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**HALLOWEEN BIKE PARADE AND FUN RIDE**

Bike Winthrop's most spooktacular event is back for a seventh year of fun for the whole family this Saturday! Grab your costume and your bike, scooter or anything that rolls and meet us at the gazebo at Ingleside Park for the kids parade followed by a fun ride around town that ends with festivities at Drop Zone Brewery. In addition to the parade & ride, this year's

**WPD HALLOWEEN PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY**

Chief Goodwin and Winthrop Police officers wish all a very happy, fun and safe evening of trick or treating on Halloween, Thursday, October 31, 2024. To that end, from sunset to approximately 9:00 pm, the Maze area will be closed to public traffic, allowing for resident vehicles only. We appreciate your cooperation and offer the following Halloween safety tips from safekids.org:

- Carry glow sticks or flashlights, use reflective tape or stickers on costumes and bags, and wear light colors to help kids

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**FIRST CHURCH OF WINTHROP HOSTS ANNUAL HAM AND BEAN DINNER**



Cullen Millar, Susan Meegan, Earl Richards, Valerie Millar, Ajet Hosea, and Oscar Guana volunteering in the kitchen.

**School Comm. holds override public hearing**

By Adam Swift

With only two weeks to go until election day, the public hearing on a proposed \$4.95 million override for the school budget dominated Monday night's school committee meeting.

Those who spoke during the hearing generally supported the override, which will help fund expected district budget shortfalls for at least the next three years. There were questions raised about potential cuts to services if the override fails at the polls on Tuesday, Nov. 5.

"I'm very passionate about getting this override passed, I don't think we can overstate the consequences if it doesn't get passed," said Kaitlin Burroughs, chair of the Yes for Winthrop Kids committee in support of the override and co-president

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**Winthrop purchases first green vehicle**

By Adam Swift

Winthrop is taking steps to be more environmentally conscious.

Last week, Town Manager Tony Marino announced that the town recently purchased its first electric vehicle, a 2024 Chevy Blazer that will be used by the inspectional services department.

"I drove it for a few days to make sure there were no quirks," said Marino. "It's a nice vehicle, and we're setting up a charging point

over at the DPW garage with a 240 plug to be able to charge it there on the weekend. It's a step in the right direction."

Marino also announced that the town received a low bid for an electricity distributor for its electric aggregation program from Direct Energy which is three cents lower per kilowatt hour than what is currently charged through National Grid.

"Once we go to the program, it is an opt-out program," said Marino.

"People will be placed in the midrange, which is basically the base rate with a 10 percent green energy component to it. There are two other options, people can opt in to just the base rate without any sort of green energy component ... and then there is a higher option which would be the basic rate plus a 100 percent option (for green energy sources."

Residents will still be receiving their bills through National Grid, and National Grid will still

be responsible for transmission and distribution services in the town.

"There will be a lot more literature to come forward about this, and we will be letting residents know about it," said Marino.

The goal is to have the electric aggregation ready to go at the beginning of 2025, Marino said.

**FKO continues to offer community playgroup, Rise & Shine**

Special to the Transcript

For Kids Only After-school (FKO) is excited to share that its highly impactful community playgroup, Rise & Shine, has officially resumed as of October 1st. This vital program has quickly become a cornerstone for families with young children ages 0 to 5. Thanks to generous grant funding from anonymous donors and the Mass Cultural Council, FKO is able to continue offering these enriching opportunities to local families.

FKO's Rise & Shine program was launched in the spring of 2023 as

a 6-week pilot project, responding to the urgent need for early childhood socialization and interactive play opportunities. After an overwhelmingly positive response from the community, FKO committed to extending the program throughout the 2023-2024 school year. From October 2023 through May 2024, Rise and Shine welcomed over 300 families to its facility for enriching playgroup sessions.

The program's success underscores a critical need within the community, particularly in Massachusetts, where the cost of

childcare is the highest in the nation. Many parents and caregivers face difficult decisions, with some opting to leave the workforce, while others rely on extended family or friends for childcare. In response, Rise & Shine offers a flexible, drop-in option that alleviates the strain on overburdened daycare and preschool waitlists, providing a much-needed resource for infants, toddlers, and their caregivers.

"Our primary goal with Rise & Shine is to create a nurturing environment where young children and

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**WHS CLASS OF 1964 REUNION**



CARY SHUMAN PHOTO

Winthrop High School Class of 1964 60th Reunion master of ceremonies, former state representative Al Saggese (right) and Reunion Committee member Richard Staff (left) are pictured during the reunion held at the Lodge of Elks. More photos from the reunion will appear in the next edition of the Sun-Transcript.

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### WINTHROP POLICE BLOTTER

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

#### MONDAY, OCT. 7

1015: A Read St. resident reported that his dog was missing. The resident later called to say that the dog had been sleeping at a neighbor's house.

1842: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Washington Ave. for the civil moving infraction of operating without headlights after dark. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1924: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Washington Ave. and Veterans Rd. for the civil moving infraction of a one-way violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator, who was not familiar with the town.

1928: A resident reported that her bank had sent a letter informing her that her Social Security number was on the dark web. The officer filed a report.

2015: Officers responded to a report of a shoplifting at a business in the Centre. A search for the alleged suspect and a male accomplice was unsuccessful. The officer filed a report.

2239: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Shirley St. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

2247: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Shirley St. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

-- An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Shirley St. for the civil moving infraction of operating without headlights after dark. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

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

#### TUESDAY, OCT. 8

0058: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Veterans Rd. for the

civil moving infraction of a stop sign violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator. In addition, the vehicle's registration had expired and the officer stood by while the owner renewed the registration online.

0124: An officer stopped a motor vehicle with a registration revoked for insurance cancellation on Main St. The motor vehicle was towed.

0255: An officer issued parking tickets to seven vehicles without resident parking stickers on Bartlett Rd.

1243: Officers responded to a report of a man undressing on Winthrop Beach. The person was a surfer who was changing out of his wetsuit. The surfer was unaware he was being seen and apologized. The officer reported this is an ongoing issue at the beach.

1302: An officer responded to a report of a hit-and-run motor vehicle accident involving a parked motor vehicle on Harvard St. The officer reviewed video footage and was able to determine the owner of the offending vehicle. The officer located that operator, who said she was unaware that she had struck another vehicle. The parties exchanged information and the officer filed a report.

2241: An officer issued a parking ticket to a vehicle partially blocking a driveway on Summit Ave.

2315: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Dolphin Ave. for the civil moving infraction of having an expired registration. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

#### WEDNESDAY, OCT. 9

0054: An officer responded to a report of loud music coming from a Coral Ave. apartment. Although the occupants of the apartment did not open their door for the officer, they shut their windows.

0153: An officer issued parking tickets to eight vehicles without resident parking stickers on River Rd.

0201: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Shirley St. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

0313: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Main St. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The

officer issued a citation to the operator.

1030: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Pauline St. and Hagman Rd. for the civil moving infraction of a one-way violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1148: A repossession company reported the repo of a motor vehicle.

1254: A report of a dead rabbit on the sidewalk on Washington Ave. was referred to the DPW.

1548: A Trident Ave. resident reported that two tires on his motor vehicle had been damaged. The officer filed a report.

1643: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Winthrop St. for the civil moving infraction of a stop sign violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1803: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Pauline St. for the civil moving infraction of violating the hands-free law. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1815: An officer stopped a person operating an unregistered scooter on Winthrop St. at Atlantic Ave. The officer directed the operator to walk the scooter home and not to operate it until it is properly registered.

1842: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Pleasant St. for the civil moving infraction of operating without headlights after dark. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1917: A Bellevue Ave. resident reported that a laptop computer that was delivered to his house had been stolen from his front porch. The officer filed a report.

#### THURSDAY, OCT. 10

0005: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Highland and Cliff Aves. for the civil moving infraction of a stop sign violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

0023: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Highland and Groves Aves. for the civil moving infraction of a stop sign violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator for that offense, as well as for the additional civil infraction of operating without headlights after dark.

0121: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Main St. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The

officer issued a citation to the operator.

0152: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Main St. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

0204: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Main St. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1154: An officer assisted the parties with the exchange of papers for a minor motor vehicle accident that occurred in August in Governors Park.

1213: A caller reported that her motor vehicle had been struck by a hit-and-run driver while her vehicle was parked on Winthrop St. The officer filed a report.

1457: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Crest Ave. for the civil moving infraction of a number plate violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1942: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Cross St. for the civil moving infraction of using after-market lights on a registration plate. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

2002: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Shore Drive for the civil moving infraction of a marked lanes violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

2345: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Washington Ave. for a civil moving infraction. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

#### FRIDAY, OCT. 11

0108: Officers assisted the Probation Dept. with the arrest of a 59 year-old Winthrop man on a probation warrant.

0428: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Shirley St. with its hazard lights on and ordered the vehicle to be towed. The officer filed a report.

1506: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Shirley and Revere Sts. for the civil moving infraction of a red light violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1538: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Winthrop and Pauline Sts. for the civil moving infraction of a crosswalk violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1638: A tow company reported the trespass tow

of a motor vehicle from Governors Park.

