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GRANT OPPORTUNITIES FOR FIRE SAFETY EDUCATION

The Healey-Driscoll Administration announced that applications are being accepted for \$2 million in grants to support fire and life safety education for children and older adults, the people most vulnerable in the event of a fire at home.

The Student Awareness of Fire Education (SAFE) and Senior SAFE grant programs are administered by the Executive Office of Public Safety & Security and the Department of Fire Services. They send local firefighters to schools, community groups, senior centers, councils on aging, and other venues to teach age-appropriate safety les-

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The next issue of The Winthrop Sun Transcript will be published Wed., NOV. 27 in light of the Thanksgiving holiday on Thursday



First Makerspace patron, Dave Juengst, using the Cricut printer, with Children's librarians Liz Telmosse and Diane Stangle looking on.

Winthrop Library opens Makerspace

Story & Photos by Marianne Salza

Winthrop Public Library & Museum offered its inaugural Makerspace on November 15, opening a designated area on the third floor for patrons to gather and create using complimentary library resources.

"We're really excited," beamed Liz Telmosse, Children's Library. "We're hoping people come in, create, and use their imagination."

The Makerspace is equipped with tools to help execute one's artis-

tic ideas such as a sewing machine, spindles for spinning yarn, a heat press to transfer designs onto t-shirts, bags, coffee mugs, or hats, and a button press that makes 2 1/2-inch pins.

Library patron, Dave Juengst, was the first Makerspace participant. He was eager to build a prototype of his toy design using perforated paper cutouts printed from the library's Cricut printer and cutting machine.

"When I saw that there was going to be a Makerspace, and they had all these resources open to me, it seemed like a no-brainer. I got all the help I needed and was able to make the design," said Juengst. "This place is great, and I'm not having to spend thousands of dollars on equipment. The library saves the day."

The library has a closet full of materials from origami paper to bracelet making supplies – and attendees are welcome to bring their own provisions, as well.

Fiber artist, Diane Stan-

gle, who works in the children's library section, is available to assist attendees interested in knitting. She hopes that in the beginning of the new year, the library will offer more opportunities for knitters and spinners to gather.

The library's initial plans are to open the Makerspace twice a month, with the next Makerspace day being on Saturday, November 23, 12-2pm. Stangle and Telmosse hope to expand the program in January to include workshops and classes, and open the space for crafting clubs to schedule meetings.

"This is our launching point, and it's just going to get bigger and better," said Telmosse.

Adults and children 12 years of age and older are encouraged to explore the Makerspace. Children under the age of 12 must be accompanied and supervised by an adult. Visit www.WinthropPublicLibrary.org/Maker-Space/ for updated information about programs and crafting clubs.

What's Next?

School committee regroups in aftermath of override vote

By Adam Swift

The school committee is beginning work on bringing a new budget override vote before the town council.

Voters said no to a \$4.95 million override request earlier this month that would have helped fund school district budget shortfalls for the next three fiscal years.

At Monday night's school committee meeting, budget subcommittee chair Gus Martucci said that committee has begun discussions on what a new override request will look like and when it may be brought before voters.

"We did not take any votes, but we did have a discussion," said Martucci of the subcommittee meeting earlier in the evening. "We did a quick review of some of the budget numbers for 24-25 and we had a discussion going about going forward with the override and we talked about when we want to go for another override, if we want to go for another override, we talked about

what the number we'd be asking for to for to go to the town council. We had several different opinions and we're still working on it."

Discussions will continue at the next budget subcommittee meeting scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 26 at 4 p.m. in the Harvey Hearing Room at town hall.

"We'll talk some more and hopefully have something to come back with," said Martucci.

Town Council President Jim Letterie said it was important to stress that the no vote on the override on Nov. 7 was disappointing, but that the school committee is doing a great job trying to regroup.

"I don't think, personally, that there is a doubt that there is not a need there, and the onus is on us to make sure we educate that need as best we can, and I look forward to hearing ASAP from the committee with their thoughts," said Letterie. "I know they are going to put

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Officials warn of increase in overdose deaths this year

By Transcript Staff

There has been a dramatic increase in the number of overdose deaths in town this year, according to Public Health Director Meredith Hurley and Police Chief John Goodwin.

They are urging residents to make use of multiple services that are available to help with substance use issues.

Winthrop experienced five overdose deaths in 2023, but so far this year there have already been a dozen deaths linked to drug overdoses, a more than 200 percent increase

over last year, according to town and police officials.

"This news is tragic, and we are now concerned because the holiday season is approaching, and we have historically seen rates of substance misuse increase overall during this time of year," said Hurley. "We want everyone in our community to know that we have many resources available to help those struggling with substance use disorder. We want to help save lives."

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TRASH DELAY
Due to the Thanksgiving Day Holiday on Nov. 28, Thursday 11/28 will be picked up on Friday 11/29; Friday 11/29 will be picked up on Saturday 11/30
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WINTHROP POLICE BLOTTER

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4

1030: A Sewall Ave. resident reported that a person had dumped trash in her dumpster. The officer filed a report.

1040: An officer assisted the parties with the exchange of papers at a minor motor vehicle accident on Crest Ave.

1057: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Walden St. for the civil moving infraction of a stop sign violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1126: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Brookfield Rd. for the civil moving infraction of violating the hands-free law. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1144: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Quincy Ave. for the civil moving infraction of operating an unregistered motor vehicle. The officer followed the operator to his home in order to have the vehicle parked on private property. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1609: A resident came into the station to report being the victim of identity theft and a larceny. The officer filed a report.

1651: Officer Carter assisted a family with the installation of a child car seat.

1703: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Revere and Taylor Sts. for the civil moving infraction of a stop sign violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1739: An officer stopped two motor vehicles at Ocean View and Cora Sts. that were using the same registration plate. The officer ordered a tow for the vehicle for which the plate was not registered.

1758: An officer responded to a report of three persons arguing loudly about the election. The officer spoke to the parties and restored the peace.

1849: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Shore Drive and Hawthorn Ave. for the civil moving infraction of an equipment violation. The officer also determined that the operator was unlicensed, which is a criminal offense. The officer issued a citation to the operator for both offenses and took the keys of the vehicle until a licensed operator came to take possession of it.

2329: An officer assisted MBTA personnel with clearing out a homeless encampment at the Belle Isle Bridge Reservation.

2357: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Pleasant St. for the

civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5

0317: An officer issued parking tickets to six vehicles without resident parking stickers on Waldemar Ave.

0321: An officer issued parking tickets to eight vehicles without resident parking stickers on Pauline St.

0905: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Washington Ave. for the civil moving infraction of a stop sign violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

0931: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Cliff Ave. for the civil moving infraction of a stop sign violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1324: An officer stopped a person operating a dirt bike with no plate on Cross St. The officer issued a citation to the operator for the criminal offenses of unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle and operating an uninsured motor vehicle and for the civil infraction of operating an unregistered motor vehicle. The dirt bike was taken away by a tow company.

1508: An officer responded to a minor two-car motor vehicle accident at Main and Pleasant Sts. There were no injuries and neither vehicle was towed.

1923: 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.

2120: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Veterans Rd. for the civil moving infractions of a stop sign violation and unsafe operation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

2321: A person turned in a Michael Kors purse that she had found in French Sq.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6

0226: An officer issued parking tickets to six vehicles without resident parking stickers at Taylor and Harvard Sts.

0536: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Shirley St. for the civil moving infraction of a stop sign violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1043: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Veterans Rd. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1054: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Veterans Rd. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1223: An officer responded to a report of six dogs running loose on Yirrell Beach. The Ani-

mal Control Officer issued a citation to the owner of the dogs for violating the town by-law.

1333: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Veterans Rd. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1343: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Veterans Rd. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1351: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Veterans Rd. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1402: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Veterans Rd. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1410: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Revere St. for the civil moving infraction of a stop sign violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1415: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Walden and Lincoln Sts. for a civil moving infraction. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1416: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Cliff Ave. for the civil moving infraction of a stop sign violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator, as well as for the civil infraction of not having his license in his possession.

1518: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Walden and Pauline Sts. for a civil moving infraction. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1710: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Washington Ave. and River Rd. for the civil moving infraction of a crosswalk. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1725: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Revere St. for the civil moving infraction of a red light violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1822: A person called the station to report that his motor vehicle was locked inside the parking lot at Kilmartin Park. An officer called DCR and they sent someone to unlock the gate.

1849: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Jefferson St. for the civil moving infraction of operating without headlights after dark. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

2357: A repossession company reported the repo of a motor vehicle.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7

0156: An officer issued parking tickets to five vehicles on Bellevue Ave. without resident parking stickers.

