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NEWS Brief

WINTER PLAY DAYS WITH PROJECT PLAY START THIS SATURDAY!

This Saturday 1/6 will be the first in a new series of bi-weekly indoor play days hosted through a new partnership between Project Play and Harbor City Church. Every other Saturday from 10:00-12:00 pm, from January to March, young children ages 0-5 and their caregivers can come to the Harbor City Church space upstairs in the Wadsworth Building (214 Winthrop Street) for free, indoor play on Project Play’s signature pop-up play equipment of mats, climbers, walkers, ride ons and musical instruments. There will also be free children’s musical entertainment and programs, starting with a Jeff Jam sign-along at 10:30 this Saturday!

These play days are free and open to all, however donations to Project Play and Harbor City Foster Closet are kindly encouraged, including specif-

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The newly elected town officials join Town Manager Tony Marino (standing, far left) and Town Clerk Denise Quist (seated, far left) on the stage at the Neil Shapiro Performing Arts Center at Winthrop High School at the town’s swearing-in ceremony.

Newly elected officials sworn into office

By Cary Shuman

The Town of Winthrop conducted its swearing-in ceremony for its newly elected officials Tuesday night in the Neil Shapiro Center for the Performing Arts at Winthrop High School.

Town Clerk Denise Quist administered the oaths of office individually to Town Council President James Let-

terrie, Councilor-at-Large Max Tassinari, Precinct 2 Councilor John Munson, Precinct 4 Councilor Suzanne Swope, Precinct 6 Councilor John DaRos, School Committee Members Layne Petrie and Zachary Purinton (Member Gus Martucci received his oath earlier) Winthrop Housing Commissioners Frank Ferrara and Roseann Trionfi Mazzuchelli, and Library Trustees Anne

Ferreira, Gary Skomro, and Alyson Casey Dewar.

Marino, Turco offer congratulations to officials

Town Manager Tony Marino, who took office on May 26, 2022, congratulated the newly officials, noting that this was “my first [Winthrop] swearing-in ceremony.”

State Rep. Jeff Turco also offered his personal congratulations to the elected officials who were being sworn-in at the ceremony.

“I just wanted to take a few minutes to congratulate those that are taking their oath again and those that are taking it for the first time,” said Turco. “For those of you that are taking it again, you recognize that your job is often thankless. Sometimes you wonder whether it’s worth the headache or not, but in a town like this, we can’t run the town or the town government without good people being willing to step up and run for office.”

Turco took the time to

recognize distinguished guests seated in the audience, former Speaker of the House Robert A. DeLeo, former State Sen. Joseph Boncore, former Council President Peter Gill, former Town Councilor Nick DelVento, Supt. of Schools Lisa Howard, Police Chief Terence Delehanty, and Fire Chief Scott Wiley.

Turco then concluded his remarks with a quote he said he often cites, “Although benevolent men

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NEWLY ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS

Town Council President: James Letterrie	School Committee: Gus Martucci
Councilor-at-Large: Max Tassinari	School Committee: Layne Petrie
Councilor Precinct 2: John Munson	School Committee: Zachary Purinton
Councilor Precinct 4: Suzanne Swope
Councilor Precinct 6: John DaRos	Trustees of Public Library: Anne Ferreira,
.....	Trustees of Public Library: Gary Skomro
Winthrop Housing: Frank Ferrara	Trustees of Public Library: Alyson Casey Dewar
Winthrop Housing: Roseann Trionfi Mazzuchelli	

State Sen. Lydia Edwards’s 43rd birthday

Story & Photos by Marianne Salza

Senator Lydia Edwards celebrated her 43rd birthday on December 13 at the Reel House. Supporters, as well as local and state officials, honored Edwards for her leadership, reflecting on her accom-

plishments in housing and LGBTQ+ pride.

“I have been honored to work in partnership with her,” said Attorney General Andrea Campbell, introducing Edwards. “We have been in the trenches for a long time together, starting off as young,

black, women lawyers trying to figure out our careers in a Burger King on Huntington Ave., talking about service and taking risks.”

Campbell commended Edwards for prioritizing the diverse community.

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Senator Lydia Edwards with Winthrop supporters Alan Billing, Suzanne Leonard, and Councilor John Munson during her birthday party celebration at the Reel House in Eastie in December.

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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, DEC. 18

0810: A resident came into the station to report an unauthorized withdrawal from her bank account.

0820: A tree fell into a house on Ocean View St. and took down electric wires, knocking out the traffic lights at Magee's Corner and at Hermon St. Two officers remained on the scene to await the arrival of National Grid.

0831: A large tree limb fell in the middle of Deane Ave. An officer was able to move it to the side of the road.

0859: A report of the Menorah Candle on Crest Ave. being knocked down was referred to the DPW.

1031: A tree fell into a house on Buckthorn Ave., bringing down phone and cable wires.

1105: A person came into the station to report that his motor vehicle was struck by a hit-and-run operator while it was parked in the Crest Ave. municipal lot on Saturday. The victim said he now is experiencing hip pain.

1112: The Harbormaster responded to a report of a boat that was adrift and was only a few feet away from the Belle Isle Bridge. The owner also was on the scene. The boat had broken away from its dock on Pleasant St.

1146: An officer assisted the Fire Dept. with closing off traffic to Chester Ave., where a tree had blown over and had taken down multiple wires.

1207: An officer shut down Pleasant and Palmyra Sts., where a tree had toppled into a building.

1352: Officers performed traffic duty at all of the town's intersections where the traffic lights were not working.

1535: An officer assisted the Fire Dept. on Upland Rd. where a tree had crashed into a home.

1957: An officer stopped a motor vehicle being operated by a 17 year-old youth who only had a learner's permit. The officer issued a citation to the youth for unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, which is a criminal offense, and stood by until a parent came by to take control of the vehicle.

TUESDAY, DEC. 19

1237: An officer brought a small dog that was on the loose on Francis St. to its owner.

1400: A resident came into the station to report a larceny. An officer filed a report.

1456: An officer assisted the parties with the exchange of papers at a minor motor vehicle accident on Pauline St. The officer filed a report.

1528: A Shirley St. resident came into the station to report that her motor vehicle had been struck by a hit-and-run operator. The officer filed a report.

1554: Two persons and the owner of a small dog reported that the dog was on the loose on Winthrop St. Officers were unable to

locate the dog.

1633: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Bowdoin St. and issued a citation to the operator for the civil moving infraction of excessive window tint.

1736: An officer assisted the Fire Dept. at the scene of a fire in a home on Bowdoin St. which had been caused by a stove.

1819: A resident called the station to report that her bank had contacted her about fraud on her account in regard to a check for \$5000 that did not have her signature. The officer filed a report.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 13

0147: An officer issued parking tickets to three vehicles on Neptune Ave.

0533: A resident came into the station in regard to a fraudulent check drawn on her back account for \$9400. The officer filed a report.

0954: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Shirley St. for the civil moving infraction of a stop sign violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1043: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Revere and Harvard Sts. for the civil moving infraction of a stop sign violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1650: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Shirley St. for a crosswalk violation. When the officer determined that the operator did not have a valid license, which is a criminal offense, he issued a citation to the oper-

ator for both the civil and criminal offenses. When the owner came to take control of the vehicle, the officer issued a citation to him for allowing an unlicensed operator to operate his vehicle, which also is a criminal offense.

1718: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Wilshire and Main Sts. for a civil moving infraction. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

2007: A resident came into the station to report being the victim of a larceny. The officer filed a report.

2210: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Pleasant St. for the civil moving infraction of speeding and issued a citation to the operator.

2245: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Pleasant St. for the civil moving infraction of speeding and issued a citation to the operator.

2303: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Pleasant St. for the civil moving infraction of speeding and issued a citation to the operator.

2313: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Pleasant St. for the civil moving infraction of speeding and issued a citation to the operator.

THURSDAY, DEC. 21

0002: An officer responded to a motor vehicle accident at Shore Drive and Undersell St. The officer filed a report.

0138: An officer issued parking tickets to seven vehicles on Ocean View

St.

1103: A maintenance worker at a Sewall Ave. address reported that items were missing. The officer filed a report.

1134: An officer assisted the Fire Dept. at the scene of a dryer fire in a Hermon St. residence.

1348: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Veterans Rd. and gave a verbal warning to the operator, whose license had expired, which is a criminal offense.

1358: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Veterans Rd. for a civil moving infraction. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1424: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Washington Ave. for the civil moving infraction of speeding (40 in 25 m.p.h. zone). The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1438: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Washington Ave. and upon determining that the vehicle's registration had been revoked for insurance cancellation, he issued a citation to the operator for that offense, which is criminal. The motor vehicle was towed and the officer gave a courtesy ride home to the operator.

1448: An officer assisted the parties with the exchange of papers at a minor motor vehicle accident at Beacon and Shirley Sts.

1455: A resident came into the station to report a case of harassment. The officer filed a report.

1514: An officer stopped a motor vehicle

at Paine and Main Sts. for a civil moving infraction. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1827: A local liquor store reported that a person shoplifted a bottle of vodka and ran down the street. The officer was unable to locate the suspect and filed a report.

FRIDAY, DEC. 22

1216: A report of a traffic light at Magee's Corner facing the wrong way was referred to the DPW.

1223: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Kennedy Rd. for the civil moving infraction of a stop sign violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1303: A Tewksbury St. resident reported that her vehicle and her husband's vehicle had been keyed. The officer filed a report.

1435: The Animal Control Officer responded to a report of a German Shepherd on the loose on Banks St. The officer found that the dog was back in its yard and spoke to the owner.

1527: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Somerset Ave. for the civil moving infraction of violating the hands-free law. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

2241: An officer took a person into custody on Jefferson St. and transported him to Boston Police District A-7. The officer filed a report.

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ic items for donation that can found at harborfoster-closetma.org. Project Play also welcomes donations of play equipment in good condition (email project-playwinthrop@gmail.com). Thank you to our local sponsors for making these free events possible, including Winthrop Charities, the Winthrop Marketplace, former Speaker "Papa" Deleo, Sen.Lydia Edwards, Rep.Jeff Turco! More information can be found online at project-playwinthrop.org

MORE THAN ONE-THIRD OF CHRISTMAS TREE HOME FIRES OCCUR IN JANUARY

More than one-third (34 percent) of U.S. home fires involving Christmas trees occur in January. With this post-holiday fire hazard in mind, the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®) strongly en-

courages everyone to keep the festive memories and remove the hazards by disposing of Christmas trees promptly after the holiday season.

