) into chaos when they sided with Gaetz’s small band of fellow GOP anarchists to remove former House Speaker Kevin McCarthy has completely backfired.

It is axiomatic in politics that you always should have a plan (with a desired end result) before embarking on a course of action. But with the unanimous election last week by the Republicans of little-known Louisiana Congressman Mike Johnson to the speakership after three weeks of dysfunction, it is obvious that House Majority Leader Hakeem Jeffries and his team had no plan or strategy of any kind.

Sure, they were able to gloat for a few weeks while the Republicans stumbled and fumbled, but in the final analysis, the Democrats ended up with the worst of all possible outcomes: The Republicans now are completely united and Congress has a Speaker (a position that is second in line to become president) who is so far right-wing, that he is somewhere out in the proverbial left field on just about every issue imaginable. In addition, Johnson was a staunch supporter of Donald Trump’s efforts to undermine the election and has gone on record as opposing further military aid to Ukraine.

Sometimes -- SOMETIMES — politicians have to put the good of the country above their party’s perceived short-term political gain. Yes, Kevin McCarthy was a sniveling snake, but he did do the right thing in June to craft a compromise with Joe Biden to raise the debt ceiling and then again in September to pass a short term budget deal that averted a government shutdown.

Democrats complained that McCarthy could not be trusted and that he’s a liar (all of which is true) — but really? All politicians are less-than-truthful to some extent, from Joe Biden on down — do they think the people don’t know that?

In short, the Democrats “strategy” of just standing by and allowing McCarthy to fall has turned out to be a total disaster, with the immediate beneficiaries of their inaction and their miscalculations being Donald Trump and Vladimir Putin.

The Democrats forgot a cardinal rule of politics: The enemy of my enemy is my friend, as well as a cardinal rule of life: The devil you know is better than the devil you don’t.

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LETTERS to the Editor

VOTE NO ON THE FIRE STATION

Dear Editor,

At a cost of \$36 - \$40 million, the Town of Winthrop is asking us to approve an increased Fire Engine response time to much of Winthrop, including the area between Winthrop Shore Drive and Veterans Road, and Point Shirley. If approved, this will add \$423 in Property Tax per year for 30 years to a house valued at \$580,000.

By eliminating the Shirley Street Fire Station we will have to rely on service from the new combined station on Winthrop Street, adding several minutes to the response time. This can make the difference between having a fire contained to one room, or having your house burn down.

Many taxpayers are barely making ends meet, and many are in heavy debt. Don't add to it. VOTE NO on November 7.

Yours Faithfully,  
John O'Gorman

THANK YOU RICHARD HONAN

Dear Editor,

In the October 19th issue of “The Sun Transcript,” Winthrop’s Chief Veterans and active military advocate, Richard D. Honan, officially retired from his 21 years of volunteer service. That service entailed designing,

preparing, and shipping military care packages and Christmas Tree care packages to service men and service women in all five branches of the military around the world.

I remember two occasions when our Winthrop Mixed Lodge #2057 Order Sons & Daughters of Italy in America helped Rich load up the boxes in assembly line fashion in his Crest Avenue sign-making shop. In fact, Honan, a 1969 US Army Vietnam Veteran, made a point to thank all who helped him donate goods, pack them, or pay for postage to deliver the care packages to our troops.

I thought it important, Dear Editor, to publicly thank and acknowledge Richard D. Honan for the smiles, little comforts, and student letters he sent to our deployed military men and women in seven continents. Thank you, Richard, and thank you for letting some of us be a small part of your giving and your far-reaching love and support for our armed forces.

Sincerely,  
Donna Segreti Reilly

POPE FRANCIS

Dear Editor,

Our world was put on notice by Pope Francis recently in two seemingly different but related ways. Perhaps we should listen.

On climate change he reminded us of the accelerating threat to our planet

in a document addressed “to all people of good will on the climate crisis”, issued on Oct. 4th. An article on the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops website described the Pope’s document as a “severe rebuke” of resistance regarding the climate crisis, in which he criticizes science deniers. Indeed, we are seeing the early damages - terrible storms, massive fires, flooding, failed crops and people migrating away from the poorest and hottest places on earth. If humanity is to continue to thrive we must band together or we will be further divided by what is to come. We must “have the courage needed to produce substantial changes” wrote Pope Francis.

On the human condition Francis called on us to come together in human fraternity. He has long emphasized that the central element needed to bind us together is “Tutti” (for those not of Italian extraction- the phrase is often used as instruction for the chorus and all of the instruments to join in and play together). He instructs us to set aside our differences by ethnicity, sex, race, philosophy, and more, and include everyone in order to seek the peace and common ground required for a kind and sustainable world.

Let’s follow his guidance. I am delighted he is the Pope.

Lisa Alberghini

VOTE NO ON THE FIRE STATION

Dear Editor,

On behalf of the Officers and Board of Directors of the Winthrop Improvement & Historical Association (W.I.H.A.) we unanimously oppose the fire station going in on the Winthrop Street, designated historical district.

We agree with the statements made in last week’s Winthrop Sun Transcript by Richard Ferrino of the Winthrop Historical Commission. We want nothing but the best for the Winthrop Fire Department. They certainly deserve a new facility, but not at the cost of Winthrop Street’s significant architectural structures.

The concern at WIHA is regarding the proposed destruction of the Wadsworth and Kirby buildings. One of our goals is to identify and encourage preservation of places and structures throughout the Town for future generations. If these two buildings are razed, we will lose a part of Winthrop’s rich past that is impossible to get back.

One of the many reasons people love Winthrop is for its small-town charm. Let’s not systematically lose the Winthrop we know and love.

Sincerely,  
Michael Herbert  
President,  
Winthrop Improvement & Historical Association

News from the WIHA Garden Club

Story & Photo by Marianne Salza

Winthrop Improvement & Historical Association (WIHA) members have been preparing and maintaining the grounds of the Deane Winthrop House before special events for decades, trimming hedges and bushes, and aerating and plugging the lawn. On September 26, Sandy Joneck-Schiff, past president, and Carole Brown, board member, founded the WIHA Garden Club, dedicated to the ongoing care of the yard.

“The house is a living museum, and the grounds could be,” exclaimed Joneck-Schiff. “We’re challenged with keeping the property usable for venue rental. It still has to be open. Right now, we’ll design the perimeters.”

Joneck-Schiff and Brown’s vision is to return the nearly acre of land to its historic, 17th century splendor by producing simple-to-cultivate crops using colonial methods. The friends plan to grow native plants such as otto file corn, pumpkins, and flax.

“We’d like to bring back indigenous crops the way that the inhabitants may have used them,” said Joneck-Schiff.

Joneck-Schiff and Brown also discussed the possibility of housing bees and chickens.

“Our vision is going to take a lot of time,” acknowledged Brown, who would like to provide residents with a peace-

ful place within nature. “This is a beautiful, green space, which we lack in Winthrop. There is a lot of condo and apartment living. We have no earth space, and we want this to be a place where people can garden and enjoy. It’s wonderful to be able to feel the earth and be creative.”

Joneck-Schiff and Brown have been collecting salt marsh hay from Coughlin Park to incorporate as mulch in the garden, as colonists would have. Salt marsh hay grows naturally on the Eastern Seaboard, is accessible, free, and high in nutrients, like nitrogen.

“We’d like to bring back the sustainability that the colonists lived by,” explained Brown. “We’d like to keep things sustainable through composting, rain water barrels, and more.”

The ladies are in the process of designing an herb garden beside the kitchen of the Deane Winthrop House. Joneck-Schiff and Brown explained how colonists would grow multi-functional herbs to season their food and use medicinally.

“One of the things the Winthrop Improvement & Historical Association does is beautify the town,” said Brown. “We’d like to spread that involvement. It can bring people together.”

