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Planning Bd. makes recommendation on 3A compliance plan

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CARY SHUMAN PHOTO

Shown above, veterans from the Winthrop American Legion Post 145 are pictured in front of Town Hall for the Veterans Day ceremony. Shown below, Principal Speaker, U.S. Army Capt. Kelly Kneeland Dougherty, with members of the Winthrop Youth Football cheer team, pictured before the 2024 Veterans Day Ceremony at Town Hall. See more photos on Pages 4 and 5.

By Adam Swift

The Planning Board unanimously voted to recommend a MBTA 3A Communities Act plan to the town council at a special meeting held at the senior center on Tuesday night.

The town council was scheduled to take up consideration of that recommendation at a special meeting of its own scheduled for Thursday night.

The compliance plan would establish 3A overlay districts at Seal Harbor Road and Governor's Point. The town would also be able to count the town's Central Business District as a mixed-use offset in order to meet the zoning for 882 housing units required by the state under 3A.

During Tuesday night's meeting, several residents and town officials raised concerns about 3A in general, as well as the potential impact the plan would have on the Governor's Point and Seal Harbor developments and the Central Business District.

Eric Halvorsen of RKG Consultants reviewed the compliance plan and Planning Board Chair Christopher Boyce reviewed the role and charge the planning board has had to recommend a compliance plan to the town council.

"In terms of statistics, we have about 26 acres, 23.8 net acres, of unit capacity in those two districts of 669 units," said Halvorsen. "That is zoning capacity, nothing to

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BUY A PIE, FEED OTHERS THIS THANKSGIVING

The Nov. 20 deadline is fast approaching for buying a holiday pie from the Winthrop Community Food Pantry at St. John's Episcopal Church in Winthrop. Delicious Apple, Pecan, and Pumpkin pies are on sale, with all proceeds benefitting Community Servings, a local non-profit that delivers healthy meals to critically ill, homebound individuals in Winthrop and throughout eastern Massachusetts.

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CPYC donates club-record

Special to the Transcript

On Thursday, Oct. 24, representatives of Make-A-Wish, a nonprofit organization dedicated to granting wishes for children living with critical illnesses, visited the Cottage Park Yacht Club (CPYC) in Winthrop for a check presentation ceremony marking a record \$93,000

raised during its Make-A-Wish benefit weekend in early August.

The weekend, an annual feature at the club since the 1990s, celebrates a love of the water, of boating and the sport of sailing, and is a demonstration of the power of a worthy cause to rally a community. The weekend draws participants from several

area yacht clubs and kicks off Friday evening with a gala reception featuring live music, gourmet food and beverage tastings — thanks to the generosity of many restaurants, wine and spirit providers from Winthrop and beyond — and premium silent auction and raffle prizes. It

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Shown left to right, CPYC Past Commodore John Cataldo, current Commodore David Reynolds, Make-A-Wish Chief Advancement Officer George Deveney Sr., and Make-A-Wish Senior Manager, Corporate and Community Partnerships Mariame Sano.

Story & Photos by Marianne Salza

Lifelong Winthrop resident, Nanci Saint George, has had a passion for wildlife ever since she was a child. She would bring home frogs, butterflies, moths, snakes, grasshoppers, and fish to her mother, who reluctantly allowed her to raise a herring gull chick in the family's backyard during summer vacation when St. George was 11-years-old.

The nature enthusiast presented striking imagery of birds and mammals documented around town in her presentation, "Winthrop Wildlife," during the November 5 Winthrop Improvement & Historical Association (WIHA) dinner meeting in the Deane Winthrop House barn.

"I've always had an interest in photography. It

allows me to capture the beauty I see in nature," said St. George. "I think you'll be very surprised at the bird diversity on our little peninsula. It is remarkable."

The mother of two spends much of her time photographing with her Canon camera around Deer Island, Lewis Lake, Winthrop Beach, and especially Belle Isle Marsh. Other notable locations that she captures wildlife include the golf course, cemeteries, Hannaford Park, and Pico Park.

Saint George loves when little ones ask her questions when they notice her taking pictures. The Friends of Belle Isle Marsh board member believes in the importance of teaching children about

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MONDAY, OCT. 28

1132: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Shirley St. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer issued a citation to the operator.
1245: The Animal Control Officer found a loose Yorkie with a pink bow on its head at Main and Banks Sts. The officer reunited the dog with its owner.
1424: A person called the station to report that she was walking her dog on Circuit Rd. when another dog came out of a residence and attacked her dog. There were no injuries. The matter was referred to the Animal Control Officer.
1509: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Putnam St. and Putnam Place for the civil moving infraction of a stop sign violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.
1521: 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.
1657: A Beach Rd. resident reported that items had been stolen from her motor vehicle two days previously. The officer filed a report.
1738: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Main St. for the civil moving infraction of excessive window tint. The officer issued a citation to the operator.
1957: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Veterans Rd. for the civil moving infraction of a stop sign violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

2131: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Revere St. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.
2334: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Sturgis St. for the civil moving infraction of a stop sign violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

TUESDAY, OCT. 29

0119: An officer issued parking tickets to five vehicles without resident parking stickers on Shirley St.
0134: An officer issued parking tickets to 11 vehicles without resident parking stickers on Summit Ave. and Cottage Park Rd.
0954: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Pleasant St. for the civil moving infraction of violating the hands-free law. The officer issued a citation to the operator.
1328: A caller reported that a motor vehicle had crashed into a fence on Revere St. There were no injuries and the fence was not damaged. The motor vehicle was towed.
1654: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Main St. at Paine St. for the civil moving infraction of a red light violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.
1847: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Walden St. for a civil moving infraction. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.
1930: A Shirley St. resident came into the station to report the destruction of property. The officer filed a report.
2001: A Myrtle Ave. resident reported that a neighbor had witnessed a person who resides on Beach St. drag a mattress and box spring and dump them in front of the Myrtle Ave. resident's home.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 30

0119: An officer issued parking tickets to six vehi-

cles without resident parking stickers on Bowdoin St.

0144: An officer issued parking tickets to seven vehicles without resident parking stickers on River Rd.

1023: A Shirley St. resident reported that a motor vehicle had struck her parked vehicle and left the scene. The officer contacted the owner of the other vehicle and the parties exchanged papers. The officer filed a report.
1230: An officer assisted the parties with the exchange of papers at a motor vehicle accident on Revere St.
1501: A resident came into the station to report that he was the victim of a check-washing forgery. The officer filed a report.
1739: An officer served an arrest warrant at a Belcher St. residence and arrested a 35 year-old Winthrop woman. Danvers police came to the station to take custody of the female.
1914: An officer dispersed persons in two vehicles from Hannaford Park, which is closed after dark.
2232: Officers directed a paving company doing work for the town at Thornton St. and River Rd. to wrap it up for the night.
2321: An officer stopped a moped on Kennedy Rd. and arrested the operator, Manuel Crespo, 23, of Revere, on an outstanding warrant and for the criminal offense of unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

THURSDAY, OCT. 31

0154: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Main St. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.
0204: 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.
2127: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Veterans Rd. for the civil moving infraction of operating without headlights after dark. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.
2137: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Shirley St. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer issued a citation to the operator for that offense, as well as for the civil infraction of having an expired registration. The officer escorted the operator to her residence to park the

0242: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Shirley St. for the civil moving infraction of a one-way violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.
0249: An officer issued parking tickets to five vehicles without resident parking stickers on River Rd.
0318: An officer issued parking tickets to 14 vehicles without resident parking stickers on Shirley St.
1208: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Summit Ave. and Revere St. for the civil moving infraction of driving through a construction zone. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.
1317: A wheelchair was reported stolen from outside a Veterans Rd. apartment building. The manager of the building had camera footage. The officer filed a report.
1340: A person called the station to report that a dead dog was in the middle of Main St. The owner came to take possession of the dog, which appeared to have been struck by a motor vehicle.
1529: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Lincoln St. for the civil moving infraction of violating the hands-free law. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.
1556: An officer stopped a motor vehicle with a trailer with an expired registration at the Public Landing. The officer stood by while the owner renewed the trailer's registration on-line.
1613: An officer responded to a motor vehicle accident between a GMC Terrain and a GMC Sierra on Main St. The operator of the Terrain was issued a citation and it was towed from the scene.
1831: An officer directed the owner of a motor vehicle blocking a driveway on Waldemar Ave. to move the vehicle.
2100: An officer directed the owner of a motor vehicle parked at a fire hydrant on Forrest St. to move the vehicle.

vehicle until the registration is renewed.

2222: An officer responded to a Hermon St. residence for a second time and arrested Jame Dara Muth, 29, of Rome, New York, for the criminal offense of assault and battery.

FRIDAY, NOV. 1

0857: A caller reported that a small dog was running loose at Shirley and Nerious Sts. The caller was able to catch the dog and it was reunited with its owner.
1152: A Walden St. resident reported that his wife's motor vehicle had been keyed on all four sides overnight. The officer filed a report.

SATURDAY, NOV. 2

0044: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Main St. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer issued a citation to the operator.
0210: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Shirley St. for the civil moving infraction of a stop sign violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.
0310: An officer issued parking tickets to 11 vehicles without resident parking stickers in the area of Beach St., Irwin St., Mermaid Ave., and Neptune Rd.
1008: An officer responded to a motor vehicle accident on Brookfield Rd. in which a traveling vehicle struck a parked vehicle. The officer filed a report.
1037: An officer directed the operator of a vehicle blocking a driveway on Forrest St. to move the vehicle.
1521: 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.
1540: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Pleasant St. for a civil moving infraction. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.
1651: Officers responded to assist the Fire Dept. at a brush fire on Banks St. The fire appeared to have been intentionally set. The officer filed a report.
2003: An officer dispersed a group who had started a small campfire behind the water tower.
2134: An officer dispersed a group of loud, young party-goers at a Revere St. residence where the parent was not home. The officer filed a report.

SUNDAY, NOV. 3

0124: An officer issued

parking tickets to 15 vehicles without resident parking stickers on Circuit Rd.

0124: Officers responded to a motor vehicle accident at Main and Banks St. in which a traveling motor vehicle struck three parked vehicles and rolled over. That vehicle was towed. The operator and a passenger of the rollover vehicle did not require medical attention.
0820: A report of a dead rabbit in the middle of Sea Foam Ave. was referred to the DPW.
0948: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Main St. for the civil moving infraction of violating the hands-free law. The officer arrested the operator, a 31 year-old Lawrence man, on an outstanding warrant and issued a citation to him for the civil moving infractions of violating the hands-free law and not having his vehicle registration in his possession.
1418: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Shirley St. and Tafts Ave. for the civil moving infraction of a one-way violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.
1614: An officer directed the owner of a motor vehicle blocking a driveway on Prospect Ave. to move the vehicle.
1731: A person called the station to report that her dog had been bitten by another dog on Irwin St. for the second time today. The matter was referred to the Animal Control Officer.
1957: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Pleasant St. for the civil moving infraction of violating the hands-free law. The officer issued a citation to the operator.
2021: 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.
2126: 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.

MONDAY, NOV. 4

0202: An officer issued parking tickets to six vehicles without resident parking stickers at Winthrop and Jefferson Sts.
0214: An officer issued parking tickets to seven vehicles without resident parking stickers on Court Rd.