SATURDAY, OCT. 12

0129: An officer issued parking tickets to five vehicles without resident parking stickers on Veterans Rd.

0142: An officer issued parking tickets to six vehicles without resident parking stickers on Cutler and Irwin Sts.

0454: Officers responded to a report of an altercation between neighbors at Governors Park and arrested Alexandre A. Shabunya, 22, of 900 Governors Park, for the criminal offenses of malicious destruction of property with a value greater than \$1200 and breaking and entering with intent to commit a felony.

0911: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Revere St. for a civil moving infraction. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

0938: A report of a dead cat in the middle of the road on Main St. was referred to the DPW.

0952: A person came into the station to report that their vehicle had been struck by a hit-and-run driver on Main St. The officer filed a report.

1018: An officer responded to a report from a Trident Ave. resident who alleged being threatened by a neighbor. The officer will issue a summons for a court hearing to the person who allegedly is making the threats. The officer filed a report.

1359: Officers responded to a two-car motor vehicle accident between a Honda CRV and a Ford Explorer at Shirley and Underhill Sts. Both vehicles were towed. The officers filed reports.

1455: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Hadassah Way and Veterans Rd. for the civil moving infraction of a crosswalk violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1518: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Kennedy Rd. and Overlook Drive for the civil moving infraction of a number plate violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator for that offense, as well as for the civil infraction of not having his license in his possession.

2151: An officer directed a group of youths who were being loud in the area

of Fishermen's Bend to go home for the night.

2207: An officer dispersed a group of youths who were being loud in the area of Sea View Ave.

SUNDAY, OCT. 13

0006: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Shirley St. for the civil moving infraction of failing to stop for a traffic control sign or signal. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

0058: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Shirley St. and Hawthorne Ave. being operated by a person with an expired license (which is a criminal offense) that was non-renewable for failure to pay excise tax. The officer directed the operator to park the vehicle in a legal space until the operator's sister could come to take possession of it. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

0154: An officer issued parking tickets to seven vehicles without resident parking stickers at Locust and Cross Sts.

0655: An officer directed the owner of a motor vehicle parked at a fire hydrant on Coral Ave. to move the vehicle.

0823: A person involved in a previous call came into the station and caused a disturbance. The officers arrested Michael Gauthier, 34, of Lowell, for the criminal offenses of disorderly conduct, resisting arrest, and making a threat to commit a crime.

1408: A resident came into the station to report being the victim of a larceny. The officer filed a report.

1952: An officer issued a parking ticket to a vehicle partially blocking a driveway on Somerset Ave.

#### MONDAY, OCT. 14

0147: An officer issued parking tickets to six vehicles without resident parking stickers on the upper end of Shirley St.

0149: An officer issued parking tickets to six vehicles without resident parking stickers on Atlantic St.

0619: An officer responded to a report of a beeping noise in the area of Edgehill Rd. The officer discovered that the source of the noise was a smoke detector that had been discarded in a trash bin.

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# Enrollment now open for Massachusetts Home Energy Assistance Program

Special to the Transcript

The Massachusetts Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities announced that the Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) enrollment period for the 2024-2025 winter heating season will open on October 1. This critical program provides financial relief to eligible households to help them pay their winter heating bills, ensuring they can keep their homes safe and warm during the colder months.

HEAP is a free, state-wide resource that assists eligible renters and homeowners by paying a portion of their winter heating bills directly to their heating companies. Starting Oct. 1, homeowners and

renters can apply online or through local administering agencies across the state. The assistance period runs from Nov. 1, 2024, to April 30, 2025. HEAP offers grants that do not need to be repaid; however, households must meet specific eligibility requirements to qualify.

“No resident should have to worry about heating their home during the winter,” said Secretary of Housing and Livable Communities Ed Augustus. “With high costs continuing to strain household finances, the Home Energy Assistance Program is more critical than ever. We urge anyone in need of heating assistance to explore their eligibility by applying online or visiting the nearest administering

agency. Please share this valuable information with loved ones or neighbors who could benefit from this support during the colder months.”

Eligibility is determined by several factors, including household size and the combined gross annual income of residents 18 and older. Qualifying households, including those with the cost of heat included in the rent, can receive assistance for all heating sources, including oil, electricity, natural gas, propane, kerosene, wood and coal. Households do not need to be on public assistance or have unpaid heating bills to qualify.

For more information find your local HEAP agency.

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of the Gorman-Fort Banks PTO. “I’m hopeful about the energy in the community, the things we have been hearing, the questions we have been getting are really motivating and inspiring; just seeing how much people care about our town and our schools and our children.”

Courtney Woodward, who has also been volunteering for the Yes for Winthrop Kids campaign, said that the override vote could be a big turning point for the town.

“If this does not get passed, there will be substantial consequences to the kids and the schools, as well as to our entire community,” she said. “What we are doing now is not just investing in the schools, but investing in Winthrop as a whole.”

Parent Ashley Blackburn said her concern is with potential cuts to staff and support for students if the override vote does not pass.

Blackburn noted that the town has not gone for an override vote in 15 years, and asked if the money allotted in the current override would extend to help pay costs beyond three years.

School committee member Gus Martucci, who chairs the finance subcommittee said the school committee is currently stating that the override can help carry the budget through for three years, but added that he hoped it could be longer than that.

“I’m hopeful that our revenues will be better than we think,” said Martucci. “Budgeting is a crapshoot, there are two things, we have revenue and expenses. Revenue is state, local, and expenses are expenses.”

Martucci said the school department looks at past history and last year’s budget to try to determine what the budget needs will be in the future.

“We try to get it as best we can based upon that, as close as we can, sometimes things come in bet-

ter, sometimes they come in worse,” said Martucci. “I think they are going to be better, the glass half full. So I think it is going to last longer than three years.”

While Martucci said he is hopeful the money from the override will extend beyond three years, it is likely the schools will have to go for another override when the money’s gone.

Superintendent of Schools Lisa Howard said she and superintendents across the state have spoken about making state and federal grants equitable by community to help with the budget crunch school districts are facing.

“There is some hope there, it took the state a good 20 years to adjust the Chapter 70 formula,” said Howard. “I think strategically, Mr. Martucci talked about potentially it could help us for three years and maybe at the end of the three years we need more. If you look at our history of strategic planning and strategic use of the funds that we do have, we have gotten really good at that.”

“I’m proud of that in one way, but I’m annoyed by that in another way that we really have to rack our brains to find outside resources and revenues to run the schools,” she continued. “But our track record is pretty good at not having to come back to the community and ask the community for more money, if in fact we can do it differently.”

School Committee member Suzanne Leonard praised Howard for her attention to the details of the budget and making the most of what the district has for funds.

“When we sit here and Lisa talks about needing to find money and what they have had to do, this woman is a marvel,” said Leonard. “It is a marvel what you have done with so little for so long. Please know, at least from my personal perspective as a school committee member, this budget is being

maintained incredibly ethically, I cannot imagine a more ethical management for a school budget.”

Council President Jim Letterie said one of the most important things coming out of the override effort is the creation of an educational stabilization account.

“This is going to enable us to put some of that money aside, more or less for like a rainy day type of thing,” said Letterie. “Of the council, I want to enact new financial policies that will also try to add money to that to try to extend the life of this override. In the end, we want to provide the best school situation we can.”

Howard said that if the override does not pass, it could lead to the loss of staff and increased class sizes and fewer extracurricular activities. She said those activities are essential to help maintain the emotional and mental health of students.

“Athletics, it’s not required to have athletics, but I can tell you that a large majority of students at the high school level, they show up to school because we have athletics,” said Howard. “They might like English, they might like math, but they are motivated to be there because that is something that gives them a reason to continue.”

The superintendent said the majority of the school budget comes down to staffing.

“The majority of our budget is staffing to teach children,” Howard said. “So when your budget has to be reduced and you still have to have electricity, you still have to have heat, you still have to pay the telephone bill, you still have to pay all the things that are required to keep school buildings physically open, those things can’t be touched. Other things that can’t be touched are specialized instruction and other mandates, so it comes down to other programs that are not mandatory.”



Shown above and below, Winthrop students participating in various activities offered by the Rise & Shine Afterschool Program.

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their caregivers can engage in meaningful social interaction and play,” said Ashley Asquith, Program Lead for Rise & Shine. “With this grant funding, we can continue to provide a welcoming space that fosters early development, exploration, and creativity.”

The playgroup spaces are equipped with engaging learning materials tailored to the unique needs and interests of infants and toddlers. The environment is designed to promote exploration, creativity, and cognitive development in a fun and supportive setting, while providing a much-needed opportunity for socialization among children and their caregivers. Additionally, through an ongoing partnership with Project Play, a parent-led initiative in Winthrop aimed to provide social and creative programming to young chil-



dren and their caregivers, Rise & Shine will also in-

clude gross motor play in the gymnasium each day.


Deborah Kneeland Keegan, Executive Director of FKO, expressed her gratitude for the grants, stating, “This funding will allow us to maintain the level of service our families have come to rely on. We are excited to continue offering this essential resource to the community.”

