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WINTHROP TOPS MARBLEHEAD AT WINTHROP ACADEMY

Consultant reviews MBTA 3A zoning work

By Adam Swift

By the end of the year, the town will be expected to present an approved multi-family zoning district to the state as an adjacent MBTA community under Section 3A of the state's Zoning Act.

At last week's Town Council meeting, a consultant and town officials offered a presentation on the current state of the work on the potential zoning district in town and the timeline for further refinement and discussion of the district.

The purpose of Section 3A is to encourage the production of multi-family housing by requiring MBTA communities to adopt zoning districts where multi-family housing is allowed as of right, and that meet other requirements set forth in the statute.

"We've heard a lot about this MBTA 3A zoning," said Town Council President Jim Letterie. "I've heard misinformation. It's difficult, there's a lot to absorb and understand, and I understand that."

Letterie called last week's presentation an informational meeting, and that council members and residents would have the opportunity to ask more detailed questions at the

next council meeting.

"I want the council and the public to absorb this, there is a ton of information out there and we are going to regroup as a council at the next meeting with questions we are going to submit to (town planner Rachel Kelly and consultant Zoe Mueller," said Letterie.

Kelly said last week's presentation contains preliminary data that was created over the past spring and summer to help Winthrop get started with the 3A MBTA community process.

"Last year, Winthrop received a small technical assistance grant from the Mass Housing Partnership, or MHP, for preliminary zoning, land analysis, mapping, and overall general assistance to start the 3A process," said Kelly. "This was a short-term grant with a limited scope of work developed by MHP, and we were assigned Utile Architects as a consultant."

Recently, the town was awarded a 3A MBTA communities technical assistance from the state's Executive Office Housing and Livable Communities. Kelly said the grant will be used to hire a consultant to provide Winthrop with any remaining information needed to meet all of the state's 3A require-

ments.

"The future consultant hired will be able to use the data already produced from the MHP grant and also incorporate public comment, concerns, further land and zoning analysis, and town council input and incorporate it into any zoning districts created in the zoning language to meet the requirements," said Kelly.

The general timeline over the coming year is to have that new consultant hired by the end of February or early March, with public meetings and input gathered through the spring and summer.

"I'm hoping for 90 percent completion for early September, using the fall for the voting and potential adoption process, including town council," said Kelly.

The 3A compliance deadline with the state for Winthrop is Dec. 31, but Kelly said she would like to see the town make a decision in the fall so that it can submit all the required documentation to the state.

Before kicking off her presentation, Mueller noted that the potential zoning districts she was presenting were not set in stone.

"It's a good start, but things will probably

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PHOTO BY BOB MARRA

Jillian Buonopane begins a flip on the beam during the Winthrop High gymnastics team's meet vs. Marblehead last Friday night. See more photos on page 7.

School Committee discusses public comment period

By Adam Swift

A discussion over the parameters of public comment at School Committee meetings was one of the highlights of Monday night's committee meeting.

The discussion came up during a subcommittee report presented by member Julie Barry on the School Committee policies and procedures.

The current committee policy limits the public comment period at meet-

ings to 15 minutes, with a three-minute limit per person. The committee chair can extend that time limit at their discretion.

Barry said she was wary of imposing a time limit on the public comment period.

"I think everyone has the right to be heard, I worry about having a time limit around that," said Barry.

Committee member Gus Martucci said he sup-

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Coastal storm team assesses recent storm damage

Special to the Transcript

The Massachusetts Rapid Response Coastal Storm Damage Assessment Team (Storm Team) was activated for the January 10 and 13 storms. The Storm Team is a network of 58 state, federal, and local agency personnel—led by the Office of Coastal Zone Management (CZM) within the Executive Office of Ener-

gy and Environmental Affairs (EEA)—that covers the Massachusetts coast during and after storms to collect and relay information on storm damage. For the January 10 storm, the team documented widespread coastal erosion and flooding of low-lying areas within all regions, along with road and building damage in Edgartown, Falmouth, Salisbury, and Westport. For January 13, the team also found widespread erosion and flooding, with moderate coastal flooding extending further inland along the South Shore, Boston, and North Shore, along with structural damage.

"Thank you to the Storm Team members who went out in these recent storms to proactively

check out the impacts to our coast," said EEA Secretary Rebecca Tepper. "These reports are invaluable for assessing damage in real-time and for evaluating the long-term impacts of climate change and sea level rise on our shoreline."

"CZM has been leading the Storm Team for more than 30 years, working with partners on the ground to quickly and safely determine the impacts from coastal storms," said CZM Director Lisa Berry Engler. "This information not only helps with emergency response and weather forecasting efforts but also allows us to better understand how to improve coastal resilience and prepare for fu-

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Flood waters made their way up Revere Street nearby Short Beach as a result of the recent storms.

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TEMPORARY OVERNIGHT NORTHBOUND AND SOUTHBOUND DETOURS

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) is announcing it will be implementing temporary detours on the bridge carrying Route 107 over the Saugus River in Lynn and Saugus. The detours will be in place on Wednesday, January 24, from 9:00 p.m. until 4:00 a.m. the following morning and are necessary to allow crews to safely and effectively set up construction equipment needed for the installation the new bascule bridge.

There will be no impact

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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, JAN. 8

0832: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (whose plate was unreadable because it was covered by snow) at Shirley and Perkins Sts. for the civil moving infractions of a crosswalk violation and failure to yield at a stop sign. The officer issued a citation to the operator for both of those infractions.

0845: A person came into the station to report striking a parked automobile while plowing snow the night before on Chamberlain Ave. The officer filed a report.

0846: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Sturgis St. for the civil moving infraction of a stop sign violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

0859: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Shirley and Perkins Sts. for the civil moving infraction of a stop sign violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

0939: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Willow and Washington Aves. for the civil moving infractions of speeding and a stop sign violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator for both infractions. The officer also informed the operator that she needs to register her vehicle in Mass. and must obtain a Mass. license.

1004: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Washington Ave. and Sturgis St. for the civil moving infraction of a stop sign violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1018: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Eliot St. and Tafts Ave. for the civil moving infraction of a stop sign violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1030: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Eliot St. and Tafts Ave. for the civil moving infraction of a stop sign violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1042: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Shirley St. and Veterans Rd. for the civil moving infraction of a stop sign violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1652: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Pleasant St. and Waldemar

Ave. for the civil moving infraction of a lights violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1756: An officer responded to a report of a tenant-landlord disturbance on Shirley St. and restored the peace.

TUESDAY, JAN. 9

0310: An officer issued parking tickets to five vehicles without resident parking stickers on Bayview Ave.

0825: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Washington Ave. at Veterans Rd. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

-- An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Pleasant St. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer issued a citation to the operator for that violation, as well as for the civil infraction of having an unreadable rear plate.

-- An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Veterans Rd. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

-- An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Pleasant St. at Waldemar Ave. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

-- An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Pleasant St. at Woodside Ave. for the civil moving infraction of a one-way violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

-- An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Pleasant St. at Woodside Ave. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

-- An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Washington Ave. at the Elks for the civil moving infraction of a stop sign violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

-- An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Shirley St. for the civil moving infraction of a crosswalk violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1257: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Revere and Almont Sts. for the civil moving infraction of a red light violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1744: A resident came into the station to report the forgery of a check. The officer filed a report.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 10

0514: A caller reported heavy flooding in the roadway by the Elks.

0856: 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, who said the vehicle belonged to his daughter and that he will inform her to remove the tint.

0941: A resident came into the station to report being the victim of identity theft. The officer filed a report.

1013: The DPW was notified of flooding from the marsh into the area of Banks and Morton Sts.

1016: Paul Revere Bus Co. reported that it would have to suspend service because of flooding at the Elks.

1240: An officer directed a person operating a dirt bike on Morton St. that it was not legal to do so and to bring the bike home immediately.

1252: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Walden St. for a civil moving infraction. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1717: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Pleasant and Sargent Sts. for the civil moving infraction of a stop sign violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1814: A person came into the station to report that her parked motor vehicle had been struck by a hit-and-run operator on Shirley St. The officer filed a report.

THURSDAY, JAN. 11

0100: An officer issued parking tickets to 10 vehicles on Bayview Ave.

0226: An officer directed a loud group of party-goers at a Pearl Ave. residence to shut it down for the night.

0400: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Main St. for the civil moving infraction of failing to stop for a traffic control sign or signal. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

0419: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Main St. for the civil moving infraction of failing to stop for a traffic control sign or signal. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

0913: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Winthrop St. for the civil moving infraction of a number plate violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1033: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Wheelock St. and Waldemar Ave. for the civil moving infraction of a crosswalk violation. When the officer determined that the vehicle's registration had been revoked for insurance cancellation, which is a criminal offense, he issued a citation to the operator for both offenses. The motor vehicle was towed.

1333: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Payson and Central Sts. for the civil moving infraction of a stop sign violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1340: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Main St. for the civil moving infraction of failing to stop for a traffic control sign or signal. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1349: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Walden St. for the civil moving infraction of a number plate violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1642: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Main and Hermon Sts. for the civil moving infraction of a one-way violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1900: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Main and Read Sts. for the civil moving infraction of failing to stop for a traffic control sign or signal. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

2315: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Main St. for the civil moving infraction of operating with an expired registration. The officer followed the operator back to his home and directed him to park the vehicle in his driveway until the registration issue is resolved.

2327: A resident came into the station to report that he sold an item on Facebook Marketplace and was given \$300 in counterfeit currency. The officer filed a report.

FRIDAY, JAN. 12

0100: An officer issued parking tickets to 11 vehicles without resident parking stickers on Hutchinson St.

0137: An officer issued parking tickets to eight vehicles without resident parking stickers on Johnson Ave.

0139: An officer issued parking tickets to six vehicles without resident parking stickers on Bayview Ave.

0851: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Shirley and Perkins Sts. for the civil moving infraction of a stop sign violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

0858: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Shirley and Perkins Sts. for the civil moving infraction of a stop sign violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

0905: Officers responded to a two-car motor vehicle accident at Winthrop St. and Villa Ave. An officer issued a citation for the civil moving infraction of a stop sign violation to one of the operators. One person was transported to the MGH. Both vehicles were towed. The DPW was no-

tified that a stop sign had been knocked down.

0906: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Veterans Rd. for the civil moving infraction of a stop sign violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

0940: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Washington Ave. for the civil moving infraction of a stop sign violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

0945: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Washington Ave. for the civil moving infraction of a marked lanes violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1024: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Shirley St. for the civil moving infractions of a stop sign violation and not obeying a Do Not Enter sign. The officer issued a citation to the operator for both infractions.

1052: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Tafts and Maryland Aves. for the civil moving infraction of a stop sign violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1312: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Shirley St. and Veterans Rd. for the civil moving infraction of speeding (43 in 25 m.p.h. zone). The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1319: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Veterans Rd. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1330: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Veterans Rd. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1355: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Revere and Almont Sts. for the civil moving infraction of a crosswalk violation. When the officer determined that the operator did not have a valid license, which is a criminal offense, he issued a citation to her for both offenses. A licensed operator came by to take possession of the vehicle.

1413: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Paine and Main Sts. for the civil moving infraction of a crosswalk violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1420: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Revere St. for the civil moving infraction of a crosswalk violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1429: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Winthrop St. for the civil moving infraction of a crosswalk violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator for that infraction, as well as for not having the vehicle's registration in his possession.

1433: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Kennedy Rd. for the civil moving infraction of a marked lanes violation (driving into oncoming traffic toward Revere St.) The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1526: A resident reported being the victim of a larceny. The officer filed a report.

1747: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Revere and Hutchinson Sts. for the civil moving infraction of an equipment violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1754: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Revere and Bayou Sts. for the civ-

il moving infractions of a red light violation and excessive window tint. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1905: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Revere and Winthrop Sts. for the civil moving infraction of a red light violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

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

2151: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Revere St. and Summit Ave. for the civil moving infraction of a crosswalk violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

2205: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Shirley St. The operator's license was suspended for having failed to pay a traffic citation. The officer followed the operator home and directed her not to operate a vehicle until she resolves her license issue. The officer filed a report.

