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Year in Review

By Adam Swift

The debate over the MBTA 3A Communities Act highlighted a busy year in Winthrop that also saw continued discussions over the fate of a new fire station, the school budget, and flooding issues in town.

In November, the town council voted not to accept the Massachusetts 3A Communities Act compliance plan recommended by the planning board.

Over the past year, the planning board was 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 was supposed to have a compliance plan approved by the state by the end of the calendar year, or risk losing out on state grant opportunities.

Opponents of 3A noted that the state should not be forcing zoning mandates on the town, which is al-

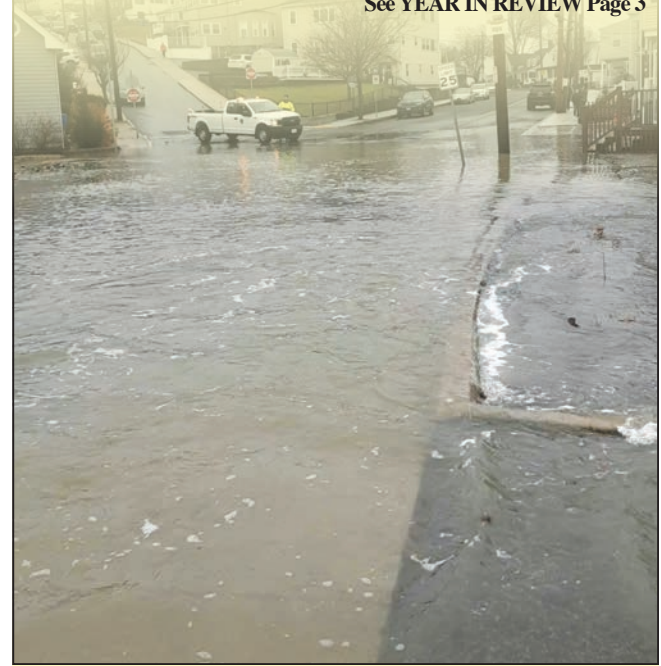
ready densely populated.

Planning board members noted that the compliance plan crafted by an outside consultant would create overlay districts in several areas of town, as well as ask for credit for the existing Central Business District, and would have a minimal impact at best on development in the town.

During the November vote, Town Council President Jim 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

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The beginning of the year, Winthrop and the surrounding area were rocked by floods brought on by frequent heavy storms. Flood waters made their way up Revere Street nearby Short Beach as a result.

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CITY OF BOSTON
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FOR FIRST NIGHT
FESTIVITIES

Events happening in the City of Boston will bring some parking restrictions and street closures.

People attending these events are encouraged to walk, bike, or take public transit. Information on Bluebikes, the regional bike share service, may be found on the website and information on the MBTA may be found online. The MBTA advises riders to purchase a round-trip rather than a one-way ticket for a faster return trip. Walking is also a great way to move around.

Hanukkah Vehicle
Procession - Thursday,
Dec. 26, 2024

The annual Hanukkah Vehicle Procession will be taking place in Brighton. The procession starts near Dighton Street and Chest-

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CARY SHUMAN PHOTOS

The Just The Three Of Us trio, Jack Hawes, Jane Mitchell, and Bucky Cole (shown above) delighted the crowd with a selection of holiday songs during the Lodge of Elks Holiday Party for seniors. Shown below, event chairperson Roberta DiPierro greets luncheon guests Silvio Scaglione, Dina Scaglione, Ann Columbro, and Mat Channen. See more photos on Page 5.



Town Council to continue discussions on old middle school site in new year

By Adam Swift

Town Council President Jim Letterie plans on bringing up further discussions on plans for the old middle school in the new year.

The Pauline Street site was one of two sites up for the home of a potential new fire station, but last week, the council voted

to move forward with the town-owned basketball court property on Walden Street.

During the meeting, Precinct 2 Councilor John Munson asked about the future of the property and the possibility of the town receiving state funds to demolish the old middle school.

Letterie said there has been discussion at the last

several meetings about the demolition of the school and auditorium, but not the gymnasium. He noted that there has also been some recent discussion about looking at the potential for five townhouse lots on a portion of the property.

"There has been one developer over the last many years, and it never

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TRASH DELAY
Due to the New Years Day Holiday
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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.

SUNDAY, DEC. 8

1335: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Pleasant St. for a civil moving infraction. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1344: 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.

1350: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Pleasant St. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer issued a citation to the operator for that offense.

1357: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Pleasant St. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer issued a citation to the operator for that offense.

2001: 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.

the operator.

1523: A person came to the station to report that his motor vehicle had been stolen while parked on Mermaid Ave. The officer filed a report.

1547: An officer assisted the parties with the exchange of papers at a motor vehicle accident in a parking lot on Revere St. There were no injuries and neither vehicle was towed. The officer filed a report.