For more information about Rise & Shine or to learn how to get involved, please visit <https://fkoafterschool.org/rise-and-shine/> or contact Ashley Asquith at [asquith@fkoafterschool.org](mailto:asquith@fkoafterschool.org).

For Kids Only Afterschool (FKO) is a leading provider of high-quality afterschool north of Boston. With nearly forty years of experience, FKO programs offer safe and nurturing environments where children can learn, grow, and thrive beyond regular school hours.



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## OUR Opinions

### IT'S HALLOWEEN SEASON — ENJOY IT SAFELY!

With the Halloween season reaching its peak of festivities this weekend through Halloween Night next Thursday, we urge all of our readers to celebrate the season in a safe and responsible manner.

Halloween has become big business in recent decades (Americans will spend \$11.6 billion celebrating the holiday this year, up from \$3.3 billion in 2005) not only for children, but for adults as well. The holiday has come a long way since we carried those little cardboard UNICEF donation boxes for starving children while trick-or-treating in our neighborhood, which we then would turn in the next day to the sisters at our parochial school. Halloween today has become as much a party season for adults as for kids.

There are two things that are absolute musts for every adult who will be partaking in the festivities. First and foremost, no one should be driving under the influence. Arrests for drunk driving typically spike during the Halloween season. If you plan on drinking, either go with a designated driver or use an Uber or Lyft. Moreover, those who are hosting Halloween parties should make sure that their guests are okay to drive -- friends don't let friends drive drunk.

Second, as for Halloween Night itself, every person operating an automobile should take care to drive with extreme caution and care and to be on the look-out for little trick-or-treaters. Every motorist should be sure to drive slowly, well below the speed limit.

We also would add that parents of teenagers have a big responsibility to ensure that their children -- and yes, teens are children -- are home early and are not drinking. Parents should set an early curfew for their children (after all, Halloween is a school night this year) to make sure their teens stay out of trouble.

All of us need to do our part to make sure that neither ourselves nor our loved ones are added to the grim statistics of the Halloween season.

### A RECORD-HIGH TEMP THAT DIDN'T FEEL LIKE IT

We've been aware that the temperatures have been unseasonably warm for this time of year, but we were surprised to hear that Boston set a record-high temperature on Monday when the thermometer hit 83 degrees, breaking a mark that had stood for 104 years.

In addition to enjoying the great weather, which was incredibly perfect for this past weekend's Head of the Charles Rowing Regatta, the good news about the unseasonable warmth is that we have not had to turn on our furnaces, which not only helps keep down our heating bills, but also reduces our use of fossil fuels to heat our homes.

But the advantages of the record-setting warm weather belie the simple reality that our planet is undergoing climate change at an ever-increasing rate. Every month since June 2023 has been hotter than the one preceding it, resulting in a global average temperature from July 2023 to June 2024 that has been 1.64 C (about 3 F) above what it was before the start of the Industrial Revolution, when humankind started burning the fossil fuels that release greenhouse gases into the atmosphere. Climate experts for years have told us that 1.50 C above the pre-Industrial Revolution temperature is the threshold for catastrophic and irreversible damage to our environment -- and now we are at 1.64.

We have written many times that there is no place on our planet that is safe from the effects of climate change. Hurricane Helene wrought devastation in western sections of No. Carolina, wiping entire communities off the map with epic flooding, even though those places are hundreds of miles from the coastline and were far away from where Helene made landfall in Florida.

So yes, the great weather in October has been wonderful. But none of us should be lulled into thinking that this is a good thing.

### SUPPORT THE OVERRIDE

Dear Editor,

As elected representatives of the parent/teacher organizations for The Gorman-Fort Banks School, The Arthur T. Cummings School, Winthrop Middle School and Winthrop High School, we are writing to encourage our fellow citizens to vote yes on Question 6 this November 5th in support of the proposition 2.5 override to fund our schools.

We believe strongly that the character of a community is determined by how it cares and provides for its children, and that Winthrop's students deserve the best and most rigorous education we can give them. This is not only to prepare them to one day enter the workforce, but to help them become well-rounded, skilled, and engaged members of our community. As organizations that partner with our teachers, we see first-hand the skill, passion, and dedication of our public school teachers and staff. We also see the struggle that teachers and administrators have to provide and maintain even some of the most basic services that we were afforded as school-age children. We strive to provide them with a work environment that offers stability and potential for long-term growth and allows them to continue returning to educate in our town year after year.

The consequences of not passing this override can't be overstated. Cuts to class offerings, loss of staff, increased class sizes, inability to upgrade and replace outdated technology and instructional materials, loss of outside class time activities (the arts, clubs, sports), new and increased user fees for those activities, and increases in pre-k tuition will have a severely negative impact on our students and their

families. This funding is vital for our schools, and maintaining the "status quo" is impossible without it. Our administration has exhausted the extra revenue sources available, and because of the end of COVID-era federal funding programs, coupled with a 43% increase in costs of supplies, capital costs and expenses, out-of-district tuition, and transportation in the 15 years since our last override, we now face a \$3.5 million shortfall for the next school year without increased funding.

Engaged, active students and high-quality schools are good for our community. Our students represent the future healthcare professionals, pharmacists, electricians, plumbers, librarians, and teachers who will be an integral part of our society and the ones taking care of all of us for years to come. In addition to enriching our youth, the district's rating affects the value of our homes. Good schools improve property value, and help keep families in Winthrop. The same families that will take pride and work to ensure the success of the community that has decidedly shown its support in them.

Please vote yes on Question 6 on November 5th, for our children, for our town, for our future.

Signed,  
**The Executive Boards  
of the Winthrop Public  
Schools parent/teacher  
organizations**

### EMBRACING A COLLABORATIVE FUTURE FOR WINTHROP

Dear Editor,

Winthrop Working Together was founded in the spring of 2024 by residents with a common desire to collaborate, share ideas, and build conversation towards a vibrant and sustainable future for

Winthrop. We aim to create opportunities for people in Winthrop to access resources and information about our most pressing collective issues and to work together to address them.

As founding members of Winthrop Working Together, we are dedicated to fostering a community that is compassionate, inclusive, and pragmatic in addressing the challenges our town faces. Winthrop has a rich history, with families who have deep roots here, and it continues to be enriched by new families making their homes among us. Our town has always been a place where middle- and working-class families can thrive in a small-town within easy reach of Boston. We are committed to preserving this unique quality of life for all.

We believe in being law-abiding citizens and good partners to our neighboring communities and to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. In this spirit, we support compliance with state laws such as the MBTA Communities Act. Legal challenges to this law are unlikely to succeed and come at great expense to the municipalities pursuing them. Failing to comply will, at best, result in lost eligibility for critical grant funding - particularly for climate resilience - that our town needs while racking up costly legal bills for ourselves, the taxpayers.

At a time when our public schools are facing a \$3.5 million cut if we fail to pass a 2.5% property tax override in November, our low lying neighborhoods suffer from persistent coastal flooding, and our public safety buildings need a debt exclusion to continue operating safely, it is irresponsible to put ourselves in any position that would further deteriorate our financial standing or exacerbate our budget-

ary struggles.

Rather than expending resources on costly legal battles we advocate for compliance with the 3A zoning laws while continuing to proactively improve development outcomes in our town and, in particular, working to develop local measures to increase housing affordability and prevent displacement. We believe the compliance scenario most recently presented during the 8/27 joint Town Council and Planning Board offers an opportunity to maintain our good standing with the state while updating our zoning code to reflect what we have already built or zoned for.

We invite all residents, including those who may hold differing views to join in open dialogue through our group, Winthrop Working Together. We can be reached on Facebook or at winthropptgether@gmail.com. While we may disagree on certain issues, we believe there is much more that unites us--such as addressing traffic congestion, flood and climate mitigation, and enhancing (and maintaining) the quality of our schools.

We participate in the initiatives we advocate for and are directly impacted by them. We bring diverse expertise and perspectives to the table, all aimed at benefiting our community.

We encourage our fellow residents and local leaders to engage constructively in shaping the future of Winthrop. Together, we can uphold these qualities that make our town special while embracing opportunities for growth and improvement.

Sincerely,  
**Brian Martynowicz  
Scott Mahoney Wright  
Leonora Foley  
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Representatives of Winthrop Working Together**

### 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 October 22, 2014

The Town Council has named Bob DiMento as the new manager of Larsen Rink at the Mike Eruzi-one Center.

The Massachusetts Port Authority (Massport) has announced a \$170,000 contribution to the East Boston Neighborhood Health Center to address early symptoms of childhood asthma and adult COPD in Winthrop. The money will help fund the salaries of community health workers and purchase home health asthma kits for families the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) has identified at risk.

Speaker of the House Robert A. DeLeo received a special award from the Association for Behavioral Healthcare (ABH) for his excellent work in increasing access to addiction and treatment services in Massachusetts. The speaker was lauded

by MGH Revere Executive Director Dr. Roger Pasinski and local health officials for leading the way in the passage of the landmark addiction treatment and recovery bill.