0158: An officer issued parking tickets to 11 vehicles without resident parking stickers on Court Rd.

1215: An officer directed contractors working at a house on Cutler St. to move their vehicles, which were parked on the wrong side of the street.

1243: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Veterans Rd. for the civil moving infraction of a crosswalk violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1427: A report of a large tree limb that appeared ready to fall hanging over

Pleasant St. was referred to the DPW.

1526: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Shirley St. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8

0125: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Banks St. for the criminal offense of attaching plates that are registered to another vehicle. The motor vehicle was towed.

0221: An officer issued parking tickets to eight vehicles without resident parking stickers on Winthrop St.

0842: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Washington Ave. for the civil moving infraction of speeding (38 in a 25 m.p.h. zone). The officer issued a citation to the operator.

0851: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Washington Ave. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1050: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Waldemar Ave. at Pleasant St. for the civil moving infraction of speeding (35 in a 25 m.p.h. zone). The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1058: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Waldemar Ave. at Pleasant St. for the civil moving infraction of speeding (35 in a 25 m.p.h. zone). The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1250: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Shirley St. for a civil moving infraction. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

Former Winthrop lieutenant pleads guilty to sex abuse charges with minor

By Transcript Staff

A former Winthrop police lieutenant pleaded guilty to child sex abuse charges on Monday.

James Feeley, 57, was arrested last year while still a member of the Winthrop Police Department and charged with rape of a child and multiple counts of indecent assault and battery on a child under 14.

Feeley was scheduled to go to trial early next, but changed his plea to guilty in Suffolk Superior Court on Monday.

Feeley was sentenced to four to six years in prison, with credit for time served, followed by five years of probation by Judge James Budreau. Following his release, Feeley will need to register as a sex offend-

Boston man arrested on drug and motor vehicle charges

Winthrop police arrested and charged a man after a brief foot pursuit following a traffic stop Thursday night, Nov. 14.

Ray Lara, 29, of Boston was arrested and charged with recklessly operating a motor vehicle so as to endanger, leaving the scene of a personal injury, marked lanes violation, disorderly conduct, resisting arrest, failure to stop for police, trafficking in more than 10 grams of Fentanyl, and trafficking in 18 grams or more of a Class B drug.

On Thursday, Nov. 14, at about 8:45 p.m., officers were on patrol in the area of Governor's Drive when they observed what appeared to be a drug transaction involving a White Ford SUV, according to Police Chief John Good-

win. While the SUV was leaving the area, officers observed the vehicle cross over designated road markings. Officers activated their emergency lights and pulled the vehicle over near Main Street, according to police.

Police stated that officers spoke to the driver, who identified himself as Lara. While officers were conducting the traffic stop, they said Lara attempted to flee the scene and crashed into another vehicle.

The collision significantly damaged both vehicles, leaving the SUV inoperable.

Police stated that Lara then got out of the vehicle and attempted to run away from the scene. After a brief foot pursuit, officers were able to safely place

1300: A resident came into the station to report a larceny by a person she had met on Facebook. The officer filed a report.

1310: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Shirley St. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1321: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Pauline St. for the civil moving infraction of speeding (36 in a 25 m.p.h. zone). The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1351: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Palmyra St. for a civil moving infraction. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1404: An officer moved along several vehicles that were parked in the handicapped spaces at the high school.

1444: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Pauline St. for the civil moving infraction of violating the hands-free law. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1457: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Main St. for the civil moving infraction of violating the hands-free law. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1510: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Lowell Rd. for the civil moving infraction of a stop sign violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1554: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Pleasant St. for the civil moving infraction of a stop sign violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1706: A resident came into the station to report a larceny. The officer filed a

report.

1913: An officer directed the owner of a pick-up truck that was parked on Summit Ave. more than 12 inches from the curb and obstructing traffic to move his vehicle.

2049: An officer directed the operators of three vehicles parked in the Fire Lane on Shirley St. to move their vehicles.

2330: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Veterans Rd. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

2348: An officer dispersed two persons parked in a motor vehicle from Hannaford Park, which is closed after dark.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9

0008: 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.

0152: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Main St. for the civil moving infractions of speeding and a stop sign violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

0214: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Pleasant St. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

0336: An officer issued parking tickets to 17 vehicles without resident parking stickers on Cliff Ave.

1247: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Pleasant St. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

armed with a handgun and made statements which indicated that he was suicidal. The defendant's brother called Winthrop Police Chief Terence Delehanty and a Winthrop Police sergeant to meet Feeley at the cemetery. At that time, Feeley confessed to the chief and sergeant that he had sexually assaulted the alleged victim, according to the indictment.

The defendant was arrested by the Massachusetts State Police on Dec. 26, 2023.

After receiving his Miranda warnings, the defendant admitted in a recorded interview that he sexually assaulted the child on five or six occasions, according to the district attorney's office.


LARA under arrest.

LARA was assessed by responding medical personnel before being transported to Winthrop Police Headquarters.

The driver of the other vehicle was transported to an area hospital by Action Ambulance for injuries that are believed to be serious.

During a subsequent investigation, officers located two plastic bags near where officers arrested Lara following the pursuit. One bag contained a white, rock-like substance later determined to be 19.3 grams of crack cocaine. The other bag contained a brown, powdery substance later determined to be 11.9 grams of fentanyl.

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Annual tree lighting ceremony set for Nov. 29

French Square will once again come alive with holiday cheer as the Winthrop Chamber of Commerce hosts its annual Holiday Tree Lighting event on Friday, November 29, 2024. The festivities kick off at 4:00 PM, ending with a visit from Santa Claus himself, promising a night of community spirit and family fun.

Santa Claus has confirmed his flight into Logan Airport just in time to join the festivities. The Winthrop Fire Department will be on standby to meet Santa on the runway and escort our VIP guest to Winthrop. With a sprinkle of holiday magic, Santa will once again illuminate French Square, marking the official start of the holiday season.

The 33rd Annual Holiday Tree Lighting has evolved from a simple gathering into one of Winthrop's most anticipated annual events. Hosted by the Winthrop Chamber of Commerce, the tree lighting not only marks the

start of the holiday season but also serves as a shining example of what makes Winthrop a special place to call home.

"This tradition that strengthens the bond between our residents and local businesses," said Marc Chapdelaine, President of the Winthrop Chamber of Commerce. "It's a wonderful opportunity for families to celebrate the season while showcasing the vibrant spirit and collaboration that make Winthrop such a great community to live in and raise a family."

This year's event is shaping up to be especially exciting, with a lineup of performances that highlight local talent. The students of Cervizzi's Martial Arts will take center stage with a dynamic karate demonstration, showcasing the skill and discipline of our young ninjas-in-training. In addition, students from Winthrop's School of Performing Arts will once again showcase their tal-

ents with dance and music performances.

The event is made possible through the unwavering support of the Winthrop Foundation, which has played a vital role in organizing and funding the celebration year after year. Their dedication ensures the event remains free and open to all residents. The Foundation's support fully funded the holiday lights in French Square and Metcalf Square.

"We're thrilled to support this wonderful tradition," said Russ Sanford, Chairman of the Winthrop Foundation. "This is a chance for everyone in Winthrop to come together and celebrate what makes our town so special—its people and their shared love for the holiday season."

The Winthrop Book Depot announced that they will be staying open late to serve Hot Chocolate and other holiday treats, adding to the holiday spirit. In addition, the restaurants in and around

French Square are looking forward to welcoming guests for dinner following the night's festivities.

"The tree lighting is a fantastic event that we look forward to every year," said Chris Thompson, owner of Black Strap BBQ. "It brings the whole community together and creates such a festive atmosphere. It's a wonderful opportunity for us to welcome the community, share our food, and be part of this special Winthrop tradition. Events like this remind us why we love being a local business here."

With live performances, refreshments, and a visit from Santa Claus, this year's celebration is sure to create cherished moments for attendees of all ages. The Winthrop Chamber of Commerce welcomes all to this festive evening in French Square on Friday, November 29, 2024. Dress warmly, bring your friends and family, and prepare for an evening of holiday cheer.



PHOTO BY ELYSE GAYNOR

St. Michael's Drama brings A Charlie Brown Christmas to life this weekend at St. Michael the Arc Angel on Winthrop Street. Performances will be in the lower church hall on Saturday, November 23 at 5pm and 6pm and Sunday, November 24 at 1pm and 2pm. Free General Admission and free popcorn. Pictured Back: Aiden Mansfield, Connor Gaynor, Ana Sofia Gonzalez Hellwig, Katerina Dalton, Victoria Connolly. Middle: Ellen Gaynor, Mackenzie Evans, Tessa O'Toole Front: Leo Dalton. Not pictured: Francesca Mazzone, James Mazzone, Flynn McClelland, Alex Synnott, and Grace Turco.