Joneck-Schiff and Brown plan to offer monthly educational opportunities and activities in the Deane Winthrop House



WIHA Garden Club founders, Carole Brown and Sandy Joneck-Schiff outside the Deane Winthrop House Barn on Shirley Street

barn, especially during the winter. A felting workshop using sheep wool, a class in using sheep wool as mulch around roots to retain moisture and prevent the growth of weeds, a composting course, and a class in natural fabric dyeing using plants grown in the garden are a list of possible presentations.

Joneck-Schiff and Brown are naturalists, members of the Friends of Belle Isle Marsh, and love tending to their home gardens.

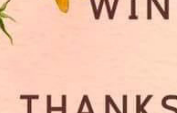
Joneck-Schiff is an artist, and bee keeper; and enjoys helping her son care for his Weymouth apple orchard. She belongs to several, local, historic and horticultural organizations. Joneck-Schiff attributes her passion for nature to being raised by a family of botanists who maintained a hydroponic garden at their three-story Victorian home.

Brown’s love of gardening was inherited from her Italian immigrant grandparents, who grew crops on the roof of their East Boston home.

The WIHA Garden Club meet on Saturdays, 10am-12pm, and Thursdays/Fridays, 2-4pm, weather permitting, up until Thanksgiving. Joneck-Schiff and Brown are encouraging all to join the Garden Club – not only WIHA members. Contact Sandy Joneck-Schiff at (617) 407-3438, or Carole Brown at (978) 604-5299 to learn more about the Garden Club.

“It’s going to make an impact on the grounds of the Winthrop House. They’re making a difference already,” beamed WIHA President Michael Herbert, during the October 3 meeting. “It is a labor of love. Carole and Sandy are doing a beautiful job.”





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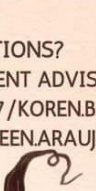
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BIKE WINTHROP’S 6TH ANNUAL HALLOWEEN BIKE PARADE AND FUN RUN

Photos by Marianne Salza

Children decorated their bicycles and scooters with streamers during Bike Winthrop’s 6th Annual Halloween Bike Parade and Fun Run on October 28 in Ingleside Park. There was a bike repair station, book sale, a pumpkin painting table, and free giveaways, such as helmets and bike lights. Confident cyclists participated in a 2-mile ride around the neighborhood; while little ones flaunted their costumes in a parade around the park.



Calla Clark decorating her scooter with streamers.



Children painting pumpkins.



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Max Tassinari, candidate for councilor-at-large, registering bike riders and handing out free bike lights.



Abigail Bonney with 7-year-old Australian Paddle dog mix, Lucas, of Rough Tails Rescue.



Judie VanKooiman, Those Who Can for Those in Need, Councilor John Munson, Senator Lydia Edwards, Representative Jeff Turco, and Roseann Triofni- Mazzuchelli, candidate for Housing Authority board.



Marc Chapdelaine, candidate for councilor precinct 2, and Seth Ross.



Michelle and Charlotte Cyr, 4.



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construction of a new Winthrop High School. Members approved a bond issue for the project that will add \$5.00 onto the tax rate in the initial years, but only \$2.32 in later years.

Winthrop High senior Henry Riley received an award for being a runner-up in the contest for being the best CYO student in Suffolk County.

The Winthrop Community Hospital invites the public to attend the opening of the new Nurses School and Home on Lincoln Street this Saturday.

Frankie Avalon stars in Beach Party at the Winthrop Theatre.

### 70 years ago November 5, 1953

Pt. Shirley residents received good news this week when Selectman William E. Pierce announced that the state has agreed to rebuild 380 feet of seawall by constructing a three-foot high addition in the area of Bay View Ave. The total cost of the project is \$25,000, of which the town will pay half.

Winthrop officials are threatening to withhold the town's share of one half of the cost of the new Belle Isle Bridge because cracks already are showing in the bridge supports.

Town Counsel Fred Fisher has been named the chief assistant in the office of the Mass. Attorney General.

Sgt. Charles Beattie, a Winthrop serviceman stationed in Korea, is asking all residents to donate whatever they can to assist the war-ravaged people of So. Korea.

Navy Lieut. Robert Mortimer, the hero of a Navy plane that crashed off Bermuda, has been taken off the critical list, though he has his back broken in two places.

Marilyn Monroe and Jane Russell star in Gentlemen Prefer Blondes at the Winthrop Theatre.

### 80 years ago November 6, 1943

All the ladies in town are invited to the Victory Cooking School to be held in the Winthrop Theatre Tuesday afternoon. The event will be conducted by noted cooking authority Miss Esther Branch.

The 1944 United War Fund Drive will be conducted throughout the town over the next three weeks.

The selectmen have awarded two contracts for the demolition of the wooden bridges known as the Main Street Bridge and at the junction of Buchanan and Pleasant Sts. Both sites will be filled with gravel.

Gene Tierney and Don Ameche star in Heaven Can Wait at the Winthrop and State Theatres.

### 90 years ago November 11, 1933

Elmer Dawson, former State Representative and member of the Advisory Committee for 25 years, resigned as the chairman of that committee last week. Dawson was the first chairman of the Advisory Committee when it was formed in 1909 and has been reappointed by the Town Moderator every year since.

Report cards have been issued to every student for their work in September and October and must be signed by their parents. A grade of 70 percent is passing and 80 percent is certification for admission to college for high school students.

Miss Hope Cusiter's Sunshine School held a fun-filled Halloween Par-

ty.

The annual inspection of the Colonial Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star by the state Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter was both brilliant and imposing.

Cary Grant stars in One Sunday Afternoon at the Winthrop and State Theatres.

### 100 years ago November 8, 1923

This past Sunday, November 4, was a cloudless day with just a suggestion of autumn in the sunlit air, an auspicious opening for the new Christian Scientist Church on Winthrop St.

The Winthrop Players, under the direction of Fred G. Knell, gave the famous comedy, It Pays to Advertise, at the Winthrop Theatre Friday evening. The house was packed for the opening performance of the Players' third season.

Edgar A. Guest, the famous writer, will be the speaker at the Winthrop Theatre Tuesday evening. His visit is sponsored by the Winthrop Improvement and Historical Association.

### 110 years ago November 5, 1913

The election passed quietly in Winthrop with 1849 votes cast and Republican candidates once again carrying the day with local voters. Bird was the high man for governor, with Gardner second. Bagley easily won re-election for state senator with Casassa and Beck winning the contests for state representatives from this district.

Philip Davis of the Boston Civic Service House, which supervises street children such as newsboys, etc., was the guest speaker at the meeting last week of the Women's Civic League. He spoke about the new child labor laws, the Montessori system of education, immigrant children and citizenship, and a social survey of Winthrop with suggestions.

The veterans of the Spanish American War hope to place a memorial tablet upon a large boulder in Columbia Square.

The legislature is considering a 50 page report that advocates in favor of apportioning the expenses of Suffolk County, presently being borne solely by the City of Boston, among Chelsea, Revere, and Winthrop as well.

### 120 years ago November 7, 1903


The Hon. John L. Bates once again was elected Governor of Massachusetts, defeating Col. William A. Gaston, the Democratic candidate. Bates received 3083 votes more than last year across the state. Senator A. Dudley Bagley easily won re-election in this district. A total of 1011 of the town's registered voters went to the polls.

### 130 years ago November 17, 1893

A large number of letters to the editor in the Winthrop Sun express their opposition to an electric railway coming into the town. Though the writers acknowledge that having a competitor for the Narrow Gauge Railroad will result in lower fares for local residents, they fear that the proposed electric railway will ruin the town, making it an annex to the North End of Boston. In addition, because the proposed railway would cut through the heart of the town and past the homes of many residents, the privacy and seclusion of these homeowners would be destroyed.

## Joseph Costanzo

Retiree of Local 22

 Joseph Costanzo of Winthrop, formerly of East Boston, passed away at home on October 29. He was 93 years old.

Born in East Boston, the beloved son of the late Francesca (Arrigo) and Giovanni Costanzo, he was a resident of Winthrop for over 50 years, he worked as a laborer for Local 22. He was also a member of the National Guard.