#### 20 years ago November 4, 2004

More than 76 percent of Winthrop voters cast ballots in Tuesday's Presidential election, heavily favoring Massachusetts Democratic U.S. Senator John Kerry with 5540 votes to 3196 for Republican incumbent George W. Bush. However, Bush narrowly carried the nation to win re-election. Ed Markey handily won re-election to Congress. State Senator Robert Travaglini easily won re-election, as did State Rep. Robert DeLeo.

Cindy Levins and Maggie Morris have opened a new gift shop, Luna Boutique, in Winthrop Centre. Maureen (Flaherty) Blade is the new owner

of the Bright Beginnings Nursery School on Veterans Rd., taking over the business from Vicki Russo, who operated the school for the past six years.

The Halloween Haunt for youngsters in Winthrop Centre sponsored by the Winthrop Federal Credit Union was a big success last Friday evening.

#### 30 years ago November 10, 1994

With 66 percent of Winthrop voters going to the polls in Tuesday's state election, local voters followed the state trend, giving large victories to U.S. Senator Edward Kennedy over Republican challenger Mitt Romney; to incumbent Republican Governor William Weld over Democratic challenger Mark Roosevelt; and to Democratic incumbent Congressman Ed Markey over GOP challenger Brad Bailey. State Senator Robert Travaglini and State Rep.

Robert DeLeo did not face opposition. Nationally, voters tossed out many incumbent Democrats, with the Republicans, led by Newt Gingrich and his Contract with America, taking over the House, and Robert Dole leading the GOP in taking control of the Senate. This marks the first time in 40 years that Republicans have controlled both houses of Congress.

The Winthrop Centre Revitalization organization has announced the production of the first edition of a limited series of Christmas tree ornaments which highlight historic areas of Winthrop. The first ornament will feature artwork of French Square by local artist Frank Costantino.

Veteran's Day services will be held in front of Town Hall on Friday, November 11, at 11:00.

DPW Director George

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Safrine told the selectmen this week of the recent rash of widespread vandalism that plagued town property at the Revere St. pumping station and the town's three parks.

**40 years ago  
November 14, 1984**

Construction of the town's sewage pumping station on Revere St., part of a town-wide \$1.5 million sewerage project, is expected to begin soon.

State Rep. Alfred Saggese, who was unopposed in the recent election, said he intends to focus on community and local issues in the next two years.

Caron's Restaurant at 54 Pauline St. has announced it will be opening soon.

Meyer Blumenthal is the new President of the Temple Tifereth Israel and Sandra Pellgrino is the President of the Hebrew Ladies.

Police reported that they raided a large number of teenage beer parties throughout the town this past weekend.

**50 years ago  
November 11, 1974**

Newly-elected State Rep. Alfred Saggese is considered by many to be the new political force in the town.

WHS senior class President Peter Martino, a member of the Student Advisory Council to the School Committee, recently expressed dissatisfaction with the present schedule for study periods, labeling the current set-up as "ridiculous." Martino said that students are being suspended for not attending last-period study classes, even though attendance is not being taken for those periods.

Local Elks member Tony Barrasso recently donated five tables and an electric grill to the Winthrop Elks Lodge. In other Elks' news, local member Salty Frazier has been notified that he is the recipient of the Outstanding Service Award, one of the highest awards in Elkdom, by the state Elks Association.

The Kincade Theatre will present a special showing of the classic movie *Gone With the Wind* this weekend.

**60 years ago  
November 12, 1964**

Construction of the new Winthrop High School is progressing rapidly thanks to the unusually good weather. Only one day of construction work has been lost in the past four months because of bad weather.

The first-ever commemorative service by the local Knights of Columbus will be held Wednesday evening at St. John the Evangelist Church.

Atty. Harold Katz is the new President of Temple Tifereth Israel.

School Committee member George Hill, a member of the Eastern Assoc. of Intercollegiate Football Officials, will fly to Miami this weekend to referee at the Boston College vs. Miami football game.

The Winthrop Rotary Club welcomed four new members this week, Morris Fogel, Robert Boncore, Charles Healy, and Jack Sohn.

Peter Fonda stars in *The Young Lovers* at the Winthrop Theatre.

**70 years ago  
November 11, 1954**

The selectmen have rescinded the appointment of Police Sgt. John Van Dalinda as a special investigator in the office of Suffolk County District Atty. Garrett Byrne after Police Chief William Pumphret informed the town that the town will not be reimbursed by the D.A.'s office for Van Dalinda's services and that Van Dalinda's position is needed by the local department.

Some 300 persons of all faiths this week feted the Rev. Ralph Harper, who is retiring as pastor of St. John's Episcopal Church after serving here for 40 years.

The Jewish community has raised nearly \$100,000 for a building trust fund that may culminate in a combined Congregation Temple Tifereth Israel and Community Center.

The MDC has placed more than 200,000 tons of sand on Winthrop Beach as part of its beach resanding project.

Marlon Brando and Lee J. Cobb star in *On the Waterfront* at the Winthrop Theater.

**80 years ago  
November 11, 1944**

A large turnout of 92 percent of Winthrop voters cast a majority of their votes for Republican Presidential candidate Thomas E. Dewey, the Governor of New York, over incumbent Democratic President Franklin D. Roosevelt, 4640-4415. Winthrop never has voted in favor of Roosevelt in all four of his presidential campaigns, all of which Roosevelt won statewide.

Local voters approved a liquor question that will allow the sale of alcoholic beverages in liquor stores only.

Milton Band, chairman of the War Bond Sale, said he expects to double last year's sales.

Hundreds of local homemakers attended the annual cooking school held at Winthrop Theatre last week that was sponsored by the Mystic Valley Gas Co. and the Winthrop Sun.

Laurel and Hardy star in *The Big Noise* at the Winthrop and State Theatres.

**90 years ago  
November 10, 1934**

A Special Town Meeting will be held in the junior high auditorium for the purpose of appropriating additional funds to finish out the current year for the Welfare Department, the Assessor's Office, the Police Department, and the Cemetery Commission.

Newly-appointed Police Chief William Pumphret and Lieut. Frank H. Douglas made quite a catch the other day when they rounded up suspicious characters at a cottage near Ocean Spray station and found a large sum of money believed stolen from Brockton City Hall by a gang of thieves.

Democrat Daniel J. Honan successfully fought off a challenge by Republican challenger Leonard Atkinson to win re-election in Tuesday's state election. Local voters favored Republican Gaspar Bacon over Boston Mayor James Michael Curley in the race for Governor. Curley won the election state-wide, however.

Mae West stars in *Belle of the Nineties* at the Winthrop and State Theatres.

**100 years ago  
November 13, 1924**

Van Ness Bates, planning consultant to the City of Boston, told the Winthrop Improvement and Historical Association of the plans for construction of an East Boston bridge, which will be the size of the Brooklyn Bridge in New York City, that will span Boston Harbor from Porter St. in East Boston to Fisk Wharf on the Boston side. Bates said the cost of the bridge will be about \$15 million compared to \$20 million for a tunnel.

A large crowd attended the recent Red Cross Revue, produced by local resident Harry Whorf at the Winthrop Theatre, which was Whorf's gift to the Red Cross.

**110 years ago  
November 14, 1914**

Mr. Daniel Hollinger of 75 Main St. is the oldest Republican voter in the state at the age of 99. He has voted for the Republican ticket since 1856 when the party was organized. Prior to that he was a Whig. Mr. Hollinger was born in Bavaria and his father was a soldier in Napoleon's army. He is a chemist by trade and still is in full possession of his faculties.

More than 52 tables were filled for the auction for the Cottage Park Yacht Club Charity Whist and Auction to benefit the Yuletide Charity Club.

**120 years ago  
November 12, 1904**

The Town of Winthrop showed herself to be a good Republican town by giving large majorities to President Theodore Roosevelt and gubernatorial candidate Bates, who lost a close decision statewide to Democrat D.L. Douglas. Roosevelt won by the largest margin ever in Presidential politics, sweeping every Northern state and breaking into the Solid South by carrying Missouri, the first time that state has gone Republican since the war.

**130 years ago  
November 10, 1894**

There will be an Old Folks Sunday at the First Methodist Church November 11. The old people of the town are invited to attend this service. There will be a Bible reading with stereopticon illustrations.

Beautiful building lots, recently laid out, are for sale in the Court Park section of town. Lot prices range from 10 to 25 cents per square foot.

**140 years ago  
November 14, 1884**

Residents should not fail to hear the Alabama students at the Town Hall Wednesday evening. This troupe is, without a doubt, the best band of colored jubilee singers traveling in the East. They will appear in their plantation costumes and render solos, duets, quartettes, and instrumental music.

The Lorillard and Company tobacco manufacturers have issued a plate entitled, Representatives of Professional Baseball in America, which will prove of interest to all lovers of our national game.

More and more people are recognizing the natural beauty of our town and are building permanent homes here. A number of families are locating here now that the railroad is operating during the winter months.

**Eastie's Atlantic Works Gallery announces two upcoming mixed media exhibitions**

Special to the Transcript

Atlantic Works Gallery announced that its November exhibition will consist of side-by-side solo shows by two member artists, one who uses mixed media to investigate the natural world and the other who uses it to comment on American society. Together, their complementary artwork delivers a visual collision that is intended to ask visitors to reflect on and question their beliefs.