"As much as we all enjoy the look and feel of Christmas trees in our homes, they're large combustible items that have the potential to result in serious fires," said Lorraine Carli, vice president of Outreach and Advocacy at. "The longer Christmas trees remain in homes, the longer they present a risk."

Carli notes that fresh Christmas trees, which continue to dry out and become more flammable over time, are involved in a much larger share of reported Christmas tree fires than artificial trees.

According to the latest statistics from NFPA, there was an estimated annual average of 150 home structure fires that began with Christmas trees, resulting in one civilian death, 10 civilian injuries, and \$14 million in direct property damage between 2017 and 2021. Overall, fires that begin with Christmas trees represent a very small but notable part of the U.S. fire problem, considering that they are generally in use for a short time each year.

To safely dispose of a Christmas tree, NFPA recommends using the local community's recycling program, if possible; trees should not be put in the garage or left outside. NFPA also offers these tips for safely removing lighting and decorations to ensure that they remain in good condition:

- Use the gripping area on the plug when unplugging electrical decorations. Never pull the cord to unplug any device from an electrical outlet, as this can harm the wire and insulation of the cord, in-

creasing the risk for shock or electrical fire.

- As you pack up light strings, inspect each line for damage, throwing out any sets that have loose connections, broken sockets or cracked or bare wires.
- Wrap each set of lights and put them in individual plastic bags or wrap them around a piece of cardboard.
- Store electrical decorations in a dry place away from children and pets where they will not be damaged by water or dampness.

For more information on home fire safety all winter long, visit "Put a Freeze on Winter Fires," a winter safety campaign NFPA promotes annually with the U.S. Fire Administration.

LYRIC STAGE BOSTON PRESENTS 'TROUBLE IN MIND'

A tale that was meant to be told over 60 years ago, Dawn M. Simmons brings to Lyric Stage Boston, Alice Childress's unflinching look at the standards of 1950's Broadway in Trouble in Mind.

Meant for a Broadway run in 1957, Trouble in Mind never made its debut after producers urged Childress to subdue the content. Childress refused, and after a successful Broadway run in 2021, Lyric Stage is proud to present this re-discovered theatrical marvel as the playwright originally intended.

It's 1955, and after enduring indignities and lost opportunities, Wiletta Mayer, a seasoned Black actress, is finally making her Broadway debut. Written by a white playwright, her star vehicle is the allegedly progressive "Chaos in Belleville," which turns out to be anything

but. Leading a cast of both younger and experienced actors, Wiletta challenges not only the soft racism of her white director but also the veiled prejudice that limits her aspirations and success. With warmth, humor, and sharp insight, this moving backstage look at identity and stereotypes cracks open searing truths about the American theater that remain heart-breakingly contemporary.

Director Dawn M. Simmons says, "Have you ever read something so relevant, so fresh that you wondered who's been reading your texts? That's how I felt when I first read Trouble in Mind. It's funny, "on time", smart, and so maddeningly current I knew it had to be written by someone working in the theater today. But Trouble in Mind first premiered in 1955. I've put together a cracking team of Boston's finest artists, and we're gonna put on one heck of a show for you. Laugh, cry, and be outraged with us, but most importantly, be in community with us as we hold the mirror up to nature and take you back to 1950s New York, which sometimes doesn't feel all that long ago."

Performances begin Friday, Jan. 12 and run through Sunday, Feb. 4.

SULLIVAN SQUARE TRAFFIC ADVISORY

Motorists should be advised that the Sullivan Square Underpass will be closed beginning on Tuesday January 2 through Friday May 31 to perform repairs to the structure.

Motorists are encouraged to plan accordingly and/or seek alternative routes.

If you have any questions, please contact: pwdengineering@boston.gov.

WINTHROP MARKETPLACE

STRAWBERRY-BANANA FREEZER OATMEAL

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 cup white sugar, divided
- 2 cups fresh strawberries, sliced
- 3 cups water
- 2 cups almond milk
- 2 ½ cups old-fashioned oats

- 1 ½ cups bananas, mashed
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon ground nutmeg
- ½ cup pecans, chopped

DIRECTIONS

STEP 1: Sprinkle 1/2 cup sugar over sliced strawberries in a bowl. Let rest until juices have been released, 10 to 15 minutes.

STEP 2: Boil water and almond milk together in a large pot. Add oats and cook over medium-low heat for 5 minutes, stirring frequently. Stir in strawberries, remaining 1/2 cup sugar, bananas, cinnamon, vanilla extract, salt, and nutmeg and remove from heat. Stir in pecans.

STEP 3: Grease 18 muffin cups and fill each to the top with oat mixture, mounding a bit. Freeze 8 hours to overnight. Remove oatmeal from muffin cups and place in freezer bags or a freezer-safe container.

STEP 4: Prepare 1 frozen oatmeal cup by placing in a microwave-safe bowl and heating in a microwave oven for 11/2 to 2 minutes.

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Food pathways to consider

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

Rather than make food and diet resolutions this year, we suggest you choose some food pathways to consider. Resolutions are often short-lived goals. That’s because they require you to change something immediately. The only resolution we’ve ever kept was the one we made in 2007 to have a glass of something bubbly to toast each new month. Pathways are taken step-by-step, allowing you to move at your own pace and change direction when you want to try a different fork in the road. Over the past few years, we’ve been wandering down the healthy eating pathway. It’s been a great stroll.

Real Food vs Food-Like Products

The first step on this path is to begin reading food labels. We’re fortunate that industrial food producers have started to adapt to those of us who read labels and choose processed food with fewer ingredients or, in some cases, single ingredients over highly processed and ultra-processed food with a long list of additives, chemicals, flavor, and texture enhancers. For example, rather than lower quality, out-of-season berries with our morning oatmeal, we’ve recently switched to frozen or unsweetened, dried blueberries, cherries, cranberries, and mixed fruit. These all have just the named fruit on their ingredient list. It’s the same for the frozen peas, corn, minced garlic, and ginger we always keep on hand.

The Eating Healthier Pathway

If you decide to start on the road to healthier eating, you can do that step-by-step with minor adaptations, choosing one area of change at a time. You may have a medical issue that might be improved with more or less of a specific food group. For example, a pre-diabetic could have less sugar and simple carbohydrates. For someone with cardiac issues, it could be foods that lower cholesterol and choosing healthier fats. For those who are healthy now and want to stay that way, your path could be to add more fruit and vegetables, whole grains, legumes, and beans to your meals. It doesn’t have to be an all-or-nothing change. We switched

to frozen packages of simple brown rice from white rice. Many of us have reduced our alcohol consumption and taken advantage of lower alcohol and alcohol-free beverages. We often choose a glass of sparkling wine, which tends to be 11-12% Alcohol by Volume (ABV), instead of the big, bold reds, which average 13.5% ABV. What’s more, some reds may go as high as 20% ABV. Again, read the labels.

Make One Little Change at a Time

It took many years of less healthy habits to bring a person to the point where they make a New Year’s resolution to lose 50 pounds or stop their caffeine or sugar addiction. Yet, they think they



If you are new to dried fruit, try a sampler tray, like this one, from Fastachi in Watertown.

can undo all the harm in a few weeks. Slow and sure is a far better way to win this race. If you have a fast food habit, you can opt to make your lunch at home one day a week and take a walk for exercise instead of going to your local fast food chain. If you have an evening cocktail routine, you might opt for an exciting mocktail a few nights a week. Step-by-step and de-

cision-by-decision, you can slowly explore a food pathway to make a difference in your life and health. Once you succeed with one change, you can set off toward success on a different food exploration pathway. Do you have a question or topic for Fresh & Local? Send an email to Penny@BostonZest.com with your suggestion.

Flooding // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

with another opportunity to lead – we’re promoting the most cutting-edge nature-based solutions along our coastlines.” “We cannot continue a ‘business-as-usual’ approach if we want to build more resilient communities,” said MassDEP Commissioner Bonnie Heiple. “With these regulations, we’ve integrated the latest science and green infrastructure techniques to mitigate climate change impacts and protect residents, municipalities, and businesses from costly rebuilding efforts. MassDEP is grateful for the engagement of stakeholders and agencies in developing this proposal and looks forward to continued feedback on these regulations.”

Community Resilience

The proposed Wetlands regulations would protect the coastal floodplain, which hosts nearly \$55 billion in structures, of which about \$40 billion is residential, \$12 billion is industrial, and \$2.5 billion is commercial. Of the nearly 2.5 million people living within the 78 coastal communities in Massachusetts, approximately 55 percent live within Massachusetts-designated Environmental Justice Block Groups, representing communities of color, low-income populations, and/or communities facing language barriers.

Coastal and Inland Flooding Resilience

The proposed Wetlands regulations will promote resilience by creating performance standards to protect the natural buffering function of wetlands and floodplains and help prevent damage to both the natural and built environment. The standards will require elevation of new development in areas of the coastal floodplain where most storm damage occurs and minimize new development in the most vulnerable area of the coastal floodplain where waves are higher than three feet. The regulations encourage nature-based approaches to improve resilience, such as restoration of salt marshes, coastal dunes, and barrier beaches on the coast, as well as inland wetlands. Updated stormwater management standards will reduce stormwater pollution to water bodies throughout the state, helping to improve the water quality of our rivers and streams.

The regulations are designed to be flexible for homeowners and families. Single-family homes and housing development with four or fewer units are exempted from the stormwater requirements of the Wetlands regulations and new housing developments with five to nine units per lot must meet new standards only to the extent possible. Updates to Waterways regulations – which protect and promote public use of tidelands and other waterways in Massachusetts and are commonly known as “Chapter 91” – require license applications to consider projected sea-level rise for certain projects and encourage relocation of building mechanical systems away from the ground floor.

Incentives for Nature-Based Solutions

The Wetlands regulations promote Green Site Design, which uses natural solutions – like trees and buffer zones – to manage stormwater, instead of more expensive detention basins and other traditional infrastructure. By using nature to address stormwater runoff and pollution, developers will receive Green Site Design credits and will substantially reduce the need to build and maintain more costly stormwater management systems.

Updated Precipitation Data

The proposed Wetlands amendments use up-to-date data sources to evaluate precipitation – replacing the 1961 data that is currently used with 2019 data from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Storms have been increasing in intensity with climate change so that today’s storms deliver more precipitation than they did 60

years ago. Using outdated data to design stormwater systems means pipes that are too small to carry increased volumes of water – resulting in overflows and flooding. The switch to data that are more reflective of current conditions will prevent resulting damage to buildings and bridges, scouring of riverbanks, and other problems.