He was the devoted husband of the late Josephine (Olivieri) and the loving father of Francine Pappas Mariano and her husband, Richard and Maria DelPapa and her husband, Joseph, all of Danville, NH, John Costanzo of Winthrop, Debra Crescente and her husband, Anthony of Medford and Joseph Costanzo, Jr. and his wife, Lisa of Revere; dear brother of the late Leo Costanzo and Orazio "Ray" Costanzo; cherished grandfather of Sean Pappas and his wife, Nanci of Peabody, Alaina Pappas and her partner, Eric Barrows of Orlando, Florida, Joseph DiRocco and his wife, Cassidy of



Saugus, Anthony Crescente and his wife, Samantha of Wakefield, Christopher Costanzo and Darren Costanzo of Revere and great grandfather of Bradley Pappas, Joshua Pappas, Matthew Pappas and Luca DiRocco.

He was lovingly cared for by family and friends, Parc at Harbor View, Neighborhood Pace, Care Dimensions and Right at Home.

Family and friends are cordially invited to attend the visitation from the Caggiano-O'Maley-Frazier Funeral Home, Winthrop on Sunday, November 5 from 4 to 8 p.m. The funeral will be conducted from the funeral home on Monday, November 6 at 9 a.m. followed by a Funeral Mass in St. John the Evangelist Church, 320 Winthrop St., Winthrop at 10 a.m. Services will conclude with the interment in the Belle Isle section of Winthrop Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be sent to Care Dimensions, 75 Sylvan St., Danvers MA 01923 or go to [www.caredimensions.org](http://www.caredimensions.org).

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## Dorothy Millerick

Member of St. John's Mother's Club and Winthrop Senior Center volunteer

Dorothy M. Millerick of Winthrop passed away at home on October 31. She was 93 years old.

Born in Winthrop, the beloved daughter of the late Celia (Winston) and Albert Reddy, she was a life-long resident of Winthrop. She worked as a secretary for T.F. Harrington Corp and was also a member of the St. John's Mother's Club and a volunteer at the Winthrop Senior Center.

She was the devoted wife of the late Paul G. Millerick and the loving mother of Paul T. Millerick and his wife, Marie Lou of India, Robert F. Millerick and his wife, Jayne of Salem, Albert J. Millerick and his companion, Rebecca of Winthrop, Timothy Millerick and his wife, Carol of Texas and Denise Lanza and her husband, Frank of Winthrop; dear sister of the late Rev. Thomas J. Reddy, OMI and Rev. Albert F. Reddy, SJS; cherished grandmother of Ashley, Danielle, Briana, Gregory, Ryan, Elaine, Daria, Kristen, Alexandra and Maura and great grandmother of



Andrew, Kaylee and Emmett.

Family and friends are cordially invited to attend the visitation in St. John the Evangelist Church, 320 Winthrop St., Winthrop from 10 to 11 a.m. Friday, November 3 followed by a Funeral Mass at 11 a.m. Services will conclude with interment in the Belle Isle section of Winthrop Cemetery.

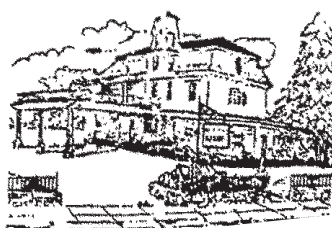
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Last Wednesday evening members of the Belle Isle Rotary Club hosted a comedy night as their annual fundraiser. There were many auctioned items, a silent auction, and a live Bruins ticket auctions too. All bring much needed funds to continue works throughout three communities.

Master of Ceremonies Johnny Pizzi had a terrific line-up, featuring Jimmy Cash, Tony V and Artie Januario, all brought the A Game and made the evening a complete success.

The Belle Isle Rotary Club is a combined organization, covering Revere, Winthrop, and East Boston.



Belle Isle Rotary President Stephen Miliotis welcomes everyone and gets the live auction under way.



Massport support as always. Anthony Guerriero, Brenda Enos, Tim Johnson, Julie Segalla, Steven Bolton, Paige Lombard and Nick Baldassarre.



Ready for the show, Glen Acquaviva and Monica Cecconi.



Enjoying the evening, Juliana Simons, Leah Toto, Nola Wiswall and Kristina Simons.



Joe Stefano with Rob Hurley, Pat Capogreco and Raquel Hazel, enjoying the pizza at the Prince House of Pizza.



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# Sports

## WHS SPORTS ROUNDUP

### WHS BOYS SOCCER HOSTS SOUTH HADLEY IN TOURNEY OPENER TONIGHT

The Winthrop High boys soccer team will host South Hadley in the first round of the upcoming MIAA Division 4 State Tournament this evening (Thursday) at 6:00 at Miller Field.

The Vikings enter the tourney as the 29th-ranked team in D-4 with a 7-10-1 record. Falmouth is the 36th-seed with an 8-8-2 mark.

The winner of the match will move on to the Round of 32 where they will face the fourth-ranked team, Hamilton-Wenham, which finished with a 13-1-2 record, on a date and time to be determined.

Coach Phil Ronan's Viking crew held Senior Night festivities last Thursday in their regular season finale against Marblehead at Miller Field. Although Winthrop came up short by a 1-0 decision to the Magicians (who are ranked 26th in D-2), Ronan was pleased with his team's performance.

"The boys played their best game of the year," said Ronan. "Marblehead scored in the dying minutes of the first half on a wild scramble in front of our net. Juan Mendoza hit the crossbar seconds later, which came straight down, barely missing crossing the goal line. We had a handful of chances in the second half, outplaying them completely, but we were unable to convert."

### WHS GIRLS SOCCER HOLDS SENIOR NIGHT

The Winthrop High girls soccer team wrapped up its 2023 season this past week with a trio of matches against Northeastern Conference opponents. The Lady Vikings hosted Gloucester for Senior Night festivities and came up short by a score of 4-1, with Stella Osburn reaching the back of the Lady Fisherman net for the Winthrop tally. "We had a lot of opportunities, but just couldn't put it all together," said WHS head

coach Tracey Martucci.

The Lady Vikings then traveled to Salem, where they battled the Witches to a 0-0 deadlock. "We definitely had a few chances to take the game, but just couldn't find the back of the net," noted Martucci.

Winthrop then trekked to Marblehead for the season finale and fell by a score of 6-0. "Our goalkeeper, Tori Bates, had an outstanding game despite the score," said Martucci. "She made a few big breakaway saves.

"I have to shout out to all of my seniors, captain Hannah Parker, capt. Shannon Abbott, Samantha DiMento, Kaylee Farrell, Reese Brodin, Hailey Forsyth, Carolina Gonzalez, Malak Chahlaouy, and Daniela Gomez," said Martucci. "They were such positive leaders and kept the morale of the team up. Even though we didn't have a winning season on paper, when the team just clicks and has great chemistry and bonds are made, it's a winning season in my book."

### WHS CROSS COUNTRY COMPETES IN NEC MEET

Members of the Winthrop High boys and girls cross country teams competed in the Northeastern Conference Meet that was held this past Sunday at Fort Stage Park in Gloucester.

"The team did great," said WHS head coach Nik Beshere.

The times for the boys and girls squads over the 2.97-mile course were as follows:

- Boys:
- Liam Kenney -- 19:32
- Thomas D'Amico -- 20:15
- Girls:
- April Ferguson -- 22:39
- Annabelle Giardino -- 25:04
- Evian Tallent -- 26:50
- Atiana Batolome -- 28:01

Some members of the team will be moving on to compete in the Division 3 State Meet on Saturday, November 11, at the Northfield Mountain Recreation Center in Northfield, MA.



HEADING TO THE PLAYOFFS: Seniors George Galuris (left) and Robert Rich, pictured after the game, made important contributions to the Vikings' 38-8 decision over Saugus.



INTs FOR THE SOPHOMORES: Classmates, teammates, and starting defensive backs Ace Daigneault (left) and Seth Sacco each had interceptions in the win over Saugus Friday night.

