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**APPLY FOR YOUR
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Applications for 2024 Resident Parking Permits are now being accepted.

Red 2023 permits expired on Sunday, Dec. 31.

There is a \$5.00 fee for a parking permit and a fee of \$10.00 for a visitor's placard whether you apply online or by mail. These fees are waived for senior citizens, or residents with a valid handicapped parking placard or plate issued by the RMV. Permit applications are fulfilled by mail and orders are not sent out until December.

In-Person applications are no longer accepted

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TRASH DELAY
Due to the Martin Luther King Holiday on Monday Jan. 15, 2024, trash will be delayed by one day
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Community forum addresses charges against former police lieutenant

By Adam Swift

Town Manager Tony Marino and Police Chief Terence Delehanty hosted a community forum at the senior center on Monday to address concerns and answer questions about the recent arrest of a police lieutenant.

James Feeley was arraigned on one count of child rape and two counts of indecent assault and battery on a child under 14 in late December. He was ordered held on \$200,000 bail and is due back in court again on Jan. 29.

On Monday night, Marino said Feeley had not made bail as of Sunday night, and since being arrested, he has resigned from the Winthrop Police Department.

Delehanty said the investigation is being conducted by the Massachusetts State Police and that the Winthrop department

has recused itself from the investigation.

Marino, Delehanty, and representatives from the town's health department and the Suffolk County District Attorney's office were on hand for the public forum.

"It was a tragic event, there was a child involved, we weren't certainly ready for it, but I will say that the response to it by the police and everyone involved has been phenomenal," said Marino.

Marino said the first priority in the incident was to protect the child who was involved, and then to bring charges against Feeley.

Since there is still an ongoing investigation and there is a child involved, Marino and Delehanty said there were certain questions they could not answer.

"To say the past few

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School administration looks to begin 24-25 budget process

By Adam Swift

The calendar has just turned to 2024, but the school administration is already gearing up to craft the 2024-25 school year budget.

"Starting in early December, we started looking at the budget for next year, anticipating what our needs are," said Superintendent of Schools Lisa Howard. "As you know, it is a long process and a lot goes into it from the administrators' level to the teachers' level."

This year, Howard said she would like to get back to the business of speak-

ing with parents as she did in the years prior to the Covid pandemic.

"I'm going to start meeting with PTOs this month in January, and at the PTO meetings, I'll be doing a presentation for the parents on the budget," said Howard.

The presentation will include a brief overview of how the budget is put together and where the money comes from to support the schools. Howard said she will also encourage feedback from the parents.

In February, Howard said she will likely send

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U.S. ARMY AIR CORP CAPTAIN RICHARD MINICHIELLO FUNERAL SERVICES AT ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH

Richard Minichiello was born in October, 1921, and died on December 29, 2023, in his home at the age of 102. Minichiello was a WWII pilot, bring-

ing supplies to American bases in China, and surrounding areas.

The funeral mass was held last Saturday morning at St. Michael the

Archangel Parish on Winthrop Street, and the burial was in St. Joseph's Cemetery in West Roxbury.



The American flag draped casket of Capt. Richard Minichiello is carried into St. Michael's Church last Saturday morning. Winthrop Veterans' Service Officer Phil Ronan and Commander of American Legion Post 146 Steven White along with members of Post 146 salute their lost comrade as he passes by.

Winthrop gets first taste of winter weather

By Transcript Staff

Winthrop and the entire region got its first taste of winter weather over the past weekend.

On Sunday, Winthrop and the Boston area escaped the worst of the snow that hit the Merrimack Valley and other inland areas of the state.

Just under four inches of snow was reported at Logan Airport from the

Jan. 7 storm, compared to a foot or more of snow in some parts of northern Essex County.

The heavy rains from Tuesday night into Wednesday morning had a bigger impact on the operations of the town, as the start of school was delayed on Wednesday morning by two hours.

On Tuesday evening, Superintendent of Schools Lisa Howard sent out

a message stating that school would be delayed due to the Coastal Flood Advisory.

Howard stated that there were concerns that the Revere entrance into Winthrop could be closed in the morning due to coastal flooding, impacting the traffic patterns for the school and creating a safety hazard.

VINTAGE VIBES AT MICHAEL'S MALL



John Rogers is shown getting ready to drive his vintage 1931 Model A Ford car from Michael's Mall last Thursday afternoon. Also shown enjoying last Thursday's weather is Beau.

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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. 25

2329: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Main and Payson Sts. for the civil moving infraction of failing to stop for a traffic control sign or signal. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

TUESDAY, DEC. 26

1148: A town employee came to the station to report a minor accident between a town vehicle and another vehicle on Shirley St. The officer filed a report.

1646: An officer responded to a two-car motor vehicle accident at Washington Ave. and Shirley St. There were no injuries and neither vehicle was towed. The officer filed a report.

1739: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Shirley and Underhill Sts. for the civil moving infractions of a stop sign violation and not having his registration in his possession. The officer issued a citation to the operator for both infractions.

1941: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Revere St. for the civil moving infraction of failing to stop for a traffic control sign or signal. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

2205: Officers responded to a report of a distur-

bance at a residence in the 1000 block of Shirley St. The officers placed a 31 year-old Winthrop man into protective custody.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 27

0843: A caller reported that a large German Shepherd was running loose at Veterans Rd. and Washington Ave. An officer spoke to the owner and informed him of the town's leash by-law.

1047: A resident came into the station to report that she had been the victim of a larceny.

1744: An officer seized a firearm and filed a report.

1828: A repossession company reported the repo of a motor vehicle.

1835: A report of two dead squirrels on Ingle-side Ave. was referred to the DPW.

1908: A Winthrop St. resident reported that a package had been stolen from the front of her house. The officer filed a report.

2218: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Main St. Upon discovering that the vehicle's registration had been revoked for insurance cancellation, he ordered the vehicle to be towed.

2325: A officer stopped a motor vehicle on Main St. for the civil moving infraction of speeding (42 in a 25 m.p.h. zone). Upon discovering that the operator only had a learner's permit and that a licensed passenger only had her license for a month (a licensed operator must have a license for a year before being allowed to drive with a person with a learner's permit), the officer issued a citation to the

operator for the criminal offense of unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

THURSDAY, DEC. 28

0340: An officer issued a parking ticket to a commercial vehicle parked partially on the sidewalk and also blocking a hydrant at Trident Ave. and Shirley St.

1809: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Winthrop St. and Wadsworth Ave. for the civil moving infraction of a stop sign violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1815: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Winthrop St. and Wadsworth Ave. for the civil moving infraction of a lights violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1851: A caller reported that a motor vehicle traveling on Revere St. struck a parked motor vehicle. The officer assisted the parties with the exchange of papers and filed a report.

1930: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Hermon St. for the civil moving infraction of a stop sign violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator, who said she was rushing home.

2354: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Main St. for the civil moving infraction of a red light violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator for that infraction, as well as for not having his license in his possession.

FRIDAY, DEC. 29

1231: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Main St. for the civil moving infraction of a red

light violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1302: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Crest for the civil moving infraction of a lane violation. When the officer discovered that the operator's license was suspended, a criminal offense for which the operator had been warned previously, the officer issued a citation to the operator for both the criminal and civil infractions. A licensed operator came to take control of the vehicle.

1348: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Pleasant St. for the civil moving infraction of a red light violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1434: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Main St. for the civil moving infraction of excessive window tint. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1916: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Revere and Hutchinson Sts. for a civil moving infraction. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1925: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Revere and Almont Sts. for the civil moving infraction of a stop sign violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1944: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Winthrop and Belcher Sts. for a civil moving infraction. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

2300: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Pleasant St. and Waldemar Ave. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer issued a citation to the operator, as well as for the infraction of not having his registration in his possession.

2340: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Washington Ave. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer

issued a citation to the operator for that infraction, as well as for the criminal offense of not having a valid driver's license. The officer stood by while a licensed operator came to take control of the vehicle.

SATURDAY, DEC. 30

0008: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Washington Ave. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

0031: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Revere St. for the civil moving infractions of speeding and a red light violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator for both infractions.

1112: A person called the station to report that he had just been T-boned at the intersection of Pleasant and Williams Sts. and that the operator of the other vehicle fled the scene. The officer filed a report.

1321: An officer stopped a motor vehicle with a registration revoked for insurance cancellation, which is a criminal offense, on Revere St. The officer issued a citation to the operator. The motor vehicle was towed.

1419: A report of a dead skunk on Cottage Ave. was referred to the DPW.

1648: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Shirley and Perkins Sts. for a civil moving infraction. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator, who had no prior driving history.

1739: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Main St. for the civil moving infraction of a red light violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1925: An officer ordered a tow for a motor vehicle parked on the No Parking side of the street on South Main St. The officer filed a report.

1933: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at

Winthrop and Belcher Sts. for the civil moving infractions of speeding and a stop sign violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator for the stop sign violation and gave a verbal warning for the speeding infraction.

1957: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Main St. for the civil moving infraction of a number plate violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

2213: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Revere St. for the civil moving infraction of a red light violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

SUNDAY, DEC. 31

0852: An officer directed the owner of a motor vehicle blocking a hydrant on Coral Ave. to move the vehicle.

1338: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Main St. for the civil moving infraction of a red light violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

2339: An officer directed persons playing music loudly at a Revere St. residence to turn it down.

2350: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Main St. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

2352: Officers responded to a motor vehicle accident on Johnson Ave. in which a traveling vehicle struck two parked vehicles. One vehicle was towed and a person was transported to the hospital. The officer filed a report.

MONDAY, JAN. 1

0145: An officer directed a group of loud party-goers in a Bowdoin St. residence to turn off their music for the night.

0323: An officer returned to the Bowdoin St. address from the previous call and ordered the party to end.



2022 ENVIRONMENTAL STATUS & PLANNING REPORT (ESPR) INFORMATION SESSION

Massport will host a hybrid information session (in-person & virtually) to provide an update on the 2022 Logan ESPR. The topics that will be discussed include: ground transportation, activity levels/forecasting, aircraft noise, air quality, regional transportation, sustainability and resiliency, and airport planning. This information session will be streamed in English and Spanish.

The hybrid information session will take place:

Wednesday, January 17, 2024 at 6:00 P.M.
Cathy Leonard-McLean Community Room
Logan Airport Rental Car Center*
15 Transportation Way
East Boston, MA 02128

To access the meeting link and for more information, please visit:
<https://www.massport.com/logan-airport/about-logan/environmental-reports/>

Additional languages for the Public Information Session on the 2022 Boston Logan International Airport Environmental Status and Planning Report will be available upon request. Requests for additional languages are due by Friday, January 12, 2024. For more information or to request translation services please contact community@massport.com.

*The Rental Car Center is accessible via the MBTA Blue Line Airport Station by way of Massport's On-Airport Shuttle (Route 22, 33 and 55).

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except under special circumstances by appointment. All applications are only accepted online or by mail.

To apply for your parking permit or visitor placard online, to download an application to apply by mail, or to determine permit eligibility, please click here.

Motorists must remove expired stickers prior to affixing the new 2024 sticker. Resident parking stickers must be affixed to the lower, driver's side corner of the windshield. Failure to affix them to the window in this location may result in a parking ticket being issued. The permit cannot be left on the paper backing and placed on the dashboard.

City Hall systems is the Town's vendor for parking permit fulfillment. If there is an issue with your order, you will receive an email from City Hall Systems. Please do not disregard this email. Doing so will delay fulfillment of your order.

Please apply only once per vehicle since duplicate orders for the same license plate will delay order fulfillment. Please apply online if possible since applying by mail will delay your order. If you have already applied for your permit but have not received it after ten days, please check your

email (including spam or junk folders) for an email from City Hall Systems informing you of an issue with your order.

If your order has been delayed due to outstanding parking tickets or excise tax bills, those can be paid online via the links at <https://www.town.winthrop.ma.us/treasurer-collector/pages/pay-your-bills-online>

If your order has been delayed due to an issue with your registration (inactive or expired registration, vehicle not garaged in Winthrop, etc) those issues must be resolved with the RMV before an order is fulfilled. If you are applying for permits for multiple vehicles with one application, the entire order will be held if one vehicle fails verification.