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All orders will be available for pick up Tuesday, Nov. 26, between 1-6 pm, at St. John's Episcopal Church Parish Hall, 222 Bowdoin St., Winthrop. For more information about St. John's, go the church's website at: <https://www.stjohn->

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NSCS SEEKS VOLUNTEERS FOR HUMAN RIGHTS ADVISORY BOARD

North Suffolk Community Services (NSCS), a nonprofit organization that supports adults, children and families across the lifespan who are coping with behavioral health, substance use disorders and/or developmental disabilities, is seeking volunteers to serve on its Human Rights Committee Advisory Board. The board, which meets virtually 6 times per year and

conducts one site visit per month, helps ensure that NSCS programs promote and protect the rights of all people receiving services from the organization. NSCS serves Chelsea, East Boston, Revere, Charlestown, Winthrop and more. NSCS seeks volunteers with the following experience: psychiatric physician or nurse; lawyer or paralegal; clinician; self-advocate/lived experience; family member of person served. For more information, please call 617-912-7716 or email mmclaughlin1@northsuffolk.org. Learn about NSCS at northsuffolk.org.

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Historic classics highlight opening concert of NSPO this Sunday, Nov. 17

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Music Director Robert Lehmann conducts music of Mendelssohn, Tchaikovsky, and Hindemith when the North Shore Philharmonic Orchestra begins its 76th season on Sunday, November 17 at Swampscott High School Auditorium. Tickets will be available at the door or can be purchased in advance at www.nspo.org at \$30, \$25 for seniors and students. Children 12 and under are admitted free. Lehmann is looking forward to conducting the program that features Felix Mendelssohn's

Reformation Symphony, Tchaikovsky's Variations on a Rococo Theme with Boston Symphony Orchestra cellist Mickey

Katz, and the powerful Mathis der Maler Symphony of German/Amer-

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Boston Symphony Orchestra cellist Mickey Katz will be the featured soloist in Tchaikovsky's Variations on a Rococo Theme in the North Shore Philharmonic's Nov. 17 concert.



Music Director Robert Lehmann will conduct the North Shore Philharmonic Orchestra in its November 17 concert at Swampscott High School Auditorium.

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Winthrop man sentenced for fraudulently obtaining passport to enter country

Special to the Transcript

A Winthrop man was sentenced last week in federal court in Boston for fraudulently obtaining a U.S. passport and then using it to enter the United States from Istanbul, Turkey in 2021.

Azem Gigo Zebic, 52,

was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Denise J. Casper to 18 months of probation, 100 hours of community service and a \$2000 fine. In addition, Zebic's U.S. passport will be surrendered to the government. In June 2023, Zebic pleaded guilty to one count of use of a fraudu-

lently obtained passport.

Zebic was admitted to the United States from Croatia in 1997 after falsely claiming that he had been the subject of persecution by Serb forces during the Bosnian War, according to the U.S. Attorney's office. Zebic falsely claimed, among

other things, that Serb forces had captured, interrogated, beaten him and forced him to pull wounded soldiers from the front lines.

Further, once in the United States, the U.S. Attorney's office stated Zebic continued to make false statements about his

past, including that he had never assisted anyone else enter the country illegally. However, Zebic had, in fact, assisted another alleged Bosnian combatant – Kemal Mrndzic – enter the United States unlawfully by falsely claiming that he was Mrndzic's half-brother. Mrndzic was

convicted in October 2024 by a federal jury in Boston of a 25-year scheme to conceal his persecution of Serb prisoners at the notorious Celebici prison camp, and related crimes. Zebic testified at Mrndzic's trial.

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do with development, just what it would be zoned for, at a density of 28.2 dwelling units per acre. As we have talked about before, the 669 units is below the 882 that the town needs for the MBTA guidelines, so we're able to use the Central Business District as a mixed-use offset to pick up the additional 221 units to a total of 890 units."

Boyce noted that while 3A would require only 15 acres of zoning in the town, increasing the acreage reduces the unit count so it comes close to matching what is already in the districts.

"The 3A zoning that we are talking about and that we are putting before you really only covers Seal Harbor and Governor's Park," said Halvorsen. "The CBD continues to use the zoning the town adopted well before 3A was even a thing, and that will continue to be in place."

Halvorsen noted that at a previous meeting, Boyce and the town manager had raised some concerns about the RPM Fitness not conforming to what people know as the Governor's Park area.

"To address public comment about that, we removed the RPM Fitness parcel from the overlay district," he said.

In terms of meeting the modeling and the guidelines of the 3A law, Halvorsen said he believed RKG was presenting a fully compliant scenario.

"We did work with the town manager's office to submit a pre-application review from the Executive Office of Housing and Liveable Communities," he said. "That review came back a few weeks ago. I've been a part of seeing a number of these letters in the communities that we are working in; their comments were extremely minor, so I would say we have a compliance scenario here."

Under the recommended compliance plan, Seal Harbor and Governor's Point would be considered subdistricts underneath a multi-family overlay district (mfod), Halvorsen said.

"The MFOD is a multi-family housing overlay, housing would then be permitted as of right, but there would still be site plan review by the planning board so the applicants would still be before you with the site plan requirements, just as they would be today," said Halvorsen. "The only thing you would not be able to do is that there would be no special permit provision here. If any new housing was to come before you in those two districts, they would need to provide at least 10 percent 10 percent of those units as deed-restricted affordable housing to households at 80 percent of the Area Median Income."

Halvorsen said he believed the impact of the compliance plan would be extremely low to absolutely nothing because it would be put over existing

housing.

"The zoning parameters that we are recommending for your consideration actually have a lower unit capacity number than the number of units that currently exist today," he said. "If something were to happen to those buildings ... under the overlay at least, they would be built back with fewer units than exist today."

One change that was discussed pertaining to the town's existing zoning by-laws pertains to the CBD.

Following the state pre-application review, Halvorsen said RKG was recommending that the planning board consider removing the special permit provision for payment in lieu of parking provision in the CBD and having it fall under the site plan review.

"You would still have oversight over that, it just wouldn't be a discretionary permit, it would be through site plan review," he said.

Boyce said the proposed compliance plan does address some issues, such as the RPM Fitness parcel, that have been raised in past meetings.

"We're a recommending body in this case, the town council will have a vote on the plan itself, or on yes or no to 3A," said Boyce. "Our mission is to recommend a plan, so we are not the body for yes or no to 3A, I think we made that clear. We have absolutely through this long process heard everybody's comments, heard the concerns from the public, share those concerns, Winthrop is a very dense town."

Boyce said there are already areas in town that meet the requirements of what the state is trying to outline for multi-family housing.

"Our zoning doesn't reflect that, those projects were approved through special permit or otherwise," said Boyce. "So while the zoning in that district may not be the housing density that exists there, those projects were permitted and allowed to go through."

The recommended compliance plan is an opportunity to meet the zoning density requirements in an existing district, Boyce said.

With the CBD, Boyce said the town would get credit for zoning it has already done. The CBD calls for ground floor commercial space with residential units above.

"Ultimately, if this plan moves forward, it is codified in our zoning text," said Boyce. "The only areas that you will see in offset outlined are Seal Harbor Road and Governor's Park. There will not be a state offset for 3A in the CBD."

Boyce said the town is getting credit for those CBD units, and the town will make some provisional changes to zoning in the parking in lieu of fee.

"Nothing that can't be built today in town would be built or developed through this plan," said

Boyce. "CBD zoning has been in place, four stories, mixed use, residential over retail, has been in place for over a decade."

Boyce noted that 3A and zoning is a complex issue throughout every municipality in the state.

"Zoning is not easy to understand," he said. "Zoning overlays are a concern, state overreach as a separate issue is a concern. This is a plan that we feel we have learned the law, we have dug into the zoning requirement."

"We've presented a plan that we feel, if the town chooses, is a path to compliance to keep us eligible for grants that have no real impact on the town."

While not an official public hearing, the planning board did allow public comment at Tuesday night's meeting.

Several residents praised the planning board for its efforts in listening to the public and working

on the plan over the past year. However, several said they still have concerns about how the plan could impact the Seal Harbor and Governor's Point condominiums and potentially, the CBD.

While the planning board does not have oversight over whether the town moves forward with 3A compliance, several residents also spoke out in opposition to 3A in general.

"I want to begin by acknowledging the work that this board has done, it's been a long task and you are doing your job," said Seal Harbor resident Carol Facella. "However, it is a sad day for the Commonwealth when we are being forced to comply with the law that ultimately, I believe, will be found unconstitutional, depriving citizens and treating us differently because we live in a zone versus not in a zone, taking our rights of

property away, taking our right to be treated equally and fairly under the law."

As a Seal Harbor resident, Facella said she would be under state controlled, rather than locally controlled, zoning and would not be able to have a voice in the zoning.

Cassie Witthaus asked what would happen if the town council votes down the plan recommended by the planning board.

"Do you have a better plan that is less impactful in your back pocket?" Witthaus asked. "Would this process look the same and we magically have the density to show, or would there then be more impacts to other neighborhoods that might have less capacity than we have at these apartment and condominium buildings?"

Boyce said it has taken a long time for the planning board and the consultant to get to the current plan.

"I think this is the least

impactful," said Boyce. "We studied other areas, the waterfront district, we don't have another plan waiting in the wings, we'd really have to begin again."

Kathleen Cappuccio thanked the planning board for working hard on its charge to recommend a compliance plan, but said her biggest issue with 3A is that the law has changed without legislative due process a number of times since it was first introduced in 2021.

"That's my biggest problem with 3A is we're being asked to comply with the law, that literally we can sign on the dotted line today and it changes tomorrow," she said. "Past behavior is the predictor of future behavior, so we don't know what we are agreeing to."

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proceeds with two days of racing by youth sailors, three one-design fleets, and a Saturday handicap race for sailboats of all kinds. It also features a fundraising dinner Saturday evening, complete with family-focused raffles and auctions, and concludes with a Sunday afternoon awards ceremony.

CPYC is the regional chapter's oldest partner and an important fundraiser in support of their mission to make wishes come true for children struggling with serious illness, Make-A-Wish representatives said during the ceremony. CPYC Commodore David Reynolds thanked the army of volunteers, led by the club's Make-A-Wish Committee, co-chaired by Past Commodore John Cataldo, Michelle Lentz, Lisa Feingold, whose efforts were essential to hosting a successful event.

"The Cottage Park Yacht Club is proud of its 30-year relationship with Make-A-Wish and we look forward to many

more years of supporting their important mission," Reynolds said.

Planning is in its early stages for next summer's Make-A-Wish weekend,

to be held Aug. 1-3, 2025.

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"It was the best of times; it was the worst of times." — Charles Dickens, A Tale of Two Cities

With the holiday season now upon us, most of us will be rushing about -- either to the stores and malls or online --- to do our holiday shopping in hopes of finding that "perfect" gift for our family members and loved ones.

Although economic uncertainty, spurred by the after-effects of record-high inflation, continues to afflict almost every American household, most of us are doing okay, if not extremely well, thanks to unemployment rates that are near historic record-lows.

However, the strong economy (from an employment standpoint) that is being enjoyed by the vast majority of Americans has not been shared by all. For a sizable number of our fellow citizens, the lingering effects of the pandemic, as well as the fraying of the fabric of our social safety net in recent years, have come together to represent an existential disaster.

Millions of Americans of all ages, in a percentage greater than at any time since the Great Depression, are struggling financially, even if they have a job.

To put it in stark terms, more Americans, including families in our own communities, are going hungry than at any time in our recent history. It is estimated that 13.5 percent (18 million) of U.S. households were food insecure at some time during 2023, exceeding the 12.8 percent number in 2022. An estimated 44.2 million Americans live in food-insecure households, of whom 20 percent are children.