## Winthrop gears up for MIAA playoffs with 38-8 victory over Saugus

### Vikings play Fairhaven in opening round of playoffs Friday

By Cary Shuman

The Winthrop High school football team is hitting its stride at just the right time.

One week after handing Salem its first loss, the Vikings scored early and often in a thorough 38-8 victory over Saugus High Friday at the Christie Serrino Jr. Memorial Athletic Complex.

Winthrop (5-3), the No. 9 seed, will begin its quest for a state championship against Fairhaven (7-1)

the No. 8 seed, Friday at 6:30 p.m., on the Blue Devils' home field. Fairhaven runs a triple option attack which will test the Vikings' defense.

Coach Jon Cadigan's surging contingent excelled in all phases of the game against the Sachems (4-4), who defeated Falmouth, 20-12, on the road in a driving rainstorm in their previous game.

But with quarterback Matthew Noonan at the helm, the Vikings offense scored five touchdowns in the first half while the defense kept the Sachems off the scoreboard.

Noonan provided one of the highlights with a 24-yard pass to Nick Cappuccio in the end zone for the fifth and final Win-

throp touchdown.

Cappuccio was again all over the stat sheet with two rushing touchdowns (13 and 3 yards) along with 10 tackles at his safety position, a stellar performance that earned him Viking Defensive Player of the Week honors.

Demetri Koutsouflakis had a 61-yard touchdown run, displaying his speed and athleticism on the play. George Galuris again exhibited his versatility with a 44-yard run to set up the first touchdown, a quarterback sneak for a touchdown, a pair of 2-point conversions, and a PAT.

The Winthrop special teams recorded a safety when the Saugus punter tried to throw a pass from

the end zone after an errant snap. Ryan Harris, arriving quickly on the scene in the end zone, was credited with the safety when the punter was flagged for intentional grounding.

Harris' two-pointer completed a dominating half of football for the Vikings.

Cadigan wanted his team to get off to a quick start against the Sachems, who were looking knock off a top-tier opponent.

"You want to make sure that you don't give them a chance, and in the first half, we took away any chance that it was going to be a close game," said Cadigan.

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Senior Jack Osburn with parents, Carin and Jason and sister Stella.



Senior Drew McLaughlin with Mom Erin, sister Tori, Grand parents Michelle and Tom McLaughlin Uncle TJ McLaughlin, family Gary, Maureen, Cassandra DiBella, Chris Bates, Joe and Nancy Comeau.



Senior Lucas Coelho with Grandfather Gilberto Braga and family.

Football // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 9

Real drama and nearly a league title on the bus

Winthrop almost became an NEC football champion during the bus ride home (and later in the locker room) as the players followed the television broadcast of the Salem-Peabody game, with the Witches rallying from a 20-0 deficit to tie the game. Salem ultimately decided to go for two points and the victory, but fell short, 27-26, when Peabody's Eli Batista made the key tackle at the half-yard line.

"Our guys were watching the game on their phones," said Cadigan. "It was a pretty interesting experience overall. They watched the last play of the game in the locker room."

A Salem victory would have given the Vikings a share of the NEC South championship.

Interestingly, all eight of Winthrop's opponents this season to-date have .500 records or better and seven of those teams have qualified for the playoffs. Winthrop was 3-1 against divisional opponents.

"I'm very confident we've been battled tested," concluded Cadigan.

Noonan emerges at QB

Matthew Noonan's continuing emergence at quarterback has been crucial to the Vikings' success on offense and will give Fairhaven another potent weapon to consider in its

defensive plan. "Certainly, going forward, we're going to need to be able to throw the football, and you can tell that Matthew is throwing the ball with more confidence," said Cadigan. "Saugus started loading up the box, and the safety was creeping down a little further, and that's when we called the pass to Nick running the post. Matt and Nick executed that play perfectly."

Sacco, Daigneault record interceptions

Sophomore defensive backs Seth Sacco and Ace Daigneault each had interceptions in the game. Sacco made a diving interception of a tipped pass and played well on special teams.

"Seth made a great play to grab the ball and fall backward," said Cadigan. "It was a pretty athletic play."

Daigneault (5 tackles) stayed at home ("He was doing his job in our Cover-3," said Cadigan) in excellent coverage and made an interception and a return for sizable yardage. Linebacker Phil Boncore deserves credit for blanketing the intended receiver on a slant pattern and forcing the quarterback to throw the ball high.

"Our two sophomores both had starting assignments for the first time and really made big plays," said Cadigan.

In addition to Cappuccio winning the Black

Shirt Award, Phil Boncore (9 tackles) and Alessio Marcoccio (5 tackles, 1 TFL) also led the way to a blanking of Saugus' offense.

Daniel Thomai joined Ryan Harris and Alessio Marcoccio in the three-man defensive front.

"The last three or four weeks, Dan Thomai has really turned it on defensively for us, and that's been a pleasant development," said Cadigan.

Senior defensive back Robert Rich nearly had an interception and was very effective in his blocking assignments for the other running backs.

Mark Johnson and Evan Rockefeller are both expected to return to the field for the playoff opener.

Saugus coach impressed by the Vikings

Saugus head coach Steve Cummings was offering the praises of Winthrop coach Jon Cadigan and the Vikings after the game.

"The [Winthrop] offense, if you get caught looking the wrong way for a second, they have backs that can make you pay for it," credited Cummings. "They have backs that are really good in space. You give them a little bit and they take a lot. Their offense is so fast, so crisp, and so precise. Coach Cadigan is one of the best coaches in the area for a reason. I wouldn't put it past them to knock anyone off [in the playoffs]."

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## WHS VIKING GOLF TEAM HONORS SENIORS



Last Monday afternoon the WHS Viking Golf Team had their final home match, and by tradition recognized their seniors for their dedication to the team.

The Viking seniors enjoying their final home match at the Winthrop Golf Club.



Senior Joey Rich with his mom Denise.



Senior Petey Silverman with his parents, Leanne and Peter.



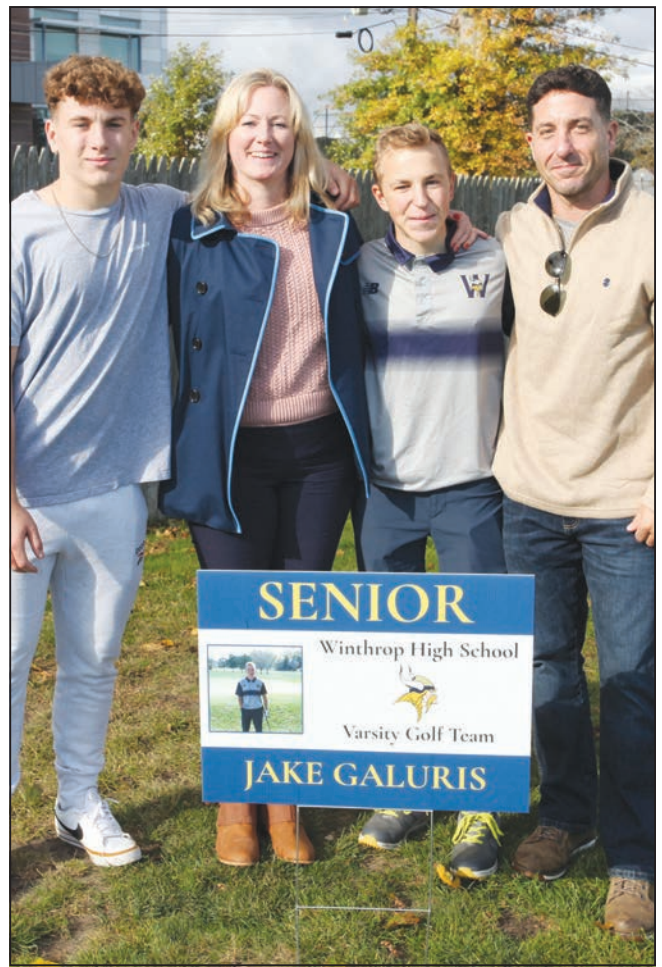
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Head Coach Nik Beshere presented his senior runner, April Ferguson with flowers before the last home meet at Deer Island last week.