Both shows will open on Saturday, November 2, with an opening reception on Sunday, November 3 from 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. There will be a second reception on Thursday, November 14 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. when the artists will talk about their work. The exhibition closes at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 30.

John Greiner-Ferris is an artist who borrows from, and combines, multiple disciplines to create artwork. For November 2024, he uses mixed media to fluidly address the perils inflicted on individuals by modern society. The intentionally lo-tech nature of his artwork is in response to what he believes is too much of an emphasis in the art world on commercialism and salability at the expense of originality and truth, and challenges viewers to question their notion of art.

"My artwork has always been about, and will continue to be about, the individual's struggle to maintain individuality and dignity in the face societal pressures—both real and



It's The Bees' Knees (detail) 2024; acrylic, oil, varnish, lichen, spray foam, imagery, hives, branchin, silicone caulking on canvas

imagined," he said.

The materials and resulting artwork of Takis, a former construction worker, reflect his deep love of nature, the outdoors, and art. He uses everything from found organic and inorganic materials to construction material to investigate the natural world to make what he calls "collage/paintings" whose textural, sculptural surfaces invite the viewer's eye to linger in their complexity. "I want people to really get into the surface of my paintings," he said.

For *Pollination*, Takis, who had been finding bee and wasp nests for years, contemplates and compares the role of bees and artists in their respective societies. "The artist's job is to feed the soul, through art, music, and literature," he said. Takis will be exhibiting nine pieces, and cites influences as disparate as the writings of Hermann Hesse, the paintings

of Cezanne and El Greco, and the music of Brian Eno and Nick Cave.

Greiner-Ferris will be showing a series of six 4' x 3' pieces he began in January 2024 and continued working on right up to October 2024. "They are my response to some of the events and issues that currently are prevalent in the United States, such as economic disparity, divisiveness, school and mass shootings, and our species' ability to destroy itself," he said. "The goal of this exhibition is to use text and images to have a conversation with the viewer. Just as an actor breaks the fourth wall on a stage and talks directly to the audience, I use text and a visual language to break the picture plane to speak directly to the viewer." Because the outcome of the November presidential election will still be unknown at the opening, Greiner-Ferris offers hope and encouragement with the final piece.

Atlantic Works Gallery, 80 Border Street, Boston, MA 02128, now in its twenty-first year, is an artist-run collaborative space for art and ideas located in East Boston. The gallery is open to the public every Friday and Saturday, 2:00 – 6:00 p.m. For private viewing, contact contact@atlanticworks.org. For more information, visit https://atlanticworks.org/.



You vs. The Bear (detail); mixed media, 2024.

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### FIRST CHURCH OF WINTHROP HAM & BEAN DINNER

Photos by Marianne Salza

First Church of Winthrop, United Methodist, held its annual Ham & Bean Dinner on October 19. The parish expressed

its gratefulness for the community's support, which included a bundle of Halloween decorations that were donated and purchased by guests to benefit the upkeep of the church.



Peter and Rosemarie Ottaviano, and Dennis and Mary Corbett.



KB, Karen Traux, and Frank Sullivan.



Richard Tewksbury, Bob and Judith Dion, Florence Catizone, Barbara Servillas, Felicia Tewksbury, Jean and Rich Barry, Christine and Joe Lavagieur, Kathy and Tiger Nelson.



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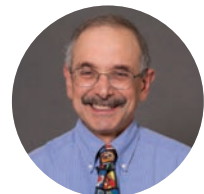
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# Sports

## WHS VIKING SENIOR CHEERLEADERS RECOGNIZED AT MILLER FIELD

Last Thursday the WHS Vikings Football Team and the cheerleaders gathered at Miller Field for the final regular season home game, except for the Thanksgiving Game vs Revere at Miller Field.

Prior to the start of the game the senior cheerleaders were brought to mid-field with their families to be recognized for their accomplishments and dedication to the program.



Senior Brooklyn Banfield with her parents, Nancy and Mike, and siblings, Colin and Lyncoln.



Senior Julia Hurlley with her parents, Dawn and Chris, brothers, Jonathon and Christian, and Grandmother Sandra.



Senior Captain Lylah Cassidy with her parents, Greg and Atiyeh, brothers Declan and Desmond, and her grandparents.



Senior Captain Kate Brodin with father, Derek Brodin, Ken and mother, Koren Streeter and family.



Senior Esther Tewoutchoyo with her dad, Kossi Tewoutchoyo.



Senior Captain Hannah Gorman with her parents, Jenn and Bill, sister Ella, and Grandmother Ann.



Senior Captain Izzy Rice with her parents, Andy and Bessy, and sister, Carol.



Assistant AD Frankie Fabiano with Trish Noonan.

## WHS SPORTS ROUNDUP

### WHS BOYS SOCCER EDGES GLOUCESTER; RANKED 28TH IN D-4

The Winthrop High boys soccer team turned in one of its best efforts of the season to claim a 2-1 victory over Gloucester last Wednesday at Miller Field.

WHS head coach Phil Ronan had termed the contest a "must win" for his squad and the Vikings delivered.

"The team followed the game plan to a 'T' against Gloucester," said Ronan. "They came to play." Fabiano Alcalá Rodrigues scored the first Winthrop goal on a corner and Cami-

lo Balacazar Ceron scored on a header to provide the Winthrop offense.

Two days later the Vikings took on a strong (8-2-4) Marblehead team and came up on the short end of a 5-1 decision. "Marblehead moved the ball, and moved without the ball, brilliantly," said Ronan. "We fell asleep on two corners early which resulted in two goals and we chased the game thereafter. We weren't ready and that's on me."

WHS captain Noah Bayersdorfer scored the Viking goal on an outstanding header off a great free kick that was delivered by Cleison "Junior" Sarnaglia to spoil Marble-

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# Vikings, minus Cappuccio, fall to Swampscott, 38-15

By Cary Shuman

The Winthrop High School football team played Swampscott tough for a half, but the Big Blue offense took command after the break and raced away to a 38-15 victory at Miller Field.

Winthrop played the game without its All-Scholastic running back, Nick Cappuccio, who has been sidelined by an ankle injury.

Swampscott-Winthrop was a 6-0 game late in the first half when the Vikings had an opportunity to score the tying touchdown at the Big Blue 1-yard line, but Swampscott forced a fumble and recovered the football on the penultimate play of the half.

Swampscott scored two more touchdowns in the third quarter before the Vikings would get on the scoreboard on a terrific 34-yard pass from quarterback Matt Noonan to Seth Sacco for a touchdown. Domenic Spinale booted the PAT to close the margin to 18-7.

The Big Blue and their excellent sophomore quarterback, Jon Von Barta, responded quickly with a middle screen pass that receiver Joe Marino turned into a 65-yard touchdown.

Sean Dolen's dazzling 55-yard run, in which he was denied a touchdown by a shoestring tackle, set up Winthrop's second score, a one-yard plunge by Noonan. Sacco's reception of a Noonan pass resulted in the two-point conversion.

## Second half was the difference

Winthrop head coach Jon Cadigan said a combination of turnovers and penalties gave Swampscott an advantage.

"I told the team all week when you play good teams like Swampscott, they're not going to beat themselves, and they certainly didn't," said Cadigan. "Honestly, I didn't recognize the [Winthrop] team that went out there in the second half because we did an excellent job in the first half of defending Swampscott and taking away things in its offense. We just missed tackles in the second half that we didn't miss in the first half and the game got away from us. I did not see that coming in the second half. It's disappointing, because I didn't think it would be a 23-point [deficit] game. I thought it would be a one-score game."

## Dolen the Vikings' leading rusher

Sean Dolen was Winthrop's top ground-gainer with seven carries for 79 yards.

"Sean runs the football very hard," said Coach Cadigan. "He's a one-cut and square up. On his 55-yard run, he broke two tackles and went right down the sidelines. Sean played well offensively."

Seth Sacco (13 carries, 65 yards) and Will Murphy (11 carries, 26 yards) were 2-3 on the rushing charts. Sacco and Murphy each had two pass receptions as well. Sean Dolen (10 yards) and Charlie



**THE HUNTED:** Seth Sacco is about to take down Swampscott quarterback John Von Barta (5) for a sack.



**LEADING MAN:** Riley Moccio (72) leads the way for running back William Murphy (2) as Swampscott's Gabriel Tripp (3) moves in.

Ferrara (6 yards) each had one pass reception.

Matt Noonan was 6-of-13 for 98 yards passing, with one touchdown pass and one 2-point conversion pass.

"Matt had a couple of nice throws and had a touchdown pass," said Cadigan.

## Grein earns top defender award

Defensive end/nose-tackle Gabe Grein was the recipient of the Vikings' Black Shirt defensive player of the game award. Grein made four tackles and had one quarterback sack and one fumble recovery.

Matt Reardon (5 tackles, one sack, two tackles for a loss) and Phil Boncore (7 tackles) also sparked Winthrop's defense in holding Swampscott to one touchdown in the first half.

## The 'start of the playoffs'

Coach Cadigan is rightfully calling the game against Salem High (Friday at Bertram Field) the "start of the playoffs" because a loss in the final two games (the Vikings play Gloucester next week) would likely keep Winthrop out of the playoffs.

