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**AMY'S BREAKFAST WITH SANTA**



MARIANNE SALZA PHOTOS

Kourtney Darcy and Mackenzie Evans placing chances in raffle baskets in hopes of winning stuffed animals, Squishmallows, and gift cards during the Saint Michael the Archangel Parish's "Amy's Breakfast with Santa" on Dec. 3.



Skyla D'Amico with Andrea, Allison, and Kailey Sullivan. See more photos on Page 8.

## Online troll hurls antisemitic slur at council meeting

By Adam Swift

It was a chaotic end to an already emotional Town Council meeting Tuesday night as a masked, online troll hurled vulgarity and an antisemitic slur during public speaking over Zoom at the end of the meeting.

Much of the meeting had been dominated by a discussion of the town's flag policy, specifically relating to the potential raising of the Israeli flag and a subsequent motion for the council to support a proclamation in solidarity with the Jewish people introduced by Councilor Rob DeMarco.

The council typically holds two public speaking portions of its meetings, one toward the beginning and another near the end.

While there were varying opinions expressed during both public speaking portions of the meeting and during debate among the councilors, the discussion had largely remained within the bounds of public meeting decorum.

At about 8:40 p.m.,

resident Todd Sacco was addressing the council over Zoom, criticizing the council for approving an unwieldy flag policy earlier this year and then not moving forward with a vote on DeMarco's proclamation.

At that point, another participant watching the meeting through Zoom broke in and shouted "Say her name you \_\_\_\_\_," using a vulgarity and an antisemitic slur.

In the confusion, several councilors shouted to shut down the Zoom video while others tried to identify who made the comment, one noted that it was an online troll and that he was masked during the online outbreak.

Following the online attack, Rabbi Benjamin Flax of Temple Tifereth asked to address the council.

"I live in Beachmont and I realize I am not represented on this council," said Flax. "But as a religious leader in our community, I just want to make clear that it is situ-

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**A FAVORITE WINTHROP HOLIDAY EVENT RETURNS**

Winthrop Improvement and Historical Association (WIHA) is pleased to announce the return of its "Holiday Open House" on this Saturday, December 9, in the Deane Winthrop Barn, 40 Shirley Street.

Michael Herbert, President of WIHA, stated, "We are beyond happy to offer our Open House again to the Winthrop community. We have not had a Holiday event since before the pandemic, and now we are back to celebrate the holiday season!"

The Open House will be held from 10 am - 2 pm and it will be packed with lots of fun for the whole

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## Council votes to maintain single tax rate

By Adam Swift

The Town Council voted to keep to a single tax rate for residential and commercial property, and not to adopt a residential or small commercial property tax exemption for Fiscal Year 2024 at Tuesday night's meeting.

By keeping with the status quo, the average single family property tax bill will increase by \$495 for FY2024.

Residential property, which also includes multi-family homes and apartment buildings, makes up 94 percent of the property tax base in Win-

throp, compared to only 6 percent for commercial and industrial property.

Because of an increase in property values of town properties, the tax rate is going down slightly even though the average bill is increasing.

The tax rate for FY23 was \$10.70 with an average value for a single family home at \$624,954, according to Nate Cramer of Municipal Finance Services. The bill for a single-family home at that value was \$6,687.

This year, Cramer said the rate is going down to \$10.42, but the average value of a single-family home is \$689,206. The average bill for a single-family bill would be \$7,182.

Council Finance Committee Chair Richard Fucillo said his committee met on Monday night to discuss the possibility of the town moving toward a split residential-commercial tax rate or providing residential and small commercial exemptions.

"One of the big things was, is this worth it for Winthrop?" said Fucillo.

Fucillo said those actions could be valuable at a future date, but the finance committee determined they would not be impactful at this time. The finance committee recommended that the town maintain the single tax rate, a recommendation the full council approved.

## Winthrop Police investigating antisemitic and hateful 'Zoombombing' during Town Council Meeting

Special to the Transcript

Town Manager Anthony Marino, Council President James Letterie and Police Chief Terence M. Delehanty report that the Town of Winthrop and the Win-

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## ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH SNOWFLAKE FAIR



MARIANNE SALZA PHOTO

Ruth Ashton showing Michael Herbert a dove ornament during the St. John's Episcopal Church annual Snowflake Fair held on Dec. 2. See more photos on Page A.

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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.

fense of unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle. The officer stood by until a licensed operator came by to take control of the vehicle.

1425: A female juvenile came into the station to report receiving threats from another student. The officer filed a report.

1449: Officers executed an arrest warrant on Shirley St. and arrested a 40 year-old Winthrop female.

1843: A Shore Drive resident reported that her cat had been missing since last Thursday.

1940: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Washington Ave. for a civil moving infraction. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

2002: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Revere and Hutchinson Sts. for the civil moving infraction of operating after dark without headlights. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

2026: An officer issued a parking ticket to a vehicle partially blocking a driveway on Cutler St.

2055: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Franklin and Payson Sts. for the civil moving infraction of operating after dark without headlights. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

2103: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Revere St. for the civil moving infraction of failing to stop for a traffic control sign or signal. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

2131: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Washington Ave. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

2142: An

officer stopped a motor vehicle on Shirley St. for the civil moving infractions of an equipment violation and a marked lanes violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

2219: An officer responded to a report of a motor vehicle stopped in the middle of the road at Hermon and Lincoln Sts. with the operator asleep at the wheel. The officer arrested Yonies Alfredo Mejia, 28, of Chelsea, for the criminal offenses of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, negligent operation of a motor vehicle, and unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle. The motor vehicle was towed.

2258: An officer responded to a disturbance between neighbors at Governors Drive. The officer directed both parties, for whom this has been an ongoing issue, to stay away from each other.

#### TUESDAY, NOV. 28

0318: An officer issued parking tickets to 16 vehicles on Temple and Quincy Aves.

0838: A Centre St. resident who reported that a skunk was on her porch was told she had to call wildlife or a pest control company.

1207: An officer responded to a landlord/tenant disturbance on Wave Way Ave. and restored the peace.

1249: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Washington Ave. and Pratt St. for a civil moving infraction. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1256: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Washington Ave. for the civil moving infraction of speeding (39

in a 25 m.p.h. zone). The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1321: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Walden St. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1339: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Walden St. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1816: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Main St. at the Belle Isle Bridge for the civil moving infraction of failing to stop for a traffic control sign or signal. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1922: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Main St. for the civil moving infraction of operating after dark without headlights. When the officer discovered that the vehicle was unregistered and that the operator did not have a valid license, he issued a citation to the operator for the criminal offense of unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle and stood by until a licensed operator came by to take control of the vehicle and park it on private property.

#### WEDNESDAY, NOV. 29

0020: An officer ordered a tow for a motor vehicle blocking a driveway on Moore St. The officer filed a report.

1334: Officers serving an arrest warrant at a North Ave. residence arrested a 38 year-old Winthrop man on three outstanding warrants.

1413: The town's Veterans Agent came to the station to report that a veteran's memorial sign at Lewis Ave. and Lewis Terrace had been vandalized.

1552: A Winthrop St. resident reported that his parked motor vehicle on Winthrop St. was sideswiped by a hit-and-run operator, causing minor damage. The officer filed a report.

1618: An officer assisted the parties with the exchange of papers at a minor motor vehicle accident on Main St.

1720: An officer responded to a disturbance between neighbors on Edward St. The officer spoke to both parties and

restored the peace.

#### THURSDAY, NOV. 30

0104: An officer issued parking tickets to vehicles without resident parking stickers on Mermaid Ave.

0818: The Animal Control Officer responded to calls about an injured seagull in the roadway on Tewksbury St.

1046: A resident came into the station to report a larceny. The officer filed a report.

1148: The town's Veterans Agent came to the station to report that a veteran's memorial sign at Fremont and Buchanan Sts. had been vandalized. The officer filed a report.

1557: Officers responded to a two-car motor vehicle accident on Main St. The airbags did not deploy. One vehicle was towed. The officer filed a report.

1650: An officer responded to a disturbance between neighbors on Sunset Rd. The officer spoke to both parties and restored the peace.

2047: A resident came into the station to report a case of fraud. The officer filed a report.

#### FRIDAY, DEC. 1

0118: An officer issued a parking ticket to a vehicle without a resident parking sticker on Temple Ave.

0755: A Beacon St. resident reported that a door knob on the side door of the building had been vandalized. The officer filed a report.

1238: An officer responded to a disturbance between a tenant and landlord on Pleasant Ct. The officer advised both parties that they should resolve their dispute in court.

1335: A resident came into the station to report being the victim of "check-washing" fraud. The officer filed a report.

1427: An officer issued a parking ticket to a motor vehicle that was overhanging a driveway on Cliff Ave.

1720: An officer ordered a tow for a motor vehicle without registration plates from Court Rd. The officer filed a report.

2235: An officer issued a parking ticket to a vehicle

in the one-hour parking zone on Palmyra St.

#### SATURDAY, DEC. 1

0115: An officer issued parking tickets to nine vehicles on Temple and Quincy Aves.

0319: A Bowdoin St. resident reported that someone had attempted to break into their home and ran off. The officer filed a report.

1207: A Revere St. resident reported the theft of two packages from her front steps. The officer filed a report.

1955: A Seal Harbor resident reported that she had ordered a pocket book on-line and that the package was on their counter and something inside was ticking. The officer opened the package and discovered that the floor alarm tag still was on the pocketbook. The officer removed the tag with a pair of pliers.

#### SUNDAY, DEC. 2

0255: Officers responded to a report of a group of loud party-goers at a Bayview Ave. residence. The officer issued numerous parking tickets to vehicles without resident parking stickers and the party-goers were dispersed. The officer filed a report.

0742: An officer ordered a tow for a motor vehicle on Temple Ave. that had been on the 72-hour list. The officer filed a report.

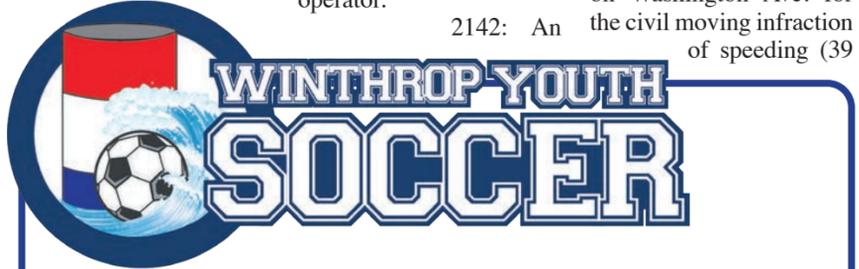
0821: An officer directed the owner of a motor vehicle blocking a driveway on Quincy Ave. to move the vehicle.