## EBNHC President and CEO Wilmot named to Modern Healthcare’s Top Diversity Leaders List

Special to the Times

East Boston Neighborhood Health Center is proud to announce that President and CEO, Greg Wilmot, was recognized by Modern Healthcare as one of 2023’s Top Diversity Leaders.

“I am deeply honored to be recognized by Modern Healthcare and want to thank my dedicated colleagues who work tirelessly to make EBNHC a leading provider of community healthcare,” said Wilmot. “At the heart of our mission is the belief that every person deserves access to high-quality healthcare. This recognition demonstrates the importance of diversity and representation in our journey towards better health

for all, and the belief that we are only able to unlock the full potential of our communities and organizations by embracing and celebrating our unique strengths and differences. In doing so, EBNHC is a stronger employer, health care provider, and community partner, better able to help our patients live healthier and happier lives.”

The Top Diversity Leaders in Healthcare recognition program takes great pride in honoring the top diverse healthcare executives and organizations influencing the policy and care delivery models across the country. In doing so, they are also highlighting the continued need to nurture diversity

## Massachusetts Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program’s Winter heating season to begins

Special to the Transcript

The Massachusetts Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities (EOHLC) is pleased to announce the start of the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) 2023-2024 winter heating season. LIHEAP is a free, statewide service funded by the federal Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program that helps eligible households stay warm during the winter months by paying a portion of winter heating bills.

Applications for home

energy assistance are currently being accepted online at [toapply.org/massliheap](http://toapply.org/massliheap), and income-eligible households may receive financial help to offset heating bills from November 1, 2023, through April 30, 2024.

Both homeowners and renters can apply online or through local administering agencies for LIHEAP assistance. Households must meet specific eligibility requirements to qualify for aid, which will be paid directly to their heating vendor.

Eligibility is based on

several factors, including household size and combined gross annual income of residents 18 and older. Qualifying households – including those with the cost of heat included in the rent – can receive assistance for all sources of heat, including oil, electricity, natural gas, propane, kerosene, wood and coal.

“The Massachusetts home energy assistance program is free, because no resident should have to worry about heating their home during the wintertime,” said Ed Augustus Jr., Secretary of Housing

and Livable Communities. “High fuel costs can have a devastating effect on household budgets and can even endanger Massachusetts’ most vulnerable residents. We encourage anyone who needs heating assistance to explore their eligibility by applying online or visiting the nearest administering agency. And to please share the information with loved ones or neighbors who could benefit from this free resource.”

For more information, or to find your local LIHEAP agency, visit [www.toapply.org/Mass-LIHEAP](http://www.toapply.org/Mass-LIHEAP).

in their organizations.

“Modern Healthcare’s 2023 Top Diversity Leaders and organizations exemplify a commitment to meaningful diversity, equity, and inclusion,” said Modern Healthcare president Dan Peres.

“They have exceeded industry standards and continue to devote necessary resources to providing internal opportunities while advancing community health equity, setting a great example for others.”

As President and CEO, Wilmot leads the largest community-based primary care health system in Massachusetts, with 71% of patients identifying as Hispanic, the majority of whom are immigrants with low income, language and



EBNHC President and CEO Greg Wilmot.

cultural barriers to overcome. As CEO, Wilmot has expanded EBNHC’s diverse workforce, with more than 45% of staff identifying as Latino/a/x. Greg has also increased

diverse talent at the organization’s highest levels – people of color now represent 40% of the health center’s leadership team.

The profiles of all the winners are featured in the October 16, 2023 print issue of Modern Healthcare and on their website.

East Boston Neighborhood Health Center (EBNHC) is one of the nation’s largest Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) and the largest community-based primary care health system in Massachusetts, serving over 100,000 patients and recognized by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) as a Health Center Quality Leader. For more than 50 years, EBNHC has

offered access to comprehensive care for the underserved populations of Chelsea, East Boston, Revere, Winthrop, Everett and Boston’s South End. EBNHC is dedicated to promoting and sustaining healthy communities, families, and individuals by providing accessible, person-centered, compassionate, and high-quality health care services, including primary care, 24/7 emergency care, behavioral health care, specialty care, and various other health and wellness programs, to all who live and work in our service area. For more information, please visit [www.ebnhc.org](http://www.ebnhc.org)

For information on the Top Diver

## LEGAL NOTICES

### LEGAL NOTICE

**MORTGAGEE’S SALE OF REAL ESTATE**  
52-54 Bellevue Avenue  
Winthrop, Massachusetts  
02152  
By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Richard C. D’Avolio and Patricia A. D’Avolio to the Webster First Federal Credit Union successor by merger to Winthrop Federal Credit Union dated October 17, 2008 and recorded with the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 44165, Page 1 as affected by Agreement for Revision of Terms of Note and Mortgage of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder for breaching conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction, on the premises described in said mortgage on the 29th day of November 2023 at 11:00 A.M. at the mortgaged premises of 52-54 Bellevue Avenue, Winthrop, Massachusetts, all and singular, the premises conveyed by said mortgage, and therein described as follows:  
The land in Winthrop, in said County of Suffolk and shown as Lot A2 upon a Plan of Land in Winthrop, Mass., by Schein & Levine, Engineers, dated May 1928, recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Book 5059, Page 90 and bounded: NORTHWESTERLY: by Bellevue Avenue, fifty (50) feet; NORTHEASTERLY: by lot marked A1 on said plan,

one hundred nineteen and 6/100 (119.06) feet; SOUTHEASTERLY: by land of owners unknown, fifty and 12/100 (50.12) feet; and SOUTHWESTERLY: by lot B on said plan, one hundred twenty-two and 60/100 (122.60) feet. Containing according to said plan 6,045.5 square feet of land. Being the same premises conveyed to the herein named mortgagor(s) by deed recorded with Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 8663, Page 135. The said premises will be sold subject to and with the benefit of all restrictions, easements, improvements, outstanding tax titles, mortgages, liens, rights of tenants and parties in possession, unpaid taxes, municipal liens and other public taxes, assessments or liens, having priority over the mortgage described herein, if any. The above described lot is sold subject to the requirements of the Title V standards for subsurface sewerage disposal system 310 CMR 15.00 et al. (if applicable) The Mortgagee reserves the right to postpone the sale to a later date by public proclamation at the time and date appointed for the sale and to further postpone at any adjourned sale date by public proclamation at the time and date appointed for the adjourned sale date. In the event that the successful bidder at the foreclosure sale shall default in purchasing the within described property according to the terms of the Notice of Sale and/or the terms of the Memorandum of

Sale agreement executed at the time of the foreclosure, the Mortgagee reserves the right, but not the obligation, to sell the property by Foreclosure Deed to the second highest bidder (or other successive bidders, in the order of their bid) provided that the said highest bidder shall deposit with the Mortgagee’s attorney, Michael C. Meloche, Esquire, the amount of the required deposit as set forth herein within three (3) working days after written notice of default of the previous highest bidder, and the balance of the sale price shall be paid by certified or bank check by the purchaser, and the deed shall be delivered to said highest bidder, within thirty (30) days of such notice. TERMS OF SALE: Cash, cashier’s or certified check in the sum of Ten Thousand (\$10,000.00) Dollars as a deposit must be shown at the time and place of the sale in order to qualify as a bidder (the mortgage holder and its designee are exempt from this requirement); high bidder must sign a Memorandum of Sale upon acceptance of bid and tender deposit of \$10,000.00 in cash or by certified or bank treasurer’s check. The balance is to be paid in cash or by certified or bank treasurer’s or cashier’s check within thirty (30) days thereafter to be deposited with Michael C. Meloche, Esquire, 271 Greenwood Street, Worcester, MA 01607. A foreclosure deed will be delivered upon payment of the balance due. The description of the premises in said mortgage shall control in the event of an

error in this publication. Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale. WEBSTER FIRST FEDERAL CREDIT UNION Present Holder of Said Mortgage By Its Attorney, Michael C. Meloche 271 Greenwood Street P.O. Box 70505 Worcester, MA 01607 Dated: November 2, 9, 16, 2023 11/02/23, 11/09/23, 11/16/23 W

### LEGAL NOTICE

**LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT TO BID**  
MGL c.149 Over \$150K  
The WINTHROP HOUSING AUTHORITY, the Awarding Authority, invites sealed bids from Contractors for the Roof & Selective Gutter Replacement at State Aided Development: Viking Gardens (667-1) in Winthrop, Massachusetts, in accordance with the documents prepared by REVERSE ARCHITECTURE. The Project consists of but not limited to: The complete roof replacement, insulation and ventilation improvements, and selective gutter and downspout repair and replacement on three (3) residential buildings and the Community building of Viking Gardens (667-1). Portions of the roof sheathing will be removed and replaced to facilitate the installation of attic insulation. Winter conditions may affect the starting date of construction. The work is estimated to cost \$361,000.00. All bidding Requests for Information (RFIs) shall be submitted online by 11/10/2023 at 2:00PM EST for general bids.