WINTHROP MARKETPLACE

MISSISSIPPI ROAST

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 (3 1/2) pound boneless beef chuck roast
- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 1/2 cup beef broth
- 1 (1 ounce) packet Hidden Valley Original Ranch Salad Dressing & Seasoning Mix
- 1/2 cup butter
- 8 pepperoncini
- Kosher salt and ground black pepper, to taste
- 1/4 cup flour

DIRECTIONS

STEP 1: Season chuck roast generously with salt and pepper. Rub flour evenly over the surface of the meat.

STEP 2: In a large saute pan, warm oil over high heat until very hot but not smoking. Sear the roast until browned and crusty on all sides, about 15 minutes total.

STEP 3: Place roast in the pot of a slow cooker. Pour beef broth around the roast. Sprinkle Ranch seasoning over the roast, place butter on top and scatter pepperoncini over and around the roast. Cover the slow cooker and set on low heat for 7-8 hours.

STEP 4: When ready, shred the meat and mix with the sauce in the slow cooker. Serve over bread, egg noodles or potatoes

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Plastic Free Mass urges legislators to fix recycling system

Special to the Transcript

Conservation Law Foundation (CLF), Just Zero, Be the Solution to Pollution, and other members of Plastic Free Mass are calling on legislators to update the state's beverage container deposit return system (aka Bottle Bill), which remains unchanged from when it was passed in 1982. Under the Bottle Bill, consumers make a deposit of 5 cents on some beverages, which they can redeem when they return the empty containers for recycling. If the program were updated to include all beverage containers and the deposit were increased to 10 cents, litter would be reduced in Massachusetts by as much as 85%.

"Massachusetts beaches and waterways are choking with trash," said CLF attorney Mara Shulman. "Across the state, volunteers are spending countless hours picking up litter. This is unsustainable. Updating the Bottle Bill will not only slash litter, but it will also reduce the state's greenhouse gas emissions. It's time for legislators to meet this moment and stop relying on volunteers to clean up litter when a legislative solution is at our fingertips."

"The data is clear," said Kirstie Pecci, Executive Director of Just Zero. "Modernizing Massachusetts' Bottle Bill will drastically reduce litter, curb pollution, improve recycling, and create local green jobs at no cost to taxpayers. But even better than that, Bottle Bills set

us up to transition to refillable beverage systems. In Europe, countries are collecting, washing, and refilling glass bottles because they know that this is where we get the most climate impact. Massachusetts can be a regional leader and blaze the way right now towards a future where single-use beverage containers are a thing of the past."

"Month after month, our volunteers return to the same beaches and rivers," said Mary Lou Nicholson, coordinator for Be the Solution to Pollution. "In 2023, my group cleaned up over 3,000 pounds of litter on just 6 Massachusetts beaches. It's a Sisyphean task, coming back again and again to clean up the same spots. But it doesn't have to be this way. With a better Bottle Bill, we would see litter in Massachusetts reduced by leaps and bounds."

Single-use beverage containers, a common source of litter, comprised a large proportion of the trash that resident volunteers cleaned up in Massachusetts in 2023. Massachusetts is one of 10 states in the U.S. with a Bottle Bill. But our Bottle Bill is sorely outdated. Not only does the deposit program include only 40% of the beverage containers sold in our state, but the deposit hasn't changed from when it was established at 5 cents in 1982.

Legislators can stop this problem at its root by expanding the program to include all beverage containers and raising the deposit to 10 cents.



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A scene from 'Moby Dick' by Plexus Polaire.

ArtsEmerson presents 'Moby Dick'

Special to the Transcript

ArtsEmerson, Boston's leading presenter of contemporary world theater and film and the professional presenting and producing organization of Emerson College, is excited to kick off its 2024 season with renowned director Yngvild Aspli and the endlessly inventive Norwegian theater company, Plexus Polaire's

'Moby Dick' at the Emerson Paramount Center from January 23 - 28, 2024. Herman Melville's immeasurably influential novel is brought to life in this radiant stage production featuring seven actors, fifty puppets, video projections, a drowned orchestra and a life-sized whale.

'Moby Dick' is, on its surface, the simple tale of a whaling expedition, but

the story's haunting themes of unparalleled obsession lead us all to question the unexplained mysteries of life and of the human heart. In this groundbreaking production, the classic is reborn with a freshness and urgency that makes it truly unforgettable. The New York Times calls 'Moby Dick' "a stunning work of art."

"We are thrilled to jump start 2024 with the wondrous feast for the eyes that is Plexus Polaire with Yngvild Aspli's 'Moby Dick,'" says ArtsEmerson Interim Executive Director Ronee Penoi. "We think our audiences will be spell-bound by this poetic and magical piece with breathtaking puppetry."

"I like how the sea somehow draws invisible lines between the different corners of the world, how it creates points of connection," says 'Moby Dick' director Yngvild Aspli. "How, facing this force of nature, we are all the same. And no-one captures the battle between

man and nature like Herman Melville in 'Moby Dick.' An ancient white whale, a captain steering his ship into destruction and the inner storms of the human heart."

Tickets for Moby Dick may be purchased 24/7 at ArtsEmerson.org, or by calling 617-824-8400 (Tue-Sat from 12:00PM ET - 6:00PM ET). The Paramount Center Box Office (559 Washington Street, Boston) is open for walk-up service Thu-Sat from Noon - 6:00 PM ET. Tickets start at \$25. Groups of 10+ attending a performance save up to 30%.

Thanks to generous support from Rockland Trust, a limited number of \$10 Mobile Rush tickets will be available at 9:00 AM ET each performance day on a first-come, first-served basis, exclusively through the TodayTix mobile app. For more information, please click on "General Public" when you visit ArtsEmerson's Offers web page.

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weeks have been difficult, disappointing, or traumatizing because of an action of an employee of the Winthrop Police Department would be an understatement," said Delehanty. "First and foremost, I think what we need to do is to apologize to the victim in this particular case. Also, any time you have a case like this, there is also collateral damage that is done, and of course, family members become collateral damage."

The police chief said Feeley was the only person to blame for this particular incident.

"He is the perpetrator of this crime," said Delehanty. "We as a community and a police department must denounce (Feeley) and stand by the victim and the victim's family to make sure they successfully get through this process and are able to grow as any other child has a

right to."

Delehanty said he wanted to apologize to the town manager, the town council, the police department, and the community, and added that the hardworking members of the department should not be painted with a broad brush, but judged on their actions and professionalism.

"Specifically, I want to apologize to my family for the impact that this particular incident has had on them," said Delehanty. "Living with me over the last three weeks has not been easy ... but they are always there to support me and to support the department and to move me forward so I can help move the community and the department forward, and for that, I thank them."

Winthrop Director of Public Health Meredith Hurley said her department has been working in

partnership with the public safety departments for over a decade and steps in to help with mental health services and trauma response for incidents in the town.

"This is definitely one where I feel like we all felt a lot of emotion and continue to feel a lot of emotion, and it can be very triggering for people," said Hurley.

Hurley said there are resources available both within the department and in the community for town staff and residents.

Jackie Lamont of the Suffolk County District Attorney's office and the Children's Advocacy Center noted that child abuse is an issue her department deals with every day, and said there are programs available to the public to help identify the signs of abuse and approach the subject.

"We don't like it to be

in this forum, but our mission is to shine a light on these things," said Lamont. She said her department would have resources available for town staff and residents for as long as they are needed.

At the end of the forum, Marino reiterated that the town and the police department addressed the issues with Feeley as soon as they were aware of them.

"From the time I got the call from (Delehanty) around 10 o'clock at night, from then on forward, it's been nothing but professionalism," said Marino. "This person was a part of the community, so there is anger, there is sadness, there is a range of emotions going through everybody and this is not easy on anybody. I can tell you I have never been prouder to be your town manager, to see how the community has responded."

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out a survey on the budget to parents.

"The survey I've sent out in the past couple of years is kind of boring, so we're working on making the survey a little more creative and a little more parent-oriented," said Howard.

Howard said she would also like to start scheduling school committee budget subcommittee meetings to start later this month, once the school committee subcommittee assignments are set.

One factor that is likely to affect the coming year's budget is the increased district enrollment.

"Currently, we have 1,982 students enrolled in Winthrop public schools, which is a number which is higher than it has been

in the past," said Howard.

The superintendent said the district continues to work on residency and enrollment as it tracks students who have enrolled and those who have withdrawn from the school system.

"Since Sept. 5, we have had 87 students enroll,"

said Howard. "Forty of the 87 are original to this country."

The highest level of increased enrollment is in 9th grade, which has seen 10 new students so far this school year, while pre-kindergarten and kindergarten has had nine new students enroll.

Over that same time period, Howard said the district has seen 46 students withdraw for various reasons. Howard added that she tracks the enrollment data monthly and provides regular updates to the school committee.

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Office of the Treasurer/Collector

Motorists are reminded that a resident parking permit is required to park on all town streets and lots between 1:00 AM and 5:00 AM.

If your vehicle has a red permit with an expiration date of 12/31/2023 or any permit with an earlier date, you must apply for a 2024 permit. Applications are only accepted by mail or online at www.town.winthrop.ma.us

If you have applied for a 2024 permit and have not received it after 14 business days, please call City Hall Systems at 508-381-5456

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OUR Opinions

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. NEVER GAVE UP

For those of a certain age, it is hard to imagine that 2024 will mark 56 years since the assassination of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in Memphis while he was standing on the balcony of the Lorraine Motel on April 4, 1968. Recalling how we felt when he first heard the news of Dr. King's murder still brings chills and a deep sense of sadness that never has subsided.

For those who are too young to have been alive in that era of American history, there are a few things that everyone should know about Dr. King that should provide inspiration to all of us.

First, Dr. King was fearless. He knew from the inception of his rise to prominence of the Civil Rights movement that he would become a target for those who opposed change. Yet, even though he often told others that he believed his death would be imminent, he did not relent in his fight to continue his work in the civil rights movement.

Second, Dr. King stood for the rights of all Americans, not merely those of color. He was in Memphis working with striking sanitation workers, whose pay and working conditions he was seeking to help improve. He was an outspoken critic of the Vietnam War because he knew it to be an unjust war, not only for poor Americans who could not get a college deferment for the draft, but also for the people of Vietnam, whose homeland was being bombed into oblivion at great profit for the American military-industrial complex.

If Dr. King were alive in the present era, there is no doubt that he would have been in the forefront of the Black Lives Matter movement that has highlighted the ongoing racism and economic inequality that oppresses Americans of all races today.

Dr. King's words ring as true today as they did two generations ago; his "I Have A Dream" and "I've Been to the Mountaintop" speeches are among the most powerful not only in American history, but in all of Western civilization.

All of us should learn from the example set by Dr. King that in each of us is the power to change the world -- that each of us has the capacity to inspire others, whether through our words or deeds, whether on a small or large scale, to make the world a better place.

Many of our fellow citizens have followed the path set by Dr. King and many more will do so in the years ahead. So as we celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day this Monday, let us recall not only his memory and the many things that he accomplished, but let us also resolve never to give in to the forces of intolerance, prejudice, and hate that continue to plague our country and the world today.

REPLACE BELICHICK? GOOD LUCK WITH THAT!

As we are writing this at the beginning of the week, there is rampant speculation that the Patriots are going to fire Bill Belichick, who undeniably is the greatest football coach of all time.

Yes, he had a great quarterback in Tom Brady, but Belichick's genius was in taking players such as Brady (who, after all, was the 200th pick in the draft) and turning them into pros who could fill a niche (Teddy Bruschi, Julian Edelman, and Kevin Faulk being prime examples) on his teams. Belichick's Patriots were a classic case of the sum of the whole being greater than the sum of the parts in much the same way that Red Auerbach, another coaching genius, did for the Celtics.

Belichick's attention to detail was unparalleled, which explains why he routinely could allow great players to leave -- think Lawyer Milloy, Ty Law, Richard Seymour, Vince Wilfork, etc. -- and still be able to turn unheralded replacements into top-notch players.

To be sure, Bill Belichick wasn't perfect -- we still have never heard a logical explanation for why he did not play Malcolm Butler in that Super Bowl with Philly -- but when you look around at all of the so-called "new wave" of football coaches, there is a lot of mediocrity, and even the best are not in his league. (The only current coach who comes close to Belichick is an old school guy, Andy Reid of Kansas City.)

The Patriots need to rebuild and if there's anyone who knows how to do that, it is Bill Belichick (although even he will have a hard time unless the Pats can draft a quarterback who can compete with Ryan Allen, Mahomes, Tua, Joe Burrow, Lamar Jackson, Justin Herbert, and C.J. Stroud).

