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NEWS Brief

RESIDENTS ON HONOR ROLL AT ST. JOHN'S PREP

St. John's Prep recently announced the names of students who earned academic honors for the first quarter of the 2023-2024 school year, which ended on March 24, 2023. Students who qualified for the Headmaster's List earned grades of A- or above in all courses; students who qualified for the Principal's List earned grades of B+ or above in all courses; and students who qualified for the Honor Roll earned grades of B or above in all courses.

The following students were named to the academic honors list for the First Quarter 2023–2024.

WINTHROP Head of School List Luke Griffin '28

BOSTON UNITY SOCCER PARTNERS HOST COMMUNITY EVENT IN PREP FOR NWSL EXPANSION TEAM AND WHITE STADIUM RENOVATION

On Thursday, December 7, the Boston Unity Soccer Partners (BUSP) ownership group hosted nearly 100 fans and community members at the Roundhead Brewing

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WINTHROP IMPROVEMENT AND HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION HOLDS HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE



Dianne Marchese, Skyla D'Amico, Santa Claus, and Sandy Joneck-Schiff shown above during the WIHA Holiday Open House held on Dec. 9.



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James, Madeline, 6-months-old, and Jill Broomfield. See more photos on Page 6.

Early literacy and parent education program earns praise

By Adam Swift

The Winthrop Parents Network has had a big impact on the development of the town's youngest children and their families over the past decade-plus.

At Monday night's School Committee meeting, Winthrop Parents Network coordinator Anita Preble gave an overview of the early literacy and parent education programs the network provides.

"I've been running the program since 2010," said Preble, who is also the school adjustment counselor at the Arthur T. Cummings School. "Prior to that, it was the CPC grant, Communities for Partnership. Then the grant was changed to the CFCE

and grant, which is Coordinated Family and Community Engagement, which is the when I started doing the

roce 2010," said grant."

The CFCE is a grant from the Department of Early Education and Care and is primarily geared for families of children from birth to eight years old.

Through the grant, the

Winthrop Parents Network runs the early literacy program through the playgroups at the E.B. Newton Center.

"Currently, we have

about 55 families that are enrolled that attend weekly," said Preble.

There are four play-

groups in English and one on Friday that is in Spanish.

"We give priority to im-

migrant families or families whose children are not enrolled in any other type of preschool program, although we do have some kids that come who also have other programs," said Preble.

The program runs on the same calendar as the

school year, and there is a six-week summer program that is offered, as well, at the Pond Street Park.

"Up to now, we have provided early literacy and parenting education to over 500 families, if you go back the 12 or 13 years that we have been doing this," said Preble.

In addition to literacy experience, the playgroup programs also offer socialization for the children, and an opportunity

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State, federal leaders cut the ribbon at new Veterans Home in Chelsea community care facility

By Adam Swift

There were big names on hand from the State House and Washington, DC last Friday for a ribbon cutting at the new Massachusetts Veterans Home in Chelsea, but the focus was on the services the new state-of-the-art facility will provide for those who have served and sacrificed for their country.

"The new Veterans Home in Chelsea is what our veterans earned and deserve, and it represents a new era of care and commitment to our veterans in Massachusetts," said Governor Healey. "It offers a sense of community for

our veterans, allows them to have dignity and autonomy in a home-like environment, and makes sure their physical, mental, and emotional needs are met."

Healey was joined at the event by U.S. Secretary of Veterans Affairs Denis McDonough, Senator Elizabeth Warren, and Executive Office of Veterans Services Secretary Jon Santiago.

The officials visited the home and toured the facility, exploring its features and amenities, including the rehabilitation room and environmentally sustainable elements. They

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Be the Light Yoga Studio celebrated their grand opening back in October. Kathleen Coffey owner found the perfect location in Winthrop and began the process of bringing her vision to life. The first person she called was artist Joanna Ciampa and asked her to do a mural for the studio, she knew that Joanna's artistic touch would be the perfect addition to the space. Kathleen transformed the old Twist & Shake location into a unique beautiful healing space to practice in. The studio offers an array of classes, teachers, and workshops. You can visit the website at www.bethelightyogastudio.com to find the classes offered, schedule, and teachers bio's and workshops.

On December 9, Be the Light offered two mini-intimate holiday concerts with vocalist Olivia Gaines and guitarist Nate Corning. Olivia was on season 12 of American Idol and was a 100th finalist. The proceeds went to Mi Amore & The Veterans Food Bank.

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WINTHROP POLICE BLOTTER

The following incident reports are among the calls to which the Winthrop Police Department responded on the listed dates. The log is a public record and available for review. All persons who are arrested or charged with a crime are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

MONDAY, NOV. 20

An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Shirley St. and Veterans Rd. for the civil moving infraction of a number plate violation. The officer issued a citation to the op-

1316: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Winthrop St. for the civil moving infraction of a stop sign violation. The operator also did not have his license in his possession, which is a civil infraction. The officer issued a citation to the operator for both infractions.

1437: officer An stopped a motor vehicle on Shirley St. for the civil moving infraction of a number plate violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator. officer

1724: An stopped a motor vehicle at Veterans Rd. and Washington Ave. for a civil moving infraction. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1955: A report of a dead possum in the middle of Main St. was referred to the DPW.

2330: officer An stopped a motor vehicle at Revere St. and Summit Ave. for the civil moving infraction of a red light violation. The operator also did not have his registration in his possession, which is a civil infraction. The officer issued a citation to the operator for both violations.

2342: officer stopped a motor vehicle at Pleasant and Pauline Sts. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

2358: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Crest Ave. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer issued a citation to the op-

TUESDAY, NOV. 21

0011: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Pleasant St. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

0045: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Veterans Rd. and Almont St. for the civil moving infraction of a stop sign violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

0057: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Veterans Rd. and Washington Ave. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. When the officer determined that the operator did not have an active license, which is a criminal offense, he issued a citation to the operator for both the civil and criminal infractions. The motor vehicle was towed.

1631: An officer directd the operator of a motor vehicle parked illegally in a handicapped spot on Cutler St. to move the vehicle.

1733: A resident came into the station to report that she had been notified that her identifying information had been used by someone trying to file a fraudulent unemployment claim. The officer filed a report.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 22

An stopped a motor vehicle at Bartlett Rd. and Adams St. for the civil moving infraction of a stop sign violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the op-

1024: A resident came into the station to report the unauthorized withdrawal of \$15,000 from his bank account. The of-

ficer filed a report. An officer stopped a motor vehicle at

Pleasant and Main Sts. for the civil moving infraction of a red light violation. The officer issued a cita-

tion to the operator. officer 1314: An stopped a motor vehicle at Pleasant and Main Sts. for the civil moving infraction of a red light violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Pleasant and Main Sts. for the civil moving infraction of a red light violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator, who did not have his license in his possession, for which he also was cited.

1336: An stopped a motor vehicle on Pleasant St. at Bartlett Rd. for the civil moving infraction of speeding (37 in a 25 m.p.h. zone). The officer issued a citation to the operator.

An 1352: officer stopped a motor vehicle on Pleasant St. at Bartlett Rd. for the civil moving infraction of speeding (44 in a 25 m.p.h. zone). The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1405: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Pleasant St. at Bartlett Rd. for the civil moving infraction of speeding (38 in a 25 m.p.h. zone). The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1415: Officer Carter assisted a family with the installation of a child car seat.

1500: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Tafts Ave. for the civil moving infraction of a stop sign violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1514:

stopped a motor vehicle on Tafts Ave. at Maryland Ave. for the civil moving infraction of a stop sign violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

An

officer

1701: An officer directed a person whose vehicle was blocking a driveway to move the vehicle.

