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NEWS Brief

VOLUNTEER FOR TAX SAVINGS WITH 2024 SENIOR PROPERTY TAX WORK-OFF PROGRAM

Winthrop has introduced a novel opportunity for seniors to reduce their property taxes by volunteering through the 2024 Senior Citizen Property Tax Work-Off Program. Residents aged 60 or older who have a stake in their property and are looking for tax relief are invited to apply.

Key Dates:

March 4, 2024: Applications open at the Senior Center and online.
April 5, 2024, 12 PM: Deadline for applications, to be returned to the Senior Center.
April 10, 2024, 10:30 AM: Lottery drawing at the Senior Center, 35 Harvard Street.

Participants will be chosen by a lottery system, with a mandatory orientation session for winners. Successful applicants can earn up to \$750 in tax credits by contributing 53

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With temperatures hitting a balmy 50 degrees outside, hundreds of splashers cooled off in the 39 degree water of Boston Harbor to raise money for free children and family programs all summer long.

The 2024 JetBlue Shamrock Splash on Constitution Beach

Special to the Transcript

On Sunday, March 10th the clouds parted and the sun shone brightly on over 200 Splashers, Dashers and Spectators at the 14th Annual JetBlue Shamrock Splash on East Boston's Constitution Beach. All together, the event raised \$55,000 to support Save the Harbor/Save the Bay's Better Beaches Program partnership with the Department of Conservation

& Recreation, including at least \$5,405 for South Boston events and programs.

"On behalf of my colleagues at the State including our MBC Co-Chairs Senator Brendan Crighton and Rep. Adrian Madaro, I want to thank all of the splashers and fundraisers for your effort to support our beaches and community," said Rep. Jessica Giannino, who was also participating in her fourth

consecutive cold water plunge with Save the Harbor. "We might have to sacrifice a bit of our comfort jumping into the 39 degree water, but it's well worth it to have amazing programming on our beaches for our youth, seniors, families and everyone to enjoy all summer long."

Kennedy Elsey from "Karson and Kennedy"

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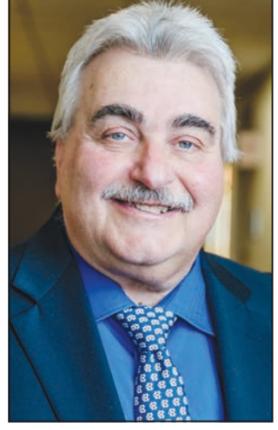
EBNHC appoints Gioioso as Vice President of Campus Operations

Special to the Transcript

East Boston Neighborhood Health Center (EBNHC), soon to be NeighborHealth, announced the appointment of John Gioioso, CFM, MCR as Vice President of Campus Operations. Bringing with him over 30 years of experience in the healthcare and financial asset management sectors, Gioioso will support and advance the health center's commitment to expanding access to care and providing a patient-centered healthcare experience in its facilities.

As Vice President of Campus Operations, Gioioso will be responsible

for overseeing the operation of more than 20 properties owned and leased by EBNHC for patient care and administration, as well as spearheading new



John Gioioso.

development and renovation projects in the communities EBNHC serves, including East Boston, Revere, Everett, and Boston's South End.

Former Vice President of Campus Operations Stephen Fraser will be instrumental in helping transition John into his new role and will continue to work closely on a part-time basis with EBNHC leadership to execute special projects across the EBNHC campus as he transitions into retirement.

"With campus locations across Greater Boston, we are confident that John's extensive knowledge and

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Town Council offers rebuttal to governor on 3A zoning

By Adam Swift

The town is continuing its communication with the state regarding the MBTA Communities Act.

The zoning act calls for the creation of zoning allowing for increased multi-family housing in communities with or near MBTA transportation.

Under the zoning guidelines, Winthrop would need to create multi-fam-

ily zoning districts that could create 882 new housing units. That plan would need to be approved by the state by the end of the year.

Last month, the Town Council sent a letter to Governor Maura Healey outlining the reasons why they feel the town should be reclassified under the 3A zoning act to lower

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Town continues negotiations on beach management plan

By Adam Swift

The town is continuing negotiations with the state over the beach management plan for Yirell Beach.

The DEP has taken issue with a mound that the town had historically constructed with sand off

the seawall to protect the nearby roadway, as well as with some of the beach raking practices.

Town Manager Tony Marino said he recently met with DEP officials to discuss the beach management plan and come

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BELLE ISLE ROTARY HOSTS FIRST-EVER GALA AT EBYC



Barbara Tscoyeanes was the big winner of the bucket of scratch tickets, shown with President Stephen Miliotos during the first Belle Isle Rotary Club gala held at East Boston Yacht Club. See more photos on Page 12.

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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.

work vehicle with a rejected inspection sticker that had been parked on Hermon St. for about three weeks. The officer filed a report.

1723: An officer responded to a motor vehicle accident on Hermon St. and filed a report.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6

0906: A resident came into the station to report that his personal information may have been compromised by a "phishing" scheme. The officer filed a report.

1115: A River Rd. resident reported that her home had been broken into by a male party and she was in her bedroom. The officers arrested Daniel N. Passaro, 32, of 124 River Rd., for the offenses of breaking and entering in the daytime with intent to commit a felony and placing a person in fear; possession of a burglarious instrument; and breaking and entering into a building in the daytime with intent to commit a felony.

1548: A Governors Park resident reported a lost or stolen front registration plate from his vehicle. The officer filed a report.

1835: A report of a deceased animal in the roadway on Pearl Ave. was referred to the DPW.

1852: An officer assisted the operator of a disabled motor vehicle on Revere with pushing the vehicle into a nearby parking lot.

THURSDAY, MARCH 7

0628: A tow company reported the trespass way of a motor vehicle from

Governors Park.

1321: A report of a low-hanging tree branch over the street on Highland Ave. was referred to the DPW.

1718: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Walden St. for the civil moving infraction of a stop sign violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5

0122: An officer issued parking tickets to eight vehicles without resident parking stickers on Atlantic St.

0552: Emergency personnel responded to a motor vehicle accident at Beacon Circle involving a Honda Accord and a Ford Econoline van. A passenger was transported to the Whidden Hospital. Both vehicles were towed.

0951: An officer ordered two parked vehicles on Veterans Rd. to be towed. One had an expired registration and the other had a registration revoked for insurance cancellation. The officer filed a report.

1044: An officer assisted a motor vehicle operator whose vehicle was disabled on Pleasant St.

1358: An officer issued parking tickets to three vehicles without handicap placards that were parked in the handicapped parking spots in front of the high school.

1507: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Shirley St. and Bayview Ave. for the civil moving infraction of a stop sign violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1512: An officer stopped a motor vehicle

at Shirley St. and Tafts Ave. for the civil moving infraction of a stop sign violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1528: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Nevada and Shirley Sts. for the civil moving infraction of making an improper lane change. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1556: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Nevada St. and Shore Drive for the civil moving infraction of impeding operation. The operator had two dogs in her lap. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1708: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Revere St. for the civil moving infraction of a red light violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1732: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Pleasant St. and Girdlestone Rd. for the civil moving infraction of a red light violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1854: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Veterans Rd. for the civil moving infraction of an expired registration. The officer issued a citation to the operator for that infraction, as well as for not having his license in his possession.

1857: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Main and Paine Sts. for the civil moving infraction of a red light violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1912: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Pleasant and Buchanan Sts. for the civil moving

infraction of operating without headlights after dusk. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

2018: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Pauline St. for a civil moving infraction. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator, who said he was lost.

SATURDAY, MARCH 9

0018: A repossession company reported the repo of a motor vehicle.

0224: An officer issued parking tickets to 15 vehicles without resident parking stickers on Quincy Ave.

0827: An officer ordered a tow for two motor vehicles on Shirley St., one with a registration revoked for insurance cancellation and the other with an expired registration. The officer filed a report.

1012: An officer issued a parking ticket to a vehicle without a handicap placard that was parked in the handicapped parking spot in the Crest Ave. parking lot.

1020: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Buchanan St. and issued a citation to the operator for the criminal offense of unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle. A licensed operator came by to take control of the vehicle.

1347: A Pleasant St. resident reported that his parked motor vehicle had been struck by a hit-and-run operator. The officer filed a report.

1531: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Main St. for the civil moving infraction of a red light violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to

the operator.

1729: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Shirley St. for the civil moving infraction of an equipment violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1752: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Main St. for the civil moving infraction of a red light violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1835: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Main St. for the civil moving infraction of an equipment violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1905: An officer ordered a tow for a motor vehicle with a registration revoked for insurance cancellation that was parked at the Short Beach parking area. The officer filed a report.

1958: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Veterans Rd. for a civil moving infraction. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

2147: Officers responded to a report of a motor vehicle accident on Banks St. in which a Honda CRV ran off the road, striking a fence and another vehicle, and then fled the scene. The officer filed a report.

SUNDAY, MARCH 10

0449: A person called the station to report that his motor vehicle had been keyed while parked on Veterans Rd. The officer filed a report.

1234: A caller reported having a stray dog on Temple Ave. The Animal Control Officer took possession of the dog and located the owner.

Shamrock Splash // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

on Mix 104.1 was the event MC for the 14th year in a row. She and JetBlue's Donnie Todd judged the always popular costume contest, with winners Josette Williams from Dorchester (as a "Sea Goddess") and Ohana New England Dragon Boat Team (in "Dragon Boat" team costume) each taking home a coveted round trip JetBlue flight as their prize. In total, six

JetBlue flights were up for grabs for biggest fundraiser and biggest team as well as a raffle for anyone who raised over \$100.

"This event would simply not be possible or as fun without our friends and title sponsors at JetBlue, or our event sponsors at Tito's Handmade Vodka, Dorchester Brewing Company, Renaissance Boston Waterfront Hotel, and FMC Ice Sports," said

Save the Harbor Executive Director, Chris Mancini. "I'm so grateful to the Department of Conservation and Recreation and the Healey/Driscoll administration for their important annual investment in the Better Beaches Grant Program and free beach events all summer long."

Mancini also thanked Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts, the Blue Sky Collaborative, Boston Consulting Group, Calamari Fisheries, Coast Cannabis, Comcast, David Nardella, EveryDeJaVu, Harpoon Brewery, NamaStay Sober, Voloo Sports, Income Research + Management, Izotope, Jeff Reagan, John Murphy, Kennedy Elsey, Mix 104.1, National Grid, P&G Gillette, the Richard Saltonstall Charitable Foundation, Topo Chico, and Vertex Pharmaceuticals, the Boston Centers for Youth & Families, the YMCA of Greater Boston, Youth Enrichment Services (YES) and the hundreds of people who took part in the JetBlue



Costume contest finalists, judged by Mix 104.1's Kennedy Elsey and JetBlue's Donnie Todd included Quint from Jaws, a Moose on the Loose and audience applause winners Josette Williams as "Sea Goddess" and Captain Allen Huang with his "Ohana New England Dragon Boat."