1604: Winthrop assisted the State Police with stopping a motor vehicle that allegedly had been stolen in Boston. They arrested Edwin Josue Castro, 23, of Lynn, for the criminal offenses of receiving a stolen motor vehicle and operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

1749: Officer Carter assisted a family with the installation of a child car seat.

2330: A tow company reported the trespass tow of a motor vehicle from Governors Park.

2358: An officer dispersed a person in a motor vehicle from Hannaford Park, which is closed after dark.

TUESDAY, DEC. 10

0016: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Tewksbury St. for the civil moving infraction of a one-way violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

0848: Officers responded to a motor vehicle accident on Sturgis St. involving a Nissan Sentra and an Infiniti Q50. Both airbags deployed and the parties declined medical attention. The Sentra was towed. The officer filed a report.

1246: 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 for that offense, as well as for the civil infraction of not having his registration in his possession.

1027: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Washington Ave. and Veterans Rd. for a civil moving infraction. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1047: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Washington Ave. and Lewis Rd. for a civil moving infraction. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1101: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Walden and Main Sts. for the civil moving infraction of a stop sign violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1435: 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.

2017: An officer issued a parking ticket to a vehicle that had exceeded the meter time on Woodside Ave.

2107: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Walden St. for the civil moving infraction of operating without headlights after dark. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

2204: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Shirley St. for a civil moving infraction. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

2304: 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.

2314: An officer stopped an uninsured motor vehicle on Main St. The officer issued a citation to the operator for that offense, which is a criminal violation, and followed the operator home to ensure that she parked the vehicle on private property.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 11

0049: 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.

0106: An officer issued a parking ticket to a vehicle without a resident parking sticker on Shirley St.

0129: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Pleasant St. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

0157: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Jefferson St. at Winthrop St. for the civil moving infraction of a one-way violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1319: 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.

1337: A person came into the station to turn in a lost Apple Watch that they had found. The officer filed a report.

1919: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Main St. for the civil moving infraction of a marked lanes violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

THURSDAY, DEC. 12

0003: 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.

0322: An officer issued parking tickets to 11 vehicles without resident parking stickers on Circuit Rd.

0737: The DPW reported that they had struck the side view mirror of a parked motor vehicle on Marshall St. and had left a note for the owner. The officer filed a report.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

-- 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.

1602: A person came into the station to report a road rage incident for which she had video and a plate number for the other vehicle.

1633: A resident came into the station to report that her credit monitoring report informed her that her Social Security number had appeared on the dark web and that she should report it to the Police Dept. The officer filed a report.

1741: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Walden and Pauline Sts. for a civil moving infraction. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1812: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Washington Ave. and Veterans Rd. for the civil moving infraction of a stop sign violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

FRIDAY, DEC. 13

1219: An officer

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

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

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

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

1708: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Revere St. for the civil moving infraction of a number plate violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1715: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Winthrop St. for the civil moving infraction of operating without headlights after dark. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1844: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Veterans Rd. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

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

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

-- 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.

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

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

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

1945: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Pleasant St. for the civil moving infraction of a red light violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

2230: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Pleasant St. for the civ-

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

SATURDAY, DEC. 7

0239: An officer issued parking tickets to nine vehicles without resident parking stickers on Court Rd.

1022: A person came into the station to turn in a wallet she had found on Washington Ave. The officer filed a report.

1158: Officers responded to a report of a truck tangled in wires on Beacon St. An officer escorted the truck to East Boston.

1227: A resident came into the station to report being the victim of larceny and identity theft. The officer filed a report.

1358: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Woodside Ave. with an expired registration, which is a civil offense. The officer stood by while the owner renewed the registration online.

2009: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Shirley and Wave Way Aves. for the civil moving infraction of a one-way violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator, who was from out of town.

2016: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Veterans Rd. for the civil moving infractions of a marked lanes violation and hot having his registration in his possession. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

2028: Officers responded to a report of a breaking and entering into an apartment at Governors Park. The officers arrested Gino J. Castiello, 44, of East Boston, for the criminal offenses of breaking and entering into a building in the nighttime with intent to commit a felony, causing malicious destruction of property with a value greater than \$1200, and assault by means of a dangerous weapon.

2129: A resident reported that a motor vehicle sideswiped her vehicle, taking off the sideview mirror on Shore Drive, and left the scene. The officer filed a report.

SUNDAY, DEC. 8

1029: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Main St. for a civil moving infraction. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1319: An officer issued a parking ticket to a vehicle partially blocking a driveway on Prospect Ave.

1505: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Main St. for the civil moving infraction of violating the hands-free law. The officer issued a citation to the operator for that offense, as well as for the civil infraction of not having a child in a car seat.