1048: A person came into the station to report that his motor vehicle had been sideswiped by a hit-and-run operator while parked on Atlantic St. The officer filed a report.

1242: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Paine and Main Sts. for the civil moving infractions of a red light violation and making an improper turn. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

2019: An officer issued a parking ticket to a vehicle overhanging a driveway on Revere St.

2151: An officer issued a parking ticket to a vehicle overhanging a driveway on Ocean Ave.



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### News Briefs //

whole family. There will be Baked Goods for stocking up for the holiday season; Crafters showcasing their creations for hard-to-find gifts; Greenery and seasonal plants; Raffles with prizes that include fine dining, gas fill-ups, personal luxuries, and groceries. Lunch will be available for a nominal fee, from 11 am-1 pm featuring cold weather classics: tomato soup, apple cider, grilled cheese sandwiches and pulled pork sliders. And, a well-stocked White Elephant table promises high-end goodies, Christmas decorations, glassware, children's games, toys, and even more.

To top off the festivities, there will be a visit from 11 am-1 pm by the man himself – Santa Claus! Santa loves the WIHA Holiday Open House. So come to the Deane Winthrop Barn

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on December 9th, talk to Santa, meet up with your friends, meet new friends, and experience all the joys of the holidays!

### SEN. EDWARDS TO HOST COFFEE HOUR IN WINTHROP DEC. 12

Sen. Lydia Edwards will host a coffee hour, open to the public, this Tuesday, December 12th from 1pm to 2 pm at Robert DeLeo Senior Center, 35 Harvard St Winthrop.

Feel free to swing by for a casual chat, discuss your ideas, and enjoy a cup of coffee alongside the Senator.

To learn more about community events with Senator Lydia Edwards, visit: <https://bit.ly/3nlfMKv>

### SENADORA EDWARDS ORGANIZARÁ LA HORA DEL CAFÉ EN WINTHROP

La Senadora Lydia Edwards organizará una hora de café, abierta al público, este martes 12 de Diciem-

bre de 1 p.m. a 2 p.m. en el Robert DeLeo Senior Center, 35 Harvard St Winthrop.

No dudes en pasar por aquí para charlar informalmente, discutir tus ideas y disfrutar de una taza de café junto al senador.

Para obtener más información sobre eventos comunitarios con la senadora Lydia Edwards, visite: <https://bit.ly/3nlfMKv>

### SENADORA LYDIA EDWARDS OFERECERÁ O COFFEE HOUR EM WINTHROP

A Senadora Lydia Edwards oferecerá um café, aberto ao público, nesta terça-feira, 12 de Dezembro, das 13h às 14h, no Robert DeLeo Senior Center, 35 Harvard St Winthrop.

Sinta-se à vontade para bater um papo casual, discutir suas ideias e desfrutar de uma xícara de café ao lado da Senadora.

Para saber mais sobre eventos comunitários com a Senadora Lydia Edwards, acesse: <https://bit.ly/3nlfMKv>



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# WPD warns community to use caution after recent Bitcoin scam, theft of \$35,000

Special to the Transcript

Winthrop Police are investigating an incident in which a Winthrop resident was scammed out of \$35,000 and warning the public about the proliferation of such scams, according to Police Chief Terence Delehanty

On Nov. 30, the Winthrop Police Department was notified that an 80-year-old resident was scammed out of \$35,000. The resident was coerced into withdrawing money from the bank and sending it to an unknown person via a bitcoin ATM machine. The incident is under active investigation by the Winthrop Police Department.

In light of this incident, the Winthrop Police Department reminds residents to use caution, slow down, and reach out to trusted individuals if they believe they have been contacted by scammers.

The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) offers the following four signs to help people recognize possible scams:

- Scammers pretend to be from an organization you know. They might use a real name, like the Social Security Administration, the IRS, or Medicare, or make up a name that sounds official. Some pretend to be from a business you know, like a utility company, a tech company, or even a charity asking for donations.

- Scammers say there's a problem or prize. They might say you're in trouble with the government, that you owe money, that someone in your family had an emergency, or that there's a virus on your computer. Some scammers say there's a problem with one of your accounts and that you need to verify some information. Other

ers will lie and say you won money in a lottery or sweepstakes but have to pay a fee to get it.

- Scammers pressure you to act immediately. They might tell you not to hang up so you can't check out their story. They might threaten to arrest you, sue you, take away your driver's or business license, or deport you. They might say your computer is about to be corrupted.

- Scammers tell you to pay in a specific way. They often insist that you pay by sending money through bitcoin, a money transfer company or by putting money on a gift card and then giving them the number on the back. Some will send you a check (that will later turn out to be fake), tell you to deposit it, and then send them money.

The FTC also recommends that if you get an email or text message from a company you do business with and you think it's real, it's still best not to click on any links. Instead, contact the company using a website you know is trustworthy, or look up their phone number. Don't call a number they gave you or the number from your caller ID.

The U.S. Marshal in Boston put out a warning on Nov. 17 about a scam involving fraudulent callers contacting members of the public and alleging that they are working with or for agents of the U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) as well as the U.S. Marshals Service in Massachusetts.

The calls appear to be the main line of the U.S. Marshals Office in Boston, 617-748-2500. This tactic is known as "spoofing," where phone scammers use an existing software technology to modify what number actually appears on the victim's caller ID.

This is an attempt to impersonate phone numbers from friends, local businesses, and even federal law enforcement to appear legitimate.

These scammers research their targets and know exactly who they are calling and what real property that they own.

The U.S. Marshals Service offered the following points to remember:

- U.S. Marshals will never request credit/debit card/gift card numbers, wire transfers, or bank routing numbers for any purpose whatsoever.

- Never divulge personal identifying information or financial information to any unknown callers.

- Report all scam phone calls to your local FBI office and to the FTC.

- You can remain anonymous when you report.

- Finally, if an apparent scammer provides what sounds like a court order, immediately authenticate the call by calling the clerk of the court's office of the U.S. District Court in your area and verify the court order given by the caller.

"A key point to remember when trying to protect yourself against such scams is that few legitimate businesses will have you send payment via bitcoin, gift cards or money transfer," said Delehanty. "We encourage anyone receiving these types of calls or communications to slow down, take a deep breath, and reach out to friends, family members, or Winthrop Police for advice on what next steps should be."

Residents who believe they may have fallen victim to a scam, or who believe they may be communicating with would-be scammers, are encouraged to contact the Winthrop Police Department at 617-846-1212.

## Meetings // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

ations like that that have made what Mr. DeMarco has brought up tonight as a necessity, to draw this attention and to make this statement that that is unacceptable dialogue and that the violence and vitriol that has been spewed continually, not just since Oct. 7, but continually. We liked the public statements people made of their experiences, but what about the student who got harassed in Harvard Square in 2016 and jumped getting a beer after school? That was me.

"Or the Jew who was on the train and getting yelled at about The Protocols of the Elders of Zion in 2017?" Flax continued. "That was me. This is not just an issue that we are saying is out there; what Mr. DeMarco is bringing up are issues that are facing us now, and having outbursts like that. I did not want to speak tonight, I recognize the order of how this goes, but hearing that, that is the reason why Mr. DeMarco needed to bring this up and why it needs to be a limited scope."

Earlier in the meeting, DeMarco had offered up a proclamation in support of the Jewish community in the wake of the Oct. 7 terror attack by Hamas in Israel.

After speaking to mem-

bers of the community and other councilors, DeMarco said he was only going to offer the proclamation and not ask for the Israeli flag to be flown at the town's flagpole at the E.B. Newton Cultural Center.

Following DeMarco's motion, there was debate among the councilors, some requesting new motions to include the hardships of the Palestinian people within the motion.

Precinct 3 Councilor Hannah Belcher used her council privilege to postpone the motions, which will be back on the agenda for the next council meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 19.

Following the meeting, state Representative Jeff Turco issued a statement condemning the display of anti-semitism at the council meeting.

"I am horrified to have witnessed the disgusting display of anti-semitism at the Winthrop Town Council meeting," Turco stated. "The displaying of the swastika is always offensive but to see it at our Town Council meeting is abhorrent. In light of the events of October 7th, this is no time for equivocation and so I proudly join my voice in condemning the rising tide of anti-semitism in our world our country and now on the zoom screen of Town Council."

Council President Jim Letterie said he believed there was a swastika on the screen, but that everything happened so fast that he couldn't be 100 percent sure.



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thorp Police Department are investigating after a Zoom-based participant in Tuesday's Town Council meeting shouted an antisemitic slur, displayed a swastika on their screen and appeared to give a nazisalute during a discussion regarding the town's flag flying policy.

"During a civic discussion on the flying of flags on town property, an individual seized the meeting to use it as a platform for hate speech and to display symbols of hate, intimidation and nazism," said Town Council President Letterie. "We condemn this act and all acts of hatred in or around our community, and we will always call out and

condemn hatred in all its forms. There is no place for it here in Winthrop."

The Town of Winthrop is actively reviewing its public meeting videoconferencing procedures and policies.

Added Town Manager Marino: "Winthrop has shown its true nature in the recent past when we banded together as a community of support and caring in the aftermath of a racially-motivated double murder in 2021. We came together then and we will always come together in unity to condemn hatred and intolerance and to fight fear and intimidation."

The hateful outburst, in which the individual used an ethnic slur described

by the American Jewish Committee as being primarily used today by white supremacists to denigrate Jewish people, is now the subject of an active police investigation. The Winthrop Police Department is also reaching out to its state and federal law enforcement partners to bring their considerable resources to bear on the investigation.

"The Winthrop Police Department is actively investigating this incident as a hate crime," Chief Delehanty said. "We will respond aggressively to this attack on our community. There is no place for hate in Winthrop. Not in person; not online; not anywhere."

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## OUR Opinions

### PEARL HARBOR WAS 82 YEARS AGO, BUT HAS LESSONS FOR US TODAY

It was 82 years ago this week that the nation of Japan launched its attack on the United States at the Pearl Harbor Naval base in Hawaii on December 7, 1941. The very next day, President Franklin D. Roosevelt convened a joint session of Congress in which he famously declared the attack, "A day that will live in infamy," and asked Congress for a Declaration of War against Japan. Germany and Italy, allies of Japan who collectively were known as the Axis, then declared war on the U.S., setting the stage for World War II, the most destructive war in world history.