SATURDAY, JAN. 13

0045: An officer directed persons playing music loudly in a Governors Drive apartment to turn it off for the night.

0057: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Main St. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

0253: An officer issued parking tickets to seven vehicles on Shirley St.

0304: An officer issued parking tickets to three vehicles on Bayview Ave.

1419: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Main and Paine Sts. for the civil moving infraction of making an improper turn. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1430: An officer issued a citation to the owner of a motor vehicle on Beach Rd. that was displaying improper lights. The officer confiscated the lights. The officer filed a report.

1456: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Magee's Corner for the civil moving infraction of a red light violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1622: The area of Morton and Banks St. was impassable because of flooding.

1638: A person came into the station to report that he had been threatened by another person. The officer filed a report.

2001: An officer ordered a tow for a vehicle on Shirley St. with a registration revoked for insurance cancellation. The officer filed a report.

2107: Officers responded to a burglar alarm at a Revere St. business. They discovered that there had been a forced entry. However, the owner's brother who was on the scene reported that nothing appeared to have been stolen. The owner will review video footage. The officer filed a report.

SUNDAY, JAN. 14

0212: An officer issued parking tickets to 10 vehicles on Shirley St.

0221: An officer issued parking tickets to two vehicles on Bayview Ave.

1219: Officers responded to a report of a motor vehicle stolen out of East Boston that was picked up by surveillance cameras on Main St. and Wash-

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ATLANTIC WORKS GALLERY PRESENTS “THE WINTER SHOW”

Photos by Marianne Salza

Atlantic Works Gallery (AWG), located at 80 Border St., in Eastie, held the closing reception for “The Winter Show” on January 18. The group exhibition offers an opportunity for all members and alumni to showcase their creations. Diane Teubner is one of the 24 artists whose pieces can be viewed through January 27.

“In this painting, I’m exploring the rhythmic intervals between the vibra-



Diane Modica and Tato Viganego.

tions of colors,” explained Teubner about her oil on canvas, “A Mandala for

Elsie.” “The motif comes from an old Swedish textile design.”



Artists gathering for the closing reception of “The Winter Show” at the Atlantic Works Gallery on January 18.

School Committee // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

ported keeping the time limit in the committee policy, noting that it has never really been an issue during his 20 years in office. He added that the time limit can always be extended by the chair if necessary.

Committee member and Town Council President Jim Letterie said he didn’t believe there should be a time limit for public comment codified in the committee policy.

“The vast majority of our meetings have pretty sparse attendance,” said Letterie. “When there is a hot topic, whether it is contract negotiations or Covid, people want to be heard and they have a right to be heard.”

Barry suggested that the committee could keep having a public comment period in its policies, but move the time limits over to the school committee procedures, making it easier to make adjustments if

there is a need.

The policies and procedures subcommittee will take the feedback from the school committee before making final recommendations for a vote before the full committee, Barry said.

In addition to the time limit for the public comment period, there was also a discussion on whether the school committee should have one or two public comment periods.

Currently, the committee holds one public comment period at the beginning of its meetings. The town council holds public comment periods at both the beginning and end of its meetings.

“I think it should stay at one; I think it is apples and oranges to compare it to a council meeting,” said Letterie.

School Committee Chair Jennifer Powell also

noted that residents can comment on any issues raised during a committee meeting through writing or emailing the committee after a meeting.

The school committee also discussed how detailed the committee goals should be within its policies.

Superintendent of Schools Lisa Howard pointed out that the Massachusetts Association of School Committees noted that the committee goals in the current policy do not need to be as specific as currently written.

Committee member Suzanne Leonard stated that while it may not necessarily pertain to the committee goals in the policy, the committee should be looking at ways to improve communications with the public, especially when it comes to communicating budget needs for the district.

Police // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2

ington Ave. The officers located the vehicle at Beacon Circle and approached the two occupants at gunpoint. State Police also responded to the scene. The officers arrested: Orlin Lobo-Martinez, 21, of

Chelsea for the criminal offenses of unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle and receiving a stolen motor vehicle; and Victor M. Joj Grijalva, 38, of Chelsea for the criminal offense of receiving a stolen

motor vehicle.

2300: Officers responded to a report of a disturbance at a Quincy Ave. residence and restored the peace.

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change after the public outreach and town council input,” said Mueller.

Mueller said the 3A zoning requirements are a law coming from the state requiring multi-family housing to be zoned by right,” said Mueller. “That can mean a lot of different things to a lot of different people, but in this context, we are talking about three or more units on one parcel.”

The as-of-right requirement means that development needs to be able to proceed without a special permit or additional conditional approvals.

“You can use site plan review, which gives input at the point where there is an actual development proposal, but you can’t use that site plan to (deny) the project,” said Mueller.

As a baseline, the town would not be able to require ground floor commercial units in the multi-family districts. However, in the past year, Mueller noted there was a change to 3A that does allow for some mixed-use development under strict guidelines.

The multi-family housing also can’t be restricted by age, the number of bedrooms, or the number of occupants, she added.

“There are a whole host of reasons why compliance is the best route forward,” said Mueller. She added that there is a civil enforcement and liability aspect of the requirements that could lead to a loss of funds for the town from a large variety of sources.

“There are a variety of targets the state is requiring each community to meet, and most of these requirements are customized to your community,” said Mueller. “In Win-

throp, the district size you have to meet is at least 12 acres, and at least 50 percent of that district must be in one contiguous zone. The overall gross district density over the how many subdistricts you might have needs to hit at least 15 units per acre.”

Mueller said the number that most jumps out to people in Winthrop is the 882 units figure.

“That is the number of units that you have to zone for,” said Mueller. “I will emphasize, that is zoning for, it is not building units.”

In the process of potential zoning to meet the compliance numbers, Mueller said Utile looked at the town’s existing zoning and came up with a set of three potential subdistricts for multi-family housing to meet the 3A requirements.

Those potential districts are on Shirley Street, along Main and Revere streets, and near the town’s Central Business District.

Mueller said the potential districts were developed in relation to existing bus routes and commercial areas.

“The goals are to have these subdistricts collectively prioritize transit accessible areas,” said Mueller. They would also increase foot traffic for commercial areas along Main and Revere streets and in the downtown business district, she added.

“Shirley Street is an area of existing density which is already higher than the 15 units per acre targeted by the state,” said Mueller.

Mueller said there are already a lot of triple deckers in the area. She added that the district along Main and Revere is a connective

tissue between a lot of the commercial districts and transportation connections in the town.

Mueller reviewed the details of the proposed multi-family districts, adding that the proposed areas are already relatively dense, with 18.5 units per acre along Shirley Street, 14 units per acre near Winthrop center, and 12.5 units per acre along Main and Revere.

The proposed zoning districts would allow for an average of 18.5 units per acre across 114 acres of the three proposed districts for a total of 2,098 potential units.

“This does result in a slightly higher outcome, and we think this is a strong approach for Winthrop” that aligns with issues and priorities that have come from the planning board and the town, Mueller said.

“The result here is not 2,098 new units, this is 2,098 units that could conceivably be developed across all the districts if you removed everything that was there now and build from scratch,” said Mueller. “I know the number is big, but it does not mean an expectation of this many new units, it is talking about is it possible for someone to build up to that number over, say, 50 years time.”

If the town opted to go with a lower density for its zoning districts, it would end up having to zone more area for the multi-family districts, Mueller said.

“This is not a final, set in stone district at this point, so there is still room for revision and reconstruction of some of the elements,” said Mueller.

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All of us, consciously or subconsciously, make some sort of New Year's resolution in the hope of improving our lives and those of our loved ones.

Without a doubt, the most common New Year's resolution is weight loss, which is not surprising, considering that 72 percent of all Americans -- an astounding number -- are either overweight or obese. Excess weight has been linked to just about every disease imaginable --- cancer, diabetes, and heart disease being among the most prominent. During the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, excess weight greatly increased the risk of death or serious complications from COVID-19 across all age groups.

We strongly condemn discrimination of any form against those who are overweight. Maintaining a healthy body weight is difficult for just about everyone (almost three-quarters of us, apparently) in our hurry-hurry world where the convenience of fast-food makes it all-too-easy to indulge in an unhealthy diet on a regular basis.

In addition, we are deluged with advertisements from the fast-food industry, who give us those full-screen shots of triple-bacon-cheeseburgers-with-fries-and a soft drink -- a truly deadly combination that hits all of the "bad food" buttons for high calories, saturated fat, salt, and added sugar.

It is not a coincidence that the average American male today weighs 30 pounds more than the average American male did in 1960 and the average American female today weighs the same as that male in 1960 (and no, it's not because we're all taller than our grandparents) when you consider that in 1960, there were 248 locations of a certain fast-food franchise across America, but today there are 13,340 of them. (And that's just one fast-food company!)

However, we do not subscribe to the belief that being overweight is the result of a "disease" that somehow uniquely affects Americans, regardless of race, ethnicity, or gender, compared to the rest of the world. (We rank as the most-overweight people among every industrialized nation.) To be sure, there are some individuals who genetically are pre-disposed to having an unhealthy body weight. But wherever American-style food is imported into countries across the globe, health issues that previously did not exist in those countries become epidemic.

There is no question that bad food can be addicting, whether it's those triple-cheeseburgers, infinite varieties of snack foods, etc., etc., etc. in a society where bad food is cheap, available everywhere, and pushed on us by Madison Avenue -- and where we associate overeating as a form of reward.

Our present overweight society increasingly makes the 2008 Disney sci-fi movie "Wall-E," in which the humans of the future are grossly overweight, look prescient -- except that the distant future already is here. The Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health recently estimated that, based upon current trends, by 2030 86 percent of Americans will range from overweight to obese.

With the odds stacked against us to make our weight-loss New Year's resolutions stick -- which is why so few of us are successful -- it would appear that our only hope is for those new weight loss drugs to become readily-available and covered by insurance for all Americans. Societal weight-loss would be the best thing we could do to improve our collective health, both physically and emotionally. The drugs may be expensive, but if that's what it will take for Americans to shed our excess pounds, the upfront costs of those drugs will save us billions of dollars in health-care costs down the road.

CLARIFICATION

The sale price that was listed in last week's Transcript for the Holy Rosary Church of \$1,200,000 was not correct. The correct sales price was \$760,987.00.

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LETTERS to the Editor

DONALD TRUMP BALLOT QUESTION

Dear Editor,

The Massachusetts Ballot Law Commission met last week to discuss the challenge posed by Massachusetts Liberal Democrat Attorney Liss-Riordan and Liberal group "Free Speech for People" to prevent Republican Donald Trump's name from appearing on the Massachusetts primary ballot. The state GOP and an Attorney for Donald Trump were in attendance to opposed this challenge. The contention according to Liberal Democrat Liss-Riordan was Section 3 of the 14th Amendment.

The three member Ma Ballot Law Commission started the meeting stating that there were two issues at hand. The first issue was whether the Ma Ballot Law Commission had jurisdiction to address this matter. The second issue would be decided on the complaint merits if the Ma Ballot Commission did have jurisdiction to hear this complaint.

The Ballot Law Commission stated at the beginning of the meeting that on this day, January 18, they would only hear arguments on the question of jurisdiction. Both sides spoke for about 5 minutes on the issue of jurisdiction. After the brief jurisdiction arguments were presented by both sides, the Ma Ballot Law Commission adjourned. They stated that a decision would be made very soon on the jurisdictional issue, and a new date would be announced to hear the complaints if necessary.

Below is prepared statement the Winthrop Republican Town Committee will present if this issue is taken up by the Ma Ballot Law Commission on the issue of Donald Trump's name on the Ma Primary Ballot.

Good Morning Ma Ballot Commission.