In addition, thanks to the lack of affordable new housing and sky-high rents, far too many of our fellow citizens, including children, live either in shelters or in similar temporary housing arrangements -- or on the streets -- because our economy literally has left them out in the cold.

Millions of Americans of all ages, including those in our own communities, are struggling financially, often through no fault of their own, thanks to a combination of low-wage jobs and a strong real estate market that ironically has made apartments (let alone buying a home) unaffordable. The problem has been most acute in cities such as Los Angeles, San Francisco, New York, and the Boston Metro area, for many years, but now has spread to almost every part of the country. Thousands of homeless Americans, including many who have full-time jobs, are living in their cars or on the streets.

The homeless always have been among us, but the scope and depth of the problem is far beyond anything that has been experienced in our lifetime. The vast discrepancy between the enormous wealth enjoyed by some Americans and the abject poverty being endured by others is similar to what is seen in the major urban centers in South America and India -- but it now is happening right here in the U.S.A.

For these millions of Americans, the holiday season brings no joy.

Psychologists tell us that the Biblical directive, that we should give to those who are less fortunate, is the best gift that we can give to ourselves. Helping others activates regions of the brain associated with pleasure, social connection, and trust, creating the so-called "warm glow" effect.

Never in the lifetime of anybody reading this editorial has the need for contributions to local food banks been more urgent. There will be ample opportunities in the coming days to make the holidays brighter for those who are less fortunate, whether it be donations to local food banks and toy programs, or even just dropping a few dollars in the buckets of the Salvation Army Santas.

There simply is no excuse for those of us who are among the more fortunate for failing to make some effort over the next four weeks to make the holidays brighter for those who are less fortunate.

ON THE OVERRIDE

Dear Editor

I feel the dread, uncertainty, and disbelief that many of you are feeling this morning. Not only on the national outcome of the presidential, senatorial, and house elections, but on question 6 locally.

Our students deserve AT LEAST level service to continue for our schools. Our teachers deserve this too. The future of our community will be built off of how we fund our schools. This will not be the end of the conversation on this question. Our community needs to increase funding to our schools or people will see

their property values decimated as the quality of our schools declines. If people are concerned about the increased cost to their taxes, they have not recently looked into the cost of private school or the cost of private lessons on any of the individual topics like languages, AP topics, or music.

I came away from this election with an understanding that I must be missing something about what people's individual concerns are. I see a contradictory concern about enough accountability in the government smashed against an enthusiasm for handing the keys to folks

who only have their personal interests in mind.

So what now? I cannot sit still and wait to see what happens. I hope you will join me in asking for accountability and transparency from our community's and our country's leadership. There were many folks asking, how can the money from the override only be locked in for a few years before becoming part of the general budget? To that I say, the only way for us to ensure our community is continuing to fund the schools appropriately is to be engaged in the process.

Go out and advocate for passing the override the

next time it goes to a vote. Knock on doors and talk to people. Engage with the councilors and make sure that the stewards of our community are doing their job well. That is not to say that they deserve to receive nasty emails, but nor does it mean that any email asking for accountability is inherently nasty. Let's all work to get to know our neighbors and build a community that cares for one another. The path forward is not clear and will likely not be easy, but it will be together.

Sincerely,

**Cassie Witthaus
Of Winthrop Working
Together**

GUEST OP-ED

Logan Airport and Hanscom Field: A Tale of Two Environmental Reports

By Corinne Doud & Valinda Chan

During October, the Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs for the state of Massachusetts, Rebecca Tepper, approved two very important Massport assessment reports for New England's top two busiest airports: Boston Logan International Airport and Hanscom Field general aviation airport (not Hanscom Air Force Base). Environmental Status and Planning Reports (ESPRs) are prepared by Massport every five years and provide annual updates and long-range analysis of projected operations, passengers, and cumulative impacts of overall airport activity. Logan International Airport and Hanscom Field were both due for ESPR reports in 2022, but the multi-year process means that reports don't receive approval or denial until years after their submission, rendering them more retroactive than planning reports. Both Logan and Hanscom are currently facing community pushback for expansion efforts.

In autumn of 2023, Logan Airport quietly opened the expansion of its international terminal, a move criticized by Logan-Area residents as a misuse of resources during a major air pollution crisis in the area. At a rally on the airport's 100th anniversary, Chris Marchi, the long-time Vice President of the nonprofit Airport Impact Relief, Inc (AIR Inc) addressed the crowd saying, "We should not congratulate this airport while it poisons environmental justice communities. We should be avowing to change. Massachusetts needs to stop excusing environmental destruction for pet projects. When will

this state's leaders finally disown claims that we need to accept environmental sacrifices for the survival of our economy?"

Air pollution, including pollution caused by aircraft emissions, is scientifically linked to major health problems in communities where exposure is high. A Logan Airport Health study found that children in East Boston are four times more likely to exhibit signs of asthma compared with children in other areas. In addition, the study found that adults who have chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) are more likely to have lived in areas of high exposure to pollutants for long periods of time, such as near Logan Airport. The East Boston neighborhood next to Logan is a "hotspot" for many different types of cancer, suggesting environmental causes for these illnesses.

On top of exposure to harmful pollutants, East Boston has the lowest tree canopy coverage in the city, largely because of the infrastructure built for Logan Airport. This contributes to the urban heat island effect, or hotter temperatures. East Boston near Logan experiences the urban heat island effect worse than most other neighborhoods in the region on average. Because of the increase in temperature and worsening of heatwaves caused by urban heat islands, they often lead to an increase in heat stroke, heat exhaustion, and even heart attacks in affected communities according to MIT. As a result of all of this, community members in East Boston are far more likely to fall ill as a result of living near Logan Airport.

Meanwhile, Hanscom Field is facing a proposed

expansion of private jet infrastructure to benefit the ultra-wealthy. The proposed Hanscom Field expansion would allegedly clear-cut about 20 acres of mature woods. According to an independent analysis by Industrial Economics Inc, it would add approximately 6,000 additional private jet flights annually, and about 150,000 tons of carbon emissions each year -- essentially to benefit a privileged few. If the expansion proceeds, private jet emissions from Hanscom alone would cancel nearly 70% of all solar PV ever installed in Massachusetts. Advocates from Boston to the Berkshires and beyond decry this expansion for fueling the climate crisis.

Stop Private Jet Expansion at Hanscom or Anywhere, a coalition of over 95 organizations, is widely known for their work to halt the proposed expansion of Hanscom Field. Last fall they submitted a petition to Governor Healey urging her to halt the massive fossil fuel development, delivering over 10,000 signatures (now 14,000).

Recently, the coalition helped generate over 1,500 public comments to MEPA (Office of MA Environmental Policy Act) on the Hanscom developers' Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) from individuals and organizations, as well as government officials. These comments were overwhelmingly in opposition to the proposed expansion, many of them arguing that the proposed development was antithetical to state and federal climate goals for 2050. In June, EEA Secretary Rebecca Tepper rejected the Hanscom developers' DEIR and instructed them to file a

supplementary report that more fully and accurately reported the expected environmental and climate costs of their project.

Secretary Tepper approved the Hanscom and Logan ESPRs, respectively on October 11 and October 18, stating that each report adequately complied with the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act. However, she included strong caveats with each approval.

Pointing to rising passenger levels and pollution at Logan Airport, the Secretary issued a strong directive to Massport to improve its environmental performance there. The Secretary also ordered Massport to plan additional pollution reduction strategies to address the growth of environmental impacts if passenger or flights outpace forecasts. This idea answers community requests for Massport to stop using inaccurate planning forecasts. She also asked Massport to address the health, air quality, and community impacts of Logan's operations, and required that the Port Authority create a working group with the community to identify ways to reduce Logan's public health impacts, develop air quality monitoring and pollution reduction programs, form partnerships to distribute air filters, create an idling reduction plan, and simplify and improve the pollution reporting process.

Logan Community Clean Air Coalition members are cautiously optimistic about this certificate. Chris Marchi said, "We are eager to work with the Secretary's staff to help Massport implement the full slate of the Secretary's requirements."

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THE TOWN OF WINTHROP AND AMERICAN LEGION POST 146 HOLDS VETERANS DAY PROGRAM

Cary Shuman Photos

The Town of Winthrop and American Legion Post 146 held the 2024 Veterans Day Program Monday on the Town Hall Lawn.

Town of Winthrop VSO Phil Ronan welcomed the large gathering of residents to the program. U.S. Army veteran Richard Honan joined Ronan in leading the speaking program.

William Beattie, son of Michael and Kate Beattie, read a Veterans Day proclamation from Gov. Maura Healey.

David Kennedy, United States Coast Guard Re-

tired, delivered the invocation.

Simon Pelletier of Boy Scout Troop 75 led the group in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Sen. Lydia Edwards,

Judge Advocate General in the Massachusetts Army National Guard, Rep. Jeff Turco, and Town Council President Jim Letterie brought the greetings from the state and the town of Winthrop.

U.S. Army Capt. Kelly Kneeland Dougherty, a 1996 graduate and former scholar-athlete at Winthrop High School, was the principal speaker for the program.

Dougherty delivered an inspiring address that also paid tribute to the generosity, volunteerism, and kindness of Richard Honan, the father of her Winthrop High classmate Christine Honan. "Being a veteran from Winthrop, it's always made me feel that people cared, and a feeling that Winthrop is invested in their veterans, from people like Rich Honan, Phil Ronan, institutions like the VFW, American Legion, and place like the Center Café downtown," said Dougherty. "I've always felt the respect for veterans here in Winthrop is unquestioned."

Dougherty said after graduating from Winthrop High School, she left for college on an ROTC scholarship, earning her Nursing degree from Syracuse University in 2000.

She began her active duty work as a Second Lieutenant within the Army Nurse Corps. Just after 9/11, she was stationed at the Walter Reed National Military Center in Washington D.C. and was soon deployed to Iraq in support of Operating Iraqi Freedom. Her unit was the 86th Combat Support Hospital and it was tasked with following the 101st Airborne Division as it moved from Kuwait

into Fallujah and on to Baghdad, Iraq.

Dougherty recalled receiving a large care package from Richard Honan. "At this point his work is pretty legendary," said Dougherty. It all started with packages he sent back in 2002. I received his first, and I can still remember getting it. It was awesome. He wanted me to know and every soldier that he sent a package to thereafter that nobody forgets them, and nobody forgets what they're doing for their country."

Speaking about her heroic service to her country, Dougherty said, "I don't really identify as a woman veteran. I just identify as a veteran, and I'm proud of my service. I'm honored to be here today in support of the Women Veterans Memorial [that was unveiled Monday in front of the E.B. Newton School]. I hope that when some young girls are running across the street after they get their pizza at Nick's, they see the memorial and know they can do whatever they set their mind to - whether in the military, in business, in police force or fire department. The opportunity is there, and this community will support them and have their best interests at heart. That's what growing up in Winthrop has done for me. From the bottom of my heart, thank you."

Emblem Club 15 led the presentation of flowers and laying of the wreath ceremony.

American Legion Post 145 performed Taps and conducted the Honor Guard Salute.

Tina Marie Calvi sang the National Anthem and God Bless America during the program.



Representing Boy Scout Troop 75, from left, Scott Beuoy, Syrus Sullivan, Michael Beuoy, Wyatt Teixeira, Stella Pelletier, Antonio Sullivan, Simon Pelletier, Reese Teixeira, and Gillian Teixeira.



The Winthrop Fire Department, pictured at the Veterans Day Ceremony at Town Hall.