A total of 407,316 American soldiers made the Supreme Sacrifice (in addition to more than 10,000 members of the Merchant Marine) and another 671,278 were wounded in battlefronts stretching from Africa to the European continent to the jungle islands of the Pacific over the next three and one-half years before the German and Japanese war machines finally were subdued.

For more than two years prior to the attack, America had stayed out of the war that already had engulfed most of the rest of the world in the aftermath of the German invasion of Poland on September 1, 1939. By the time of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, Hitler's Nazis had conquered all of continental Europe and much of Africa, while the Japanese had invaded almost all of Asia, save for the U.S. outposts in the Philippines and other small islands in the Pacific.

Americans clung to the belief that our isolation, separated from the rest of the world by two oceans, would keep us out of the war. Americans had no appetite for re-engaging in another conflict just 23 years removed from the memories of World War I that still were fresh in our nation's psyche. But after Pearl Harbor, we no longer could keep our heads buried in the sand. Although the United State had re-instituted the draft some months prior to Pearl Harbor and had ramped up our military production capabilities, the suddenness of the Japanese sneak attack still came as a shock to every American.

Americans realized that thanks to the capabilities of modern armaments such as Japanese aircraft carriers and German U-boats, even the continental United States was not insulated from an attack by a foreign enemy. Citizens on the West Coast braced for a Japanese invasion in the aftermath of Pearl Harbor and curfews were instituted on the Eastern Seaboard.

Thanks to the countless number of documentaries and movies over the past 25 years that have told the stories of the brave Americans who fought in WWII, we are fortunate to have a living history of the sacrifices made by The Greatest Generation.

In 1941, the Axis of Evil was formed by Germany under Hitler, Italy under Mussolini, and Japan under Tojo. Eighty-two years later, we similarly are facing a new Axis of Evil: Putin in Russia, Xi in China, and Ayatollah Khomeini in Iran (including its terrorist proxies of Hamas, Hezbollah, and the Houthis), who are threatening the peace and security of democracies and freedom-loving people everywhere.

The lessons of Pearl Harbor are many, but chief among them is that freedom isn't free. We always must be vigilant to recognize the forces of evil that seek to destroy our way of life. That is a lesson that is as true today as it was in 1941.

### HAPPY HANUKKAH

The eight-day observance of Hanukkah, also known as the Festival of Lights, starts this Thursday evening, December 7, and will culminate on Friday, December 15.

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 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. Needless to say, in the aftermath of the events of October 7, as well as the appalling subsequent increase in anti-semitic incidents in America and around the world, Hanukkah this year will have special meaning for Jews the world over.

We wish to take this opportunity to wish our friends and readers of the Jewish community a happy, healthy, and joyful Hanukkah season and we join them in solidarity against anti-semitism in all its forms.

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# Forum

## LETTERS to the Editor

### THANKS COUNCILOR HONAN

**Dear Editor,**  
Councilor at Large Tracey Honan will soon be stepping down from her post on the Winthrop Town Council. I feel impelled to thank Councilor Honan for her fortitude and leadership during some seriously difficult times here in our town.

Tracey has been Councilor at Large during the COVID pandemic. She's been an outspoken leader and supporter of both civil rights and human rights across the board. She physically stepped up during the infamous Diana Ploss Thursday "visits" to Winthrop a few years back. Tracey actively protested against Ploss's spirit of hate and intolerance of people different than herself and her beliefs.

Tracey continued representation on the Winthrop Council when both David Green and Ramona Cooper were gunned down by a hate-inspired perpetrator on 06-26-2021.

Not only was Tracey Honan outspoken on issues of human rights of all

kinds, she WROTE some profound statements or proclamations of Council support for equal rights for persons of all races, genders, creeds, nationalities, and sexual identities. She's part of the reason the Winthrop Commission for Diversity, Inclusion, & Community Relations still exists and flourishes.

Hats off to a valiant woman who rallied for those who many times cannot rally for themselves. Thank you for your service, Councilor Honan!

Sincerely,  
**Donna Segreti Reilly**

### REGARDING THE FLAG DEBATE

**Dear Editor,**  
I have read the November 30, 2023 editorial on Winthrop's flag policy. It appears that cities and towns across the country are having very heated debates about a flag policy. It has a very simple and direct way to solve this issue. Fly only three flags period. The Stars and Stripes, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the POW flags only. All other flags have no place in our

public buildings, squares or memorials. If people are compelled to fly other flags to show support then they can do so on their property!

This seemingly endless debate over whether other flags be allowed to fly with our red, white and blue is absurd.

**John Tranfaglia**

### ON FLAGS: THIS IS NOT THE JOB OF TOWN COUNCIL

**Dear Editor:**  
I read with interest a recent article in the Winthrop Transcript, titled "Council Debates Town Flag Policy". The issue came up at the Winthrop town council meeting on November 28, 2023 as a result of the vicious attack on Israel by Hamas terrorists from Gaza and Israel's response to the unprovoked attack on its civilians.

The Hamas attack on Israel and Israel's response was followed in various locations in the United States by several antisemitic and anti-Israel demonstrations purportedly in support of the residents of Gaza who were caught in the retaliatory

strikes against Hamas by Israel.

I would like to express my thoughts on the Matter. I am strongly of the opinion that raising an Israeli flag -- or the flag of any other nation or international entity other than that of the United States is not a proper town council function. The town council has other more appropriate actions to debate and act upon.

Flying an Israeli flag can be done by any resident or organization in the Town of Winthrop. They can place an Israeli flag, or other appropriate symbol, in their window, on their front lawn, on the back of their shirts or wherever they wish. They can also make a more significant statement about their support for Israel and, at the same time, help the victims of the Hamas terrorism. By donating to any one of a number of Jewish, Israeli, American or international charities. One such charity is Magen David Adom, which is the Israeli version of the American Red Cross.

Respectfully,  
**Burton Figler**



## 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 5, 2013

The Winthrop opponents of the Revere-only casino proposal for Suffolk Downs had wanted the Town Council to send an official correspondence to the Mass. Gaming Commission (MGC) in advance of its crucial meeting next week when the commission is expected to rule on whether the new Mohegan Sun casino project at Suffolk Downs can move forward in the application process for the one Greater Boston-area gaming license. But there will be no letter to the MGC from the Town Council as a result of Councilor Nicholas DeLento's decision to postpone any action until the next meeting of the council on Dec. 16 -- which will be a week after the MGC's hearing.

The special election to fill the Congressional seat that was vacated by our long-time Congressman, Ed Markey, who now is our U.S. Senator, will be held Tuesday. The contest pits Democrat Katherine Clark, a state senator from Melrose who is a graduate of Cornell University Law School and Harvard's Kennedy School of Government, against the Republican nominee, Frank Addivino.

At Monday night's School Committee meeting, member Todd Sacco will receive a citation commending him for his years of service and dedication on the committee. Superintendent of Schools John Macero and the School Committee will make the presentation to

Sacco at the outset of the meeting.

House Speaker Robert DeLeo and the House unanimously passed a bill last week that will establish early voting for presidential elections and provide resources to local officials and residents to make the voting process more efficient. Under the bill pushed by DeLeo and other legislators, early voting for presidential elections will begin in 2016. It is expected to significantly decrease wait times on Election Day and allow more individuals to vote. The bill also creates a secure online portal through which individuals can register and view their registration status.

### 20 years ago December 11, 2003

An early-season blizzard dumped up to two feet of snow in Winthrop and more than three feet in Peabody and other areas north of Boston on Sunday. Minor flooding of Shore Drive and adjacent streets occurred at one point during the storm. The huge storm already has spent nearly the entire amount of money that the town has budgeted for snow removal in this fiscal year.

After a hotly-debated proposal by Selectman Martin O'Brien to split Winthrop's tax rate into commercial and residential rates, the selectmen voted 2-1 against the motion with selectmen Ron Vecchia and Richard DiMento casting the negative votes. The Board of Assessors, led by Chair-

man Peter Martino, also expressed their opposition to the idea.

The selectmen have approved spending up to \$1000 for the Parks and Rec. Department to build an outdoor skating rink at Inglewood Park.

### 30 years ago December 16, 1993

The Advisory Committee has rejected a request by the Fire Department for a transfer from the Reserve Fund to purchase 10 pumps that would be used to pump out residents' basements in the event of flooding in low lying areas. Town officials said that the Advisory Committee's action will jeopardize the safety of residents. Some Advisory Committee members said

the appropriation request should be brought before Town Meeting, while other committee members said that the town should not be providing such assistance to residents.

The screening committee that is conducting the search for an assistant school superintendent has narrowed down the list of candidates from 36 to nine.

The Bells of Boston will appear in French Square Saturday. The holiday event is being sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce,

### 40 years ago December 14, 1983

A good-sized turnout of 70 residents attended a

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# State Rep. Jeff Turco brings Coats 4 Veterans to Winthrop Veterans for the winter months

By Al Terminiello Jr.

Last Saturday morning, State Representative Jeff Turco was at the Winthrop Veterans Service Office located at the EB Newton School. His purpose was to bring 50 coats to be given out to Winthrop's veterans. Winthrop's Veterans Service Officer Phil Ronan greet the representative as well as a contingency of veterans. Coffee and donuts were offered to all, before Representative Turco spoke to the gathering, explaining where they came from, besides the 50 coats donated to Winthrop, Turco, along with Representative Jessica Giannino also delivered 100 coats to Revere's Beachmont VFW Post 6712 a week ago.

Representative Turco explained that a grant from the Patriots Foundation in

conjunction with Massachusetts Military Support Foundation made possible the obtaining the 150 coats for Winthrop and Revere veterans. Home Depot supplies their signature orange buckets with lids, because unfortunately some of the veterans in this country that they served valiantly are homeless, the buckets serve as a carry all for their possessions. Also included in the buckets of coats are much needed personal care items and sox.

There are other contributors as well, Massachusetts State Police, and Job Lots, whose logo also appears on the bucket label. It's always a great thing when people and businesses step up and offer help to our nation's heroes, these coats mean much to so many, just in time as the winter temperatures drop



State Representative Jeff Turco, VSO Phil Ronan and veterans advocate Richard Honan join some of Winthrop's veterans that turned out last Saturday morning at the Veterans Service Office at the EB Newton School basement to enjoy each other company, have a cup of coffee and receive a winter coat, thanks to the generosity of many supports of our veterans. Sonny (the dog) did not get a coat but was able to grab a few snacks from the vets for his support.