"If you win games, you'll be in the playoffs - if you don't, you won't, so you might as well consider these next two games as playoff games," Cadigan told his team. "I have no doubt that we'll respond and play well Friday night."

Cadigan said he would like to play Swampscott again in the playoffs "if it works out that way."



**OUT OF REACH:** Seth Sacco leaps but can't reach a pass as he is defended by Swampscott's Gabriel Tripp (3)



**STRETCH MARKS:** Matthew Noonan (6) has a hold of Nakeylen Davis's (1) jersey, and that was enough to put a stop to the play.



**DIFFICULTY FACTOR:** Nick Romano (8) deals with more than just a block by Swampscott lineman John DiLisio (56) while chasing Big Blue quarterback John Von Barta (5).



**HIGH GEAR:** Seth Sacco steps into high speed to get away from Swampscott's Nakeylen Davis.



**LOSS ON THE PLAY:** Gabe Grein makes a tackle in the Swampscott backfield taking down Henry Beuttler (7).



**BIG PLAY:** William Murphy is about to haul in a long pass that set up Winthrop's first touchdown.



**A LITTLE TOO FAR:** Stephen Calla (10) can't catch up to a sideline pass.



**ON THE SCOREBOARD:** Seth Sacco crosses the goal line near the end of the third period that cut the Swampscott lead to 18-6.



**LEAPIN' VIKING:** Sean Dolen goes airborne to avoid a Swampscott tackler.



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# LOCAL STUDENTS EARN ACADEMIC HONORS

## LOCAL RESIDENTS NAMED TO SIMMONS UNIVERSITY DEAN'S LIST

The following local residents have been named to the 2024 spring semester dean's list at Simmons University in Boston.

- Sara Fucillo
- Alejandra Garrido Fuentes
- Morgan Sullivan

To qualify for dean's list status, undergraduate students must obtain a grade point average of 3.5

or higher, based on 12 or more credit hours of work in classes using the letter grade system.

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## SNHU ANNOUNCES SUMMER 2024 PRESIDENT'S LIST

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ing named to the Summer 2024 President's List. The summer terms run from May to August.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.700 and above for the reporting term are named to the President's List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.

- Ashly Cabassa
- Olivia Gaines

## WHS SPORTS THROUGH THE YEARS

### 10 years ago October 22, 2014

The WHS football team defeated Lynn Classical, 28-14, Friday night at Manning Field, setting up a battle with Danvers that will decide the NEC championship. Dylan Driscoll scored the first Viking touchdown and speedy junior Reise Turansky took it to the house on an 86-yard kickoff return. Driscoll scored the final Viking TD on a scintillating 42-yard run.

The Winthrop High volleyball team, which is in only its second year as a varsity sport, achieved a major milestone this past week when the Lady Vikings earned a pair of wins over Swampscott and St. Mary's of Lynn, with the latter victory qualifying the Winthrop girls for the post-season MIAA state tournament. In the win over St. Mary's, Lady Viking Nina Bartlette was immense, accounting for nine kills, three blocks, and three aces. Haley Holden was a major force at the net and on defense with five kills and six digs, while freshman setter Lacey Scott contributed nine digs and handed out 20 assists.

The Winthrop High girls soccer team battled to a nil-nil standoff with Gloucester Tuesday evening in a contest played under the lights at Miller Field that was highlighted by traditional Senior Night festivities at which seniors Amy Sena, Poli Tsiotos, Nikki Tsiotos, Maura Lanza, and Marina Huechunir were honored for their contributions to the WHS girls soccer program.

The Winthrop High golf team concluded its season with an appearance in the Division 3 North Sectional of the MIAA state tournament Monday morning at the Hillview Golf Course in North Reading. The Vikings placed 12th in the field of 16 schools with a score of 330. Senior captain Mike Rich and sophomore Jack Wallace paced the Vikings with rounds of 81. In the NEC Open, Wallace tied for fourth place in the field, just one stroke off the winning pace, which featured three golfers tied for first. They eventually played a one round playoff in which Sarah Daley of Beverly became the first girl to win an NEC title.

### 20 years ago November 4, 2004

More than 5000 football fans are expected to jam Miller Field Friday evening for a showdown that will determine the championship of the Northeastern Conference when Winthrop hosts Gloucester, which is undefeated and ranked in the top 10 in the polls. Coach Tony Fucillo's Vikings, who are 7-1 on the season, tuned up for the big game with a 48-8 trouncing of Salem in which Winthrop quarterback Anthony Fucillo tossed five touchdown passes. Jarrett Herdt and Deion Fincher grabbed two TD tosses apiece and Jason Griffin caught Fucillo's fifth TD aerial. Griffin also intercepted a Salem pass for his sixth INT in the past three games. Matt Murray rushed for 72 yards on seven carries and scored two TDs.

Freshman Alyssa Martel scored two goals to lead the WHS girls soccer team to a 2-1 win over Mt. Alvernia.

### 30 years ago November 10, 1994

Coach Tony Fucillo's Winthrop High football team improved to 3-4-1 with a 20-7 win over a 2-7 Lynn Classical squad thanks to a strong team defensive effort and a gutsy offensive performance by halfback Paul Ferrara, who rushed for 147 yards on 25 carries, including a touchdown. Paul Struzziero hauled in a spectacular 85 yard TD pass and Albie Maggio scored from one yard out.

### 40 years ago November 14, 1984

The winless WHS football team dropped a 27-12 decision to a 3-6 Danvers squad. The Vikings' lone hope to avoid a winless season will come on Thanksgiving Day when Coach Bob DeFelice's squad meets Revere.

### 50 years ago November 11, 1974

One of the smallest crowds to attend a WHS football game at Miller Field in many years saw coach Bob DeFelice's Vikings fall to 2-6 on the season with a 22-7 loss to Swampscott. The stands on the Winthrop side were virtually empty and even fewer fans are expected this week when 0-7 Lynn English comes to Miller Field.

### 60 years ago November 12, 1964

The undefeated Win-

throp High football team is the talk of the North Shore after Coach Ed MacFarland's team improved to 7-0 with a 28-0 blanking of Saugus in a non-league encounter. Winthrop also clinched its first-ever outright NEC football title thanks to Amesbury's defeat of second-place Andover, which now has two losses and will be Winthrop's opponent this coming week. Steve "The Tank" Adamson, who despite his nickname runs like a deer, once again led Winthrop's winning effort, scoring three touchdowns and gaining 109 yards on just six carries. Adamson many times piled up yardage while dragging would-be Saugus tacklers behind him.

### 70 years ago November 11, 1954

Two recent former Winthrop High grid stars, Steve Miles, who led Winthrop to its greatest grid season-ever in 1951 with an 8-1-1 record, and Tom Trainor, who broke Miles's Winthrop scoring record the following year, will face each other on the college gridiron this week when Miles's Cornell team meets Trainor's Dartmouth squad in Ithaca.

Although the WHS football team dropped its seventh successive game of the season, 33-6 to Wakefield, coach Ed MacFarland said he has some reason to be happy this week after the JV team defeated Revere, 13-6, with Teddy Conley and Jimmy Soper leading the way.

son alone. I love how hard she works and has worked during the year."

Wein and his crew are scheduled to wrap up their 2024 campaign with matches at Peabody today (Thursday) and at Salem tomorrow (Friday).

## Winthrop Senior Center News

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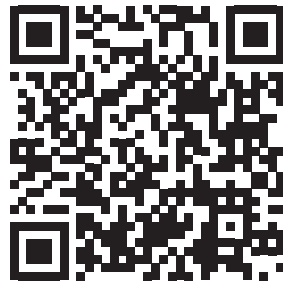
**Monday, October 28**  
9:00am-3:00 pm: Computer Usage  
10:00 am - 11:00 am: Yoga with Trish (\$5)  
11:00am: Grab & Go Lunch Pick-Up  
11:30 am - 2:30 pm: Game Day / Mahjong

**Tuesday, October 29**  
9:00am-3:00pm: Computer Usage  
9:30am-10:30am: Exercise Class (\$1)  
11:00am: Grab & Go Lunch Pick-Up  
12:30pm-2:30pm: Art Class with Dawn (\$6)

**Wednesday, October 30**  
9:00am-3:00pm: Computer Usage  
9:30am-10:30am: Yoga with Trish (\$5)  
10:30 am - 11:30 am: Zumba with Cindy (\$5)  
11:00am: Grab & Go Lunch Pick-Up  
11:30 am - 12:30 pm: Mystic Valley Elder Services Office Hours  
11:30am-12:30pm: Tai Chi / Qi Gong (\$5)  
1:15pm-2:45pm: Italian Class

**Thursday, October 31**  
9:00am-3:00pm: Computer Usage  
9:30am-10:30am: Exercise Class: (\$1)  
12:00pm-12:30pm: Dine -In/Grab and Go Lunch Pick Up  
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**Friday, November 1**  
9:00 am - 12:00 pm: Computer Usage  
9:00am-10:00am: Yoga with Trish (\$5)  
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head's clean sheet.