2151: An officer ordered a tow for a motor

vehicle on Veterans Rd. at Hadassah Way. The officer filed a report.

2156: An officer issued a parking ticket to a vehicle blocking the sidewalk on Bayview Ave.

2224: An officer directed a group of loud party-goers in a Walden St. residence to turn off their music for the night.

THURSDAY, NOV. 23

1628: An officer issued a parking ticket to a vehicle parked in the No Parking Here to Corner section of Winthrop St.

1701: An officer issued a parking ticket to a vehicle slightly overhanging a driveway on Revere St.

1827: An officer directed the owner of a motor vehicle blocking a driveway on Summit Ave. to move the vehicle.

2309: Officers responded to a two-car motor vehicle accident in the 800 block of Shirley St. They arrested Carlton D. Gilmore, 27, of Lowell, for the criminal offense of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor (2nd offense). Both vehicles were towed.

FRIDAY, NOV. 24

0231: An officer responded to a report of disturbance between neighbors on Golden Drive. The officer spoke to both parties and restored the peace.

1201: An officer responded to a report of a disturbance between neighbors on Governors Drive. The officer spoke to both parties and restored the peace.

1301: An officer responded to a report of a motor vehicle that was broken-down in the middle of Pleasant St. The officer stood by until AAA came by to tow the vehi-

1421: A Pearl Ave. resident reported that his parked motor vehicle had been struck by a hit-andrun operator. The officer filed a report.

1436: An officer responded to a report of a tenant/landlord bance on Ocean Ave. The officer spoke to both parties and restored the peace.

1606: A Pond St. resident came to the station to report an attempted break into her motor vehicle. The officer filed a report.

2005: An officer responded to a report of a disturbance between neighbors at Governors Park. The officer spoke to both parties and restored the peace.

SATURDAY, NOV. 25

1129: Police and Fire Dept. personnel responded to a call from a woman who said that her two year-old child was locked inside her vehicle. The Fire Dept. gained entrance into the vehicle.

1502: The owner of a parked motor vehicle in the 400 block of Shirley St. reported that his vehicle was struck by a hitand-run operator while he was on vacation. There was damage to the driver's side of the vehicle. The officer filed a report.

1640: An officer directed the owner of a motor vehicle slightly overhanging a driveway on Somerset Ave. to move the vehicle.

officer 1724: An stopped a motor vehicle on Winthrop St. for the civil moving infraction of making an improper turn. When the officer discovered that the operator's license had expired in September, which is a criminal offense, the officer issued a citation to the operator for both the civil and criminal violations. The officer stayed on the scene until a licensed operator came to take control of the vehicle.

a minor two-car motor vehicle accident in the 500 block of Shirley St. The parties exchanged papers on their own.

1941: A caller reported

2150: An stopped a motor vehicle—the operator.

on Winthrop St. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

2202: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Washington Ave. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer issued a citation to the operator. 2220: An officer

stopped a motor vehicle on Washington Ave. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer issued a citation to the operator. 2234: An

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

SUNDAY, NOV. 26 0142: An Edgehill Rd.

resident reported that two tires on his motor vehicle had been slashed. The officer filed a report. 0231: A Governors

Drive resident reported that he had left his vehicle running and had gone inside his apartment, but when he returned, the vehicle was gone. The officer filed a report.

1216: Officers responded to a report of neighbors arguing over a parking space at a Highland Ave. address. The officer spoke to all parties and filed a re-

1236: A tow company reported the trespass tow of a motor vehicle from a Washington Ave. address.

1920: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Shore Drive and Neptune Ave. for the civil moving infraction of a stop sign violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1946: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Main St. for the civil moving infraction of failing to stop for a traffic control sign or signal. The officer issued a citation to

Soldier's Home // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

also visited several of the veteran residents living in

the building. The Veterans Home is designed to foster community among residents, with 154 private resident rooms organized around shared community and green spaces. The home is also fossil-fuel free and features geothermal wells and a rooftop solar array.

"Cutting a ribbon on a new community living center really resonates because today's Department of Veterans Affairs traces its very roots to what were essentially community living centers for vets," said McDonough. "The first one was in Maine ... the second one was in Massa-

McDonough said today's community living centers offer a full spectrum of care that includes skilled nursing, rehabilitative services, mental health services and integrate support services like physical therapy and recreational activities and social engagement pro-

grams. "What hasn't changed in that time is the courage, the character, and the dignity of the veterans who call this, and will call this, home," he said.

Santiago said the mission of the new facility is to honor those who have selflessly served the na-

"Although we can't change the past, we can shape the future," said Santiago. "The Veterans Home at Chelsea represents a pivotal juncture in our ongoing mission to honor our veterans through top-tier care and support."

Currently, 22 residents have moved into the new home, and all residents are expected to be fully moved into the new home by early 2024.

"This is a chance to show just how much we care about our veterans," said Warren. "This is not just about words, this is about putting those words into action."

Warren thanked the Healey-Driscoll administration and Santiago for ensuring that the Veterans Home in Chelsea provides first-rate care to all veterans. She also thanked Mc-Donough for coming up to the ribbon cutting to help celebrate the progress that is being made for veterans

in Massachusetts. "A very special thank you to Senator (Sal) Di-Domenico and Representative (Judith) Garcia who are champions for their community every day and helped get the funding so we could do this," said Warren.

The Healey-Driscoll administration utilized federal funding in its Capital Improvement Plan to con-

struct new veterans homes in Chelsea and Holyoke. The federal government is offering up to 65 percent reimbursement for the projects, with the state contributing a 35 percent match, resulting in a total five-year state investment of \$280.1 million. The cost of the Chelsea Home is approximately \$200 million, with a significant portion covered by the federal investment.

Representing the families of the veterans families, Mary Bender spoke about the experience of her family and her brother, who lives at the home.

"My brother Jim, a proud Army veteran, has been a resident here since April of 2022," said Bender. "Jim had a long career as an ATF investigator when he first began having strokes. He soon became disabled."

When her brother was

first accepted into the Chelsea home, Bender said she and her four sisters were on hand to make sure he was well taken

care of.

"When we first got here, this building was standing, but not yet open," she said. "We were not impressed by the (old) building at all, but it did not take us long to realize that Jim had a host of dedicated caregivers. So we would look longingly at this building, waiting for the day when the building would be as wonderful as his staff.

"On Oct. 18, that day arrived, Jim moved into a clean, bright room with breathtaking views and a new TV," said Bender. "As family members, we were also glad to see all the safety features ... but most importantly to us, this place is so welcoming and open."



Governor Maura Healey (center) is flanked by U.S. Senator Elizabeth Warren and Dr. Jon Santiago, the Mass. Secretary of the Executive Office of Veterans' Services, as they cut the ribbon for the new long-term care facility for veterans at the Chelsea Soldiers Home last Friday. Among the other officials on hand for the ceremony were Chelsea City Council President Leo Robinson (far left), State Senator Sal DiDomenico (second from left), Acting Soldiers Home Supt. Robert Engell (third from left), Revere City Councilor Ira Novoselsky (who is to the left of Santiago), and Chelsea State Rep. Judith Garcia (who is to the left of Novoselsky).



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Firefighter Aileen Kane (Left) was among the 30 graduates from 17 fire departments to graduate from the Academy's Career Recruit Firefighter Training Program Class #316. She is pictured with Chief Scott Wiley.