Memorial signs of Winthrop's combat veterans were destroyed recently by vandals. State Representative Jeff Turco looks on in disappointment at the broken memorials. Also shown are veterans Richard Honan, US Marine Rich Barry, and VSO Phil Ronan. These memorial plaques will be restored and replaced, vowed VSO Ronan.

to freezing.

While all good for veterans was being discusses and a hearty thank you was given to the donors, there was also disturbing news in the Winthrop community. Memorial plaques, dedicated to Winthrop deceased veterans for their service to county and community were being torn down, broken, and discarded along the streets. Behavior like this is unacceptable and brings dishonor to our veterans that severed with distinction. So far, just two, one at the corner of Lewis Terrace and Lewis Ave, in memory of LTC. Louis G. Maglio -US ARMY, the second, at Buchanan and Freemont Streets, in memory of S/SGT. Libero "Lee" Laura- US ARMY.



Representative Jeff Turco spoke to veterans last Saturday morning at the EB Newton School, after delivering 50 coats. Turco addressed his position on veterans benefits, the rise in veteran homelessness, the need for more state and national legislation, and his total frustration over the destruction of Winthrop's Veteran Memorials.

Anyone having any information please come forward by contacting VSO Phil Ronan at 617-846-3065, your information

will be kept confidential. Also, anyone seeing any further destruction please notify the Winthrop Police.

The Winthrop Veterans Service Office is working diligently to get the signs of these heroes put back in place as soon as possible.

# Northeast students serve up lunch for veterans

Special to the Journal

Superintendent David DiBarri is pleased to announce that Northeast Metro Tech Culinary students served a special Thanksgiving luncheon for local veterans.

On Tuesday, Nov. 21, Culinary students opened the Breakheart Inn to 58 veterans from the Town of Wakefield and Saugus Veterans group and the Veteran's Administration. Culinary students have been providing lunch to veterans on Thanksgiving for over five years.

"Serving this lunch to our Veterans is the highlight of our year," said Culinary Department Head Elizabeth Beals Henderson. "We consider it an

exceptional honor to serve those that have served our country."

The lunch menu included salad with balsamic vinaigrette, followed by a roasted turkey dinner with mashed potatoes, gravy, house-made cornbread stuffing, roasted butternut squash and house-made cranberry sauce. Dessert consisted of coffee and freshly baked pumpkin pie with whipped cream.

Beals said students were excited to serve and meet local veterans, and that they especially enjoyed that two Northeast Metro Tech faculty, Mark Rooney and Jim Clark, were among the veterans that were served.

"This luncheon is very special to us because it is



Northeast Metro Tech Culinary students served a special Thanksgiving luncheon to 58 local veterans at the school's Breakheart Inn.

so important to show our appreciation to those who have served our country," said Principal and Deputy Director Carla Scuzzarella, who also attended the luncheon to speak with veterans. "I am proud of our Culinary students for producing such a great meal, and for showing so much respect to those who have earned it."

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## AMY'S BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Photos by Marianne Salza

Saint Michael the Archangel Parish held Amy's Breakfast with Santa on December 3 to benefit the Parish Youth Ministry and Winthrop Middle School's 8th grade field trip to Washington, DC. Confirmation students served pancakes, sausage, and eggs to the 300 guests, who also enjoyed posing for pictures with Santa.

"We broke the record this year with baskets — all donated by members of the community; es-



Star Richards, 3.

pecially those who most loved Amy. It was unbelievable," said organizer,



Hans Castaño, 5, biting into a pancake.

Kathy Hubert, who continued her late sister's decades-long tradition with



Gabriela DeNunzio wearing reindeer antlers.

other members of the Gallagher Family.



Amy, Henry, Gianna, and Christian Streeter.



Families gathering at St. Michael the Archangel Parish for Amy's Breakfast with Santa on December 3.



Three hundred guests were served a pancake breakfast during the December 3 Amy's Breakfast with Santa.



Emma Calla, Stephanie Sernavsky, Grace McCurdy, Adrianna Viscio, Alex Ross, and Bella Reardy.



The Turco Family with Father Chris O'Connor, Pastor.



Kourtney, Mary, and Tommy Darcy with Kathleen and Vivian D'Amico.



Members of St. Michael the Archangel Drama: Francesca Mazzone, Tessa O'Toole, Mackenzie Evans, Victoria Connolly, and Connor and Ellen Gaynor.



Bobby, Kathy, and Billy Hubert.



Superintendent of Schools Lisa Howard with her father, Peter Gill, Grace Gill, Hannah Aveni, and Riley Gill.



The Gonzalez Family with Santa.

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## Sports

### WHS SPORTS ROUNDUP

#### GIRLS, BOYS HOCKEY OPEN SEASON SATURDAY AFTERNOON AT LARSEN

The Winthrop High girls and boys hockey teams will open their 2024 seasons this Saturday afternoon with a double-header against Shawsheen Tech at Larsen Rink. The season-opening face-off for Coach Anthony Martucci's Lady Vikings is set for 1 p.m., with coach Dale Dunbar's boys' contest slated for a 3 p.m. start.

Leading the way for the 2024 edition of the Lady Vikings will be a trio of senior captains, Hannah Parker, Sami Dimento, and Adrianna Rizzotto. They will be joined by juniors Talia Martucci, Izi Hain, Gabby Buonapane, Tori Bates, Hanna Barrett, Amelia Spencer, and Izzy Cash; sophomores Reese Ferrara, Avalina Coffey, Tegan Periera, Chloe Couture, Stella Pelletier, Avery Shea, Riley Towse, and Mia Currier; freshmen Angela Coscia, Amelia Serino, Claudia Alquinta, and Francesca Indresano; and eighth-grader Abby Githinji.

Winthrop has engaged in one scrimmage thus far in the pre-season, a 5-1 victory over Weymouth this past Saturday at Larsen.

"We played well," said Martucci, whose 2023 squad won the Northeastern Hockey League (NHL) title with a perfect 16-0 record, completed an overall 18-0 season, and advanced to the Elite Eight of the Division 1 state tournament. "We got goals from five different players, Talia Martucci, Sami DiMento, Amelia Spencer, Tegan Periera, and Angela Coscia. Riley Towse finished with 11 saves.

"We are very lucky to have the captains that we do," added Martucci. "Hannah Parker, Sami Dimento, and Adrianna Rizzotto are heart-and-soul leaders. They have led this team since being named captains at the banquet and it has really helped us

grow together."

Martucci and his crew were scheduled to scrimmage Boston Latin yesterday (Wednesday) prior to Saturday's season-opener.

The WHS girls will play their eight NHL opponents (Shawsheen, Newburyport, Beverly, Marblehead, Peabody, Gloucester, Medford, and Masconomet) twice each and will face non-league opponents Winchester and Falmouth to round out their 18-game schedule.

On the boys' side, head coach Dale Dunbar's squad, which won the Northeastern Conference (NEC) title last year, will be led by senior captains Petey Silverman (who was the MVP of the NEC last year) and Billy Hayes and senior assistant captains Robert Rich and Hunter Fife.

The other members of the 2024 edition of the Vikings for Dunbar, who will be joined behind the bench once again by long-time assistant coach Mike Norris, are: Michael Donahue /Jr /G; Luke Gthinji /Jr /F; Thomas Babine /So /D; Nicholas Ramano /So /F; Phillip Boncore /Jr /F; Bertle Kline /So/F; Jackson Andy /Sr /D; Nolan Upton /Jr/ F; Joe Rich /Sr/ F; Aidan Survilas /Jr /F; Jay Fotiades /Jr /F; Michael Holgersen /Jr/F; Colin O'Leary /So /D; Glen Calla /Sr /F; Stephen Lindinger /Jr/G; and Robert Biancardi /Jr/G.

In addition, a group of Viking freshmen will alternate between the varsity and junior varsity teams: Paul Ferrara /Fr /D; Rick MacKenzie /Fr /D; Nate Previte /Fr/D; Joe Pumphret /Fr/F; Dom Spinale /Fr/F; Antonio Bordonaro /Fr/F; Charlie Ferrara /Fr /D; and Michael D'Ambrosio /Fr/ F.

After winning the NEC title last year, the Vikings advanced to the second round of the MIAA state tournament and Dunbar's crew will be looking forward both to repeating as NEC champs and making some noise in the post-season.

After the season-opener with Shawsheen, Win-

### HIGH HONORS FOR WINTHROP HIGH FOOTBALL PLAYERS



Nine players on the Winthrop High School football team received All-Conference and All-Star recognition in a vote by the NEC coaches. From left are WHS football players and award recipients, Donovan Cassidy, Alessio Marcocco, Matthew Reardon, Ryan Harris, George Galuris, Philip Boncore, Robert Rich, Nick Cappuccio, and Vasili Tsiotos.

COURTESY PHOTO

throp will entertain another non-league opponent, Triton, next Wednesday at Larsen at 6:10.

The Vikings will face NEC North Division rivals Danvers, Marblehead, Gloucester, and Masconomet twice each and NEC South foes Peabody, Beverly, and Swampscott

once. Non-league opponents who will fill out their 20-game schedule include Shawsheen, Triton, Essex Tech (twice), Medford, Grafton, Lexington (at B.U.'s Walter Brown Arena on January 15), and two foes in a holiday tournament over the Christmas break.

#### NEW COACH, NEW SEASON FOR BOYS HOOP

A familiar face will be coaching the Winthrop High boys basketball team this season. Quinton Dale II, who played a big role for the Vikings in their

2011 state championship season, will be behind the bench when Winthrop opens its season tomorrow (Friday) evening at 5:00 against Bishop Fenwick in a weekend tournament at Salem Academy Charter School. Winthrop then

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**ADRIANNA VISCIO**  
GRADE 10 | FAV. SUBJECT: CHEMISTRY  
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will play Saturday afternoon in either the championship or consolation contest.

"We have an outstanding group of young men who are committed to bringing a winning culture back to the Winthrop basketball program," said the 29 year-old Dale, who played at Wheaton College, where he was a starter and all-NEWMAC selection, after his outstanding career at WHS. "They've embraced the new staff and have risen to the challenge of learning a completely new system on the fly. I expect us to be an extremely competitive team this year and we should be able to make some noise come tournament time."

Dale and his crew scrimmaged Mystic Valley this past Saturday. "We lost by one point in overtime, but battled back from down 10 at halftime to force OT, and had an opportunity to take the lead with three seconds left. Unfortunately, we missed the shot," said Dale, whose Vikings were scheduled to engage in a three-team scrimmage at Winchester High School vs. Winchester and Lowell Catholic this past Monday. The Winthrop boys will be road warriors through the first week of the season. After the weekend's contests in Salem, they will be making the long journey to non-league rival Ipswich this coming Monday and trekking to Arlington Catholic next Wednesday.