THIS PROJECT IS BEING ELECTRONICALLY BID AND HARD COPY BIDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Please review the instructions in the bid documents on how to register as an electronic bidder. All Bids shall be submitted online at [biddocs.com](http://biddocs.com) and received no later than the date and time specified. General bidders must be certified by the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (DCAMM) in the following category of work, Roofing, and must submit a current DCAMM Certificate of Eligibility and signed DCAMM Prime/General Contractor Update Statement. General Bids will be received until 16 November 2023 at 2:00 PM EST and publicly opened online, forthwith. General bids and sub-bids shall be accompanied by a bid deposit that is not less than five (5%) of the greatest possible bid amount (including all alternates) and made payable to the WINTHROP HOUSING AUTHORITY. Note: A bid deposit is not required for Projects advertised under \$50,000. Bid Forms and Contract Documents will be available for review at [biddocs.com](http://biddocs.com) (may be viewed and downloaded electronically at no cost). General bidders must agree to contract with minority and women business enterprises as certified by the Supplier Diversity Office (SDO), formerly known as SOMWBA. The combined participation benchmark reserved for such enterprises shall not be less than 13% of the final contract price including accepted alternates. Request for waivers must

be sent to EOHLC ([david.mcclove@mass.gov](mailto:david.mcclove@mass.gov)) 5 calendar days prior to the General Bid date. NO WAIVERS WILL BE GRANTED AFTER THE GENERAL BIDS ARE OPENED. PRE-BID CONFERENCE / SITE VISIT: Date and Time: 11/01/2023 at 10:00AM EDT Address: 107 Putnam St, Winthrop, MA 02152 Instructions: MEET AT VIKING GARDENS COMMUNITY BUILDING. The hard copy Contract Documents may be seen at: Nashoba Blue Inc. 433 Main Street Hudson, MA 01749 978-568-1167 Winthrop Housing Authority 9 Golden Drive Winthrop, MA 02152 617-846-7100 [Peg.Lyons@winthrop-housing.net](mailto:Peg.Lyons@winthrop-housing.net) 10/25/23, 10/26/23, 11/1/23 11/2/23 EB, W

### LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT Suffolk Division INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE Docket No. SU23P2305EA Estate of: Robert F. Gillis Date of Death: January 17, 2023 To all persons interested in the above captioned estate by Petition of Petitioner Victoria A. Gillis of Revere, MA. Victoria A. Gillis of Revere, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representa-

tative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond. The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner. 11/02/23 W

### LEGAL NOTICE

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Of Request for Proposals for One-Stop Career Center Operator(s)  
The Metro North Regional Employment Board, d/b/a MassHire Metro North Workforce Board (MNWB), has released a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure one-stop career center operator(s) for Fiscal Year 2025. The RFP is released October 20, 2023 with a bidder’s webinar scheduled for November 2, 2023. Approximately \$4 million

will be available for one-stop career center operator(s) for Fiscal Year 2025. <https://masshiremetro-north.org>. MNWB is an EOE/AA employer. 11/01/23, 11/02/23 R,EB, EV, C,W

### LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO G.L. C. 190B, §5-304 Docket No. SU23P2096GD Suffolk Probate and Family Court 24 New Chardon Street Boston, MA 02114 (617) 788-8300 In the matter of: Diego E. Diaz Of: Winthrop, MA RESPONDENT Alleged Incapacitated Person To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Blanca Diaz Montiel of Winthrop, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Diego E. Diaz is in need of a Guardian and requesting that Blanca Diaz Montiel of Winthrop, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve Without Surety on the bond. The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a

Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority. You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 11/09/2023. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date. IMPORTANT NOTICE The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person’s right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense. WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Date: September 25, 2023 Vincent Procopio Register of Probate 11/02/23 W



# Winthrop Senior Center News

35 Harvard Street, Winthrop, MA 02152      Hours: Mon-Thurs: 9am-3p.m. / Friday: 9am-1p.m.

Website: town.winthrop.ma.us/council-aging      Email: COARception@town.winthrop.ma.us      Phone: 617-846-8538

*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, November 2

9:00am-3:00pm: Computer Usage  
9:00am-3:00pm: Medical Pedicures  
9:00am-10:30am: Exercise Class  
10:30am-12:00pm: Red Hatters  
12:00pm-12:30pm: Lunch - Dine In/ Grab and Go Lunch Pick-Up  
12:45pm-3:00pm: Bingo

## Friday, November 3

9:00am-12:00pm: Computer Usage  
10:00am-11:00am: Line Dancing (\$5)  
10:00am-12:00pm: Ceramics (\$3)  
11:00am: Grab and Go Lunch Pick-Up  
11:00am-12:30pm: Creative Writing Workshop

## Monday, November 6

9:00am-3:00pm: Computer Usage  
10:00am-11:00am: Yoga with Kathleen (\$5)  
11:00am: Grab and Go Lunch Pick-Up  
11:30am-2:30pm: Game Day/Mahjong  
12:30pm-2:30pm: Art Class with Dawn (\$6)

## Tuesday, November 7

9:00am-3:00pm: Computer Usage  
9:30am-10:30am: Exercise Class (\$1)  
11:00am-12:00pm: Blood Pressures  
11:00am-12:00pm: Exercise for Arthritis  
11:00am: Grab and Lunch Pick-Up

## Wednesday, November 8

9:00am-3:00pm: Computer Usage  
9:30am-10:30am: Yoga with Kathleen (\$5)

10:30am-11:30am: Zumba with Cindy (\$5)  
11:00am: Grab and Go Lunch Pick-Up  
11:30am-12:30pm: Tai Chi/Qi Gong (\$5)  
1:00pm-3:00pm: Shine Counseling  
1:15pm-2:45pm: Italian Class

**Please Note:** The Seaside Tappers meet on Wednesdays at 10:00am at the Methodist Church (217 Winthrop Street). \$5. Per Class. All are welcome! For more information contact Gail at 617-763-7311.

**Senior Lunch Program:** The Senior Center offers in-person dining on Thursdays from 12-12:30pm. Grab and Go Lunches are also 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, and must be picked up on the day that they were requested for.

**Senior Van.** The Senior Van runs Tuesday, Wednesday and 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.

## Monthly Programs

**Bereavement and Caregiver Support Group:** November 1 & 15 (10am) This group meets on the first and third Wednesday of each month. All are welcome to

attend.

**Blood Pressures:** November 7 & 21(11am-12pm) 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of each month. No appointment required.

**Coffee & Conversation:** November 16(10:30am) Join us on the third Thursday of each month for a informal chat, and some coffee and cookies too!

**Counsel on Aging Meeting:** November 9(10:30am)

**Exercise for Arthritis:** November 7(11am) Join our group on the first Tuesday of each month and learn exercises that will help to lessen the pain of arthritis. Sponsored by Neighborhood PACE.