Firefighter Matthew Amabello (Left) was among the 30 graduates from 17 fire departments to graduate from the Academy's Career Recruit Firefighter Training Program Class #316. He is pictured with Chief Scott Wiley. (Photos **Courtesy Winthrop Fire Department)**



Firefighter Jarret Herdt (Left) was among the 30 graduates from 17 fire departments to graduate from the Academy's Career Recruit Firefighter Training Program Class #316. He is pictured with Chief Scott Wiley.

Fire Chief Wiley announces new Winthrop Firefighter graduates

Special to the Transcript

Chief Scott Wiley is pleased to announce that three Winthrop firefighters graduated from the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy (MFA) on Dec.

Firefighters Matthew Amabello, Jarret Herdt and Aileen Kane were among the 30 graduates from 17 fire departments to graduate from the Acad-

emy's Career Recruit Firefighter Training Program Class #316. The graduates completed the 50-day Career Recruit Firefighting Training Program at the Stow campus.

The graduation ceremony was attended by Chief Wiley, other members of the department and the recruits' families and friends.

"On behalf of the entire department, I would like

to recognize Firefighters Matthew Amabello, Jarret Herdt and Aileen Kane on their graduation from the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy Career Recruit Program," said Chief Wiley. "These graduates are now well-prepared to serve the Winthrop community and we look forward to welcoming them to the department."

The program teaches the essentials of fire and non-fire conditions, life safety, search and rescue, ladder operations, water supply, pump operation and fire attack. The graduates are now certified at the level of Firefighter I and II and in hazardous material operation.

"Massachusetts firefighters are on the frontlines protecting their communities every day, and today's graduates are needed now more than ever," said State Fire Marshal Davine. "The hundreds of hours of foundational training they've received will provide them with the physical, mental, and technical skills to perform their jobs effectively and safely."

The other 27 graduates represent the fire departments of #316 represent the fire departments of Amesbury, Bedford, Boxborough, Lawrence, Leominster, Lowell, Middleborough, Nantucket, North Reading, Northborough, Norwell, Peabody, Revere, Sharon, Stoneham, and Sudbury.

At the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy, firefighter recruits learn a wide range of skills in an intensive 10-week program. Certified and more experienced firefighters lead classroom instruction, physical fitness training, firefighter skills training and firefighting practice Students are given training in public fire education, hazardous material incident mitigation, flammable liquids, stress management, confined space rescue techniques and rappelling. Upon successful completion of the Recruit Program, all students have met national standards of National Fire Protection

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for parents to meet one another.

"I've had a lot of parents tell me they are new to town and they didn't know any other adults or parents," said Preble. "This is an opportunity for them to socialize themselves and meet parents of kids of the same age."

In addition to the playgroups, the Winthrop Parents Network also offers monthly family events at the Gorman Fort Banks School. Those nights, which include emoji bingo, a family game night, and yoga, also provide a parenting education piece, said Preble

One of the most popular events, the International Night, is coming up on Jan. 18 and will be held at the Old Middle School

"There is another thing that the program provides, and that is developmental screening for free for any family that is interested," said Preble. "All of our playgroup families participate in this, which is called the Ages and Stages questionnaire. It's for babies up to age 5, and it's a bunch of questions that go through all the different domains to see if a child is on target for their developmental level."

The questionnaire is not a diagnostic test, but if a parent has concerns as a result of the screening, the parents group can provide resources or send them in the direction of early intervention or the school department, depending on the age of the child.

"It is a great way for a parent to see how their child is doing, and for us to notice if there is anything that a child needs help with at an early age," said Preble.

Other initiatives by the group include welcome to Winthrop resource booklets, working with Casa as part of the Youth Mental Health Work Group, and kindergarten transition activities.

"I applaud Anita's push, she is relentless, but the collaboration with everyone else too, and the networking her and her folks do to make sure that this is happening for our kids is just awesome," said Superintendent of Schools Lisa Howard.

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Company as an opportunity to hear their passion, ideas, and feedback for the upcoming Boston NWSL team, which

announced earlier

this year. Attendees were given the opportunity to speak one-on-one with the group, submit their team name ideas for consideration, and snag limited-edition merchandise Hosted at Massachusetts first Latino-owned brewery, the event was filled with sports fans excited for Boston's newest team!

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Group of fans, community members and NWSL Boston supporters gather for a photo at

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OUR Opinions

THANK YOU, GOV. HEALEY, SEN. WARREN, AND SEC. SANTIAGO

We wish to offer a sincere "Thank you" to Governor Maura Healey, U.S. Senator Elizabeth Warren, and Dr. Jon Santiago (Massachusetts' first-ever Secretary of the Executive Office of Veterans' Services) for affirming their commitment to veterans at last week's ribbon-cutting for the new, state-of-the-art residential facility at the Chelsea Soldiers Home.

All three of our state officials -- who were joined by Denis McDonough, the U.S. Veterans Affairs Secretary in the Cabinet of President Joe Biden -- spoke eloquently and movingly about the renewed dedication to the welfare of our state's veterans, who all-too-often have been neglected at the national level and, during the pandemic, were neglected at our state's veterans homes.

Senator Warren spoke emotionally about how her brother, who served 248 combat missions in Vietnam, succumbed to COVID-19, as did so many other veterans, because of the lack of care that they were afforded.

However, last Friday's ribbon-cutting in Chelsea writes a new chapter for veterans in our state. We have no doubt that under the leadership of Governor Healey and Secretary Santiago, and with the support of Senator Warren and Secretary McDonough at the national level, our veterans will be treated with the respect and dignity that they rightly deserve for the sacrifices they have made for our country.

YES, THOSE COLLEGE PRESIDENTS WERE WRONG

We never thought that we would find ourselves agreeing on anything with Elise Stefanik, the obnoxious Congresswoman from New York. But, as the saying goes, "Even a broken clock is right twice a day," and we concur with the call by Stefanik (who appeared to be auditioning for the role of running mate with Donald Trump) for the presidents of Penn (who has resigned), Harvard, and MIT to step down after their widely-publicized testimony last week in Washington.

Stefanik tossed each of them what should have been a softball question:

"Does calling for the genocide of Jews violate your school's rules or code of conduct, yes or no?"

The obvious answer was an unequivocal "Yes!" for the simple reason that calling for the genocide of any group should constitute a violation of their schools' rules of conduct against intimidation or harassment of their

But all three presidents prevaricated, answering with a variation of, "It is a context-dependent decision, congresswoman."

We wish to make two points:

First, there is no stronger advocate of free speech than this newspaper. However, that does not mean that if we received a letter to the editor from say, the Ku Klux Klan, the American Nazi Party, or a similar group, that we would print it on the pages of our newspaper. If someone wants to stand on a soapbox in their town square and give a hate speech, they are free to do so -- good luck with that. Hate speech is protected from government interference per the First Amendment (unless it incites violence), but it does not require private individuals or media organizations to allow the use of their platforms by someone who espouses hate. Similarly, universities have a right -- and an obligation -- to ensure that hate speech does not find an outlet on their

Secondly, universities such as Penn, Harvard, and MIT typically enforce rules against hate speech when it comes to statements against other groups. For example, every one of those schools would never give permission for students to organize a KKK group or allow the KKK to hold a rally on their campus. But there seems to be a double-standard when it comes to Israel and the Jews. If a student group wants to protest Israel's bombing of civilians in Gaza, that's a perfectly-appropriate discussion. On the other hand, demonstrations "caling for the genocide of Jews" (or any other group) never should be allowed under any circumstances.

In the "context" of the current situation in the Middle East, two things can be true at the same time: It is appropriate to acknowledge that Israel has a right to eliminate the threat posed by the Iran-backed Hamas terrorists and also fair to criticize the Israeli government for its seeming indifference to the ongoing humanitarian disaster

facing the people of Gaza.