Our prediction is this: If Belichick goes, whoever is his replacement will last about three years -- and the Pats and their fans will realize that there was only one Bill Belichick, the G.O.A.T.

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Forum

LETTERS to the Editor

THANK YOU TO OUTGOING COUNCILORS

Dear Editor,

I am writing to express my appreciation for the public service given by outgoing Town Councilors Tracey Honan, Stephen Ruggiero and Barbara Flockhart. For the past four years, they have given terrific representation to the residents of our community.

Councilor-At-Large Honan has been a leading voice on issues concerning the environment, public health and human rights. She was always a thoughtful presence on the Council.

Council Vice President Ruggiero has offered tremendous guidance to his fellow Councilors in his role as Chair of the Rules and Ordinance Committee and as a member of the Finance Committee. He has been a role model known for his hard work and preparation before every meeting.

Councilor Flockhart has been willing to take on the nitty gritty details of many issues before the Town Council. She performed her duties with grace and wit.

All three Councilors will be missed, but hopefully they will continue to be involved in the town's affairs. Fortunately, their

successors -- Max Tassinari, John DaRos and Suzanne Swope -- are worthy replacements.

Max Tassinari will be a strong presence on the Town Council given his experience with public finance in state government.

John DaRos will be a thoughtful and eloquent spokesman for his constituents on the Town Council given his presentations at candidate forums during the recent campaign.

Suzanne Swope has already demonstrated her commitment to our town given her six years of service on the School Committee. She will be an advocate on the Town Council for the school system and all members of the community.

William Schmidt

FYI FOR WINTHROP RESIDENTS

Dear Editor,

Did you know that your hometown is being forced to zone for 880 additional residential units? Are you aware that we are being forced to do this by threat of withholding our money. The money you work hard for every day. The tax percentage that goes to the state and the spread out to state agencies like the MBTA. Yeah that money.

If we don't comply with

3A of the MBTA communities act, by the end of this year the MBTA can withhold grant money from US grant money, again, that we fund with our hard-earned dollars.

Draconian? Given how heated our political discourse has become over the years, I'm afraid to use that word. However, I don't know how else to describe this.

The Town Council is moving as quickly as it can, under the alleged guidance of the precinct 5. Councilor Joe Aiello who is the former chairman of the fiscal and Management control board of the MBTA perhaps a conflict of interest?

For those of you who don't know me, I am a life-long Winthrop resident, former school committee member, and recently ran, and lost, for the precinct councilor at large seat in our most recent election. I also have a weekly show on Facebook called Winthrop Votes. If you simply go to Winthrop Votes on Facebook, look in the feature section and search up January 8 meeting. My partner Scott and I break down what we know so far about the 3A mandate.

I strongly encourage all Winthrop residence to attend the next council meeting on January 16 at 7:00 p.m. in the Harvey

room at Town Hall.

If you are against this proposal, you need to be heard. There are for sure six councilors were going to vote to zone for this project. Get involved and be heard.

And for the record, the money that they're threatening us with is money that we're not already receiving, it would be future Grant money.

I do not believe this will hold up in court if any municipality has the courage to stand up to it. Winthrop deserves a hardship on this. We can't keep adding more and more people into our community when we only have two ways in and out.

What happens if one of those MWRA trucks carrying the hazardous material down to the Point gets into an accident? And then we have a hazmat situation? How do we evacuate? Does the Town even have a plan? The chemicals that their trucking transports through our town are very dangerous and no one talks about it.

I hope to see you all there next week expressing your concerns. Winthrop is hurtling at light speed at this point at becoming Cambridge, Massachusetts. These 880 units will seal the deal..

Todd Sacco

THE MORE Things Change

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



10 years ago January 9, 2014

The Town of Winthrop held its swearing-in ceremony for newly-elected town officials Tuesday night at the Cummings School. Town Clerk Carla Vitale administered the oaths of office to Council President Peter Gill, who was re-elected to a second term in November, returning Councilors Paul Varone, Nicholas DelVento, and Russell Sanford, and new Councilor-at-Large Richard Boyajian. Library Trustees Betty Nicolas Peabody, Gillian Teixeira, and Virginia Wallace also received their oaths of office. Winthrop Housing Authority member Joseph A. Boncore, following a successful year as WHA chairman, received his oath of office. Housing Authority member Lawrence Holmes also took office, but was not present at the swearing-in ceremony. Re-elected School Committee members William Holden III and Brian Perrin and new School Committee member Dawn Sullivan were sworn in as members Monday before the first school meeting of 2014. Town Manager James McKenna served as the master of ceremonies for the program.

The proposal by Town Manager James McKenna and for a full-scale economic development plan was unanimously approved by the Town Council Tuesday night. McKenna said he is seeking to energize the Winthrop economy and undertake a rejuvenation of the Winthrop Center business district.

20 years ago January 15, 2004

More than 200 activists turned out to show their support for the upcoming \$6 million Prop. 2 and 1/2 override question that the selectmen have placed on the ballot for a special referendum on February 9. The rally was held at the Winthrop Yacht Club and was sponsored by the civic groups Parents Realizing the Importance of Deserving Education (PRIDE) and Save Our Schools.

The selectmen have unveiled a proposed budget for the coming fiscal year that will force budget cuts in every town department, including the elimination of the Senior Center; the closing of the public library; elimination of the Parks and Rec. Dept.; and elimination of the Animal Control Officer. The selectmen said that altogether 42 jobs would have

to be eliminated to close what is expected to be a \$1.6 million budget gap.

Winthrop firefighters battled low temperatures and a wind-driven blaze at 24 Tafts Ave. Sunday.

The low temperatures caused a water main break on Revere Street near Harvard St. that resulted in a flood causing thousands of dollars of damage to nearby businesses.

Matthew Cesario is the winner of the Middle School Geography Bee.

30 years ago January 20, 1994

School Department Business Manager Lester Towlson told the School Committee that emergen-

cy repairs that have been made to the town's aging school buildings in recent months have wreaked havoc with the school budget. Towlson said that among the repairs have been replacement of the furnace at the middle school; removal of contaminated soil at the middle school in connection with replacing the oil tank; improvement of air quality at the middle school; and replacement of the tubing and boiler at the high school.

Acting in the wake of the Advisory Committee's decision not to approve the use of funds from the Reserve Fund for the pur-

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Edwards embarks on comprehensive housing tour to address Massachusetts' unique challenges

Special to the Transcript

Senator Lydia Edwards recently completed an extensive tour of Nantucket, Hyannis, and Provincetown, hosted by Cape and Islands Senator Cyr, to closely examine the housing challenges facing these areas. Accompanied by local leaders and advocates, the Senator's tour underscored her commitment to understanding and addressing the housing crisis in the Commonwealth, especially in regions impact-

ed by seasonal economies and soaring real estate prices.

The tour included visits to key locations and meetings with significant stakeholders. Participants included Tom Dixon, a member of the Select Board; Brooke Mohr of the Nantucket Resource Partnership; Brian Sullivan, a Real Estate Agent; Tucker Holland, the current Housing Director for Nantucket; and Kristie Ferrantella, the incoming Housing Director for Nan-

tucket.

Senator Edwards' visit began with a trip on the Hyannis Hy-Line Cruises, followed by a driving tour of various housing projects. This tour provided a firsthand look at the innovative approaches being taken to address housing needs in these communities.

A highlight of the visit was the tour of the Harbor Hill property in Provincetown. This unique housing development, which includes a range of units

from studios to three-bedroom apartments, caters to residents earning between 80% and 200% of the Area Median Income (AMI). With rents ranging from \$1,200 to \$2,700, Harbor Hill represents a critical solution for families who earn too much to qualify for traditional affordable housing but still struggle with the high cost of living.

The Senator also engaged in a walking tour of Hyannis Main Street and met with local advocates in Provincetown and the outer Cape to discuss broader housing issues and potential policy responses.

Cape and Islands Senator Cyr, a key figure in this initiative, remarked, "It was a genuine joy to host my friend Senator Edwards in Nantucket, Hyannis, and Provincetown for a housing tour. Senator Edwards did not let any rough seas deter her on-the-ground approach to examining housing challenges in the furthest reaches of Massachusetts. I am grateful she took the time to listen to Cape Codders and Islanders to understand the unique obstacles we face in a seasonal economy with skyrocketing real estate prices. Senator Edwards' dedication to crafting housing policies that reflect the needs of the whole Commonwealth will provide the Cape and Islands with the policy tools we need to stem our housing crisis."

Addressing Senator Cyr's remarks, Senator



Senator Lydia Edwards, (left) and other officials toured parts of Massachusetts to discuss the housing challenges facing these areas.



Sen. Lydia Edwards and officials are pictured at a new housing construction site.

Edwards noted "As I traveled through Nantucket, Hyannis, and Provincetown, the diverse housing challenges faced by our communities became vividly clear. From families caught between the cracks of traditional affordable housing to the unique pressures of our seasonal economy, it's evident that one-size-fits-all policies simply won't work. I am committed to working tirelessly to develop nuanced, effective housing policies that recognize and address these distinct needs. Our goal is clear: to create sus-

tainable, affordable housing solutions that strengthen our communities and support all residents of the Commonwealth."

Senator Edwards' visit underscores her commitment to not only understanding the unique challenges faced by different communities in Massachusetts but also to developing comprehensive policy solutions. This tour is a step towards ensuring that housing policies are inclusive and effective, addressing the needs of all residents across the Commonwealth.

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phase of water pumps by the Fire Department to assist homeowners whose basements are flooded, the selectmen declared a state of emergency to authorize the purchase of 10 pumps for use by the Fire Dept. Advisory Committee members, in rejecting the transfer request, said that the town should not be in the business of providing such assistance to homeowners, even though the town has been doing so for decades in emergency situations such as coastal storms.

Board of Selectmen Chairperson Marie Turner disclosed this week that the town is in negotiations with Massport to try to resolve the impasse with Massport over the mitigation agreement that had been approved by the prior Massport Board before Gov. William Weld's appointees took over control of the board. New Massport Exec. Dir. Steve Tocco has been balking at living up to the mitigation agreement.

40 years ago January 11, 1984

Congressman Edward J. Markey announced this week that he will be a candidate for the U.S. Senate seat being vacated by Paul Tsongas, who is not seeking re-election because he has been diagnosed with lymphoma.

The public information hearing sponsored by the state and federal environmental agencies to discuss the issue of a new sewage treatment plant for Boston Harbor will be held January 19 in Memorial Auditorium.

State Rep. Alfred Saggese has secured a \$400,000 grant for the Water Commission in order for the commission to take action to stem the

erosion of Great Head atop which the town's water tower stands.

Winthrop merchants are offering unbeatable values this week during the annual Winter Viking Sale Days.

Newly-appointed Winthrop police officer Paul DeLeo is set to begin a three-month training course at the State Police Academy.

The town is in need of a new police matron in the wake of the recent retirement of long-time police matron Mary Batchelder.

50 years ago January 16, 1974

The selectmen met with School Supt. Michael Fortunato and School Committee Chairman Robert DeGregorio to discuss the growing problem of vandalism to the town's schools and what steps can be taken to stop it.

State Senator William Bulger of South Boston, the guest speaker at the meeting of the Winthrop Woman's Club, blasted the proposal by Massport to build an oil supertanker terminal in the middle of the outer Boston Harbor, which would be just three miles off the Winthrop coastline.

Congressman Torbert Macdonald has filed a bill to address the nation's current energy crisis by allocating the nation's oil supplies to areas of the country in the greatest need.

60 years ago January 9, 1964

Advisory Committee Chairman William Egan, at a meeting with Housing Authority member Patrick Kirley and WHS attorney William Tick, said the authority should consider divesting itself of some of the veterans housing that

was built 18 years ago as a means of increasing the town's tax base.

Popular radio talk show host Jerry Williams will be the guest speaker at the Temple Tifereth's pre-dedication dinner tomorrow evening.

Police Chief Frank Perrone said that his department soon will begin actively enforcing the law that prohibits the sale of cigarettes and other tobacco products to minors. Perrone's action comes after the U.S. Surgeon General issued a warning about the increased risk of lung cancer in smokers.