**Low Vision Support Group:** November 15(10am) This group meets the third Wednesday of each month. All are welcome to attend. The meeting is being led by John Morgan.

**Medical Pedicures:** On the first Thursday of each month, Barbara Ullman: RN, a registered nurse and pedicurist from Seen Your Feet will be at the Senior Center to do nail clipping. The cost is \$20. (cash only) Appointment required. To schedule, please stop by the front desk or call 617-846-8538.

**Red Hatters:** The Red Hatters meet on the first Thursday of each Month.

**Representative Turco Office Hours:** November 20(10am-11:30am) State Representative Jeffrey Turco will be holding office hours at the Senior Center on the third Monday of each month. No appointment required.

**SHINE Counseling:**

Our SHINE Counselor, Charlie Randall, is available to help you with any health insurance questions you have. Appointments are required; to schedule, please stop by the front desk or call us at 617-846-8538.

**Technology Class:** Volunteers will be available to help you with any tech support you need. If you would like to attend, you must sign up at the front desk, or call the Senior Center.

**Winthrop Police Senior Outreach Program:** November 28(1pm-2pm) Each month, the Winthrop Police will be discussing a topic of interest to the senior community.

## Special Programing and Activities

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

**Mass General Hospital Blood Pressure Clinic:** November 14(10am-2pm) MGH will be offering a blood pressure clinic at the Senior Center. No appointment necessary. Just stop by!

**Medicare 101:** November 21(11am-12:00pm). Mass General Brigham Health Plan representative Paul Connor will be here to conduct a medical educational seminar on 11/21/2023 from 11am-12pm. He will be discussing the benefits of Original Medicare (parts A&B) as well as additional options available through Medicare supplement, Medicare Advantage & Rx plans. We will also discuss the different enrollment periods that seniors will want to be aware of. He can also be there to answer any questions you

may have pertaining to Medicare.

**Delvena Theater Company Presents: A Christmas Carol:** November 29 (1pm) The Delvena Theater Company is Back! They will present a dramatic reading of the Charles Dickens Classic, A Christmas Carol. Watch in fascination as Marley comes back from the dead to help Scrooge amend his miserly ways here on Earth and transform himself into a pleasant giving old gentleman. The audience will be mesmerized as old Scrooge takes a long look at his life and reevaluates its path. A Christmas Carol is supported in part by a grant from the Winthrop Cultural Council, a local agency which is sponsored by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency. For more information contact the Council on Aging at 617-846-8538.

Cost:\$2 (must sign up in advance to attend)

**SENIOR CENTER HOLIDAY PARTY:** Join us for our annual holiday party! Entertainment will be provided by Alan LaBella. Holiday meal sponsored by Championship Physical Therapy.

Date: Wednesday, December 6, 2023.

Time: 12:00PM

Cost: \$10:00 (checks only; make payable to "Friends of WCOA")

Sign up beginning November 1st.

**Holiday Crafts with Dawn Mahoney:** Tuesday, December 12(11am). Cost: \$5. Sign up at the front desk.

**Coffee Hour with Senator Edwards:** Tuesday December 12(1pm) Senator Lydia Edwards will be holding a coffee hour at the Senior Center. Come by and chat with her.

## Upcoming Trips

Flyers, with additional trip information, are available at the Senior Center.

**Lunch Tour of The Parc at Harbor View Senior Living:** Join Marketing Director, Jordan Rich for a tour of The Parc at Harbor View Senior Living Community located at 46 Lincoln Street Winthrop. After the tour you will enjoy lunch with the residents in the dining room.

Tour dates: Tuesday, November 14(11:30am) or Tuesday, January 9(11:30am). Limit of 10 people per tour. Sign up at the front desk of the Senior Center.

**Christmas Time at the Reagle Theater of Greater Boston:** Sunday, December 10,2023: The one Boston Christmas spectacle to warm any heart! Children of all ages are enchanted by Santa's Workshop, Teddy Bears' Nutcracker, Parade of the Wooden Soldiers, Victorian Christmas, precision dancers and the Living Nativity. The cast of 200 comes gift wrapped in the Chateau Restaurant in Waltham, Ma.

Meal Choice: Veal Parmigiana, Sirloin Tips, or Broiled Schrod.

Price: \$145.00. Make checks payable to Friends of WCOA.

**An American Bandstand-New Years Eve Day at the Danversport Yacht Club:** Sunday, December 31,2023: Ring in the New Year with entertainment from the incredibly dynamic Tom LaMark Orchestra. There will also be a champagne toast.

Meal Choice: Stuffed Breast of Chicken or Baked Schrod.

Price: \$95.00 (drive on your own) or \$125.00 (with transportation).

# Project Bread hosts another successful Interfaith Mini Walk for Hunger

Special to the Times

On Sunday, Oct. 22, over 75 participants of different faiths united both in person and virtually for the annual Interfaith Mini Walk for Hunger. Together, they raised \$15,000 to support Project Bread's year-round efforts to prevent and combat food insecurity statewide and are continuing to accept donations in the coming weeks. The 3-mile family friendly walk started and ended at Temple Beth David in Westwood. As in previous years, Christians, Jews, Muslims, and Hindus from surrounding towns participated. However, the walkers did not need to be members of a house of

worship to participate.

Project Bread is the leading statewide anti-hunger organization in Massachusetts. As 1 in 5 households through the state struggle with food insecurity, the nonprofit connects people and communities to reliable food sources and advocates for policies that make food more accessible for all.

"When people come together to fight for something, it unites them for a common purpose," says Alexa Drolette, Senior Director of Development at Project Bread. "The fundraising efforts from this Walk will go toward ensuring that everyone in Massachusetts has reliable access to healthy food."

During the event, remarks were shared by the clergy members, along with Dr. Jeffrey Greenwald for Temple Beth David, co-chair of the Walk, Alexa Drolette from Project Bread, and Trish Tucke from the Westwood Food Pantry. Walkers brought over 20 bags of non-perishable food items to donate to the food pantry and live music was played by Larry and Kyra Kramer of the Route 109 Band. The Interfaith Mini Walk for Hunger received major support from their Gold Sponsors: Wegmans and Dedham Savings Bank. Roche Bros donated snacks and drinks for the day, as well as pantry supplies.

"We were so pleased to be joined by the greatest number of houses of faith in the Walk's history, all coming together in solidarity, showing that addressing hunger in our community is an issue that transcends all differences in faith, culture, background, and politics," says Dr. Jeffrey Greenwald, one of the organizers from Temple Beth David.

Money raised from the annual Interfaith Mini Walk for Hunger will fund statewide hunger prevention efforts, advocacy for permanent policies that solve hunger, and local partnerships with organizations and people with lived experience with hunger to develop community-driven solutions.

People experiencing food insecurity should call into Project Bread's toll-free FoodSource Hotline (1-800-645-8333), which provides confidential assistance to connect with food resources, including SNAP benefits, in 180 languages and for the hearing impaired. For more information, visit: [www.projectbread.org/get-help](http://www.projectbread.org/get-help).



PHOTO BY DEBRA GROSSBAUM

Temple Beth David Rabbi Karen Citrin leading a benediction before The Walk for Hunger. Pictured L to R: Rev. Michael Bousquet, St. John's Episcopal Church in Westwood; Rev. Catherine Miller, First Baptist Church of Westwood; Rev. Dave Egan, First Parish Unitarian Universalist in Medfield; Imam Abdelrahman, Islamic Center of New England; Rev. JT Hills, First Parish of Westwood.



The Myles P. Vercruysse Memorial Community Fair to be held at the Old Middle School Gymnasium on Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> to Benefit the Mylestones Fund. the Mylestones Fund.