But when opposition to the policies of the Israeli government veers into obvious anti-Semitism, good people on all sides of the issue must take a stand on behalf of basic moral principles. Those college presidents, who relied on the notes from their attorneys to parse what was a simple and straightforward question, flunked their oral exam. Their subsequent "apologies" have been feckless and meaningless -- and they should step down from their position as the heads of universities where moral leadership is as important as academic credentials.

Forum

LETTER to the Editor

LOOKING AT THE RECENT ELECTION

Dear Editor,

The Town Election on Tuesday, November 7 produced some interesting and surprising results that will have an impact on Town government over the next two years.

First, Max Tassinari is the new power in Winthrop politics given his outstanding vote total in the race for Councilor At Large. He not only beat his opponent, Todd Sacco, by a vote of 2652 to 1368, but he also received more votes than many other candidates running for

re-election. Max Tassinari will be a strong force for

a new way of doing things in Town government. Second, in the race

for Precinct Two Town Councilor, incumbent John Munson received 391 votes to Marc Chapdelaine's 249 and Kurt Millar's 164. Many people involved in Winthrop polities thought that Munson was vulnerable, but Munson received only 22 votes less than the combined totals of his two opponents.

Third, the Fire Station Question was soundly defeated by a vote of 2584 to 1439. From conversations that I had with many people who voted No, they did agree that the Town needs a new Fire Station (or Public Safety Building), but had numerous questions about the location, the site selection process, the dislocation of businesses in the Wadsworth Building, the lack of details about the true costs of the project, and a lack of transparency in general. The new Town Council needs to pursue a new Fire Station in a much more open process and should involve more independent, respected individuals in the community in order to achieve a successful effort in 2024.

Fourth, in the race for Housing Authority, incumbent Frank Ferrara, and former Veterans Services Officer Roseann Trionfi-Mazzuchelli were

elected as expected. Fifth, in the Trustees of Public Library contest Anne Ferrieira was elected as the sole candidate listed on the ballot, and Gary Skomro and Alyson Casey Dewar were elected as

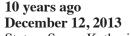
Write-In candidates. Finally, the four Charter Questions relating to Abandonment, Recall Charter Binding, and the Budget were all approved by comfortable margins.

William Schmidt



THE MORE Things Change

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State Sen. Katherine Clark of Melrose will be the new congresswoman representing Winthrop in the United States House of Representatives. Clark, the Democratic nominee, won by a 2-1 margin district wide over Frank J. Addivinola, the Republican nominee, in the special election held in the Fifth Congressional District that encompasses 24 cities and towns. In the Winthrop election, Clark received 672 votes while Addivinola received 644 votes. The turnout in Winthrop was approximately 10 percent. Clark, 50, succeeds Edward J. Markey, who held the seat for 37 years before being elected United States Senator in a special election in June. Winthrop residents Donna Segreti Reilly and Kevin Harris were the co-leaders of the Clark congressional campaign in the town.

Winthrop's School Building Assistance Committee (SBAC) has created several subcommittees to oversee the creation of a new High/Middle School in the town, the first of which met Tuesday night at the Harvey Meeting

Room. Winthrop High The School cheerleading squad, under the direction of head coach Rachel Mustone and assistant coach Stephanie Bono, has made school history by qualifying for the U.S. National competition.

.20 years ago

December 18, 2003 The entire community is mourning the passing of 18 year-old Jeffrey Donahue, who passed away suddenly last Sunday after he became ill Saturday. Doctors at Mass. General Hospital initially said the cause of death was a virulent strain of the flu, but still are awaiting final tests results. Hundreds of people attended Jeffrey's funeral services Saturday. Donahue was a former captain of the Winthrop High golf team and was very popular at the Winthrop Golf Club, where he worked. He was a fresh-

man at Worcester State



John McCann, Student President of the of the Winthrop High School Band (center) is shown with Dom Russo, Presdeinmt of the Band Parents (left) and Harry Harotian, Director of Music

The School Committee sent its clearest message vet about the dire straits of the school budget picture by voting 3-2 to accept School Supt. Thomas Giancristiano's recommendation of a level-funded, million budget for fiscal year 2005. The budget will mean the elimination of all varsity sports and the layoffs of 17 teachers. Members Susan Delehanty and Frank Daloia voted not to accept the budget, with members Pat Milano, Nancy O'Malley, and Janis Larosee in favor.

The selectmen poised to name a new police chief tonight after conducting interviews with the three finalists: Captain David Goldstein of the New Hampshire State Police; Jeff Jaran, police chief of Sandwich, N.H.; and Thomas Komola of the MIT Community Police.

30 years ago

December 23, 1993 The School Committee voted 4-1 to accept the recommendation of the Building Study Committee to move the fifth grade into the middle school to alleviate overcrowding in the elementary schools. School Committeeman John Lyons was the lone dissenting vote, noting that only four per cent of the school districts in the

state place their fifth graders in a middle school. The matter now must go before gle Bell Run with more Town Meeting, which will than 20 runners taking part have to approve a bond to pay for the costs associated with the move.

The Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a Men's Night Out at partic-

ipating local stores. Tom Reilly, the town's representative on MWRA Board of Directors, told the selectmen that construction of the sewage treatment plant on Deer Island is behind schedule. Reilly said that the MWRA had hoped to have the project at the 50% stage by now, but it is only 30% completed.

The Seaside Striders held their third annual Jinin the 5K fun run event.

40 years ago

December 21, 1983 State Rep. Alfred Saggese announced this week the state-funded dredging program to deepen and widen Winthrop

Harbor should begin soon The Winthrop Fire Department will accompany Santa on his annual ride through the town on

Christmas Eve. Local artist Florence Smith is winning acclaim from art associations from

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coast-to-coast for her art works.

50 years ago December 19, 1973

A 21 year-old Hingham man and a 34 year-old Marshfield man have been arrested by Winthrop police for the kidnaping of a local woman after she had stepped off her bus and was walking home. The pair drove the woman around the South Shore for more than five hours, assaulting her along the way, before dropping her back in Winthrop. The Hingham man is a parolee from Concord State Pris-

WBZ-TV reporter Pat Mitchell was the guest speaker at Monday's Rotary Club luncheon.

Robert E. Noonan, a graduate of Northeastern University and Suffolk University Law School, has passed the state bar exam and was sworn in as a member of the bar last week.

Winthrop Community Hospital recently held its capping exercises for 19 young women.

The nursing school at

Miss Donna Edwards of Winthrop has been named to the staff of State Senator Michael LoPresti.

60 years ago December 19, 1963

The State Director of Accounts has blasted the town for irregularities in its tax and budgetary practices. The report states, "It is time the town learns that they have to use sensible budgets and make adequate appropriations." The issue came to the attention of the state when the town sought to transfer \$10,000 from the Excess and Deficiency Account to the Highway and Sewer Department for emergency reasons, but the state

refused to approve it. The Fire Department will escort Santa through the town on his annual visit to Winthrop on Christmas Eve.

70 years ago December 17, 1953

Winthrop heard a presentation about the issue of commercial jet aircraft operating at Logan Airport from the Logan Airport Community Relations Council. Crocker Snow, the chairman of the Mass. Aeronautical Commission, said that jet aircraft are the wave of the future and told the audience that Logan will lose out if jets are not permitted to land at Logan. However, residents of Winthrop and East Boston said that jets should not be allowed to use Logan until they are made much quieter.

Popular Winthrop High teacher and athletic coach Gordon Connor has announced that he will be leaving WHS for a new position at St. Paul's Rehabilitation Center in Boston effective February 1.

Winthrop police this weekend issued 260 court summonses to local motorists who had parked their car on the street in violation of the winter parking ban regulations.