Save the Harbor Executive Director Chris Mancini, Rep. Jessica Giannino, and JetBlue's Donnie Todd hosted the JetBlue Shamrock Splash on behalf of the Better Beaches program and Metropolitan Beaches Commission on Constitution Beach.

Shamrock Splash for their support.

Proceeds from this year's Shamrock Splash will be invested in free Better Beaches events and programs on the metropolitan region's public beaches in Nahant, Lynn, Revere, Winthrop, East Boston, South Boston, Dorchester, Quincy, and

Hull. In 2023, this included over 200 free events including Diversity Matters Fest organized by the North Shore Juneteenth Association, the 19th Annual Endless Summer Waterfront Festival hosted by the Hull Nantasket Chamber of Commerce, yoga on Revere Beach hosted by NamaStay Sober, Com-

munity Game Nights at the Beach hosted by South Boston en Accion, and more all over our region's beautiful beaches.

More information is available on the Save the Harbor/Save the Bay website at www.savetheharbor.org



The sun shone on over 200 participants and spectators at Constitution Beach for Save the Harbor's 14th annual JetBlue Shamrock Splash.

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hours of service. The program requires completion of service by October 15th and comes with a CORI release form requirement with the application.

The initiative aims to foster community engagement while providing financial relief to senior citizens. The credited amount is reportable as income for federal taxes, and participants will receive a W-2 form.

For more information and to apply, visit the Senior Center or go online to town.winthrop.ma.us/council-aging.

HAZARDOUS HOUSEHOLD WASTE COLLECTION THIS SATURDAY

The Town of Winthrop is dedicated to safe environmental practices and has scheduled a Hazardous Household Waste Collection Day for residents to properly dispose of hazardous materials.

Event Details:
Date: Saturday, March 23, 2024

Time: 9 am to 12 pm
Location: DPW Lot,

100 Kennedy Drive
Residents can dispose of items including motor oil, car batteries, rechargeable batteries, post-consumer mercury products, fluorescent bulbs, oil-based paints, and more. However, alkaline batteries are not accepted.

Disposal Fees:
Motor oil: \$1.00/qt
Car batteries: \$15.00 each

Fluorescent bulbs: .50 small/\$2 long each
Oil-Based Paint/Urethane/Stains/Thinners:

\$4.00 per gallon
Spray Paint: \$1.00 per can
Propane Tanks: \$10.00 small/\$25.00 large each
Fire Extinguishers: \$50.00 small/\$75.00 large each
Items labeled as HAZARDOUS, POISON, DANGER, WARNING,

or CAUTION are required to be disposed of at this event. It's important to note that no cash will be accepted; payment must be made by credit card or check.

This initiative by the Solid Waste & Recycling Department of Winthrop reflects the town's com-

mitment to the environment and public health. Community members are encouraged to participate and responsibly dispose of hazardous waste.

For a complete list of accepted items and additional details, please visit Winthrop's Solid Waste & Recycling information page.

Beach Management // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

up with an agreement. He said there will be a site meeting at the beach with officials on the beach, and that the town's consultant is also looking at alternatives.

"The bone of contention with the DEP is really what we did with that mound for 20-something years," said Marino. "Their contention is that doing that has somehow impacted the coastal dune, and we don't necessarily agree, so we need to get back to what level of impact that has had or hasn't had, then we can finalize the administrative consent order."

Marino noted that the Wetlands Protection Act has changed in recent

years, which is why the DEP is stepping up enforcement of beach management plans.

In other business, the council held a moment of silence in honor of former town employee Deborah Madden.

Madden died on March 16 at the age of 71.

"Debbie was one of the most warmhearted, professional, dedicated women that we have known," said Council President Jim Letterie. "Debbie worked for 29 years for the town of Winthrop in multiple departments, 24 of those years spent with the DPW. Even in retirement, Debbie worked several hours per week helping in the office and training new

employees.

"Debbie was a loving mother and grandmother, and her laughter, knowledge, and kindness will be forever missed."

Letterie also noted that there will be more information on the formation of a Community Preservation Act Committee at the council's next meeting in April.

The council is also still accepting applications or letters of interest to fill the unexpired Precinct 1 council seat. Letterie said there are currently four residents who have expressed an interest in filling out the remainder of the term, which runs through the end of 2025.

3A Zoning // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

the percentage of housing units and asked for an extension for compliance. The councilors hit upon a number of concerns, including the small, dense population of the town as well as the recent creation of multi-family housing and zoning.

In a reply, Ed Augustus, the secretary of the state's Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities, stated that Winthrop does not meet the definition of adjacent small town which would lower the housing creation requirement in the guidelines.

At Monday night's town council meeting, Council President Jim Letterie said the council recently sent

a rebuttal letter to Healey and the state. He said the town did receive quick confirmation from the governor's office that the letter had been received and would be reviewed.

In the rebuttal letter, Letterie said the council first off notes that the actual size of the town is 1.6 square miles, rather than the 1.9 miles referred to by the state, since .3 miles of the town's area is home to one of Logan Airport's runways.

"We also explained the fact that we have been ahead of the curve in (multifamily housing zoning)," said Letterie. "We went through the Central Business District where we did new zoning. Also

in the recent past, we've done a waterfront district and we've also rezoned Shirley Street."

With that zoning, Letterie said the council believes it has done what the state has intended with the 3A zoning.

"We still feel that we should not be penalized for being ahead of the curve for doing what the state is looking to do," said Letterie. "We talked about the density and looking to be grandfathered in on the work that we have done in the past dozen years to put us in compliance with the governor's request."

Letterie said the full rebuttal letter to the governor will be available on the town's website.

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experience will help ensure that our health system provides an exceptional environment for patient care," said EBNHC Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, Dr. Ryan Boxill. "We at EBNHC would also like to extend a great deal of gratitude and thanks to Stephen for his many years of service which have been invaluable in creating an environment that facilitated exceptional care to our patients."

Prior to joining EBNHC, Gioioso oversaw project management for Mass General Brigham's Northshore Physician Group's clinic locations. In this role, he expertly managed new development and renovations, while working with both contractors and the community to promote best-in-class standard operating construction procedures. Gioioso is also well-versed in tenant fit-ups and built environment enchantment project management from his time with commercial real estate firm Keypoint Partners.

"As an East Boston native, I am excited to bring my expertise to a community so close to my heart,"

said Gioioso. "I look forward to ensuring that EBNHC's properties continue to be well-maintained and represent the best in community-based patient care."

In addition to his leadership role at EBNHC, Gioioso is an adjunct professor at Boston University and Wentworth Institute of Technology. Gioioso holds a masters' degree from Cambridge College with a concentration in facilities management. He received his bachelor's degree in management from Suffolk University and his associate's degree in management from Northshore Community College.

East Boston Neighborhood Health Center is one of the nation's largest Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) and the largest community-based primary care health system in Massachusetts, serving over 120,000 people and recognized by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) as a National Quality Leader. For more than 50 years, EBNHC has offered access to comprehensive primary care, specialty care and emergency care for patients in

the Commonwealth. In a first-of-its-kind merger in 2020, EBNHC joined forces with the South End Community Health Center and expanded services to patients who live and work in Boston's South End and Roxbury neighborhoods.

EBNHC champions innovative care models to actively bridge health equity gaps in our low-income and immigrant communities with services unique from other health care providers in our state. In addition to primary and specialty care, EBNHC operates Massachusetts' only satellite Emergency Department, which is the fourth busiest ED in Boston and is co-located with advanced radiology, including CT scan services, same-day Behavioral Health Urgent Care and an integrated pharmacy. Today, EBNHC remains dedicated to promoting and sustaining healthy communities, families, and individuals both in and out of the exam room by providing accessible, person-centered, compassionate, and high-quality health care services.

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OUR Opinions

MARCH IS THE CRUELEST MONTH

Spring officially arrived this week, with March 19 marking the vernal equinox. According to meteorologists, "meteorological spring" began even sooner on March 1.

The poet Emily Dickinson extolled the arrival of March ("Dear March—Come in— How glad I am—"). But we always have viewed March as the ultimate tease. Emily Dickinson lived in Amherst, far from the coast, where ocean breezes off the still-frigid Atlantic -- water temps are their coldest in March -- can lower the dreaded wind-chill factor by 10 degrees even on sunny days.

For those of us who have been lifelong residents of Eastern Mass., March is the month on the calendar that we long for with great anticipation after the harsh winter season. But it always disappoints, like an object of desire who fails to live up to our expectations.

Admittedly, these past few winters have not been too tough to take, both in terms of the lack of cold and snow, which environmental scientists tell us is the beginning of a long-term trend of warmer winters because of climate change. Those milder winters have given us all the more reason to hope that March would be even more temperate compared to the past, but our hopes have been dashed by Mother Nature.

To be sure, we had some warm weather last week and the crocuses and snowdrops have been pushing through the ground for a while now, especially in the areas of our gardens in full sun. But the cold weather that is forecast for the coming week, with below-freezing temperatures every night and early-morning, is anything but a harbinger of the coming spring season.

One of the earliest memories of our childhood was learning the aphorism, "March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb." Despite the onset of climate-change, that saying remains as true today as it was then.

IT'S A SAD, SAD, SAD, SAD WORLD

It is fair to say that for everyone reading this editorial, the world is in a greater state of chaos than at any time in our lives.

Although the decades in the aftermath of World War II brought us the Cold War and two "hot wars" in Korea and Vietnam, plus the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, the world overall was a more orderly place, divided between the Western democracies and the Eastern European Communist autocracies. Everyone knew where they stood and played by the rules. Both sides possessed huge nuclear arsenals that could destroy the other 10 times over, but that equilibrium brought us relative peace thanks to the concept of mutually assured destruction, appropriately known by the acronym MAD.

Even during the height of the Cold War, we could laugh at movies such as "The Russians Are Coming, the Russians Are Coming," and the Beatles could make a parody of Chuck Berry's "Back in the U.S.A." and the Beach Boys' "California Girls" with their song, "Back in the U.S.S.R."

But since the demise of the Cold War's hierarchy, turmoil has erupted in many places that had been relatively-peaceful. The civil wars that engulfed Somalia, Rwanda, and the former Yugoslavia in the 1990s pre-empted the terrible situations we have today.

Those relatively-contained civil conflicts have evolved into the ongoing cross-border wars in Ukraine, Gaza, Israel, Syria, and sub-Saharan Africa, where civilians are being bombed, murdered, raped, and displaced by the millions. No one is making jokes about the evils of Vladimir Putin and Hamas or the dire situation in Gaza.

In our own hemisphere, Haiti has collapsed into complete and total chaos, ruled by warring criminal gangs, and the Central American nations of El Salvador and Honduras are not far behind. In Mexico, the drug cartels effectively control large swathes of the country.