70 years ago January 14, 1954

In response to the action by the State DPU allowing the Rapid Transit Company to increase bus fares by a nickel to 15 cents, State Senator Andrew P. Quigley has filed legislation that would permit the town to operate its own bus system.

The School Committee has estimated that the cost of running the Winthrop school system next year will be \$739,182, an increase of about \$22,000 over the current year. State aid will provide about \$88,000 to the local schools.

The Rev. Edward V. Hart, pastor of Holy Rosary Church on the Point, said this week that the parish soon will have its own rectory.

Local merchants are offering big savings during the "January Jamboree" sale days.

Patrolman Robert Crawford has been elected the president of the Winthrop Police Association.

80 years ago January 16, 1944

Percy Sterling, chairman of the Winthrop Com-

mittee on Public Safety, announced this week that his committee will organize a Soldiers and Sailors Social Committee for the large number of servicemen who are serving in the local Harbor Defense forts in our town.

Draft-age men are reminded that they must carry their original registration cards as well as their notice of classification at all times.

The gasoline shortage has caused federal officials to issue a ban on all pleasure driving in the 17 states along the Eastern Seaboard until further notice.

90 years ago January 20, 1934

After much persuasion and persistent pleading by hundreds of residents, long-time Town Moderator Joseph Davidson, our punctual and efficient

moderator for many years, has agreed to have his name placed on the ballot as a candidate once again for that post. Mr. Davidson's outstanding record is too well-known and too lengthy for this newspaper to devote the several columns that would be necessary in explanation of his fitness for the office which he recently relinquished.

The Mass. Women's Christian Temperance Union held a, "No Retreat, No Surrender, No Compromise," dinner in Ford Hall in Boston. Members were told of the national temperance and prohibition meetings being held around the country in support of the reinstatement of Prohibition.

Police report that a man and a woman have been posing as members of the Winthrop Unemployment Committee and soliciting food and cash donations.

Citizens should ask for proper identification from anyone who claims to be seeking donations to the Unemployment Committee.

100 years ago January 19, 1924

The Sun opines that the Tenement Housing Act is working against the town's interests because it is restricting the construction of modern apartment buildings that could add to the town's tax base. There are many developers who would be eager to construct five-story apartment buildings, with two or three apartments on each floor, which are so popular these days in other cities and towns.

The report of the Executive Committee of the Winthrop Hospital points out the dire need for a new hospital building to serve the town.

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CITY PAWS

A dog for all seasons

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

Some dogs enjoy our changeable New England weather. They are adaptable and happy to go out and explore as long as they are with you. Others are happier basking in the warm sun on a beach or frolicking in the snow in winter.

Did you ever consider that your relationship with weather conditions should influence your choice of dog? If you hate the cold, ice, and snow, a high-energy dog who needs a lot of exercise any time of the year might be difficult. On the other hand, if you love the summer and want to take long dog walks on sunny days, a flat-faced dog like a Bulldog might have breathing problems

trying to keep up with you.

Origins Make a Difference

The seasonality of a dog depends, in part, on genetics and breeding. A dog's body, tail, coat, and personality depend on the work humans refined the breed to perform. Among the best examples of this are sled dogs. A clue to the weather adaptation of the Alaskan Malamute and Siberian Husky is in their name and their work. They originated in cold places to pull sleds.

The American Kennel Club (AKC) points out the necessary qualities of a sled dog. "One of the most important is good feet. Long-distance racers are tough on a dog's body, and the feet bear the brunt of the work." AKC

continues, "A healthy appetite and a thick coat are also important. Picky eaters might not take in the necessary calories on the trail, which reduces their performance ability. A healthy coat with a thick undercoat helps keep a dog warm and protected from the elements and preserves those essential calories."

However, while genes are one factor, within breeds, you'll find dogs who adapt to seasons in far different ways. Our first Westie, Sassy, loved basking in the sun. Number two, Maggie Mae, adapted to any season as long as she could be outside socializing, whereas Poppy loves playing in the snow.

Adaptations Can Help

We can help a dog adapt to our seasonal conditions. In winter, if you have a short-haired dog who needs a lot of exercise, like a greyhound, you must protect her from the cold and wet. Friends with a former racing dog use a layered coat system for winter walks. It has a thin layer for cool days, a thicker layer with a snood to keep her ears and neck warm on cold days, and a rain jacket that fits over either or both for wet days.

Aside from adaptive clothing, you can vary the time of your exercise walks. Take that husky out anytime in winter but in the coolest hours in summer.

Age and Health

Other adaptations are for age and health. You



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AKC says for a sleddog, "A healthy coat with a thick undercoat helps keep a dog warm and protected from the elements and preserves those essential calories."

may have specific exercise directions from your veterinarian for a dog with a specific medical condition. Ask about this on your next vet visit, especially if you and your dog have moved here from an area with very different weather.

Carriers and strollers can make longer walks possible for dogs with injuries, health conditions, and as they age. Years ago, friends with an aging

Airdale bought her a little red wagon to transport her to a favorite park. Recently, we spotted a gentleman pushing his Bulldog in a low-to-ground stroller. It enabled the big boy to step in and out by himself, a perfect adaptation for both the dog and the guardian.

Do you have a question or topic for City Paws? Send an email to Penny@BostonZest.com with your request.

On the 28th of August, 1963, a century following Abraham Lincoln's historic Emancipation Proclamation that liberated the slaves, a young Martin Luther King ascended the steps of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C. There, he shared his dream for America. Over 200,000 individuals, both black and white, gathered to hear him. The vision shared on the steps of the Memorial that day became the aspiration of an entire generation. Below, please find the full text of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech.



I am happy to join with you today in what will go down in

history as the greatest demonstration for freedom in the his-

tory of our nation. Five score years ago, a great

American, in whose symbolic shadow we stand today, signed

the Emancipation Proclamation. This momentous decree came as a great beacon of hope to millions of slaves, who had been seared in the flames of withering injustice. It came as a joyous daybreak to end the long night of their captivity. But one hundred years later, the colored America is still not free. One hundred years later, the life of the colored American is still sadly crippled by the manacle of segregation and the chains of discrimination.

One hundred years later, the colored American lives on a lonely island of poverty in the midst of a vast ocean of material prosperity. One hundred years later, the colored American is still languishing in the corners of American society and finds himself an exile in his own land

So we have come here today to dramatize a shameful condition.

In a sense we have come to our Nation's Capital to cash a check. When the architects of our great republic wrote the magnificent words of the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence, they were signing a promissory note to which every American was to fall heir.

This note was a promise that all men, yes, black men as well as white men, would be guaranteed the inalienable rights of life liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

It is obvious today that America has defaulted on this promissory note insofar as her citizens of color are concerned.

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"We must accept finite disappointment, but never lose infinite hope."

State Representative
Jeffrey R. Turco



"Love is the only force capable of transforming an enemy into a friend."

State Senator
Lydia Edwards



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Sports

WHS SPORTS ROUNDUP

WHS BOYS HOCKEY NOW 6-0 AFTER TOPPING MARBLEHEAD; VIKINGS TO PLAY AT WALTER BROWN ARENA THIS MONDAY

The Winthrop High boys hockey team improved its record to 6-0 with a 3-1 victory over Northeastern Conference (NEC) North Division rival Marblehead in a hard-fought battle this past Saturday evening at Salem State.

WHS captain and leading scorer Petey Silverman, assisted by Mike Holgersen, gave the Vikings an early 1-0 lead in the opening period, but that once prove to be the extent of the Viking scoring through the end of the second period. The Magicians meanwhile, scored a goal in the middle stanza to bring the contest, which was a very physical affair, back to level at 1-1 entering the final 15 minutes of play.

The Vikings opened the third period by capitalizing on a power play with Silverman, assisted by Phil Boncore and Holgersen, netting the goal to break the deadlock. Minutes later, the Vikings took advantage of another PP opportunity, with Holgersen, assisted by Colin O'Leary and Boncore, reaching the back of the Marblehead net.

WHS goalie Mike Donahue turned in an outstanding performance between the pipes, making some timely saves en route to turning aside 24 shots from the Magicians.

Coach Dale Dunbar and his crew, who at 2-0-0 are the only undefeated team in the NEC North, were scheduled to take on North Division rival Gloucester last night (Wednesday) and will trek back to Salem State Saturday to face NEC South opponent Swampscott for a 6:00 face-off.

On Monday evening at 7:00, the Vikings will meet a non-league rival, Division 1 Lexington, at B.U.'s Walter Brown Arena, which promises to be a real treat for the players, their families, and their fans.

WHS GIRLS HOCKEY RETURNS TO WINNING WAYS

The Winthrop High girls hockey team, which saw its 41-game regular season unbeaten streak (39-0-2) that spanned three seasons end with a pair of 2-1 losses last week to Gloucester and Peabody, got back on the beam with a pair of victories this past week in contests with Northeast Hockey League (NHL) rivals Medford and Masconomet.

The 5-0 win over Medford last Wednesday at Larsen Rink was not as close as the final score might indicate. The Lady Vikings poured 55 shots on the Lady Mustang net, with only a superlative

performance by the Medford goaltender keeping the game from getting out of control.

After a scoreless first period, Winthrop finally broke through in the middle stanza. With Winthrop killing a penalty, Talia Martucci took a beautiful pass from Avalina Coffey that sent her in on a breakaway. Talia's shorthanded goal beat the Medford goalie with a pinpoint, low shot through the five-hole for a 1-0 lead.

Not long after that, it was Martucci again scoring off a nice feed from Angela Coscia to make it 2-0. Medford then had a 5-on-3 power play in which captain Sami Dimento was given the task of killing off the penalty along with Adrianna Rizzotto and Avalina Coffey.

"Unfortunately for Medford, Sami's hockey IQ is so incredible, that she was able to get underneath their breakout, and steal the puck to go in alone and score what will be a goal-of-the-year candidate at our annual banquet," said WHS head coach Anthony Martucci. "Sami beat the goalie with an insane forehand-to-backhand deke to make it 3-0."

"Taking a 3-0 lead into the third period, we wanted to continue to apply pressure and not give Medford a chance to get any life," said Martucci.

Izzy Cash upped the count to 4-0 when she put home a superb pass from Talia Martucci.

"It was a great play by two very good offensive players, but the way 'Bones' was able to elevate the puck made for a very pretty goal," said Martucci.

Winthrop continued to apply pressure, and got another goal off the stick of Talia Martucci to complete her hat trick, assisted by Gabby Buonapane.

"Talia had a good night, and it was great to see her going offensively," said her coach. "The one thing that stood out in this game was the passing. We had gotten away from that in the previous two games and we needed to find that passing again. We did and it translated into a great conference win for us."

"This was a good game for our team," Martucci continued. "We started out playing very well and had a bunch of chances in the first period, but could not get one by the Medford goalie, who was terrific in this game. She faced 55 shots, and made 50 saves."

"I want to make sure I mention the excellence of our defense and our goalie," Martucci added. "Our D-corps is the best in the business, and I would put them up against anyone. Our goalie, Riley Towse, just continues to build her resume. Another win and another shutout. She battles every game, and always gives us a chance to win. You can see her confidence growing with each passing game and she is

SCENES FROM WINTHROP HIGH BASKETBALL VS. DANVERS



NOT THIS WAY: Winthrop's Alessio Marcoccio (32) and Spencer Parco (3, right) block the way for Danvers Logan Metivier.



MINE: Matt Reardon takes down an offensive rebound. See more photos on Page 8.

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SCENES FROM WINTHROP HIGH BASKETBALL VS. DANVERS

Photos by Bob Marra

Winthrop snapped a

four-game losing streak with a thrilling 68-67 win over Danvers Monday

night at Winthrop High School.



LEADER OF THE PACK: Vasili Tsiotos (11) leads the way up the floor for the Vikings.



ALL HANDS: Matt Reardon (23, left) and Nick Correa (right) battle Danvers Mike Kasprzak (2) for a rebound.



ROUGH ROAD: Vasili Tsiotos (11) drives on Danvers Kevin Ahearn.



SLEIGHT OF HAND: Noah Bayersdorfer sneaks a pass under the arm of Danvers forward Logan Metiver.



EYE TO EYE: George Galuris has a hand up and his eyes on Danvers forward Kevin Ahearn (4).

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blossoming into a star." On Saturday night the Lady Vikings made the trip to the Haverhill Valley Forum worth the long bus ride, coming home with a 5-1 win over Masconomet.