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sons to children under 18 and adults 65 and older.

"The SAFE and Senior SAFE grants are a smart investment in fire protection, fire prevention, and fire safety for the most vulnerable members of our communities," said State Fire Marshal Jon M. Davine. "I want to thank Governor Healey, the Executive Office of Public Safety, and the Legislature for supporting these programs, and I encourage every fire department to apply."

The SAFE grant program has contributed to the steepest decline in child fire deaths in Massachusetts history. In 1994, there were more than two dozen child fire fatalities; the SAFE grants were launched the following year and child fire deaths never again reached even half that number. Massachusetts recently went more than two and a half years without losing a child to fire.

The Senior SAFE grants were created in 2014 to provide education, smoke and carbon monoxide alarm installation, and other services to reduce fire-related fatalities among older adults, who

now represent the age group most likely to die in a fire.

Fire departments of every city, town, fire district, and eligible state authority can apply to share in funding for SAFE grants, Senior SAFE grants, or both. Departments must meet certain requirements, including mandatory fire data reporting, to be considered. The Notice of Funding Opportunity, grant application, and eligibility requirements are available on the Department of Fire Services' website. Applications must be submitted by 5:00 pm on December 10, 2024.

\$26,000 ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIPS FOR MASS HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

The Henry David Thoreau Foundation awards collegiate scholarships of up to \$26K to eight to ten students graduating from public or private high schools in Massachusetts. As Henry David Thoreau Scholars, these select high school seniors may enroll in any college and uni-

versity in the world while they major or minor in an environmentally related field.

The Henry David Thoreau Scholarships are up to \$26,000 four-year scholarships awarded to eight students graduating from public or private high schools in Massachusetts. High school seniors awarded the Henry David Thoreau Scholarships can enroll in any college and university in the world while they major or minor in an environmentally related field. Henry David Thoreau Scholars are encouraged to enroll in internships or study abroad to broaden their awareness and understanding of environmental issues.

Henry David Thoreau Scholars have studied a wide variety of environmentally related areas, including biology, epidemiology, oceanography, international affairs, and environmental law, and upon completing their undergraduate degrees, they became members of the Henry David Thoreau Society.

The Henry David Thoreau Foundation further assists its scholarship winners by identifying

environmentally related internships, offering internship stipends, and providing networking opportunities. Upon graduation from college, Henry David Thoreau Scholars are inducted into the Henry David Thoreau Society. A sign of success of the Henry David Thoreau Foundation's mission to foster environmental leadership is the support past scholarship winners provide to present scholarship winners.

To learn more about the Henry David Thoreau Foundation and the Henry David Thoreau Scholarships, please visit thoreauscholar.org. Students have until February 1, 2025, to apply.

Roberto-Herrick Inducted into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi

Michaela Roberto-Herrick of Winthrop, was recently initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective all-discipline collegiate honor society. Roberto-Herrick was initiated at MCPHS University.

Roberto-Herrick is among approximately 20,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni to be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi each year. Membership is by invitation only and requires nomination and approval by a chapter. Only the top 10 percent of seniors and 7.5 percent of juniors are eligible for membership. Graduate students in the top 10 percent of the number of candidates for graduate degrees may also qualify, as do faculty, professional staff and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction.

FALL FESTIVAL EVENT



Temple Tifereth Israel held its Fall Festival on November 17, featuring vendors that offered cozy winter items such as hats, mittens, paintings and patterned leggings. Eric Ambrose and Deanne Cordes are shown holding a homemade cake.



Joyce Blumenthal, Amy Yorra, and Kathleen Cappuccio.

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Conti, Ellen L	3 Seal Harbor Unit 531 R	3 Seal Harbor Rd #531	\$527,000
Weinstein, Nancy A	Warren, Aric C	41 Hawthorn Ave	\$750,000
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OUR Opinions

IS THE HOUSING PROBLEM SOLVABLE?

It is estimated that the U.S. presently is short of anywhere from four million to seven million housing units, including both rentals and single-family homes.

This is an astounding number that is growing larger every year. Housing production is lagging the demand that is being created by the family formation of the Gen Y (also known as Millennials) and Gen Z generations who are aging into adulthood.

The severe imbalance created by the increase in demand and the lack of supply -- which has been the trend in the U.S. for the past 15 years dating back to the financial crisis -- in turn has led to home and rental costs that far exceed a level of affordability for the majority of Americans.

We recently went on one of those real estate websites to look at our former family home in Chelsea which our parents purchased in 1965 for about \$20,000. The house, which is located in the Prattville section of the city, is a modest four-bedroom, 1700 sq. ft. home that last sold in 2011 for \$305,000. Today, that home has an estimated value of \$850,000.

To put those numbers in perspective, inflation from 1965-2024 increased 10-fold (\$1.00 in 1965 is worth \$10.00 today), but that home's value has increased by an astounding 42-fold. And from 2011 to today, inflation has increased by 40% -- but the value of that home has gone up by almost 300%.

Our parents' mortgage in 1965 came at a four percent interest rate and required a downpayment of \$4000. Their monthly mortgage payment (without taxes) was about \$100 per month. Today, a young couple would need a downpayment of \$170,000 in order to buy that home and their monthly mortgage payment would be about \$4000.

Our housing crisis today often is portrayed as an affordability crisis for those in the lower-income brackets. But as the numbers above demonstrate, purchasing a home today is affordable only for upper-income couples who also have families who are able to assist them with the large down payment that is necessary to obtain a conventional mortgage.

Young people also face the same lack of affordability for rental housing. Almost nobody graduating from college today, even if they have a well-paying job, can afford an apartment on their own in Greater Boston or any major city. Doubling and tripling-up is the norm for young people unless they have financial support from their families.

The last time that the U.S. faced a crisis of this magnitude came in the years immediately after WWII. Housing production during the war years had stopped and the millions of returning GIs who were forming families were in need of housing. The principal solution at that time was the construction of multi-unit housing developments -- known colloquially as "the projects" -- in almost every community in the country.

Private developers (assisted by low-rate mortgages backed by the Veterans Administration and Federal Housing Administration) also filled the need with large-scale, cookie-cutter developments in the suburbs, the most notable example being the "Levittowns."

However, today the high costs of land acquisition, materials, and infrastructure improvements (including the need to comply with modern environmental regulations) make it all but impossible for home-builders to construct "affordable" housing, whether single-family homes or multi-unit rentals.

Affordable housing advocates often cite restrictive zoning ordinances in many suburbs as a bar to the construction of affordable housing, but even if someone could take a magic wand and eliminate zoning restrictions, new home construction would barely budge. Massachusetts has had a law (c. 40B) for many years which allows developers to bypass local zoning regulations if a community's housing stock is deemed less than 10% "affordable." But that law has barely made a dent in the supply of housing. Similarly, the MBTA Communities law that has garnered so much attention in the past year figures to have a minimal impact on the housing crisis.

If it's any consolation, the housing shortage is not unique to the U.S. It's a worldwide phenomenon, from Europe to Australia, with much of the developed world facing a dire housing shortage.

Shelter is a basic human need. For millions of Americans, especially young people, the reality today is that both the public and private sectors are failing to address the ever-growing problem of our housing crisis -- and the inevitable result inevitably will have profound consequences for the future of the country.

LOOKING AT THE RECENT ELECTION

Dear Editor,

The Election on Tuesday, November 5, produced a win nationally for Donald Trump, a Republican Senate and a Republican House of Representatives. However, there are interesting details that need to be looked at.

First, Donald Trump has increased his vote totals and percentages in each election since 2016. He got 63 million votes and 45.9% in 2016, 74 million votes and 46.8% in 2020, and 76 million votes and 50% in 2024.

Kamala Harris, on the other hand, did better this year than Hillary Clinton in 2016, but worse than Joe Biden in 2020. Clinton got 66 million votes and 48% in 2016, Biden got 81 million votes and 51.3% in 2020, and Harris got 74 million votes and 48.3% in 2024.

Even if 2 million people who voted in 2020 for Biden switched their votes to Trump, there would still remain 5 million people who voted in 2020 for Biden that decided to skip the election and not vote for Harris or Trump. Harris lost because she did not energize enough voters to support her.