The Vikings will face their Northeastern Conference (NEC) South Division foes (Saugus, Gloucester, Danvers, and Swampscott) twice each and NEC North rivals Salem, Marblehead, Beverly, Masconomet, and Peabody once. Non-league opponents who will round out their 20-game schedule include Ipswich (twice), Fenway, Arlington Catholic, Bishop Fen-

wick, and two as-yet-to-be determined opponents in tournament games this weekend and over the Christmas break.

## WHS GIRLS HOOP READY FOR SEASON

The Winthrop High girls basketball team will open its season tomorrow (Friday) evening when coach Anthony Hatzisavas and his crew host Cambridge Rindge and Latin at the WHS gym. The season-opening tip-off on the Chris Tsiotos Court Floor at the WHS gym is set for 6:00.

"I am excited to return for my second season as the girls' head basketball coach," said Hatzisavas. "We have had a great off-season and pre-season so far and I am really looking forward to this upcoming season."

The 2024 edition of the Lady Viking squad will be led by a quartet of four senior captains, Grace Fleuriel, Kaylee Farrell, Reese Brodin, and Hailey Forsyth. Kaylee, Grace, and Reese are returning Northeastern Conference (NEC) all-stars. Rounding out the varsity roster are juniors Sophia Lindinger, Zoey Bogusz, Lilly Conway, Kate Brodin, and Tina Fabiano; sophomores Bailey Ferguson, Poli Tsiotos, Amina Barry, Giada Gergerian, Jenna Whitehead, and Josie Barry; and freshman Angela Tshowa.

"One thing I'm very happy about is how we handled our opening weekend," said Hatzisavas. "Friday night we had an Alumni Night at WHS. First we kicked off with the alumni girls playing, which turned out to be a competitive game. At halftime we honored Peg Bailey for her 50th season with the Winthrop Vikings girls basketball program. We had the boys alumni finish the night which turned out to be a great

competitive game. It was a great opportunity for the girls and boys of Winthrop High School to interact with the alumni who were once in the spot they are in.

"For years Winthrop basketball has adopted the family culture and that was in full display Friday night, and as a former player and current coach, I couldn't be happier with how it went," Hatzisavas added.

On Saturday morning, Hatzisavas and his crew drove to the Cape for an overnight trip. "It was great for team bonding and the girls really enjoyed themselves," said the coach. "We scrimmaged Bourne High School, which also is a Division 4 team, on Saturday and then Sunday we had a tri-scrimmage with Groton-Dunstable and Bourne. Overall it was a great experience and the hope is to have this kickoff weekend become a part of the Winthrop basketball tradition."

Winthrop was set to engage in a scrimmage this week with Manchester-Essex ahead of tomorrow night's season-opener. "I am very excited about this team we have," said Hatzisavas. "I feel like we have a very deep and talented roster and have enough experience to help us get to where we want to go."

The Lady Vikings will travel to Hamiton-Wenham next Tuesday. They will face their NEC South Division foes (Saugus, Gloucester, Danvers, and Swampscott) twice each and NEC North rivals Salem, Marblehead, Beverly, Masconomet, and Peabody once. Non-league opponents who will round out their 20-game schedule include Cambridge, Hamilton-Wenham, Fontbonne, Malden Catholic, Watertown (twice), and an opponent to be determined in a Christmas holiday vacation week tournament.

# PETER SOLOMON RECOGNIZED BY WINTHROP PUBLIC LIBRARY UPON HIS RETIREMENT

"The staff of the Winthrop Public Library & Museum want to wish a sincere Congratulations! to Pete Solomon on his retirement after 25 years of working as Circulation Supervisor. Pete made a definite impact on the community as demonstrated by the over 125 patrons stopped by on Thursday, November 30th to share some coffee and cake with him and wish him well. Pete established himself as an integral part in the weekly routine of many Winthrop residents, who stopped by to use the library but to also make that personal connection with our long standing library resource.

Thank you to Eric Reidistar for bringing Pete's Official Congratulations from the State Senate, put forward by Sena-



Peter Solomon shown with his chocolate retirement cake.

tor Lydia Edwards. Thank you to State Representative Jeffrey Rosario Turco

for coming with similar congratulations from the House. And also thank you to Town Manager Tony Marino for bringing the Town Council's proclamation on Pete's behalf.

Big shout out to Pete's Mystery Bookclub members for helping with the setup and cleanup and for the Friends of the Library for buying an incredible cake from Torretta's.

Thank you to Everyone who helped us wish Pete the very best in his retirement!"



Peter Solomon with Town Manager Tony Marino.



State Rep. Jeff Turco reads off the official congratulations from the State House of Representatives.



Legislative Aide to Sen. Lydia Edwards, Eric Reidistar presents Peter with an official citation from the State Senate.

## Aly Rose Esthetics has all your skincare needs in one place

Story by Marianne Salza

Licensed esthetician, Alyssa Marino, believes that the only experience more calming than the sound of the ocean waves outside her Winthrop home is receiving a facial treatment. One can unwind while being cared for at Marino's hygienic, boho-chic skincare boutique, Aly Rose Esthetics, located in Epidermis & Company, 260 Revere Street.

"I aspire to set a relaxing atmosphere for my clients with neutral tones, dim lighting, and essential oils," said Marino, who studied at The Elizabeth Grady School of Esthetics and Massage Therapy, Medford.

Some of the most popular services offered at Aly Rose Esthetics since it opened in June 2023 have been hydrofacials, which cleanse, detoxify, exfoliate, and hydrate skin, and collagen induction therapy, or microneedling, which improves the appearance of fine lines, wrinkles, hyperpigmentation, and scarring.

Marino offers lash and brown enhancement packages, such as lash lifting and tinting, and brow lamination and tinting. She

also provides chemical peels, full body waxing, and spray tanning.

During Self Care Sundays, individuals or small groups of two-four can receive lymphatic drainage facials or body healing sessions.

Marino suggests new clients book a customized facial that will benefit all skin types. The individualized treatment is designed to maintain or improve one's skin by determining and addressing its needs.

"I hope that Aly Rose Esthetics continues to

grow into that place you go for your esthetic needs, whatever they may be," shared Marino, who has a passion for traveling. "I love what I do. I want to evolve in my profession and connect with my clients so that I can better serve them."

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# ATTORNEY GERRY D'AMBROSIO HOSTS HOLIDAY CELEBRATION AND FOOD DRIVE



Anne Hanson, Anthony D'Ambrosio, and Will McFarland.



Attorney Gerry D'Ambrosio (right) with Human Resources Director Candace LePage(left) and Office Manager Noelle Spagnuolo (center), who did a great job coordinating the plans for the celebration.

Cary Shuman Photos

Prominent attorney Gerry D'Ambrosio, managing partner of D'Ambrosio Counselors at Law, hosted the annual Holiday Celebration and Food Drive Dec. 1 at Spinelli's, Lynnfield.

D'Ambrosio welcomed the many guests, including Lt. Governor Kim Driscoll, and State Reps. Jeff Turco and Jessica Giannino, to the festive event that featured dinner and musical entertainment.



The hosts of the celebration, Gerry D'Ambrosio and his wife, Michelle D'Ambrosio.



Attorney Gerry D'Ambrosio, Winthrop Transcript Partner and Director of Marketing Deb DiGregorio, and her brother, John Cammarata.



Olivia Fiore, Rachel Tamaro, and Lisa Tamaro.



Former School Committeeman Dan Maguire, former Revere Mayor Tom Ambrosino, and Revere Schools Nurse Adrienne Sacco-Maguire.



Attorney Gerry D'Ambrosio, Lt. Gov. Kim Driscoll, Suffolk County DA Kevin Hayden, School Committeeman-Elect Anthony Caggiano, and Ward 4 Councillor-Elect Paul Argenzio.



Dan Spacek, Revere City Clerk Ashley Melnik, Ward 1 Councillor Joanne McKenna, Rep. Jessica Giannino, and her fiancé, Matt Leone.



Kara Kennan, Lt. Gov. Kim Driscoll, and Salem State University President John Keenan.



Lt. Gov. Kim Driscoll and Rep. Jessica Giannino, and Ward 1 Councillor Joanne McKenna.



Frank Sacchetti, Nicole Desrosier, Sebastian Ortiz, and Sophia Fevola.



Anthony Parziale, Ward 5 Councillor-Elect Angela Guarino-Sawaya, and Joseph Cardarelli.



Law firm partner Paul Tellier, Lt. Gov. Kim Driscoll, law firm managing partner, Gerry D'Ambrosio, and Rep. Jeff Turco.



Gary Ferragamo, Julie Ferragamo, Dora Hallett and Andrew Hallett.



Lt. Gov. Kim Driscoll, Antonio D'Ambrosio and Antonietta D'Ambrosio, and their son, Attorney Gerry D'Ambrosio, pictured at the holiday celebration Dec. 1 at Spinelli's.

# Healey Admin. announces no-cost calls for state, county inmates

Special to the Transcript

The Massachusetts Department of Correction (DOC) implemented no cost phone calls across its 14 correctional facilities to provide equitable access to sustained communication to incarcerated individuals and their loved ones. The move results from legislation signed by Governor Maura Healey requiring calls be made available free of charge for individuals in state and county prisons. The Healey-Driscoll Administration supported this initiative in recognition that maintaining a connection between incarcerated individuals and their families is vital to enhancing rehabilitation, reducing recidivism, and improving community safety.

Beginning today, December 1, 2023, all calls from the standard facility wall phone will use the same call procedures outlined in the Department's Telephone Access and Use Policy. However, phone calls will no longer incur any charge. Previously, the incarcerated individual or the person receiving the call would pay the fee. Under the change, there is no cap on the number of calls.

"The Massachusetts Department of Correction recognizes the importance of incarcerated individuals maintaining bonds with their loved ones. No cost calls will alleviate

the financial burden and remove barriers for an individual in MA DOC custody to stay connected with their outside support system. Strong family support helps to advance the rehabilitative process, reduces recidivism, and contributes to successful reentry upon release," said DOC Commissioner Carol Mici.

To raise awareness about this change, DOC provided the population with written notification, posted signage in all residential units, and uploaded a message to each person's department-issued educational tablet.