The MDC is expected to begin work soon on the stone jetties on Winthrop Shore Drive. The MDC already has begun construction of the concave face for the seawall opposite Myrtle Ave.

The annual ball of Winthrop Community Hospital netted \$7200, according to Chairman Fred Baumeister.

Impressive ceremonies were held at St. John's Episcopal Church for the ordination of the Rev. John C. Harper. He is the son of the Rev. Ralph Harper, the long-time pastor of St. John's.

80 years ago **December 18, 1943**

Work is expected to begin after the New Year to repair the Belle Isle Bridge. One lane of the bridge, which was built in 1914, will be kept open while crews work on the other side.

Ham's popular store at the Beach has been taken over by Mrs. James Aitken of 477 Shirley St. The store will continue to offer a selection of Ham's ice cream and candies.

A Christmas pageant will be held at St. John's Episcopal Church.

90 years ago **December 23, 1933**

The community carolers will perform on the steps of the Methodist Episcopal Church on Christmas Eve starting at 10:30 under the direction of Eugene Whittier.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bennison, 170 Winthrop Street, will serve as the unofficial home for Santa Claus on Christmas Eve. The Bennisons once again have covered their home and grounds in Christmas decorations and lights to create a blaze of glory.

Registration for unemployed men and women as part of the National Recovery Act is ongoing at Town Hall. Thus far, 759 jobless people have signed up, of whom 289 have received jobs.

100 years ago December 29, 1923

The Winthrop Elks once again are treating the children of the town to Christmas parties at the Winthrop and Dream Theatres at which Santa will appear and all of the children will enjoy bags of candy, toys,a Christmas tree, and everything else on Christmas morning.

The Winthrop Beach Improvement Association held its annual election of officers at the New Winthrop Hotel. Attorney Frank Freundlick elected President.

The WHS senior class presented the annual high school play before a sellout crowd at Winthrop Theatre. Richard Whorf portrayed the title role in the production of Grumpy.

should have received their



Members of the Ferrara Family of Winthrop celebrated their parents' anniversary in the late 1970's.

1924 maroon and white license plates by now.

110 years ago **December 20, 1913**

Town Meeting was held Thursday evening in the former high school hall with 75 voters present. It was decided to leave the present system of electing three selectmen every year in place, thus rejecting the proposal that one selectman be elected every three years in staggered terms.

Town Meeting members approved payment of \$875 for a court-ordered judgment in a pauper suit that was brought against the town by the town of Athol, which is supporting a former local resident.

Townspeople mourning the passing this past week of Frederick Belcher, who at the age of 85 was one of the town's oldest inhabitants. Belcher was born when Winthrop was known as North Chelsea. He was one of nine children, all of whom lived to a good old age. He was a marketer of only the finest garden products and was quite successful

in that business. He took part in the Peace Jubilee on Boston Common many years ago and, so far as is known, was one of the last to participate in that event.

120 years ago December 19, 1903

Three men blew up the safe at the Metropolitan Coal Company, whose offices are located on Saratoga Street at the Winthrop end near the Belle Isle Bridge, at 1:00 a.m. Sunday and made off with \$200 in cash. The watchman was knocked uncon-

scious by the burglars, but woke up in time to call police. The thieves then were chased by East Boston police, who shot one of the suspects. His body eventually was found by Winthrop police in the marshes with a bullet in his forehead. The burglars themselves fired a fusillade of shots at the pursuing police officers, but none hit their mark. There currently is one of the largest manhunts in recent history in this area for the

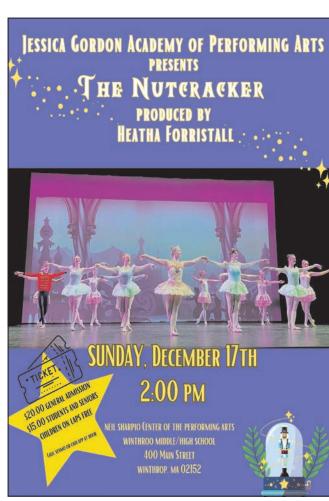
other two suspects.



Members of the WHS Class of 2024 collected funds to purchase pies over the Thanksgiving week to donate to veterans and to MI Amore. This event was in conjunction with Spinelli's, encouraging the Winthrop residents to purchase their holiday pies for themselves and one to donate to the veterans. Winthrop's VSO Phil Ronan and veteran Jim Guilfoyle are shown with 2024 Class members with the pie donations.



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WINTHROP IMPROVEMENT AND HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

Photos by Marianne Salza

Winthrop Improvement and Historical Association (WIHA) held its Holiday Open House on December 9, with Santa prominently greeting guests as they entered the Deane Winthrop House barn, eager to listen to little ones' wishes. Attendees purchased hand-

crafted jewelry, greeting cards, crocheted stockings, and wreathes; and took chances on raffles and gift baskets. After perusing the artist and vendor displays, friends and family sat around tables, enjoying hot apple cider, grilled cheese sandwiches, and tomato soup.



David Barnas and Mike Sullivan, raffle basket volunteers.



Lucy and Liz Bryant, Julia Wallerce, holding a driftwood painting by Dawn Mahoney, Maya Wallerce, and Abigail Bonney.



Kitchen volunteers, Jeremy Faircloth, Michelina Brown, and Lawrence Bailey.



Dylan Sykes, Caroline Stella, photographer, and Florence



Jolie Collins, 5, sitting on Santa's lap.



Santa Claus with Mary Ciampolillo, Judy Dion, Sean Donahue, Carole and Michelina Brown, and Ruth Housman.



Sandy Joneck-Schiff and Joanne Hillman.



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WHS SPORTS ROUNDUP

WHS BOYS **HOCKEY OPENS WITH** THRILLING WIN

Junior Phil Boncore scored his second goal of the game with just under three minutes left to play to break a 1-1 deadlock and give the Winthrop High boys hockey team a thrilling 2-1 victory over non-league rival Shawsheen Tech in the 2024 season-opener before a boisterous and delighted crowd in a playoff-type atmosphere at Larsen Rink Saturday afternoon.

After a scoreless first period in which both teams had plenty of chances, Boncore earned the honor of lighting the lamp for the first Viking goal of the season in the middle stanza, assisted by senior captains Petey Silverman and Billy Hayes.

However, the visiting Rams refused to quit and deadlocked matters with a goal late in the period. The contest at that point appeared headed for overtime, but Boncore, assisted by Silverman, reached the back of the Shawsheen net in the final minutes.

Viking junior goalie Mike Donahue faced 28 shots and made some key saves throughout the game and came up especially in

the decisive third period. Coach Dale Dunbar and his crew were scheduled to play non-league foe Triton

last night (Wednesday) and will host Danvers, a perennial Northeastern Conference archrival, this Saturday at Larsen at 3:00.

WHS GIRLS **HOCKEY POSTS** 6-0 VICTORY IN **SEASON-OPENER**

The Winthrop High girls hockey team opened its 2024 season in impressive fashion with a 6-0 victory over Northeast Hockey League (NHL) foe Shawsheen Tech Saturday afternoon at Larsen Rink.

"It was a great opening game for us," said WHS head coach Anthony "Butch" Martucci.

Senior captain Sami Di-Mento led the way with two goals and an assist. Sami played on the first line with fellow senior captain Hannah Parker, who finished with two assists, and Izzy Cash, who also earned two assists.

The Lady Vikings' second line also played well, with Talia Martucci potting a goal and an assist and linemates Reese Ferrara and Gabby Buonapane both grabbing an assist.