I appreciate the opportunity to communicate my opinions and beliefs. To-

day I am here representing myself and the Town of Winthrop's Republican Town Committee.

Being a Conservative in a deep Blue state I am accustomed to my political choices not winning the day..... any day. That's okay as long as our Elections are free and fair.

To paraphrase, renowned Liberal Democrat Attorney and Professor Allan Dershowitz of Harvard Law School, "Don't take away my right to vote against a candidate I do not like." This effort today seeks to remove the People's right to vote for or against a candidate. Much less a former President who is hands down the leading candidate in this Presidential race.

It is also oddly "rich" & hypocritical that this proposal is being sought by a group calling itself "free speech for people." Because exactly what is being requested by this group is to stifle free speech.

The basis for this infringement of voting rights by "free speech for people" is stated as the 14th Amendment Section 3. Frankly, unbiased thinking people will dispute this is an appropriate application of this Amendment. Apparently "free speech for people" never read the 14th Amendment. As the 14th Amendment, Section 1, states, "No State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty or property without due process of the law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws."

President Trump has not been indicted for the crime (insurrection) "free speech for people," falsely accuse him of. And most importantly President Trump has never been convicted of this false accusation. So there has not been due process of the law., and your claims are

specious. Simultaneously "free speech for people" are abridging the voting privileges of every legal voter in Massachusetts.

Throw out this challenge to President Trump's ballot placement now and let the People of MA speak.

Respectfully,
Paul Caruccio Chairman Winthrop Republican Town Committee

DISAPPOINTED IN OFFICIALS

Dear Editor,

It was disappointing to watch the presentation by Town officials and their consultants regarding the so-called MBTA Housing Law. The law would create very serious changes to the Town of Winthrop. Fellow citizens that I spoke with were as concerned (with some not surprisingly very angry) as I and my fellow Councilors were. Here are the concerns that must be addressed:

1) Why has the Town worked on a plan for more than a year and yet not fully informed the public or the Council?

2) Why do we still not have a firm schedule of public meetings to review and comment on various alternatives?

3) Why were NO alternatives presented? Other Towns have developed a multi-alternative framework that were developed, in part, by citizen input.

4) Why hasn't the Town made any effort to determine if the number of additional units required be lowered? Winthrop has many unique characteristics among which include only two roads leading in/out and both of which are imperiled and sometimes blocked by ocean flooding and rains. Winthrop also hosts the MWRA plant and Logan and if our roadways are clogged or unpassable because of even more traffic- I worry that emergency response to incidents at either of these regional facilities may be compromised. A public safety lens must be put onto any Win-

throp requirements.

We must do better! I can state that based on the comments from fellow Councilors at last week's meeting that the Town Council will seek to completely change the way we have been conducting this effort. We will advocate for more input, more alternatives, deeper analysis and a stronger advocacy on behalf of the Town.

Joseph Aiello
Winthrop Town Councilor - Precinct 5

A MESSAGE FOR WINTHROP RESIDENTS

Dear Editor,

I attended the Town Council Meeting on Jan. 16, 2024. After the presentation and discussion about the flooding in the Girdelstone and Pico areas of the town there was a presentation of the new MBTA M3 Rezoning Law. This law was enacted a few years ago, but many are just becoming aware of it. Council President Letterie and Town Manager Marino have yet to call a town wide meeting regarding the law and how it affects Winthrop. They said they have been working on it for about six (6) months.

From what I understand from this brief meeting is, that it affects most residential areas on the local bus routes.

I guess that is most of the Town. The law eliminates our local zoning and building codes in these areas and much more.

You can google the law, if interested, MBTA M3 Housing Law. Our elected and appointed officials should be trying to obtain some relief for us based on our density, land area, limited access roads and the fact that our schools are almost at max capacity.

This law is eliminating our "Home Rule".

This is one of those laws that will take a toll on just about all residents in some way.

Mary Biggio

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 23, 2014

The third snowstorm of the season hit Winthrop this week, dropping at least six inches of light, fluffy snow and resulting in the closing of schools and the postponement of Tuesday night's Town Council Meeting.

A motorist, charged with allegedly driving at then-Winthrop Town Council President Jeffrey Turco in a Nov. 7, 2011 election eve incident, was found not guilty this past Friday. James Lederman, 70, was charged with assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, leaving the scene after causing personal injury, and

recklessly operating a motor vehicle, all stemming from the incident. Turco and some of his campaign supporters alleged that Lederman swerved his vehicle toward Turco during a campaign sign-holding event, causing Turco to hit his hand on Lederman's vehicle as it traveled past him. Following three days of testimony from eight different witnesses, the Commonwealth's evidence was deemed to be insufficient as a matter of law by Judge Michael Coyne to sustain the charges against Lederman.

20 years ago January 29, 2004

Five Middle School stu-

dents joined with their art teacher, Gail Garnett, and Middle School Principal Zoe Haskell to receive awards from Massport for their art work as part of Massport's recent Centennial of Flight art Contest. The five students are Brittany Vecchio, Julia Vannoni, Michelle Golden, Avery Wolverton, and Amanda Ortiz.

An East Boston resident, Robyn Dolan, says she has conducted research into the large cluster of cases of multiple sclerosis in East Boston and Winthrop and concluded that environmental toxins emanating from Logan Airport are responsible for

the high incidence of MS in this area.

A white supremacist group, known as the National Alliance, based in West Virginia, recently distributed hate mail in Winthrop, although how the leaflets were dropped is unknown at this time because it appears to have been done in the dead of night.

Police are investigating the apparent suicide of a young woman in her 20s who jumped from the Belle Isle Bridge last Friday morning. The young woman reportedly was depressed about her finances and school.

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East Boston Central Catholic School celebrates Catholic Schools Week

Enrollment soars in school's 50th year

By Cary Shuman

East Boston Central Catholic School will celebrate 50 years of excellence in Catholic education at its annual gala April 12 at Spinelli's, Lynnfield.

In advance of that milestone event, EBCCS will celebrate Schools Week beginning Jan. 28 with an exciting slate of activities for students and their families.

There is certainly a lot to celebrate.

EBCCS Principal Robert Casaletto reports that there is an enrollment of 189 students for the current school year, which is an increase of over 20-percent from the previous year.

Casaletto said one of the reasons for the surge in popularity was the school's high retention rate, proudly stating, "Our students and their parents who were here last year all loved it, so they all came back this year. We had a 95 percent retention rate."

Another key to the success in attracting students to the school was its considerable outreach to different parishes in the area beyond East Boston. Casaletto credits new School Chaplain, the Rev. Dan Zinger, for helping to bring in more Catholic families.

The hiring of an assistant principal, Gabriela Twaalfhoven, has also been instrumental in building enrollment. Twaalfhoven worked directly with new families on enrollment last summer.

Casaletto also noted the Catholic Schools Foundation providing of financial support to families in need through its Building Minds Scholarship Fund.

Casaletto is in his seventh year as principal and 30th year as a member of the EBCCS faculty. His leadership of the school during the COVID-19 pandemic was extraordinary and in actuality, resulted in an increase in enrollment when the school

was allowed to reopen.

"The people affected by COVID-19 was high in East Boston, so the Health Department wouldn't let us open," said Casaletto. "We opened our pre-K only for in-person learning. But we did a virtual learning program that our parents were just thrilled with, and because we did such a good job surviving the pandemic, we grew our enrollment coming out of it and it's been going up since."

Catholic Schools Week Activities Schedule

Special student activities have been planned throughout Catholic Schools' Week to give parents an opportunity to "join" your child's classroom.

EBCCS Parents are invited to the following activities. Each activity will take place in your child's classroom unless a different location is noted.

Sunday, January 28

Mass will be celebrat-

ed at St. Michael's Parish - St. John's Church in Winthrop at 10:00 a.m. to kick-off CSW. Our choir will sing and all families are encouraged to join.

Monday, January 29

- Kindergarten: Winter Art Project 8:45-9:30
- Cherubs, Kindergarten, 3, 4, & 5: Young Authors' Presentation Auditorium (see Library Schedule)

Tuesday, January 30

- Grade 7: "Kahoots" Game 8:30-9:10
- Angels, 1, 2, 6, 7, & 8: Young Authors' Auditorium (see Library Schedule)

Wednesday, Jan. 31

- Angels: Circle Time 8:30-9:00
- Cherubs: Morning Routine & Heggerty Phonemic Awareness 8:30-9:15
- Grade 3: Reader's Theater Presentation 1:00-1:30
- Grade 1: Chicken Soup w/Rice Activity 1:40-2:10.

Thursday, February 1

- Grade 6: Sarcophagus Design 8:30-9:10
- Grade 5: Math & Social Studies Super Bowl



Students enjoying storytime in class at EBCCS.

9:30-10:30

- Middle School: Ice Skating Field Trip 1:00-4:00
- Grade 4: City of Snowdom Presentations 1:30-2:10

Friday, February 2

- Student Appreciation Casual Dress Day

• Grade 2: Groundhog Day Activities 9:00-9:30

• Grade 7 & 8: Science Fair 1:00-2:15 Auditorium

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CITY PAWS

Companion Animal Timelines

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

Human lives have many timelines. We often refer to a particular one: the timeline of the dogs who have been part of our family and friendships. A memory of a time or place often includes the dog or dogs who were part of that

moment. Recently, we remembered a special time with a particular friend and realized he was one of the people who knew all our dogs. This thought resulted in us listing the people who shared this distinction and naming the companion animals each had

in their lives. **May I Pet Your Dog?** Living in an area with so many college students and young adults means we often sense the longing for a canine connection that comes with the question, "May I pet your dog?"

Sometimes, that exchange is followed by a history of their lives with pets. They might tell us, "My family had a Westie when I was young?" Or, "I really miss my dog. He lives with my parents." We've even had offers to walk our dogs from dog-lonely people.

We always suggest volunteer and paid jobs that will bring them in contact with animals. These opportunities range from volunteering at an animal shelter to working for a grooming or pet supply shop or a dog walking service. We understand the need for fur to stroke and an animal to curl next to you on a sofa or a bench. We share that need and are happy to let our pup play surrogate for a few minutes.

We also appreciate and are aware of what it takes to accept the responsibility of a companion animal at a point in your life when you may not be able to meet the financial, time, or housing requirements that would make it possible. **Sharing Companions** We've always been advocates of dog-sharing, not only for a quick pat on a walk but also in a much more meaningful way. We chose a West Highland White Terrier for our first dog because we shared a home with a lovely older friend. Our research told us that Westies were seldom one-person dogs. We wanted a dog who would happily spend time with all three of us. Our Sassy fit the bill, and as a former school teacher, our tenant was a great help with her training.

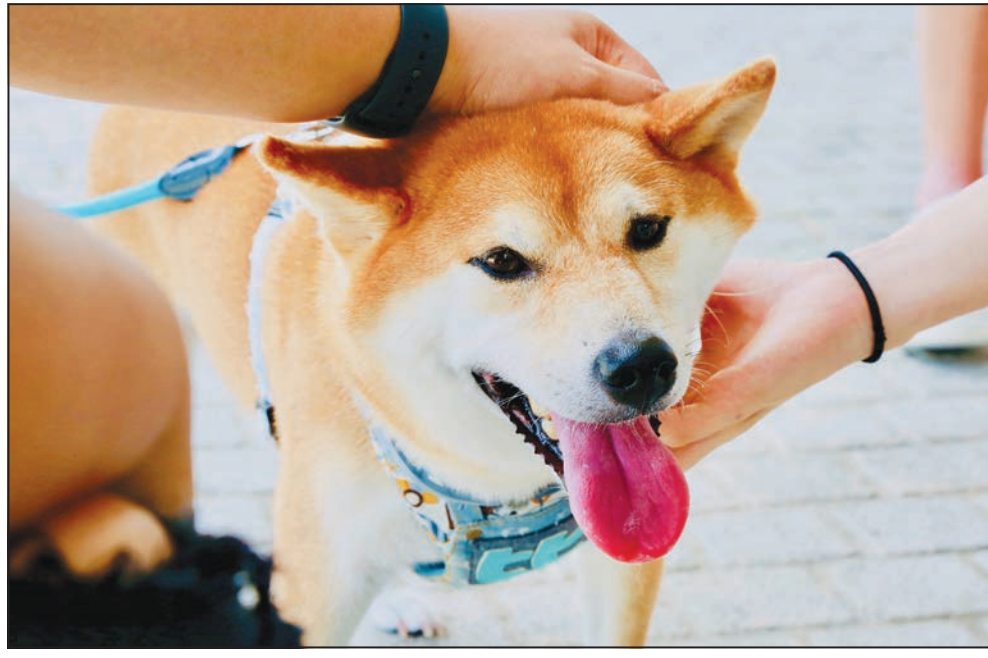


PHOTO BY ALISON PANG

Living near so many young adults means we often sense the longing for a canine connection that comes with the question, "May I pet your dog?"