The true battleground states of Pennsylvania, Michigan and Wisconsin (The Blue Wall) tell the story. In 2016, Trump won these three states each by less than 1% and by a total of 80,000 votes. In 2020, Biden won these three states each by more than 1%, and by a total of 250,000 votes. In 2024, Trump won Pennsylvania and Michigan by more than 1% and Wisconsin by less than 1%, and by a total of 235,000 votes.

In the Senate, Republicans picked up three seats in red states that they were expected to win in West Virginia, Montana and Ohio, and there is a recount going on in Pennsylvania. If the Republicans win this seat, it will be the only real surprise, and they will have a 53-47 majority.

In the House, Republicans will at best pick up two seats, and there is a strong possibility that there will be no gain, and that they keep the present 221-214 slim majority.

As Charlie Cook, of the highly respected, non-partisan Cook Political Report stated, "(this election is) more a ripple than a (red) wave."

In Massachusetts, Trump got 1.1 million votes and 32.8% in 2016, 1.2 million votes and 32.1% in 2020, and 1.2 million votes and 36.5% in 2024. Clinton got 2.0 million votes and 60% in 2016, Biden got 2.4 million votes and 65.6% in 2020, and Harris got 2.1 million votes and 61.3% in 2024. Again, Harris did better than Clinton, but not as well as Biden, and the turnout this year was slightly higher than in 2016, but not as high as in 2020.

In the U. S. Senate race, Elizabeth Warren got 2 million votes and 59.6% while her Republican opponent John Deaton got 1.3 million votes and 40.4% this year. This compares to 2018 when Warren got 1,633,371 votes and 60.3%, while her Republican opponent Geoff Diehl got a little less than 1 million votes and 36.2%.

In Winthrop, the results were similar, Harris (55%) did better than Clinton (53.4%), but worse than Biden (61.1%), while

Trump did better against Harris (Trump 42.5%) than he did against both Clinton (Trump 39.6%) and Biden (Trump 36.6%). However, again the voter turnout was less this year (9,451) than in 2016 (9,727) and in 2020 (10,301).

Warren got 54.2% of the vote against Deaton's 45.8% this year in Winthrop compared to 2018 when Warren got 53.5% of the vote compared to Diehl's 39.6%.

Finally, the School Override Ballot Question lost 58% to 42%, which is only slightly less than the Fire Station Ballot Question that lost 64% to 36% last year.

William Schmidt

SAVE THE CBD!

Dear Winthrop Community,

If your spidey senses are tingling after the Winthrop Planning Board meeting last week, you are not alone.

The Winthrop Planning Board would have you believe that converting the entire Center Business District ("CBD") to a 3A Mandatory Mixed Use (MMU) District gives Winthrop 221 units of "credit" towards Winthrop's 882 unit quota, and as such, has "zero impact" on our Town Center. There's only one problem with that -- It requires the whole thing to comply with 3A! There is no "credit" happening here, or at Seal Harbor, or for the 393 units at Governor's Park. The EOHL has been clear on this from the start.

Here are the three biggest problems with converting the CBD (the Center Business District) to a

3A MMU District:

1) Legalizes ("unlocks") tenement-style development -- The Town must now codify the words, "No minimum bedroom size, no maximum number of bedrooms, and no occupancy limits" for any development occurring in the CBD. This is unheard of. Further, the EOHL cautions that Winthrop should alter our (by ordinance) definition of "family" so as to not cap the number of unrelated people living together to only 3 humans.

2) Eliminates true mixed-use -- 3A restricts any non-residential uses to the ground floor. This means that Winthrop could never have an office building or a medical building or any other commercial establishment that was more than just one (ground) floor, in our "commercial" center.

3) Prohibits establishing "required" parking for non-residential uses -- The businesses in our CBD would be precluded from having dedicated parking spots should this plan pass. This kills our businesses. Question: What kind of hardware store, restaurant, salon, etc. are you more likely to frequent? One where you can park at? How about in the Winter?

The CBD belongs to the citizens on Winthrop, Massachusetts. We are not interested in handing it over to developers who'll transform the space into one big housing project, or squeezing out our small businesses.

Stay strong Winthrop! Our super savvy, caring Community sees all. Rhetoric and propaganda are no match for the hearts and minds of the people and families who love this place.

Diana C. Viens

Drug Deaths // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

The Winthrop Department of Public Health offers free Narcan and free fentanyl test strips that can be picked up in the department's offices or mailed to an address in the community with no questions asked.

There are also Peer Recovery Coaches available to support those who are contemplating, seeking, or currently recovering from substance use disorder. Abstinence from sub-

stances is not required to connect with Peer Recovery Coaches, who are provided confidentially and free of charge.

Winthrop Police and the Department of Public Health are also urging residents who use substances to never use alone or in isolation, where there is no one to help in the event of an overdose. Both departments urge users to ensure they always have Narcan on hand.

Schools // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

a lot of time and effort into it. The importance can't be lost at all, this is an incredibly important thing that affects not only the school, but the town as a whole and I just hope people gather around and get together and ask the questions they need to ask."

School Committee Chair Jennifer Powell said it is important for those who supported the override and put the effort in to understand what the next steps forward are for the schools.

"I just want to thank the override committee deeply for the work that they had done, along with our teachers' union and our staff and our families for all coming out to vote," said Superintendent of Schools Lisa Howard. "Certainly, it was disap-

pointing for the override not to have passed. I was very confident that it was going to pass, and am still confident that the town council and the school committee are in agreement to move forward and request it again."

One of the important things the school department will be doing going forward in anticipation of another override vote is to do some analytical work around the things it may have missed the first time around regarding information that did not get out to the public, Howard said.

"I look forward to doing that work with any committee, whether it is the school committee or the override committee and reminding folks that we are ready for questions," said Howard.

Those who are using alone can contact the Never Use Alone Hotline at 877-696-1996. The hotline is available 24 hours per day, 7 days per week.

Anyone interested in being connected with Narcan, fentanyl test strips, or a peer recovery coach, or anyone who has additional questions, should email the Winthrop Community and Law Enforcement Assisted Recovery (CLEAR) Team at: clearteam@win-

thropma.gov.

"We want to spread the word that the drugs in our community are claiming lives at a record rate this year," said Goodwin. "The Winthrop CLEAR Team has multiple ways to help those struggling with substance use disorder, and we are pleading with users to make use of those services before it's too late."

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THE MORE Things Change ...

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10 years ago November 19, 2014

Town Manager James McKenna and Chief Financial Officer Tom Gordon revealed at the recent Town Council meeting that the Town of Winthrop has more than \$2.2 million in free cash in its accounts, representing an historic turnaround of Winthrop's financial picture.

Winthrop paid tribute to its war veterans this week in impressive fashion commencing with Winthrop Center Cafe owner Roger Oliveira hosting a dinner for veterans at his cafe that was sponsored by American Legion Post 146. The Winthrop Chamber of Commerce, led by executive director Betsy Shane and president Dr. Paul McGee, invited veterans to its breakfast meeting with town Veterans Agent Roseann Trionfi-Mazzuchelli appearing as the guest speaker at the breakfast. The Chamber then held a flag ceremony in French Square. In addition, the town's annual Veterans Day Program on the town lawn was well-attended.

Many Winthrop residents have been visiting the town's newest restaurant, Antique Table Trattoria, to get a taste of Italy and simple Italian cuisine and to experience its classic, charming atmosphere.

The Hunger Games: Mockingjay Part 1 and Penguins of Madagascar are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

20 years ago December 2, 2004

The Winthrop Charter Commission is in the process of finalizing its recommendations for a new town charter after having conducted more than three dozen public meetings and hearing testimony from countless officials from other communities. Charter Commission Chair Joseph Ferrino said that another public hearing will be held in January after the final charter draft is prepared.

The Playmakers' musical revue, A Little Travelin' Music, opens this weekend.

A joint effort between the Chamber of Commerce and the Winthrop schools has produced care packages for five local soldiers who are serving in Iraq this holiday season.

A 37 year-old Court Rd. resident and former Asst. Harbormaster, who works as a process server in the Middlesex County Sheriff's Dept., has been arrested on charges of dealing cocaine.

The selectmen have voted 3-0 to hire an economic development consultant.

Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason, After the Sunset, and Alfie are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

30 years ago December 8, 1994

Tax Collector Andrew Maylor told the selectmen that any boat owner who has not paid his town excise tax will be unable to acquire a mooring permit in the future. Maylor said that the town presently is owed \$43,000 in unpaid boat excise taxes.