In anticipation of increased demand and call volume within each housing unit, DOC has proactively engaged the phone vendor, Securus Technologies, to identify locations across the agency that may benefit from additional wall phones. DOC is also exploring ways to facilitate additional access, including the ability to make calls through tablets. In addition, the Department provides other opportunities for incarcerated individuals to stay connected with loved ones through in-person visits, letters, and electronic messaging.

The Department has published an FAQ to provide families and loved ones with more information about the implementation of the no cost call initiative.

## Frances Donovan

Of Ohio, formerly of Winthrop

Frances M. (Blades) Donovan, 77, of Fairlawn, Ohio, passed away peacefully at home on November 23. Fran was born in Winthrop on August 6, 1946.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Frank and Helen Blades; her loving husband of 42 years, Kenneth; and her sisters, Eleanor Pimentel Swierk and Virginia Simonalle. Fran is survived by her sons, William J. Donovan and Frank T. Donovan; grandsons, Erich J. Donovan and William P. Donovan and nieces and nephews, Mark T. Pimentel, William M. Pimentel, Virginia M. Flockton, Barbara E. Pimentel, Barbara Chapman, Frank L. Simonalle, Gene A. Simonalle, and Thomas Simonalle and many great nieces and nephews.

Fran grew up in Winthrop, Revere, and Bridgeport, Conn. and returned to Winthrop, where she met Ken at Deer Island Treatment Plant, marrying



in 1973.

After moving to Peabody, she taught at the Lakeside School before she and Ken retired, joining their son Bill in Ohio.

A visiting hour will be held in the Maurice W. Kirby Funeral Home, 210 Winthrop St., Winthrop today, Thursday, December 7 from 10 to 11 a.m. followed by graveside services in Holyhood Cemetery, Brookline. Relatives and friends are invited.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to your favorite charity in Fran's memory.

To sign Fran's guestbook, please visit: [www.mauricekirbyfh.com](http://www.mauricekirbyfh.com).

## Edwin Varley

September 28, 1927 - November 27, 2023

Edwin P. Varley, 96, of Madison, CT, loving husband of Barbara L. Varley, passed away peacefully at home with his family by his side on November 27.

Edwin grew up in Point Shirley and graduated from Winthrop High School in 1946. He held numerous jobs he truly enjoyed as a teenager. He told stories about his long "Coal Shoveling" days, while working at the Deer Island Water Treatment and "catching leather soles" right side, left side off the conveyor belts in Boston's Leather District, for pennies. He also recalled coaxing the fishing trawlers to "Hey, can you throw me a cod fish, sir?" on Easter Sunday, dressed in his church clothes! He enlisted in the U.S. Navy before graduating from high school. He served with honor and pride in World War II and the Korean War.

After World War II, he earned his B.S. in mechanical engineering from Tufts College 1951, in MA through the V-12 Navy College Training Program.

He worked briefly for Goodyear Tire & Rubber in Akron, Ohio, then began his career in 1952 at Grain Dealers Mutual in Indianapolis, IN where he served as a Special Agent and Loss Prevention Engineer. He joined Industrial Risk Insurers in 1970 and retired in 1992.

After retirement, he spent time singing in barbershop quartets S.P.E.B.S.Q.U.A and in the City of the Elms Barbershop Chorus in New Haven. He also sang in the St. Margaret's Church Choir for over 60 years as they commemorated the weekend of JFK's funeral in 1963. After a health scare in 1986, he began his rowing career and started competing in the C.R.A.S.H.B.'s in Boston for over 20 years. He also earned the title in 2002 of British Indoor Rowing Champion for 75-79 LWT division. He logged over 55 million meters. Those on the Shoreline all knew the quiet man constantly rowing.

He and Barbara travelled to Hawaii, Ireland, Bermuda, and wherever the families resided. Edwin and Barbara's love of the water and beach led them to Madison, in 1956. They settled in Lee Manor Association, where they still had "Party Lines" and only an RFD for an address. A TRUE slice of heaven, where they led a steady, consistent life, surrounded by amazing families, friends and community. They established



an incredible place for generations to flourish. Edwin carried himself with Dignity and Grace. He was a true gentleman, rarely seen today. He will be missed.

Edwin was born in Brighton, MA. on Sept. 28, 1927. He was the oldest son of Edwin C. and Margaret E. Boughan Varley. He was predeceased by his only son, Paul Varley; grandson, Christopher Edwin Glisson and his sister, Pauline Frances V. Houhlihan. Edwin is survived by his loving wife, Barbara L. Varley, 95, of Madison, having shared over 70 years of blissful marriage. They shared a life like no other. They met while roller skating in Revere Beach at a Sadie Hawkins Skate. It was love at first sight for Edwin. The phrase opposites attract fits Barb and Ed perfectly. They are completely different in terms of personalities; however, they shared similar beliefs when it came to values, faith, fairness and consistency. A wonderful combination for raising a family.

Edwin is also survived by his daughters, Judith-Anne Varley, Barbara-Jean/Kevin Glisson, Mary-Patrice "Meb"/Robert Cusumano; grandsons: Matthew Varley, Timothy Joseph and Andrew Alexander Powaleny/partner Jessada Watanasuntornku, James Paul/Jennie Thibodaux and Joshua Michael Glisson; six great-grandchildren: Edwin John, Margaret Roy, Eli James of Louisiana, Christopher Lane, Jeffrey Cole and Caroline Beau Glisson of Georgia. He is also survived by his younger brother David A./Cecilia Varley of Virginia.

Edwin carried himself with Dignity and Grace. He was a true gentleman, rarely seen today. He will be missed. Calling hours were held from 11 to 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 2, at the Swan Funeral Home, 825 Boston Post Road, Madison, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 1 p.m. at St. Margaret's Church, 24 Academy Road, Madison. Burial followed at West Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please consider making donations to Madison Ambulance Association, 9 Old Rte. 79, Madison, CT 04443. [www.swanfuneralhomemadison.com](http://www.swanfuneralhomemadison.com).

## Afaf Abdelatif Bassiouni

Devoted mother and grandmother

Afaf Abdelatif Bassiouni, 72, of Winthrop passed away on December 1, 2023.

Afaf was born on January 25, 1951 to Soad Zakaria and Abdelatif Mahmoud in Alexandria, Egypt. She married and came to the United States when she was 19. She received her Master's Degree in Nuclear Engineering at Syracuse University, designed pipes for Shoreham Nuclear Plant in East Shoreham, NY, and later worked for Stone and Webster Engineering in Stoughton, MA.

She and her ex-husband started ATI Systems in 2009. Afaf went on to become the District Manager for Dunkin Donuts for New England.

Her absolute greatest love and joy were her granddaughters, Madison and Sky. She was a devoted grandmother and mother. Afaf loved the Red Sox and the Patriots. She enjoyed cooking and playing Bingo. Afaf had a great sense of humor and could be quite a character at times. She will be missed.

Afaf was predeceased by her parents and two



siblings. She is survived by two brothers in Egypt, her granddaughters, Madison Miller and Sky Rodriguez and her daughter, Irene Rodriguez.

A gathering will be held to honor Afaf on Monday, December 11 from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at The Elks Lodge in Winthrop.

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# 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: COAReception@town.winthrop.ma.us Phone: 617-846-8538

A full list of the activities, programs, trips, and services offered at the Senior Center can be found in our newsletter, which is available at the Senior Center and on our website.

## Monday, December 11

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, December 12

9:00am-3:00pm: Computer Usage  
9:30am-10:30am: Exercise Class (\$1)  
10:00am - 1:00pm: CAPIC Fuel Assistance  
11:00am-3:00pm: Holiday Crafts with Dawn (\$5)  
11:00am: Grab and Lunch Pick-Up  
1:00pm-2:00pm: Senator Edwards Coffee Hour

## Wednesday, December 13

9:00am-3:00pm: Computer Usage  
9:30am - 11:00am: Friends of WCOA Meet-

ing  
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 (appointment required)  
1:15pm-2:45pm: Italian Class

## Thursday, December 14

9:00am-3:00pm: Computer Usage  
9:30am-10:30am: Exercise Class

10:30am - 12:00pm: Council on Aging Meeting  
12:00pm - 12:30pm: Dine In/Grab and Go Lunch Pick Up  
12:45pm-3:00pm: Bingo

## Friday, December 15

9:00am - 12:00pm: Computer Usage  
10:00am-12:00pm: Ceramics  
10:00am - 11:00pm: Line Dancing  
11:00am- Grab and Go Lunch pick-Up  
11:00am - 12:30pm: Creative Writing

**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; they must be picked up on the day that they were requested for.

**Senior Van:** The Senior Van runs Monday - Thursday from 8:45am-3pm. Reservations are on a first come, first served basis, and can be made by calling the Senior Center at least two weekdays prior to the desired date. Rides to medical appointments will be prioritized. A list of destinations and pricing is available on our website and in our newsletter.

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public hearing sponsored by the MDC at the junior high auditorium on the subject of the new sewage treatment plant on Deer Island.

The School Committee this week discussed the offer by Massport to soundproof the junior high school.

The Rotary Club this week presented the Irving P. Alexander Trophy, emblematic of the MVP for the Winthrop High football team, to co-recipients Steve Staffier and Rich Driver.

### 50 years ago December 12, 1973

Michael's Mall in the Center is scheduled to open soon. Winthrop's first and only shopping mall will feature a variety of stores, including Michael's clothing store, a Big L variety store, Showtique, the Gallery, Convenient Food Mart, and a cable TV office. The project has been financed by the Workingmen's Cooperative Bank.

Police have arrested two Winthrop men after they set fire to a car in the marshes behind Ft. Banks.

WHS fullback Matt Flaherty received the Irving P. Alexander Memorial Trophy from the Rotary Club this week.

Water Commission Chairman Warren Kirby said this week that local water rates will increase because of legislation signed by Gov. Francis W. Sargent that will allow the MDC to raise rates each year in order to provide enough income to cover the costs of providing water to the cities and towns served by the MDC.

The Winthrop Savings Bank is now offering Sweet Thursday banking hours from 6 to 8 p.m.

### 60 years ago December 12, 1963

It was announced this

week that the dredging project of Winthrop Inner Harbor by the state, which is being done to alleviate the stench from the mudflats at low tide that has plagued Winthrop residents for the past few summers, will not require the taking of any public land. The dredged material will be placed onto Snake Island, enlarging the small island that sits in the middle of Winthrop Harbor, and Coughlin Park, which also will enlarge the park.