Venezuela has descended into desperate poverty despite having oil reserves that made it one of the wealthiest nations in South America just 10 years ago when its GDP was five times what it is today.

Even Chinese citizens are fleeing their country, where there is a huge crisis in the real estate market, because of economic stagnation that has brought record-high unemployment and a lack of opportunity to a nation that had known exponential growth for three decades.

It is estimated that 280 million people worldwide today are migrants, of whom 110 million are refugees, asylum-seekers, and others who are internally displaced people and in need of international protection. Both of those numbers are all-time records and are growing parabolically year-after-year.

The New York Times columnist and best-selling author Thomas Friedman has divided the post-post-Cold War world into two camps -- the nations of order vs. disorder. America remains a beacon, not only among the disorderly nations, but also compared to the industrialized world. We emerged from the pandemic as the strongest economy on earth, with an historically-low unemployment rate and a taming of post-COVID inflation that by far have outpaced our peers in Western Europe and elsewhere.

But despite our success, the news headlines each day inform us that the world today is a sad, sad place, instilling in all of us a sense that our relative strength and stability is fragile and cannot be taken for granted.

ALMOST TREE SEASON

Dear Editor,
We are quickly approaching tree planting season, and Tree Warden O'Donnell and DPW Director Calla will be quietly at work planting new street trees in the coming months. Last Fall 25 new trees were planted, and I expect the efforts to be very similar this Spring thanks in large part to Council President Letterie and Town Manager Marino introducing a line item in the town budget for trees last year.

In addition to the yearly plantings conducted by the town, Winthrop residents can also donate street trees to be planted in front of their home (general donations to Tree Fund are also welcome), and now is a great time of year to do so. To donate a tree simply deliver a donation check for \$350, payable to The Town of Winthrop Tree Fund, to the Department of Public Works located at 100 Kennedy Drive to initiate the process. Please indicate where you would

like the tree to be planted, and also be sure to include your contact info. Both Director Calla and Tree Warden O'Donnell may be consulted as to what type of trees may be both available and appropriate for a planting location. Our street trees provide an immeasurable public benefit, and tree donations are wonderful way for us to create a greener town for the next generation.

Sincerely,
Chris Aiello
Chairman of the Winthrop Tree Committee

REGARDING THE MBTA COMMUNITY HOUSING ACT

Dear Editor,
Members of the Town Council,

I have been following the issue of the MBTA Community Housing Act, Chapter 161A, Section 3A with growing concern. Although addressing affordable housing is a noble idea, I do not believe this bill will do any such thing.

If accepted by the town the reality is that the only beneficiaries will be the

residents who sell their properties to developers and the developers themselves. A small group of people will make a lot of money and the character of our town will be destroyed forever.

To those who say, it is not a development bill but only deals with zoning, you are misguided if not delusional. If zoning safeguards are removed, development will absolutely occur, and it will not be beneficial.

I have spent nearly my whole life living in and working for the town. Over the years I have witnessed many changes, some good, some not so good. Some benefitted the town and others were a detriment. This bill is certainly the latter, and may have at least as much, if not more, impact to the town than the airport and the MWRA. Increased traffic, additional students to a school system that is already at capacity and increased calls for service from underfunded and understaffed town agencies, with no compensation from the state.

Winthrop already shoulders more than its fair share of state needs with the airport and MWRA, enough is enough.

Furthermore, for the state to use heavy handed tactics, to quote Senator Edwards "The state has to crush Milton", and Attorney General Campbell "We'll use every tool in the toolbox to bring them into compliance" smacks of authoritarianism and a "let them eat cake" attitude. I was always under the impression they worked for us and not vice versa. I from one will certainly remember what was said at the next election.

The decision on this issue is not complicated. The Town Council needs to ask "Will accepting this be a benefit or a detriment to the town?" and base their decision on that simple question. I believe the answer is extraordinarily clear and I am asking you to do what is in the best interest of the town.

Sincerely,
Larry Powers
Chief (Ret.) Winthrop Fire Department



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 March 19, 2014

The Town Council has invited representatives from Mohegan Sun and Suffolk Downs to its meeting on April 1 to discuss the \$1.3 billion casino/resort project proposed for the Revere portion of the Suffolk Downs property. Two members of the council and a number of local residents have expressed their opposition to the project.

The Winthrop Improvement and Historical Association's guest speaker for April 1 will be Sally Snowman, the lighthouse keeper at Boston Light.

People arriving for the Town Council Spring Forum Tuesday night were greeted by Point Shirley resident Dawn Manning, who was distributing leaflets for a community meeting to be held Friday at the Point Shirley Association Hall. Manning, along with residents Kathleen Cappuccio, John Stasio, and John Vitagliano, said that the purpose of the meeting is to discuss the formation of a Citizens Advisory Committee which will focus on citizens' concerns relating to the Deer Island Treatment Plant and the new MWRA Co-Digestion Pilot Program.

20 years ago March 25, 2004

The selectmen have approved a \$2.1 million Prop. 2 and 1/2 override referendum that will appear on the May town election ballot. Voters pre-

viously rejected a \$6 million override last month, but the selectmen and other town officials are hopeful the reduced override will receive the voters' support in order to avoid devastating cuts to town services.

Although a change in state law now will permit liquor stores to be open on Sundays throughout the year, which is a change from the present law which permits Sunday openings only on the Sundays between Thanksgiving and New Year's, local liquor store owners are questioning whether it makes financial sense to be open every Sunday.

The selectmen named two new members to the Winthrop Conservation Commission. Calvin "Jack" Ferrante was named as a full board member and John Crosby as an alternate.

Three Winthrop High students, Stephanie Gaucher, Max Martelli, and Yahaira Roman, have been honored for their art work in the Boston Globe's annual Scholastic Arts Awards competition.

30 years ago March 31, 1994

Interest is high for Monday's annual town election that will feature a contest for selectman between incumbent Marie Turner and challenger Edward Wickham. The race for Tax Collector between incumbent Andrew Maylor and challenger Arthur Flavin also is drawing much interest, as is the four-way battle

for Town Clerk.

State Rep. Bob DeLeo and the selectmen met with MDC Commissioner Ilyas Bhatti and other MDC officials to discuss the MDC's plans in the short-term to renovate Winthrop Beach.

The Chamber of Commerce has announced that its fifth annual \$10,000 dinner will take place May 12.

The town and the firefighters union have agreed to a new contract that calls for a three percent pay raise retroactive to July 1, 1993. The new contract expires at the end of this fiscal year.

40 years ago April 4, 1984

A low turnout of less than 30 percent of the town's registered voters went to the polls for Monday's annual town election. Political newcomers John Lyons and John Canavan III were elected to the two seats on the School Com-

mittee, ousting nine-year incumbent Roland Fluet. Lyons received 1890 votes, Canavan garnered 1394, and Fluet was a distant third with 961. In the race for the open Town Treasurer post, Rosemary Sennott topped Edward Santarpio by 170 votes.

The selectmen voted to grant Pt. Shirley restaurant Surfside 16 a liquor license despite strong opposition from Point residents.

A large number of local residents and dignitaries were on hand for Sunday's dedication of the new Edward J. King Gardens elderly housing project named in honor of the former governor, who is a Winthrop resident.

A nor'easter dumped six inches of heavy, wet snow here March 20.

The Community Development Office has submitted a grant for an application from a pri-

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vate developer to renovate the Winthrop Theatre building. Daniel Curtin of Lynn proposes to spend \$825,000 to turn the building into a retail/office complex with a health club on the first floor. He is seeking a state grant for a \$425,000 low-interest loan.

50 years ago April 3, 1974

Town Meeting voted its approval of pay raises of six percent for most town employees, with the firefighters receiving a raise of 7.5 percent. Advisory Committee Secretary G. David Hubbard reported that the increase in spending for this year's town budget of \$8,285,000 will result in a tax increase of \$12.05 to a new rate of \$75.25. A major reason for the huge hike is a budget increase of \$1,185,000 for the School Department, which is primarily attributable to the new Chapter 766 Special Education law.

The Water Commission has announced a substantial increase of \$6.00 in water rates to a new rate of \$24.00 per household for the minimum usage of 6667 cubic feet of water.

A fire caused heavy damage to the Damon Corp. building at 120 Banks St.

State Rep. George DiLorenzo of East Boston has given his endorsement to a proposal by the selectmen for the town to purchase Deer Island.

The local Rebekah Lodge will observe its 75th anniversary with a gala celebration at Lombardo's in East Boston.

Winthrop resident and Suffolk County Assistant D.A. Alfred Saggese, speaking before a group of 300 students at Winthrop High, said that tougher laws are needed to impose longer sentences on repeat criminal offenders who have no respect for human

life or property.

Jack Lemmon stars in Save the Tiger at the Winthrop Cinema.

60 years ago April 2, 1964

The fourth and final session of Town Meeting wrapped up business on all 59 articles that were on the warrant. Taking up most of the time in the final session was a discussion about whether to construct a new elderly housing complex near River Rd. with members rejecting the proposal. Town Meeting also rejected a request by the Town Garage Study Committee for an appropriation of \$75,000 to build a new town garage adjacent to the present building. Members were not swayed by arguments by proponents of a new facility that 31 town vehicles presently are stored outside of the present facility.

Dorothy's Delight Ice Cream shop in the Centre opened for the season this week, featuring an opening special of 10 cents for the first ice cream cone and a penny for the second.

Henry Rock, well known local businessman and a member of the Board of Assessors for the past eight years, has announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for the State Representative seat being vacated by 10-year Republican incumbent Fred Baumeister.

Burt Lancaster, Kirk Douglas, and Ava Gardner star in 10 Days in May and Jane Fonda and Cliff Robertson star in Sunday in New York at the Winthrop Theatre.

70 years ago April 1, 1954

Town Meeting members voted to reconsider their earlier decision to grant \$500 pay raises for the town's teachers and

instead sliced the raises to \$200. This by far was the most controversial issue at this year's Town Meeting and occupied most of the discussion Monday night, with the opposing sides hurling charges and countercharges of pressure being applied to members to change their votes.

Town Counsel Fred Fisher has announced his retirement after serving for 20 years in that post. He will be succeeded by former selectman and local attorney Peter Princi.

State Senator Andrew P. Quigley and State Rep. Thomas Key told the local League of Women Voters that they support legislation that would create a Juvenile Court. Quigley also revealed that he has obtained the assistance of Congressman Thomas Lane for help in securing for the town the 14 acres of property formerly occupied by the Army at Ft. Heath. Quigley said that if the land can be returned to the town, it could be divided into house lots and sold for a total of \$100,000. When built upon, the land and houses would have a total value of about \$500,000, which would increase the town's tax revenue by about \$25,000.

A fierce fire raced through the business block at 335 Shirley St., destroying Maiolino's Barber Shop and three other businesses.

The Best Years of Our Lives, a winner of nine Academy Awards, is playing at the Winthrop Theatre.