Streamlined Permitting

The proposed regulations streamline certain permitting processes. The Wetlands regulations are updated to align with the EPA Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System General Permit and the Transportation Separate Storm Sewer System Permit to improve consistency and protect surface waters, including wetlands, from stormwater runoff pollution. The Waterways regulations allow modifications to licenses for identified smaller structures (primarily small docks and piers) to account for sea-level rise and maintaining public water access.

Regulatory Process

These regulatory updates are among the 142 priority actions for state agencies to direct under the ResilientMass Strategy released in November 2023. The Strategy was developed to address the impacts of climate change, such as flooding from precipitation, high heat, and coastal flooding and erosion. ResilientMass identified inland flooding as the most significant climate hazard in Massachusetts. The proposed amendments were developed over several years in close consultation with a broad range of stakeholders, including more than 10 sessions with stakeholder groups, more than 25 presentations, and meetings with various groups and

interested parties. MassDEP is accepting public comment on the draft regulations until 5 p.m. on Friday, March 1, 2024. Virtual information sessions and public hearings on both sets of regulations will be held throughout January and February; more details are available here. For more information on the Wetlands Regulations, turn here. For more information on the Waterways Regulations, turn here.

Validators:

“The Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions (MACC) is pleased that MassDEP is publishing important updates to the Wetlands Protection Act,” said MACC Executive Director Dorothy A. McGlinchy. “These

proposed regulations, along with the climate related goals established by the Healey-Driscoll Administration, will help minimize impacts from severe storms in a changing climate. Additional urgency and coordination will be needed in our continued fight to preserve wetlands, open space, and biological diversity. MACC supports the Conservation Commissioners who are on the front lines of protecting our precious resource areas.” “The urgency of these regulations is underscored by this week’s major rainstorm causing extreme flooding, power outages, damage to homes and businesses and most tragically, a death. How we manage water has profound implications on not only our en-

vironment, but also public health and safety,” said Charles River Watershed Association Executive Director Emily Norton. “We are pleased that these proposed regulations offer so many improvements in terms of updated precipitation models, stricter rules around building in floodplains, more consistency for developers and municipalities between state and federal rules, and more. We do not have the luxury of moving slowly when it comes to climate resilience, so kudos to MassDEP and the Healey-Driscoll Administration for acting now to protect our communities and natural spaces from the impacts of our changing climate.”

Police // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2

SATURDAY, DEC. 23

2005: An officer cleared up a parking issue on Terrace Ave. that had made it difficult for vehicles to pass.

SUNDAY, DEC. 24

0100: An officer directed the operator of a motor vehicle blocking a drive-

way on Sturgis St. to move the vehicle. 0812: A person came into the station to report that jewelry was missing from her residence. 1841: Officers were told to be on the lookout (BOLO) for a vehicle that was reported to be speeding and driving in-and-out of lanes, cutting people

off, along Crest Ave. and headed toward Grovers Ave.

MONDAY, DEC. 25

0035: A Governor’s Park resident reported that neighbors on a balcony were being loud. The officer advised the party-goers to bring it inside for the night and to keep it down

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NOW IT'S BACK TO REALITY

The holiday season may have provided the usual respite for all of us from the strife and turbulence that has been assaulting us daily for the better part of the past decade, but despite the arrival of the New Year, we still have to face our same old problems.

The war in Ukraine continues to grind on, with Vladimir Putin targeting primarily civilians in cities far from the battlefield. The Israel-Hamas war likewise has no apparent end in sight, with civilians on both sides suffering greatly. In addition, with other Iranian-backed terrorist organizations threatening to expand the war not only against Israel, but also against the United States and world-wide commercial shipping, the potential for a much-larger conflict increases with each passing minute.

China, the other member of the Axis of Evil, continues to encroach its military bases and fleet on the sovereignty of other nations and threatens to launch an invasion of Taiwan at any time.

Scientists have confirmed that 2023 was off-the-charts for being the warmest year in the history of mankind, with the trend looming for an even-hotter 2024, promising to bring more devastating storms and climate change-related catastrophes in the year ahead.

Despite the strong economy, homelessness in the United States grew by 12 percent in the past year, with no imminent solution at any level of government. The increase in homelessness is a direct result of the lack of housing that has accumulated over the past decade to the point where it is estimated that the country is five million units short of what is needed to keep up with our growing population.

The situation at the border with Mexico represents a complete failure on the part of Congress and the White House, with the result that the situation for migrants is dire and American cities are being overwhelmed. Even Democratic governors and mayors are feeling besieged by the influx of immigrants for which our local and state governments are ill-equipped to handle.

The lack of meaningful gun legislation to stop the proliferation of deadly military-grade weapons all but assures that 2024 will see more mass shootings throughout the country.

Drug and alcohol abuse also shows no signs of abating and will continue to claim the lives of tens of thousands of Americans in the year ahead. American life expectancy continues to trail the rest of the industrialized world.

And last but not least, the political turmoil in the coming presidential year promises to be the most turbulent not only in our recent history, but since 1861 -- the start of the Civil War.

The prospects are overwhelming for a grim 2024. About all we can say is that we are living in an era that brings to mind the title from the Kevin Costner movie from the late 1980s -- No Way Out.

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Forum

LETTERS to the Editor

THANK YOU WINTHROP

Dear Editor,

I would like to express my gratitude to the wonderful people of Winthrop. From the signs, the glow sticks, and the overwhelming expression of love and support, I was blown away. This great Winthrop tradition comes to life every year by all of the hard work of the men and women of the Winthrop Fire Department. I would like to thank The Winthrop Fire Department, The Winthrop Police Department, and The



10 years ago
December 31, 2013

The Town of Winthrop will conduct its swearing-in ceremony for all newly-elected town officials on Thursday, Jan. 2 at 6:30 p.m. at the Cummings School. Town Council President Peter Gill, Councilors Nicholas DelVento, Paul Varone, and Russell Sanford, and newly elected Councilor-at-Large Richard Boyajian will receive their oaths of office from Town Clerk Carla Vitale. School Committee members Brian Perrin and Bill Holden and newly elected member Dawn Sullivan will also be inaugurated. Housing Authority members Joseph Boncore and Larry Holmes will be inaugurated as will Library Trustees Betty Peabody, Virginia Wallace, and Jillian Teixeira.

Winthrop Town Council President Peter Gill is the Sun Transcript's 2013 Man of the Year.

Santa Claus made his annual visit through Winthrop atop a Winthrop Fire engine on Christmas Eve.

The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug, The Wolf of Wall St., and Lone Survivor are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

20 years ago
January 8, 2004

The Winthrop Chamber of Commerce swore in its new officers for the coming year during the January breakfast meeting at the Winthrop Arms. Joseph Clark is returning as Chamber President. Trudy Macero is Vice-president, Stephen Quigley is Treasurer, and Chris Tsiotis is the Clerk.

The Winthrop Rotary Club held a special meeting to honor member Belle Liberman, who has been named a Paul Harris Fellow.

Ted Reinstein, a Winthrop native and reporter on WCVB's Chronicle show, will speak at the Ft. Banks School this Wednesday evening in which he'll reminisce about growing up in Winthrop.

Winthrop DPW, for their help with Santa's ride. That being said, this great event would be nothing without the people of Winthrop. They are the true show. I would like to make a special shout out to Winthrop Firefighters Local 1070 President and Santa's ride coordinator Kevin Gorman for his dedication to keeping this great tradition evolving every year. In closing I would of course like to thank Mrs. Claus and her elves for their love and support throughout the years.

Have a very happy and

Cold Mountain, House of Sand and Fog, and The Last Samurai are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

30 years ago
January 13, 1994

Ed Wickham, who has served on the Advisory Committee for 10 years and as its chairman from 1990-91, has announced his candidacy for selectman to challenge incumbent Marie Turner.

Workers from the DPW and Water Department worked all day Monday to repair three water main breaks, two of which were on Shore Drive and the other on Revere St. Water Dept. Supt. Richard Clemens said that the recent cold weather and the age of the pipes, which date back to 1935, were the causes of the ruptures. DPW workers also have been busy the past two weeks clearing the 20 inches of snow that have fallen in the town over that period.

Chamber of Commerce Pres. Paul Caruccio said that the annual Winter Viking Sales Days will get underway Thursday for three days through the weekend.

Inmates from the Suffolk County House of Correction have completed five weeks of work at the David Lloyd Museum on the third floor of the Frost Public Library in which they cleaned, painted, and performed minor repair work.

40 years ago
January 13, 1984

Long-time School Committee members Roland Fluet and William Miner, citing the increased workload of their private jobs, announced this week that they will not be candidates for re-election in the upcoming town election this spring.

A pair of duck hunters accidentally shot up the guardhouse of the Deer Island jail this week.

The annual winter Vikings Sale Days is set for this weekend.

Scarface, Uncommon Valor, and Sudden Impact

healthy New Year.

Santa
(Tommy DiBenedetto)

CHECK OUT THE WPD CITIZENS ACADEMY

Dear Editor,

I have been attending the Winthrop Police Department Citizens Academy. It is an eight week course taught by our local officers and the agencies they work with. (I did skip shooting range night. I hate guns.) This is an excellent way to get to know that our policeman are people, that they

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

are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

50 years ago
January 16, 1974

A 91 year-old resident of the Viking Gardens was robbed of \$1000 in cash by a young man and two girls who forced their way into the victim's apartment early Thursday evening. The trio rang the apartment doorbell and told the female victim that their car had broken down. When the elderly woman opened the door, one of the assailants put their hand over her mouth to keep her from yelling for help while the other two went through the apartment looking for valuables.

Selectman Richard Dimes, speaking at the Temple Tifereth breakfast on Sunday, said that it will cost \$200,000 to close a drainage ditch along Veterans Road to provide for more parking.

The season's first major snowstorm snarled traffic throughout the town because automobile owners did not remove their cars from the town's streets to allow for snow removal.

Town Clerk John A. Clark has proposed that the town change the dates for the town election and annual Town Meeting from the present first and third Mondays of March respectively to the first and third Mondays of April.

The Paper Chase is playing at the Winthrop Cinema.

60 years ago
January 9, 1964

Winthrop Retirement Board Chairman Henry Gill said the town has been informed by the Town of Saugus that Winthrop is responsible for two-thirds of the pension of former Water Department employee John B. Kennedy, who has been the Town Manager of Saugus for the past few years after leaving the Winthrop Water Dept.

Park Commissioner Herb Marcus made an impromptu visit to the selectmen's meeting Monday to ask the board to order a police cruiser to

work hard, that they are well trained. Like all of us, they hurt and they care.