Police Officer Robert Crawford arrested a youth who allegedly had tried to hold up the Foodland store at 17 Winthrop St.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Burke have been named the co-chairmen of the Winthrop 1964 Heart Fund campaign.

School officials announced this week that the Winthrop-Revere football rivalry once again will resume on Thanksgiving Day. The schools had severed relations altogether after the 1946 game, but resumed playing football in 1959, though not on Thanksgiving. Winthrop has played Danvers on the holiday and Revere has had a number of opponents, most recently St. Mary's of Lynn.

Police Chief Frank Perrone has announced that the all-night parking ban on the town's streets is now in effect through the spring.

### 70 years ago December 10, 1953

State Senator Andrew P. Quigley has filed a bill that would ban all military and commercial jet aircraft from landing at Logan Airport. Quigley also filed a bill calling for state funding to replace the Belle Isle Bridge. The current structure was built in 1914.

Townpeople were saddened to learn this week

that the four year old girl who was struck by a car in front of her North Avenue home last week has died from her injuries at Children's Medical Center in Boston.

A potential catastrophe was averted at the Cottage Park Yacht Club this weekend when a fire started in the kitchen during the annual club dance that was being attended by 250 persons. Police Officer Robert Crawford, who was among those in attendance, helped to stop the spread of the flames and to prevent frightened party-goers from stampeding for the exits.

The Rev. Jerome Does, C.P. of Winthrop, a Passionist China missionary, has been expelled from Communist China after being held under house arrest for the past four years.

### 80 years ago December 11, 1943

Police are seeking a band of housebreakers who have robbed homes during the early morning hours. Police Chief William Pumphret is warning all housewives to keep their doors locked at all times.

The five-day celebration to mark the 125th anniversary of the First Methodist Church congregation was a great success and attended by residents of all faiths.

### 90 years ago December 16, 1933

The Winthrop Unemployment Committee is going about its business of preparing Christmas baskets for the needy families of our town.

Winthrop State Rep. Daniel Honan was one of just two Democrats to vote against the bill that will allow saloons, now called taverns, to be re-established in the state now that Prohibition has been

repealed. However, the matter will be left up to the voters of each city and town.

Rumors that there is a petition circulating to hold a special referendum on the question of licensing liquor establishments in Winthrop are unfounded. Town Clerk Douglas McLeod said that if such a special election were to be held, it would cost the town \$1000.

### 100 years ago December 13, 1923

Winthrop Board of Selectmen Chairman Harry E. Wright has announced that he will not be a candidate for re-election because his personal business is taking up too much of his time. However, Wright said he will be a candidate for State Representative in the fall.

The high school seniors will present their class play, Grumpy, at the Winthrop Theatre on December 14. Richard Whorf will star in the title role.

There is no sign yet of an influenza epidemic in Winthrop.

### 110 years ago December 13, 1913

Winthrop resident Tracy J. Gover was shot accidentally in a hunting accident in Whitney Point, N.Y., where he and his family were visiting for two weeks.

The town's voters will decide next week at Town Meeting whether to elect the selectmen every three years in staggered terms,

instead of the present arrangement in which all three are elected every year. The chief argument against the proposal is that if a selectman proves to be incompetent, he will remain in office for three years.

During the westerly gale last week, the two-masted schooner Eliza Lavansaler ran aground on Faun Bar. She was loaded with timber and eventually was taken seaward by a tugboat. She was en route from Maine to Scituate.

### 120 years ago December 12, 1903

George F. Willis, the al-

leged bogus gas inspector, was arrested in Jamaica Plain on charges of having stolen a \$125 diamond pin from a Winthrop home where he was pretending to be working.

The Christmas Sale and Supper at the Union Congregational Church was well-attended, considering the storm.

The recent death of an area high school football player on the field has emphasized for many the dangers of playing football in as strong a manner as some play it.

## WINTHROP MARKETPLACE

# ROSEMARY DIJON PRIME RIB

**INGREDIENTS:**

- 1 (5 pound) prime rib roast
- 3 cloves garlic, thinly sliced
- kosher salt to taste
- ½ cup Dijon mustard, or to taste
- 3 sprigs fresh rosemary, leaves stripped, or more to taste

**DIRECTIONS**

**STEP 1:** Preheat an oven to 450 degrees F (230 degrees C).

**STEP 2:** Slice small cuts along the outside edges of the roast; fill cuts with garlic slices. Generously salt the entire roast. Spread a thin layer of Dijon mustard over the entire roast; generously sprinkle mustard layer with rosemary leaves. Place roast, bone side-down, in a baking dish.

**STEP 3:** Bake in the preheated oven for 30 minutes. Reduce oven temperature to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Place a meat thermometer in the thickest part of the meat not touching the bone. Cook to your desired degree of doneness, or an internal temperature of at least 145 degrees F (65 degrees C) for medium, about 1 1/2 hours. Remove from the oven, cover with a doubled sheet of aluminum foil, and allow to rest in a warm area 10 to 15 minutes before slicing.

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Docket No. SU23P0183EA Estate of: Mary Ann Moriarty Date of Death: May 1, 2022 To all persons interested in the above captioned estate by Petition of Petitioner Cathlene A. Pellicelli of Winthrop, MA

Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner. Stephanie L. Everett, Esq. Register of Probate Court 12/07/23 W

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BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC HEARING 12/14/2023: Case 046-2023

Notice is hereby given in accordance with Chapter 40A of the Massachusetts General Laws and Chapter 17 of the Code of the Town of Winthrop that the Winthrop Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on Thursday December 14, 2023, at or after 6:30 p.m. held in the Harvey Hearing Room upon the application of person requesting: John P. Anderson - 17 Walden Street, Winthrop, MA

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Edward J. Bomarsi, Cerisse Bomarsi to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Mortgage Master, Inc., dated December 24, 2014 and recorded in the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 53908, Page 262, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, by assignment from: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Mortgage Master, Inc., its successors and assigns to Ditech Financial LLC, recorded on January 26, 2016, in Book No. 55637, at Page 204

County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, TO WIT: A certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon, situated in said Winthrop, now numbered 24 Governors Drive formerly 24 Cherry Street, being Lot 20 on a plan by Whitman and Breek, dated May, 1884, recorded with Suffolk Deeds at the end of Book 1669, bounded: NORTH-EASTERLY: by said street, fifty-three (53) feet; SOUTHEASTERLY: by lot 19, ninety-two (92) feet; SOUTHWESTERLY: by Lots 18 and 17, fifty-three and 04/100 (53.04) feet; NORTHWESTERLY: by lot 21, ninety (90) feet. Containing 4,823 square feet, be said measurements and contents more or less and all according to said plan.

For mortgagee's(s') title see deed recorded with Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 53908, Page 260. These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Harmon Law Offices, P.C., 150 California St., Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication. Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

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By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by Todd

L Mahoney and Lisa M DeVescovi to Long Beach Mortgage Company, dated June 30, 2006 and recorded with the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds at Book 39927, Page 318, subsequently assigned to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Long Beach Mortgage Loan Trust 2006-7 by JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, as purchaser of the loans and other assets of Washington Mutual Bank, as successor in interest to Long Beach Mortgage Company (the "Savings Bank") from the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, acting as receiver for the Savings Bank and pursuant to its authority under the Federal Deposit Insurance Act, 12 U.S.C. § 1821(d) by assignment recorded in said Suffolk County Registry of Deeds at Book 45265, Page 252 for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at Public Auction at 12:00 PM on December 21, 2023 at 62 Locust Street, Winthrop, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit: A certain parcel of land with the building thereon situated on Locust Street, Winthrop, Suffolk County, Massachusetts, bounded and described as follows: SOUTHERLY by Locust Street, sixty (60) feet; EASTERLY by land now or formerly of Ellen F. Lewis, 128 feet, 6 inches; NORTHERLY by land now or formerly of Estate of George C. Stanley and by land now or formerly of May Lilley, sixty (60) feet; and WESTERLY by land now or formerly of Marie J. Welch, 128 feet, 6 inches. Containing 7,725 square feet of land, by any or all of said measurements and contents, more or less. Being Lot 10 on a plan of land made by Alonzo Lewis dated Sept. 28, 1855 and recorded with Suffolk Registry of Deeds, Book of Plan 4, Plan II. Said premises are now known as and numbered 62 Locust Street. For our title see Deed recorded herewith. The premises are to be sold subject to and

with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, encroachments, building and zoning laws, liens, unpaid taxes, tax titles, water bills, municipal liens and assessments, rights of tenants and parties in possession, and attorney's fees and costs. TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00 CENTS (\$10,000.00) in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or money order will be required to be delivered at or before the time the bid is offered. The successful bidder will be required to execute a Foreclosure Sale Agreement immediately after the close of the bidding. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid within thirty (30) days from the sale date in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or other check satisfactory to Mortgagee's attorney. The Mortgagee reserves the right to bid at the sale, to reject any and all bids, to continue the sale and to amend the terms of the sale by written or oral announcement made before or during the foreclosure sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication. TIME WILL BE OF THE ESSENCE. Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale. Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee, in trust for registered Holders of Long Beach Mortgage Loan Trust 2006-7, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-7 Present Holder of said Mortgage, By Its Attorneys, ORLANS PC PO Box 540540 Waltham, MA 02454 Phone: (781) 790-7800 21-004600 11/30/23, 12/07/23, 12/14/23 W

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Dawna Borozny to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Finance of America Reverse LLC, dated January 6, 2018 and recorded in the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 59056, Page 238, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, by assignment from: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Finance of America Reverse LLC, its successors and assigns to Finance of America Reverse LLC, recorded on November 19, 2021, in Book No. 66699, at Page 263 for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 11:00 AM on December 22, 2023, on the mortgaged premises located at 76 Sunnyside Avenue, Winthrop, Suffolk County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, TO WIT: THE LAND REFERRED TO HEREIN BELOW IS SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF SUFFOLK, STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS IN DEED BOOK 51753, AT PAGE 198, AND IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: AS FOLLOWS: THE LAND WITH THE BUILDINGS LOCATED THEREON, SITUATED AT 76 SUNNYSIDE AVENUE, WINTHROP, SUFFOLK COUNTY, MASSACHUSETTS, DESCRIBED AS A CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND BEING SHOWN AS A LOT CONTAINING THREE THOUSAND, ONE HUNDRED SIXTY (3,160) SQUARE FEET OF LAND ON A PLAN BY WHITMAN & HOWARD, DATED MARCH 1923, RECORDED WITH SUFFOLK DEEDS, BOOK 4452, PAGE 546, BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: WESTERLY: BY SUNNYSIDE AVENUE, FORTY-SEVEN (47) FEET; NORTHERLY: BY LAND NOW OR LATE OF MARY AND ANNIE CORINHA, SEVENTY-THREE AND 6/10 (73.6) FEET;