"Our third line also was great in this one, giving us buildable shift after buildable shift," said Martucci. "Chloe Couture, Angela Coscia, Amelia Serino, and Tori Bates all chipped

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NO TRESPASSING: Zoey Bogusz (10) and Reese Brodin (4) block the way of Cambridge guard Sina Abraham.



BACK OFF: Hailey Forsyth (15) pulls a rebound away from a Cambridge forward. See more photos on Page 8.



COLLISION COURSE: Reese Brodin (4) avoids a collision with Cambridge forward Sina Abraham (12).

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in on what we like to call our 'grind line.'

"What was huge for us was our defense," Martucci continued. "We are lucky enough to have seven players back from last year on the back end. We will rely on them heavily this season, led by senior captain Adrianna Rizzotto, who had a goal.

"Our defense also features Amelia Spencer, who had a goal, Tegan Periera, who had a goal, Avalina Coffey, Izi Hain, Francesca Indrisano, and Mia Currier who is out with an injury," Martucci added.

"The position that we are very excited about is in goal, as Riley Towse returns after a stellar rookie campaign," said Martucci. "Her shutout now gives her six for her career and this win is her 22nd as only a sophomore. 'Sway' gives us a chance to win every game. She makes great stops when we need them. She faced 18 shots and stopped them all. You can't ask for more than that

"This team brings a lot of different things to the table," Martucci said. "They have speed, grit, power, and work ethic. In everything that they do, they bring a blue-collar mentality. That starts at the top with the three senior captains who are our heart-and-soul leaders. This was their last/first game, and we wanted to win this game for them."

Martucci and his crew will be back on the ice this Saturday for a 1:00 face-off when they host NHL rival Newburyport. They will trek to Salem State College next Wednesday evening to take on NHL archrival Marblehead at 6:00.

WHS GIRLS BASKETBALL OPENS WITH 52-42 WIN

The Winthrop High girls basketball team opened its season with an impressive 52-42 victory at non-league opponent Cambridge Rindge and Latin last Friday.

"We were able to win a tight battle against a good Cambridge team," said WHS head coach Anthony Hatzisavas. "It was an awesome first test."

The contest was a backand-forth battle all the way. Winthrop led 12-11 after one period and moved out to a 27-19 advantage at the half. However, the Lady Vikings never were able to pull away, as every time Winthrop got its lead to eight, the plucky Lady Falcons made little runs time and time again to cut the margin back to four or five points.

"At the end of the day, basketball is a game of runs and I thought we did a great job stopping their run before it got too long," said Hatzisavas. "That was something we talked about that we needed to work on from last season."

Reese Brodin stepped up in the decisive fourth period, scoring seven of her 13 points in the final eight-minutes. Reese turned in a solid all-around performance, pulling down seven rebounds, making two steals, and accounting for 10 deflections. Teammate Kaylee Farrel also had a superb all-around effort, reaching a double-double with 10 points and 11 boards, while also dishing out three assists and making three steals.

"Grace Fleuriel and Angela Tshowa did a great job protecting the paint," said Hatzisavas. "Bailey Ferguson and Zoey Bogusz also did a great job controlling the game at the guard positions. This was Bailey's first start and as a sophomore, I thought she did a tremendous job.

"Sophia Lindindger came off the bench and really sparked us in the first half," added the coach. "Sophia had eight points, including two big three-pointers to extend our lead a little bit.

"I couldn't have asked for a better first test and I love how we responded through the game," Hatzisavas concluded.

The Lady Vikings engaged in another non-league test this past Tuesday at Hamilton-Wenham. They will travel to Northeastern Conference rival Saugus next Monday and will trek to non-league opponent Fontbonne Academy next Tuesday.

WHS BOYS BASKETBALL TOPS IPSWICH, 55-51

The Winthrop High boys basketball team giftwrapped an early Christmas present for their new head coach, Quinton Dale II, with a 55-51 victory Monday evening at Ipswich, marking the first triumph of the former WHS star's head-coaching ca-

Over the weekend, the Vikings played in the Zack Markowitz Memorial Tournament at Salem Academy Charter School and came up short in both contests, falling to Bishop Fenwick, 72-52, in the tourney opener and to Danvers, 62-39, in the consolation game.

"Turnovers and missed layups killed us in both games," noted Dale. Viking Andrew Faretra was named to the tournament all-star team.

The Vikings were scheduled to play at Arlington Catholic yesterday (Wednesday) and will entertain Fenway High School next Thursday (December 21) at 7:00.



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SCENES FROM WINTHROP GIRLS BASKETBALL VS. CAMBRIDGE RINGE AND LATIN SCHOOL

Photos by Bob Marra

Winthrop started off their season with an impressive 51-42 win over Cambridge Rindge and Latin School at Winthrop High School Friday night.



FINDING HER WAY: Kaylee Farrell (23) gets around the defensive block of Cambridge's Mia Benzan.



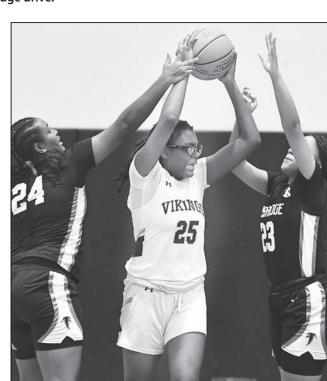
TAKING THE ROUGH ROAD: Reese Brodin (4) fights her way through a pair of Cambridge defenders.



MY HOUSE: Winthrop's Angela Tshowa (25) rejects a Cambridge drive.



THINK AGAIN: Winthrop center Grace Fleuriel (44) has Cambridge forward Emma Kass considering a different



IT'S MINE: Winthrop center Angela Tshowa (25) keeps a rebound away from Cambridge forwards Patricia Merritt (23) and Sophia Young (24).



PLAYING KEEP-AWAY: Winthrop's Sophia Lindinger (2) protects the ball from the defensive effort of a Cambridge defender.

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FOCUS: Bailey Ferguson (3) is in full stride as she dribbles past Cambridge's Jahnae Williams.



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NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

COUNCIL KEEPING EYES ON CASINO

CHELSEA - Plans for a new 25,000-seat soccer stadium in Everett across from the Encore Casino look to be on hold for the immediate future, but Chelsea officials want to make sure the city has a seat at the table if any future plans do move for-

The state Senate had advanced the proposal by inserting special language in a supplemental budget bill that would have detached 43 acres for the stadium and a waterfront park from the city's Designated Port Area. But leadership in the House did not include the special language necessary for the proposal in its version of the spending bill.

Still, several Chelsea City Councilors want to make sure the city stays in the loop about future development in its neighboring community.

Council President Leo Robinson introduced a motion asking that the council request a meeting with its state legislative delegation regarding the proposed soccer stadium at Encore and what potential benefits it would bring to Chelsea.

The motion was referred to the council's subcommittee on government regulations.

"This one goes to something I have been talking about for awhile among people in the community about how the building of the soccer stadium in Everett is going to negatively affect Chelsea," said Precinct 1 Councilor Todd Taylor.

Taylor noted that Everett got a sweetheart deal in getting their industrial zones changed to residential, giving it the ability to recoup millions of dollars of tax revenue.

"It is very important, there are a lot of things that Chelsea is footing the bill for that we are not being properly compensated by the state," said Taylor, "It is incumbent on our delegation to also represent those needs to the General Court so that Chelsea can get the financial aid that it needs and we don't always have to foot the bill for things that we really can't afford while other wealthier communities are getting

off scott-free." Robinson added that while the soccer stadium appears to be off the table at the current time, the city still needs to be on the table for whatever happens on the casino property that

could impact Chelsea. "We need to be paying attention to what is going on over there," he said.