Recently, we spotted neighbors with a new dog. We knew they had been reluctant to return to full-time dog care after losing their long-time companion. This dog, they told us, was their Grandpup! They had a win-win situation: they could enjoy walking with a dog again and seeing their dog community while helping their daughter have more free time in

her busy life. While dogs are the most accessible animals to share with others, we have known a lovely Ragdoll cat that belonged to a good friend, a guinea pig who lived with a family member, and a stunning parrot who lived on our floor.

Companion animals are more than part of your timeline. They can be a lifeline connecting you with people and requiring you to exercise. The National Institutes of Health writes, "Interacting with animals has been shown to decrease levels of cortisol (a stress-related hormone) and lower blood pressure. Other studies have found that animals can reduce loneliness, increase feelings of social support, and boost your mood." That makes sharing a pet a kindness to someone else. Having one is a kindness to yourself.

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

Storm Damage // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

ture storms." When a storm approaches, CZM closely follows National Weather Service (NWS) forecasts and activates team members in areas where significant coastal flooding and erosion impacts are expected to document damages as quickly as possible. Working directly with the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA), the information can be used to inform emergency management decisions at the local, state, and federal levels during the

storm. CZM also serves an emergency support function role within the State Emergency Operations Center at MEMA headquarters in the event it is activated in response to a storm involving potential coastal impacts. Storm Team reports may be used following a storm during the damage assessment process, which can help determine the state's potential eligibility for federal disaster assistance, and MassDEP uses this information to determine if emergency regulations are needed for storm recovery.

Storm Team reports also have important long-term value, allowing NWS to fine-tune forecasting of future storm impacts and improving coastal floodplain management decision-making at the state and local levels. The Storm Team reports are made through the StormReporter phone app or web tool, which allow members and volunteers to record observations and upload pictures in near-real time during coastal storm events, enabling the rapid delivery, sharing, and archiving

of coastal storm damage data. In addition to official Storm Team members, volunteers can enter reports at any time with photos and observations of storm impacts by going to MyCoast.org/ma, signing up for an account, downloading the app, and entering the information. MyCoast.org/ma also has links to already recorded storm observations and other related online tools for contributing coastal data when observations can be made safely.

Specific documented impacts from these storms include:

- January 10 - The CZM Storm Team members assessed sites in 26 communities on the North Shore, South Shore, Buzzards Bay, Cape Cod, Martha's Vineyard, and Nantucket and submitted more than 180 reports. These reports documented widespread flooding of low-lying coastal roads and beach parking areas, eroded and overwashed beaches and dunes, and overwashed seawalls and other shore protection structures. Pondered flooding was also documented in low-lying developed areas in Barnstable, Dennis, Edgartown, Falmouth, Hull, Marshfield, Nantucket, Newbury, Newburyport, Salisbury, Saugus, Wareham, and Westport. Damage to roads was found in Edgartown and Falmouth and damage to buildings documented in Edgartown, Falmouth,



COURTESY OF MASSACHUSETTS RAPID RESPONSE COASTAL STORM DAMAGE ASSESSMENT TEAM

High tide mixed with the rain and snow led to floodwaters on Revere Street near Winthrop Parkway.

Salisbury, and Westport. • January 13 - The CZM Storm Team documented widespread beach, dune, and bank erosion, along with flooding of low-lying roads, parking areas, and neighborhoods in 39 communities along the Massachusetts coast, submitting 333 reports—including reports from 30 Storm Team members and 10 volunteers. Moderate coastal flooding was found to extend farther inland along the South Shore, Boston, and North Shore. Damage was also reported to docks and piers on Cape Cod and Nantucket, homes in Salisbury, and a seawall in Salem. In mul-

tiple locations, ponded water flow was documented around vehicles and buildings. The Massachusetts Office of Coastal Zone Management work includes helping coastal communities address the challenges of storms, sea level rise, and other effects of climate change; working with state, regional, and federal partners to balance current and new uses of ocean waters while protecting ocean habitats and promoting sustainable economic development; and partnering with communities and other organizations to protect and restore coastal water quality and habitats.



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Sports

WHS SPORTS ROUNDUP

WHS BOYS HOCKEY EDGES MASCO, ESSEX TO REMAIN UNDEFEATED AND RANKED NO. 1 IN DIVISION 4

The Winthrop High boys hockey team posted two more victories this past week to improve its record to a sterling 10-0-1 overall and remain in sole possession of first place in the North Division of the Northeastern Conference (NEC). The Vikings also retained their number one ranking in the MIAA's Division 4 power ratings.

Coach Dale Dunbar and his crew made the long trek Saturday evening to the Haverhill Valley Forum to take on Masconomet, which entered the contest trailing Winthrop by just one game for the top spot in the NEC North and is ranked 12th in Division 2. The two foes have been fierce rivals in recent years and Saturday's contest proved to be no exception, with the Vikings prevailing by a score of 4-3 in a fast-paced, up-and-down, overtime thriller.

Winthrop opened the scoring in the first period on a goal by Petey Silverman, assisted by Nick Romano and Mike Holgersen, but Masco scored twice to take a 2-1 advantage at the first horn.

The teams carried their fast and physical play into the second period. Winthrop knotted the score when assistant captain Rob Rich scored an unassisted goal, only to have Masco regain the lead five minutes later -- until Phil Boncore brought the contest back to level at 3-3 just 20 seconds later when he tipped home a shot

from the point by Hunter Fife.

Both teams had plenty of chances to break the deadlock in the final 15 minutes of regulation, but neither could score the go-ahead goal. That set the stage for an exciting five-minute overtime period in which teams play a free-wheeling 4-on-4 format. That also means that a penalty can be very costly because it gives a team a 4-on-3 advantage. Masco had just that opportunity to start the session, but Viking netminder Mike Donahue rose to the occasion and shut down the Chieftains.

With less than two minutes to go, Winthrop then had a power play and the Vikings capitalized in dramatic fashion with just four seconds to go. Holgersen reached the back of the Masco net, assisted by Silverman (who delivered a nice pass to his teammate), to cap a classic NEC battle. Holgersen and Silverman earned Star of the Game plaudits for their roles in the win.

This past Monday Winthrop hosted non-league opponent Essex Tech (which is ranked seventh in D-3) and skated to a 5-2 triumph in a penalty-filed affair. Silverman, assisted by Holgersen and Phil Boncore, gave Winthrop a 1-0 edge in the opening period. In the middle stanza, Rich (assisted by Aidan Survilas) and freshman Joe Pumphret (assisted by Silverman) offset a goal by Essex to leave matters at 3-1 after two periods. The Vikings upped the count to 5-1 in the third period on goals by Luke

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WINTHROP GYMNASTICS VS. MARBLEHEAD



BOB MARRA PHOTO

Izzy Rice of the Winthrop High School Gymnastics team gets some air on the balance beam. See more photos on Page 8.

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WINTHROP GYMNASTICS VS. MARBLEHEAD

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Winthrop outpointed

Marblehead, 131.850 to 129.9 in a closely contested gymnastics match at the Winthrop Academy Friday night.



Brooklyn Banfield extends off of the vault.



Macy Werstak on the bars.



Shannon Abbott in a flip during floor exercise.



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WHS SPORTS THROUGH THE YEARS

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In a 44-42 win with Danvers for the Winthrop High girls indoor track team, the Lady Vikings were led by Elizabeth Anderson, who was a double-winner in the shot-put with a toss of 28'-3" and the 55 meter dash in a time of 8.4 seconds. Also earning five points Winthrop with first place wins against Danvers were Lexi Vaccaro in the 300 dash

in 48.1 and Holly Benson in the 600 in 1:52.7. In another 44-42 win over Gloucester, first-place finishers were: Amy Sena in the high jump with a leap of 5'-0"; Anderson with a shot-put throw of 28'-5"; Vaccaro in the 300 in 49.6; and Carly O'Keefe in the 55 meter hurdles in 9.5. The outcome of both meets was decided in the final event, the 4 x 400 relay.

The Winthrop High

boys hockey team turned in its best week of the season, winning all three of its games, to raise its record to 8-4. All three of the victories — 3-1 over Danvers, 2-1 over Peabody, and 2-1 over Scituate — shared the common denominator of a staunch defense in front of the fine work of goaltender Ray Feeley, a style of play that has been a trademark of the Viking hockey program under the direction

of head coach Dale Dunbar.

The Winthrop High boys basketball team defeated Pope John XXIII of Everett, 55-26, Monday afternoon. The victory earned a spot for the Vikings in the post-season state tourney under the Sullivan Rule, which allows schools to qualify for the high school version of March Madness if they achieve a .500 record against teams in their

own division, which for Winthrop is Division 4. Cody Wasson turned in a double-double night for the Vikings, scoring 15 points and pulling down 10 rebounds. Jake Chiudina reached double figures with 10 points.

The Winthrop High Lady Bulldog hockey team won two of its three contests this past week, raising their record to 9-2 on the season and qualifying them for a berth

in the post-season state tournament. In a 6-1 win over Masconomet, the Lady Bulldogs skated to a commanding 4-0 lead in the opening period thanks to goals by four different Winthrop players: Savannah Norcross (assisted by Kasey Harris and Emma English); Jillian Olevitz (from Cat Salvetti); Sydney Adamson (from Katie Jenner); and Jenner. In a

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Roundup // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 7

Gthinji (from Survilas) and Silverman (unassisted) before Essex scored again for the 5-2 finale.

Dunbar and his crew host NEC South rival Beverly this Saturday at Larsen for a 1:00 opening face-off. The Vikings will travel to Endicott College on Wednesday to take on NEC North foe Danvers at 8:30 in another contest with big implications for the 2024 NEC North title.

WHS GIRLS HOCKEY TOPS WINCHESTER, 3-0

The Winthrop High girls hockey team turned in what WHS head coach Anthony Martucci termed, "Probably our best game this season," with a 3-0 victory over Middlesex League opponent Winchester last Wednesday at Larsen Rink.

"We were running on all cylinders, from the goalie out," said Martucci. "It was our best game. Our structure, our discipline, and the unselfish play was amazing."

The Lady Vikings received goals from Izzy Cash off a nice rebound of a Talia Martucci shot; Tegan Periera with a missile from the point on the power play; and an empty-netter by captain Sami Dimento to close it out.

"Overall, it was our most complete game of the season against a very good Middlesex League team from Winchester," said Martucci. "Riley Towse was fantastic with an 18-save shutout. Riley is doing things at a very young age (only a sophomore) that most goalies don't do for their career. She already is third on the program's all time-list for wins and shutouts, behind only Summer Tallent (two-time all conference) and Gretchen Howard (the only Herald 'Dream Team' player in WHS history)."

This past Saturday, Winthrop earned a 2-2 tie at Northeast Hockey League (NHL) rival Beverly. "We came back to earth in this one," said Martucci. "We were kind of one-dimensional and not playing our best team game."

The Winthrop goals were scored by Avalina Coffey on what Martucci described as "an absolute highlight-reel beauty, an end-to-end rush, Bobby Orr-style, with a top corner finish. Just a gorgeous goal from an excellent player."