Just like any other career, there may be a bad apple, but don't generalize. We are so lucky to have policeman and women who are our friends and neighbors and sincerely care about us.

I highly recommend this course for every citizen of Winthrop.

It will help you see them as more than a uniform. At the same time, it will cultivate a growing respect for that uniform.

Linda Calla

go to the home of fellow Park Commissioner Harold Winter to retrieve the commission's financial records that are in Winters's possession. The selectmen called Winters on the phone, with Selectmen Chairman Mel Carver telling Winters that the records had to be returned.

Harold Katz, the attorney for Dr. Wallace Haley, has asked the selectmen to drop the charges against Haley for violating the Tenement House Act. Katz said that Haley has complied with the town's order to reduce the units in his building from four to two in order to comply with the town by-law.

The St. John's Missiles installed their new officers. Linda Albanese is the new Cultural Chairman, Marion Ziegler is the Spiritual Chairman, and Dorothy Bachini is the new Recreational Chairman.

John Wayne and Maureen O'Hara star in McClintock at the Winthrop Theatre.

70 years ago
January 14, 1954

The State DPU has approved the request by Rapid Transit Inc. to increase bus fares in the town from 10 cents to 15 cents, despite the protestations of the selectmen and citizens. State Senator Andrew P. Quigley has proposed that the town operate its own bus service.

The School Committee, in rejecting the proposal by the Teachers Association for a \$500 payraise, said that the teachers have received payraises in the past few years and none is warranted now. The committee also noted the low turnover rate among local teachers as evidence that they are satisfied with working in Winthrop at their current salaries.

Selectman Harold Katz has announced his candidacy for re-election.

Two young men perished in the icy waters of Boston Harbor when their yawl overturned near Graves Light. However, a third young man among them, 18 year-old John Cashman III of Point Shirley, managed to survive in the icy and wild waters. The trio, apprentices with the Boston Pilot Boat, were preparing to board a tanker, which they were going to guide into Boston at 11 p.m., when their small craft was swamped

Your opinions, please

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Edwards // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Campbell and Edwards have served the Boston City Council together, focusing on issues that protect the vulnerable.

“You cannot do the work of protecting the rights of citizens, consumers, or businesses if you don’t have great partners. She is aligned in spirit and values; and understands the challenges it can be to be a woman of color serving an elected roll in this moment in time,” Campbell described about her connection with Edwards. “She gets things done.”

This year, Campbell and Edwards have been striving to build affordable housing, provide evicted residents with access to legal representation, and ensure people have wealth-building opportunities in their neighborhoods. They protect reproductive rights, and push for gender-affirming care.

“It is significant, and it is amazing,” admired Campbell. “This is a beautiful thing and needs to be celebrated.”

First Lieutenant in the Massachusetts Army National Guard Lydia Edwards declared that she will lobby for gun reform, sustainable rent control, and civil rights for medical care.

“People are coming to Massachusetts, in many cases, to make sure that they are safer,” acknowl-

edged Edwards. “We’re going to continue to make this a beacon of hope and safety. That’s what we do at the State House.”

Edwards is pushing for limiting the prices charged for prescription drugs, and for opportunities that allow seniors to remain in their homes as they age.

“We fight for everyone to have the dignity of choice in options where they’re going to live. The baseline is that it is clean, affordable, inclusive, welcoming, and in a diverse neighborhood of income levels and racial backgrounds,” said Edwards, an East Boston resident. “This is the neighborhood I’d be honored to live in, love, work, and fight for.”

According to Edwards, 40% of housing units in East Boston are owned by outside investors who continue to increase rent. Edwards was saddened by the statistic, which she believes is shameful and wrong.

“Yes, we want to grow and see people come here. East Boston is second to Ellis Island, where people come to the United States to become Americans; but we want to grow a community, not buildings,” said Edwards. “We need to fight to make sure that our Constitutional rights come to fruition. We have a lot of good things to do together.”



Winthrop residents Ed Cash and Councilor John Munson.



Senator Lydia Edwards, Lily Nagy Li, Attorney General Andrea Campbell, and Helen Ji Li, of East Boston.



Senator Lydia Edwards with East Boston residents John Antonellis and Juan Contreras.



Jessica Morris, Patrick Bench, of East Boston, Senator Lydia Edwards, and Alexi Nowokunski, Winthrop resident, of Benchmark Strategies.



Senator Lydia Edwards speaking with supporters.



Attorney General Andrea Campbell describing the efforts and accomplishments of Senator Lydia Edwards.



Leverett Wing, Tina St. Gelais Kelly, Kathy Carangelo, Attorney General Andrea Campbell, Senator Lydia Edwards, Representative Adrian Madaro, and Gary Yu are all smiles during State Sen. Lydia Edwards’ birthday celebration held recently at the Reel House.



Senator Lydia Edwards speaking with East Boston resident, Evelyn Jones.



Senator Lydia Edwards with Kathleen, Ricardo, and 1-year-old Rafa Patrón, of East Boston.



Senator Lydia Edwards and Mo Gillen, of Charlestown.



Agnieszka Ryttych-Foster, East Boston resident, with Senator Lydia Edwards.

Years // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 4

by a wave.

Fernando Illamas and Arlene Dahl star in The Diamond Queen at the Winthrop Theatre.

80 years ago January 18, 1944

An air raid test will be conducted Sunday afternoon with the first siren to sound at 12:50 and the all-clear by 2:00.

Brigadier General and Mrs. F.S. Clark were hosts to 300 officers and their families of the Harbor Defenses, as well as many distinguished civilians, at the officers' quarters at Ft. Banks on New Year's Day.

Daniel J. Honan has announced the temporary closing of his gasoline station at 44 Pauline Street because his lone employee has been inducted into the armed forces.

Don Ameche and Francis Dee star in Happy Land at the Winthrop and State Theatres.

90 years ago January 13, 1934

General Daniel Needham, the State Commissioner of Public Safety who commanded the 26th Yankee Division in the world war, was the guest speaker at the meeting of the Winthrop Improvement and Historical Association Monday. Needham told many interesting stories. He also told the group of the serious problem of bold crimes being committed across the state at the present time.

The Marx Brothers star in Duck Soup at the Winthrop and State Theatres.

100 years ago January 12, 1924

The committee that is charged with making findings regarding the consolidation of some town departments will hold a public meeting next week. Among the proposals to be considered are wheth-

er the water, light, sewer, highway, garbage, ashes, parks, cemetery, brown-tail moth, and tree departments should be consolidated under the aegis of one man, to be known as a commissioner of public works, who presumably would be a technically-trained engineer. The committee also is to discuss the present method of electing selectmen, who presently are all elected annually to one year terms, or whether there should be an election every three years for one member of the board.

The dedication of a new Post Office building in Boston at 193 Hanover Street should give heart to those here who believe that a new Post Office building is needed in Winthrop.

110 years ago January 10, 1914

Residents of the Beach

area report that since Officer McDonald has been on sick leave, the young men of that section of the town have become quite unruly. A snowball fight broke out in the square recently and a number of passers-by were struck by snowballs tossed by the young men, while a police officer calmly stood by and observed the proceedings.

The billboard nuisance in town is growing and there appears to be no way to stop it.

The "rummies" of Revere and Everett now want their cities to be annexed into Boston, the rum center of New England. The rummies of Hyde Park led the way for their town to be annexed into Boston, but now they have lost their right of home rule. Hopefully, those who worship at the Shrine of Bacchus will not continue to lead their fellow citizens down the wrong path.

120 years ago January 9, 1904

Deane Winthrop Colony No. 191 celebrated its seventh anniversary with various humorous contests.

One of the most interesting high school debates of the year took place on this subject: Resolved, that football contests between high schools and academic schools should be suppressed. The vote of the judges was 8-3 in favor of the team that took the affirmative position.

130 years ago January 13, 1894

Messrs. Olmsted and Eliot, the noted landscape architects, have submitted their proposed landscape map to the Winthrop Park Commissioners, who now must decide whether to include Winthrop as part of the Metropolitan Park system.

The selectmen said they will place on the ballot the question of whether Winthrop should have an electric rail line.

140 years ago January 11, 1884

The annual meeting of the Winthrop Civil War Veterans took place Friday evening. Mr. Thomas Floyd unanimously was elected the group's president.

Wednesday morning's southeasterly storm caused considerable damage to Crescent Beach. Beyond Great Head, along what is known as Short Beach, the roadbed toward Pt. Shirley was completely washed away, the sea making a clean sweep of the railroad track and highway. This marks the third time that this roadway has suffered from the violence of waves.

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, January 8

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

12:30am-2:30pm: Art Class with Dawn (\$5)

Tuesday, January 9

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

9:30am-10:30am: Exercise Class (\$1)

11:00am: Grab and Lunch Pick-Up

Wednesday, January 10

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

9:30am-10:30am: Yoga

with Kathleen (\$5)

10:30am-11:30am: Zumba with Cindy (\$5)

11:00am: Grab and Go Lunch Pick-Up

11:30am-12:30pm: Tai Chi / Qi Gong (\$5)

1:00pm-3:00pm: SHINE Counseling

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

Thursday, January 11

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

9:30am-10:30am: Exer-

cise 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, January 12

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

10:00am-12:00pm: Ceramics (\$3)

10:00am-11:00pm: Line Dancing (\$5)

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 web-

site 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.

RMV provides update on implementation of Work and Family Mobility Act

Special to the Transcript

The Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) is providing an update on the first six months of the Work and Family Mobility Act (WFMA). Since the law went into effect on July 1, 2023, the RMV has issued 91,961 new learner's permits and 54,952 new, first-time driver's licenses to Massachusetts residents.

"Since the Work and Family Mobility Act was implemented in July, thousands of Massachusetts residents have been able to get licenses helping provide access to friends, families, and their communities," said MassDOT Secretary and CEO Monica Tibbitts-Nutt. "We are especially proud of the language and interpreter assistance provided to applicants, underscoring our commitment to helping all eligible applicants. We'd also like to thank our non-profit and community partners for assisting the Registry with public education about the new law, which helped to enhanced customer service options."

"The RMV and its em-

ployees have worked hard to meet the challenge of increased demand for appointments and credentials under the Work and Family Mobility Act," said Registrar Colleen Ogilvie. "We are grateful for the support from advocates and community leaders throughout this process, and we are continuing to improve each step of our process."

The amount of new learner's permits represents an increase of 244 percent, and new driver's licenses represents an increase of 120 percent, when compared to the same time period in 2022. In addition, 33,648 out of state conversions were processed.