Winthrop man charged with scamming apartment renters in Malden

Kenneth Riel, 50, of Winthrop, was arrested and charged with eleven counts of larceny over \$1200, six counts of larceny and one count of false entries or omissions in corporate books last week, according to Middlesex District Attorney Marian Ryan and Malden Police Chief Glenn Cronin.

Riel is alleged to have stolen over \$35,000 in down payments and secu-

rity deposits from individuals seeking to rent apartments in Malden.

In the fall of 2023, the defendant started as the property manager of a multi-unit apartment complex in Malden. Over the course of his employment, he allegedly directed rental applicants to submit money orders to him for deposits on apartments, directing the prospective tenants to leave the payee and payor information blank, according to the

Middlesex District Attorney's office.

These thefts were discovered after Riel's employment ended, when applicants came to the apartment complex seeking keys, or information about when their apartment would be ready. The new manager immediately directed the victims to the Malden Police.

The investigation allegedly revealed that 17

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CARY SHUMAN PHOTO

Residents participated in a rally against the MBTA Communities Act (3A) before the meeting Tuesday, May 14 at the Robert A. DeLeo Senior Center. The group is shown holding signs reading, "Winthrop Says No To 3A."

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to help our base."

During 2024, the town also prepared for two ballot votes that are expected to take place in early 2025.

In November of 2023, voters rejected a debt exclusion to fund the construction of a new fire station at the site of the Wadsworth Building and former Kirby Funeral Home.

Over the past year, the town council and administration worked on plans to bring another proposal before voters to replace the town's two aging fire stations.

After narrowing the site selection down to the town basketball courts on Walden Street and the old middle school, the council voted to move forward with the Walden Street site, citing the lower cost of the proposal, estimated at about \$35.5 million.

A survey of residents showed slightly more support for the old middle school option, but Letterie said he believed some of that was fueled by a lack of development of the site over the past nearly eight years. Letterie said the council will be taking up



Uncovering the plaque dedicating the tree to the Town of Winthrop's COVID-19 victims, Winthrop Police Chief Terence Delehanty (retired) and Meredith Hurley of the Medical Response Corps.

options for the potential development of the old middle school in the new year.

The other big vote slated to come before the town in early 2025 is a school budget Proposition 2-1/2 override.

In November, voters rejected a \$4.95 million override that would have

helped fund expected budget shortfalls in the Fiscal Year 2026 budget, as well as fund an education stabilization account to help cover school costs for several years beyond that.

Following the November vote, the school committee and administration got to work on bringing a proposal back before the



An inaugural Breakfast in Celebration of Elected Women was held recently at Pamona Cafe in Winthrop, celebrating the women holding office in Revere, East Boston and Winthrop. Elected officials from all three communities were present.

town.

The committee's finance subcommittee recommended going back to voters with the \$4.95 million amount, but some committee members cautioned against going back with the same amount that was recently defeated and recommended a lower amount.

In December, the town council approved the school committee's ultimate recommendation to place a tiered question on the ballot, where voters can choose either a \$4.95 million override, a \$3.5 million override, both, or neither amount.

If both override amounts are successful, the higher amount would prevail.

Letterie and Superintendent of Schools Lisa Howard both noted that if the override does not pass in early 2025, the schools will be faced with potential staff cuts and larger class sizes. They have stated that it would also impact all town departments, as the town would have to

try to cover some of the expected school budget shortfalls.

At the end of May, 141 students graduated as part of Winthrop High School's Class of 2024. Samantha DiMento was the class Valedictorian and John Tracy was the Salutatorian.

In October, tributes poured in from the schools, the town, and beyond for former Winthrop High football coach Bob DeFelice, who died at the age of 82. In addition to his role in Winthrop, DeFelice was a key figure at Bentley University where he served as the long-time baseball coach and athletic director.