Amelia Spencer reached the back of the Lady Panthers' net with a beautiful backhand goal. "Amelia just kind of bull-rushed through traffic and then made a pretty finish," said Martucci. "Spence" can play any style necessary and it is fun to watch.

"However, in this one we just did not have our team game going," the coach added. "There was no flow and the passing

was not there -- a lot of individual play and everyone trying to do it themselves. That is not us, and it is not what has made us successful. We played this way four times this season, and it resulted in two losses and two ties. Every other game we played team-first hockey, together."

On a separate note, Martucci lauded the impressive play of the WHS boys' team, which has skated to a 10-0-1 start. "I just want to say how impressed I am with our boys' team," said Martucci. "Coaches Dale (Dunbar) and Mike (Norris) are doing a tremendous job with that group and they are so fun to watch. The town needs to get behind them and come to see them play. Anyone who has not been to a game of theirs needs to get down to Larsen as soon as possible. What a team that is. The girls' program is extremely proud of what they are doing so far this year."

The Winthrop girls will trek to the Edge Sports Center in Bedford on Saturday evening at 8:00 to take on NHL foe Shawshen Tech. The Lady Vikings, who are ranked 10th in Division 1, then will return home to host NHL opponent Peabody, which is ranked fifth in D-1, next Wednesday at Larsen for a 6:10 opening face-off. Winthrop, which is 6-2-2 overall and 5-2-2 in the NHL, will be seeking to avenge a 2-1 loss from three weeks ago to the Lady Tanners, who presently are in first place in the NHL with a 9-0-0 record.

WHS GIRLS BASKETBALL ROARS BACK FROM EARLY DEFICIT TO TOP MARBLEHEAD

The Winthrop High girls basketball team got back on the winning track with a 46-38 victory over Northeastern Conference North Division rival Marblehead this past Monday at the WHS gym.

The Lady Vikings overcame a horrendous start en route to the comeback victory. The Lady Magicians came out shooting the ball at a very high percentage, draining 5-for-5 three-pointers in the first quarter and jumping out to a 24-6 lead with six minutes left in the second period.

"At this point we called our second timeout and talked about how we were going to stick to our game plan," said WHS head coach Anthony Hatzisavas. "We needed to pick up our intensity on defense and be more aggressive on offense."

Kaylee Farrell answered the call, scoring the first five points out of the timeout to swing the momentum in Winthrop's favor. Kaylee's splurge ignited an 11-0 run for the Lady Vikings that sliced

the Marblehead lead to single digits, 24-17, at the intermission.

"At the half we talked about how this upcoming half can be a huge turning point for our season," said Hatzisavas. "It was time to really step up and that's what we did."

Reese Brodin scored 14 of her 16 points in the second half, making aggressive drive-after-drive, finishing through contact. Grace Fleuriel dominated the inside, with 12 of her 19 points coming in the second half.

Farrell almost reached double figures, finishing with nine points. "Grace, Kaylee, and Reese really stepped for us, scoring 44 out of our 46 points," noted Hatzisavas. "It wasn't just their offense, but also their leadership on the defensive end. Freshman Angela Tshowa had a great game with nine rebounds and a +22 plus/minus rating. Sophomore Bailey Ferguson and junior Sophia Lindinger also had great games, moving the ball and playing great defense."

"We are now 4-7 on the season," Hatzisavas added. "Two of our losses have been in overtime and two have been decided by three points or less. We were just a play or two in each of those games where losses become wins. We have been stressing during our off period (the Lady Vikings had a six-day lay-off in their schedule this past week) how important every play of every game matters."

"For me, the biggest takeaway of the win was the energy the bench provided and the whole team in general," said the coach. "They answered the call at the half and I was very impressed. I truly believe this is a game we will look back on at the end of the season and notice that this turned our season around."

The Winthrop girls entertain NEC South rival Saugus tonight (Thursday) for a 6:00 opening tip and will host Salem Saturday morning at 10:00. They will make the long trek to NEC North foe Gloucester next Tuesday.

WHS GYMNASTS NIP MARBLEHEAD

The Winthrop High gymnastics team earned a pair of victories this past week, defeating Essex Tech and Marblehead.

In the Essex Tech match, Sara Jurovich started the Vikings off on uneven bars with a score of 6.4. Eighth-grader Macy Werstak, competing in the all-around for the first time (only two athletes on any team can do all four events in a meet) scored a 6.7.

"The all-around is usually a position held by the upperclassmen," said WHS coach Pete Gobiell, "but Macy is ready to accept the challenge."

Senior captain Shannon Abbott took fourth place with a 6.9. Third place went to senior captain Ellie O'Donnell, scoring a 7.2.

On bars, junior Isabella Rice hit her routine, scoring a season-high 7.85. Capturing first place was sophomore Zoe Rey, who hit her bar routine with a perfect stuck dismount for a score of 7.9.

Heading to the balance beam, the first up for Winthrop was sophomore Jillian Buonopane, who hit her routine, scoring a season high of 8.1 and tying for fourth place. Ninth-grader Charlotte Zarba was up next and scored a 7.3 with a fall. O'Donnell scored an 8.0 with a fall. Rey and Werstak tied with an 8.6. The top performance of the night then was turned in by Rice, who made a strong comeback from the team's last meet to score a 9.0.

Moving to the vault, Melissa Cash led the way with an 8.0. Abbott and Zarba tied with an 8.3, followed by Jurovich with an 8.4.

Werstak then performed her signature, full-twisting handspring to score an 8.9 for second place. O'Donnell captured the number one spot with a season-high of 9.0.

The last event for the Vikings, the floor exercise, was led off by Rice, who scored a 7.65. Buonopane and Abbott scored a 7.3. Werstak earned a score of 8.0 for third place and Rey hit her routine for a score of 8.05. O'Donnell won the event with an 8.05.

The final tally showed

Winthrop with 130.25 points to 122.9 for Essex Tech.

Winthrop next took on a strong Marblehead squad that was a two-point favorite coming into the match and which is led by senior Maeve McCilroy, who is committed to Brown.

Jurovich led off for Winthrop on bars, scoring a 6.2. Werstak hit her routine for a 7.3. Abbott tallied a 7.0, followed by O'Donnell with a 7.5. Both Rice and Rey hit their routines, scoring 8.0 and 8.25. After the first event, Marblehead held a 31.25-31.05 lead.

The balance beam started off with Buonopane hitting her routine, scoring a 7.9. Zarba was up next with a score of 7.25. Rice fell, but still scored an 8.0.

"Macy Werstak needed to stick her routine if we were going to have a chance of catching Marblehead," said WHS coach Christa Vaccaro. "She did exactly that, scoring a season-high of 8.2."

Rey then hit her routine, scoring her season-high of 8.55. Senior captain O'Donnell then showed why she's a leader, hitting her best routine of the season and scoring an 8.7. However, after two events, Marblehead still held a 65.75-64.9 advantage.

Captains Abbott and O'Donnell brought the team together before the next event, the vault, and told each of their teammates exactly what they had to do to finish with a win and keep their undefeated season going.

Winthrop's first vaulter, Zarba, stuck her second

vault, scoring a 7.4. Abbott and Brooklyn Banfield both stuck their handsprings, scoring 8.15. Jurovich also stuck her handspring, scoring an 8.25. After three events, the Vikings had narrowed Marblehead's lead to a slim 98.75-98.35, which meant that the outcome of the meet would be decided with Winthrop on the floor exercise and Marblehead on the vault.

First up on floor was Buonopane, scoring a 7.35 with a mistake-free routine that got her teammates pumped up. Abbott and Werstak both stuck their routines, scoring an 8.05. Captain O'Donnell then hit her routine with an 8.6, followed by Rey with an 8.5.

When the final results were tallied, Winthrop prevailed by a score of 131.85-129.9. "That was the closest meet we've had in a few years," said Gobiell. "They had to really work hard to catch up and pass such a good team."

The Vikings, who now are 3-0 on the season, are scheduled to host Peabody tomorrow (Friday) evening and will travel to Beverly next Tuesday.

BOYS HOOP TO HOST GLOUCESTER TUESDAY

The Winthrop High boys basketball team will host Northeastern Conference South Division rival Gloucester next Tuesday evening at 7:00. Coach Quintin Dale II and his crew are scheduled to trek to NEC South foe Saugus this evening (Thursday).

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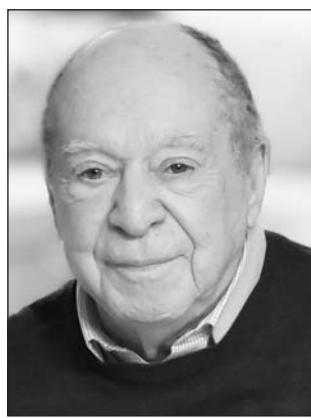
Ernest Maylor Jr.

Retired DPW Civil Engineer

 Ernest G. Maylor Jr. of Winthrop, formerly of East Boston, passed away peacefully on January 22 at the age of 95. He was surrounded by family.

Ernie was the beloved husband of Elizabeth (Betty) LeBlanc for 69 years, devoted father of Paul and his wife, Lisa, Peter and Andrew and his wife, Paula; cherished cousin of John and Terry Maylor and he was pre-deceased by his brother, Robert Lewis Maylor. He is also survived by nine grandchildren: Kellie, Kenny, Brianna, Alexis, Kirsten, Marina, Tiana, Austin and Vanessa and by five great grandchildren.

Ernie served in the U.S. Navy, and subsequently went to Newman Preparatory School after which he attended The Fisher School (now Fisher College) and the Industrial Technical School in Boston where he studied engineering. This led him



to acquire a job at the Department of Public Works where he spent 38 years as a civil engineer. Upon retiring, Ernie began to further enjoy his passion for Golf. He spent many a day at the Winthrop Golf Club with his buddies and won numerous trophies. Along with family and friends, Ernie will fondly be remembered by many.

Family and friends are cordially invited to attend the visitation from the Caggiano-O'Maley-Frazier Funeral Home, Winthrop on Sunday, January 28 from 4 to 7 p.m. The funeral will be conducted from the funeral home on Monday, January 29 at 9 a.m. followed by a Funeral Mass in St. John the Evangelist Church, 320 Winthrop St., Winthrop at 10 a.m. Services will conclude with interment and military honors in the Belle Isle section of Winthrop Cemetery.

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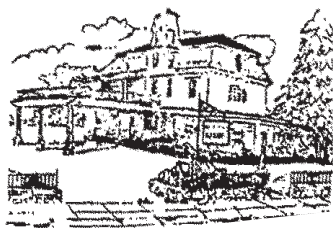
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Rosalie Gillis

Former intake person for the Long Island Homeless Shelter

Rosalie T. 'Rocky' Gillis of Winthrop, formerly of East Boston, passed away at the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston on January 16. She was 79 years old.

Born in Boston, she was the beloved daughter of the late Nicoline (Sgobbo) and Frank Viscione. A resident of Winthrop for over 28 years, she worked as an intake person for the Long Island Homeless Shelter.

She was the loving mother of James Gillis and his wife, Christine and John Gillis and his wife, Julie, all of Winthrop; dear sister of the late Anthony Viscione; cherished grandmother of Shaunna and her husband, Phil, E.J., Ricki, Tyler and Hunter. Loving aunt




of Andrea, Ro and Janet, dear best friend of Babe Poirier and former wife of the late Nick Gillis.

The Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. John the Evangelist Church on Friday, January 19. Commitment was private.

To sign the online guestbook, go to www.caggianofuneralhome.com.

David Burns

Retired State of Massachusetts Network Administrator

 David Burns of Winthrop passed away at the Melrose Wakefield Hospital on January 15. He was 80 years old.

Born in Malden, he was the beloved son of the late Mary (Sullivan) and John T. Burns, Sr. A resident of Winthrop for over 50 years, he enlisted in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War reaching the rank of Airman First Class. After his honorable discharge, he went on to work as a network administrator for the State of Massachusetts. He was also a member of the American Legion.