The Vikings, who now stand at 6-9-1 on the season, are ranked 28th in the MIAA's Division 4 Power Ratings. If the Vikings maintain that ranking, they will qualify for the post-season state tournament.

Ronan and his crew have two games left on their schedule as of press time. They were scheduled to host Arlington Catholic yesterday (Wednesday) for Senior Night in what Ronan termed "another must-win game." They will entertain Manchester-Essex, the 5th-ranked team in D-4, in the season finale next Monday under the lights at 6:00 at Miller.

## WHS CROSS COUNTRY TEAMS TO COMPETE IN NEC MEET SUNDAY

The Winthrop High boys and girls cross country teams will compete in the annual Northeastern Conference (NEC) Meet this Sunday morn-

ing at Stage Fort Park in Gloucester.

Coach Eric Ferguson's squads traveled to NEC rival Danvers this past week for their final dual meet of the season.

On the boys' side, Gabriel Perez finished second overall with a time of 18:17 and Brody Burrill finished third overall in a clocking of 18:32. Owen Nargi, Liam Natareno, and Sean Mcgloin rounded out the top five runners for the Vikings.

The top five girls were Vienna Cardoza, Haley DeMarco, Bailey Ferguson, Aitana Bartolome and Emma Holgersen.

## VOLLEYBALL TEAM HOLDS SENIOR NIGHT

The Winthrop High girls volleyball team held its annual Senior Night festivities this past Monday in which the team's members from the Class of 2025 were honored for their contributions to the WHS volleyball program.

Although the Vikings came up on the short end of a 3-0 decision to Revere, WHS head coach Jeremy Wein lauded the efforts of many of his players.

"We had energy to start and then it went away towards the middle of the second set," said Wein. "It came back midway into the third set, but it was too late. Zoey Bogusz and Sofia Gonzalez ran everywhere on the court chasing down tips and errant passes. Tina Fabiano and Sebastian Yeoes had some great passes off of great serves. Helena Gajica and Ana Gajica were everywhere in the front row. Ana even dove for a ball. Sam Correa Betancur's serving helped us stay alive.

"We talk all the time about making mistakes being fine so long as you battle to improve," Wein continued. "Lily Conway made two mistakes in a row and then smashed the ball on the next two hits. She was a star for that rea-

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# OBITUARIES

## Thomas E. Brazil

Registered Nurse

Thomas E. Brazil, a veteran and compassionate registered nurse, passed away on October 22, 2024, at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, Massachusetts. He was born on October 7, 1944, in Boston.

Thomas bravely served in the Air Force before transitioning to a career in healthcare. After his discharge, he pursued his passion for helping others as a registered nurse in multiple hospitals and nursing homes. Throughout his career, Thomas touched countless lives with his kindness, expertise, and unwavering commitment to providing exceptional care to those in need.

Thomas E. Brazil will

be deeply missed by his family, friends, colleagues, and all those whose lives he touched. His legacy of compassion and selflessness will continue to inspire and be remembered fondly by all who had the honor of crossing paths with him.

Rest in peace, Thomas E. Brazil. Your kindness and dedication will always be cherished and remembered.

He was the beloved son of the late Mary (Maloney) and Bernard J. Brazil, the dear brother of Catherine Lowney, Ellen Powers, Theresa Brazil, Brian Brazil, John Brazil, Donna Rogers and the late Bernard Brazil, Gerald Brazil, Dorothy Wilkie, Patricia Lennon, Regina Panzini, Anne Marie Brazil, Robert Brazil and Barry Brazil. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Family and friends are cordially invited to attend the visitation from the Caggiano-O'Maley-Frazier Funeral Home, Winthrop today, Thursday, October 24 from 4 to 7 p.m. A Celebration of Life service will be held in the funeral home at 6:30 p.m.

To sign the online guestbook, go to [caggianofuneralhome.com](http://caggianofuneralhome.com).

## Robert V. DeBonis, Jr.

He will be remembered for his dedication, kindness, and unwavering loyalty to this community

Robert V. DeBonis, Jr., a beloved member of the Winthrop community, passed away on October 19, 2024, at the age of 64. He was born on September 22, 1960 and raised in Winthrop, where he left an indelible mark on those around him.

Robert's passion for football shone brightly from a young age. He attended Winthrop High School, where he excelled on the football field, showcasing his talent and dedication. After graduating in 1978, he continued his football journey at the University of Massachusetts Amherst, embodying the spirit of a true athlete.

Driven by a thirst for knowledge and a commitment to excellence, Robert pursued a degree in engineering at Wentworth Institute of Technology. His career as an engineer in plumbing at BR+A was marked by professionalism and innovation, earning him respect among his peers.

However, Robert's love for football never waned. Transitioning from player to coach, he shared his wisdom and passion with the next generation at Saint Dominic Savio High School and Lynnfield High School, leaving a lasting impact on countless young athletes.

Beyond the football field, Robert found solace in the tranquility of fishing. His membership in the Winthrop Elks, the Winthrop Yacht Club, and the Winthrop Golf Club spoke to his love for community and camaraderie, where he formed lasting friendships and cherished memories.



Robert V. DeBonis, Jr. will be remembered for his dedication, kindness, and unwavering loyalty to his community. His legacy lives on in the hearts of those who had the privilege of knowing him. May he rest in peace.

He was the loving father of Robert J. DeBonis and the dear brother of Michael DeBonis and his wife, Elke of Winthrop, Laurie Pape and her husband, Kevin of Swampscott and Matthew DeBonis of Delray Beach, Florida; beloved son of the late Jacquelyn (Slaney) and Robert V. DeBonis, Sr. and the former husband of Melinda (Maloney). He is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

The funeral will be conducted from the Caggiano-O'Maley-Frazier Funeral Home, Winthrop today, Thursday, October 24, 2024 at 9 a.m. followed by a Funeral Mass in St. John the Evangelist Church, 320 Winthrop St., Winthrop at 10 a.m. Services will conclude with the interment in the Cross Street section of Winthrop Cemetery.

To sign the online guestbook, go to [www.caggianofuneralhome.com](http://www.caggianofuneralhome.com).

## As Halloween creeps closer, NFPA urges public to keep fire safety in mind

Special to the Transcript

As Halloween creeps closer, fire safety hazards lurk among many of the holiday's festivities and celebrations. According to the National Fire Protection Association@ (NFPA@), between 2018 and 2022, an annual average of 835 home structure fires began with decorations, resulting in three deaths, 30 injuries, and \$14 million in direct property damage. Nearly half (47 percent) of these fires occurred because the decorations were too close to a heat source; approximately one-third (32 percent) started with candles.

With these and associated safety risks in mind, NFPA is encouraging everyone to take simple precautions that can help ensure a fire-safe holiday.

"Decorating with jack-o-lanterns and other seasonal items, costume parties, and trick-or-treating all present potential fire hazards," said Lorraine Carli, vice president of NFPA. "But that's no reason to let Halloween spook people. With a little added awareness and caution, the vast majority of these risks can be prevented."

NFPA offers these tips and guidelines for enjoying a festive Halloween:

• **Decorations:** Many common decorations like cornstalks, crepe paper, and dried flowers are very flammable. Keep these and similar decorations far away from any open flames or heat sources, like candles, heaters, and light bulbs.

• **Candles:** Using candles as decoration can be risky if not done correctly. Keep them in a well-attended area out of the path of potential trick-or-treaters. Remind children of the dangers of open flames, and make sure they are always supervised when candles are lit. Always extinguish candles before leaving an area.

• **Jack-o-lanterns:** Glow sticks or electric candles are the safest choice when it comes to lighting up your jack-o-lantern, but if you choose to use a real candle, do so with extreme caution. Light a candle inside a jack-o-lantern using long fireplace matches or a utility lighter and keep it away from other decorations.

• **Costumes:** Avoid fabric that billows or trails behind you, as these can easily ignite. If you are making your own costume, avoid loosely woven fabrics like linen and cotton, which can be very flammable.

• **Visibility:** Give children flashlights or glowsticks for lighting, these can even be incorporated into the costume. If your child has a mask, ensure the eye holes are large enough for them to see clearly.

• **Smoke Alarms:** This is a great time to make sure your smoke alarms are in working order.

• **Exits:** Exits are NOT an appropriate place for decorations. When decorating, ensure that nothing is blocking escape routes, including doors and windows.

Visit the NFPA Halloween safety page for more resources of how to stay safe. Get NFPA's Halloween Fire Safety Bundle featuring Sparky the Fire Dog® for frightfully fun activities for kids and families. Visit [sparky.org](http://sparky.org) for kid friendly fun.

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see and be seen by drivers.

• Join kids under age 12 for trick-or-treating.

• Slow down and be alert!

• Remind kids to cross the street at corners or crosswalks.

• When selecting a costume, make sure it is the right size to prevent trips and falls.

• Prepare for the scare.

• Give kids a refresher on traffic safety.

• Increase your child's visibility.

• Encourage kids to stay together.

• Have kids stick to familiar, well-lit areas.

## BOSTON-AREA LANDLORD ARRAIGNED ON FRAUD CHARGES

A landlord with properties in East Boston, Chelsea and Revere was arraigned on charges related to fraudulent applications for pandemic-era housing relief in Suffolk Superior Court on October 17, 2024.