80 years ago April 1, 1944

State officials said the town's recent blackout test was a success, with 100 percent effectiveness.

A reunion of local men in the armed forces took place when Harold Winter, an Army anti-aircraft gunner, got together with his hometown chum, Corporal James Macken, somewhere in the Pacific recently. Macken took part in the invasion of Tarawa with the tank corps, while Winter fought at Guadalcanal. The pair heard that another buddy, Eddie Burn, was in the area, but they could not locate him. The trio grew up together and played as youngsters on Pt. Shirley.

Winthrop's newest store, Nelsen's Market, has opened for business at 524-526 Shirley St.

Roddy McDowell stars in Lassie Come Home at the Winthrop and State Theatres.

90 years ago March 31, 1934

The selectmen have named Fred Fisher as the new Town Counsel.

The legislative committee that recently came to town to look at Shirley Gut and the local seawall is expected to make a favorable recommendation on at least some of the proposals, including extending the breakwaters along Shore Drive and dredging Shirley Gut to open it to small vessels. The Gut for-

merly was a swirling current of water, but now it is just a trickle at low tide.

Police Chief Howard Tewksbury said his men will begin enforcing the all-night parking ban between the hours of midnight and 7:00 AM.

Janet Gaynor and Lionel Barrymore star in Carolina at the Winthrop and State Theatres.

100 years ago April 5, 1924

Gov. and Mrs. Channing Cox attended the annual dinner and meeting of the Winthrop Improvement and Historical Association. The crowd was entertained by the appearance of "Mr. and Mrs. Deane Winthrop." The affair marked the 20th anniversary of the WIHA. It also was announced at the dinner that the sisters of the late David Floyd have donated a piece of land of some 6800 square feet immediately adjacent to the grounds of the Deane Winthrop House in order to further preserve the house and the grounds around it.

Frank J. McQueeney has been awarded the contract for sidewalks for the coming year.

110 years ago April 4, 1914

Messrs. Moore and Downs have renewed their request before the select-

men to open a moving picture theatre on Jefferson St.

A very pretty costume party was given by the Crystal Bay Associates in Wadsworth Hall at which 50 couples attended.

The Cottage Park Y.C. team has won the Suburban Interclub Bowling championship.

110 years ago April 2, 1904

The adjourned Town Meeting met Monday night with about 150 voters present. The affair was overall rather harmonious, although a few personalities were indulged in during the course of the evening. David Floyd read the report of the Appropriations Committee, which indicated that the budget for the year will be \$145,000, of which \$15,000 is to be raised by loans and the balance by taxation. Floyd's committee reported on the article calling for the construction of a new fire station on Pt. Shirley and recommended that the matter be referred to a committee for further investigation.

Little Hazel Peck, the six year-old daughter of Herbert W. Peck, celebrated her birthday with a delightful gathering of 10 of her little friends. Refreshments consisted of ice cream, cake, fruit, and punch and each girl re-

ceived a candy box in the shape of a bunny.

George L. Wadsworth, one of the town's best-known real estate dealers, passed away Saturday at his home in the Highlands following a lengthy illness. He was born in Duxbury in 1855, moving here when he was 17 and assisting with his father's grocery business in Winthrop Centre. For 25 years he was in the real estate business, controlling almost all of the land in the Winthrop Beach area.

130 years ago March 31, 1894

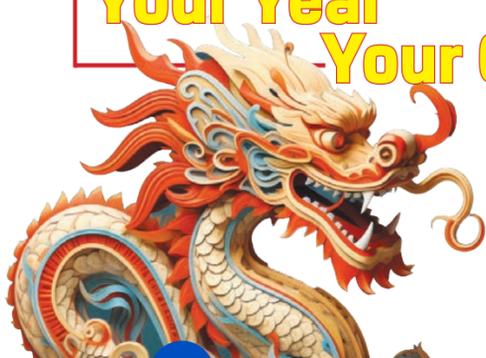
The selectmen voted to advertise for bids for edgestones and the construction of Somerset Ave. They appointed Clarence A. Belcher as Superintendent of Highways for another year.

Alfred Tewksbury has announced that his store in Columbia Square now will be open daily from 7-9 and on Saturdays until 11 p.m.

Town Meeting is being criticized by some for not having appropriated enough for the public schools, while others are saying that too much was spent. Some teachers have left Winthrop because of the low salaries here. The Sun writes that it deplors the insinuation of personalities into the debate about school funding.

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Lent & Easter 2024 at St. Michael the Archangel Parish

Stations of the Cross February 16, 23 and March 1, 8, 15 at 7:00pm
Friday, March 22: **"Living Stations" drama by teens at 7:00pm**
Palm Sunday, March 24: **"Living Stations" drama by teens at 7:00pm**

Parish Mission **"Faith, Hope & Love"** 7:00pm Upper Church
March 11-15
Take some time for yourself this Lent by coming to hear great speakers and enjoy moving music. Please bring your friends and family. If you cannot make it, our mission will be live-streamed.

Monday, March 11 **"Faith"** Speaker & Eucharistic Adoration
Tuesday, March 12 **"Hope"** Speaker & Sacrament of Penance
Wednesday, March 13 **"Love"** Speaker & Holy Mass
Reception to follow in the Parish Lower Church.

Confessions Thursdays 5:00pm-6:00pm during Eucharistic Adoration (Upper Church),
Fridays after 9:00am Mass (Lower Church), Saturdays 5:00pm-5:45pm (Upper Church),
or at the Parish Center by appointment

Eucharistic Adoration Monday 9:30-10:30am (Lower Church), Monday Teen Adoration 8:00-9:00pm (Upper Church),
Thursdays 5:00pm-7:00pm (Upper Church)

Daily Mass Monday through Saturday 9:00am (Lower Church)
And **"Just for Lent" Mondays 7:00am (Lower Church)**

Holy Week & Easter Schedule

Palm Sunday Vigil, March 23 Mass at 4:00pm
Palm Sunday, March 24 Masses at 8:00am, 10:00am, 11:00am, 12 Noon, & 5:00pm
"Living Stations" drama by teens at 7:00pm

Holy Thursday, March 28 Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00pm
Good Friday, March 29 Liturgy and Veneration of the Cross at 7:00pm
Holy Saturday, March 30 Easter Vigil Mass at 7:00pm, featuring trumpet and flute music.
Easter Sunday, March 31 Masses at:
8:00am, 10:00am Family Mass featuring trumpet and flute music and followed by **Easter Egg Hunt**,
11:00am and 12 Noon




April service changes: MBTA continues work to improve reliability across the system

The MBTA today announced service changes in April on the Silver, Orange, Blue, Red, Kingston, Middleborough, Greenbush, Haverhill, and Newburyport/Rockport lines. The MBTA will continue

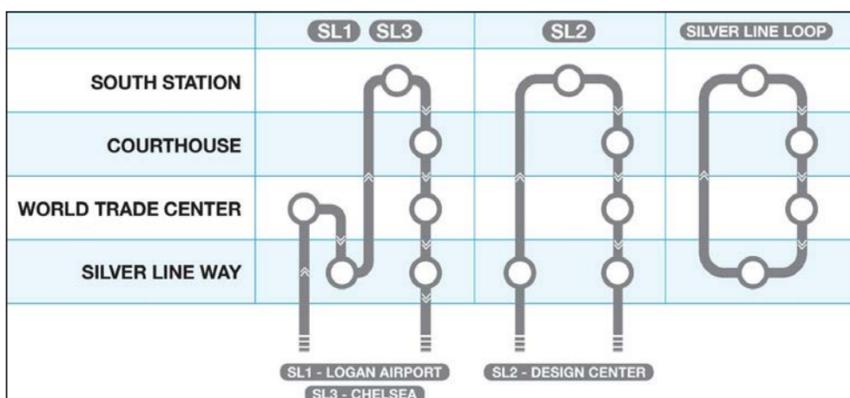
working to maintain its infrastructure and improve reliability across the system.

Riders can find more information on service changes through in-station signage, in-station public announcements,

and at mbta.com/alerts. Transit Ambassadors and MBTA staff will be available on-site to offer information and assistance during these service changes. Riders are encouraged to subscribe to T-Alerts or to

follow the MBTA on X (the site formerly known as Twitter) @MBTA, @MBTA_CR, and @MBTA_CR_Alerts for up-to-date service information.

ON THE SILVER LINE



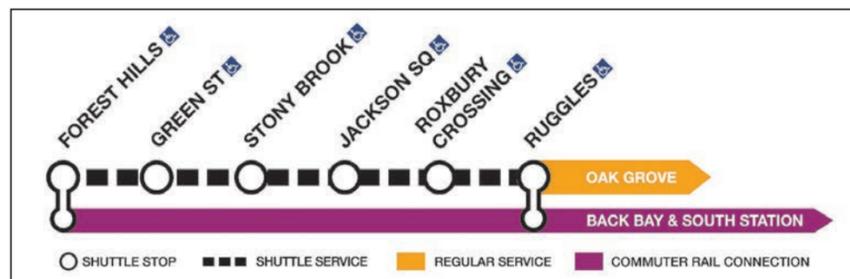
- Silver Line Routes 1, 2, and 3 will operate at the street level beginning at approximately 8:45 PM through the end of service on April 6.
- Riders can make connections at the following street-level stop locations:
 - Connections for South Station can be made on Summer Street @ Atlantic Avenue (at the Federal Reserve Building)
 - Connections for Courthouse Station can be made at Congress Street @ Thompson Place.
 - Connections for World Trade Center Station can be made on Congress Street @ World Trade Center Station.
 - Connections for Silver Line Way Station (outbound) can be made at 601 Congress Street.
 - Connections for Silver Line Way Station (inbound) can be made at

Courthouse Station can be made at Congress Street @ Thompson Place.

Congress Street @ The Renaissance Hotel (between D Street and Harborview Lane).

- This service change will allow for the removal of the overhead wire system from the west side of D Street to the end of Silver Line Way. Silver Line buses operate on battery power in this area, making the overhead wires no longer necessary.

ON THE ORANGE LINE



- Orange Line service will be suspended between Forest Hills and Ruggles stations during the weekends of March 30-31, April 6-7, April 20-21, and April 27-28.
- Free and accessible shuttle buses will make all

stops between Forest Hills and Ruggles.

- The Commuter Rail will be fare-free between Forest Hills, Ruggles, Back Bay, and South Station. Riders should note that regular Commuter Rail fares should be pur-

chased beyond Forest Hills.

- This service change is in place for crews to perform critical signal and switch improvement work.