To accommodate increased customer volumes, the RMV hired more than 250 front line staff and road test examiners. In addition, the RMV expanded service by extending hours Monday through Friday and offering appointments on Saturdays at many service center locations. The RMV opened additional road test locations in Holyoke, Revere, Cambridge, Franklin, Worcester, and Brockton, contracted temporary third-party pro-

viders to handle increased volume for those newly eligible to obtain a license, and contracted with a driving school company to offer tests at their business locations in West Boylston, Avon, and Framingham.

Over the past several months, the RMV has identified and created informational resources specifically to help guide new customers as they begin the process to secure a Standard License. To further support this effort, the RMV has also worked directly with immigration advocacy groups, non-profit organizations, and impacted communities to facilitate and coordinate public outreach and to solicit feedback on implementation efforts so that best practices can be adopted.

"As leaders of the Massachusetts organizations that co-chaired the Driving Families Forward coalition, we are proud that we were able to successfully fulfill our mission to pass the Work and Family Mobility Act and see it through to full implementation this summer, thanks in no small part to the active collaboration we received from the

Registry of Motor Vehicles and the entire Healey-Driscoll Administration," said Lenita Reason, Executive Director of The Brazilian Worker Center; Roxana Rivera, Assistant to the President of 32BJ SEIU. "Of course, the biggest obstacle that many Massachusetts residents once faced in getting a driver's license was the longstanding linkage of driving privileges to immigration status. We were deeply pleased that our governmental partners went beyond our expectations in their openness, availability and willingness to quickly address issues around the successful implementation of the new law that has removed that obstacle, so that our roads can be safer for everyone."

"We are thrilled to see the real-life results of years of advocacy and perseverance. We thank the Healey-Driscoll Administration and the Registry of Motor Vehicles for their partnership in the rollout of the law – listening to community feedback, expanding access, and establishing best practices so all people can drive safely," said Laura Rótolo, field director, ACLU of Massa-

chusetts. "There is nothing like the smile on the face of a person who has just passed their road test to remind us why this work is so important. We look forward to continuing to support the implementation of this law with robust regulations and processes."

The RMV also offers a pre-registering system that establishes a proactive process for booking appointments. Rather than checking the RMV website for an appointment, customers will be able to request an appointment online, and will receive an email with a unique link when an appointment is available for them to schedule.

The RMV remains committed to providing quality services to all communities and has been working diligently to develop informational resources, which include:

- An informational website with helpful information on the WFMA, details identification requirements and outlines steps which must be undertaken by eligible individuals to get a Standard Class D or Class M driver's license, including successfully passing

a vision screening, and scheduling separate appointments for a learner's permit and road test. This site was launched in 2023 because the Registry is committed to supporting the needs of newly eligible applicants.

- A special informational phoneline, 857-368-WFMA (857-368-9362), to hear messaging in multiple languages.
- Frequently Asked Questions and a public flyer for customers as they prepare their applications.

The RMV has also worked on additional ways to support residents by:

- Translating materials into 15 languages, permits available in 35 languages, and interpreters (phone and in-person) available in 100+ languages.
- Expanding staffing at customer service centers by 50 percent and expanding hours of operation at many locations to include Saturdays and some evening hours.
- More than doubling the number of road test examiners, adding temporary road test sites, and expanding hours for road test operations at many locations.



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Sports

WHS SPORTS ROUNDUP

WHS BOYS HOCKEY WINS HOLIDAY TOURNAMENT; SILVERMAN NAMED MVP

The Winthrop High boys hockey team enjoyed a successful vacation week, capturing the Michael Giordano Christmas Classic that was hosted by Boston Latin last week at the Murphy Rink in South Boston.

The tourney featured four teams, Winthrop, Lynnfield, Hanover, and host Boston Latin, with the Vikings drawing Boston Latin in the preliminary round last Tuesday. That contest proved to be the Petey Silverman Show, as the Viking senior captain scored four goals and assisted on a fifth to lead Winthrop to a 5-2 triumph. Fellow senior captain Billy Hayes also put together a five-point day with a goal and four assists. WHS junior goalie Mike Donahue turned in a solid effort with 26 saves against the Wolfpack, who are a strong Division 2 opponent.

Winthrop then moved on to the championship game against Hanover the following day and skated to a 4-2 victory. Luke Gthinji, assisted by Colin O'Leary, scored a power play goal for an early 1-0 Viking lead, but Hanover returned the favor with a power play goal of its own before the period ended to leave matters at 1-1 at the first horn.

Silverman, assisted by Mike Holgersen and Jackson Andy, made it 2-1 in the middle period, and the Vikings broke the game open in the third period with two goals, the first by Holgersen (from Silverman) and the second by Aidan Survilas (from Phil Boncore and O'Leary). Hanover scored a meaningless goal late in the game for the 4-2 finale, as Donahue turned in another solid effort between the pipes.

Silverman was named the tournament MVP for his two-game output of five goals and two assists.

Coach Dale Dunbar and his crew, who now stand at 5-0 (1-0 in the Northeastern Conference) will trek to Salem State to take on (NEC) opponent Marblehead this Saturday. Although the Magicians stand at 1-6 thus far on the season, the contests between the NEC rivals always are fierce battles. The opening face-off is set for 5:30.

Winthrop then will entertain NEC foe Gloucester next Wednesday at Larsen Rink at 6:10.

TWO 2-1 LOSSES FOR WHS GIRLS HOCKEY; 41-GAME STREAK ENDS

Last week began on a positive note for the Winthrop High girls hockey team when the Lady Vikings were named the Poland Springs "The Ice Runs Deep" team of the

week for week three of the high school winter sports season thanks to their 9-0 victory over Marblehead on December 20. The award is given by the MIAA to the team whose hard work impacts both their school's hockey program and their community.

That victory extended a 41-game regular-season unbeaten streak (39-0-2) for coach Anthony Martucci's WHS girls hockey program, a record for any WHS team. (Bob DeFelle's Viking football teams from 1981-83 put together a 33-game unbeaten skein that included two post-season Super Bowl wins.)

However, whether it was the Poland Springs Award proving to be a jinx (similar to an appearance on the cover of Sports Illustrated) or a belief in the maxim, "All good things must come to an end," the Lady Vikings dropped a pair of 2-1 contests to Northeast Hockey League (NHL) rivals Peabody/Lynnfield and Gloucester last Wednesday and Saturday, the program's first regular-season defeats since 2020.

"These were two tough games for us," said Martucci. "Peabody was a great game, with two great teams battling for the top spot in the conference, and it came down to who made fewer mistakes."

Winthrop outshot Peabody by a 20-18 margin, but the Lady Tanners capitalized on Winthrop two mistakes, while the Lady Viking offense was able to muster only a power play goal, a bullet off the stick of Tegan Periera, assisted by Chloe Couture and Reese Ferrara.

"This game was a very even match," said Martucci. "Both teams have great speed, strong goalies, and some really tough defensemen. Although I felt we carried the play for most of the game, Peabody did have some good spurts and it was enough for them to get the win. We lost the game, but we did not get beat. Peabody is a very good, well-coached team, but we are looking forward to them coming to Larsen at the end of January."

By contrast, Saturday's 2-1 loss to Gloucester was close only on the scoreboard. The Lady Vikings completely dominated the contest from the outset, outshooting the Lady Fisherman by a wide margin, 30-12, and missed the net with another 20 shots.

"Gloucester played a bend-but-don't-break type of game and utilized a very strong performance from their goalie to help them secure a huge win for them," said Martucci. "Again, we made two mistakes and the puck ended up in our net."

Izzy Cash scored Winthrop's lone goal, assisted by Hannah Parker and Sami Dimento, on a nice jam play, taking the first

PHOTOS FROM THE WINTHROP HIGH SPORTS SCENE



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Viking Pride board member and WHS alum Vasili Mallios joins the WHS boys and girls basketball teams on the Chris Tsitos Floor in the WHS gym prior to the start of the third annual David Green Memorial Tournament last week. See more photos on Page 14.



The Winthrop High boys hockey team captured the Michael Giordano Christmas Classic tournament last week. Shown above (l-r) are Coach Chris Finn, Asst. Captain Hunter Fife, Asst. Captain Rob Rich, Captain and Tournament MVP Petey Silverman, Captain Billy Hayes, Head Coach Dale Dunbar, Asst. Coach Mike Norris, and Coach Phil Lundberg.



The Winthrop High hockey team celebrates on the ice after capturing the Michael Giordano Christmas Classic tournament last week at the Murphy Rink in South Boston. The tournament was sponsored by Boston Latin. Coach Dale Dunbar and his Vikings defeated Latin and Hanover to win the tourney. WHS captain Petey Silverman was named the tourney MVP.

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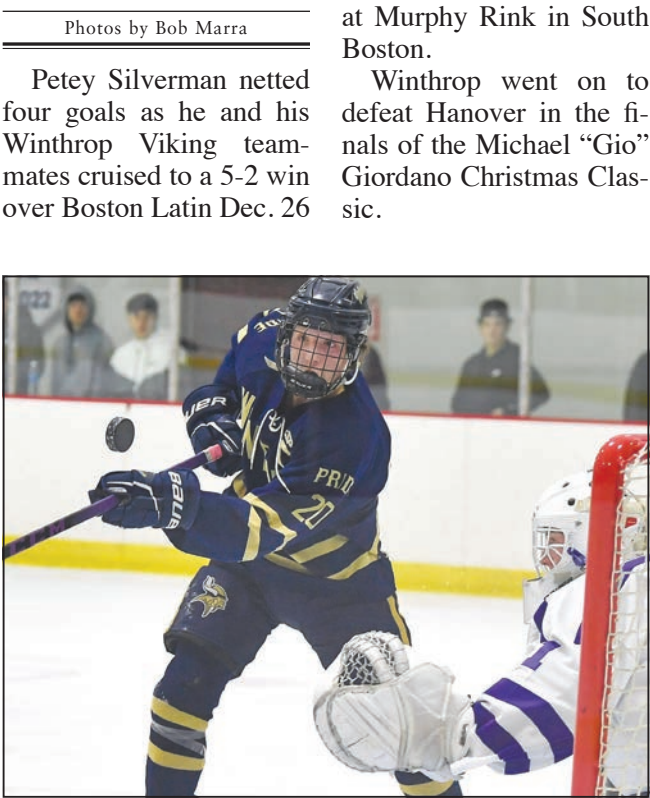
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WHS HOCKEY DEFEATS BOSTON LATIN 5 – 2



BOARD GAME: Jay Fotiades is pinned against the boards by Latin's Tristan Spiess as the two battle for a loose puck.