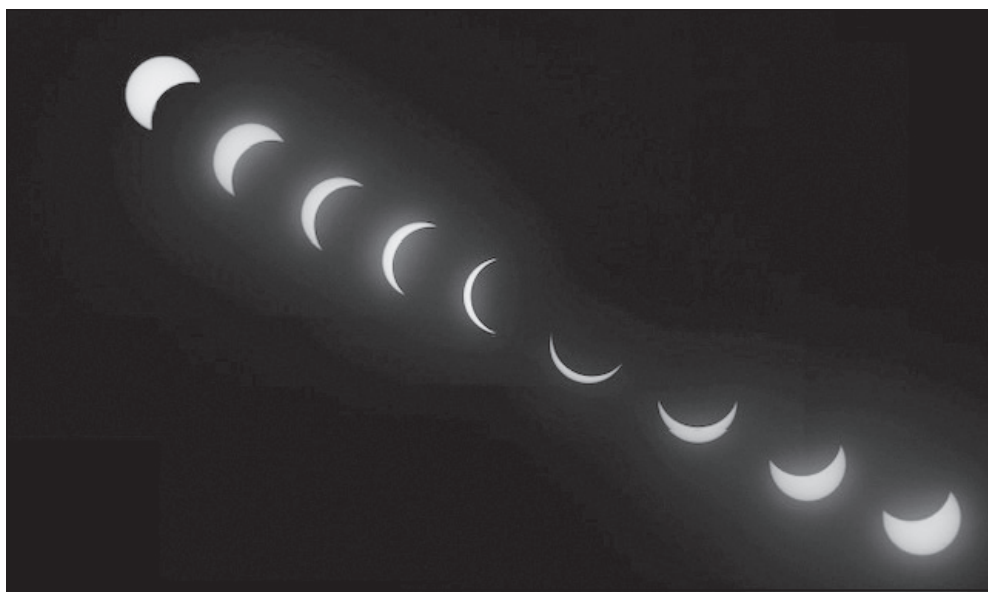
While there was no municipal election in 2024, the town council did welcome one new member. In May, the council selected Pat Costigan to represent Precinct 1. Costigan will serve out the remainder of Richard Fucillo's term. Fucillo stepped down from office to move to another community.

Locally in the state election in 2024, incumbent Democratic State Representative Jeff Turco was returned to office, as was incumbent Democratic State Senator Lydia Edwards.

The year also saw new leadership in the police department, as former chief Terrence Delehanty retired and Deputy Chief John Goodwin was appointed the town's new chief by Town Manager Tony Marino.

The town also got its first assistant town manager in 2024, as Marino selected Cheryl McCormick for that position. McCormick will help oversee much of the planning and development work done by former town planner Rachel Kelly, as well as provide assistance with grants.

In November, former Winthrop Police Lt. James Feeley pleaded guilty to rape and abuse of a child and sentenced to four to six years in prison followed by probation.



NANCY MARTEL PHOTO

The path of the April 8 eclipse as seen from the Greater Boston area. Deer Island made an excellent location to glimpse the celestial event.

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went anywhere, interested in ... redeveloping it as apartments," said Letterie. "I don't know what the thought process is on a substantial amount of units in that area."

Letterie said there have been multiple plans and discussion about the property by the council over the years, but that there needs to be further discussion about moving forward with a project for the site. He said he is open to the council holding a roundtable meeting with public participation on the old middle school early in the new year.

"We really need to adopt a formal plan," said Precinct 5 Councilor Joseph Aiello. "We need to dimensionalize things like how deep would the residential element be, where the utilities would be, what would happen to other parts of the project,

what kind of green space would be provided."

Aiello said some of the ideas for the site that have been discussed for part of the property in the past include building a boutique hotel, as well as building affordable housing that would allow teachers and public safety officials to be able to afford to live in the town.

"But we need a robust discussion about what can happen there, we need to think about a loose master plan but with some real dimensions on it to try to make sure we understand what we have and don't have," said Aiello. "I believe we have a lot of detail about the history of the ownership of the property, so we understand what's possible without legislative needs, because some of that has been deemed to be possibly parkland in the past." Once the town has a for-

mal plan for the entire site, Aiello said it could then decide on a sequence for releasing requests for proposals for development.

"We really need a workshop on it to understand it and then drive ourselves to a consensus master plan for that site," said Aiello, adding that once the process gets underway, it could happen fast.

Letterie said he believes that discussions for the overall site need to include an ice rink and gymnasium.

"We've been incredibly fortunate to build three new schools, unfortunately, we have gone from four gyms to three," said Letterie. "There is a huge need for gymnasium space. There is also a demand for parks and recreation, which provides an incredible service to our town, both young and old."

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OUR Opinions

MERRY CHRISTMAS

This is the most wonderful time of the year, to paraphrase the popular song, with holiday music playing in the malls and on our car radios, resurrecting our earliest childhood memories of Christmases-past.

We choose just the right tree, decorate it carefully with our family-heirloom ornaments, and when we first turn on the lights, it brings a smile to the faces of even the most-jaded among us.

Despite our hectic rushing to and fro, everybody, it seems, is in a good mood. We endure the traffic and the long lines in stores because we know that what we are doing will bring joy and happiness to others.

For those of us with young children, we get to see Christmas through their eyes, giving us a second chance to experience the wonder and joy that we felt when we were their age.

Although all of us celebrate the holiday season in our own way, the common thread is one of peace, joy, and happiness, regardless of religious or secular beliefs. Whether it be Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, or a Seinfeldian Festivus, the spirit of the season imbues us with a sense of togetherness that transcends whatever negativity may exist both in our own lives and in the world around us.