ON THE KINGSTON, MIDDLEBOROUGH, AND GREENBUSH COMMUTER RAIL LINES

- Kingston, Middleborough, and Greenbush Commuter Rail line service will be suspended between South Station and Braintree Station during the following days and times:
 - As previously announced, beginning at approximately 7:30 PM through the end of service on Friday, March 29, and continuing all day from start to end of service during the weekend of March 30-31.
 - Beginning at approximately 7:30 PM through

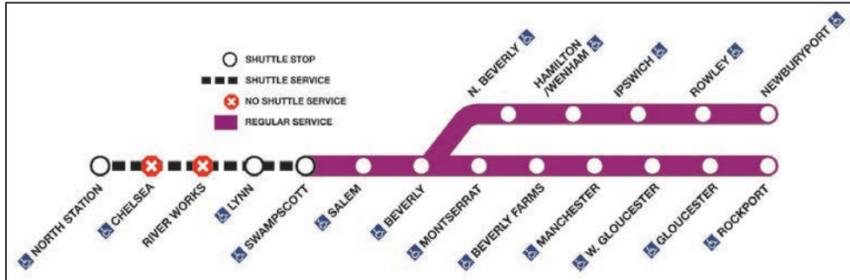
the end of service on Friday, April 5, and continuing all day from start to end of service during the weekend of April 6-7.

- Free and accessible shuttle buses will replace trains between South Station and Braintree. Express shuttle buses will operate directly between South Station and Braintree. The diversion schedule will be available online soon at mbta.com/CommuterRail.
- Passengers should note that bicycles are not allowed on shuttle buses,

and regular Commuter Rail fares will be collected between Kingston, Middleborough, Greenbush, and Braintree stations.

- Keolis Customer Service Agents, MBTA staff, and Transit Ambassadors will be on site at impacted stations to support riders.
- This service change is in place because these Commuter Rail lines run adjacent to the Red Line where Dorchester Avenue Bridge Replacement Project work is taking place.

ON THE NEWBURYPORT/ROCKPORT COMMUTER RAIL LINE



- Newburyport/Rockport Commuter Rail Line service will be suspended between North Station and Swampscott during the weekend of April 6-7 and for nine days from April 20-28.
- Shuttle buses will make stops between Swampscott, Lynn (within the busway at the legacy station), and North Station. Chelsea passengers are asked to utilize the Silver Line 3 for service to the downtown area. A dedicated diversion schedule will be in effect and available on mbta.com soon.
- Passengers should note that this service change

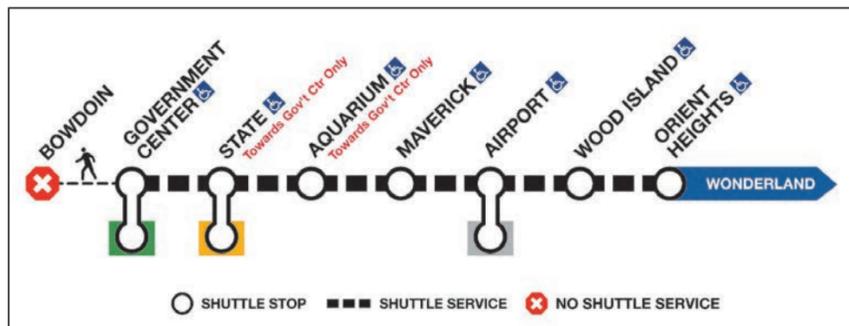
overlaps with a planned shuttle bus diversion on the Blue Line. More information is available above and at mbta.com.

- This service change allows for crews to perform Positive Train Control (PTC) / Automatic Train Control (ATC) work. PTC/ATC is a federally mandated safety system that sends signals to trains about potentially unsafe conditions, automatically slowing and stopping a train if needed.
- The MBTA previously announced service changes in March. More information is available here. The MBTA understands

how these service changes affect riders' daily travels during this period, but we are committed to improving your travels long term with more reliable, timely, and safe service. We thank riders for their patience as we deliver this important work and for continuing to ride our system.

For more information, visit mbta.com or connect with the T on X (the site formerly known as Twitter) @MBTA and @MBTA_CR, Facebook /TheMBTA, Instagram @theMBTA, Threads @thembta, or TikTok @thembta.

ON THE BLUE LINE



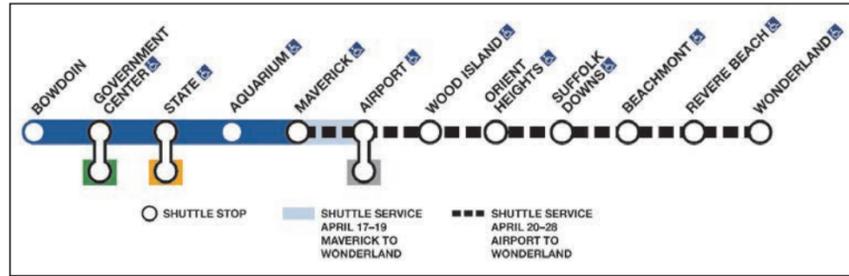
- Blue Line service will be suspended between Bowdoin and Orient Heights stations beginning at approximately 8 PM through the end of service each day from April 9-11.
- Free and accessible shuttle buses will make stops between Government Center and Orient Heights.
- Riders should note that shuttle buses will not stop at Bowdoin station. Riders can instead utilize shuttle buses at Government Center, which is about a quarter mile away (or about a four-minute walk).
- This service change

is in place as part of the MBTA's Track Improvement Program. Crews will perform track and tie replacement work with the goal of removing speed restrictions near Aquarium Station. Crews will also maximize the outage by performing signal work and station amenity upgrades, including new lighting, painting, tiling, and power washing, and more.

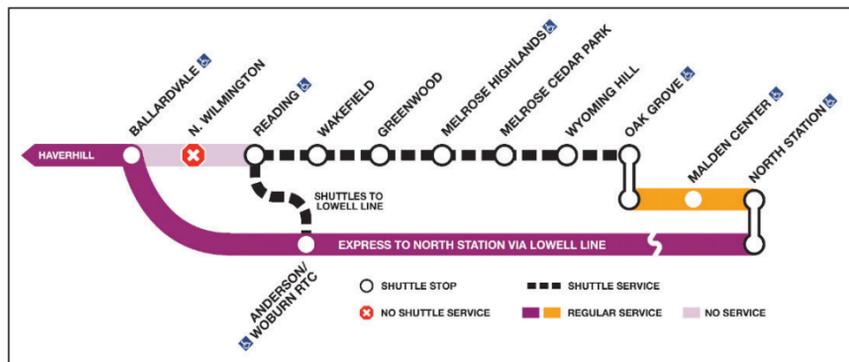
- As previously announced, Blue Line service will be suspended between Maverick and Wonderland for three days from April 17-19 and be-

tween Airport and Wonderland for nine days from April 20-28.

- Free and accessible shuttle buses will make stops at all stations.
- This service change is in place as part of the MBTA's Track Improvement Program. Crews will perform track and tie replacement work with the goal of removing speed restrictions on the Blue Line; infrastructure upgrades; station amenity upgrades like new lighting, painting, tiling, and power washing; and more



ON THE HAVERHILL COMMUTER RAIL LINE



- Haverhill Commuter Rail Line service will be suspended between Ballardvale and North Station during the weekend of April 6-7 and for nine days from April 20-28.
- A dedicated diversion schedule will be available soon on mbta.com.
- Free and accessible shuttle buses will replace train service between Reading and Oak Grove where passengers can connect to Orange Line subway.
- A free and accessible shuttle bus will also provide service between Reading and Anderson/Woburn for connections to the Lowell Line and

Haverhill Line.

- Regular Commuter Rail fares will be collected between Haverhill and Ballardvale.
- The shuttle service between Reading and Oak Grove will stop in Wakefield, Greenwood, Melrose Highlands, Melrose Cedar Park, Wyoming Hill, and Oak Grove.
- North Wilmington Station will not have shuttle bus service with passengers encouraged to utilize Lowell Line service at Wilmington Station instead.
- Train service for passengers between Ballardvale and Haverhill will be re-routed along the Low-

ell Line after Ballardvale, making one additional stop at Anderson/Woburn and then running express to North Station. Riders desiring service to or from Reading and Oak Grove should disembark at Anderson/Woburn and board the shuttle bus service.

- Bus Route 137 will be fare free.
- This service change allows crews to perform Automatic Train Control (ATC) work. ATC is a federally mandated safety system that sends signals to trains about potentially unsafe conditions, automatically slowing and stopping a train if needed.

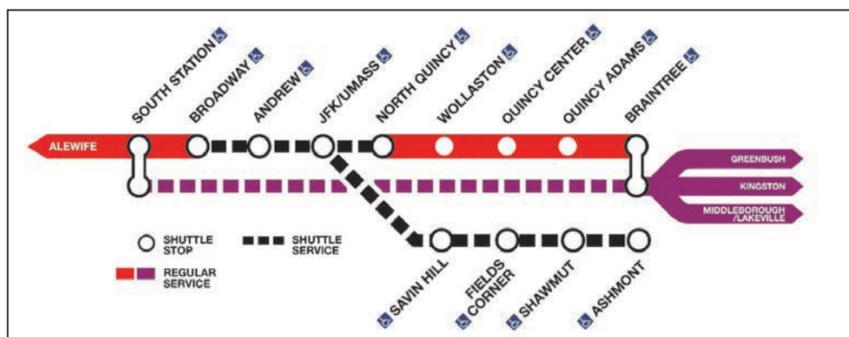
ON THE RED LINE

- Red Line service will be suspended between Broadway and Ashmont stations on the Ashmont Branch and between Broadway and North Quincy stations on the Braintree Branch during the weekend of March 30-31 as previously announced as well as the weekend of April 6-7.
- Free and accessible shuttle buses will make all stops between Broad-

way and Ashmont / North Quincy.

- There will be free fares at Broadway and North Quincy stations on the Braintree Branch during the weekend of March 30-31 as previously announced as well as the weekend of April 6-7.
- This service change is in place to allow crews to perform necessary work as part of the Dorchester Avenue Bridge Replace-

ment Project. Originally built in 1925 and last rehabilitated in 1975, the bridge will be replaced to protect its structural integrity and ensure reliable service. When complete, this project will result in safer, more reliable Red Line service. The MBTA will also perform upgrade work to the Red Line signal system.



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Sports

Dunbar reflects on Vikings' state tournament run

By Cary Shuman

Winthrop High School head hockey coach Dale Dunbar led the 2023-24 Vikings to one of the greatest seasons in the program's history.

The Vikings were hoping to bring the town its first state hockey championship since the famed 1975-76 WHS team won it all. A tough 2-1 loss to Dover-Sherborn in the state semifinals in faraway Bourne denied the Vikings a trip to the Garden.

The NEC champion fueled by the unanimous NEC Player of the Year in senior Petey Silverman, Winthrop had rolled into the Final Four game against Dover-Sherborn, outscoring their three opponents (Tri-County, Hudson, and Ashland) by a 22-3 margin. The line of Petey Silverman, Phil Boncore, and Mike Hølgersen carried over its firepower from the regular season. The goaltending and defensemen were superb all season, and the tough schedule of NEC opponents and non-league tests had prepared the No. 1-seeded Vikings well for the post-season.