Police Officer Nancy Dalrymple returned to work this week after more than three years away from the job. Dalrymple originally left on maternity leave in June of 1991, but then was fired by the selectmen in August, 1992, when she allegedly failed to obey an order from Police Chief Angelo LaMonica to return to work. However, the Civil Service Commission ruled that Dalrymple should have been disciplined, but not fired. In the meantime, Dalrymple was awarded \$25,000 by the MCAD in an action she brought against the town for having been excluded from a drug raid (prior to her maternity leave) because of her gender. Dalrymple presently has another case against the town before the MCAD in which she is alleging sexual harassment and seeking back pay for the period during which she was fired by the selectmen.

Santa will make his annual visit to the Beach fire station Saturday.

Firefighter Leo Murphy retired from the Winthrop Fire Dept. this week after 35 years of service.

Beautification Commission Chairman Frank Costantino said that parents who allow their young children to trample over the flower beds in French Square are to blame for the damage to the plantings there.

The Frontier Group Inc., which purchased the Cliff House Nursing Home two weeks ago, now has purchased the Bay View Nursing home. The company says it will be expanding both locations.

Star Trek: Generations and The Santa Clause are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

40 years ago December 5, 1984

School Supt. Peter Finn said that the proposed education reform bill before the legislature will have a large negative impact on Winthrop schools because the town lacks the funds to implement the state-mandated programs without additional state aid. The bill calls for a minimum starting salary for teachers of \$18,000, substantially more than the present starting salary in Winthrop of \$14,933. The proposed legislation also calls for teacher recertification every seven years.

Town officials have

announced that they will be hiring outside legal counsel to provide advice concerning the town's efforts to fight against the proposed construction of a new sewage treatment plant on Deer Island.

Santa will make his annual visit to the Beach fire station Saturday.

Four men were arrested this week for digging in a contaminated shellfishing bed at Belle Isle.

Townpeople are fondly remembering the late Anthony LaCamera, a Winthrop resident and noted Boston TV critic for three decades from 1948-78, who passed away November 19.

Beverly Hills Cop and The Killing Fields are playing at the Revere Showcase Theatres.

50 years ago December 11, 1974

The Winthrop School Committee rejected a proposal to include the town in the METCO program after a hearing that lasted several hours featuring both proponents and opponents. Although School Supt. Michael Fortunato said that the schools could accommodate up to 25 METCO students in the first grade, the committee voted 4-1 in favor of a motion by School Committeeman Donald Clayman to reject the METCO program, which would allow inner city students from Boston to attend Winthrop schools. School Committeeman Richard Gill was the lone member to vote in favor of the METCO program.

Frederick B. Smith II, a member of a prominent local family, died in a car accident in Nahant over the weekend.

The Winthrop and Viking taxi companies are seeking fare increases from 80 cents to \$1.05 and from 90 cents to \$1.30 in certain zones of the town.

Liza Minelli and Joel Grey star in Cabaret at the Kincade Theatre.

60 years ago December 10, 1964

The selectmen have called for a meeting with representatives from the various agencies in the town to discuss how the town can implement the national War on Poverty program that was announced recently by President Lyndon B. Johnson. Many communities are hopeful that Johnson's plans will help stem the rising costs of public welfare that are being borne by local communities.

The 9-1 Winthrop High football team, the first WHS grid squad ever to win an outright NEC title, will enjoy a three day trip to Miami, with the highlight being tickets to the Orange Bowl contest between the No. 1-ranked, undefeated Alabama team

and once-defeated Texas on New Year's night.

The Board of Appeals will decide the fate of a proposed 72-unit apartment building to be constructed at 191 Shirley St. under the existing zoning regulations. The site presently holds a large garage facility.

Four men were apprehended by police on Argyle St. as they were removing the engine and other parts of a Corvette Stingray which had been stolen in Brookline. Two of the men were from New York and two were from Chelsea. Judge Loschi of the East Boston District Court gave one of the men a suspended six-month sentence and the other three terms of one year of probation. Winthrop Police Sgt. Paul Abely said the light sentences were forced on the police as a result of a plea bargain because of the new search and seizure laws that forbid police entry into a citizen's premises without a search warrant.

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

70 years ago December 9, 1954

Winthrop Post Office Supt. Ray Flannery said that additional workers will be hired at the local Post Office to handle the annual holiday rush of cards and packages.

The Rev. Ralph Harper, Rector of St. John's Episcopal Church for the past 50 years, was found lying on North Ave. by a passing motorist Tuesday evening. Harper was carrying a box of candy for a six year-old girl who lives down the street when he apparently was stricken and fell to the ground.

A survey reveals that the driver education program initiated at Winthrop High School seven years ago is paying off with safer driving for graduates of the course.

The selectmen have announced the awarding of a contract to eliminate the Highlands Bridge at the north end of Shore Drive. The area underneath the bridge will be filled in and a new roadway constructed.

Clark Gable and Lana Turner star in Betrayal at the Winthrop and State Theatres.

80 years ago December 9, 1944

The town is in mourning this week after announcement from the War Dept. that three of our fine local lads have made the supreme sacrifice for their country. The trio are Sgt. Lawrence Young, who was killed in action in France; Pvt. Irving Bramson, who was killed in Italy; and Pvt. Zalmon Gilbert, who was killed in France. All

three were graduates of Winthrop High School.

The State Guard will hold a Stag Party Tuesday with invasion movies, sports talk, lunch, and a military drill.

The selectmen will hold a public hearing to discuss the proposed dredging of the waterway between the town and Logan Airport.

The Winthrop Catholic Woman's Club held the formal opening of its 35th season at St. John the Evangelist Church Hall. Mrs. Leo Haskell is the club's president.

Donald O'Connor and Jack Oakie star in The Merry Monahans at the Winthrop and State Theatres.

90 years ago December 8, 1934

The recount of the recent election has shown the complete incompetency of the counters who overlooked many ballots and miscounted others.

A Christmas Basket Drive is being conducted to provide assistance to the unemployed.

Will Rogers stars in Judge Priest at the Winthrop and State Theatres.

100 years ago December 13, 1924

Local shoppers will find lots of merchandise at reasonable prices in Winthrop stores this shopping season, so shop locally!

The annual memorial services conducted by the Elks were highlighted by the address of former selectman Joseph Barry before a capacity crowd. Barry spoke of all the good works that our Elks perform for the community.

110 years ago December 12, 1914

The annual Minstrel Show of the Winthrop Athletic Association, replete with laughable and lively sketches, and enlivened with catchy music, was held at the K of C Hall before a full house Monday and Tuesday evenings.

The cost of crime in this state is appalling, according to a report from the state prisons. State support for the police, jails, and courts amounts to \$6.5 million per year. The Mass. Prison Association recommends more preventative measures to keep juveniles from turning to a life of crime and urges that prisons become more reformatory than punitive, so that when a prisoner leaves jail, he doesn't return to his criminal ways. There were about 20,000 persons who received jail sentences in Massachusetts in 1913.

120 years ago December 10, 1904

The Women's Army and Navy League will re-establish the army canteen

to the post at Ft. Banks. The canteen was abolished in 1901 by an Act of Congress.

The first snowfall of the season did not stop the ladies of the Monday Night Club from holding their meeting during which they accepted two new members and conducted a reading and interpretation of Shakespeare's Twelfth Night.

Congressman Roberts has announced that he will file two bills aimed at fighting gypsy moths.

There is a call for all-night train service to Winthrop since there are many who would use the trains, if available, after 12 midnight.

The young girls and boys in town are enjoying the coasting craze with the recent snowfall providing just enough snow for coasting down Jefferson Ave.

130 years ago December 8, 1894

Despite the low temperature and strong wind, more than 700 football enthusiasts journeyed to Johnson Field on Winthrop St. to witness what proved to be the finest exhibition of that game ever seen in our town. The contesting teams were the Winthrop Athletics and the Ocean Sprays. Although the beach team was large in stature, they did not possess the key ingredient for this game, true grit. Chief MacNeill and two officers maintained good order on the field. The Athletics won by a final score of 8-4.

The Civil War Veterans will hold their annual ball Saturday night at their hall.

Diphtheria claimed the dear young life of Raymond Winthrop Daniels, age three years and 11 months. The many friends of his parents grieve with them.

140 years ago December 12, 1884

The petitioners for the continuance of Boston water met with the selectmen Monday evening to present their supposed grievances. Representatives from the Revere Water Co. also were on hand. The petitioners asked that they remain on Boston water for a period of 12 months before being required to accept Revere water, with the hope that the Revere company will supply good water by that time.

Mr. Munson's choral group will give an entertainment at Town Hall this week.

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VIKINGS GET BACK ON WINNING TRACK

Winthrop got back on a winning track with a convincing 42-24 thumping over KIPP Academy Thursday night at Miller Field. The Vikings broke the game open on

KIPP turnovers at the end of the first half and beginning of the third quarter, highlighted by a "pick six" by Will Murphy that put the Vikings ahead 35-12. Winthrop (6-

4) takes on Revere (5-5) Thanksgiving Day morning at 10 a.m. at Miller Field.