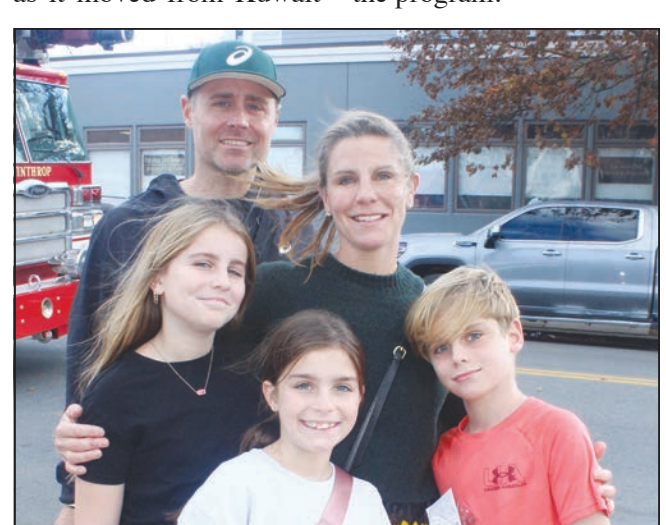
The Winthrop Police Department, pictured at the Veterans Day Ceremony at Town Hall.



Former Town Council President Peter Gill, Lorraine Farmer, and Supt. of Schools Lisa Howard.



Former Councilor Paul Varone, Lorraine Varone, Dorothy Varone, and Patrick Varone.



U.S. Army Capt. Kelly Kneeland Dougherty and members of her family, pictured at the plaque unveiling ceremony honoring women who have served their country.



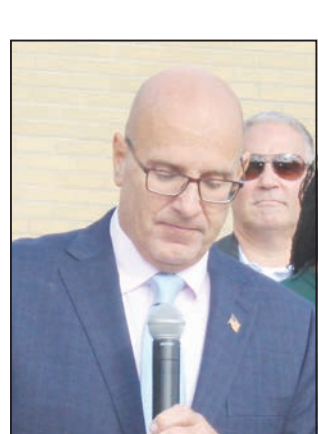
Eighth-Grade student William Beattie reads the Veterans Day Proclamation from Gov. Maura Healey.



Tina Marie Talvi sings "God Bless America" during the Veterans Day Program.



Rep. Jeff Turco thanks the town's veterans for their service to their country in his remarks.



Council President Jim Letterie brings the greetings of the Town of Winthrop to the many residents in attendance.



Sen. Lydia Edwards, Judge Advocate General in the Massachusetts Army National Guard, delivers her remarks.



U.S. Army Capt. Kelly Kneeland Dougherty gives the keynote address at the Veterans Day Program Monday on the Town Hall Lawn.

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ican composer Paul Hindemith. "Significant moments in Protestant history appear rendered though music on our fall concert," Lehmann remarked. "Mendelssohn's Reformation Symphony, his Fifth, quotes the famous Dresden Amen as it commemorates the 300th anniversary of the Augsburg Confession, the basic statement of the tenets of the Protestant faith put forth in the Lutheran Reformation."

Lehmann added that Hindemith composed Mathis der Maler inspired by the work of art-

ist Matthias Grunewald's Isenheim altarpiece that illustrated the Catholic and Protestant forces that rent Germany apart in the 1500's, as well as to call attention to the unfolding parallels with the rise of National Socialism in Hindemith's own time, 1930's Germany.

Soloist Mickey Katz will highlight Tchaikovsky's exciting "Variations on a Rococo Theme." Katz is currently in his 20th year as a cellist with the Boston Symphony Orchestra. A native of Israel, he has distinguished himself as a solo performer, chamber musi-

cian, and contemporary music specialist. He received the Presser Music Award in Boston, the Karl Zeise Prize as a Tanglewood Music Center Fellow, and won first prizes at the Hudson Valley Philharmonic Competition and the Rubin Academy Competition in Tel Aviv. He has been a recipient of the America Israel Cultural foundation scholarships since 1988. As soloist, he has performed with several Israeli orchestras and locally with the Boston Civic Symphony, Symphony Pro Musica, and Hudson Valley Philharmonic.



A day to honoring our veterans, from left, Suzanne Carson, Lorraine Farmer, Lydia Edwards, Mary Barnabym Kelly Kneeland Dougherty, Phil Ronan, and Richard Honan.

WINTHROP HOSTS VETERANS DAY CEREMONY



Lorraine Farmer, pictured with Trish Noonan, and Emblem Club 15 members Brenda Connolly, Mary Jane Mitchell (President), and Claire Colvario.



Town officials and councilors, led by Town Manager Tony Marino and Council President Jim Letterie, join Winthrop's legislative delegation of Sen. Lydia Edwards and Rep. Jeff Turco, Veterans Service Officer Phil Ronan, U.S. Army veteran Richard Honan, Principal Speaker Kelly Kneeland Dougherty, and young guests for a photo following the Veterans Day Program.



Eighth grade Willam Beattie, who read Governor Maura Healey's Proclamation, is pictured with his proud family following the program.



The Winthrop High School cheer team is pictured at the unveiling ceremony for the Women Veterans Memorial in front of the E.B. Newton School building.



Members of Emblem Club 15, Claire Colvario, Mary Jane Mitchell, and Brenda Connolly conduct the laying of the wreath ceremony during the Veterans Day Program.



Winthrop Veterans Services Officer Phil Ronan and Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Betsy Shane.



U.S. Army veteran Richard Honan and family.



The Winthrop High School football team showed their support and appreciation for the town's veterans with its attendance at Monday's Veterans Day ceremony.

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Sports

Vikings falls to Abington 36-14, in MIAA first round playoff game

By Cary Shuman

The Winthrop High School football team had climbed back to make it a one-score game after a Seth Sacco touchdown run with three minutes left in the first half.

“The goal at that point is just to get to halftime and we receive the second half kickoff,” said Winthrop High head football coach Jon Cadigan.

But the Abington Green Wave, led by senior quarterback Michael Reilly, struck for two quick touchdown passes and carried that burst of momentum on to a 36-14 victory over Winthrop at War Memorial Field.

“Those two scores before the half were back-breaking for us,” said Cadigan, whose team had cut the deficit to 14-6.

Reilly, who is also the Green Wave’s left-footed placekicker (he throws right-handed), was a difference-maker all night, all but ending Winthrop’s hopes for a comeback with an interception in the third quarter.

“Their safety [Reilly] made a great play on it,” credited Cadigan.

Sacco was the main spark in the Vikings’ offense in the first half, racking up long gainers on some hard-nosed running. Sacco, who deserves a spot on the NEC All-Star Team, finished with 120 yards in another strong performance.

“We moved the ball pretty well at times, but a couple of drives just stalled out,” said Cadigan. “We had a goal-to-goal situation on our first drive, but we couldn’t convert. It’s playoff football. You have to play four quarters, and you have to take advantage of your opportunities. We left some plays down there, and that’s the disappointing part as a coach.”

The Winthrop defense often forced Reilly to scramble out of the pocket, but he was still able to complete key passes.

“I thought our pass rush was pretty good all night,” said Cadigan. “It’s tough to get a kid like that on the ground. He made impactful plays on both sides of the ball.”

Will Murphy scored Winthrop’s second touchdown on a 10-yard run. Quarterback Matt Noonan’s two-point conversion pass to Sacco completed the Vikings’ scoring.

One of the highlights for Winthrop was a fumble recovery by junior Nick Correa. Riley Moccio also had a fumble recovery.

Winthrop (5-4) will host KIPP Academy (5-4) of Lynn Thursday at 6:30 p.m. in the final tune-up before the Thanksgiving game versus Revere. A victory over KIPP Academy would lock up Winthrop’s third consecutive winning season.



PHOTOS BY BOB MARRA

SPACE SEEKER: Will Murphy (2) looks for running room off the blocks of Charlie Ferrara (11) and Seth Sacco (0).



BRIGHT SPOT: Winthrop’s CJ Cifuni (9) and Nick Correa (30) recover an Abington fumble on the opening drive of the third quarter.

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WHS SPORTS THROUGH THE YEARS

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The Winthrop High football team opened its quest for a state title by handing Hamilton-Wenham a 26-6 defeat at Miller Field in the first round of the Division 4 North state football playoffs. The Vikings will play host to the Triton Vikings (6-2) Friday night 7 p.m. in the semi-final game. Dylan Driscoll ran for one touchdown and connected with Zach Deeb for another on an 11-yard pass. Jordan Atkins and Jake Chiudina scored the other Winthrop TDs. The Viking defense was led by co-captain linebacker Tyler Gillis, linebacker Alex Anzuoni (two key sacks), and Matt Feeley.

The Winthrop High girls soccer team stormed into the Division 4 North Sectional of the MIAA girls soccer tourney with a resounding 8-0 victory at Mt. Alvernia Monday afternoon. The Lady Vikings entered the tourney

as the 16th and final seed in the D-4 North with a 7-9-2 record, while Mt. Alvernia came in as the top seed with a 14-2 mark. However, as Viking fans know, regular season records mean nothing come tourney time. Winthrop plays in the predominantly D-2 and D-3 Northeastern Conference, while Mt. Alvernia competes in the smaller Catholic Conference. That difference in the level of competitiveness experienced by the two teams became apparent from the outset of their match, as the Lady Vikings took control from the opening kickoff. Senior Regina Garufo reached the back of the net three times and teammates Flora English and Amy Sena potted a pair of goals apiece. Keeper Poli Tsiotis earned the shutout in net. Two Lady Vikings were named to the NEC all-star team. Goalkeeper Tsiotis earned first team All-Conference honors and Mackenzie Chiudina

was named to the second team.

The Winthrop High volleyball team, which qualified for the post-season state tourney in only its second year as a varsity program, defeated Essex Tech 3-1 last week in a first-round encounter. The Lady Vikings, who entered the Division 3 North tourney as the 10th seed with an 8-8 record, engaged Essex, the seventh seed with a 12-7 mark, in a fierce struggle in which the first two games were decided by the narrowest of margins, 25-23 and 28-26. Essex took the third game, 25-16, but the Lady Vikings reasserted control in the fourth game, 25-16, to claim the victory. Junior Nina Bartlette, who was named to the first team of the Northeastern Conference all-star team as a middle blocker, was a force for Winthrop with 10 kills, 11 service aces, and six digs. Sophomore Haley Holden, who was named to the second team

all-NEC squad, also was immense up front with eight kills and four blocks. Sophomore Allie Love likewise was a power at the net with seven kills and 10 digs. Freshman setter Lacey Scott, who also earned second-team NEC all star honors this season, contributed 26 assists and 12 digs. Sophomore Maddie Finga'a and senior Abbie Love added nine digs apiece. Junior Meg Dolan served four aces and senior Vanessa Dale served five aces.

20 years ago November 18, 2004

Coach Anthony Fucillo's Winthrop High football team overcame inclement weather in the form of a snowstorm and a Marblehead opponent to roll to a 35-6 victory Friday evening at Marblehead. Quarterback Anthony Fucillo ran for one touchdown of nine yards, tossed two TD passes to Jarrett Herdt, and was 5-for-5 on PAT attempts. Chris Dalrymple

scouted for touchdowns on runs of 75 and 32 yards. Linebacker Nick Farmer led a powerful Winthrop defense with 22 tackles, of which 16 were unassisted, as the Vikings bounced back from a tough 14-7 loss to first place Gloucester last week. The Vikings now are 8-2 as they prepare for their season finale on Thanksgiving Day with Revere.