He was the devoted husband of the late Carol (DeNapoli) and the loving father of Christopher Burns and his wife, Alison of Bridgewater and Jonathan Burns and his wife, Allison Flintoff of Winthrop; cherished grand-



father of Caileen, Francis and Caroline. David was also the last of nine brothers and sisters.

Family and friends are cordially invited to attend the visitation from the Caggiano-O'Maley-Frazier Funeral Home, Winthrop on Saturday, January 27 from 9 to 10:30 a.m. followed by a Funeral Mass in St. John the Evangelist Church, 320 Winthrop St., Winthrop at 11 a.m. Services will conclude with military honors in the Belle Isle section of Winthrop Cemetery.

Susan Beth Gooley Crocker

Owned Reds Hair Salon who always found the good in everyone

Susan Gooley (Gigi) Crocker passed away January 21st peacefully at her home surrounded by her family.

Her greatest accomplishment was being a mother to her three children, Charro, Julian and Matt, a Gigi to her six grandchildren: Jake, Sofie, Eloise, Max, Eli and Emmett, a loving wife to her husband, John for 44 years, best friends with her son-in-law, Jay, a sister to nine siblings, a loving aunt to many nieces and nephews and the owner of her pride and joy, Reds Hair Salon that she proudly opened 26 years ago and has passed on to her daughter after her retirement four years ago.

She was so strong and resilient despite all her challenges in life and fiercely loved everyone she met, especially her family and their friends. She loved animals and nature, but to be honest, she loved everything and everyone so deeply. She was an amazing artist and passed that talent on to her two sons and grandchildren. She always found the good in everyone and taught us all how to love just as hard. She will be



missed beyond comprehension but will watch over us all. The only thing deeper than the pain of losing you was our love for you.

A celebration of life will be held at the Buonfiglio Funeral Home, 128 Revere Street, Revere on Saturday January 27th from 12 Noon to 2 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, gifts may be made to Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in memory of Ritchie Strangie to support cancer research and patient care at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, P.O. Box 849168, Boston, MA 02284 or via [jimmyfund.org/gift](https://danafarber.jimmyfund.org/gift) (https://danafarber.jimmyfund.org/site/Donation2?df_id=2101&mf_c_pref=T&2101.donation=form1)

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11:00am: Grab and Go Lunch Pick-Up
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9:00am-3:00pm: Computer Usage
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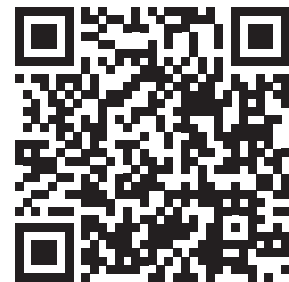
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11:00am: Grab and Go Lunch Pick-Up
11:30am-12:30pm: Tai Chi / Qi Gong (\$5)
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Thursday, February 1

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

Friday, February 2

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



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6-2 triumph over Cambridge, Norcross gave Winthrop a 1-0 lead in the opening period and the middle period saw Winthrop score three times by Jenner, Harris, and Norcross. The Lady Bulldogs' lone setback of the week came Saturday at Medford by a tight 2-1 tally.

The Winthrop High girls basketball team won two more games this past week, defeating Northeastern Conference North Division rival Beverly last Thursday and then taking the measure of Somerville of the Greater Boston League. Kristen Siscamanis topped the Winthrop scoring chart with 13 points. Theresa Jones also reached double figures with 10 points, followed by Ashleyne Babb with nine, Nina Bartlett with seven, Poli Tsiotis with six, and sister Nikki T. with two. In the 46-27 triumph over Division 1 Somerville, which defeated Winthrop handily in both of their meetings last season, Siscamanis again was high scorer with 12 points and pulled down six rebounds. Jones hit for 10 points and the foursome of Babb, Jen Adamson,

Nikki T. (five steals), and Bartlett (seven rebounds and three blocked shots) all chipped in with six points apiece.

20 years ago January 29, 2004

The Winthrop High hockey team remained undefeated in the Northeastern Conference with a 5-2 win over Beverly Saturday at Larsen Rink. Paul Eruzione scored two goals and Jarrett Herdt, Nick Martino, and Matt Driscoll each scored a goal.

Junior guard Anthony Griffin swished 10 straight free throws in overtime to lead the WHS boys basketball team to an 84-79 win over Danvers. Griffin was 14-of-15 from the line and scored a career-high 39 points. Ryan Maloney added 14 points and Alex Hoomis had 10 points, 11 rebounds, and eight assists. Griffin is second in the NEC in scoring with a 22 ppg. average.

Hot shooting by guard Rachele DeLeo, who scored 23 points in each of two games, led the WHS girls basketball team in a win of 62-39 over Chelsea and in a 45-37 loss to Danvers.

Three girls who got their start on the first-ever Winthrop girls youth hockey team six years ago, Danielle Daunais, Danielle Kaplan, and Nancy Adler, are helping to lead the Arlington Catholic girls hockey team in its bid for a berth in the state tourney.

Patriots fans will be cheering for the Pats this weekend in the Super Bowl against the Carolina Panthers. New England defeated Peyton Manning and the Indy Colts in the AFC championship game last week.

30 years ago February 3, 1994

Jackie Trainor potted a hat trick and Jason Calla scored two goals to lead the WHS hockey team to a 7-0 win over Salem. The Vikings now are 7-2-1 on the season.

The WHS boys basketball team improved to 9-6 with wins over Beverly and Danvers. Todd Doherty scored 19 points in the 71-48

romp over Danvers, with Anthony Poto chipping in 12 points and Scott Sanchez and Danny Godfrey adding 10 points

apiece. In a tight 67-64 victory over Beverly, Doherty once again led the Vikes with 20 points. Paul Struzziero hit for 13 and Godfrey scored 12 points and grabbed 12 rebounds.

40 years ago February 1, 1984

The WHS hockey team ran its winning streak to nine games with a 3-2 win over Swampscott in which Steve Acone scored the game-winner in the third period on a perfect set-up from co-captain Eric Troisi.

The WHS girls basketball team dropped a heartbreaking 50-49 loss to first place Lynn English. Lisa Monteleone scored 21 points for the Lady Vikings, including a go-ahead jump shot with three seconds to go that gave Winthrop a 49-48 lead. However, English managed to score with a buzzer-beater for the win. Coach Ron Spinney's crew bounced back from the tough defeat with a 51-25 romp over Beverly.

Despite 15 points from Sean Conway and 12 from Rich Driver, the boys basketball team dropped a 79-51 contest this week.

50 years ago February 6, 1974

The WHS boys indoor track team completed a 5-2 season with a 59-45 win over Danvers. First-place finishers for Winthrop were Jeff Polino in the shot-put, Doug Hill in the high jump and 600, Eric Freedland in the 50 yard dash, and Jake Macken in the hurdles.

Despite a severely-sprained ankle, Patty Hansen scored 13 points in the first half to lead the WHS girls basketball team to a 31-28 win over Swampscott. Patty Jean McGrath scored the winning basket in the final minute and then swished a free throw in the waning seconds to seal the victory. The Lady Vikings now need to win three of their final four games in order to qualify for a berth in the state tourney.

Joyce Nolan set two school records for the WHS girls indoor track team this season.

60 years ago February 6, 1964

The WHS basketball team saw its hopes for another NEC title dim con-

siderably after a surprising 81-61 defeat to Woburn, whose only two wins this season have come against Winthrop. Although Winthrop came back the next game with a 53-48 victory over Andover, the Vikings have four losses in the NEC.

Winthrop High's newest athletic team, boys gymnastics, still is looking for its first victory under head coach Pete Coon.

70 years ago February 4, 1954

The WHS basketball team gave departing head coach Gordon Connor a victory in his last game at the helm of the Winthrop program with a 48-41 triumph over Immaculate Conception of Revere. Connor is leaving the Winthrop school system for a job with the Archdiocese of Boston. The Winthrop squad then gave new head coach John Sheehan his first career victory with a 56-50 win over Amesbury in which Irv Streeter, who was acting as captain in place of Dick McKenna, who was ill, and Bob Donahue led the way for Winthrop.

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30 years ago February 3, 1994

The East Boston Neighborhood Health Center and Boston University Medical Center have signed a joint memorandum of understanding in which they have agreed to form a partnership to purchase the Winthrop Hospital, which is in bankruptcy, as early as April.

A three-alarm fire that started in a faulty wood stove caused an estimated \$150-\$200,000 in damage to the home at 214 Somerset Ave. More than 50 firefighters from surrounding communities assisted local firefighters in battling the blaze. Two carpenters who had been working on the second floor of the building had been using the wood stove for heat. Fire Chief Paul Ford said the stove had been installed improperly 11 years ago without a permit.

Massport and officials from area communities are working on a mitigation agreement that would permit Massport to proceed with its modernization plan and avoid being sued by the area communities over environmental issues.

The selectmen met with representatives of the Paul Revere Bus Company to discuss the many complaints from citizens regarding the poor service by the company.

Police Officer Brian Perrin is being credited with bringing to a peaceful resolution a potentially tragic situation in which a Wave Way Ave. man, armed with a meat cleaver, was holding his wife and daughter hostage. Perrin, who knew the man, convinced him to surrender.

40 years ago February 1, 1984

Town Treasurer Edward Keough has announced that he will not be seeking re-election to the Treasurer's post that he has held for the past 11 years.

The School Committee has accepted a proposal from Massport for the

soundproofing of the junior high school.

A 35 year-old Winthrop man was arrested by three State Police officers and a Chelsea officer on Shore Drive on charges of possession of cocaine with intent to distribute.

50 years ago February 6, 1974

About 100 persons were on hand for the Advisory Committee's annual public hearing on the articles that will appear on the warrant for the upcoming March Town Meeting. The committee now will make its recommendations on the 41 articles.

Winthrop has received an award for the seventh straight year from AAA for having no traffic-related fatalities for 1973. Police Chief David Rice, State Rep. Ralph Siriani, and Safety Officer Arthur Greenlaw accepted the award on behalf of the town.

A 22 year-old local man has been charged with unlawful possession of a handgun.

School Committeeman Robert DeGregorio sharply criticized Winthrop school teachers in public last week for what he termed their intransigence and unreasonableness during the current contract talks.

Townpeople are mourning the passing of local funeral home director Alfred Marsh, who had been in the funeral home business in Winthrop for more than 40 years. Marsh passed away in Florida.

The major remodeling project that promises to transform Boston's Faneuil Hall Marketplace is proceeding rapidly.

60 years ago February 6, 1964

The selectmen have filed their objections with the Army Corps of Engineers over the proposal by the City of Boston to burn its rubbish on huge barges just a few miles off the Winthrop coastline in the outer harbor.

A joint meeting of state and local officials will be held at Town Hall to discuss the proposal for a \$2.5 million plan to control pollution

in Boston Harbor.

Lucy Rivers was installed as a Sister of Charity by the local Order of Rainbow last week.

70 years ago February 4, 1954

Winthrop has taken the first big step toward eliminating the Rapid Transit Bus Company and operating its own bus line with the filing of a bill by State Senator Andrew P. Quigley to allow the town to establish its own bus service. If the legislature approves the bill, Town Meeting then will have to accept the measure.

A lone gunman robbed a River Road man of \$700 in cash and jewelry Tuesday. The victim had stopped his car on Shore Drive to assist a person who appeared to be having car trouble. However, the person in need of assistance then pulled a gun on the Good Samaritan and took his cash and valuables.

Harry Botsford is the new President of the Pt. Shirley Association.

An advertisement in the Transcript from the Winthrop Police Association states that a woman with five children who is on welfare collects \$294.50 per week, with unlimited medical care, from the town's Welfare Department, while a sergeant on the police force takes home \$276.50 per week with no medical coverage. The police are in the midst of contract negotiations with the town.

80 years ago January 29, 1944

Many local residents were on hand for the ded-

ication of the service flag at Temple Tifereth Israel to honor the 325 men and women congregants of the temple who are serving in the military.