SCORE CELEBRATION: Steven Calla celebrate Sean Dolen's (5) 41-yard touchdown run late in the first quarter that gave Winthrop a 13-0 lead.



UP AND OVER: Seth Sacco heads for a landing after being tripped up by a KIPP defender.



NO DOUBT: Sean Dolen intercepts a KIPP pass on the last play of the first half with Winthrop holding a 21-12 lead.



TURNING POINT: KIPP had cut Winthrop's lead to 14-12 before fumbling a Winthrop punt late in the first half. Sean Dolen (5) Will Murphy (2) and Charlie Ferrara (11) pounce on the loose ball.

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Sports

A Winning Season

Dolen (3 TDs) Murphy (Pick-6 INT) help Winthrop defeat KIPP Academy, 42-24

By Cary Shuman

Jon Cadigan and the Winthrop High School coaching staff faced the unfortunate happening of losing to injuries at mid-season two of their most outstanding two-way players, running back and safety Nick Cappuccio, a pre-season All-State selection, and talented tight end and linebacker Nick Romano, who was well on his way to conference-wide All-Star recognition.

In the absence of that duo, the (6-4) Vikings pressed on while the coaching staff made some adjustments in personnel. The Vikings went out and executed the game plans and the result is the assurance of a winning record for the 2024 season after a 42-24 victory over KIPP Academy of Lynn last Thursday at Miller Field.

In the new-look Winthrop offense, quarterback Matt Noonan and running backs Will Murphy, Seth Sacco, and Sean Dolen became the Big Four and their combined firepower was again exhibited against KIPP, one of the best charter school programs in the state that draws its players from Lynn, a proven sports city with more than 100,000 residents.

Dolen deservedly earned Boston Herald Star of the Week recognition (the fourth Winthrop player to be so honored) for his 128 yards rushing and three touchdowns versus KIPP. Dolen is averaging a team-best 8.8 yards per carry.

"Sean had an excellent game," summarized Jon Cadigan. "His running style - I describe it as he runs angry. He runs hard, bounces off people, and refuses to get tackled by one guy. But he's also patient, he picks up his

blocks greats and he certainly did against KIPP."

Murphy made the play of the game when he intercepted a pass and returned it for a touchdown. Murphy was selected the Viking Black Shirt Defensive Player of the Game. The senior captain also had eight carries for 48 yards, two receptions for 42 yards and a touchdown, and a two-point conversion.

"Will is one of biggest offensive guys in terms of touches," said Cadigan. "Obviously he had the Pick-6 which was big. We got a total game from Will, which is pretty much what we expect."

Sacco contributed "another solid game" with 12 carries for 79 yards and a touchdown. Sacco is the team's leading rusher this season with 770 yards and a huge day on Thanksgiving would get him to the majestic 1,000-yard milestone.

"Seth has become a total football player," said Cadigan. "He plays very well on the defensive side of the ball. He put in a lot of work in the offseason."

Cadigan credited the blocking of offensive linemen, sophomore Riley Moccio, and senior captains Matt Reardon, Phil Boncore, and Gabe Grein, for an "A-plus" effort in the trenches.

"We're happy with the win," said Cadigan. "The goal was to secure a winning season. It's been a while since we were able to put together three consecutive winning seasons, so that's a pretty big deal."

The Vikings have turned their focus to the annual Thanksgiving game against Revere at Miller Field. Interestingly, the visiting Patriots (5-5) will have additional incentive as they seek to achieve a winning record for the season.

WHS HALL OF FAME INDUCTIONS



Sal Tiano (back row, center) Winthrop High Class of 1994, is pictured with his proud family after being inducted into the WHS Athletic Hall of Fame. Sal earned seven varsity letters in football, hockey, and baseball and graduated from Dartmouth College. He was recognized by Barron's Magazine as one top 100 financial advisors in the USA.

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OBITUARIES

Council votes no on 3A compliance plan

John (“Jack”) Francis McMahon

Noted Boston Labor Lawyer

John “Jack” Francis McMahon, noted Boston Labor Lawyer, of Winthrop and more recently of Jamaica Plain, died on November 7, 2024, at age 84.



Jack was born in Worcester, Massachusetts, son of John and Helen McMahon. He earned degrees from the College of the Holy Cross and Boston College Law School. As an attorney with Angoff, Goldman, Manning, Pyle, Wanger, and Hiatt, Jack spent his career representing workers and labor unions in New England, including arguing for the Boston Police and Firefighters Departments in front of the United States Supreme Court.

He met his wife, Sheila McNicholas McMahon, in college. Together, they raised five children: Rachel Christopher of Revere (Lawrence Christopher), Peter McMahon of Greenfield, MA, Deirdre McMahon of Bala Cynwyd, PA (Jason Mezey), David McMahon of Cambridge, MA (Leah Kramer), and Siobhan McMahon of Cambridge, MA (Philip Holland).

In addition to his career at the bar, Jack had a lifelong love of sports. He played hockey and speed skated with multiple groups in the Boston area. He also loved to run and to bike and continued

to cycle, if in stationary fashion, until weeks before his death. He was fond of crossword puzzles, coffee, birdwatching, and the Tour de France. He was also an accomplished draftsman and could sketch machinery with precision.

He and Sheila, who died in 2020, delighted in their grandchildren: Brendan, Erinn, Norah, Paul, Danny, Sebastian and Rosie. Jack leaves behind his children and grandchildren, as well as his brothers, Richard and Jimmy, both of Worcester, MA. His brothers, Christopher and Michael as well as his wife predeceased him.

Services will be private. Jack’s family would like to thank the care team at Springhouse Senior Living in Jamaica Plain, especially Jessie, and the wonderful

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Francis P. Burns, Jr.)

The town council voted not to accept the Massachusetts 3A Communities Act compliance plan recommended by the planning board at a special meeting on Tuesday night.

Over the past year, the planning board has been charged with crafting and recommending a plan to comply with the state law, which aims to increase multi-family housing in MBTA and MBTA-adjacent communities. The town is supposed to have a compliance plan approved by the state by the end of the calendar year, or could risk losing out on state grant opportunities.

The plan that was recommended by the board, working with RKG Consultants, needed five votes for approval at Tuesday’s meeting, but garnered only three.

Councilors John Munson, John DaRos, and Stephen Aiello voted in favor of the recommended plan to create two 3A zoning overlay districts and use credit for previously created town zoning in the Central Business District (CBD) to reach the state requirement of creating zoning for 882 units in the town.

Councilors Pat Costigan, Rob DeMarco, Suzanne Swope, and Council President Jim Letterie voted against approval of the planning board recommendation.

Council Vice President Hannah Belcher abstained, after earlier introducing a motion to table the decision to the Dec. 3 council meeting to see if the state court comes in with a ruling on a case filed by the town of Milton challenging the legality of 3A. That motion deadlocked at 4-4 and did not pass.

Councilor Max Tasinari recused himself from the discussion and vote because he works for MassDOT, which is mentioned in the 3A law.

Several of the councilors in favor of the planning board recommendation noted that the plan would essentially create no new housing units in the town since it overlays existing developments, and that the town cannot afford to miss out on grant opportunities, especially when it comes to potential stormwater and flooding issues.

Some of those opposed to passing the recommendation noted that 3A is a bad law that oversteps local zoning, and that it was unclear how the law could change and impact the overlay districts and the CBD in the future.

The planning board recommended the creation of two distinct overlay zoning districts to comply with section 3A, Seal Harbor - covering Seal Harbor and Fort Heath, as well as Governor’s Park without any impact on the CBD.

The planning board also passed a motion outlining necessary zoning changes, including the elimination of a special permit process for applicants seeking to pay parking in lieu fee.

“The special permit requirement in this section would be removed and will be addressed during the site plan review process with the planning board,” Letterie stated reading from the motion on the planning board recommendation.

In her remarks on the issue, Swope noted that the 3A debate has awakened Winthrop as a community.

“You have emailed, attended meetings, held

signs, made phone calls, gone to court, argued among yourselves, talked to our representatives, written and filed petitions, filed for an exemption,” said Swope. “Many of you have spent more time, thought, and energy on this issue than anyone around this table. Many of you want to hear the town council vote; many of you want to hear your voices heard through a town-wide vote, as this issue has a great impact on our town now and in the future.”

Swope said she has read every email, been to every meeting, read the law and the decisions of other towns during the process. She said she made the decision to vote no on the planning board recommendation based on several factors.