30 years ago November 24, 1994

Coach Tony Fucillo's 3-5-1 Winthrop High football team rates as a slight favorite to defeat a 2-7 Revere squad in the 64th annual Thanksgiving Day game between the two schools. Winthrop leads the series 35-25-3. The series began in 1913, but was interrupted on two occasions from 1928-32 and 1947-58, inclusive, after melees among fans and players erupted, causing the schools to bring a halt to the series. The 1963 game was canceled on account of the assassi-

nation of President John F. Kennedy that occurred only a few days before. After three straight wins by Revere from 1972-74, Winthrop has won 16 of the past 19 encounters.

40 years ago November 21, 1984

A winless Winthrop High football team will rate as an underdog for the first time in 10 years when Coach Bob DeFelice's Vikings meet Revere on Thanksgiving Day.

50 years ago November 27, 1974

Coach Bob DeFelice's 2-7 Winthrop High football team will rate as a heavy underdog to lose its third straight Thanksgiving Day game to Revere, which stands at 6-3, when the teams take to the gridiron Thursday morning. Although the contest will not have as much at stake as last season when Revere needed a victory to

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SCENES FROM THE GAME



THE HUNTED: Seth Sacco did yeoman's work leading Winthrop's ground game but was surrounded by Green Wave defenders all night--here he straight-arms a would-be tackler.



THAT KIND OF NIGHT: Abington's Nazier Paulding (6) escapes the grasp of Winthrop's Seth Sacco (0) and breaks free for a long gain.

PHOTOS BY BOB MARRA



BACKBREAKER: Abington's Kris Patterson (3) snags a long pass in the end zone to push Abington's lead 20-6 with 1:39 left in first half--but things got worse after a Green Wave 2-point conversion, and another touchdown before halftime made the score 29-6 at the half.



GROUP EFFORT: Seth Dolen (5), Riley Moccio, Gabe Grein (54) and Will Murphy (2) swarm Abington runner Nazier Paulding.



THIS WAY: Phil Boncore (50) leads the way for a Seth Sacco touchdown that made the score Abington 14-Winthrop 6, but that was as close as the Vikings got.



BLINDED: Seth Dolen (5) has the lights turned out as an Abington defender gets a hand across his facemask.

Lt. Governor Driscoll, Boston Mayor Michelle Wu and Civic Leaders spotlight food insecurity at GBFB's 19th Annual Chain of Giving

Special to the Journal

The Greater Boston Food Bank (GBFB), the largest hunger-relief organization in New England, held its 19th annual Chain of Giving event today, an annual tradition uniting elected officials, local advocates, business leaders and community members to raise awareness and mitigate holiday food insecurity. The event, sponsored by Biogen and National Grid, draws attention to the persistence of food insecurity in the state and GBFB's Hunger Free Holidays campaign.

As GBFB strives to offer nutritious and culturally sensitive food to families in need this holiday season, Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll, Boston Mayor Michelle Wu and GBFB President and CEO Catherine D'Amato shared remarks highlighting the critical need to address food insecurity in the Bay State. Over 150 participants then formed a human chain to pass nearly 1,200 turkeys from a delivery truck through GBFB's warehouse that would later be donated to families in need. This represents only a portion of the 46,000 turkeys and other holiday and daily food items the nonprofit expects to distribute to pantries across Eastern Massachusetts throughout

the holidays.

"The holidays are a time for celebration with family and friends, but many families in Massachusetts are struggling to provide for their basic needs. Our neighbors in financial distress are often having to make tough decisions between buying food or paying for housing, health-care, or transportation," said Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll. "That's why our administration takes a community-wide approach to hunger and we work hand in hand with community partners like GBFB every day. In Massachusetts, we work hard, we work smart, and we work together to be there for our neighbors in need. And we will double down our work on the root causes of food insecurity, to end hunger once and for all."

State Treasurer Deb Goldberg, Commissioner Jeffrey McCue of MA Department of Transitional Assistance, Suffolk County District Attorney Kevin Hayden, as well as several other state and local officials joined the tradition, alongside the beloved mascots for the Red Sox and Patriots.

"The Greater Boston Food Bank provides vital support for our residents who are facing food insecurity, and I am so grateful for their continued dedica-



Boston Mayor Michelle Wu, GBFB President & CEO Catherine D'Amato, Massachusetts Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll, Massachusetts State Treasurer Deborah Goldberg.

tion to creating a healthy and nourished community," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "The Chain of Giving is a wonderful and inspiring tradition that provides essential relief to our residents who lack resources during the holiday season, and I look forward to continuing our partnership in order to end food scarcity in the city."

Following the Chain of Giving, GBFB celebrated the opening of its new refrigeration unit with a ribbon-cutting ceremony as part of the organization's efforts to rightsize its warehouse to support the state's historic need for food assistance. The new unit stores 400 pallets of perishable food; including highly sought-after and nutritious items such as produce, eggs, and dairy, allowing GBFB to distribute up to an estimated

eight million additional meals each year.

Food insecurity has solidified as a post-pandemic, everyday lived experience for 1 in 3 Massachusetts residents – nearly 2 million individuals – according to GBFB's annual study on food access and equity. The event and accompanying fundraiser come at a time of sustained hunger brought on by an unsustainable cost of living and intersecting affordability crises in housing, groceries, healthcare and childcare. The study also revealed disparities in food access among households of color, LGBTQ+ households, and those with children.

"With soaring costs of housing, food, and day-care, these financial burdens often force families to make tough choices, like sacrificing meals

to meet other essential needs," said Catherine D'Amato, GBFB President and CEO. "While these stresses may peak during the holidays, families need food year-round, not just at Thanksgiving. Massachusetts can achieve hunger-free status, but it requires collective action. Let's work together to advocate for policies that ensure food security for all."

Wellesley Girl Scout Troop Wins Nally Award

Each year, GBFB honors outstanding young people who have championed hunger-relief in their communities with the Nally Award. Established in 2006, the award is named after Danny and Betsy Nally, who at ages 8 and 6, started their very first tur-

key drive for GBFB. This year's Nally Award was presented to Wellesley's Girl Scout Troop 64049, who graciously donated their cookie sales profits to GBFB after learning about the impact of childhood hunger.

The troop of 15 fifth graders, who have typically donated cookie sale funds toward wildlife-related causes, was shocked to learn that other children in their community – their age and younger – face hunger. After doing their own research, they agreed to donate to GBFB to help end hunger here.

To learn more about The Greater Boston Food Bank or to join its annual Hunger Free Holidays campaign, visit GBFB.org/holidays,

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Approved just a week before the Logan report, the Hanscom Field report came with a requirement: a supplemental ESPR, to be filed before the 2027 ESPR report is due. According to the Secretary's certificate, this supplemental ESPR must include, "updated forecasts of aviation activity and associated air quality and noise impacts which take into account the proposed design of North Airfield Development project (EEA# 16654), which is currently under MEPA review. The Supplemental ESPR should also provide additional data on the energy use of terminals, hangars, and other buildings at Hanscom Field. As noted below, future ES-PRs should also expand on environmental justice and public health outreach and analysis, and consider Massport's obligation under MEPA to avoid or minimize, and, where appropriate, to mitigate, environmental impacts, and, under recently promulgated rules and regulations, to consider environmental justice principles through MEPA reviews."

What does this mean? It means that both the prospective Hanscom developers and Massport itself are now required by the EEA Secretary to provide substantial additional information, in the instance of the Hanscom developers, they will need to produce a Supplemental DEIR report for their pro-

posed expansion. Separately Massport must submit both a Supplemental ESPR report for Hanscom and do extensive supplemental work for the Logan ESPR. These directives are considered interim wins by climate and public health activists who are working to rein in and mitigate the harms of Massport's Logan and Hanscom expansions.

Public efforts to hold Massport accountable to the myriad environmental and health costs, and climate impacts, of its operations is a classic David and Goliath tale, where the public stands against forces that threaten their future. As climate and clean-air activists across the state await the passage of a comprehensive Climate Bill at the State House, MEPA's response to Massport's ESPR reports provides another slingshot to carry into the ring.

Valinda Chan is Team Co-Coordinator and Corinne Doud is Leader of the Bedford Chapter Campaign to Stop Private Jet Expansion at Hanscom or Anywhere.

Corinne Doud of Mothers Out Front Bedford and Valinda Chan of Mothers Out Front East Boston. Mothers Out Front is a national organization of mothers and others working toward a livable climate and an equitable future for all children.

WHS ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME INDUCTS NEW MEMBERS



The WHS 1981 State Champion Baseball Team. The Viking champs sealed their fate with wins over Saugus, Lynn Classical, Lawrence, East Boston, and the final at Shepard Hill. Led by Head Coach Barry Rosen and team Captain George Sennott this team battled to the end, using all the skill and determination to obtain the state title. Be sure to pick up Next Issue for full coverage of the WHS Hall of Fame ceremony.

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qualify for the Division I Super Bowl, a good crowd is expected to be on hand for the matchup between the archrivals.

60 years ago November 26, 1964

It doesn't get any better than this for local football fans as anticipation is high for the Thanksgiving Day contest between undefeated Winthrop and unbeaten and once-tied Revere that will decide the Class B state championship. This will mark the first time

that both teams will enter the final game of the year undefeated. Winthrop coach Ed MacFarland's team will feature its potent running attack, led by senior Steve "The Tank" Adamson, who has rushed for 789 on 140 carries and is the top scorer in the Northeastern Conference. Revere will counter with its potent passing game with lefty quarterback Jim DelGaizo, who reportedly will be headed to Syracuse and who has tossed 14 touchdown passes to

his top receivers, his twin brother John and Alan Drover. A huge crowd is expected to be on hand for the epic battle at Paul Revere Stadium.

70 years ago November 25, 1954

For the second successive year, the Thanksgiving Day football game between Winthrop and Danvers will be played at Danvers because of the muddy conditions at Winthrop's Miller Field. Coach Ed MacFarland's

squad is hoping to duplicate last year's contest, when Winthrop also was 0-9, but pulled out a victory.

RESIDENTS COMPLETE TRANSLATOR COURSE WITH CASA



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Michael Rossi, Jr.

Star Market Grocery Manager for 42 Years

It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing of Michael A. Rossi, Jr., who peacefully departed on November 7, 2024, in Saugus, Massachusetts.



Born on January 30, 1942, in Boston to the late Evelyn (Amerena) and Michael Rossi, Michael spent his formative years growing up in East Boston and Winthrop. After high school, he bravely served his country in the United States Coast Guard before dedicating over 42 years of his life to Star Market, excelling in his career to become a respected Grocery Manager, creating elaborate displays admired by many.

Outside of his professional life, Michael was known for his unwavering commitment to fitness and a healthy lifestyle. A dedicated daily runner, he often covered impressive distances, sometimes reaching up to 20 miles a day, preparing him to run the Boston Marathon. His passion for exercise extended to his love for the gym and gardening, where he found solace and joy. Michael cherished the simple pleasures in life, such as basking in the sun's warmth, and during the winter months, he would continue to chase the sun at his home in Florida. He was the devoted hus-

band of Patricia (Oliveria) and the loving father of Angela Rossi of Hamilton, Michael A. Rossi, III and his wife, Andrea of Swampscott, and Anthony Rossi and his wife, Danielle of Peabody; dear brother of Charles Rossi of Florida, Annette Roche of Las Vegas, and the late Estelle Marino of Missouri; cherished grandfather of Collin, Michael, Madeline, Bennett, Oliver and Evan and a wide circle of in-laws, nieces, nephews, cousins and dear, dear friends.

The funeral will be conducted from the Caggiano-O'Maley-Frazier Funeral Home, Winthrop today, Thursday, November 14 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.