EVERETT STADIUM FAILS TO **PROGRESS**

EVERETT - The plans for a new professional soccer stadium being built across Route 99 from Encore Boston Harbor are on hold for the immediate future.

The state Senate had advanced the proposal by inserting special language in a supplemental budget bill that would have detached the 43 acres for the stadium and waterfront park from the Designated Port Area (DPA). However, leadership in the House of Representatives did not include the special language necessary for the proposal

in its version of the spending bill. And just like that, Everett's hopes for a stateof-the-art 25,000-seat professional soccer stadium (that was to be the likely home of Bob Kraft's New England Revolution franchise) are dashed.

Sen. Sal DiDomenico, who has championed the stadium proposal in the Senate, expressed his disappointment with the decision by the House of Representatives.

"I'm disappointed this language wasn't included in the final bill," said DiDomenico. "We have worked so hard on this issue because as an environmental justice community we deserve something better than a polluted power plant on our waterfront. This is a transformational project and an economic catalyst for our area. I want to thank President Spilka and Chair Rodrigues for including it in the Senate version and I am hopeful that we can find a resolution in the very near future." Mayor Carlo DeMaria,

whose vision resulted in the five-star Encore Boston Hotel locating in Everett and bringing thousands of jobs to area residents, issued a statement, saying he was not pleased with the roadblocking of the stadium project. "I continue to main-

tain the position that a privately-funded professional soccer stadium, which would invest millions into an historic remediation effort of a defunct power plant, provide economic mobility opportunities for our Everett residents, advance the region's multi-modal transit network, and create much-needed access to the Mystic River would be the best use of that portion of Everett's waterfront," said DeMaria. "As the leader of an Environmental Justice community, plagued for decades by the detrimental health impacts created by giant industrial polluters, I am disappointed that the legislation has not advanced. I am going to continue to advocate to State leaders that a lower income, minority-majority community like Everett deserves the chance to explore such a transformational economic development opportunity.

"While I have stated this before, I feel the need to reiterate: the removal of the parcel from the DPA, which was the focus of the legislative amendment, would not approve a stadium project on the site. It would simply allow a proposal to be put forward locally, at which point a robust public engagement process would commence," concluded DeMaria.

HVNA HEARS ABOUT PROJECT

EAST BOSTON - The Harbor View Neighborhood Association (HVNA) held its monthly meeting in which it heard the second presentations for two projects, one on Wordsworth Street and the other on Bennington Street, and subsequently voted on each, supporting the former and opposing the latter.

The project at 531 Bennington Street, presented by Attorney Richard Lynds, entails demolishing an existing three-unit dwelling on the site and replacing it with a fiveunit multi-family residential building standing four stories tall.

According to Lynds, the

CITY OF REVERE HOLDS TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY



Shown above, Ana Rodriguez, Jordy Santos, and Matthew enjoying their time during the Tree Lighting hosted by the City of Revere and Revere Parks and Recreation.

Shown to the right, Ever After Storybrook Entertainment elves, Carter Pierre, as Candy, Elizabeth Forbes, as Jingles, and Dani Haskett, as Maple.

structurally sound condition. He actually referred to the existing structure as Bennington Street's Leaning Tower of Pisa.

At last month's meeting — when this proposal was initially presented - Lynds read from an engineer report that concluded it would be safer to demolish the building and rebuild on its current footprint. He referred to this re-

port again on Monday, underscoring the need for the existing building, which leans, to be demolished. "I don't think there's

really any dispute that taking this building down probably makes the most sense," said Lynds.

Additionally, Lynds explained that the project was designed to align with zoning recommendations from the Boston Planning and Development Agency's (BPDA) neighborhood planning initiative, PLAN: East Boston.

"The larger metrics of height, lot coverage, and permeable surface are all met for this proposal," said Lynds, referring to proposed zoning recommendations.

It should also be noted that with this project, the footprint of the building is not proposed to be changed.

Further, during the presentation, an updated rendering of the proposed building was shown to respond to feedback given at last month's meeting.

When the presentation was open for discussion, an abutter had several questions about rodent control measures and the

impact of demolition. "I'm going to be very honest because I can see what goes on in the back on a constant basis. The structure as it stands right now has a multitude of mice and rats," said the abutter.

"I'm also concerned about how you're going to tear this down. Are my walls going to crack? Is my roof going to be affected," they later added.

Regarding the rodent concern, Lynds explained that rodent control measures must be in place before a building permit is issued. A member of the presenting group also communicated that baiting has already occurred at the Lynds also spoke about

the city inspectors relating to rodent control and said, "If they determine that the issue is broader than what's typically encountered for demolition, they will require further steps that will be taken before any demolition can commence."

Concerning the demoliexisting building is not in

tion, Lynds described it as "relatively simple," citing that the structure does not attach to anything on either side. He also indicated that existing site condition surveys would be completed.

Other topics covered during the discussion included parking, stormwater management, the design, and more. In the end, a majority of

HVNA members were not supportive of the project, as a vote of 16 to 10 opposed it. While the project on

Bennington Street was opposed, the proposal at 41 Wordsworth Street received unanimous support from the HVNA in a vote of 23 to 0.

The project on Wordsworth Street, which Attorney Jeff Drago presented, proposes to add a roof deck and egress stairs to an existing three-unit building.

Drago explained that there is one pre-existing zoning violation for the sideyard and another violation for roof structure restriction due to the proposed roof deck.

Moreover, he explained that the roof deck is set more in the middle of the building, and its access is exclusive to the top floor

During the presentation, Drago called the proposal "straightforward" and went through floor plans for the building, which is undergoing renovations.

Finally, he showed some photographs of the ongoing renovations to close out the presentation. In the end, there were no questions from those in attendance regarding the project, and as mentioned, it had overwhelming support. The HVNA is scheduled to meet again on January 8.

CITY COUNCIL **UPDATED ON NEW** HIGH SCHOOL **BUILDING PROJECT**

REVERE - The estimated costs of the options for building a new high school on the current site range from \$550 million to \$557 million. However, due to a re-

vised funding formula from the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA), the city could see a higher reimbursement rate for this project as opposed to the one that was proposed for the Wonderland site.

Also coming into play for the cost and schedule of the project are the replacement of a large culvert system that runs through the high school property, and the need to provide temporary parking at Ambrose Field for the duration of the construction.

Brian Dakin, the senior project manager from Leftfield, was before the City Council on Monday night to update it on those and other aspects of the high school building proj-

After the council voted not to go forward with a new high school project at Wonderland early this year, the School Building Committee and Leftfield, the owner's project manager, regrouped to look at building on the current high school site.

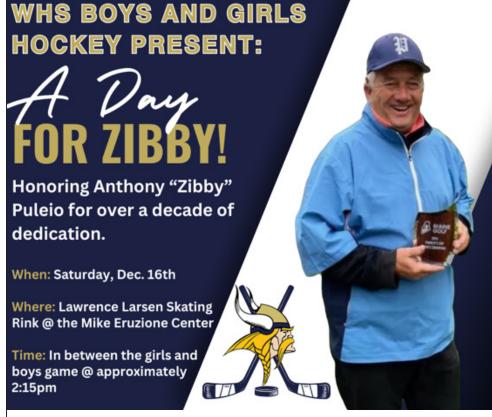
Dakin said the project is currently in the preferred schematic report phase, with the goal of submitting a preferred option to the MSBA by Feb. 28 of next year. The three new options under consideration are for four-, fiveand six-story school buildings on the current high school site. The projects would require building on Erricola Park fields at the high school site, and then rebuilding the fields when the project is completed.

Dakin said the costs and schedules he presented to the council Monday night are dependent on the city project to replace the large culvert system that runs through the high school property.