On Saturday, November 4th, please join the Vercruysse family and friends at a community fair to benefit the Mylestones Fund: The Myles P. Vercruysse Memorial Fund Fair will be held at the old Middle School Gym in Winthrop, located at 151 Pauline Street. The doors will be opened promptly at 9am and the event will run until 3pm. The fair will be featuring crafters, small businesses, community programs, non-profits, and much more!! There will be games, prizes, project play, touch-a-truck, and fun for the entire family. Proceeds from vendor fees, raffle tickets, and games will all be donated directly to Mylestones Fund. Visit our event page on Facebook.



The Mylestones Fund was created in memory of Myles Philip Vercruysse, who in 2021, entered this world three months early and left far too soon, July 17, 2021 – August 4, 2021. Myles was born weighing 2 pounds, 4 ounces, but was stronger than most term babies. Our fighter loved to lift his little blonde head and look around, push himself with his little legs out of the sleeping ring in his isolette, and had a champion's grip. Unfortunately, due to his prematurity, his lungs just were not as ready for this world as he was, and he passed peacefully in his parents' arms. Myles had so much strength and light, we knew he still has so much more to offer this world. It is our mission to do our best in his memory to help all babies meet their "Mylestones." For more information, please visit <https://bit.ly/MylestonesFund>.



## SEN. LYDIA EDWARDS SWORN IN AS JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL IN MASSACHUSETTS ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

Cary Shuman Photos

Sen. Lydia Edwards was sworn in as a Judge Advocate General in the Massachusetts Army National Guard during an impressive commissioning ceremony in Boston Monday.

Following the ceremony, Edwards attended a reception in her honor at the USS Constitution Museum. A congratulatory gathering was also held

Monday night at Kelley Square Pub in East Boston.

Sen. Edwards' mother, Bridgett Edwards, a retired master sergeant in the U.S. Air Force, and sister, Erika Edwards, an esteemed professor at the University of Texas El Paso, proudly joined the senator's colleagues in military service and government and constituents at the celebratory events.



From left, BHA Administrator Kenzie Bok, Boston City Councilor Ruthzee Louijeune, Winthrop Town Councilor Hannah Belcher, guest of honor, Sen. Lydia Edwards, Boston Mayor Michelle Wu, Rep. Jay Livingstone, Boston City Councilor Frank Baker, Sheriff Steven Tompkins, and Rep. Jeff Turco.



U.S. Air Force Ret. Master Sergeant Bridgett Edwards is pictured with her two outstanding daughters, Sen. Lydia Edwards, and UTEP Professor Erika Edwards.



House Ways and Means Chair Aaron Michlewitz (left) and Rep. Adrian Madaro (right) congratulate their colleague in state government, Sen. Lydia Edwards, at her commissioning ceremony as Judge Advocate General in the Massachusetts Army National Guard.



Jesse Purvis, Allison Eng, Sen. Lydia Edwards, Pat Capogreco, and Mary Berninger.



Sen. Lydia Edwards, pictured at the reception following her commissioning ceremony as a Judge Advocate General in the Massachusetts Army National Guard.



Pictured at the reception held in honor of State Sen. Lydia Edwards being commissioned as a Judge Advocate General are Rep. Jeff Turco, Precinct 3 Councilor Hannah Belcher, Boston Mayor Michelle Wu, and Suffolk County Sheriff Steven Tompkins.



Melrose Veterans Services Officer Roseann Trionfi-Maz-zuchelli congratulates Sen. Lydia Edwards on her prestigious position as Judge Advocate General in the Massachusetts Army National Guard.



Sen. Lydia Edwards, pictured at the reception with her senatorial staff, from left, Chief of Staff Eduardo Moreno, District Director Ben Tayag, Legislative Director Christiana Golden, Legislative Aide Eric Reidister, and Legislative Aide Yamina Lachmi.



Sen. Lydia Edwards is pictured with family and friends at a congratulatory reception Monday at Kelley Square Pub, East Boston.

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### Ready to fall back? When you change your clocks, check your alarms

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With the end of daylight savings time coming on Nov. 5, Massachusetts fire officials issued a seasonal reminder to check your smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) alarms and

change the batteries when you change your clocks.

“Working smoke and CO alarms are crucial home safety tools,” said State Fire Marshal Jon M. Davine. “As we ‘fall back’ this weekend, be sure you have the best protection

by putting fresh alkaline batteries in alarms that use them and replacing alarms that are out of date.”

Today’s smoke and carbon monoxide alarms have the manufacturing date printed on the back of the device. Smoke alarms

should be replaced when they’re 10 years old, and CO alarms should be replaced when they’re five to seven years old, depending on the model. Unless you



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have newer alarms with 10-year sealed batteries, this is also a good time to replace the alkaline batteries in all your alarms. And remember to test your smoke and CO alarms once a month to be sure they're working properly.

## Heating Season brings Carbon Monoxide hazards

Hyannis Fire Chief Peter J. Burke, Jr, president of the Fire Chiefs Association of Massachusetts, emphasized the importance of working carbon monoxide alarms as we enter the colder months. "Carbon monoxide is the leading cause of poisoning deaths in the United States, and heating equipment is the main source of carbon monoxide in the home," Chief Burke said. "We can't see, smell, or taste carbon monoxide. Working CO alarms are the only way to detect this invisible killer."

## Replacement Alarms Should be Photoelectric

## With 10-Year Sealed Batteries

Replacing your old smoke alarm? The Massachusetts Comprehensive Fire Safety Code requires replacement battery-operated smoke alarms in older one- and two-family homes to be photoelectric and have sealed, long-life batteries and a hush feature. This makes it less likely that someone in the home will use the batteries for another device, forget to change them twice a year, or remove them when cooking causes smoke in the kitchen.

"Disabling a smoke alarm puts you, your loved ones, and everyone in the building at risk," said State Fire Marshal Davine. "Never remove batteries from a smoke alarm except when putting fresh ones in."

## Alarms Should Be Listed by an Independent Lab

Massachusetts requires that all smoke and carbon

monoxide alarms be listed by a nationally recognized testing laboratory such as Underwriters Laboratories (UL) or Intertek (ETL). Listed devices will have the laboratory's mark on the back. In recent years, fire officials have seen numerous smoke and carbon monoxide alarms that were purchased online and either have counterfeit marks or no mark at all.

"If the price seems too good to be true, then it probably is," said Chief Burke. "Smoke and CO alarms can be the difference between life and death, but only if they work properly. If you're purchasing a new alarm, choose one from a well-known, national brand."

## Create & Practice a Home Escape Plan

"In the average house fire, you could have less than three minutes to escape after the smoke alarm activates," said State Fire Marshal Davine. "Creating and practicing a home

escape plan that includes two routes out will help you make the most of that precious time to get outside before poisonous gases and heat make escape impossible."

## Senior SAFE

Adults over 65 are at disproportionate risk of dying in a fire, especially if they live in one- or two-family homes. Hundreds of fire departments across Massachusetts have grant-funded Senior SAFE programs that may provide assistance with alarm installation and testing. Seniors who need help testing, maintaining, or replacing smoke alarms should contact their local fire department or senior center for assistance.

For more information on smoke alarms or the Senior SAFE program, visit <http://www.mass.gov/dfs> or contact your local fire department.



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The Arthur T. Cummings School and Gorman Fort Banks Elementary School Parent Teacher Organizations held a Trunk-or-Treat event for students on October 27 to raise funds for families in need during the holidays.



Emiliana, Celest, Salome, and Alejandra.



Cora Inconiglios, Ella, Julia, and Matteo Agri, and Beth and Bennett Inconiglios from Special Education Parent Advisory Council.



Bria Butler, 6, Sofia Marsden, 6, and Riley Poulos, 6.



Edward and Andrew Montone and Morgan Hurley.



Erin Olson and William Magner with their sons, William, Jr., and James.



Diana and Nick Woytaszek.



Gavin, as a pirate, and Kaylin Dorman, as a flamingo rider.



Josephine Langley, 5, as Captain America, and her mother, Janet Langley.



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Joseph Blamer, Carmen Bauer, Ciara Mahoney, and Gabriela Blamer.

Miss Marci, Sue Murphy Perrotti, and Miss Annette, of Young Minds At Work.

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