We wish all of our readers a Merry Christmas and a happy holiday season.

HAPPY HANUKKAH

The eight-day observance of Hanukkah, also known as the Festival of Lights, started Wednesday evening, December 25, and will culminate on Thursday, January 2.

Hanukkah is observed for eight nights and days by lighting the candles of the Menorah, one on each day of the eight-day celebration. (The Menorah itself consists of nine candles, one of which typically stands above the rest and is used to light the other eight.)

Hanukkah commemorates the victory of the Maccabees in 166 BCE when the Maccabees liberated the Jewish people from the Greek-based rulers who essentially had outlawed the Jewish religion.

When the triumphant Maccabees captured the city of Jerusalem, they quickly entered the Holy Temple, tossing out the images of the Greek gods that had been installed there by the occupying rulers. When the Maccabees went to light the Menorah candles in the Temple, they thought they only had one day's worth of oil. However, the candles remained lit for eight days -- hence the miracle of the Festival of Lights.

Hanukkah usually is a joyous occasion for Jews world-wide, marked by gatherings of friends and families and the playing of traditional games such as the dreidel and eating traditional -- and delicious! -- foods such as latkes. Needless to say, in the aftermath of the events of October 7, 2024, as well as the subsequent increase in anti-semitic incidents, Hanukkah this year will have special meaning for Jews the world over.

We wish to take this opportunity to wish our friends and readers of the Jewish community a happy, healthy, and joyful Hanukkah season and we join them in solidarity against anti-semitism in all its forms.

ENJOY THE HOLIDAYS SAFELY

The upcoming holiday week means that most of us will be partaking in traditional gatherings with our families, friends, and co-workers to share the joy of the holiday season.

Unfortunately, this also means that many among us will be overindulging in holiday "spirits."

It is the responsibility of each of us to ensure that where alcohol is present, it is used responsibly, not only by ourselves, but by those around us at our holiday gatherings. None of us wants to wake up the next morning with the regret, "If only I had taken their car keys."

We wish all of our readers a happy, and safe, holiday season.

REGARDING THE FIRE HOUSE

Dear Editor,
At the recent Town Council Meeting, December 17, 2024, held at the DeLeo Center, 16-20 Winthrop Firefighters stood at the back and were certainly noticed by those in attendance and viewers on WCAT. The first speaker, President of Local 1070, spoke of the disappointment in the council after the last meeting. Deputy Chief Calanda next reminded the council of the



10 years ago December 26, 2014

House Speaker Robert DeLeo has been named the Sun-Transcript's local Man of the Year. Many political observers consider DeLeo to be one the most powerful public officials in the state. Constituents regard him highly as an accessible and personable leader on Beacon Hill who has accomplished so much in developing and passing legislation to assist in vital causes such as domestic violence, substance abuse, and mental health.

Winthrop resident Robert Deeb unveiled his newest venture this past week, an exciting new restaurant, JWs, in Winthrop Center in Michael's Mall.

Selma, Annie, and A Night at the Museum: Secret of the Tomb are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

20 years ago December 30, 2004

The season's first major snowstorm dumped eight inches of snow locally on the day after Christmas.

Residents are recalling the life of former State Senator Michael LoPresti Jr., who passed away this week at the age of 57 after suffering for years from a long illness. He served as Winthrop's State Senator from 1973-1990 and was known for his advocacy of traditional Democratic causes. He also was an avid ice hockey player.

The Aviator, Meet the Fockers, and National Treasure are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

Town's promise "you are next" after the completion of the last 7 major new builds in the last 35 plus years. Captain Higginbotham was next and after a descriptive accounting of the job of a Winthrop Firefighter, and then proceeded to call out each councilor on their choice not to second a motion at the last council meeting. What the Captain said in his 5-8 minute comment was more impressive than any letter to the Transcript or email to the council that I have sent. One council-

or brought up "Rehab" as neighboring Cities and Towns have done. Those projects had the mandated square footage that comes from OSHA and National Fire Associations. Our VERY old stations do not meet those requirements.

The Debt exclusion for building a new Fire Station will be brought to the voters of Winthrop in the next few months. The total cost for Walden Street is \$34,669,000.00. I understand that this project will be in the vicinity of the now under used Base-

ball area.

Debt Exclusion is not a onetime hit to the tax base. It is done in increments as the project needs funding. The Town will go out for bonding as the money is needed. Please don't confuse this with an override.

I am asking every voter in Winthrop to go to the Polls and vote YES for this project. As I said before, when you call WFD whether medical or Fire they come! Now they need us, the citizens of Winthrop to come.

Karin Chavis

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

60 years ago January 7, 1965

The Winthrop Housing Authority met last night with the selectmen to discuss the issue of snow removal at the new Viking Gardens elderly housing project. The road through the project has yet to be accepted as a public way by the town and thus cannot be plowed until the Town Meeting in March.