If the high school construction and city culvert projects line up, Dakin said the three building options on the table would essentially have the same schedule, with the new school ready for occupancy by August of 2028 and the fields replaced by the summer of 2029.

"One of the challenges we have worked on last month, this month, and will be working on into next month is a topic we've talked about before, the culvert," said Dakin. "There is a big assumption baked into all these schedules that that process and project can get far enough along that whatever needs to happen underground between School Street and the American Legion Highway is designed and ready to be implemented in 2025 and 2026. That right now is not a sure thing."

Another variable is the need for parking at Ambrose Field. Dakin said the temporary parking at the field could accommodate either the construction parking, or the displaced teacher and student parking, and that there still is work to do to accommodate all parking needs



Zibby has been working at the rink and the Zamboni driver, cleaning the ice for over a decade. He's become a mentor to the boys and girls that have skated in the past and that are presently skating now. He's also has become a good friend to the parents.

Winthrop Senior **Center News**

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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 18

9:00am-3:00pm: Computer Usage

10:00am-11:00am: Yoga with Kathleen (\$5)

10:00am-11:30am: Representative Turco Office Hour

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 19

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

Wednesday, December 20

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

10:00am-12:00pm: Bereavement and Caregiver Sup-10:00am-12:00pm: Low Vision Support Group

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)

1:15pm-2:45pm: Italian Class

Thursday, December 21

9:00am-3:00pm: Computer Usage

9:30am-10:30am: Exercise Class

10:30am-11:30am: Coffee & Conversation 12:00pm-12:30pm: Dine In/Grab and Go Lunch Pick

12:45pm-3:00pm: Bingo

Friday, December 22

9:00am-12:00pm: Computer Usage 10:00am-12:00pm: Ceramics

10:00am-11:00pm: Line Dancing

11:00am- Grab and Gol 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.

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OBITUARIES

Pasquale Freda

A devoted family man and a pillar of strength who faced life's challenges head on

Pasquale Freda passed away peacefully, surrounded by his loving family on December 10, 2023 at the age of 82.

Born on January 6,

1941 in Melito Irpina, Avellino, Italy, he was the son of Francesco and Addolorata (Luisi) Freda. Pasquale is survived by his loving wife, Fiorentina "Tina" (D'Elia), with whom he shared a remarkable journey of 54 years in marriage. Pasquale's legacy is carried on by his children: Dorina Shea and her husband, John, Rosemarie Hinchion and her husband, Keith and Frank Freda and his wife, Gina, all of Winthrop. He was a caring brother to Giuseppe Freda of Avellino, Italy, and the late Maria Grazia. Pasquale's role as a grandfather was cherished and he leaves behind a lasting impact on his grandchildren: Ariana, Alissa, Gabriella, Stephen, Nicholas, Sofia, and Amelia. His warmth and love extended to numerous nieces and nephews.

Leaving Italy at the age of 18, Pasquale embarked on a journey across Europe, working in various countries. In 1969, he made America his new home and, that same year, he married the love of his life, Tina.

Pasquale was a devoted family man, finding immense joy in the company of his children and grandchildren. His strong work ethic was evident in every aspect of his life. Active in the community, Pasquale was a familiar face at Sacred Heart Parish in East Boston and Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Boston. He was a devout disciple of Padre Pio, exemplifying faith and spirituality through-

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out his life. Pasquale had a deep appreciation for diverse cultures, finding joy in watching anything with foreign languages. His love for archaeology and ancient history was evident, reflecting a curious and inquisitive mind.

Pasquale enjoyed the simple pleasures of life, such as reading, biking and walking. He had a passion for making and enjoying his red wine. A skilled gardener, he took pride in cultivating his garden and cherished his lemon tree, whether it graced the indoors or stood outdoors, depending on the weather. Known for his resil-

ience, Pasquale faced life's challenges head-on, much like a bull. He was a pillar of strength. His determination and dedication to his family will be remembered by all who had the privilege of knowing him. Pasquale Freda's memory will forever live on in the hearts of those who loved him. May he rest in peace, surrounded by the love and warmth he shared with family and friends throughout his rich and fulfilling life.

Family and friends will honor Pasquale's life by gathering at the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home, 971 Saratoga Street, (Orient Heights) East Boston, on Saturday, December 16th from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. before leaving in procession to Sacred Heart Parish, East Boston, for a Funeral Mass celebrating his life at 11 a.m. Services will conclude with Pasquale being laid to rest at Winthrop Cemetery, Belle Isle Section, Kennedy Drive, Winthrop. Flowers are appreciated or memorial donations may be made in Pasquale's name to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 42040, Oklahoma City OK 73123.

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while construction is ongoing.

The city will also have to determine if it wants to build a new school administration building on the property as part of the proposed project, or build it off site as part of a future project. On the positive side,

Dakin said the change in the MSBA formula means Revere will likely see a higher percentage of reimbursement for the project from the state. That real reimbursement rate for the project could jump from the high 30 percent range expected for the Wonderland project to the high 40 percent range.

"These ... result in a much better grant than we were seeing at any other part of this process," said Dakin.

The total estimated costs for the project range from \$550.2 million for the proposed four-story building to \$557 for a six-story building. With the expected reimbursement from the MSBA, Dakin said the cost to Revere for the project would range from \$310 million to \$317 million.

"We can't stand by these schedules and budgets, we really need to understand when that (culvert) project is going to be ready to go," said Dakin. "We do have designs for the options, we have schedules, we have budgets, and we are hoping that in advance of the Feb. 28 deadline that we will arrive at a new preferred option and proceed into a schematic design that will run through next July and August."

At that point, the design team would then present final schematic design costs and there would need to be a vote to authorize the borrowing of funds for the project. Councillor-at-Large

Marc Silvestri, who supported the proposal to build at Wonderland, noted that the costs for the project continue to escalate, and now the city is looking to take another park offline with the need for temporary parking at the Ambrose fields.

"I think we opened up a can and this is looking disastrous," said Silvestri.

Ward 3 Councillor Anthony Cogliandro said he wanted to address "the elephant in the room," which is the discussion around the city about a possible push to move the project back to the Wonderland property. "There's going to be a

new council, and I can't

speak for anybody, but if

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that ever did happen, my number one most important question is will the MSBA have our back if that happens?" Cogliandro asked. Dakin said he couldn't speak for the MSBA, but expected that it would support the city, since it

has been understanding and accommodating about the challenges Revere faces as an urban school district with a minimum of space for building. Councillor-at-Large Anthony Zambuto, a

staunch opponent building on the Wonderland site, said he wanted to remind everyone that building on Wonderland could potentially take as much as \$1.2 billion off the city's tax rolls over the coming 50 years. "Over my dead body

it goes back to Wonderland," said Zambuto. "I think the taxpayers spoke very strongly about this in the last election."

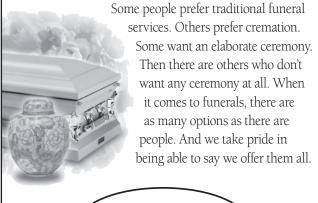
Silvestri questioned the \$1.2 billion in revenue Zambuto has said the Wonderland site would bring in for the city, calling it an outlandish num-

"The 875 apartments that were just approved in Lynn are going to bring in \$125 million over the course of 30 years," said Silvestri. "So tell me how are we getting to \$1.2 billion? How many apartments is that going to be?"

Zambuto said his assumption was based on the amount of money the Suffolk Downs development is expected to bring into the city.

"I guarantee it's worth at least half as much as the Suffolk Downs property, said Zambuto. \$23.5 million a year in revenue times 50 years for the life of a high school is \$1.2 billion."

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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

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