Silverman scored in the first period against Dover-Sherborn, but D-S goaltender Andrew Goldstein kept Winthrop off the scoreboard the rest of the way. Winthrop's junior goaltender, Michael Donahue, was equally phenomenal, said Dunbar. Some of Donahue's saves were extraordinarily clutch with so much on the line.

"We knew it was going to be closely played, one-goal hockey game – look at their goals against, it was just over 1.00" said Dunbar. "Our goaltender was tremendous, too, in the tournament."

The shootout format

Winthrop and Dover-Sherborn played two overtime periods before the shootout.

"We had our opportunities in overtime. It just didn't work out, but the shootout format is wrong," said Dunbar. "They should let it be decided on the ice, especially with so much at stake - this was the game to get to the Garden. They don't go to a shootout in the finals. They play the overtimes."

Interestingly, there was an MIAA state final

(St. Mary's-Notre Dame Academy girls hockey) Sunday at the TD Garden that went to three overtimes, with St. Mary's scoring in the third overtime to win, 5-4.

As it turned out, Dover-Sherborn went on to defeat Hanover, 5-1, in the state championship game at the Garden. Winthrop had defeated Hanover, 4-2, earlier in the finals of the Michael Giordano Christmas Classic, one day after beating eventual Division 2 state champion Boston Latin, 5-2, in that same South Boston tournament.

"I really believe if we get to the Garden, we win the whole thing," said Dunbar. "The hockey gods just didn't have it in the plans for us. I'm devastated for the kids. There aren't too many more next years for me. This was, I feel, a team that had the qualities necessary to really do it."

Praise for the WHS seniors

Dale Dunbar made special mention of the seniors – Petey Silverman, Billy Hayes, Rob Rich, Hunter Fife, Joe Rich, Jackson Andy, Glen Calla, and Teddy Bailey – who will graduate this spring.

"Our seniors were tremendous," said Dunbar. "What our senior class has done for this program –



BOB MARRA PHOTOS

WHAT ELSE IS NEW? The puck is in the net after Petey Silverman notched his third goal of the night to go along with three assists during the opening round of the MIAA Division 4 boys hockey tournament Wednesday, February 28 at Larsen Rink.

they're a group of classy, classy kids. I've gotten more compliments from the Norwell coach and other coaches. It speaks to the character of our players. They truly cared about each other. They formed a brotherhood."

Leaving his legacy

Petey Silverman's individual exploits for the Vikings were in Dunbar's words, "amazing."

"Petey should be the Division 4 Player of the Year – to score 69 points in 24 games is phenomenal," said Dunbar. "He's been a great captain and great ambassador for our program and our town. He's always doing things for the community and helping young hockey players. But I know one

thing – Petey can play, and he has the heart of the lion. He's left his legacy, that's for sure."

The coach will return next season

Dale Dunbar said he

will be back behind the bench for the 2024-25 season.

"I definitely want to see this junior class through," said Dunbar. "And then we'll take it from there, one year at a time."



UNPLANNED AIRLIFT: Petey Silverman goes airborne after a collision with Hudson's Tim O'Malley. The jolt did little to slow down the Northeast Conference two-time MVP, who picked up a goal and three assists to lead the Vikings.



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FACEOFF TIME: Winthrop's Petey Silverman and Dover-Sherborn's Sam Hinckley get set for a faceoff in the Vikings' state semifinal at Gallo Rink in Bourne.

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Row Across the Atlantic begins March 27

Special to the Transcript

Bryan Fuller, a Greater Boston veteran and rowing record-holder will shove off from a dock in Charlestown in June, with plans to row from Boston to London as part of a team of four on an unsupported journey. He will highlight plans for the trip and answer questions at Cottage Park Yacht Club on Wednesday, March 27 at 7 p.m.

The crew will depart from a Charlestown dock near the Spaulding Rehab Hospital, heading for another dock near Big Ben in London. The unsupported

journey will likely take at least fifty days.

Fuller, 54, is a seasoned adventurer from Brookline, Mass., where he operates Power Rowing, an indoor rowing gym. He brings a wealth of experience, having previously rowed the Atlantic from the other direction, leaving the Canary Islands off of Morocco for the Caribbean. Fuller captured the record as the fastest American to make that more southerly crossing.

Fuller says he has a keen desire to "do the impossible," and plans to raise money for the vet-

erans rowing program at Community Rowing in Boston. He credits that program for not only teaching him to row, but also helping him survive his own PTSD.

Joining Fuller are John Lowry, 55, a childhood friend and an orthopedic rehabilitation doctor from Danvers, Mass.; Klara Anstey, 51, a marketing professional and coastal rower from Wales, UK; and Elizabeth Gilmore, 40, a record-holding river rower and indoor rowing world champion from Richmond, VA. Together, they aspire to set a new



COURTESY PHOTO

Bryan Fuller plans to row from Boston to London with three others to be the first to take that route across the Atlantic. The unsupported trip starting in June is expected to take 50 days.

speed record for the crossing. Their progress will be monitored by the Ocean Rowing Society.

Their vessel is a specially designed, 28-foot ocean rowing boat. It contains two

tiny sleeping quarters and will be equipped with essential supplies, including a water desalinator, freeze-dried food, emergency beacons, and advanced communication gear.

Boston Mayor Michelle Wu will see the team off and present them with a gift to bring to the Mayor of London, to mark this historic moment.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

ATTENDANCE IS UP AT CHELSEA SCHOOLS

CHELSEA - While not totally unexpected, there was good news on the school attendance front in February.

At last week's school committee meeting, Deputy Superintendent of Schools Adam Deleidi presented the monthly indicators of success for the district, including attendance and the drop-out rate.

The district compares

the prior month's attendance rates to the month previous to that, as well as the year-to-date attendance to the previous year at the same time, Deleidi said.

"In the month of February in all grades, we beat our attendance rates over January with the exception of grade two, which started exactly the same at 91.5 percent, and our post graduate," he said. "Everyone else actually improved their attendance rate."

Compared to this time last school year, Deleidi said every grade is on pace to have a better attendance rate, with the exceptions of grades six and nine.

"Now, before we get too excited, I will say ... last year we were dealing with the tripledemic of flu, Covid, and RSV," said Deleidi. "We talked about that last year, so we expected improvements, but we are glad that we are seeing them here."

While the attendance rate has seen improvement, there has been a slight increase in the drop-out rate for the current school year.

So far this year, there have been 95 drop outs, while at this time last year,

there were 75, Deleidi said.

"We do have more students this year, so the percentage of students who had dropped out at this point last year was 4.25 percent, this year at this point it is 5.13 percent," said the deputy superintendent.

The dropout rate was highest for multilingual students at 9.7 percent. The rate for students with disabilities was 3.63 percent, and for students who are both multilingual and have special needs was 6.95 percent. The drop out rate for students who are neither multilingual nor have special needs was 2.78 percent.

There was good news

with the dropout rate, as Deleidi said only one student dropped out in February, and that student was redirected to an adult education program.

Overall in February, the district saw 59 new students while 37 left the district.

"We continue the pattern of more students enrolling than they are leaving," said Deleidi.

FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM ESTABLISHED

EVERETT - Everett Affordable Housing Co-

ordinator Zerina Gace presented the specifics of the Everett First-Time Homebuyer Down Payment Assistance Program at Monday night's City Council meeting.

Following her informative remarks, the Council unanimously approved to accept and expend a state grant of \$400,000 that will establish the program.

Gace, who was appointed to her position in January, said that 20 separate grants will be awarded for up to \$20,000. A total of \$300,000 will be granted to Everett residents looking to purchase homes in Everett. A total of \$100,000 will be grant-

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CITY PAWS

Irish Dogs

carry their heritage as part of their breed names.

A few carry an Irish place name, such as the Glen of Imaal Terrier, Kerry Blue Terrier, and Kerry Beagle. However, you might be surprised to learn that the very popular Soft-Coated Wheaten Terrier also traces its ancestry to the Emerald Isle.

We've met quite a few Wheatens, Irish Setters, and Wolfhounds over the years. All three made the top 100 in the American Kennel Club's (AKC) Most Popular Dog Breeds list at numbers 66, 71, and 89, respectively. We've had rare sightings of the Kerry Blue, Glen of Imaal, and Irish Setter but have never had the opportunity to see the others in the fur.

Big or Small: Bred to Work

All these dogs were bred to work for hunting, retrieving, and destroying vermin. The largest, The Irish Wolfhound is said to be able to run down and kill a wolf. Despite its size and background, the breed is described as quiet, affectionate, loyal to its family, and, with proper training, good around children and other dogs.

Our first experience with a Wolfhound was when we walked our very feisty Westie Sassy around our suburban neighborhood. Down the street trotted Toby, a pony-size Wolfhound, with his person. Sassy, who was highly territorial, gave a sharp bark and a low growl. Toby took one look at her, made a U-turn, and moved away at a much faster pace.

Unfortunately, we could only get to know Toby

when Sassy was not with us. Worse, the encounter gave Sassy the mistaken confidence that if she scared away that giant, she could take on horses, cows, and any other large animal she met.

On the other end of the size scale, the AKC writes about the small but mighty Glen of Imaal Terrier: "They were bred to hunt small prey, such as rats, as well as larger targets, such as foxes and badgers (which could weigh more than the dogs, at up to 40 lbs). According to legend, Glens also had a role in the kitchen, turning a specially designed meat-cooking device called a turnspit—think of a dog-operated rotisserie."

Irish Dog Names

We may have a few Irish dogs in the area, but many more dogs have Irish names. In our neighborhood, we've known dogs named Shamrock, Murphy, Erin, Quinn, Fiona, Bailey, Riley, Killian,

Brady, Finn, and Finnigan. Perhaps it's this area's Irish heritage or just a love for the sound of Celtic words.

Dog's in Irish Pubs

If, like us, your imagined view of an Irish pub includes dogs sitting beside the men at the bar or under the tables, it's not current. That image comes from popular culture and another age.

From the 1950s until the rules changed in 2017, owners of establishments that served food were only allowed to let service dogs inside. Today, the law is about the same as it is in Boston and some surrounding towns and cities. It is up to the restaurant or pub owner to decide if they will allow companion animals, and they must meet a set of rules to do so.

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



The AKC reported, "Irish Wolfhounds were documented in Rome as early as the year 391 A.D. They were presented to the Roman Counsel as gifts..."

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OBITUARIES

Kara Kelley

A beloved member of the Winthrop Community

Kara Kelley, a beloved member of the Winthrop community, passed away on March 17, 2024.

Kara was known for her infectious smile that could light up any room. She was a friend to everyone she met and touched the lives of many. Kara dedicated many years of her life to working for ROCA, where she passionately helped youth in need. She was also an active member of the recovery community for many years, offering her support and kindness to those on their own paths to healing. Her absence will be deeply felt by all who knew her, but her spirit will live on in the memories of those whose lives she brightened with her warmth, compassion and unwavering friendship. Rest in peace, dear Kara.