Melina Mercouri and Peter Ustinov star in Topkapi at the Revere Drive In.

70 years ago January 6, 1955

Joy turned to sadness for a Winthrop couple when their newborn child, the first born at Winthrop Community Hospital in the New Year, died just nine hours after his birth. The child died of what doctors termed a rare condition.

Arthur L. Berman, proprietor of Arthur's Shoe Store, has been elected the new President of the Winthrop Chamber of Commerce.

Bing Crosby, Danny Kaye, Rosemary Clooney, and Vera Ellen star in White Christmas at the Revere Theatre.

80 years ago January 4, 1945

Winthrop's share for the 1945 War Bond drive has been set at \$18,000,

according to local fund chairman Carl Nelson.

Carl Ravich has announced that he has purchased the pharmacy of Kilburn C. Brown, located on Winthrop St., as of January 1.

Monty Wooley, June Haver, and Dick Haymes star in Irish Eyes Are Smiling at the Revere and Boulevard Theatres.

80 years ago January 5, 1935

Winthrop's highway crew came out in force to clear the town's streets in the aftermath of the real, old-time blizzard that hit the town on New Year's Day.

100 years ago January 3, 1925

The Winthrop Improvement and Historical Association has endorsed a plan put forth by Van Ness Bates, a Harvard graduate, for the construction of a suspension bridge across Boston Harbor connecting East Boston with Boston proper. Bates will be a guest speaker at a forthcoming meeting of the WIHA.

110 years ago January 9, 1915

The selectmen have responded to the recent statement by the Advisory Committee on the contract for the collection of

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people reported providing the defendant payments that were never documented with the management company. The defendant then completed the money orders, writing his name or the names of family members, as the payee of the orders, rather than the management company, according to the district attorney's office.

In one instance, the district attorney's office alleged that a renter provided a payment to Riel through the cash transfer mobile application Zelle, which investigators allegedly tracked to his personal Zelle account.

When the applicants followed up with the defendant about the apartments, he made excuses for the delays, repeatedly

telling one victim that the inspection of the apartment was delayed for months, according to the district attorney.

"In this case the defendant allegedly took advantage of victims, many of whom were non-English speaking immigrants, seeking housing," stated Ryan. "Using his position he allegedly took the victims' money for his own personal use, stealing not only their money but their opportunity to rent an apartment they had been led to believe they had secured."

The defendant was arraigned on Thursday, Dec. 19 in Malden District Court before Judge Francis Kenneally. Bail was set at \$10,000. The next date in this case is Jan. 17.

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LODGE OF ELKS HOSTS HOLIDAY PARTY FOR SENIORS

Cary Shuman Photos

The Winthrop Lodge of Elks hosted a Holiday Party for seniors Sunday, Dec. 8 in the club's function room.

Event organizer Robert

DiPierro welcomed the many guests to the event that featured a catered luncheon, dessert, and holiday-themed musical entertainment by the Just The Three Of Us trio.

DiPierro thanked the

volunteers who helped make the event a huge success and wished everyone a happy holiday season.

DiPierro also noted the valuable assistance from the Winthrop High School team who drew a substan-

tial ovation from the audience in recognition of its community service. The athletes helped serve the meals and distribute the candy packages to each guest.



Members of the Winthrop High School football team volunteered their services at the luncheon. From left, are Chris Messina, Seth Sacco, Nicholas Romano, Sean Dolen, Chris Beshere, and Riley Moccio.



Past Exalted Ruler, Jane Howell, Paula D'Agostino, Roberta DiPierro, and Christina Haskell.



Elizabeth Snow, Past Exalted Ruler Kathy Haskell, and Roberta DiPierro.



Enjoying the luncheon are Kathy Pervola (back row, left), Carol Bianchino, Ruth Vosolo, Bernadette Tritto, Fanny Keane, and Antonia Jean-Baptiste.



Luncheon guests Stephen Vider and Jay Rosenzwaig, with Eric Reidister (right) Legislative Aide to Sen. Lydia Edwards.



Rep. Jeff Turco brings the Commonwealth's holiday greetings to (front row) Pauline Frati, Barbara Matarazzo, and Judy Farley, (back row) event chairperson Roberta DiPierro, Carol Douglas, and Sherry Merchant.



Roberta DiPierro, Elks Exalted Ruler Richard Kennedy, Rep. Jeff Turco, volunteer Paula Ward, and Treasurer Roberta Daly.

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ashes. The two boards are at odds over the amount of the contract with the Advisory Committee recommending no more than \$5000 and the selectmen asserting that the amount

of \$5655 is needed.