About 25 percent of Winthrop's quota for the latest bond drive already has been attained after just the first three days of the campaign.

The public is invited to attend the grand opening of the new wing of the Winthrop Community Hospital Sunday afternoon.

90 years ago February 3, 1934

Police Chief William McNeill retired last week amid plaudits galore for his 40 years of service to the town.

The Town Republican Club has given its endorsement to its choice of candidates for the upcoming town election.

The Narrow Gauge railroad company has petitioned the selectmen to be allowed to operate a gasoline station at the corner of Woodside Avenue and Pauline St.

100 years ago February 2, 1924

Mrs. Jessie Leonard, editor of the Sun who was defeated last year in her attempt for the Board of Selectmen, has announced her candidacy for another run to win the office. Leonard, who has been referring to herself for the past year as "the deferred candidate," vowed in her campaign announcement that this time around, she would become "the preferred candidate."

Townpeople are taking note of the increased number of automobiles in the town as a testament to the overall prosperity of our citizenry.

110 years ago January 31, 1914

The selectmen have voted to revoke the movie-showing license of the Dream Theatre at the Beach after State Police seized the film, The Reincarnation of Karma, in which women in the movie are garbed only in gauze and which was shown at separate showings, one "for men only," the other "for women only." One of the selectmen, in voting for the revocations said, "This movie has the Howard Theatre in Boston beat by a block," a reference to the notorious theatre in Boston that is notorious for its unseemly shows.

Never before in the history of the town has there been such a display of beautiful gowns as worn by the ladies at the annual Gentlemen's Night held at the Elks this weekend.

The Winthrop Woman's Club has called for the opening of the Frost Public Library on Sundays and holidays.

120 years ago January 30, 1904

Rep. Alfred S. Hall of Revere has filed a petition with the legislature that would allow Winthrop to obtain its water from the Metropolitan Park Commission supply.

An unusually large number of members attended the recent meeting of the Winthrop Girls Club.

One of the three men who robbed the office of Metropolitan Coal Company at the Belle Isle Bridge last month was captured after a

recent escapade in Dan-

versport. One of the other robbers was shot dead in the marsh and only one now is on the loose.

An unusually pleasant surprise party was given in honor of Miss Hattie Floyd at her father's home Saturday.

130 years ago February 3, 1894

Two bills have been filed for the "organization of a Greater Boston." One bill would allow for the annexation of many surrounding communities into Boston, including Winthrop. The other, which is more likely to pass the legislature, would provide for a regional body, consisting of three members, to govern certain aspects of the metropolitan area while allowing communities to maintain their independence.

The Crescent Club held its second select dance party at the Town Hall last week.

140 years ago February 1, 1884

There is no place on the North Shore that has gained as much popularity and prominence as has Winthrop in the past few years, both in terms of its year-round population increase and in its haven as a summer vacation place.

A carpenter working on a new house on Great Head fell from the roof and was knocked unconscious with severe injuries. He is being looked after by Dr. Soule.

A well-preserved gold piece from 1739 was found recently on Winthrop Beach.

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Request electronic Bidding Documents (no cost): 10:00 a.m. January 24, 2024 by email to MunicipalBids@woodardcurran.com with complete contact information & subject line Winthrop MA Contract 11 - Lead Service Replacement. Official Bidding Documents will be available once registered. Documents from third parties are not considered official Bidding Documents.

Pre-Bid conference will not be held
Receipt of Bids: by 11:00 a.m. February 8, 2024, at Town Hall, 1 Metcalf Square, Room 6, Winthrop, MA 02152 Attn: Dylan Cook, Chief Financial Officer. Submit 5% Bid security with Bid.

Bid opening: public.
Bidding is per MGL Chapter 30, Section 39M. Prevailing wage rates per MGL c149 s26 to 27D inclusive issued by Dept. of Labor Standards apply. Also published on www.commbuys.com and on the MNPA website at <http://masspublicnotices.org>.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

NEW CITY MANAGER FILLS OUT STAFF

CHELSEA - In his first weeks in office, new City Manager Fidel Maltez has been working to appoint his staff.

Late last year, the city council approved a request from Maltez to fund a reorganization of the city manager's office that sees staff increase from three to five employees.

Rather than one deputy city manager, the office will now operate with two

deputy managers reporting to Maltez, one for operations and one for finance. In addition, the council also approved funding the new position of Director of Constituent Services.

The duties of that position include listening to resident concerns, providing information and assistance, coordinating with the city council, and advocating for residents, according to Maltez.

Maltez said the search to fill those positions is going well.

"Chelsea is an exciting

community, and I am very excited about the number of applicants that we received and the caliber of the applicants," he said. "Chelsea is a gateway community, we are always in conversations with Boston, with Somerville, with Cambridge. For anyone who wants to do good work, Chelsea is a good place to be."

The interview process is ongoing now, and Maltez said he'd like to make a decision on final hires by the end of January.

"They are critical to the

long-term operation of the city," said Maltez, especially as the municipal budgeting process for the next fiscal year kicks off in City Hall.

In addition to the positions in the city manager's office, the city is also looking for a new Director of Housing and Community Development to replace Alex Train, who left that position at the end of last year.

"I wish (Train) nothing but the best," said Maltez.

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on vessels, as the drawbridge will remain operational throughout all overnight operations.

During the work, the following detours will be in effect:

Northbound traffic on Route 107 (Salem Turnpike) will be detoured at the Route 107 / Ballard Street intersection as follows:

- Turn left onto Ballard Street.
- Turn right onto Lincoln Avenue.
- Continue on Boston Street.
- Turn right onto Summer Street.
- Take Summer Street back to Route 107 (Western Avenue).

Southbound traffic on Route 107 (Western Ave) will be detoured as follows:

- Turn right onto Summer Street.
- Turn left onto Boston Street.
- Continue onto Lincoln Avenue.
- Turn left onto Ballard Street.
- Take Ballard Street back to Route 107 (Salem Turnpike).

Appropriate signage, law enforcement details, and advance message boards will be in place to guide drivers through the work area.

This work is part of a \$99.3 million drawbridge replacement project. The project is currently expected to be completed in March 2026.

Drivers traveling through the affected areas should expect some delays, reduce speed, and use caution.

The schedule for this work is weather dependent and subject to change without notice.

For information on traffic conditions travelers are encouraged to:

- Download the Mass511 mobile app or visit www.mass511.com to view live cameras, travel times, real-time traffic conditions, and project information before setting out on the road. Users can subscribe to receive text and email alerts for traffic conditions.
- Dial 511 and select a route to hear real-time conditions.
- Follow @MassDOT on X, (formerly known as Twitter), to receive regular updates on road and traffic conditions.

TIPS TO PREVENT FROZEN PIPES AS SUSTAINED COLD SPELL SETS IN

With the recent cold weather, and more to come, Boston Water and Sewer Commission (BWSC) is reminding people that there are proactive steps they can take to prevent interior pipes from freezing.

- Check for open windows, air vents, and wind drafts near water pipes
- Seal leaks in the basement foundation where cold air may enter; fill holes with insulation as a tiny opening can cause an exposed pipe to freeze
- Allow a slow trickle of water to flow through faucets connected to water pipes that run through unheated spaces (the constant drip minimizes any

ice buildup in the pipe, which helps to prevent pipes from bursting)

- Keep sink cabinet doors open during cold spells to allow warm air to circulate around the pipes
- Insulate pipes in unheated spaces like garages, basements, and crawl spaces; inexpensive insulation can be bought at hardware and home supply stores
- Locate the water shut off valve and know how to shut off water; if a pipe bursts, shutting off the water promptly can help minimize the damage (shut off valve is usually located by the meter)
- If your pipes freeze, use a hair dryer to thaw the lines safely; thawing will not be fast, but it will be safe: never use an open flame to thaw pipes

If there is no water coming through any of your taps, there may be a problem in your street or yard. If so, call BWSC's 24-hour Emergency Assistance line at 617-989-7900.

ARTISAN & CRAFT FAIR TO BE HELD FEB. 10 IN NEIGHBORING EAST BOSTON

An artisan and craft fair is being planned for Saturday, February 10, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Clippership Wharf Commons at 65 Lewis Street. There is no charge for admission and the event is open to the public.

The Eastie Artisan Fair continues the work of Meg Grady who organized the East Boston Open Market in past years. The Eastie Artisan Fair has a mission of supporting local hand-crafted and handmade and small businesses and is where artisans come together to showcase their craftsmanship. The Fair offers you a unique shopping experience that will leave you with a lasting impression!

Held at the elegant Clippership Wharf Commons, 65 Lewis Street, East Boston, enjoy breathtaking water views and a picturesque Boston skyline as you explore a diverse array of talented artists, innovative makers, and thriving local small businesses to discover that unique and one-of-a-kind products.

Vendors will be selling: ceramics, crochet stuffed animals and winter outerwear, pet sweaters, abstract paintings, custom eco-friendly, stainless steel tumblers, hand-sown coffee cozies, wine bags, tote bags, 3D digital artist, body lotions and soaps, healing crystal plushes, jewelry, candles. We also will have vendors selling food items, a pet photographer, raffles and so much more!

The fair is beginning organized by local East Boston residents: Michelle Miller, of Sew What Amazing Krafts, Theresa Malioneck, of Crochet by Teshy and Revere resident and event planner, Maria Rago.

For more information follow us on Facebook at Eastie Artisan Fair, Instagram: [eastie_artisan_fair](https://www.instagram.com/eastie_artisan_fair) or email us at: [\[sanfair@gmail.com\]\(mailto:sanfair@gmail.com\)](mailto:eastiearti-</p></div>
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BGCB SEEKING MEAL VENDORS

Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston is soliciting invitations for bid for vended meals to their Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) program site(s). The Vendor would provide meal services according to United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) regulations and guidelines as well as Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, Office for Food and Nutrition Programs policies and guidelines.

Vendors and/or their representatives may submit bids to:

Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston

Attn: Gabrielle Witham
200 High St. Fl. 3
Boston, MA 02141

A bid packet will be available by email at gwitham@bgcb.org to all potential bidders.

Potential bidders should email questions to Gabrielle Witham at gwitham@bgcb.org by February 2, 2024. The institution will email its response to these questions by February 9, 2024. All questions will be answered in writing only and sent to everyone by February 9, 2024.

All bids must be submitted no later than 5:00pm on February 16, 2024.

All bids are subject to review by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, Office for Food and Nutrition Programs, 75 Pleasant Street, Malden, MA 02148.

The public bid opening will be at 11:00am on February 20, 2024 at 200 High St. Fl. 3, 02110.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Boys & Girls Club of Boston holds a prominent position as the leading and most impactful youth organization in Greater Boston. It serves to catalyze far-reaching opportunities and create more equitable futures for 6 to 18-year-olds across eight clubs and YouthConnect in Boston and Chelsea. Since 1893, BGCB has focused on making the city thrive and has played an essential role for young people eager to explore their passions, find their purpose, and prepare for a life of success and impact.

In partnership with the public sector, private enterprise, related non-profits, donors and volunteers, BGCB is aligned behind investing in the region's urban talent pipeline and making a generational impact that expands beyond the walls of its buildings and deep into the communities it serves. Helping urban youth to navigate a fast-paced global climate steeped in change, the organization is recognized for fueling the future of the city and the Commonwealth through its innovative "readiness" programs centered on three outcome areas: Academic Success, Wellness and Workforce Readiness. It is an affiliate of the Atlanta-based Boys & Girls Clubs of America, with over 5,000 Clubs nationwide serving over 3.6 million young people.