Captain Hannah Parker got Winthrop going early with a rebound goal off a Talia Martucci shot for a lead after the first period.

"It was a pretty dominant first period for us, as we controlled play in their zone," said Martucci.

Winthrop asserted full control in the second period. Amelia Serino notched

her first career goal to extend the lead to 2-0, assisted by Avalina Coffey. "Meals' is a workhorse," noted Martucci. "She is the one who provides energy with her relentlessness. It was great to see her get rewarded for her hard work. We got an extra lift from Amelia scoring and that made the offense ramp up."

Cash then took a perfect pass from Martucci and scored on a snipe, topshelf, to extend the lead to 3-0 before the horn. "Once again those two players connected, and it turned out to be a very pretty goal," said Martucci.

With Winthrop looking to close out the game. Masco was not going to go quietly, as they tried to push to get back in it. However it was not to be, as DiMento slid a perfect pass onto the tape of Martucci to send Talia in on a shorthanded breakaway that she deposited into the back of the Masco net on a highlight-reel move for a 4-0 lead.

"Passing is the key for this team and Sami's pass was one of the best I have seen in awhile," noted Martucci "She is such a smart hockey player and she is so unselfish, and that pass was just beautiful."

Cash found her scoring touch once again with a wrap-around goal to make it 5-0. Masco scored on a late power play to close out the game.

"We really brought a high-intense forecheck to the table, and it was just too much for Masco," said Martucci. "The 5-1 final was a great conference win in a very tough rink to play, Once again our defense was great, limiting Masco to only 18 shots, and very few quality scoring chances. Riley Towse played very well in this

one, especially in the second period when Masco had a few good looks on the power play."

The twin wins lifted the Lady Vikings' record to 5-2. They are set to make the long journey to Gloucester's Dorothy Talbot Rink (a/k/a the "Fish Bowl") this Saturday afternoon at 4:00 -- "We're looking forward to the rematch with Gloucester," said Martucci -- and will host non-league opponent Winchester next Wednesday at Larsen at 6:10.

BOYS BASKETBALL TOPS DANVERS IN OVERTIME

The Winthrop High boys basketball team earned what first-year head coach Quinton Dale II termed "a great and much-needed win" with an exciting 68-67 overtime victory over Northeastern Conference (NEC) rival Danvers this past Monday at the WHS gym.

"It was a great team effort on both ends," said Dale. "The boys played extremely unselfish basketball on the offensive end. Our defensive rebounding and ball security still need improvement. We gave them a ton of extra possessions that made the game much closer than it should have been. That being said, we're improving in those areas every day."

Andrew Faretra led the Vikings in the scoring department with an efficient 25 points and also played great perimeter defense. Vasili Tsiotis also turned in an outstanding all-around performance with 18 points and several assists, including the pass to Noah Bayersdorfer for the game-winner. Vasili also took two charges that were both huge momentum-changers.

Dale praised the effort

of Matt Reardon, who chipped in seven points. "Matt anchored our defense with his physical interior presence and got us a bunch of second-chance opportunities with his offensive rebounding," said Dale.

Noah Bayersdorfer, typically one of the Vikings' best shooters, had an off night (0-4 from three-point land) in regulation, but stepped up and hit the game-winner. "More importantly, Noah sprinted back on defense and contested Danvers' potential game-winning three at the buzzer," said Dale.

"George Galuris and Spencer Parco, who also are two of our team's better scorers, also had off shooting nights, but they stayed engaged on defense and did a great job of facilitating and putting their teammates in position to score," Dale added.

The Vikings will host NEC rival Peabody this evening (Thursday) at 7:00 and will make the short trek north to Swampscott next Tuesday.

WHS GIRLS HOOP TO HOST SWAMPSCOTT

The Winthrop High girls basketball team will seek to get back on the winning track with contests this week against Northeastern Conference (NEC) rivals Peabody and Swampscott. Coach Anthony Hatzisavas and his crew will trek north to Peabody this evening (Thursday) and will host Swampscott next Tuesday evening at 6:00.

Winthrop stands at 3-5 on the season after coming up short this past week in contests with non-league foe Malden Catholic by a score of 45-27 and NEC rival Danvers, 49-45.

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WHS SPORTS THROUGH THE YEARS

10 years ago January 9, 2014

The Winthrop High girls basketball team stands at 5-1 at the quarter-way point of the season after easy wins of 51-35 over Salem and 60-30 over Swampscott last week.

Coach Ignacio Oyola's Lady Vikings built up big leads in both victories. Theresa Jones, the Lady Vikings' leading scorer thus far this season with an average of 12 points per game, was high scorer for Winthrop in both contests with 15 and 16 points respectively.

The Winthrop High Lady Bulldog hockey team edged Gardner, 3-2, in a tightly-played contest before a full house at Larsen Rink last Monday. The Lady Bulldogs opened up a 2-0 lead at the end of the first frame with a pair of goals in the last 0:39 of the period by Savannah Norcross, assisted by Emma English and Olivia Shkliwe, and Sidney Adamson just 0:02 left before the intermission.

However, Gardner got on the board midway through the second stanza and then knotted the score at 2-2 with about 7:00 to play in the third. But less than a minute later, Norcross (an eighth grader) made a nice rush across the Gardner blue line, drew in her defender, and slid a nice backhand pass out front, where English (a fellow eighth grader) scooped up the puck and cleanly beat the Gardner netminder. Although Gardner pressured the Winthrop goal in the final minutes, the Winthrop defense and goaltender Gretchen Howard (18 saves) held the fort to preserve the victory.

The Winthrop High boys hockey team improved to 4-3 on the season with a tightly-played 2-1 triumph over Gloucester Saturday afternoon at Larsen Rink. Chris Page gave the Vikings a 1-0 lead in the opening frame and Zack Deeb made it 2-0 in the second period. Gloucester would close the gap to 2-1 before the frame ended, from where the teams battled scorelessly the rest of the way, with the WHS defense and goaltender Ray Feeley (26 saves on the night) preserving the victory.

20 years ago January 15, 2004

The Winthrop Hoop Alumni Association held its second annual reunion of WHS alumni, summer league players, and friends of Winthrop basketball and honored the 1963 Class B Tech Tourney championship squad. State Rep. Bob DeLeo presented a Massachusetts State House Citation to each of the team members upon the 40th anniversary of their championship. On hand to receive the citations were Robert McKenna, Len Riley, Jerry Smith, Alan Graham, Chuck Mullane, and Al Saggese. Team members who could not attend were Bobby Krute, Andy Karnakis, Leon Spinney, Robert Chambers, Frank Donoghue, and Frank O'Brien.

Colleen Lally scored 14 points, including three three-pointers, and Ra-chele DeLeo scored 11 points in a 49-44 loss to Lynn English for the WHS girls basketball team.

Anthony Griffin poured in 34 points and Ryan Maloney drained six three pointers, but the WHS boys basketball team dropped an 80-73 decision to league powerhouse Lynn English. Winthrop now stands at 4-6 on the

season.

Winthrop residents Courtney Finn, Elaine Lanza, and Dino Mallios advanced to the state finals in their respective age groups with victories at the regional level of the Elks State Free Throw Championships

The WHS hockey team dropped its first game of the season in a non-league encounter with Duxbury, 2-0. In a 3-1 win over Lynn English, the Vikings received goals from Evan O'Brien, J.P. Servideo, and Nick Bettano.

N.E. Patriots fans who braved Saturday's cold to cheer on their team in a playoff win over Jack-sonville now will root for the Pats in the AFC championship game Sunday against Peyton Manning and the Indianapolis Colts.

30 years ago January 20, 1994

The Winthrop High hockey team defeated Saugus, 4-3, thanks to a goal by Ken Timmons with 27 seconds to go in the game. In a 5-0 win over Beverly last week, Anthony Palmer recorded the shut-out in nets and Timmons scored two goals, marking the fifth straight game in which he has scored two goals. Winthrop is now 6-2 on the season.

Michael Gavin made a key steal and layup late in the game to seal a 64-58 win for the WHS boys basketball team over Saugus. Gavin led Winthrop with 13 points on the night.

The WHS girls basketball team cruised to an easy win over Saugus, led by Cheri Lee and Tracey Gigliello, who each scored 11 points. The Lady Vikings, who now are 8-1 on the season, are ready to meet first place Lynn English, who handed Winthrop its only loss this year. Although English won that game by a wide margin, 51-28, Coach Ron Spinney and his crew are hoping for a better outcome the second time around.

The WHS gymnastics team now is 4-0 after wins over Danvers and Revere. Nicole Indresano led the way for Winthrop with first places in three of the four events. The triumph marked the first time that a WHS team has defeated Danvers in gymnastics since 1978, according to WHS head coach Pete Gobieli.

The USA Track and Field Association has confirmed that the time of 31:27 recorded by 46 year old Larry Olsen of Millis in last year's Mike Eruzione/Winthrop Hospital 10K Road Race was the fastest clocking ever for a male in that age group in the US.

40 years ago January 11, 1984

The WHS girls basketball team failed to score a basket in the final three minutes and dropped a 52-44 decision to Salem in a key battle in the NEC that propelled Salem into first place. However, the Lady Vikings bounced back with a 70-23 blowout of Lynn Classical in which Christine Bruce scored 18 points. In a 56-36 win over Gloucester, Leeanne Mirabella scored 18 points for Winthrop.

Coleen Cash captured first place in the mile run at the Northern Area Meet with a time of 5:35.7.

Sal Tiano recorded a hat trick for the WHS hockey team in both games in wins over Lynn Classical and Salem. The Vikings then knocked Marblehead

from the unbeaten ranks with a 3-1 victory in which Tiano, Gary Withrow, and Steve Staffier scored the goals. Jim Feeley turned in an outstanding job in net for Winthrop. The Vikings now have won six straight and stand at 7-2 on the season.

The boys basketball team dropped a 75-53 decision to Saugus. Jimmy Lyons led Winthrop with 21 points.

50 years ago January 16, 1974

The WHS hockey team emerged victorious in the NEC game of the year to date, much to the delight of their growing legion of fans, with a 4-3 win over previously-undefeated Beverly. The Vikings, who now are 5-2 on the season, earned the come-from-behind win on goals by Kevin Lydon, Walt Dalton, Kevin Costonis, and sophomore Bobby MacDonald to erase a 3-0 Beverly lead.

Captain Lou Hinckley poured in 26 points to lead the WHS boys basketball team to a win over Marblehead. Adam Hubley scored 14 points and John Lyons and Mike Harrison added 10 apiece. Coach Henry McCarthy's squad then made it 20 wins in a row in the NEC with triumphs over Saugus and Lynn English.

The WHS girls basketball team utilized a tough defense, spearheaded by Patty Hansen, to crush Danvers, 36-12. Coach Ron Spinney's squad is now 2-1 on the season.

Doug Hill and Jeff Polino led the WHS indoor track team to a win over Marblehead.

60 years ago January 9, 1964

Despite an impressive 65-49 win over Swampscott, the WHS basketball team then went on to drop a 54-49 decision to previously-winless Woburn, creating a five-way tie for first place in the NEC. Senior Leon Spinney and sophomore center Ron Miles led Winthrop in the scoring column in both games. However, Winthrop got back on the winning track with wins over league-leading Danvers and Newburyport. Chuck Mullane led Winthrop against Danvers with 15 points, with Mike Princi hitting for 12 and Miles adding 10. In the Newburyport win, Miles led the way with 20 and Spinney chipped in 15.

The annual Nils V. "Swede" Nelson Award, named in honor of the former Harvard grid star and Winthrop resident, and presented to the top college football player in New England, was presented to outstanding Northeastern fullback Bob Capadonna. Nelson, who played for the Harvard Rose Bowl team in the 1920s, resides on Woodside Ave.

70 years ago January 14, 1954

The WHS basketball team's quest to repeat as NEC champion was dealt a severe blow with a 56-49 loss to league leader Woburn. Earlier in the week, the hoopmen tied a school record for points in a game with a 75-71 win over Saugus. Last week Winthrop defeated Immaculate Conception of Revere in a non-league encounter, 53-48, in which Capt. Dick McKenna scored 18 points and Irv Streeter played tight defense on IC's star player, Ed O'Hara.

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 15

The Senior Center will be closed.