“The offset of the CBD is included in our 3A proposal from the planning board and it will dictate our ability to change, create, and develop what the town of Winthrop wants in the CBD,” said Swope.

Under the overlay districts, Swope said the properties under state zoning control may not change immediately but would not be under the control of the town.

“The question posed to the (attorney general’s) office offers the following response,” Swope said. “Does the passage to an MBTA compliance zone require changes to existing properties? The answer to that was no, the passage of a zoning district to comply with the MBTA community’s law does not require existing property owners who alter their properties, or to change otherwise lawful restrictions and leases of homeowner association contracts.”

However, Swope said it merely allows the multi-family housing to be developed as a right should a property owner choose to develop it.

“The future should be ours, not the state’s,” said Swope. “As an example, under the current regulations, Fort Heath, a family-owned building, could ask the town to change the configuration of the building. But the abutters, the planning board, the ordinance appeals board, the building inspector would have some oversight in those decisions that are made.”

Swope said 3A allows building by right.

She continued that there was hope that a visit by state housing secretary Ed Augustus to Winthrop would demonstrate that the town is truly different from other communities in terms of density, traffic, the location of the airport, the need for improved infrastructure, and the lack of school funding. But Swope said the visit by Augustus did not change Winthrop’s position with the state when it comes to 3A.

“We have an exemption case in the courts, why is the town not supporting it?” Swope asked. “All of you who claimed that the state might take money away, wouldn’t you like the courts to find us exempt? I don’t want to interfere with this case going forward, it would be our salvation, a vote yes would destroy our chances.”

Swope also noted that given the changing regulations of 3A, a future yes vote on a 3A compliance plan could still be possible.

“For example, if the attorney general wrote a

formal letter ... that said that no additional housing would be built now or in the future as a result of 3A ... I would certainly reconsider my vote,” she said. “One last thought, those of you that are so positive that increases of housing will never happen here as a result of 3A might think about being willing to pay for the additional school, increased personnel, and physical infrastructure needs. If this goes through, we may find that the costs far outweigh the benefits.”

“We are just one of 177 towns impacted by this law, hopefully we can join forces and successfully fight the state’s overreach.”

DaRos thanked Swope for input and for working hard on the 3A issue since it was first introduced. But DaRos said he sees the issue a little differently than Swope does.

“At the planning board’s presentation last Tuesday ... I publicly thanked everyone on both sides of this issue for all their hard work and great questions in vetting the 3A law and guidelines and their implications for Winthrop,” said DaRos. “I then thanked the planning board for their tremendous effort over the past year in helping us all go to school on all things zoning, understanding the 3A law and guidelines, and for taking on the challenge of crafting a plan that would comply with the law while resulting in minimal to no impact on our already dense town.”

At the planning board meeting, DaRos said he then asked board chair Christopher Boyce to give the bottom line of the recommended plan’s effect on the town. DaRos said he had four key takeaways from the board’s recommendation, and asked Boyce if his assumptions were correct.

“Number one, how will your recommended plan change Winthrop in any way if at all?” DaRos said. “My takeaway, the impact will be zero. Chris’s response, that is correct.”

He also asked Boyce if there was any chance that the plan would result in overdevelopment such as in the Seaport District in Boston or along Revere Beach.

“My takeaway, there is no chance of that happening under this plan,” DaRos said. “Chris’s response, that is correct.”

Next DaRos said he asked Boyce if there would be any impact to the residents of the proposed overlay districts in Seal Harbor One and Three, Governor’s Park, and Fort Heath.

“My takeaway, there will be no impact to those residents,” DaRos said. “Chris’s response, you are correct.”

Finally, DaRos said he asked Boyce if the mixed-use nature of the CBD would change, and Boyce said it would not, requiring ground floor commercial development as it has for the past decade. DaRos also noted that the recommended plan also has an affordable housing component in the event that there ever is new building in the overlay districts.

“Folks, the planning board was given a tough task, and from my view, they nailed it,” said DaRos. “They nailed it so well that the plan’s overlay districts actually zone for (fewer) units than exist in those locations today. God forbid if Seal Harbor

burned down tomorrow, a builder would need a whole host of special permitting to build back as many units as there are there today.”

A yes vote on the compliance plan would have allowed the town to comply with the state law while maintaining eligibility for a list of grants that are key to the future of Winthrop, especially climate resiliency grants, DaRos said.

“People in our town are hurting from flooding and it’s only going to get worse if we don’t vigorously pursue state grants for design and engineering work and federal grants for construction and implementation,” said DaRos.

He added that the council was not voting on the state law, but on the compliance plan recommended by the planning board, and asked if there were any specific parts of the compliance plan that other councilors would like to see changed. He also asked if the town could afford a lengthy legal battle over 3A compliance, noting that Milton has already spent hundreds of thousands of dollars in its legal battle.

Belcher noted that there are still some lingering questions when it comes to 3A, chief among them, the decision on the Milton legal case.

“I’ve been consistent from the beginning that I don’t think it is appropriate to vote without that information,” said Belcher. “We don’t have a clear picture of what the repercussions are for non-compliance, and I don’t think it is appropriate to vote without that information.”

Letterie said the 3A law and the debate over it has put an incredible amount of pressure on the town, the citizens, and the council.

“I do want to thank the yes and the no people, good points on both sides,” said Letterie. “I do want to thank our (state) representative Jeff Turco for standing with Winthrop and helping us in every way he can and being there at the meetings.”

Letterie said he believed there is very little debate that 3A is a flawed law.

“There are towns that are unique, we like to think of ourselves as unique, and we are to me unique, and there are other towns that I’m sure consider themselves unique for different reasons,” he said. “To me, one of the biggest problems with this is we are being punished for doing this work ahead of time, for being ahead of the curve. We created zoning to add additional units to help our base.”

Letterie noted that the town’s population has remained essentially unchanged at around 19,000 residents since the 1950s.

“We are aware of that and we realize that it is very hard for us to survive on a limited income stream,” said Letterie. “We don’t have a lot of a commercial base, we are one of the lowest in the state at less than six percent of our tax rate based on commercial businesses. Basically, this town is supported by its citizens.”

The town has created waterfront zoning and CBD zoning that Letterie said in time will bring in more units.

“Those units don’t bring in an astronomical amount of income to the

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WINTHROP HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME 2024

The Winthrop High School Athletic Hall of Fame Committee hosted its biennial Hall of Fame Induction Dinner Nov. 9 at the Lodge of Elks. Committee President Robert DeGregorio was the master of ceremonies for the program that hon-

ored some of the most outstanding athletes in the history of the Vikings' program. The eight individual inductees in the Class of 2024 were Maria Gambale Currier (1998), Jenny Fucillo Golic (2010), Jarrett Herdt (2006), Joseph

Kearns (1993), Douglas Milne (1963), Daniel Morgan (1980), Sal Tiano (1984), and Keith Welch (1976). Cross country and track coach Warren MacPhail was honored with induction for his contributions as a coach.

The 1981 state champion Winthrop High School baseball team, led by head coach Barry Rosen and assistant coaches Ed Morrison, Tony Fucillo, and Jay Guthro, was also inducted into the Hall of Fame.

Robert DiGregorio led the assembled guests in a memorial tribute to Winthrop High football coach and Bentley University Director of Athletics Bob DeFelice, who passed away Oct. 6, 2024.

The Hall of Fame, consisting of Robert DiGregorio, Susan Goldstein Freedland, and committee members Peg Bailey, Howard Conley, Kevin



A delicious buffet dinner by Patsy Cimino and his crew at the Winthrop Meat Market & Catering in Winthrop.



The 2024 WHS Hall of Fame Committee: Seated, President Robert DeGregorio, Susan Freedland, Richard Thibeau, and Pamela Gilfoyle Lund. Standing, Chris Tsiotos, Kevin Corkhum, Howard Conley, and Peg Bailey.



Pictured above is the family of Joseph Kearns, Class of 1993, 9 Varsity Letters, captain of the Viking Football Team that won the 1993 NEC title. Accepting for Joseph is Jill Callinan.



Warren McPhail, WHS Class of 1986. Warren was a 3-sport athlete, an educator and a coach. Totalling 200 meet wins as a track coach, and 12 NEC Championships.



Doug Milne, WHS Class of 1963. Awarded 8 Varsity letters, in football, Basketball, and track. US Army veteran as a Lt. Colonel with 23 years of service to his country, awarded the Soldiers Medal of Heroism.



Marie Gambale Currier, WHS Class of 1998. Competing in cross country, indoor and outdoor track. A 6-time NEC and Lynn Item All-Star.