120 years ago January 6, 1905

The Sinking Fund Commissioners paid over \$34,500 to the Town

Treasurer last week to be applied to the payment of town bonds, issued 27 years ago, thereby disposing of the last item of town debt, for which the taxpayers in 1905 should be quite happy. Prior to 1875, cities and towns in the Commonwealth could borrow as much money as the voters deemed appropriate. But a change in the law that year limited the amount that could be borrowed to three percent of valuation. Winthrop's debt 30 years ago, prior to the law, stood at eight percent.

140 years ago January 2, 1885

One of the most enjoyable evenings of entertainment ever given in Winthrop was held in Town Hall last night when the young people in town who are studying at Mr. and Mrs. Munson's conservatory of music delighted their parents and friends with a fine entertainment.

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Event chairperson Roberta DiPierro (right) program coordinator Rosemary Kaye (center) welcome well-known Winthrop resident Alice Haskell to the holiday luncheon.



Margaret Larrity, Roberta DiPierro, and Bucky Cole.



Rep. Jeff Turco, with holiday luncheon guests (front row), Barry Steg, Cynthia Steg, and Becky Swope, (back row) Paul Corkhum.

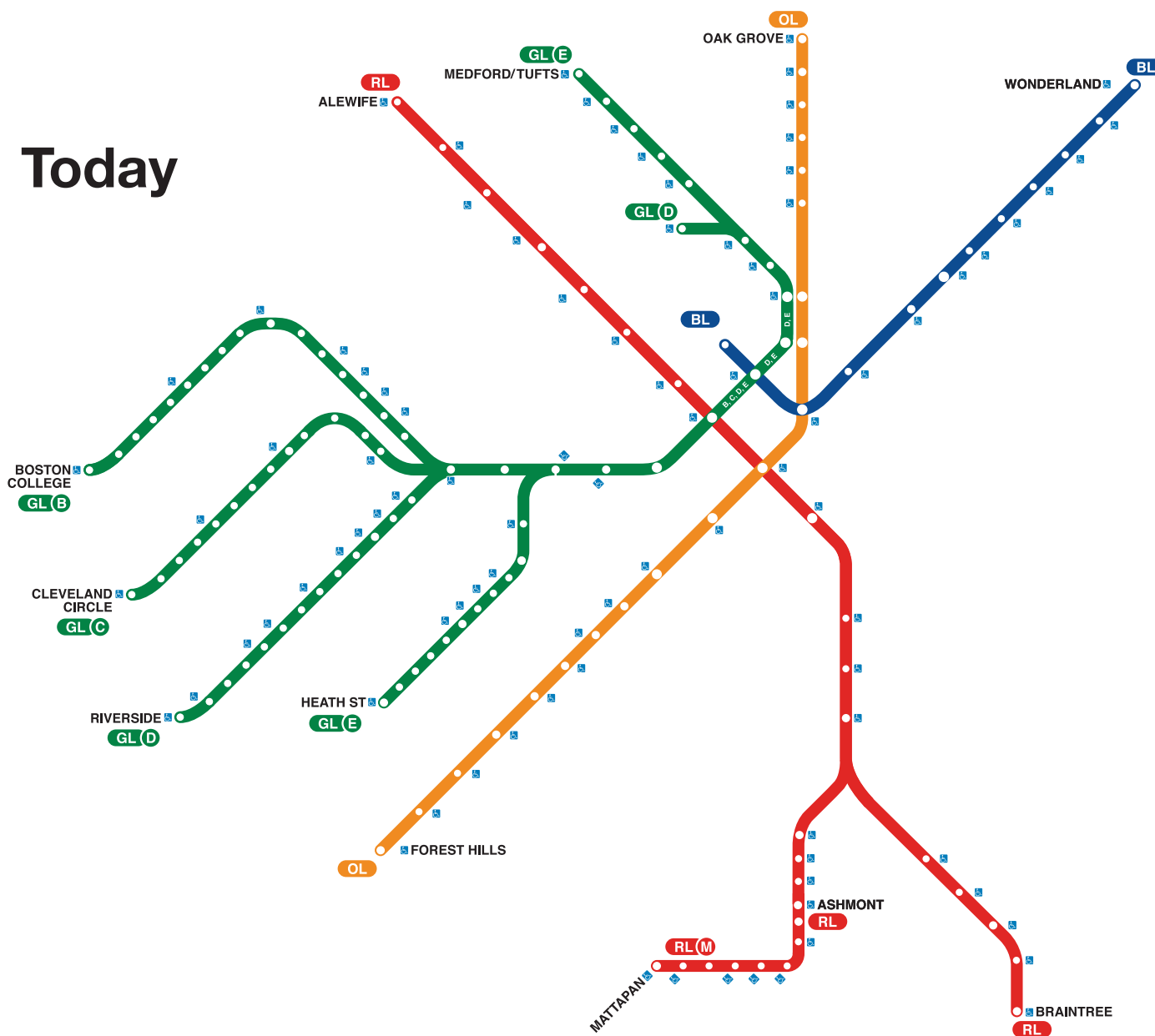
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Sports

WINNING FORMULA

Martucci, Pereira, Towse power Winthrop to 3-0 start

By Cary Shuman

Winthrop High girls hockey coach Butch Martucci couldn't be happier with his team's 3-0 start to the new season.