Kara was the loving daughter of Paul Kelley and his late wife, Virginia Maxwell and Mary (Cohan) Donovan and her late husband, Thomas Donovan. She is survived by her devoted sister, Erin Kehoe and husband, Nathan. Kara was a cherished niece of Lois Cohan, Diane Cohan, Robert Kelley, Thomas Kelley and was predeceased by Claudia Kavanough, Bernadette Davis, Francis Cohan, Joseph Cohan, Ethel Kelley, and Ann Kelley. She was



an adored aunt to Norah and Spencer, and leaves behind many cousins and friends. She also leaves behind her beloved canine companion, Fitz.

Kara's family and friends will gather to honor her life at the Ruggieri Family Memorial Home, East Boston, on Wednesday, March 27th, from 8:30 to 11 a.m. before leaving in procession to St. John the Evangelist/St. Michael the Archangel Parish for an 11:30 a.m. Mass. Kara will then be laid to rest at Winthrop Cemetery, Belle Isle Section. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the MSPCA Animal Care and Adoption Center, MSPCA-Angell, Attn: Donations, 350 South Huntington Ave, Boston, MA 02130. Rest in peace, dear Kara. To leave an online condolence visit www.ruggieromh.com.

Linda Grace Wagner-Tzannos

Her fierce and independent spirit took her boldly through life on many adventures across the world

Linda Grace (Johns) Wagner-Tzannos of Winthrop passed away Tuesday, February 27 at home after a brave battle with brain cancer.

Linda was born in Chelsea on July 23, 1947 to Angelina (Ferrara) Johns and Nelson Johns. She spent part of her early childhood in Alabama and had fond memories of the quiet solitude and spending time in nature. She grew up in East Boston and proudly graduated from the Peter Bent Brigham School of Nursing as a Registered Nurse. Linda also attended UMass Boston, where she developed her love of French Studies and dance.

Linda's fierce and independent spirit took her boldly through life on many adventures across the world. She spoke French and German fluently. She loved music and the arts. As an avid runner and ballroom dancer, health and fitness were a very important part of her life until the very end. She adored her cats Charlie and Henry and all creatures great and small.

I love you Mom. Have a good rest.

Linda was predeceased by her beloved husband, Gregory F. Tzannos of Winthrop. She is survived by her daughters Kim-



berly Wagner-Melendez of Winthrop and Krista Tzannos-Byron of Salem; grandchildren, "her kids," Ysabelle Regis of Watertown, MA, Pocknett of Winthrop, and Elektra Newman of Watertown. She is also survived by her sister, Deborah Jones and brothers, Richard Johns and Steven Johns, her lifelong friend, Maggie Mooney as well as nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Greenpeace at <https://engage.us.greenpeace.org/donate>.

Services were private and under the direction of the Caggiano-O'Malley-Frazier Funeral Home, Winthrop.

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

Robert "Higgy" Higginbotham

US Airways retiree

Robert "Higgy" E. Higginbotham, 80, of Peabody, formerly of

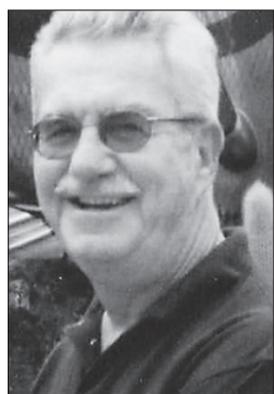
Winthrop, passed away peacefully on Thursday, March 14 at Lahey Clinic Hospital in Burlington surrounded by his loving family.

He was the beloved husband of Mary Ellen (Barry) Higginbotham with whom he shared 38 years of marriage.

He was born in Revere on October 8, 1943, the cherished son of the late Joseph and Helen (Hock) Higginbotham. Robert was raised in Winthrop and graduated from Don Bosco Technical High School in Boston. After graduating, he joined the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War Era. He enjoyed a 25-year career at US Airways holding many roles while there.

After retirement, Robert and his wife traveled, taking trips to Las Vegas and numerous cruises to various destinations. He enjoyed going to the casinos in Connecticut and most recently locally in Seabrook, NH.

In addition to his wife, Mary Ellen, Robert is survived by his son, Rob Dower; his brother, Joseph Higginbotham; his sister, Ruth Loughran and



her husband, James; his sister-in-law, Josephine Higginbotham and many loving nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Sadly, in addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his brothers, John, Paul and David Higginbotham; his sister, Joan Cook; and his sister-in-law, Martina Higginbotham.

Visiting hours will be held at the Conway, Cahill-Brodeur Funeral Home, 82 Lynn St., Peabody on Sunday, March 24 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. followed by a Funeral Service in the funeral home at 11:30 a.m. Burial will be private. At the family's request, please OMIT flowers.

Donations may be made in Robert's memory to Habitat for Humanity by visiting www.habitat.org

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ed to Everett employees looking to purchase a home in Everett.

Gace, who works in the Planning and Development Department led by Director Matt Lattanzi, will be overseeing the application review process, determining whether candidates are income-eligible for the grants.

"The income would be between 60 and 100 percent area median income, so it's like a working-class family," said Lattanzi. "This is a first-time program in Everett that originated from the Office of Mayor Carlo DeMaria. We feel this program is going to do some great things for the city. Overall, it's going to be great project."

COUNCIL APPROVES RESOLUTION DECLARING APRIL AS EARTH MONTH IN EVERETT

EVERETT-The Council unanimously approved a resolution by Councilor-at-Large Katy Rogers declaring the month of April as Earth Month in Everett.

Earth Day is celebrated nationally on April 22 to show support for the environment.

"April is time to raise awareness on environmental issues that impact everyday life in Everett," said Rogers. "Our city faces many challenges affecting the entire community such as air-quality concerns and access to our riverfront property. We officially do a cleanup once a year on April 20. Since we don't necessarily celebrate Earth Day on April 22 each year, designating the month of April would open opportunities to raise awareness of environmental issues in our community while allowing inclusivity beyond just one day.

With this resolution, the Council recognizes that celebrating our outdoor space exceeds a single day of the year should be encompassed within daily life in Everett, especially throughout the month of April."

Rogers requested that Mayor Carlo DeMaria's Administration join the Council in recognizing April as Earth Month going forward.

PLANS FOR PROJECT PRESENTED AGAIN

EAST BOSTON - For the third time, representatives for a proposed project at 112 Marginal Street presented their plans during Jeffries Point Neighborhood Association (JPNA) meeting — plans that have frustrated abutters.

Attorney Jeff Drago, who owns the property along with Tom Falcucci, presented the proposal. It involves changing the occupancy of the existing building from a one-family to a three-family, building a rear addition, and building a roof deck.

"The building to the right of us, to the left of us, to the left beyond that are all three-unit buildings... there's a number of four-story multi-family residential as well," said Drago.

"We felt this was a very reasonable proposal — eventually to turn these into condominium units over time," he added.

As Drago progressed through his presentation, he reviewed changes made to initial proposals for the building based on feedback from the JPNA and other neighbors.

These modifications included removing a proposed fourth-floor addi-

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

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

Applications for the 2024 Senior Citizen Property Tax Work-Off Program are now available at the DeLeo Senior Center (35 Harvard Street) and online. Applications must be returned to the Senior Center by 12:00 pm on Friday, April 5, 2024. The Senior Citizen Tax Work-Off Program allows Winthrop homeowners, aged 60 and older, to volunteer their services in exchange for a reduction in their property tax bill. Participants may earn a maximum reduction of \$750 per fiscal year based on a rate per hour of service that cannot exceed the Commonwealth of Massachusetts' minimum wage. If you have any questions, please contact the Senior Center.

Monday, March 25

9:00am-3:00pm: Computer Usage
10:00am-11:00am: Yoga with Trish
11:00am- Grab and Go Lunch Pick-Up
11:30am-2:30pm: Game Day / Mahjong

Tuesday, March 26

9:00am-3:00pm: Computer Usage
9:00am-10:30am: Exercise Class (\$1)
10:00am-12:00am: Technology Class
11:00am-12:00pm: MGH Blood Pressures
11:00am: Grab & Go Lunch Pick-Up
12:30pm-2:30pm: Art Class with Dawn (\$5)
1:00pm-2:00pm: Winthrop Police Senior Outreach Program

Wednesday, March 27

9:00am-3:00pm: Computer Usage
9:30am-10:30am: Yoga with Trish (\$5)
10:30am-11:30am: Zumba with Cindy (\$5)
11:00am: Grab and Go Lunch Pick-Up
11:30-12:30pm: Tai Chi / Qi Gong with Cindy (\$5)
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Thursday, March 28

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9:30am-10:30am: Exercise Class (\$1)
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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
LAND COURT
DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT
TO:
ORDER OF NOTICE
Docket Number: 24 SM 000447

Anita D'Amato and Kelli D'Amato and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 (et seq.) First Priority Credit Union claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Winthrop, 45 Winthrop Shore Drive, given by Anita D'Amato and Kelli D'Amato to First Priority Credit Union, dated January 28, 2014, and recorded in Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 52625, Page 84, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status. If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the Act. Witness, Gordon H. Piper, Chief Justice of

this Court on.
Attest:
Deborah J. Patterson
Recorder
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LEGAL NOTICE

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
LAND COURT
DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT
Docket Number: 24 SM 000945
ORDER OF NOTICE

To: Mary C. Wood; Mark Wood and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 (et seq.): U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as owner trustee for RCF 2 Acquisition Trust claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Winthrop, numbered 29 Crystal Cove Avenue, given by Mary C. Wood to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Maverick Funding Corp., a New Jersey Corp., dated September 30, 2011, and recorded in the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 48480, Page 20, and now held by the Plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status. If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned

property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before April 29, 2024, or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the Act. Witness, Gordon H. Piper, Chief Justice of this Court on March 12, 2024.
Attest:
Deborah J. Patterson
Recorder
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CONSERVATION COMMISSION
LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 131, Section 40, Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and Winthrop Town By-Laws, that the Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on April 3, 2024, at 7:00 P.M. via Zoom on an RDA from Ryan Accone, 172 River Road, Winthrop, MA 02152
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NOTE: A copy of application may be obtained from the Conservation Office via email (conservation@town.winthrop.ma.us) or calling 617-846-4344 x2701
At said hearing all interested parties shall be given the opportunity to be heard.
WINTHROP CONSERVATION COMMISSION
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BOARD OF APPEALS
PUBLIC HEARING
March 28, 2024:
Case 011-2013