EASTERLY: BY LAND NOW OR LATE OF MICHAEL CORINHA, THIRTY-NINE (39) FEET; SOUTHERLY: BY PARCEL SHOWN AS CONTAINING TWO THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED EIGHTY (2,880) SQUARE FEET, BEING LAND NOW OR LATE OF JOSEPH T. CORINHA, SEVENTY-THREE AND 9/10 (73.9) FEET. For mortgagee's(s') title see deed recorded with Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 51753, Page 198. These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed. TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Harmon Law Offices, P.C., 150 California St., Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication. Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale. FINANCE OF AMERICA REVERSE LLC Present holder of said mortgage By its Attorneys, HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C. 150 California St. Newton, MA 02458 (617)558-0500

24625 11/22/23, 11/30/23, 12/7/23 W THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC) A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration. WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Date: November 28, 2023 Stephanie L. Everett, Esq. Register of Probate 12/07/23 W

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT Suffolk Division 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 (617) 788-8300 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Docket No. SU23P2565EA Estate of: Federico DeSantis Date of Death: 05/22/2023 To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Daniela aka Daniella DeSantis of Winthrop, MA and Barbara Richardson of Severn, MD requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Daniela Aka Daniella DeSantis of Winthrop, MA and Barbara Richardson of Severn, MD be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration. IMPORTANT NOTICE You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 01/03/2024. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty days (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you. UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER

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# FRESH AND LOCAL Pie for Breakfast

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

“A Yankee is someone who eats pie for breakfast.” That’s an old New England saying popularized by Robert Frost and used as a punchline by E.B. White. That would make many Americans “Yankees” on the day after Thanksgiving. We bet a few of you had a bit of pie with or for breakfast on Thanksgiving weekend.

### History of Pie for Breakfast

Writing for the Library of Congress, Jennifer Harbster noted, “The A-Z of Food and Drink (2002) suggests that the word pie (pye) first appeared in English in the early fourteenth century, and by the middle of the century, it became commonplace. In 1378, Richard II issued an ordinance controlling pie prices in London.” At this time, many pies were encased in a non-edible crust called a coffin, a word that initially just meant casing.

Many people who settled in New England came from Old England, which was then and is now a pie culture. This area of the country has been called the “pie belt.”

### What is a Pie?

Wikipedia says, “A pie is a baked dish which is usually made of a pastry dough casing that contains a filling of various sweet or savoury ingredients.” That definition is broad

enough to allow us to indulge in many pie versions for breakfast, including crostatas, flans, pizzas, calzones, or Jamaican Patties.

Looking at a recent list of the most popular pies in the United Kingdom, we found many pie forms. We agree! Our love for pies goes beyond what most people think of as pie.

Holdovers from earlier times are items like the Cornish Pasty, which today has Protected Designation of Origin (PDO) and Protected Geographical Indication (PGI) status. This handheld pie can only be made in Cornwall, and ingredients are limited to beef, potato, rutabaga, onion, salt, and pepper. Other handheld traditions include pork, meat, and mince pies. And even sausage rolls would make excellent breakfast items.

Open-faced custard pies are also high on the UK favorites list. We haven’t had an open-faced cheese and onion pie, a British comfort food classic. However, we love eggy pies like Quiche Lorraine for breakfast.

Potato-topped pies, popular in the UK and here, include Shepherd and Cottage pies, often made from leftovers. The Brits have taken that one step beyond with their fish pies made from a selection of the best fish they can find at the market, a creamy sauce, and a

blanket of golden mashed potatoes. If there were leftovers from that one, it would be gobbled up for breakfast.

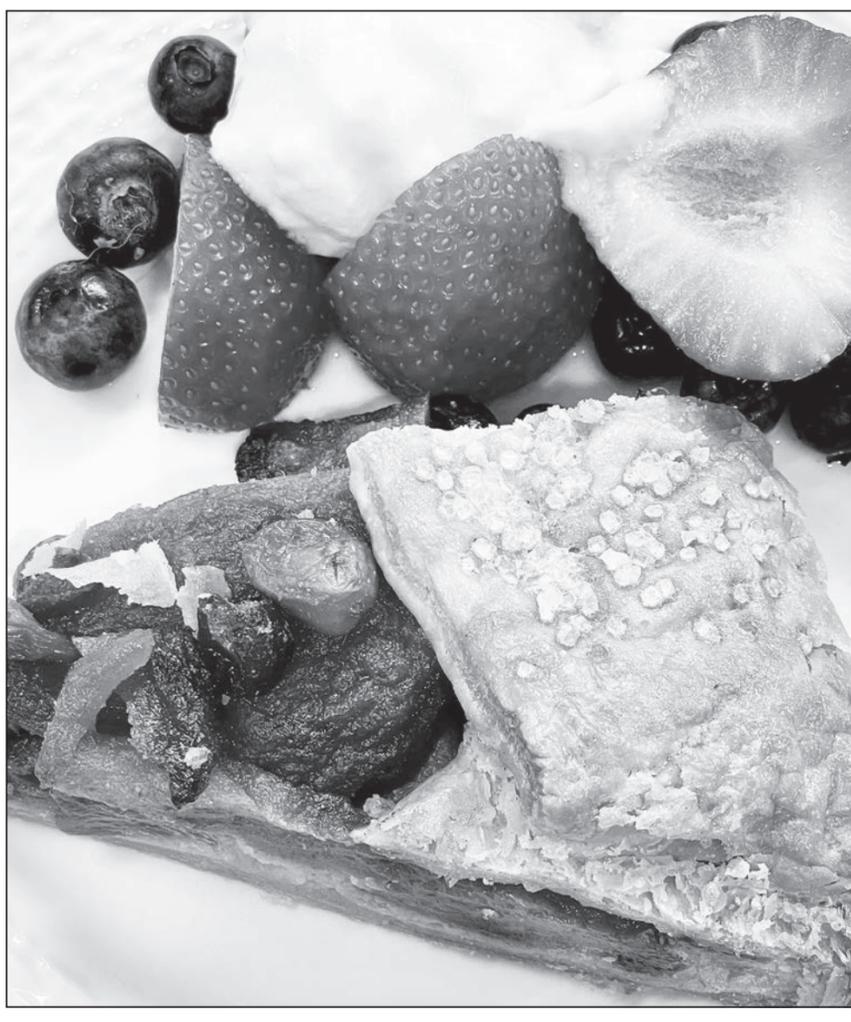
### Our Pie Traditions

Another special occasion when we might have pie for breakfast is the day after our birthdays. When she was a youngster, a neighbor baked a lemon meringue pie for Penny for her birthday every year. In honor of this delightful baker, we often seek out lemon meringue when her birthday arrives.

Last year, Penny presented Ed with a blueberry pie for his birthday instead of a cake. It was such a hit that we’ve added that to our pie traditions.

Penny’s Great Aunt used to add a French Canadian Tourtière to any holiday meal. This tradition has slipped off our menus in the last few years, but now we may make them purely for their breakfast appeal.

The final pie-for-breakfast confession that many of you may have to make is scoffing down a slice of leftover pizza pie on your way out the door the



This was breakfast for one of us the day after Thanksgiving!

morning after a gathering of friends. Come on, admit it. You’ve done it!

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## ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH SNOWFLAKE FAIR



Danielle Norcross, Brittany Mondri, and Jackie McGrail volunteering at the cookie table.



Sandy Joneck-Schiff and Michael Herbert sharing their purchases.

Photos by Marianne Salza

During Saint John's Episcopal Church Snowflake Fair, on December 2, three siblings picked a "World's Best Daddy" mug for their father's Christmas gift; and a volunteer emphasized her favorite ornament on display:

a homemade reindeer painted on a clothes pin. Parishioners shopped for toys, jewelry, and holiday essentials, such as kissing balls and wreathes. Toll House chocolate chips were the most popular cookie, sold out within the first hour of the bazaar.



Danny Dalo and his sister, Patti Nicholson, selling wreathes and origami greeting cards.



Omar, Evelyn, Matthew, and Olivia Bandar.



Kathy Nelson and Father Walter Connelly.



Barbara Marley, Shirley Hines, Jean Barry, JoAnn Troisi, Susan Castella, Kathy Nelson, and Edie Raymond.



Linda Tabbut, Stephanie Pfeiffer, Liz Aguilo, and Beverly Phipps, volunteering at the jewelry and gift basket tables.

## Edwards appointed to the Special Commission on Unaccompanied Homeless Youth

Special to the Transcript

The Office of Senator Edwards is pleased to announce her recent appointment by Senate President Spilka to the Special Commission on Unaccompanied Homeless Youth (UHYC), which has been reconvened under the Healey Administration.

The UHYC, established through Outside Section 208 of the Fiscal Year 2013 (FY13) Budget and reconstituted in 2014, aims to study and make recommendations concerning services for unaccompanied homeless youth. Its goal is to provide a comprehensive and effective response to the

unique needs of this population. The Commission conducts its meetings both virtually and in-person, convening quarterly.

A key initiative of the UHYC is the MA Youth Count, an annual state-wide survey that provides valuable data on young adults experiencing homelessness, helping to shape

effective responses and policies. Additionally, the Commission is supported by the State-wide Youth Advisory Council (YAC), comprising young adults with lived experience of homelessness, who provide insights and guidance on state-level policies and programming.

"The reconvening of the UHYC is a critical step towards addressing the complex issue of youth homelessness in our state," said Senator Lydia Edwards (D-East Boston). "I am honored to join this commission and am committed to working collaboratively to develop and implement effective strategies that will provide essential support to unaccompanied homeless youth. This is not just a matter of policy – it's about ensuring the well-being and future of our young people."

Senator Edwards is eager to collaborate with the Commission, leveraging her experience and insights to help advance the work of preventing and ending youth homelessness in Massachusetts. This issue is a priority for Senator Edwards, who is dedicated to ensuring that all young people have access to the support and

resources they need to not only survive but thrive.

The Commission is dedicated to examining and recommending strategies to improve services for unaccompanied homeless youth in Massachusetts. It plays a critical role in shaping policies and programs that address the needs of this vulnerable

population. For more information regarding the MA Unaccompanied Homeless Youth Commission, please visit: <https://www.mass.gov/orgs/ma-unaccompanied-homeless-youth-commission>



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