Amelia "Ame" Valley

She was courageous, strong, fun, sweet, intelligent, beautiful, independent and encouraging

It's with broken hearts, we share that Amelia "Ame" A. Valley, of Winthrop passed away on November 5, 2024.

Born in April of 1941 in Glace Bay, Nova Scotia, Canada to the late Michael Burta of Belarus and the late Anastasia Burta (Melnik) of Ukraine. She was the sister to the late Annie Burta, half-sister to the late Clara Herrick, Frances "Francie" Briginshaw, Joseph Burta and eight other half siblings. She was the loving wife of the late Francis J. Valley, dotting mother to Danielle L. Valley and Celeste M. Sax (Valley), proud mother-in-law to Michael Sax, adoring Mimi to her beautiful grandsons Chase Donovan Sax and Vail Francis Sax, all of Winthrop and dear sister-in-law and fond auntie to many.

Ame was blessed with hard-working parents and a happy childhood that would shape the characteristics in the woman she became. Her father immigrated to Canada from Belarus at the age of 19 with \$5 in his pocket. He became a Canadian citizen and worked in underground coal mines for 45 years to support his family. A man of few words, Ame fondly remembered him for his grit but gentle nature. Anastasia, her mother, came to Canada in 1938 from the Ukraine speaking no English, and never seeing her own family again. Anastasia came to the country to marry Michael and help care for his children from his late first wife. Anastasia and Michael had Amelia and Annie and two children who did not survive. Amelia would reflect on her mother with much love and affection, and she had a great appreciation for what her mother came from, who she would come to be, the difficulties she persevered and the love she gave to Ame and Annie. Together, Ame and her mother suffered the devastating loss of her sister Annie in 1981.

Amelia shared the determination and courage of her parents, leaving the home that she knew to build upon her life. With few well-paying jobs and no opportunity for a higher education, she left Glace Bay at the age of 19 and moved from her small hometown in Canada to the United States, where she settled in Boston and lived for 14 years before meeting and marrying her husband. Amelia enjoyed the life and the opportunities of Boston and supported herself through various Administrative Assistant roles. Ame had a close-knit group of friends and roommates in Boston, many with whom she remained in close contact throughout her life, especially Claudette Soule of Marblehead. Ame became a U.S. citizen in 1969 and bought her first home on her own shortly thereafter in Medford. In the early 70's, Amelia would meet her soon to be husband at work.

Ame took a leap of faith and love and married Frank "Bud" Valley, and they were each other's best decision in life. Bud was completely enamored with Ame and she was welcomed with such love into the Valley family and was adored by Frank's siblings and their spouses. Amelia embraced and returned their love and they would become a significant part of her life, sharing many holidays, celebrations, and vacations together and supporting each other through difficult times. Eager to start a family, Ame and Bud had their daughters Danielle and Celeste shortly after they married and raised their family in Winthrop. Ame seamlessly adapted to her new role in life, after so many years of independence, Ame transitioned so naturally to the sweetest most loving mother and wife that sometimes it was easy to forget she was so much more than that. Even though she would spend the next several years staying at home to happily raise her girls, she was the 'great woman behind a great man,' supporting Frank in his business, real estate and investment decisions. When the girls got to school-age, she would go on to work at Frank's company, GEL Systems, part time and was a huge part of his success, not only keeping his life on track at home but also now at the office. Frank welcomed her in every aspect of his life. Not always agreeing but never unkind, 'Bud' and 'Ame' truly defined what it means to be compatible, they were the epitome of love and happiness. It was hard to separate Ame from Frank, as they had a true partnership, complementing each other so well, truly and naturally. They understood each other and never forced the other to be something they were not. They were married for over 45 years until Frank's passing in 2021.



So proud of her son-in-law, Michael Sax, and happy he came into our lives. Since Ame and Mike were very much alike, they were drawn together with similar personalities, and had the personalities of their spouses in common as well. They enjoyed talking and each other's company. Amelia's greatest joy was her grandchildren, Chase and Vail. And even though she'll miss seeing them grow up, her devotion as a mother and grandmother will forever influence the men they become.

Ame spent her entire life near the water, she loved the ocean, enjoyed the beach and traveling to their second homes in Isla Verde, Puerto Rico and Merritt Island, Florida. They were long time members of the Cottage Park Yacht Club (CPYC) and Ame spent many years sailing with Bud and made many friendships from the Club. She was an avid reader and upon retiring, her interest in family Genealogy grew. With little knowledge about her lineage, she was on the quest to discover more about her own parents and family, and she spent countless hours researching the stories of the past. With great pride and much detail, she pieced together the histories of the many branches of our family tree.

Amelia was courageous, strong, fun, sweet, intelligent, beautiful, independent and encouraging. Loved by anyone who knew her, she carried herself with an inherent level of class and sophistication. Seemingly quiet and reserved, she was an excellent conversationalist and judge of character and read of people. Her subtle nature and kind personality made her easily relatable. Ame had the perfect balance between softness and strength, never letting life's losses and adversities harden her, always grateful for her blessings and maintaining her spirituality and faith in God.

With dignity and grace, Ame fought Parkinson's Disease for many years. With the love and support of her family, and the care of her husband Frank, her daughter Danielle, and her caretaker Ana, she was able to live happily at home as her condition progressed. She never allowed the disease to control or define her and did everything she could to maintain a positive attitude and continue to lead an independent life and do the things she enjoyed. Danielle returned the devotion of Amelia by being by her side each day for many years, helping her lead a better life. We are deeply grateful to Ana Rodriguez, her caretaker and friend for many years for the love and support she provided.

Our heartbreak will never fully mend, but it's softened by the most wonderful memories and deepest gratitude to our parents. Services will be private; in lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to The Michael J. Fox Foundation (www.give.michaeljfox.org) in memory of Amelia Valley.

To sign the online guestbook, go to www.caggianofuneralhome.com. Arrangements under the direction of the Caggiano-O'Maley-Frazier Funeral Home, Winthrop.

Pamela Loomis Santerre

Former Winthrop resident

Pamela Loomis Santerre, formerly of Winthrop, passed away November 7 at Blair House, Worcester.

Pamela was the daughter of the late Raymond T. and Carol Loomis and mother of Shawn Santerre

and his wife, Margaret, grandmother of Aiden and Andrew and sister of Craig, Fred, Charles and the late Steven Loomis. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Services will be private.

Marilyn Cayon

Of Winthrop

Marilyn T. Cayon of Winthrop passed away at the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston on November 5, 2024. She was 89 years old.

Born in Chelsea, she was the beloved daughter of the late Mary (Flaherty) and Merrill Hutchinson. A long-time resident of Winthrop, she worked as a clerk in a coffee shop for several years.

She was the devoted wife of the late Arthur J. Cayon and the loving mother of Joy Calla and her husband, Jim of Westford, Sheri Keith of Winthrop, A.J. Cayon of Draught, Greg Cayon and his wife, Paige of Sugarland, Texas and Eric Cayon and his wife, Marina of Aliso Viejo, California; dear sister of Merrill Hutchinson and his wife, Andrea of Middleton, Margaret Johns and her late husband, William of Revere, Mark Hutchinson and



his wife, Linda of Hollis, New Hampshire and the late Marianne Mahoney and her husband Paul, Maureen Hutchinson and Michael Hutchinson; cherished grandmother of Brittany Donnelly and her husband, Paul, Allison Gray and her husband, Martin, Sierra Calla and her husband, Mike Moore, Melanie Cayon, A.J. Cayon, III and Eric Keith and his wife, Milena, Boston Cayon, Jayda Cayon, Zachary Cayon and Logan Cayon.

Family and friends are cordially invited to attend a Celebration of Life Gathering at the Cottage Park Yacht Club, 76 Orlando Ave., Winthrop today, Thursday, November 14, 2024 from 12 noon to 4 p.m.

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

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Noreen Prader

Of Las Vegas, formerly of East Boston and Winthrop



Noreen (Miles) Prader of Las Vegas, formerly of Winthrop and East Boston, passed away on September 22, 2024.

The loving daughter of the late Alfred Miles and Carol (Graham) Bunagan and the former wife of Richard Prader, she was the devoted mother of Tifani Bordonaro and her husband, Robert, Richard Prader and his fiancé, Kirsten Hampton and Christopher Prader and his wife, Ashley; dear sister of Alan Miles and his husband, Drew Glick, Craig Miles, Darren Miles and his wife, Cynthia; adored grandmother of Brianna and Alana Bordonaro and Christopher, Aria Prader and the late Francesca Bordonaro and cherished aunt of Kaiden and Max Miles, Joelle Quigley and Jelena Mack.

Noreen loved her family and spending time with them. After moving to Las Vegas, she always made sure to take trips back home to Boston to see them, these trips were always memorable and she held them close to her heart.

Her love for her family extended to her two dogs - Buster and Buddy. She loved and cared for them like they were another set of children. They will both miss her terribly. She had a passion for cooking and food. She was known for her sophisticated palate. She was a true "foodie" at heart.

She was a dedicated employee for over 15 years at Republic Services where she was very grateful for the constant support and encouragement of her Manager Elaine Ramos. A memorial mass celebrating Noreen's life will take place on Saturday, November 23rd at 10 a.m. at St. Michael the Archangel Parish (formerly St. John the Evangelist Church) in Winthrop.

She will be missed by many. May she rest in peace. To leave an online condolence visit www.ruggieromh.com.

State declares 'critical' drought as wildfires flare

Special to the Transcript

Massachusetts Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) Secretary Rebecca Tepper declared a Level 3-Critical Drought in Massachusetts's Central and Northeast regions, including the Charles River watershed. This marks a significant escalation from the Level 1-Mild Drought status issued on October 11. The state has experienced over three months of below-normal rainfall, exacerbating drought conditions and causing riverbeds in some areas to run dry.

Streamflow in the Charles River is at critically low levels, with some sections showing zero flow. Charles River Watershed Association (CRWA) continues to monitor conditions closely in partnership with state agencies.

"Climate change is driving more frequent and severe droughts, yet even in the face of these extreme conditions, the state lacks the authority to mandate outdoor watering restrictions—it can only recommend them," said Cabell Eames, Advocacy Director for Charles River Watershed Association. "Water doesn't respect municipal boundaries, so why should it be up to individual towns to de-

cide how to manage water use during droughts? The Drought Management bill would allow the state to enforce outdoor watering restrictions at the regional level during declared droughts, ensuring consistency, fairness, and better protection for our rivers and water supplies."

"People usually think of droughts as a summer occurrence; to have this scale of drought, which intensified rapidly, happen in November, is the latest example of our changing climate," said Mass Rivers Alliance Policy Director Katharine Lange. "Across the state right now, sections of rivers and streams are dried up, unable to support aquatic life. In order to protect these resources, some of the most valued parts of our community, our laws, regulations, and culture have to catch up to the pace of climate change. During a drought, we do have some agency in supporting our waterways through water conservation, particularly through reducing outdoor watering. Our top legislative priority, the Drought Management bill, would scale up our approach to water conservation, replacing a town-by-town patchwork response with regional coordination."

Sheriff's Dept. continues registration, voting access for population

Special to the Transcript

In its ongoing efforts to champion the democratic process for and civic engagement of all citizens of Suffolk County, including the voting-eligible men and women in its care and custody, the Suffolk County Sheriff's Department once again administered its voter participation program for the 2024 Presidential Election.