ATTEMPTED BUNT: Petey Silverman tries to get his stick on a bouncing puck in front of Latin goaltender Oliver Murphy.



I'VE GOT THIS: Winthrop goalie Mike Donahue has his eye on the puck and glove at the ready to stop a point blank shot by Latin's Tyler O'Brien (13).



KEEP DIGGING: Winthrop's Luke Githinij (3) digs for a loose puck along the boards.



PARTY TIME: Joey Rich and Billy Hayes celebrate a Winthrop goal.



ON TARGET: Hunter Fife fires a shot past Latin defender Bobby Banks.



LOW RIDER: Jay Fotiades (15) goes low to try and get past Latin's Bobby Banks.



ONLY WAY TO SLOW PETEY: Latin's Adam Whitney was called for tripping on this play that hauled down Winthrop's Petey Silverman. That was the only way to slow Silverman as the star forward notched four goals to lead Winthrop to a 5-2 win over Boston Latin Tuesday in the opening round of the Michael "Gio" Giordano Christmas Classic hockey tournament at Murphy Memorial Rink in South Boston Tuesday.

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IT'S IN THE NET: Petey Silverman sees his shot slide past Latin goalie Oliver Murphy and into the net for one of his four goals on the day.



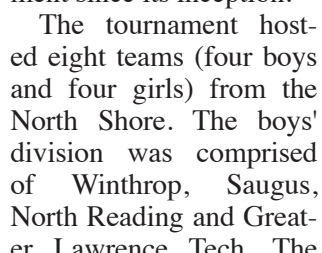
TRUCK STOP: Latin's Billy Cuniffe is headed for a fall after colliding with Winthrop's Phil Boncore in front of the Latin net.

WHS SPORTS ROUNDUP

Northeastern, Boston University and Amherst College. Foundational to student success is Malden Catholic's codivisional model which offers the best of both worlds, single-gender academics during the day and integrated social and extracurricular opportunities after school. Malden Catholic is known in the community for its rigorous academics, SFX Scholars Program and award-winning STEM program (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) with electives such as Robotics and Engineering Design.

Catholic High School has shaped emerging leaders in our community, claiming a Nobel Laureate, a Senator, two ambassadors and countless community and business heads among its alumni. Annually, graduates attend some of the nation's most renowned universities including Harvard, Dartmouth, Georgetown, Brown, Cornell, Tufts, Duke, Georgia Tech, Boston College.

"We were in control of the Gloucester game most of the way, but we let them hang around until the end," said WHS head coach Anthony Hatzisavas. Sophomore Bailey Ferguson led the way for the Lady Vikings in the scoring column with 17



The Winthrop High boys basketball team, which makes the long trek to Gloucester tomorrow (Friday), will return home to host Northeastern Conference rival Danvers this coming Monday and NEC foe Peabody next Thursday. The opening tip for both encounters is set for 7:00.

The Winthrop High boys hockey team asserted control of the game from the start and never let up to record a 5-0 victory over Lynnfield Friday evening in the consolation contest of a holiday tournament played in Saugus. Charlie Page got the Vikings rolling with a goal in the first period, assisted by Zack Deeb. John Orlando, assisted by Pat Todisco, made it 2-0 before the horn. Todisco (from Orlando) and Steve Goddard (from Orlando and Chris Page) upped the count to 4-0. Orlando lit the lamp for the second time, with assists to Chris Page and

The WHS boys basketball team dropped a 69-68 decision to Marblehead in which Winthrop gave up a

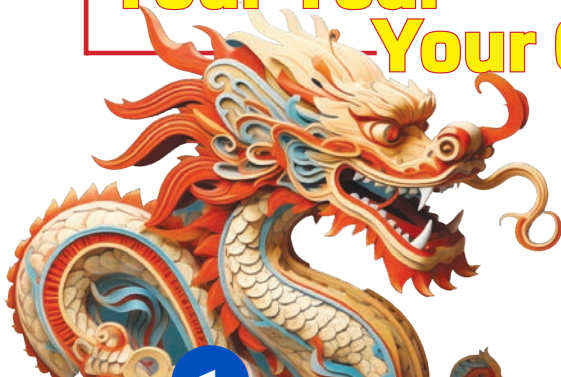
The WHS boys track team handily breezed past Swampscott, 54-31. Keith Frazier won the hurdles in 7.8; Jeff Kellner won the 300 in 36.5; Michael and Eric Galliano finished 1-3 in the 600 in 1:31 and 1:34 respectively; David Eliot won the shot-put with a toss of 39'-11"; and John Mullane won the 1000 in 2:30.

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OBITUARIES

Carmella Santilli

Retired Beautician

Carmella Santilli of Winthrop passed away at the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston on January 1. She was 85 years old. Born in East Boston, she was the beloved daughter of the late Rose (Coco) and Vincent Cali. A resident of Winthrop for over 50 years, she worked as a beautician prior to her retirement.

She was the devoted wife of the late Anthony Santilli and the loving mother of Anthony Santilli and his wife, Gina and Robert Santilli and his wife, Diana all of Winthrop; dear sister of Concetta Lauretano and her husband, Dante of Winthrop and Frank Cali and his late wife, Rosie of Malden; cherished grandmother of Robert, Jr., Stephanie, Justin and Tatiana.

Family and friends are cordially invited to attend the visitation from the Caggiano-O'Maley-Frazier Funeral Home, Winthrop on Friday, January



5 from 4 to 7 p.m. The funeral will be conducted from the funeral home on Saturday, January 6 at 10:30 a.m. followed by a Funeral Mass in St. John the Evangelist Church, 320 Winthrop St., Winthrop at 11:30 a.m. Services will conclude with the interment in the Woodlawn Cemetery in Everett.

Memorial donations may be made to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinsons Research at www.michaeljfox.org.

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

Frances Daly

Retired presser

Frances C. Daly of Winthrop passed away at the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston on December 31. She was 92 years old.

Born in Winthrop, the beloved daughter of the late Lucia (Antocci) and Pasquale Madona, she was a life-long resident of Winthrop and worked as a presser at Surf Cleaners prior to her retirement.

She was the devoted wife of the late Earl Daly and the loving mother of Roberta Daly and her husband, Richard Summers of Winthrop, Steven Daly and his wife, Janice of Georgetown, Paula Daly Ward and her husband, Darrin and Christine Daly and her companion, Kirk Fortuna, all of Winthrop; dear sister of the late Sam Facella, Rosemary Sibella, Paul Facella and Sara Sirois. She is also survived by seven grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

Family and friends are cordially invited to attend



the visitation from the Caggiano-O'Maley-Frazier Funeral Home, Winthrop on Friday, January 5 from 9 to 11 a.m. followed by a Funeral Mass in St. John the Evangelist Church, 320 Winthrop St., Winthrop at 11:30 a.m. Services will conclude with the interment in the Belle Isle section of Winthrop Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to the Home of Little Wanderers at www.thehome.org.

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Richard Minichiello

Boston Public School Teacher and US Air Force Veteran of WWII

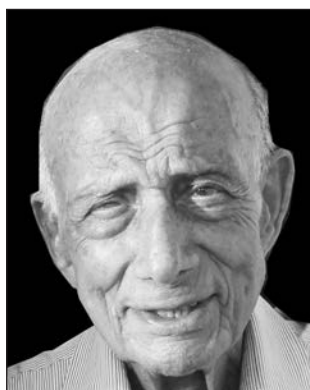


Richard R. Minichiello, 102, of Winthrop, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by loved ones on December 29.

The third youngest of 10 siblings, Richard grew up in the West End of Boston where his family ran the Mass Spa general store for decades. A US Army Air Corps Veteran of World War II, Richard piloted flights over "the Hump" to bring supplies to American bases in China.

He played baseball near the Charles River with his younger brother Bob whom he admired and continued a close and protective relationship with up to Bob's passing on December 25, 2023. As a salesman of scholastic materials for half a century, Richard shared a passion for art and education. He received his Master's in Childhood Education in his 60s, which allowed him to substitute teach in the schools of Boston into his 90s.

Richard was predeceased by his beloved wife, Helen Tobin Minichiello, his daughter, Joanne Minichiello Darcy and namesake, Richard Minichiello II. He is survived by his son, Robert Minichiello and wife, Sari of Nova Scotia. Richard was a proud, interested, and supportive grandfather to his grandchildren: Richard III (and Tracy), Antoinette (and Todd), Thaddeus (and Kerri), Bryony (and Stephane), Jaime (and Devin), Alexa (and Brian), Nathaniel (and Kathryn) and great-grandchildren: Marcus, Moira, Joe and Ryder.



Richard is also survived by many nieces, nephews, and friends.

Richard was an eloquent philologist, avid card player and golfer and ran the New York Marathon at age 58. He swam in the "invigorating" waters off Point Shirley, Winthrop up to his 101st year. He enjoyed a cold Budweiser on ice in a wine glass when watching his favorite team, the Boston Red Sox. He will be missed by all who love him but will be remembered for living his life according to his favorite Cyrano quote "to sing, to laugh, to dream; to walk in my own way and be alone, free, with an eye to see things as they are."

A Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, January 6 at 10 a.m. in St. John the Evangelist Church, 320 Winthrop St., Winthrop. Services will conclude with burial in St. Joseph's Cemetery, West Roxbury. Reception to follow. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Richard's memory to All Care Hospice Grateful Patient and Family Program: <https://allcare.org/grateful/>

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

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William McGeorge

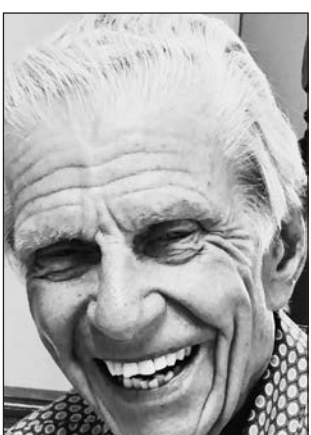
A man of character and integrity



William J. McGeorge, a life-long resident of Winthrop, passed away on December 29 at the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston from the effects of pulmonary fibrosis. He was 84 years old.

"Bill," as he was affectionately known to his friends, was truly one of the good guys. A man of character and integrity, he was so easy to get along with and had a kind and generous nature. He was a proud veteran of the United States Marine Corps and his loyalty and allegiance to the Corps never faltered. Being a Marine was one of the highlights of his life.

He was the beloved son of the late Gladys and Thomas McGeorge



and the caring cousin of Robert McGeorge of Winthrop, Eugene McGeorge of Lynnfield and Elizabeth Perkins of New Hampshire. He was the dear friend and companion of Phyllis Todisco of Winthrop.