Tuesday, January 16

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

Wednesday, January 17

9:00am-3:00pm: Computer Usage
9:30am-10:30am: Yoga with Kathleen (\$5)
10:00am: Bereavement Support Group
10:00am: Low Vision Support Group
10:30am-11:30am: Zumba with Cindy (\$5)

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

Thursday, January 18

9:00am-3:00pm: Computer Usage
9:30am-10:30am: Exercise Class
10:30am-11:30am: Coffee & Conversation
12:00pm-12:30pm: Dine In/Grab and Go Lunch Pick-Up
12:45pm-3:00pm: Bingo

Friday, January 19

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

Senior Lunch Program: The Senior Center offers in-person dining on Thursdays from 12-

12:30pm. Grab and Go Lunches are also available for pick up Monday – Friday between 11am and 1pm. To reserve a lunch, please stop by the front desk or call the Senior Center at 617-846-8538 by 11am the day before (for Monday lunch, reservations must be made by 11am on Friday). Menus are available on our website and at the Senior Center. Please note, lunches cannot be held overnight; they must be picked up on the day that they were requested for.

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

I Have a Dream // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 6

Instead of honoring this sacred obligation, America has given its colored people a bad check, a check that has come back marked "insufficient funds."

But we refuse to believe that the bank of justice is bankrupt. We refuse to believe that there are insufficient funds in the great vaults of opportunity of this nation. So we have come to cash this check, a check that will give us upon demand the riches of freedom and security of justice.

We have also come to his hallowed spot to remind America of the fierce urgency of Now. This is not time to engage in the luxury of cooling off or to take the tranquilizing drug of gradualism.

Now is the time to make real the promise of democracy.

Now it the time to rise from the dark and desolate valley of segregation to the sunlit path of racial justice.

Now it the time to lift our nation from the quicksand of racial injustice to the solid rock of brotherhood.

Now is the time to make justice a reality to all of God's children.

I would be fatal for the nation to overlook the urgency of the moment and to underestimate the determination of it's colored citizens. This sweltering summer of the colored people's legitimate discontent will not pass until there is an invigorating autumn of freedom and equality. Nineteen sixty-three is not an end but a beginning. Those who hope that the colored Americans needed to blow off steam and will now be content will have a rude awakening if the nation returns to business as usual.

There will be neither rest nor tranquility in America until the colored citizen is granted his citizenship rights. The whirlwinds of revolt will continue to shake the foundations of our nation until the bright day of justice emerges.

We can never be satisfied as long as our bodies, heavy with the fatigue of travel, cannot gain lodging in the motels of the highways and the hotels of the cities.

We cannot be satisfied as long as the colored person's basic mobility is from a smaller ghetto to a larger one.

We can never be satisfied as long as our children are stripped of their selfhood and robbed of their dignity by signs stating "for white only."

We cannot be satisfied as long as a colored person in Mississippi cannot vote and a colored person in New York believes he has nothing for which to vote.

No, we are not satisfied and we will not be satisfied un-

til justice rolls down like waters and righteousness like a mighty stream.

I am not unmindful that some of you have come here out of your trials and tribulations. Some of you have come from areas where your quest for freedom left you battered by storms of persecutions and staggered by the winds of police brutality.

You have been the veterans of creative suffering. Continue to work with the faith that unearned suffering is redemptive.

Go back to Mississippi, go back to Alabama, go back to South Carolina go back to Georgia, go back to Louisiana, go back to the slums and ghettos of our modern cities, knowing that somehow this situation can and will be changed.

Let us not wallow in the valley of despair. I say to you, my friends, we have the difficulties of today and tomorrow.

I still have a dream. It is a dream deeply rooted in the American dream.

I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed. We hold these truths to be self-evident that all men are created equal.

I have a dream that one day out in the red hills of Georgia the sons of former slaves and the sons of former slaveowners will be able to sit down together at the table of brotherhood.

I have a dream that one day even the state of Mississippi, a state sweltering with the heat of oppression, will be transformed into an oasis of freedom and justice.

I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by their character.

I have a dream today.

I have a dream that one day down in Alabama, with its vicious racists, with its governor having his lips dripping with the words of interposition and nullification; that one day right down in Alabama little black boys and black girls will be able to join hands with little white boys and white girls as sisters and brothers.

I have a dream today.

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OBITUARIES

Carol Marie Driscoll

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Carol Marie (Greene) Driscoll, 93, of Randolph passed away peacefully on December 29.

She was born in Winthrop to Arthur James Greene of East Boston and Kathryn Frances (Sweeney) Greene of Cardigan, PEI, CA.

Carol was predeceased by her husband, Edward F. Driscoll, her oldest son, Peter and his wife, Judith, her daughter, Arlene and her siblings: Arthur, Joan, Richard and Robert.

Carol is survived by her sister, Ann, her sons: Daniel and his wife, Kathryn of Medway, Stephen of Randolph and Brian and his wife, Stacey of Mansfield as well as 10 grandchildren: Keith and his wife, Monica, Megan, Michelle, Michael, Shane, Stephen, Joseph, Bradley, Sarah, Dylan; four great grandchildren: Hailey, Maelynn, Elliot and Laynie and many nieces and nephews.

Carol spent much of her teenage summers with siblings working on the family strawberry farm in Derry, NH. She attended Fisher Junior College and held a variety of jobs throughout her lifetime - the telephone company, Worcester Telegram and Gazette, Emerson College Speech and Pathology Dept. and Boston Childrens Hospital.

Carol's primary job was as a homemaker and mother to her five children. She had a strong Catholic faith and was



devout in attending and participating in the many parishes in which the family lived.

Carol enjoyed traveling. She and her daughter, Arlene traveled together to her lifelong dream destination of Liechtenstein, as well as Switzerland and Austria. They also traveled to Alaska and Hawaii. Carol enjoyed traveling with her family to Ireland, Martha's Vineyard, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, the Grand Canyon and Disney World.

Carol's interests included religion, politics, board-gaming (she loved playing Parcheesi and UNO with her grandkids), Native American history and culture and she attended many a pow-wow supporting the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe.

Her Funeral was held from the Hurley Funeral Home, 134 So. Main St. (Rt. 28), Randolph, on Friday, January 5th followed by a Funeral Mass at St. Mary's Church in Randolph. Interment was at St. Mary's Cemetery, Randolph.

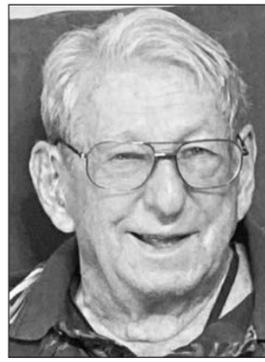
Harold Barishman

Of Arizona, formerly of Winthrop

Harold Barishman, 90, of Sun City, AZ, formerly of Winthrop, entered eternal rest on January 3, 2024.

He was the devoted husband of the late Rae M. (Nappan); beloved father of Michael and his wife, Heidi Barishman and Bruce Barishman and his husband, Ted Kavich; cherished grandfather of Benjamin and his wife, Carolyn and Emma and adored great grandfather of Evelyn and Alexandra.

Services at the Goldman Funeral Chapel 174 Ferry St. (off Route 60), Malden



were held on Wednesday, January 10. Interment in Everett. In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be made to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society <https://lls.org>.

George Leone

Life Member of Winthrop Yacht Club and former member of Winthrop Lodge of Elks

George P. Leone of Winthrop passed away at the Katzman Family Center for Living in Chelsea on January 5. He was 87 years old.

Born in Boston, he was the beloved son of the late Emelia and Pasquale Leone. He enlisted in the United States Army at an early age reaching the rank of E-3. After his honorable discharge, he went on to work as a supervisor for Analog Devices until his retirement. He was also a life member of the Winthrop Yacht Club and a former member of the Winthrop Lodge of Elks.

The devoted husband of the late Rosemarie (LaMonica), he was the loving father of Emily Delehanty of Winthrop, George Leone of Beverly, Christopher Leone and his wife, Cathy of Winthrop and



Greg Leone of Idaho; dear brother of Antoinette Vangel of East Boston, Diane Burns of Arizona and the late Rose Mazzone, Grace Krabey, Sabrina Carideo, Lawrence Leone and Lucy Gaito. He is also survived by eight grandchildren.

Family and friends are cordially invited to attend the visitation from the Caggiano-O'Maley-Frazier Funeral Home, Winthrop today, Thursday, January 11 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 Cross Street section of Winthrop Cemetery.

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The Healey-Driscoll Administration took a significant step forward in expanding access to higher education for all Massachusetts residents by launching the new Massachusetts Application for State Financial Aid (MASFA). The Department of Higher Education released the form on their website today, which will allow currently-enrolled undocumented college students in Massachusetts to apply for state need-based financial aid for the first time. Students can access the application at mass.edu/MASFA.

The MASFA is an alternative form that provides students who cannot complete the Free Application for State Financial Aid (FAFSA) due to their immigration status a way to apply for state need-based financial aid. The application launch follows the August 2023 passage of Massachusetts' Tuition Equity Law, which allows students who have completed at least three years of high school in Massachusetts and received a high school diploma or its equivalent in the Commonwealth to access in-state tuition and be eligible for financial aid, regardless of immigration status.

Eligible students began receiving the in-state tuition rate in Fall 2023. The MASFA released today is for additional need-based financial aid opportunities. It is based on the FAFSA for the 2023-2024 academic year and should be completed by students who are beginning college in Spring 2024 or were enrolled in the Fall 2023 semester and may qualify for financial aid. To receive financial aid for the 2023-2024 school year, students are encouraged to apply by May 1, and no later than June 30, 2024.

Students who apply for need-based state financial aid under the new "High School Completer" pathway created by the Tuition Equity Law must meet the existing eligibility criteria for each financial aid program for which they are seeking access.

"Quality higher education should be accessible to all Massachusetts high school graduates," said Governor Healey. "Students who have long been part of our communities in Massachusetts should be eligible for the historic financial aid programs we have launched this year, and they should have every opportunity to grow their careers and be part of building our state's workforce. We're grateful for the Legislature for their partnership in passing this historic policy, and we're proud to be launching this application so that students can start accessing financial aid."

"Tuition equity is about giving students who have long called Massachusetts home equal access to higher education," said Secretary of Education Patrick Tutwiler. "With the MASFA form providing access to millions of dollars in need-based financial aid, we will be able to give the greatest number of students access to the life changing opportunities that our institutions of higher education offer here in the Commonwealth."

"The Department of Higher Education is committed to increasing socioeconomic mobility for all residents of Massachusetts, particularly those who have historically been underserved and

underrepresented in higher education," said Commissioner of Higher Education Noe Ortega. "The MASFA is a key tool for advancing equitable access to the Commonwealth's many great colleges and universities."

"Ensuring that all Massachusetts residents, regardless of immigration status, have access to the Commonwealth's higher education system is critical not just for those students, but for the betterment of Massachusetts," said House Speaker Ronald J. Mariano (D-Quincy). "I want to thank my colleagues in the House and our partners in the Senate for making this initiative possible, as well as the Healey-Driscoll Administration for working to implement it and for their support."

"Tuition equity is about giving every high schooler in Massachusetts who wants to go to college the same ability to do so, regardless of who they are or where they are from," said Senate President Karen E. Spilka (D-Ashland). "I'm thrilled to see the Executive Office of Education take this important step in implementing what the Legislature included in the budget, and break down a major barrier for young people whose families have settled in our state."

"The Healey-Driscoll Administration's launch of the MASFA is groundbreaking, helping to provide state need-based financial aid for undocumented immigrants who aspire to higher education," said Representative David Rogers (D-Cambridge), House Chair of the Joint Committee on Higher Education. "This initiative will continue the Commonwealth's commitment to increased access to the life-changing opportunities within our higher education system."

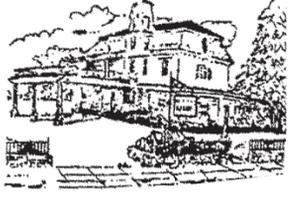
"Every student should have the same access to higher education in Massachusetts," said Senator Brendan Crighton (D-Lynn). "The launch of this tool is another significant step forward, ensuring that our commitment to equal access is transformed into actionable opportunities. By breaking down barriers and extending financial aid to these students, we are not only shaping individual futures but also contributing to the collective prosperity of Massachusetts."