In partnership with a number of external organizations, including Healing Our Land, Inc. and the Democracy Behind Bars Coalition, among others, teams of Department staff and organization volunteers canvassed the housing units of men and women remanded to the Suffolk County House of Correction and Suffolk County Jail each week leading up to the election, offering voter registration, providing non-partisan candidate and ballot initiative materials and absentee ballots for the voting-eligible.

In Massachusetts, members of incarcerated populations who are eligible to vote include those who have been convicted of misdemeanor offenses and pretrial detainees awaiting sentencing.

This election cycle, the Jail fielded 162 absentee ballot requests and the House of Correction fielded 119 absentee ballot requests from registered voters at both facilities.

As it has since 2021, the lobbies of both Department facilities were outfitted with official election ballot drop boxes, courtesy of the City of Boston. While these drop boxes were used primarily to expedite the process of securing the ballots cast by the people remanded to Department custody, their location in the public lobbies of the Jail and House

of Correction – which are open and staffed twenty-four hours a day/seven days a week, with full surveillance – made them accessible for use by any registered Boston voter.

"Ensuring that the men and women in our care and custody receive extensive opportunities to participate in the electoral process is crucially important, because it helps to keep them connected to society and civically active while otherwise disenfranchised by incarceration," said Suffolk County Sheriff Steven W. Tompkins.

"We are both proud to continue providing these critical instruments of civic engagement to the men and women in our care and custody, and we are grateful to the volunteers and staff who help to administer the process. We are also thankful for the City of Boston's continued commitment to increasing access for our population with the siting of the election ballot boxes in our facilities."

The Department's mission to ensure that all eligible men and women within its facilities have unfettered access to the voting process dates back well before the advent of the VOTES Act of 2022, with voter registration drives, ballot distribution initiatives and a number of candidate forums held inside the House of Correction. Included among past events held before audiences of in-custody men and women were forums for candidates vying for Mayor of the City of Boston, the Massachusetts Senate, and Suffolk County District Attorney, along with two Boston City Council hearings, all of which were first-of-their-kind events for the State of Massachusetts.

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10:00am-11:30am: Representative Turco Office Hours
10:00am-11:00am: Yoga with Trish (\$5)
11:00am: Grab & Go Lunch Pick-Up
11:30am-2:30pm: Game Day / Mahjong

Tuesday, November 19

9:00am-3:00pm: Computer Usage
9:30am-10:30am: Exercise Class (\$1)
10:00am: Bowling at the Winthrop Elks (\$15.00 annually)
10:00am-11:00am: Exploring Medicare Advantage Plans/BCBS
11:00am: Grab & Go Lunch Pick-Up
11:00am-12:00pm: Blood Pressures
12:30pm-2:30pm: Art Class with Dawn (\$6)
1:00pm-2:00pm: Winthrop Police Senior Partnership: Tour of Metro North Regional Emergency Communications Center

Wednesday, Nov. 20

9:00am-3:00pm: Computer Usage
9:15am-10:15am: Yoga with Trish (\$5)
10:00am-12:00pm: Bereavement & Caregiver Support Group
10:00am-12:00pm: Charlie Card Workshop
10:00am-12:00pm: Low Vision Support Group
10:30am-11:30am: Zumba with Cindy (\$5)
11:30am-12:30pm: Mystic Valley Elder Services Office Hours
11:45am-12:45pm: Tai Chi/Qu Gong (\$)
1:15pm-2:45pm: Italian Class

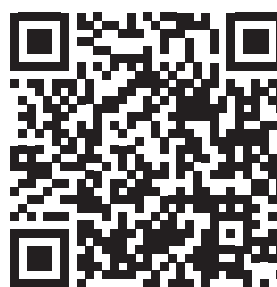
Thursday, November 21

9:00am-3:00pm: Computer Usage
9:30am-10:30am: Exer-

cise Class (\$1)
10:30am-11:30am: Coffee & Conversation
10:30am-11:30am: Seaside Tappers (\$5)
12:00pm-12:30pm: Dine -In/Grab and Go Lunch Pick Up
12:45pm-3:00pm: Bingo

Friday, November 22

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



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

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

NE Metro Tech, WPS announce creation of the Michael J. Nasella Scholarship Fund

Special to the Journal



COURTESY NORTHEAST METRO TECH AND WAKEFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Michael J. Nasella

Northeast Metro Tech Superintendent David DiBarri and Wakefield Public Schools Superintendent Douglas Lyons are pleased to announce a new endowed scholarship that will benefit students at Northeast Metro Tech or Wakefield Public Schools in honor of long-time Northeast Metro Tech Instructor and Wakefield resident Michael J. Nasella.

The Michael J. Nasella Scholarship Fund has been established to benefit a student graduating from either Northeast Metro Tech or Wakefield Memorial High School, who will be moving on to Northeastern University. Recipients will be selected by Northeastern's Office of Student Financial Services in consultation with the Office of Undergraduate Admissions.

Nasella, a Wakefield native and lifelong resident, was a Carpentry instructor at Northeast Metro Tech from 1984 to 1991. He also worked as a master carpenter within the community.

Nasella, who graduated from Wakefield High School, passed away in January. He was 93.

Nasella was a champion of the cooperative education program at Northeast Metro Tech because it enables students to receive academic training in the traditional classroom setting while also giving students practical work experiences related to their vocational area.

He selected Northeastern University to steward the new scholarship because of Northeastern's Cooperative Education Program, which provides students with alternating

periods of academic study and full-time employment related to their academic major and interests.

Nasella was a fixture in the Town of Wakefield, serving as a civilian parking clerk for over 20 years, and as a member of the Wakefield Auxiliary Police. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force Reserves.

"As a lifelong Wakefield resident, it is only fitting that his legacy be captured through the establishment of an endowed scholarship to support graduates from the two most important schools in his life," said Superintendent DiBarri. "All of us at Northeast Metro Tech are honored and touched by Mr. Nasella's generosity and care."

"Michael Nasella spent much of his life dedicated to seeing that our youth got an excellent education, in particular via cooperative education," said Superintendent Lyons. "It is fitting, and perhaps not surprising, that he has left a legacy that will continue to help young people find their educational paths via cooperative education."

To read the obituary for Michael J. Nasella, visit: <https://www.mcdonalds.com/obituaries/michael-nasella>.

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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 November 11, 2014

Speaker of the House Robert A. DeLeo was re-elected as state representative in Tuesday's election, defeating Paul A. Caruccio. DeLeo received 4,373 votes in Winthrop while Caruccio received 1,903. DeLeo represents all of Winthrop and part of Revere in the House. He has been Winthrop's state representative since 1991 and has served as Speaker of the House since Jan., 2009. State Sen. Anthony Petruccioli was re-elected without opposition. Winthrop favored Governor-elect Charlie Baker at the polls as the Swampscott resident received 3,324 votes while Attorney General Martha Coakley received 2,824 votes. Baker won a close election statewide and will take office in January.

Constraints in the supply of natural gas to the region will lead to the largest increase in winter electric bills in decades. National Grid said the increases kicked in on Nov. 1 and would be reflected in this month's bills. Rates are expected to increase a total of 37 percent through May 1, resulting in an increase of about \$33 per month for the average residential user.

Interstellar, John Wick, and The Theory of Everything are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

20 years ago November 24, 2004

The developers of the proposed Atlantis Marina project have filed a revised plan for their mixed use residential and commercial proposal with the Planning Board.

The Chamber of Commerce's 13th annual Holiday Lighting Festival is set for this weekend starting Friday afternoon in the Centre with the traditional tree lighting taking place at 5:30.

The Polar Express, The Incredibles, and Friday Night Lights are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

30 years ago December 1, 1994

The audit report of the School Department that was commissioned by the Board of Selectmen has revealed many questionable procedures that school officials say they will work to remedy. School Business Manager Lester Towilson said he welcomed the report and said that many of the audit's recommendations already have been put into effect.

Olympic hockey star Mike Eruzione has been announced as the master of ceremonies at a reception for the newly-formed Winthrop Boys and Girls Club at its new quarters at 23 Crest Ave.

The annual Snowflake Fair of St. John's Episcopal Church is set for

December 3 in the parish hall. A luncheon featuring lobster rolls and clam chowder will be available.

A two-alarm fire at a Siren St. home left a 31 year-old woman with second-degree burns.

Frankenstein and Interview with the Vampire are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

40 years ago November 28, 1984

Harbormaster Robert Crawford has announced that the second phase of the Pt. Shirley dredging project will begin in the spring. The first phase dredged the areas from the public landing to Rice's Wharf where the water level at low tide had been as low as two feet in some sections. Crawford noted that the last dredging of this area occurred 18 years ago to alleviate odors from the mudflats at low tide.

Dr. John Crandon, one of the most popular physicians on the staff of the Winthrop Hospital, received the Ernest Bentley Memorial Award at the hospital's annual dinner held at Caruso's Diplomat.

A fire at 6 Revere St. caused \$35,000 in damage Tuesday night.

Almost all of the on-duty police officers in town were called upon to arrest a house burglar who was trying to make his escape by running through backyards and jumping fences. The break-in occurred at

10 a.m. on Buchanan St. where an alert passer-by heard glass shattering and called police.

The Terminator and Oh God, You Devil are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

50 years ago December 4, 1974

Msr. John J. McDevitt led a chorus of opposition that included area residents and police officials against a proposed seasonal liquor license transfer from Nat's Delicatessen on Shirley St. to a professional building at 53 Revere St. in a gift shop to be operated by Peter and Savas Demetriou, former owners of Brothers Delicatessen, which also is located on Revere St. just a short distance away from Brothers. The selectmen took the matter under advisement after hearing from the petitioners, who were represented by Atty. Jerome Falbo, and the opponents, who were represented by local attorneys Robert Noonan and Robert Indresano.

Winthrop police were kept busy separating gangs of East Boston and Winthrop youths in a series of fights over the weekend that resulted in two youths being treated at Winthrop Community Hospital and another being rushed into Boston to Mass. General. Police seized knives, pipes, and other weapons from the youths. The trou-

ble reportedly began when an East Boston youth was attacked by a group of Winthrop youths on Walden St. and he later returned with a group of his friends.

Richard Ingersoll, Lawrence Hughes, Willard Turner Jr., Thomas Abrams, William Brown, Richard Donovan, and Robert MacFarland were sworn-in as new Winthrop police officers last week.

High tides and high winds buffeted Winthrop over the weekend, placing Shirley St. under water and causing minor damage along the coastline.

Charles Bronson stars in Death Wish at the Kincade Theatre.

60 years ago December 3, 1964

The selectmen have called for a meeting with representatives from several other town agencies to discuss establishing a local anti-poverty program under the recently-enacted federal legislation. Many communities are looking into this new idea to combat the rising cost of public welfare.

Rock Hudson, Doris Day, and Tony Randall star in Send Me No Flowers at the Winthrop Theatre.

70 years ago December 2, 1954

Police Chief William Pumphret is warning local motorists not to leave their keys in their cars at night after three autos were reported stolen this week.

Two women had their handbags snatched in separate incidents in the town this week. A break into a Main St. gas station also was reported.

State Representative-elect Fred Baumeister has indicated he will be stepping down as secretary of the local Elks Lodge, a post he has held for the past 16 years, in order to devote his full attention to his legislative duties.

More than \$1300 was collected by local firefighters for muscular dystrophy research this past weekend.

More than 50 men showed up for the first organizational meeting to bring Little League to Winthrop, emulating neighboring Revere, which has had Little League for the past three years. They were informed that there must be at least eight teams for a Little League to be formed in a town of 15,000-plus population under national Little League rules.

Marilyn Monroe and Sterling Hayden star in The Asphalt Jungle at the Winthrop Theatre.