Family and friends are cordially invited to attend the visitation from the Caggiano-O'Maley-Frazier Funeral Home, Winthrop today, Thursday, January 4 from 9 to 11 a.m. followed by a funeral service in the funeral home at 11 a.m. Services will conclude with the interment in the Cross Street section of Winthrop Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to the charity of your choice.

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Ronnie "Ron" Wilburn

Anesthesia Technician

Ronnie "Ron" Wilburn passed away December 29 after a short illness.

Ronnie was born February 8, 1959 at Boston City Hospital to the late Charles and Jimmy Clyde (Murray) Wilburn, the last of their four sons.

Ron attended Boston English High. While still in high school he worked as an attendant at Metropolitan State and then started his career as an anesthesia technician at Mass. Eye and Ear, BIDMC, and finally Shriners.

He met his wife at one of his early jobs.

At a party that year he demonstrated his love of babies by retrieving one from a back room, "Look what I found"! His wife-to-be hissed: "Put that back!!"

He did; it was fine. They married in 1988 and he was blessed with a baby of his own, Ron, Jr. the following year.

Ronnie was kind, curious, smart, funny, and outgoing, qualities that endeared him to a stunning number of others.

It was impossible to go anywhere with him without some unknown person exclaiming, "Ron! What are you doing here?" It was like living with an underground celebrity, annoying but adorable. He was sweet, loving and infinitely patient. He drank and smoked too much, habits that took him away far too early.



If everyone could emulate his good habits and avoid the bad ones the world would be even more wonderful than it is.

Ronnie is survived by his wife of 35 years, Judith (Lefavour) Wilburn and son, Ron Wilburn Jr, as well as brothers Ulysses Wilburn and Floyd Wilburn. He was predeceased by his parents and brother, Charles. He also leaves his sister-in-law, Diane Wilburn, niece, Lacasha Wilburn, her mother, Cheryl Wilburn, many cousins, aunts, uncles, friends and his bulldog, Rosie.

Visiting hours will be held in the Maurice W. Kirby Funeral Home, 210 Winthrop St., Winthrop, today, Thursday, January 4 from 4 to 8 p.m. Relatives and friends are invited. Funeral service and interment will be private.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Hale Barnard Services in Boston or to the charity of your choice. To sign Ronnie's guestbook, please visit: www.mauricekirbyfh.com.

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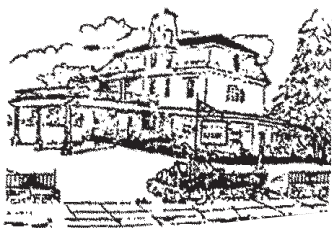
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and women cannot do all the good they would, they do need to do all the good they can.”

Precinct 3 Town Councilor Hannah Belcher added, “I’m thankful that my colleagues unanimously put their faith in me to help President Letterie lead the council this year. The council has some tough work to do this session, and I’m excited to continue pushing forward for the benefit of our community. From big ticket items like the fire station to pragmatic, incremental changes that increase participation and transparency, I’m ready to continue to roll up my sleeves and get to work. It is an honor and a privilege to do so in a leadership capacity.”

President Letterie delivers his inaugural address

James “Jim” Letterie was re-elected town council in November without opposition. He becomes the third president to serve a second term in office, joining Tom Reilly and Peter Gill in that category. The other residents who held the highest elected position in town government are Jeff Turco, Ron Vecchia, Bob Driscoll, Russ Sanford, and Phil Boncore.

Letterie, whose wife, Dawn Letterie, and daughter, Jenna Letterie, attended the ceremony, delivered an inspiring and optimistic vision for the town in 2024 and beyond. Following is the text of President Letterie’s remarks:

“Ladies and gentlemen, distinguished members of our community, esteemed guests, and fellow citizens, welcome to the Town of Winthrop’s 10th swearing in ceremony under this Council form of government.

There are a few individuals that I would like to recognize before I begin... First, Speaker Bob DeLeo, I can go on and on about all Bob has done for his beloved Winthrop, but to try and keep it brief, Bob has dedicated over a half century of service to this town in various capacities, including the longest serving Speaker of the House

in the history of Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Bob, I thank you for your wisdom, service and dedication to the town you love. Secondly, Tom Reilly. Tom has also served this town for many years in various capacities including as our first Council President. Tom’s wisdom and mild demeanor was the perfect fit, and his 2 terms gave us that stable foundation on which to build. Thank you, Tom. I would also like to recognize and thank Dave Hubbard for his many years of service to our town including as Town Moderator and his incredible work and dedication to preserving the history of our town. Peter and Richard Gill, you have both always been there with words of wisdom, always putting our town first, and always willing to serve in whatever capacity is needed, I thank you both. Karin Chavis, I cannot even list all the committees, building projects, elections, search committees you have served on. Your wisdom, sincerity, thoughtfulness and love of this town is immeasurable. I thank you for all you do and, more importantly, for your friendship.

I also need to thank my family for their support. My wife, Dawn, has always been there, not always willingly, but always there. No one puts their name on a ballot to make friends. There are definitely times when you make decisions that are unpopular or misunderstood, and I am so fortunate to be able to go home and have someone who understands my passion for Winthrop and will take the time to hear me out and understand why and how I feel something will help our town. I appreciate her support more than she will ever know. Jake and Jenna, who were 5 and 3 when I first ran, now 23 and 25, and have grown up understanding the importance of civic involvement and what an important lesson that is. I am so grateful and proud of them every day. Also, my mom, who I’ve thanked every day for over 63 years for always being there.

I would also like to



Layne Petrie
School Committee

thank these individuals who day in, and day out help make Winthrop a great place to live, work and raise a family.

State Representative and former Council President Jeff Turco, Jeff over the past 14 years you have grown, figuratively not literally, to understand this town and help us in so many ways, I thank you.

- State Senator Lydia Edwards
- Town Manager Tony Marino
- Police Chief Delahanty
- Fire Chief Wiley
- Superintendent Lisa Howard
- Director Calla, and all our incredible department heads
- Former Council Presidents ... Reilly, Turco, Gill, Vecchia, Driscoll, Sanford, Boncore

I must also recognize someone who has done so much for myself and so many others, someone who knows the ins and out of all that is Winthrop, someone that the Town Council would be lost without and that is our Town Clerk, our Council Clerk, basically our Clerk of the Works, Denise Quist.

Today marks a momentous occasion as I stand before you, deeply honored and privileged to assume the role of your Town Council President. As we embark on this journey together, I am acutely aware of the weight of responsibility that comes with this position—a responsibility that extends to each of the nearly 20,000 citizens who call our town home.

In our community, we are not merely a Town Council; we are a collective force working towards a common purpose. Winthrop is a mosaic of diverse perspectives, and as we face the future, we recognize that challenges will inevitably come our way. It is crucial to acknowledge that we may not always agree on the best course of action, but it is in these differences that the potential for growth and progress lies.

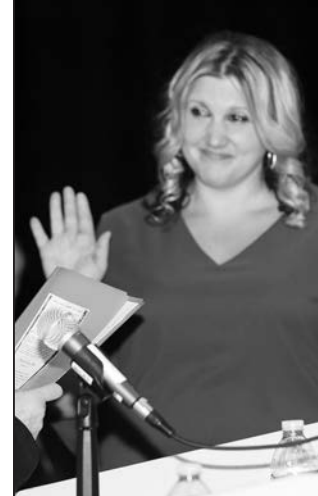
I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to the invaluable town employees who form the backbone of our community. Their



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dedication, hard work, and unwavering commitment contribute immeasurably to the well-being of our town. These individuals often work behind the scenes, but their impact on our daily lives is profound. As we move forward, I am committed to ensuring that our town employees feel valued, supported, and appreciated for their tireless efforts.

My first goal 2 years ago was to hire a town manager that would be that stabilizing influence. Someone who was a blue-collar kind of person, someone who would never ask anything of anyone that he would not do himself. Someone that was a presence that would understand our town and our people. We hit the jackpot with Tony, I thank the Council for their unanimous support, and I thank Tony for just being you.

Our public safety personnel, our guardians, and deserve a special acknowledgment. To the brave men and women who serve on the front lines, ensuring our safety and security, I extend my deepest gratitude. Their commitment to our community goes beyond duty, and we are indebted to them for their courage and sacrifice. Recognizing the incredible need for a modern fire and police station, I pledge to work tirelessly to provide our first responders with the facilities and resources they require to continue their vital work effectively. Although unsuccessful this past fall, I commit we will be ready to present by mid-March, for your consideration multiple options to consider. We will offer MANY opportunities for your questions and FULL understanding of what we are trying to accomplish. It is my wish to have a ballot ready project, fully vetted, transparent, and worthy of your vote by the end of May.

Equally significant is my commitment to education, the foundation upon which our community’s future is built. Our school department plays a pivotal



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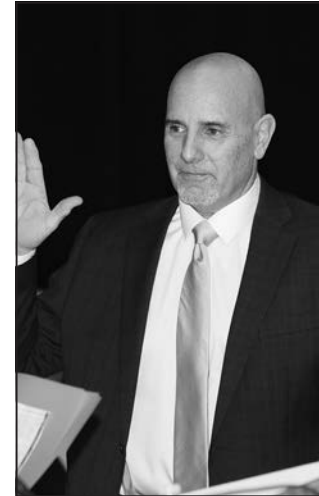
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role in shaping the minds and values of our youth. I emphasize the incredible importance of education and pledge to work collaboratively to ensure our schools have the resources, support, and infrastructure necessary to foster an environment where every student can thrive.

As we navigate the complexities of governance, I want to acknowledge that challenges will arise, and there will be moments when consensus may seem elusive. However, in these moments, we must remember the power of compromise. Compromise is not a concession of principles but a bridge to understanding, a pathway to common ground that ensures the well-being of our entire community.

I extend an invitation to each and every one of you to actively engage in the democratic process. We are a Town Council of nine, but our decisions resonate with close to 20,000 community members. Your involvement, understanding, and perspectives are crucial. Attend town meetings, participate in discussions, and stay informed about the issues which will shape our town’s future. Together, we can build a stronger, more resilient community.

We still have much to do, The old Middle School Site, whether it be a sports complex, a public safety building, a hotel or whatever, we cannot stop moving forward. We have an RFI out, which will be open until late January and



James Letterie
Council President



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has already garnered interest. We are constantly working on that site while remaining focused on any potential impacts to Parks & Rec, as well as the economic vitality and density of the town.