Steven Stoico is charged with 3 counts of Larceny Over \$1,200, 4 counts of Attempt to Commit Larceny Over \$1,200, and 1

count of Solicitation to

Commit Larceny Over \$1,200 for allegedly filing seven false applications for rental assistance during the pandemic. Three of the seven fraudulent applications were granted allegedly resulting in payments of \$95,400 to Stoico. The remaining four applications that sought \$136,200 in rental assistance were denied.

"I want to thank Attorney General Campbell's team and the OIG investigative team for pursuing this case," Inspector General Jeffrey S. Shapiro said. "Given the high cost of housing, misuse of rental assistance, as alleged in this case, is egregious. Therefore, it is imperative that people who abuse these government resources are held accountable."

The Office of the Inspector General investigated the case and the Attorney General's Office is prosecuting the case.

The charges are allegations. The defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT Suffolk Probate And Family Court 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 (617)788-8300 CITATION ON PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME Docket No. SU24C0483CA In the matter of: Lucas Henrique Do Valle Rezende

Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Date: October 01, 2024 Stephanie L. Everett, Register of Probate 10/24/2024 W

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT Suffolk Probate And Family Court 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION TO EXPAND THE POWERS OF A GUARDIAN Docket No. SU24P0333GD

In the Interests of: George Burbine Of: Winthrop, MA RESPONDENT Incapacitated Person/ Protected Person To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Brigham & Women's Hospital of Boston, MA in the above captioned matter requesting that the court: Expand the powers of a Guardian The petition asks the court to make a determination that the powers of the Guardian and/or Conservator should be expanded, modified, or limited since the time of the appointment. The original petition is on file with the court. You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 11/12/2024. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which. You have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date. IMPORTANT NOTICE The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense. WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Date: October 10, 2024 Stephanie L. Everett Register of Probate 10/24/24 W

Communities as currently in effect or as amended shall be voted upon by the registered voters in the Town of Winthrop by ballot question, and not by the Winthrop Town Council. 2. Any final approval of proposed change(s) to the current Winthrop zoning laws or districting in order to comply with G. L. c. 40A, §3A shall be a ballot question voted upon the registered voters of the Town of Winthrop. A copy of the petition may be reviewed in the Town Clerks Office, Room 5, Winthrop Town Hall, during regular town business hours. Denise Quist Town Clerk 10/24/24 W

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
TOWN OF WINTHROP TOWN COUNCIL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Notice is hereby given that on October 29, 2024 at or about 6:30 p.m. in the Harvey Hearing Room, Winthrop, MA the Town Council will hold a public hearing upon the petition of the Winthrop Says No To 3A Committee seeking to amend the Town of Winthrop Zoning Ordinance, Section 17, by adding proposed Section 17.04.060 which reads: 1. Any plan to considered and/or voted upon in order to comply with G. L. c. 40A, §3A and/or associated guidelines of the Executive Office of Housing and Livable

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TOWN OF WINTHROP LEGAL NOTICE IFB 2025-42 Heating/A.C. Unit Replacement Control Room The TOWN of WINTHROP invites sealed bids from Contractors for : Heating/A.C. Unit Replacement Control Room. Bids will be received

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(5%) of the value of the bid, including all added alternates. Invitation for Bid. It is the sole responsibility of the contractor to ensure they have received any and all addenda prior to the bid opening. The TOWN OF WINTHROP reserves the right to waive any informalities in any or all bids, or to reject any or all bids, if it be in the public interest to do so. TOWN OF WINTHROP Dylan Cook, MCPPD, MPA Procurement Officer/CFD 10/24/24 W



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# LARGE CROWD ATTENDS CAMPAIGN RECEPTION FOR REP. JEFF TURCO

Photos by Cary Shuman

Rep. Jeff Turco looked out at the massive crowd inside the Beachmont VFW Friday night and said he was “overwhelmed” by the turnout.

The tables were packed with supporters, and people from Revere and Winthrop stood on all sides of the large function hall at Rep. Turco’s “Fall Fling” campaign reception.

Sen. Lydia Edwards had the honor of introducing Rep. Turco at the reception.



Rep. Jeff Turco with Town Manager Jim Letterie.

“This is an incredibly successful, beautiful community event and reception for our friend, Jeff Turco,” said Edwards, pausing for the audience to warmly applaud her popular 6-foot-6-inch colleague and fellow attor-

ney-at-law.

Edwards said she and Rep. Turco are not always standing on the same side on issues affecting residents in the district.

“We work together consistently to represent and fight for Revere and Winthrop,” said Edwards. “Jeff and I may not agree on every single thing, but that’s become a special thing. People who care about things don’t have to see things the same way to demonstrate that you love, you care, and you’re willing to fight for a community. We push each other, and that’s a good thing.”

Edwards told the warm-hearted story of how she joined Rep. Turco and his wife, Melissa Turco, for dinner at their home.

“You can have different backgrounds, different ways of doing things, and you can still come together and have a good meal,” related Edwards. “I’m honored to call you a friend and to fight [for the best interests of Winthrop and Revere residents] with you. And I’d love to come back again for dinner.”

Turco, who is unopposed in the Nov. 5 election, told the gathering that he, Sen. Edwards, and Rep. Jessica Giannino “work every day to try to improve the quality of life for the people of our district.”



Rep. Jeff Turco with Anthony Parziale, Martin Finn, and Leo Haskell.



Rep. Jeff Turco, with Chris Buonopane and William Harris (right).



Rep. Jeff Turco, with former Selectman Martin O'Brien, Luis C. Hincapie and Duber M. Gutierrez.



Rep. Jeff Turco, with his wife, Melissa Turco, and their children, Rosario Turco, Joseph Turco, Matteo Turco, Grace Turco, and Dominic Turco.



Rep. Jeff Turco, with Boston Carmen’s Union Local 589 Vice President Bill Berardino and Delegate Ed Cora.



Rep. Jeff Turco, with Fire Lt. John Rich and Firefighter Adnan Ramadani.



Rep. Jeff Turco and Legislative Aide Kaitlyn Carter.

Turco recounted a story of the assistance that he can be called up to provide for his constituents.

“Someone called me and said his wife, who is from Laos, got a learner’s permit and took the driver’s license test and passes the test. Months go by and she never gets her license. She goes to the Registry (RMV) and they say, ‘you owe a \$50 fee.’ They told her that her permit had expired.

“Now, here’s a woman with four kids trying to do the right thing. The family called me up to see if I could help. I reached out to the Registry and they said there’s nothing we can do. So [as an attorney], I’m going to represent her pro bono. We went to the Board of Appeals, and three days later, she had her license, and she could drive.”

The audience responded with extended applause for Turco’s successful action.

Turco concluded his remarks by thanking his colleagues in government and supporters. He also expressed his gratitude to his wife, Melissa Carbone Turco, stating, “I couldn’t do what I do every day



Rep. Jeff Turco and his wife, Melissa Carbone Turco, welcome Sen. Lydia Edwards to the Fall Fling campaign reception at the Beachmont VFW.



Rep. Jeff Turco welcomes the Fisher College leadership team, Vice President Roger Perrin (left) and President Steven Rich, to the campaign reception.

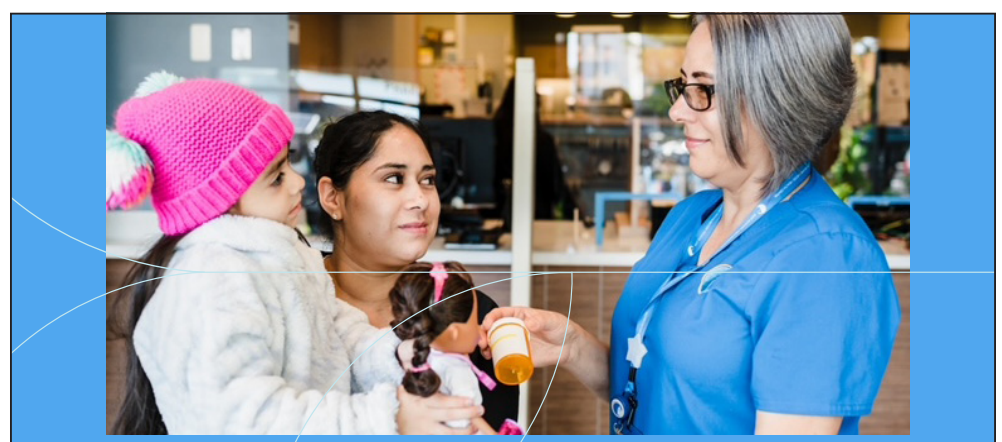


Precinct 3 Councilor Hannah Belcher, Town Council President Jim Letterie, Rep. Jeff Turco, and former Council President Philip Boncore.

without the support of this girl here, the most incredible woman. I always joke with her that I took you from West Revere

and made you a Winthrop mother. She’s just so incredible. We met for the very first time in this room at Anthony’s Petrucelli’s

spring fundraiser. Seven months later I proposed, and seven months later we got married. Twenty years



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