80 years ago December 2, 1944

There will be a public hearing in the Town Hall regarding the proposed channel dredging project for the construction of Logan Airport. All abutters on Bartlett Parkway, Johnson Ave., Pleasant St., and Court Rd. are urged to attend.

The Winthrop Salvage Committee is hoping for a record collection of waste paper for the war effort this week.

Tons of rock and sand were hurled onto Shore Drive by gale winds and high waves that pummeled the coastline during the storm last week. Many residents evacuated their homes fearing the high tides.

Prof. Felix Cermischi told the Rotary Club this week that Argentina probably will become a refuge for Hitler and his gang after the war because the Argentine government and army are Nazi-dominated.

Jean Arthur and Charles Coburn star in The Impatient Years at the Winthrop Theatre.

90 years ago December 1, 1934

Selectmen Chairman Leonard C. Atkinson, in response to the outcry over the board's controversial appointment of William C. Pumphret as the new police chief, said that he has complete faith in Pumphret. Atkinson further said that there is no connection between his support for Pumphret and Pumphret's support for him in the recent election for state representative, which Atkinson lost.

Timothy J. Mahaney, our town's efficient building inspector, has ordered buildings in town he has deemed to be fire hazards to be torn down.

Food distribution under federal relief programs are ongoing weekly at Town Hall. Clothing and apparel of good quality also are available for those whose earnings and savings are depleted. Last week, 237 Winthrop families received generous supplies of food and clothes.

Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers star in The Gay Divorcee at the Winthrop and State Theatres.

100 years ago December 6, 1924

Winthrop Theatre was the place to be for all of Elkdom Friday night on the occasion of the Winthrop Elks All-Star Charity Concert to benefit the Elks Christmas Fund.

President Calvin

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CITY PAWS

Sick as a Dog

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

“The term ‘sick as a dog’ originates from the 1700s, when dogs typically lived outside in poor conditions, causing them to be far mangier, dirtier, and sicker than today’s well-groomed show-pieces,” according to www.grammar-monster.com.

When your dog is sick, you must determine just how ill they are and whether a trip to the vet is needed. Gastrointestinal (GI) upsets are common in dogs and can be stressful for guardians. We recently faced this issue with our Westie Poppy. Fortunately, she is trained to use puppy pads, which makes handling the situation more manageable.

Puppy Pads Are Useful

We recommend that every family with dogs keep a supply of puppy pads on hand. While your dog may never use them regularly, they are perfect for caring for sick or injured animals. Both human and animal hospitals use these for surgical procedures, to catch blood, and to protect surfaces. We once shared a few pads with a neighbor who had severe nosebleeds.

In the case of vomiting or motion sickness, the pads can catch what the animal is releasing. Most of our dogs have alerted



We lined Poppy's favorite window seat with puppy pads while she was sick.

us to possible vomit with a session of gagging. We usually have time to slip a pad under their mouth if we're keeping watch. We also use washable pads in her crate and on our bed whenever Poppy has an upset tummy.

Our recent episode involved diarrhea. We discovered that Poppy would run to her pads when she felt the urge to go, even at night. We added extra pads to our floors and didn't have the stress of constant clean-up duties.

Causes of GI Illnesses

Vomiting and diarrhea are common in companion animals; many of us have experience treating them at home. We all know that some dogs will root out

and gobble down anything interesting they find along the way. Some of their choices can cause a GI upset.

You might identify stress, anxiety, medications, antibiotics, or a new food as a possible cause. Grazing on grass is a common dog habit that can result in vomiting.

Off to the Vet?

Pads also help you spot warning signs requiring a veterinarian trip. If you see blood in vomit, stools, or urine, blackish stools or vomit, or the symptoms last more than a couple of days or are reoccurring, consult your veterinarian. You are off to the vet if there are multiple symptoms like fever, unusual

drooling, signs of dehydration, lack of appetite, or weakness.

Fortunately, Poppy ate, drank, played, and acted normally except for the diarrhea. Her puppy pads also clearly showed us the state of her stools, so we could see quickly that she was recovering.

Stop the Spread

Evidence on sidewalks showed that loose stools were going around our neighborhood. If you have a dog who will only poop outside, you can bring along a puppy pad and slip it in place under the dog for easy cleanup and to keep from spreading anything contagious.

We didn't add to the neighborhood's problem by keeping Poppy inside while she was sick and keeping her away from other dogs for a few days, even after her system was back to normal.

Don't forget that you can call your veterinarian and ask for guidance in your decision-making. They can suggest what, how, and when to feed an animal with a problem. You could make a cancelable appointment a few days out in case the illness continues. That could save an emergency room visit.

Do you have a question or topic for City Paws? Email Penny@BostonZest.com with your request.

LEGAL NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE



BOARD OF APPEALS
PUBLIC HEARING
November 21, 2024:
Case 019-2024.
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, November 21, 2024, at or after 6:30 p.m. held in the Harvey Hearing Room upon the

application of person requesting: 34 Pebble Avenue- Winthrop, MA 02152 Matthew Chicos- 34 Pebble Avenue- Winthrop, MA 02152 The Applicant seeks a permit to construct a two-story addition to the rear of the existing structure. The additional space will

be to create habitable space, according to the proposed building plan, relief on the left and front of the structure. The permit was denied in accordance with the Town's By Laws: 1)- Noncompliance of proposed structure with respect to minimum left side yard setback of 10

feet; 2)- Noncompliance of proposed structure with respect to minimum front yard setback of 15 feet; 3)- Special Permit to alter or extend a non-conforming structure. The public is invited to attend, and interested parties shall have an opportunity to be heard. Copies of the application

and plans are on file and available to review at the Town Hall Planning Office, Room 2A, Winthrop Town Hall. Darren Baird, Chairman Denise Quist, Town Clerk Winthrop Board of Appeals
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Coolidge delivered a message to Congress this week in which he spoke of the need to lower public expenditures. Coolidge said that currently every citizen is taxed \$27 at the federal level and that the most important task facing Congress is the reduction of taxes.

The Rev. Mark E. Van der Mark, the new pastor of the Union Congregational Church, and his wife were tendered a reception by his new parishioners. Lionel Barrymore stars

in Samuel Goldwyn's Eternal City at the Winthrop Theatre.

110 years ago December 5, 1914

A complimentary dinner at the Cliff House is being planned for the high school football team, which finished its season with just one defeat.

A beautiful dinner was served for the monthly meeting of the Winthrop Improvement and Historical Association, with the

featured entertainment being a soprano soloist.

Mr. H.C. Whorf, the well-known local artist, will give an exhibition of his works at Wadsworth Hall next week.

120 years ago December 3, 1904

Pvt. Deegan, who accidentally shot himself while chasing a man who had broken into the store-room at Ft. Banks, died at the post's hospital Thursday evening.

A Winthrop man has been held on \$1500 bail for allegedly making off with \$135 in rent money which he had been collecting for a local landlord.

130 years ago December 1, 1894

The new, twin-screw passenger steamer, the O.E.Lewis, presently is under construction in Essex. The boat will be 110 feet long with a 23-foot beam. The hull is constructed entirely of wood

and will be a fitting means of transportation for Winthrop residents to Boston. Its completion date is April, 1895.

The Board of Cattle Commissioners has ordered the quarantine of all cattle in the state until such time as they can be inspected for tuberculosis which is believed to have been brought into the state from abroad.

Residents are complaining regularly these days about the poor quality of

our drinking water that is being supplied by the Revere Water Co.

140 years ago December 5, 1884

Considerable complaint is being made about the unruly conduct of the "boys" in town at concerts and public meetings. They make a great annoyance to several of our older residents, which is much to be regretted and should be put to a stop promptly by our constables.

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Local Veteran Richard Honan visits Project Play's Family Dance Party

Special to the Transcript

Families who brought their little ones to dance, play and make cards for veterans with Project Play and Bespoke Events of

Michael's Mall on Sunday at were treated with a special visit from local Vietnam war veteran Richard Honan, who shared photos, stories and even a few dances with the children.

Held at Bespoke Events and sponsored by the Winthrop Marketplace, the dance party featured award winning children's entertainer Jeff Jam and brought in several hundred dollar in grocery gift cards that Project Play will donate to local veterans in need. Thanks to all who came to support this event and stay tuned for information about Project Play's holiday season and 2025 programs!



Wildlife // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

nature in their communities so that they may be inspired to protect it.

"Belle Isle Marsh is the largest remaining salt-water marsh in Boston Harbor," revealed St. George. "It's home to birds and mammals. A lot of endangered birds use the marsh for food, rest, and nesting. Many of them migrate hundreds, and sometimes, thousands of miles to get there. The park is one of the most biologically important areas in the Greater Boston area."

Over 250 species of birds have been identified in the reservation; and St. George has personally documented over 200 of them, in addition to coyotes, raccoons, and a river otter near the Kilmartin Pathway.

"This had to be the most fantastic find for me," beamed St. George. "I thought it was a muskrat until it turned around. Who would have thought?"

One hundred seventy eight species of birds have been recorded on Winthrop Beach, and 120 on Yirrell Beach, both home to nesting American oystercatchers and piping plovers. The shore birds are listed as threatened on state and federal endangered species lists, and monitored by coastal ecologists and biologists working with the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR). According to St. George, Massachusetts has the largest breeding population of piping plovers on the Atlantic coast, with



Nanci St. George presenting "Winthrop Wildlife" during a November 5 Winthrop Improvement & Historical Association dinner meeting in the Deane Winthrop House barn.



Nature enthusiast, Nancy St. George, displaying her wildlife photographs.

over 1,100 breeding pairs in 2023.

"Yirrell Beach has been the nesting ground for the past 16 years for an oystercatcher we affectionately call 'Yellow 25.' The bird was banded in 2004, when she was a chick in Chatham. That makes her 20-years-old," boasted St. George, who added that Yellow 25 spends her winters in Cedar Key, on Florida's Gulf Coast. "She comes back every year to Yirrell Beach to raise her family."

Two hundred and seventeen species of birds have been recorded on Deer Island, where St. George has photographed

other wildlife like harbor seals and humpback whales.

"Deer Island has amazing views and over a two-mile perimeter pathway and another two miles of trails on the hills of the island," described St. George. "This is a perfect spot for locating land and sea birds."

Saint George also shared images of birds of prey, such as hawks, eagles, falcons, owls, and osprey. She partners with the DCR to band and identify these raptors to help researchers study and understand their behaviors, migration, and habits.

"They're vulnerable to changing climate, loss of habitat, and ingesting rat poison," listed St. George. "Second generation anticoagulant rodenticides have been devastating Massachusetts wildlife. If a predator eats a rodent that had ingested the poison, they die as well."

Osprey, one of her favorite birds, exclusively eat fish; so they are less prone to rodenticide poisoning. They can be observed throughout Winthrop, which presently has three nesting pairs that will soon be heading for a warmer climate. Two osprey chicks were banded in the marsh this year.

"The bands aid in the collection of data that's used to study these birds," said St. George, who aids in conservation efforts. "Where do they go after they leave here? How long do they live? What's their migration behavior? What



Dottie Donofrio, WIHA President Michael Herbert, speaker, Nanci St. George, and Ellen MacNeil.

is their survival and population growth?"

Unique to the Eastern United States are salt marsh sparrows, which nest in Belle Isle Marsh, an area susceptible to tidal flooding.

"The marsh has been identified as a high priority for ongoing restoration planning to support this sparrow," noted St.

George about hydrological repair of the reservation. "It's critical for maintaining these populations. They return every year."

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