"As a first-generation, Cabo-Verdean American whose parents immigrated to Boston with nothing but hope in their hearts and a pair of working hands, I too come from a mixed status family, and access to state financial aid for all eligible students in the Commonwealth, regardless of immigration status, will be a lever of opportunity that shapes a generation," said Senator Liz Miranda (D-Boston). "This opportunity will enable thousands of talented, hard-working individuals to build a life of meaning and purpose here in the Commonwealth, embracing the very best of who we are as a state."

"On behalf of the state's 15 community colleges, we are excited to celebrate the launch of the MASFA," said Jim Vander Hooven, president of Mount Wachusett Community College and chair of the Community College Council of Presidents. "The new tuition equity law is already making a significant positive impact on our students, and we're thrilled that the

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CHELSEA MOURNS LOSS OF REP. RICHARD VOKE

CHELSEA - Richard Voke, who served as Chelsea's state representative from 1976 to 1996, died on Sunday, Dec. 31, 2023, at Massachusetts General Hospital Boston. He was 76.

Voke was first elected in Chelsea to the House of Representatives in 1976 when it consisted of 240 members. When the governmental body was reduced to 160 members and the Chelsea and Charlestown districts were merged, Voke ran for the seat and defeated Rep. James P. Collins of Charlestown in a hard-fought election.

Voke rose through the ranks and served as Chair of the House Ways and Means Committee and as House Majority Leader. Voke lost a battle for the House speakership to Thomas Finneran in 1996 and decided to step down from his position as state representative.

The following are remarks from local leaders and friends on the passing of Richard Voke:

Jay Ash on Richie Voke:

A Legacy to Remember
The year was 1993; we were sitting around the strategy table thinking about the best way to frame a campaign ad for his upcoming re-election bid. It became clear to those of us who wanted to see Chelsea State Representative Richard Voke secure his 10th election day victory that all we had to do was let his actions speak for themselves. The resulting ad featured a star on the map of Chelsea for every place Rep. Voke had "delivered" on something, like the new school buildings that were being planned because of his historic legislation to get them all built. There wasn't a neighborhood in the city that had not seen the "results" of Rep. Voke's advocacy, in fact there were so many stars on the ad it looked like the field from an American flag. No matter that he didn't have an opponent; what a great ad it was in that it represented one person's impact on the community he was dedicated to serving.

Reflecting on my 11 years of working for and with the leader people simply called "Richie," there is more than the physical signs of his stewardship that are important to remember now that Chelsea has lost one of our greatest champions. When Chelsea had its greatest needs, it was Richie Voke who came to the rescue, time and again. The tumult of those days only made his resolve even more resolute. He was the protagonist who refused to let Chelsea succumb, the leader who took it upon himself to fight for better for his beloved city and his fellow residents.

Chelsea's schools were failing in the '70's & '80's; Richie Voke stood tall and, in the face of national teachers union opposition, led the effort to initiate a controversial plan to allow John Silber and Boston University to "takeover" the Chelsea School System. We did not realize then that an even more ominous takeover would be on the horizon, but, with Chelsea city government in chaos and teetering on bankruptcy in 1991, Richie spearheaded the legislation that put the

REVERE LEADERS OF 2024 SWORN INTO OFFICE



City of Revere Clerk Ashley Melnik swears in the Revere City Council on January 1.

city into "state ordered receivership." That, despite the political angst that swirled from those who had a vested interest in the "status quo" - even if that status quo meant city government would continue to fail its constituents.

I sat in the room as he made those difficult yet courageous decisions. Those rooms were previously taken up by less drastic attempts to head off the dysfunction, but once such widespread "rot" set in, the only way to avoid total collapse was to ultimately go in and carve out that which was eating away at Chelsea's very foundation. The BU/Chelsea Partnership produced major gains in public education; no, not everything was perfect, but the school system has been better equipped and has provided quality education since. Chelsea city government since the four years of receivership? A string of nearly 30 balanced budgets; capable management that has spun-off leadership elsewhere, like our current lieutenant government, and two All-America City national titles and more, are all highlights of the progress Richie Voke enabled Chelsea to later enjoy by his refusal to leave bad enough alone.

Oh, and back to the physical, a renovated library, new police station, new court house, a state data center, rehabilitated public housing, parks that were updated or built new, a Boys & Girls Club, the stopping of the commuter rail (yes, for 25 years, the train didn't stop in Chelsea until then House Ways & Means Chairman Voke threatened to hold up state transportation funding for other projects until it did), and other critical projects came to Chelsea in frequencies that made others envious. For those who remember the Burma Road projects flooding during bad rain storms, you haven't seen people taken out of their units by boat in decades because Richie Voke fought for a \$10 million project to widen the culvert under Route 1. Like so many of the nagging problems that Chelsea faced because of decay or disregard for decades, it was Richie who made those problems go away.

It was my first "real" job out of college, working for Rep. Voke, yet little did I know that my "real" education was just beginning. I learned so much about governing from the stateman who continued his elevation of importance in the Mass House, going from Chairman of Health Care, to the Chairman of Ways & Means, and eventually the House Majority Leader. One of his lines I heard the most had to do with Chelsea's school kids; "I wish I had a big yellow bus to put all our

kids in it and drive them around to see the rest of the world," he frequently said. He was talking about helping Chelsea's students to imagine the opportunities to which they had not been exposed, but he was also talking more broadly about helping Chelsea to unlock its fullest potential. Maybe he even knew that a future Chelsea City Manager was listening and learning, and might some day take Chelsea to even greater successes.

When Richie Voke died this past New Year's Eve, those of us who had such a great mentor and role model began reflecting on all we had learned from him and how much he impacted more than just our lives. So many people, in Chelsea, in his entire district, and throughout the state, benefitted from his fierce and effective advocacy.

A funny thing happened during one of those other re-election campaigns - by the way, Richie won that re-election with the largest number of votes of any of the other 159 state representatives that were on the ballot that year. We were door knocking in Prattville when one of the residents responded to greet the man who had become the second most powerful man in the Massachusetts House. "Richie," he said, "we're all proud of you, but do you think you'll ever be able to become mayor some day?" That was a classic Chelsea encounter; in a world that revolved around Chelsea, being mayor then was the most prestigious post. (At that point, Chelsea's budget was probably \$40 million, and Ways & Means Chairman Voke was responsible for crafting the Mass House's \$25 BILLION budget.) As mayor after mayor found it impossible to live up to that standard, they called upon Chelsea's greatest benefactor, Richie, to produce, and produce he continually did. As the man closed his door, I joked to Richie "doesn't he realize how much more than a local politician you've become." "Jay," he said, "I'm nothing without his vote and not much more with his vote if I don't keep on using the power I've achieved to continue to deliver for Chelsea!"

I learned a lot from him that day and every day that I worked with him. Many of us are still striving to be equal to the courage, wisdom, devotion, and delivery Richie Voke dedicated every day to the position he cherished so much, being a public official representing his beloved Chelsea. We lost a great one, but the great ones leave legacies that make it impossible to forget them. Richie Voke will never be forgotten.

Jay Ash started as an assistant legislative aide with Rep. Voke and rose through the ranks with him to become his staff director

in the Office of the House Majority Leader. He left legislative service shortly before Rep. Voke to serve as Planning & Development Director and then Chelsea City Manager. Following a 4-year stint as a member of the cabinet of Governor Charlie Baker as Secretary of the Executive Office of Housing & Economic Developments, Ash went on to his present position, CEO of the Massachusetts Competitive Partnership, a business association of 19 of the state's largest businesses focused on the competitiveness of the Massachusetts economy.

House adjourns in memory of Richard Voke

Tuesday during the conclusion of the first year of the annual session, the House members accepted a motion placed by House Speaker Ron Mariano and State Representative Judith Garcia that the house adjourn in respect to the memory of former State Representative Richard Voke of Chelsea.

"The passing of Richard Voke leaves a void that resonates across the Commonwealth. His wealth

of leadership, marked by a decades-long tenure in the Massachusetts House where he held distinguished roles, like Majority Leader, has shaped the state's political landscape. As we mourn the loss of Mr. Voke, we reflect on the enduring impact of a man whose dedication to service and bipartisanship has become a beacon for myself and future public servants," said State Rep. Judith Garcia.

Speaker of the House Ron Mariano reflects on the passing of Richie Voke

"I knew Richie Voke for over 30 years, and while we were close friends, I was also fortunate enough to work with him on a number of issues and see firsthand how he approached difficult problems. Richie's ability to wade through complicated issues, listen to folks with different perspectives, and ultimately make a sound decision that benefited his constituents, and the Commonwealth as a whole, was unmatched. Throughout my career, especially during challenging moments, I often

leaned on lessons that I learned from Richie. On behalf of the entire House, I offer my condolences to Richie's family, and to all those mourning this tragic loss."

Rep. Dan Ryan on the passing of Richard Voke:

"Richie was one of the first elected officials I got to know as an impressionable young voter. His legacy in Chelsea and Charlestown, during pivotal years for both communities, is enormous. Even after leaving office, Richie remained quietly active in helping his former constituency through his involvement with the Boys and Girls Clubs and other endeavors that were near and dear to him. It is truly an honor to have served in the same seat he once represented. His presence is still felt on Beacon Hill and in the neighborhoods for which he staunchly advocated."

Former State Rep. Eugene O'Flaherty on the passing of Richie Voke:

"When I succeeded Richie in the House in 1996, it was very evident how effective a legislator he was for the district and the Commonwealth. His years of exemplary service improved the quality of life of so many and not just in Charlestown and Chelsea but throughout Massachusetts. His colleagues held him in high esteem, his constituents re-elected him year after year and it's easy to understand why. He was a model public servant. May God rest his soul."

Josh Kraft, former Jordan Boys and Girls Club executive director, on the passing of Richie Voke:

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MASFA will streamline access to state aid for eligible undocumented students.”

“On behalf of the Commonwealth’s State Universities, I am thrilled that the Governor continues to increase access to a college education for all people that reside in Massachusetts,” said Salem State University President and Chair of the Council of Presidents for the Massachusetts State Universities John D. Keenan. “The Governor’s leadership continues to make college more affordable than ever before to Massachusetts students. The MASFA provides students who are not eligible to apply for Federal Financial Aid access to state financial

aid. This, along with in-state tuition for Massachusetts high school graduates, is another important financial aid tool to help them reach their goal of earning a college degree.”

“The creation of a state financial aid application is another smart, common sense step by the Healey-Driscoll administration to break down existing financial barriers to higher education,” UMass President Marty Meehan said. “The MASFA will make college more affordable for numerous Massachusetts students, empowering them to support their families and contribute to the state’s economy.”

“The MASFA is a crucial

tool for advancing tuition equity in Massachusetts,” said Rob McCarron, President and CEO of the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities in Massachusetts. “Our private colleges and universities in Massachusetts are committed to serving all students who wish to attend college, as well as ensure that all students who are eligible can access need-based state financial aid, which for many students is essential to their goal of achieving a higher education.”

“MIRA Coalition extends heartfelt appreciation to the Department of Higher Education for their inclusive and collaborative efforts in implementing

monumental tuition equity reform,” said Jonathan Paz, Policy Advocate for the Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Coalition. “Tuition equity offers substantial benefits to students from all socioeconomic backgrounds, as well as to our state’s economy, which desperately needs more workers. We thank the Healey-Driscoll administration and the legislature for making this policy a reality and look forward to watching students from across the Commonwealth achieve their dreams.”

Filling out the MASFA does not commit any student to enrolling in a college or university, but it is

the essential first step to applying for the financial assistance for which they may qualify to make college a reality.

To be eligible, Massachusetts residents must meet the following criteria:

- Was admitted to a public or private institution of higher education within the Massachusetts system of public higher education.
- Have attended at least three academic years at a high school in Massachusetts.
- Have graduated from high school in Massachusetts or have received the equivalent of a high school diploma (for example, a GED) in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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An updated MASFA for the 2024-2025 academic year will be available in late winter/early spring and will be based on the 2024-2025 FAFSA, which is due to be released by the federal government on Dec. 31, 2023.

LEGAL NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE
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

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Docket No. SU23P2666EA
Estate of: Sharon E. McLaughlin
Date of Death: September 7, 2022

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate by Petition of Petitioner Christine Egan of Winthrop, MA

A Will has been admitted to informal probate. The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner. Stephanie L. Everett, Esq. Register of Probate Court

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT Suffolk Division INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

Docket No. SU23P2813
Estate of: James J. Power
Also Known as: James Joseph Power
Date of Death: 10/02/2023

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate by Petition of Petitioner Kenneth P. Power of Framingham, MA The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code

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“There would no Jordan Boys and Club in Chelsea without Richie Voke. Thousands of kids and families have been impacted by the club. He’s touched all of them because of his passion and commitment to getting that building built and making a difference for so many. Personally, he was a great mentor to me. I learned so much from him. He’s a mentor and a friend, and I will miss him dearly.”