Notice is hereby given in accordance with Chapter 40A of the Massachusetts General Laws and Chapter 17 of the Code of the Town of Winthrop that the Winthrop Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on Thursday, March 28, 2024, at or after 6:30 p.m. held in the Harvey Hearing Room upon the application of person requesting: Frank M. Constantino 82 Main Street, Winthrop, MA 02152
Applicant seeks a modification to the Decision to Grant Variance for the above referenced address dated October 24, 2013 to allow the continued residential use of the second floor of the detached

two-story accessory building while striking or deleting the requirement that such use be limited to immediate family only and in lieu thereof by adding language of the Decision that would allow for non-immediate family members to use and occupy the second-floor of the detached two-story accessory building. The public is invited to attend, and interested parties shall have an opportunity to be heard. Copies of the application and plans are on file and available to review at the Town Hall Planning Office, Room 2A, Winthrop Town Hall.
Darren Baird, Chairman
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Winthrop Board of Appeals
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BOARD OF APPEALS
PUBLIC HEARING
March 28, 2024:
Case 002-2024

Notice is hereby given in accordance with Chapter 40A of the Massachusetts General Laws and Chapter 17 of the Code of the Town of Winthrop that the Winthrop Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on Thursday, March 28, 2024, at or after 6:30 p.m. held in the Harvey Hearing Room upon the application of person requesting: Jose G. Perez 50 Cliff Avenue, Winthrop, MA 02152
Applicant seeks a zoning determination on the above mentioned

residence on whether it can be deemed to be a two-family residence and have the second existing apartment deemed to be a dwelling unit and receive a Certificate of Occupancy. The public is invited to attend, and interested parties shall have an opportunity to be heard. Copies of the application and plans are on file and available to review at the Town Hall Planning Office, Room 2A, Winthrop Town Hall.
Darren Baird, Chairman
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BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC HEARING MARCH 27, 2024

Notice is hereby given in accordance with Chapter 138 of the Massachusetts General Laws and Title 5 of the Town of Winthrop's Board of License Commissioners will conduct a public hearing on Wednesday, March 27, 2024 on or after 6:00 p.m. in the Harvey Hearing Room upon the new Common Victualler's License of Mexico en Tu Casa Restaurant and Catering at 71 Jefferson St.
At said hearing, all interested persons will be given an opportunity to be heard.
All documents pertaining to this hearing can be requested per email mpuopolo@town.winthrop.ma.us, Town Hall Room 5, Clerks Office or calling 617-846-1742
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tion, reducing the unit count from four to three, and reconfiguring rear window layouts to address abutters' concerns about privacy.

Drago then continued to outline the context of the current site by showing images and highlighting four-story buildings in the area.

Additionally, he reviewed the projected zoning relief needed for the project. While new zoning developed through PLAN: East Boston awaits approval from the Boston Zoning Commission, Drago indicated they would have to work under the current zoning parameters. "This was filed while we still had the existing zoning code so we would be grandfathered in," said Drago.

However, he did mention, "Although all of the BPDA (Boston Planning & Development Agency) recommendations going forward are looking toward the new planning study."

Drago detailed other facets of the project before the floor was opened up to questions, such as the unit mix and roof deck.

Each of the three proposed units is planned to be two bedrooms and 799, 864, and 833 square feet, respectively. Also, Drago pointed out that the roof deck, which is exclusive to the top unit, has been pulled back several feet in the front, back, and right side.

Initially, when the question and comment portion of the presentation began, everything seemed to be

going swimmingly.

However, the presentation quickly became passionate when it came time for abutters to ask questions or comment.

Michael Dwyer, an abutter, had concerns about a rendering shown during the presentation in which he thought a wall was being built in the backyard on an easement, which would not be allowed.

In response, Drago confirmed that there was an easement in the back and had referred to a concrete item on his property from "somebody else," which caused Dwyer to raise his voice at Drago.

One of JPNA's Co-Chairs, Margaret Farmer, quickly shut down the loud retort and reminded everyone to be respectful before allowing Drago to continue.

Drago claimed they are not building a wall in the back as part of the project and that it is just a "depth in the back with a bump."

Dwyer was unsatisfied with the explanation and still believed something was being built on the easement. Later, he said, "Forgive me for not taking you at face value, but to me, it looks like you plan to build a wall around your first-floor apartment and create a little yard in front of that sliding glass window."

However, Drago again emphasized, "We are not touching that easement," which prompted confusion from Dwyer and more discussion before Farmer insisted that they move on to other questions.

As the presentation con-

tinued, Drago answered other questions from abutters concerning trash storage, fire suppression, and more before the JPNA moved on to a presentation from an abutter.

In addition to Drago's presentation, Kaitlin Andryauskas, an abutter, made one of her own, detailing her and other abutters' concerns with the project.

During her presentation, Andryauskas walked through several projects under construction, slated to be under construction, and others that have been completed, pointing to issues with noise, traffic, and parking, which residents in the immediate area have had to endure.

Additionally, she pointed to other impacts of these aforementioned projects, such as the displacement of other residents and concerns about what the proposal at 112 Marginal would mean for the safety of some of the older abutting homes.

She also outlined concerns from direct abutters, including the proposed project being built to the property line, privacy, and more, and laid out questions they are looking to get answered.

Andryauskas also presented a table disputing some of the figures related to zoning parameters and spoke at length about trying to reach an enforceable agreement with the developer to quell some of the abutters' concerns.

"We have made efforts since November to come in good faith to work with the developer to come up with

an enforceable agreement regarding these matters," said Andryauskas.

Ultimately, the terms of an enforceable agreement could not be agreed upon, and Andryauskas claimed conversations did not continue after there seemed to be what she described as disagreement concerning what was enclosed in the proposed agreement.

It should be noted that Andryauskas also claimed that multiple abutters who opposed the project were sent letters indicating that they needed to remove alleged encroachments or they may face legal action.

The abutter presentation prompted more fiery moments both during and after the presentation. For example, Falcucci interrupted Andryauskas and claimed she was lying mid-presentation, which induced Farmer's wrath.

After the presentation, Dwyer, referring to the letters concerning supposed encroachments from abutters, alleged Drago was abusing power, and the meeting once again turned tense, with Drago trying to defend himself and Farmer trying to bring about some order.

Finally, after more comments and questions from abutters, Drago was given the floor to respond.

He spoke at length about the changes made to the project and working with neighbors, saying, "We started this process working and listening to these neighbors, so for it to be said that we weren't — that's concerning to me."

He also spoke about try-

ing to come to an agreement with neighbors and how that fell through.

"What we got was an agreement limiting our liability from any future lawsuits... I had concerns with it — I still do," said Drago.

"We are willing to work with our neighbors but when neighbors hire lawyers, and now it becomes legalese in all of the writings, we have to be very careful about limiting liability. So I can't just sign a good neighbor agreement that isn't a good neighbor agreement and is designed by an attorney to limit all liability," he added.

Eventually, Drago and Andryauskas had a back-and-forth regarding the enforceable agreement and potential miscommunications, which seemed to move things in a more positive direction, which Farmer acknowledged.

"I'm happy to see — it seems to be that there's a little bit of progress in terms of communication here, and that is good to see. I am hopeful to see it continue," said Farmer.

Overall, this project is slated for a JPNA vote. Ballots will be sent to eligible voters tonight, and polls will close on Friday.

To learn more about the project, the abutters presentation, and more, visit the JPNA website at <https://jeffriespoint.org/>. The next JPNA meeting is scheduled for April 8.

PARKWAY BRIDGE PROJECT TO BEGIN IN 2026
REVERE - MassDOT

officials and consultants laid out the plans for the replacement of the bridge on Revere Beach Parkway that spans Broadway at a public meeting at City Hall last week.

The \$14 million project, which will be paid for through a mix of federal and state funds, is expected to get underway in 2026 and take three years to complete.

Currently, preliminary planning for the project is underway, and MassDOT is expected to hold another meeting in the fall with more concrete design plans.

The proposed project will also include improved intersections at the Revere Beach Parkway eastbound ramp at Broadway, with signalized intersection improvements, and at the westbound ramp with multimodal accommodations and ADA compliant curb ramps and crossings, according to consultant Paul Berthiaume of Howard Stein Hudson.

In addition, there will also be an acceleration and deceleration lane on Revere Beach Parkway for the length of the project.

"The primary goal of the project is to replace the existing structurally deficient bridge with a new, modern bridge while maintaining the existing Broadway traffic below it," said Berthiaume. "The existing bridge was constructed in 1930 and widened in 1958, and the bridge deck and superstructure are in poor condition."

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Winthrop, and Revere.

The evening started with a delicious buffet from Anthony's Italian Specialties from Stoneham and followed by a very tasty dessert table with coffee. Following the meal, the dance floor was opened for all to enjoy the rest of the evening.



The hosts from the East Boston Yacht Club, Matthew Gleason, Jay DeAmaral, and Rebecca Moran.



The DeCicco, Puopolo, Mulry, and the McGowan families and friends enjoyed themselves at the Belle Isle Rotary Gala last Saturday evening at the EBYC.

MassDOT launches second billboard design contest for Massachusetts college students

Special to the Journal

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) is announcing the launch of its second National Work Zone Awareness Week billboard design contest, exclusively for Massachusetts college students. The contest aims to raise awareness of work zone safety and encourage drivers to exercise caution when passing through active construction and maintenance projects.

"We're calling for all great ideas for our second annual National Work Zone Awareness Week billboard contest," said Transportation Secretary and CEO Monica Tibbits-Nutt. "Creative designs and advertisement are a powerful way to reach residents and remind them how to keep our construction crews safe."

National Work Zone Awareness Week (NWZAW) is an annual event that brings attention to work zone safety and education around preventing crashes and fatalities in

these areas. The theme for NWZAW 2024 is "Work Zones are temporary. Actions behind the wheel can last forever." The main takeaway is while work zones may be temporary, the choices made by drivers in these areas can have far-reaching effects. Whether it's excessive speed, distracted driving, or ignoring traffic laws, poor behaviors exhibited behind the wheel can lead to severe injuries, fatalities, and long-lasting trauma for individuals and families.

MassDOT is taking an active role in promoting work zone safety to protect the men and women working out on the roadway and would like to invite all Massachusetts college students to create a billboard design that promotes the theme and encourages drivers to be cautious when driving through work zones. Massachusetts college students interested in participating should create a billboard design that includes the theme and promotes

work zone safety. Review the MassDOT Digital Billboard Design Specifications before preparing your submission.

The contest is open to all students who are currently enrolled in Massachusetts colleges. The winning designs will be selected based on creativity, impact, and relevance to the NWZAW theme. The contest ends on April 19, and the winning designs will be announced on May 1 during the 2024 MassDOT Transportation Innovation Conference. The top 3 designs will be displayed on a series of digital billboards along the highways in Massachusetts throughout the 2024 construction season. The winning designs will be awarded a scholarship generously provided by the Massachusetts Aggregate and Asphalt Pavement Association (MAAPA). As staunch advocates for roadway safety, MAAPA recognizes the crucial importance of promoting work zone safety and is dedicated to increasing

awareness about driving responsibly near work zones.

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