We have the TIP project getting under way in earnest this spring, which will bring disruptions, but ultimately will be a significant improvement that will provide needed infrastructure improvements, better access to the Gorman Fort Banks as well as a very attractive visual upgrade.

We have mitigation agreements with Massport and the MWRA which will be expiring in January of 2025 and we will soon begin the negotiation process.

I say now, as I have said before, we as a Council always appreciate your thoughts, ideas, suggestions and yes even criticisms. We are not perfect, we will make mistakes, but I again guarantee you our mistakes will not be born from laziness, mediocre effort or lack of transparency. I promise 100% effort because that is what you deserve. So let us embark on this journey of collaboration, understanding that our shared efforts will shape the destiny of our town. With gratitude for the past, commitment to the present, and vision for the future, let us work hand in hand to create a town we are all proud to call home. May God bless you and may God bless out beautiful town of Winthrop.



Former State Sen. Joe Boncore, State Rep. Jeff Turco, Former House Speaker Robert A. DeLeo, Fire Chief Scott Wiley, and Police Chief Terence Delehanty.



Alex Fries, Alicia DelVento, Precinct 3 Councilor Hannah Belcher (who was elected as the new vice president of the Council Tuesday night), former Town Councilor Nick DelVento, and Cathy DelVento.



Precinct 4 Councilor Suzanne Swope (center), with family, from left, Brian Viens, Diana Viens, Carl Eckstein, Hazel Viens (front) and Ruby Viens.

Pet care tips to keep in mind this season as the weather gets colder

Special to the Transcript

It's been a rough winter so far in many parts of the country.

If you're a pet owner, that means you'll also need to keep your pets out of harm's way.

Best Friends Animal Society, a leading animal welfare organization working to end the killing of cats and dogs by 2025, offers the following tips to keep your pet as safe as possible:

- Outside animals should be brought indoors unless evacuation is required.
- Do not wait to evacuate. The longer you wait, the more difficult it will be to get out with your pets.
- If evacuating, please bring your pets with you. If that is not possible, do not keep animals enclosed in a pen or crate and make sure to keep pets on the highest floor or point of your home.
- Make a plan of where to go with your pet(s). Identify

pet-friendly emergency shelters that may be open in your area for temporary respite. There are also pet-friendly hotels that you may be able to locate online.

- Put together an emergency go-bag of all of your pets' essential items, such as medications, food, bowls, leash, crate, toys, blankets, and identification tags. It's also pertinent to have your animal's vaccination and medical records handy, including their microchip number, together

inside a waterproof, sealed bag. Keep the bag as close to the door so that if you need to evacuate immediately, you can grab your pet and the bag and leave.

- Identify a neighbor who has access to your home and can grab your pets and their go bag if you are not home during a flooding event.
- Close all windows and doors.


Additional Do's and Dont's:


- Do not attempt to walk through floodwater. As little as six inches of moving water can knock you and your pet down.
- Do not allow your pet to drink any floodwater. Floodwater is polluted with chemicals, sewage and other harmful debris and foreign materials that are harmful to your pet.
- Do not assume your pet can swim. Animals can


panic if put in a situation that they are too stressed to handle.


- Do not drive through water or even over bridges that sit above fast-moving water, as they can collapse at a moment's notice.
- Do dry off a pet as quickly as possible. Wetness can cause bacterial growth and inflammation on their skin.


LEGAL NOTICES


LEGAL NOTICE

BOARD OF APPEALS
PUBLIC HEARING
January 11, 2024:
Case 019-2023
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 January 11, 2024, at or after 6:30 p.m. held in the Harvey Hearing Room upon the application of person requesting:
Samir Souri- 1039 Shirley Street, Winthrop, MA 02152
The applicant has submitted a Motion for Reconsideration of the Decision of September 28th to deny the Appeal of an Order to Correct. The public is invited to attend, and interested parties shall have an opportunity to be heard. Copies of the application and plans are on file and available to review at the Town Hall Planning Office, Room 2A, Winthrop Town Hall.
Darren Baird, Chairman
Denise Quist, Town Clerk
Winthrop Board of Appeals

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PUBLIC HEARING
1/11/2024:
Case 044-2023
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Shirley Church LLC - 1001 Shirley Street, Winthrop, MA
The applicant seeks a permit to redevelop the site into a multi-unit apartment complex that will consist of five townhouse condominiums. The project will stay within the original church footprint. The public is invited to attend, and interested parties shall have an opportunity to be heard. Copies of the application and plans are on file and available to review at the Town Hall Planning Office, Room 2A, Winthrop Town Hall.
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Kyle Russo - 74 Quincy Avenue, Winthrop, MA
The applicant seeks a permit to convert the current preexisting non-conforming 1-family structure to a 2-family residential home. Relief will be needed for parking. The public is invited to attend, and interested parties shall have an opportunity to be heard. Copies of the application and plans are on file and available to review at the Town Hall Planning Office, Room 2A, Winthrop Town Hall.
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PUBLIC HEARING
January 11, 2024:
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David Perez and Armen Devitan (DBA Mexico en La Casa)- 71-79 Jefferson Street, Winthrop, MA 02152
The applicant is seeking a permit to construct a Mexican Restaurant and will require a parking variance. The public is invited to attend, and interested parties shall have an opportunity to be heard. Copies of the application and plans are on file and available to review at the Town Hall Planning Office, Room 2A, Winthrop Town Hall.
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Winthrop Board of Appeals

LEGAL NOTICE

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PUBLIC HEARING
January 11, 2024:
Case 047-2023
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 January 11, 2024, at or after 6:30 p.m. held in the Harvey Hearing Room upon the application of person requesting:
Jacob Abraham- 5 Ocean View Street, Winthrop, MA 02152
The applicant is seeking to construct a one-story addition to extend the kitchen, per plans submitted, to an existing one family structure. The public is invited to attend, and interested parties shall have an opportunity to be heard. Copies of the application and plans are on file and available to review at the Town Hall Planning Office, Room 2A, Winthrop Town Hall.
Darren Baird, Chairman
Denise Quist, Town Clerk
Winthrop Board of Appeals

LEGAL NOTICE

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MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE
By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Elizabeth G. Dowling and Robert A. DeCicco to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Generation Mortgage Company, its successors and assigns, dated December 9, 2013 and recorded in Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 52468, Page 69 (the "Mortgage") of which mortgage Mortgage Assets Management, LLC is the present holder by Assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Generation Mortgage Company, its successors and assigns to Mortgage Assets Management, LLC dated September 7, 2023 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 69431, Page 288, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at 11 Perkins Street, Winthrop, MA 02152 will be sold at a Public Auction at 9:00 AM on January 19, 2024, at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit: A certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon, situated in Winthrop, Massachusetts now numbered 11 Perkins Street, being Lot 78 on a plan of Witman and Breck, dated August 1878, and recorded with Suffolk County Registry of Deeds at the End of Book 1437, and being bounded and described as follows:
NORTHERLY by Perkins Street, as shown on said plan,
EASTERLY by Lot 77, as shown on said plan, one hundred (100) feet;
SOUTHERLY by Lot 83, as shown on said plan, fifty (50) feet; and
WESTERLY by Lots 77 and 80, as shown on said plan, one hundred (100) feet.
Containing 5,000 square feet of land by any and all said measurements and contents, more or less.
For Mortgagors' title see deed of Elizabeth G. Dowling dated September 27, 2000 recorded with the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 25396, Page 262.
The premises will be sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes and other municipal assessments and liens, and subject to prior liens or other enforceable encumbrances of record entitled to precedence over this mortgage, and subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, reservations and conditions of record and subject to all tenancies and/or rights of parties in possession.
Terms of the Sale: Cashier's or certified check in the sum of \$5,000.00 as a deposit must be shown at the time and place of the sale in order to qualify as a bidder (the mortgage holder and its designee(s) are exempt from this requirement); high bidder to sign written Memorandum of Sale upon acceptance of bid; balance of purchase price payable by certified check in thirty (30) days from the date of the sale at the offices of mortgagee's attorney, Korde & Associates, P.C., 900 Chelmsford Street, Suite 3102, Lowell, MA or such other time as may be designated by mortgagee. The description for the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication. Other terms to be announced at the sale. Mortgage Assets Management, LLC
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LODGE OF ELKS HOLDS ANNUAL WINARC HOLIDAY PARTY

Cary Shuman Photos

The Winthrop Lodge of Elks held its annual WINARC Holiday Party Dec. 10 in the Biggio Room.

The committee, under the leadership of chairperson Roberta DiPierro, organized a festive event for families that included a tasty luncheon, gifts for the guests, dancing, and a special visit by Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus.



Some of the many guests at the Winthrop Lodge of Elks WINARC Holiday Party are pictured above at the event in the Elks function hall.



Committee Chairperson Roberta DiPierro thanks Winthrop High School football player Gabe Grein for his assistance at the WINARC Holiday Party. A junior linebacker, Gabe was one of the key volunteers who helped make the event a success.



Kathy Pitts and daughter, Kinsley Pitts, enjoy a visit with Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus.



Virginia MacDonald and son, Alan MacDonald, pictured at the Lodge of Elks WINARC Holiday Party.



Kevin Anderson and Lori Anderson, with son, Kevin Anderson Jr., pictured at the Lodge of Elks WINARC Holiday Party.



Dennis Boudrow, Roberta DiPierro, Roberta Daly, and Paula Ward.



Elks Planning Committee Chairperson Roberta DiPierro welcomes DJ George Athas, who provided the music that featured several well-known Christmas songs.

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Guy Saraceno visits with Santa Claus at the Lodge of Elks WINARC Holiday Party.



Helping out with culinary operations were volunteers from the Emblem Club, Brenda Connolly, RoseAnn Liggiero, Heather Martin, and Claire Colvario.



Holiday Party Chairperson Roberta DiPierro, Elizabeth Snow, and Roberta Daly.



Julie Mei and son, John Mei, Nancy Giuffre and son, Joe Giuffre, enjoying the annual Lodge of Elks WINARC Holiday Party.



Roberta DiPierro, Nancy Tufo, Julie Mei, and Nancy Giuffre, pictured at the Lodge of Elks WINARC Holiday Party.

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SCENES FROM THE DAVID GREEN MEMORIAL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT



Photos courtesy of WPS students Talia Martucci and Alex Correa

Last week, the Winthrop High boys and girls basketball teams hosted the third annual David Green Memorial Basketball Tournament. The tournament was sponsored

by the Viking Pride Foundation for the third year in a row. The tournament hosted eight teams (four boys and four girls) from the North Shore. Shown above and below, scenes from Winthrop High basketball players participating in the tournament.



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