MORE EBIKES COMING TO STREETS

EAST BOSTON
The cities of Boston, Cambridge, Somerville and Everett, the town of Brookline, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts (“Blue Cross”) and Lyft announced plans to integrate 750 next-generation ebikes into Greater Boston’s popular Bluebikes program and the renewal of Blue Cross’ title sponsorship through May 2031. The rollout will begin with 50 ebikes hitting the street this week; an additional 700 will join the fleet in subsequent months.

The new seven-year agreement between Blue Cross and the municipal owners further cements a dynamic public-private partnership for sustainable urban transportation. Blue Cross will continue its commitment to promoting the overall health and well-being of Massachusetts residents by supporting the municipal owners of Bluebikes in driving system growth and access-

ibility through initiatives including station expansions, system enhancements and the integration of ebikes.

“This marks an exciting milestone as we usher in the next wave of transportation in Greater Boston with the introduction of state-of-the-art e-bikes,” Boston Mayor Michelle Wu said. “Partnerships such as our Bluebikes alliance with Blue Cross are crucial in ensuring our residents have access to healthier, more sustainable, and affordable transportation options. We look forward to continued collaboration with Blue Cross and all our municipal partners as we elevate our bike share system.”

“Bluebikes have become an integral part of so many communities in and around Boston, and we are thrilled to continue supporting the system,” said Blue Cross President and CEO Sarah Iselin. “We’re looking forward to the next chapter of partnership with the cities and towns through the renewal of our Bluebikes sponsorship. Biking is truly one of the best ways to get around, benefiting the environment as well as our mental and physical health. And adding ebikes to the Bluebikes system is an important step toward making biking more accessible to more people.”

The new collection of ebikes is expected to grow the overall Bluebikes fleet to 5,000 bikes across 500 stations by next summer. Funding for the initial purchase of the ebikes came from a combination of municipi-

pal investment from Boston and Cambridge, state funding, federal funding by the Boston Area Metropolitan Planning Organization and support from Blue Cross’s sponsorship of the bikeshare system. Together, Boston, Cambridge, Somerville, and Blue Cross will provide support for affordable user costs of ebikes for Bluebikes members.

The state’s largest health plan became Bluebikes’ title sponsor in 2018. Since the inception of the Bluebikes partnership, the municipal owners – in conjunction with Blue Cross – have made investments, received grants and fostered station sponsorships to accomplish system milestones, including:

- Expanding the system from four to 13 municipalities, representing a 225% increase
- Supporting a 333% growth in the number of available Bluebikes and a 150% expansion in the number of Bluebikes stations
- Bolstering the income-eligible program
- Surpassing 22 million rides taken

“The City of Cambridge is proud to support more affordable, sustainable, and healthier forms of transportation and extend what has been a win-win public-private partnership,” said Cambridge City Manager Yi-An Huang. “Bluebikes have become a critical part of Cambridge’s public transportation system and I am excited that the system is becoming even more accessible through the addition of ebikes to the Bluebikes fleet, which will open up the system to more older adults, people with disabilities, and others who may find traditional bikes hard to pedal. It will also create more opportunities for individuals seeking to maximize their time and access to our busy communities, while reducing traffic congestion.”

Lyft’s ebike was named one of TIME’s 100 Best Inventions of 2022. It features a long-lasting battery with a 60-mile range, a user-friendly interface LCD screen, a smoother ride and numerous safety upgrades. Massachusetts legalized Class 1 ebikes, which have no throttle and

a maximum speed of 20 MPH, as part of the Transportation Bond Bill last year. Unlike traditional pedal bikes, ebikes aren’t permitted on sidewalks; they can be used on shared paths and bike lanes. Riders must follow all traffic laws and regulations and must bike in the same direction of traffic except on specially marked streets. Riders must always yield to pedestrians, maintain a safe speed and remain aware of all street users of all abilities.

“Somerville takes great pride in our regional, public-owned Bluebikes system, which is already one of the most successful bikeshare systems in North America,” said Somerville Mayor Katjana Ballantyne. “Bikeshare is public transit, and I believe that affordable, pedal-assist ebikes can improve travel choices for people across the metro region.”

“Bluebikes is getting our newest ebike, which has cutting-edge features that riders love,” said Caroline Samponaro, VP of Public Policy, Lyft. “These ebikes make it easier than ever for people to reach jobs, family, and friends with sustainable, climate-friendly transportation that gets cars off our roads. I want to thank Mayor Wu, all the Bluebikes municipal owners, and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts for their continued investment and partnership in Bluebikes. Without them, Bluebikes wouldn’t be the tremendous success it is today.”

The municipal owners have prioritized access and affordability for the new Bluebikes ebikes, which will be available at \$0.10 per minute for Bluebikes members, \$0.25 per minute for Adventure Pass holders, and \$0.07 per minute for low-income residents enrolled in Bluebikes’ Income-Eligible Program. Income-eligible riders are provided a reduced annual fee for Bluebikes. Earlier this year, Boston also announced the Boston Bikes Pass, which is a Bluebikes membership offered only to City of Boston residents at a reduced annual rate of \$60. Learn more discounted Bluebikes rates at <https://www.boston.gov/departments/>

boston-bikes/discounted-bluebikes.

HYM PRESENTS REVISED ONE-WAY PLAN FOR HARRIS ST.

REVERE - The Revere Traffic Commission held its regular monthly meeting on December 21 in the City Councillor Joseph A. Del Grosso Council Chambers of Revere City Hall. On hand for the session were chair Paul Argenzio (for whom this was his last meeting because of Argenzio’s recent election to the City Council), City Planner Frank Stringi, Fire Chief Chris Bright, Acting Police Chief Sean Randall, and City Engineer Nick Rystrom.

The principal item on the agenda was the commission’s revisiting of a controversial proposal from HYM, the owner-developer of Suffolk Downs, for significant changes and improvements to alleviate traffic congestion at the interchange of the Revere Beach Parkway, Route 16, and Route 145 (Winthrop Ave.). The proposal also calls for making Harris St. (which meets Winthrop Ave. just before the interchange) one-way for its entire length (away from Winthrop Ave.), which will achieve the twin goals of helping to alleviate traffic back-ups and removing cut-through traffic from that neighborhood.

The actual text of the proposal before the commission was as follows:

“The length of Harris Street between Winthrop Avenue and Beach Avenue will be converted from two-way to one-way Northbound, and a single block of Sewall Street from Harris Street to Bixby Street will be converted from two-way to one-way Eastbound. These changes are proposed to improve signalized intersection operations and reduce neighborhood traffic (Amend Schedule V of Title 10, One Way Streets). The Suffolk Downs development proponent will be installing traffic control signage, deriving from the improvements, at the Harris/Sewall, Harris/Butler, Harris/Beach, and Harris/Eustis intersections and provide the City of Revere an allowance, to be used at the City’s discretion, for potential future traffic improvements in the area.”

When the issue first came up at a public hearing a few months ago, it was met by fierce opposition from residents in the area. The commission tabled taking any action at that time and HYM agreed to revise its proposal based on the objections and feedback from the residents.

Doug Manz, a partner with HYM, Abigail Milton (also from HYM), and Ian McKinnon from Howard Stein Hudson, a traffic engineering firm, appeared before the commission to present the revised proposal and to answer questions.

Manz provided a brief overview of the proposal. He noted that the first building in the Suffolk Downs development will be completed this summer. He said the prime focus of the plan is the reconfiguration of the traffic light at the interchange. The major feature of the proposed design by HYM will provide for a double left-hand turn off Route 16 southbound onto the Revere Beach Parkway.

In addition, the goal of making Harris St. one-way

is to prevent it from being used as a cut-through by commuters. He also added that HYM will be contributing \$35,000 for the city to use as necessary for additional design and other measures to aid with the implementation of the proposal.

McKinnon said the major benefit of the plan will be to remove traffic from the local residential streets and move it onto the major roadways. He also noted that the proposal will reduce congestion on those major thoroughfares.

Residents of the Harris St. neighborhood had expressed strong opposition to the original plan (which had made Harris St. one-way only for part of its length) at a previous public hearing, but the new proposal makes Harris St. one-way for its full length, increases signage on other streets, and adds a portion of Sewall Ave. to become one-way.

There were no opponents at this time and the commissioners unanimously voted to move the item to a public hearing for its next meeting, when it will take a vote on the matter.

The commission also took up a number of proposed amendments to the city’s parking and traffic regulations.

The first amendment pertained to the following item: “Discuss Chapter 10.38 – Electric Vehicle Infrastructure and Parking regarding: The installation of electric vehicle supply equipment upon the city’s public ways; to provide a policy in which the City can install electric vehicle charging stations; and assess fees for electric vehicle charging stations.”

Julie DeMauro from the Planning and Community Development Dept. presented the request to the commission. She noted that the present public charging stations are free of charge, but that the city would like to charge a fee per kilowatt hour. DeMauro also said that the proposal imposes fines for non-EVs that park in the EV bays. She also said that there is a need to develop a policy for installing public charging stations in the city’s rights-of-way in the future.

Zach Babbo, the city’s Parking Director, said the city simply is seeking to recoup some of the costs associated with the installation, maintenance, and the electricity costs of using the charging stations. DeMauro said that the lot at City Hall alone is costing the city about \$1000-\$1500 per month and all of the users are private vehicles. The fine will be \$20.

Ward 2 City Councillor Ira Novoselsky said he opposed placing any charging stations on Shirley Ave., where there currently are parking meters, because the charging stations will take away parking spaces on the avenue. However, DeMauro allayed Novoselsky’s concerns. She said there presently are no plans to install charging stations on Shirley Ave. and that in any event, the Traffic Commission always will have the final say on the locations for future EV charging stations.

The commission unanimously approved the amendment.

The next matter was as follows: “Amend Schedule IV of Title 10 – Isolated Stop Signs by adding a stop sign on Emmet Terrace at the intersection of School Street.”

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Last Saturday January 6, is considered as "Little Christmas", and Winthrop's Zenith Lodge of Odd Fellows decided to celebrate it with a lunch for local veterans and special guests.

Noble Grand JoAnn Bocca-Rivieccio and the members of the lodge prepared a meal fit for a king. Lasagna, turkey, ham, rice and beans, rolls, chicken soup and a dessert table of many treats from baker Terri Vendetti.

The dinner was a huge success, a full house of Winthrop's Veterans showed up to enjoy an afternoon together, share some funny stories and express their gratitude for the warm welcome the lodge of Odd Fellows offered to them.

Noble Grand Rivieccio mentioned in her address to the gathering, to look forward to many more such community directed events offered by the lodge, we are extending an open invitation to the



Winthrop's Lodge of Odd Fellows welcomed Winthrop's veterans to a fabulous lunch in their honor last Saturday afternoon.

community to join us as friends and possible members, bringing good will and service to our community, as well as having fun.



Noble Grand of Zenith Lodge of Odd Fellows 42, JoAnn Bocca-Rivieccio putting the final touches on a delicious buffet lunch for Winthrop's veterans last Saturday afternoon.



Members of Zenith Lodge of Odd Fellows in Winthrop that held a "Little Christmas" Veterans Lunch. Nobel Grand JoAnn Bocca-Rivieccio (center) Councillor John Munson, Fatima Munson, Frank Rivieccio, Terri Vendetti, Lew Dingee, Barry and Cynthia Steg.



Hitting the dessert table before lunch, Ed Cash, Richard Honan and Richard Gay.



Noble Grand JoAnn Bocca-Rivieccio Lodge Treasurer Councillor John Munson and Winthrop's Veterans Service Officer Phil Ronan.



Commander of the American Legion Post 146 in Winthrop Steven White thanks Noble Grand JoAnn Bocca-Rivieccio for the lodge's hospitality and kindness for Winthrop's veterans.



Several veterans took center stage and shared a funny story during the service of our country. Meet Dave Kennedy, US Coast Guard Helicopter Pilot. Kennedy brought his flight helmet and shared his story to his friends, and comrades, while Councillor John Munson assists him by holding the microphone.



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