REVERE POLICE ANNUAL RETIREE LUNCHEON

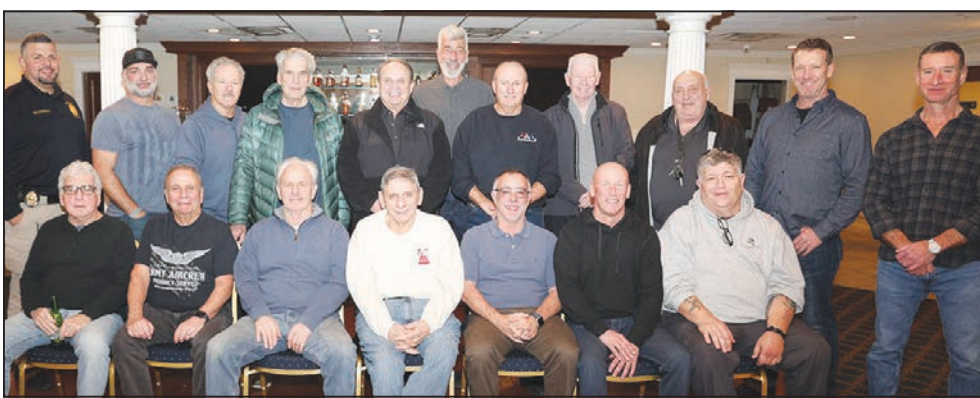
Two weeks ago, the retirees of the Revere Police Department met for their annual luncheon at the Casa Lucia. This event was sponsored by the two unions of the police department, superior officers, and officers.

Revere Police Department's longtime retired, some just recently, referring to Sgt. Chris Giannino, now Ward 6 Councillor Chris Giannino. Revere owes these retired police officers a debt of gratitude, for their sacri-



Sgt. Joe Internicola representing the RPD Superior Officers Union, Lt. Carl Borgioli ret., Sgt. James Griffin ret., Officer Dennis Moschella ret., and Officer Joe Duca representing the Police Officers Union.

fice and dedication to the City of Revere, protecting its citizens and enforcing law and order.



Friends, colleagues and officers of law and order, members of the Revere Police Department that have retired from their commitment to the City of Revere, after serving with distinction and honor. Front row; Sgt. Dan Flynn, Lt. Carl Borgioli, Officer Peter Newell, Officer Rich Serino, Capt. Stephen Ford, Lt. Jeff Gaff, Officer Joe Rizzuti. Back row: Sgt. Joe Internicola, Officer Joe Duca, Sgt. James Griffin, Officer Ralph DiPasquale, Sgt. Steven Pisani, Sgt. Chris Giannino, Officer Dennis Moschella, Lt. Jack McDonald, Officer Carl Moschella, Lt. Mike Mason, and Officer John Cafarelli.

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"He was a huge asset for the city of Chelsea and really accomplished a lot. He brought in a lot of grants to the city, he created a lot of innovative and progressive projects and programs that really benefited our residents."

While the city will miss Train, Maltez said the community development department grew under his tenure and that its staff is ready to face and meet new challenges as the hiring process for a new director continues.

ZION CHURCH HOSTS MLK BREAKFAST

EVERETT - Zion Church Ministries held its 18th Annual the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship Breakfast Monday, Jan. 15 at the Edward G. Connolly Center.

Bishop Robert G. Brown, Senior Pastor at Zion Church Ministries, welcomed the large gathering to the breakfast that honored the great civil rights leader and orator, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., who was born on Jan. 15, 1929.

Mayor Carlo DeMaria,

Sen. Sal DiDomenico, and City Council President Robert Van Campen offered words of congratulations to the Zion Church Ministries on behalf of the City of Everett, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and the Everett City Council respectively.

Everett High School guidance counselor Kelley Buonpane accepted the Zion Ministries Church Scholarship on behalf of senior Lilian Odiari. Past scholarship recipients Shreeya Muyaju, a first-year student at Yalee, and Loyd Joseph, a third-year student at Northeastern, thanked Zion Church Ministries and spoke of their college academic careers and future goals.

The Honorable Justice Tasha Saint-Marc was the guest speaker. "This morning has been just a beautiful program, really inspirational and moving," said Justice Saint-Marc. "I never imagined that I would stand before you today as the first Black federal judge in New Hampshire or the first Black female judge in New Hampshire.

"Today is a special day,

not just because we're honoring the life of Dr. King, who is a man of God and a pillar of the civil rights movement, but also because it's a moment of unity. It's a moment of collective purpose and resolve. All across America people of diverse backgrounds are putting aside their differences to honor the past and commit to a better future."

Saint-Marc encouraged guests facing a pivotal moment in their careers and lives to "believe in yourself."

"My hope is that aspiring lawyers will look at me and that they will see my story, and it will inspire them to pursue being a lawyer and to pursue being a judge. I hope that they will realize they have this uninhibited sense of possibility - a possibility that they can, too, can aspire to break barriers, achieve their dreams, and their goals. I want to encourage you all to continue chasing your dreams no matter how wild they may seem and encourage your kids to chase their dreams

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as well. There are a lot of people who want to discourage our kids. This world is very discouraging for kids sometimes, but really, as a parent, focus on pushing your kids' dreams forward. And I encourage you all to just to continue breaking glass ceilings. It may be hard but persevere and push. Continue making history. There's so much more history for all of us to make. It shouldn't be in 2023 that I'm the first, but that tells you that there's so much more history for us to make. So, continue making history. Continue positively impacting your communities. Continue pushing for equality and for justice. And continue being a force for social change. My God bless you all and may He bless your efforts to move social justice forward," concluded Justice Saint-Marc, who received a warm ovation for her inspiring remarks.

The Everett High School Choir performed musical selections during the program.

BHSM RETURN TO JPNA

EAST BOSTON - Representatives from the Boston Harbor Shipyard & Marina (BHSM) joined the Jeffries Point Neighborhood Association's (JPNA) monthly meeting last week to discuss its investment plan, which would bring meaningful upgrades to the site for the first time since the 1940s.

Last week's meeting marks the third time folks from BHSM have come before the JPNA to discuss the investment plan, which has origins dating back to 2018 when Ocean Havens purchased the property.

As part of the project, BHSM plans on making an abundance of improvements, whether that be to infrastructure, the marina, or bike and pedestrian access. Moreover, there are

plans to construct a container village and more.

To see these plans in-depth, you can visit BHSM's website — <https://www.bhsmarina.com/investment-plan> — which has a page dedicated to the proposal.

"All of us who live and work around Boston Harbor see the growth of water transportation. In addition to that, folks we're going to see, and we're seeing it right, off-shore, the windfarm industry, and all these vessels need to have a location where they can be hauled, repaired, and put back into the harbor, and that does not exist in Boston Harbor today," said Ann Lagasse, a Principal of Ocean Havens, describing why the investment plan is happening.

"What this site does — the Boston Harbor Shipyard and Marina DPA — is a designated port area to support the working waterfront, and that's what we're trying to do; that's what this is all about. That we create a setting by repairing piers, by buying travel lifts, by building marine sheds to repair these vessels," she added.

Following Lagasse's remarks, BHSM's General Manager Marshall Greenland presented to those in attendance and went through several aspects of the project.

First, Greenland spoke about vehicle and pedestrian safety, which he called an "important point" for the shipyard.

Specifically, he walked through a slide that showed future site circulation and spoke about "increased pedestrian areas" and the continued focus on truck access and safety.

He then went on to speak about parking needs and improvements. Greenland spoke about upgrading the entry gates on both sides of Marginal Street and redesigning the marina lot's parking layout.

Greenland also ex-

plained that parking availability will increase due to infrastructure improvements in parking areas.

The dimensions for the four new buildings slated to be constructed as part of the plan were also discussed. Building one is planned as a travel lift and shipyard maintenance shop, building two is proposed to have shop and office space, building three will also have space for shops and offices along with a community room while building four will be a vessel maintenance and repair shed according to BHSM's website.

Building one is slated to be 100 feet long, 40 feet wide, and 30 feet tall. Building two is planned to be 100 feet long, 50 feet wide, and 35 feet tall. Building three will be 182 feet long, 51 feet wide, and 35 feet tall. Finally, building four is designed to be 225 feet long, 125 feet wide, and 65 feet tall.

Greenland expanded on the dimensions for building four, the largest of the proposed buildings, and said, "These dimensions are necessary due to the work and the size of the vessels that we'll be putting in this shed."

Additionally, he went through the previous design iterations of building four and how it has progressed in terms of its proximity to Marginal Street and height. Specifically, the building is now set back from Marginal Street and has decreased in height by 30 feet.

Moreover, Greenland went through a sight study for building four from different Marginal and Webster Streets areas.

Lastly, Greenland highlighted some other aspects that he did not expand on as he mentioned they are still early on in the process. Some of these aspects were a shadow study, traffic study, mitigation plans for things like dust and noise, and more.

As for upcoming sched-

uled plans, Greenland explained that this year and going into 2025, permitting and site work would be done.

Following the presentation, the representatives from BHSM took many questions and requests from the JPNA.

Notably, the JPNA Board has requested that BHSM enter into a Transportation Plan Action Agreement with the Boston Transportation Department, citing traffic and safety issues on Orleans and Marginal Streets.

Though Lagasse did not commit to the request, she indicated that they would get back to the JPNA about it.

The approval process for the project was brought up and was addressed by Jamie Fay, Permitting Consultant, for the investment plan.

Fay explained that a list of required permits for the project is being put together. He also explained that "most of the shipyard" is subject to review from the Boston Conservation Commission.

Moreover, Fay spoke about other entities that would potentially review the project, such as Massport (Massachusetts Port Authority), the shipyard landlord.

Regarding safety, someone had asked if the shipyard had an emergency action plan in case of an industrial accident.

"Any site like ours does have emergency plans for any type of emergency, whether it's fire or weather or anything like that. That's something that we keep, it's something that, you know, that we review and update," said Greenland.

There was also a request to expand the sight line studies to include buildings one through three, which Greenland seemed to be amendable about and would discuss with the project architects.

Truck traffic was also

a big discussion point during the question and answer portion of the meeting. BHSM has not conducted a formal traffic study, per Greenland.

However, he said, "We understand that trucks do get lost time to time. It's kind of the nature of it, whether it's these apps or whatever else that they're using, but we're continuing to work to minimize those lost vehicles because it's an impact to the community, it's also an impact to us and the businesses in the shipyard."

As the meeting continued, several other topics were discussed, such as potential grant applications, resiliency, construction and environmental impacts, and much more.

If you would like to view the entire presentation and question and answer session concerning the BHSM investment plan, you can visit https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rNgLNqsZwQo&ab_channel=JeffriesPointNeighborhoodAssociation.

The JPNA is slated to meet again on February 12th, and in the coming months, representatives from BHSM will return to the association.

sorts of illegal things," said McKenna. "Two years ago, I put it in as a motion, and they hired someone or they gave someone some extra salary, and it was done for about two months and it died."

McKenna's original motion requested that the mayor hire a part-time building inspector to work from after City Hall closing on Thursday afternoon through Sunday to handle the complaints about illegal construction.

"They are not pulling permits, they are coming out of the woodwork and they are building decks, they are building gazebos, they are building everything," said McKenna. "We need someone ... to call out these people."

Ward 4 Councillor Paul Argenzio suggested the city might want to have a current employee on call on the weekends rather than hiring a new building inspector. He noted that the public works department uses a similar approach for after-hours issues.

McKenna said she would agree to the amendment for the city to provide a stipend for an on-call building inspector for after-hours issues.

In other business, Councillor-at-Large Robert Haas, III introduced a motion asking that the Mayor be requested to reinstate the "Weekend Workout" program at the Revere High School gym on Saturdays.

Haas, III said this was an effective program used to combat isolation, inactivity, and to provide a safe space during the colder months.

"With the pandemic, we learned the toll that isolation and inactivity can have on residents of all ages," he said. "An open gym, at a small cost to the resident, would be highly beneficial for our own residents' physical health as well as their emotional wellbeing."

COUNCILLOR REQUESTS INCREASED BUILDING INSPECTION HOURS

REVERE - Ward 1 City Councillor Joanne McKenna said she is fed up with the amount of illegal construction in the city that goes on when City Hall is closed and building inspectors are off duty.

At last week's council meeting, McKenna introduced a motion to try to better control that issue.

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