Jarrett Herdt, WHS Class of 2006. Jarrett was a football, hockey, and baseball athlete, earning 11 WHS Varsity Letters.



Daniel Morgan WHS Class of 1980. Earning 9 Varsity Letters in golf, hockey, and baseball. NEC All-Star. Vote best male athlete by the WHS Class of 1980, and Bentley Swift Award recipient.



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 claim the state title.



Jenny Fucillo Golic, WHS Class of 2010. Competed in soccer, indoor and outdoor track. Jenny was a NEC All-Star and a recipient of the Wallace B MacLean Athletic Award and competed and graduated from Notre Dame University.

WINTHROP COMMUNITY HEALTH FORUM A HUGE SUCCESS

Many residents attended the Winthrop Community Health Forum Nov. 13 at the Cummings School.

The annual event was created by former Speaker of the House Robert A. DeLeo 27 years ago.

Guests were able to converse with medical personnel and representatives from various health, wellness, elder, and public safety agencies. The guests enjoyed free healthcare giveaways and refreshments.

Dr. Pramodchandra Shah and Winthrop High assistant football coach and alumnus Mark D'Ambrosio were the keynote speakers.

Shah is a highly respected and beloved physician in town who retired after a distinguished 54-year

career in medicine. Shah illuminated about his amazing journey from his scholastic excellence in Mumbai, India, to his arrival in the United States and Winthrop that began here when he was recruited by the former Winthrop Hospital to launch their emergency room and outpatient services.

D'Ambrosio, a former Winthrop High football player who was mentored by Hall of Fame coach Tony Fucillo, talked about his life as a high school and Colby College student-athlete and his professional career. D'Ambrosio focused a portion of his inspiring address on the personal challenges that he had to confront during his development years within his family, emerging today

as a proud husband and father, and a positive role model for the town's student-athletes.

The presenters for the Winthrop Community Health Forum were Commonwealth Clinic Services, Inc., Commonwealth Primary Care, Inc., Winthrop Chamber of Commerce, and the Winthrop Board of Health.

The Winthrop Foundation, represented by Vincent Crossman at the event, was a major sponsor.

The Winthrop High School hockey team, led by head coach Dale Dunbar and assistant coach Michael Norris, turned out as a group to volunteer at the event and their generous assistance was acknowledged by organizers of the forum.



Jeanne Holgersen, Robin Bertino, event moderator Sandra Hurley, Jennifer Hurley, Andrea Hurley, and Abby Carleton.



Winthrop High School hockey coaches Dale Dunbar and Michael Norris and players volunteered their efforts at the Health Forum.



Participating in the House of Representatives citation presentation to award recipient Dr. Pramodchandra Shah are former Speaker of the House Robert A. DeLeo, Rep. Jeff Turco, Rep. Joseph McGonagle, and Sandra Hurley.



Emma Holgersen (right) conducts a blood pressure test for Yvonne Westcott at the Winthrop Community Health Forum.



Event honoree and keynote speaker Mark D'Ambrosio is pictured with his wife, Chrissy D'Ambrosio, after his inspiring speech at the Health Forum.



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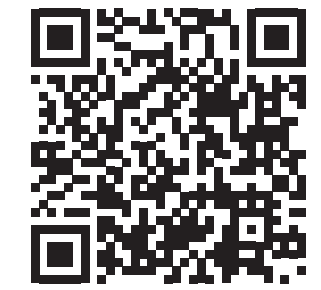
9:00am-3:00pm: Computer Usage
10:00am-11:30am: Representative Turco Office Hours
10:00am-11:00am: Yoga with Trish (\$5)
11:00am: Grab & Go Lunch Pick-Up
11:30am-2:30pm: Game Day / Mahjong

Wednesday, Nov. 27

9:00am-3:00pm: Computer Usage
9:15am-10:15am: Yoga with Trish (\$5)
10:30am-11:30am: Zumba with Cindy (\$5)
The Senior Center will close at 12 noon. Lunches must be picked up before 12 noon.

Tuesday, November 26

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
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11:00am-12:00pm: Blood Pressures



Thursday, November 21

Senior Center closed for Thanksgiving

Friday, November 22

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Vicki Mucci, former Speaker of the House and event founder Robert A. DeLeo, Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Betsy Shane, Sen. Lydia Edwards, NeighborHealth Director of Communications Emily Martin, and event moderator presenter Sandra Hurley, Rep. Joseph McGonagle, and Chris Hurley.



Event honoree and keynote speaker, retired physician, Dr. Pramodchandra Shah, with his wife, Dr. Devila Shah, and their proud family.



The Neighborhood PACE table, Outreach and Marketing Coordinator Daniela Martinez Perez, Business Development Manager Mackenzie Cunningham, and NeighborHealth Director of Communications Emily Martin.



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Robin Bertino, one of the Community Health Forum's key organizers, pictured with her husband, City of Lynn Chief Financial Officer Michael Bertino.



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town, especially in terms of apartments," said Letterie. "It is small compared to single-family homes, two-family homes, and condominiums."

One of the primary reasons the state passed 3A in the first place was because people were concerned about a housing crisis in Massachusetts, Letterie said.

"If we agree with that

premise, and that premise only, this bill by all accounts, and this has been said by the yes and no people, doesn't potentially create any units," he said. "So why would a yes person be happy with this outcome? The answer to that, if I could be so bold to answer that question, it's because of the potential loss of grants.

"That's the scare tactic,

and it's worthy; there are multiple grants that are affected by this, there are no federal grants affected by this, the MSBA is not affected by this," Letterie continued. "Originally, there were three or four grants that were tied to this, now it is in the teens."

One of the major grants tied to 3A is the MVP grant which the town has made use of in past years to the

tune of about \$700,000, Letterie said.

"Obviously, money is a concern and we rely on some of these grants," Letterie said. "The MVP grant is helping us with Morton Street. We were also denied an MVP grant earlier this year while Revere was accepted, so I have concerns about that? I do."

During the special

meeting, Aiello stated that the 3A issue would likely go to a town-wide vote regardless of the outcome at the council level, and Letterie agreed that it was likely.

"This will probably be on a ballot sometime in the early spring," said Letterie. "There would be a referendum process, there would be signatures that would have to be certified,

and it would be on a ballot."

Ultimately, Letterie said his position on 3A has not changed over the past year.

"I don't think this is the right thing for Winthrop," he said. "I know there are consequences we will deal with, but this is not the right thing for Winthrop at this time."

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TEMPLE TIFERETH FALL FESTIVAL

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Temple Tifereth Israel held its Fall Festival on November 17, featuring vendors that offered cozy winter

items such as hats, mittens, and patterned leggings. Handsewn scarves, as well as crocheted baby clothes, plushies, and towels were on display at the craft fair, where families began their holiday shopping for every-

thing from skincare items to scented candles. Local artists were also selling their photographs, paintings, seasonal decorations, and embellished water bottles.



Kathy and Jennifer Magnasco, of Kathy's Crafts



Terri Gaudreau and Mary DiRusso at Terri's Fragrance and Flames



Paul Singarella and Lindsay McIsaac, of Sublime Soul Crochet, selling crocheted plushies and scrunchies



Joslyn Smith with her grandmother, Alicia Vazquez, and Alicia Ortiz hugging her mother, Alicia Ortiz



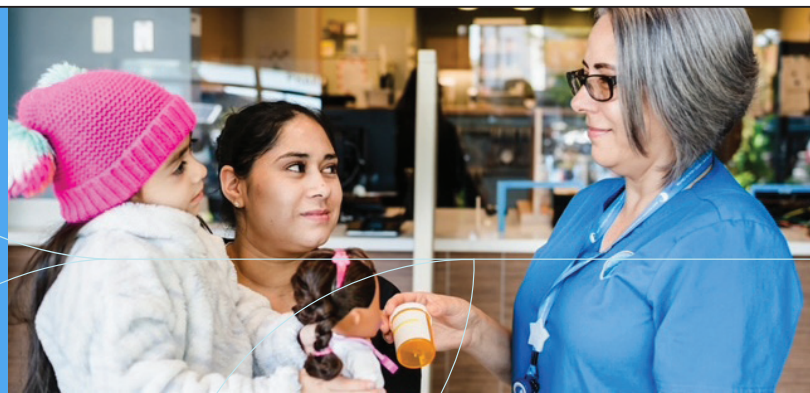
Paula Ronan, Ginger Cross, and Laurie and Caitlyn Jevoli shopping for winter hats



Al Dominique, Dawn Mahoney, holding her Menorah-painted shell, and Colleen Murphy with her holiday top hat bouquet



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