Senior captain Talia Martucci has five goals and one assist in three games – including a huge game-winner in a 2-1 decision over Leominster Saturday. Junior defenseman Junior Tegan Pereira has been a force at the blue line, netting two goals in three games.

Meanwhile, junior goaltender Riley Towse is climbing the all-time shut-

out ladder with two blank-

ings in the trio of victories. "Our success starts from the net out, and Riley has been absolutely dialed in and completely laser-focused," credited Butch Martucci. "Also, in front of her, our defense is not giving up a ton of shots. Our defensemen (Amelia Spencer, Tegan Pereira, Avallina Coffey, Francesca Indrisano, and Izi Hain) have been unbelievable."

Pereira's two goals have been sizzlers from the point. "She's shooting the puck really well. And Amelia [Spencer] has a goal as well," noted Coach

Martucci.

With wins over Medford, Leominster and Bishop Fenwick (3-0) Monday, the Vikings sit just outside the top 10 in the statewide rankings.

Amelia Serino broke a scoreless deadlock versus Fenwick in the second period, with senior captain Amelia Spencer notching an assist. Pereira made it 2-0 on a goal assisted by Chloe Couture and Avalina Coffey. Martucci scored an unassisted goal in the third period.

Winthrop claimed a hard-fought 2-1 win over a fast and physical Leomin-

ster team.

Pereira opened the scoring in the second period, assisted by Coffey. Leominster tied the game at 1-1 in the second period.

But Talia took over late in the third period, netting the game-winner in unassisted fashion. Martucci skated around a defender and ripped a shot on net for the scoreboard decider.

Martucci has been drawing considerable attention from opposing de-

fensive corps, with teams assigning multiple players to try and contain the Salem State-bound star.

VIKING NOTEBOOK

Talia Martucci, who earned Boston Globe "Star of the Week" honors for her 100th career point and hat trick (versus Medford), is moving up the WHS list of all-time scorers with 105 points, two shy of current assistant coach Caroline McKinnon's total. Former assis-

tant coach Taylor Brown is at 109 points. McKinnon played college hockey at Salem State while Brown was a captain at Nichols College.

Former WHS superstar Emma Holmes, who had 146 career points, is skating for the Plattsburgh State (N.Y.) Cardinals, along with her sister, Julia Holmes.

Like Tony Fucillo, Ron Spinney, and Larry Kee-

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WHS SPORTS ROUNDUP

DAVID GREEN HOOP TOURNEY DEC. 27-28

The Winthrop High boys and girls basketball teams will host the fourth annual David Green Memorial Basketball Tournament this Friday and Saturday at the Winthrop High gym.

The Viking boys will take on No. Reading at 2:00 and the girls will face Gloucester at 4:00 in their opening round contests on Friday afternoon. The tournament's consolation and championship contests will be played on Saturday. Lynnfield and Stoneham are the two other teams in the girls' division.

The tourney is named after lifelong resident and former Winthrop High star athlete David Green, who was shot in the summer of 2021 during a race-motivated hate crime in which Green, a retired State Trooper, came to the scene of the shooting from his home, which was just around the corner from where the shooter had crashed his truck. David's heroism is credited with saving the lives of his fellow residents.

WHS BOYS HOCKEY TO PLAY IN HOLIDAY TOURNEY

The Winthrop High boys hockey team once again will play in the Mi-

chael Giordano Christmas Classic hockey tournament on December 26 and 27. The Vikings will meet Lynnfield in a preliminary round contest on Thursday and then meet either Han-

over or Boston Latin at 10 a.m. in the consolation game or at noon in the championship contest on Friday.

The tournament will take place at the Murphy Rink in South Boston.

Coach Dale Dunbar's crew is coming off a big 4-1 victory over Norwell, which is one of the perennial powers in Division 4, this past Saturday at Larsen Rink.

The triumph was Winthrop's first win of the season after two losses and was a nice bounceback victory after the Vikings had dropped a tough 5-3 decision at Essex Tech three days previously.

In the battle with the Essex Tech Hawks last Wednesday, junior Nick Romano scored Winthrop's first goal of the 2025 season, assisted by senior Jay Fotiades and sophomore Dom Spinale. After Essex came back to tie the game at 1-1, Viking sophomore Joe Pumphret reached the back of the Hawks' net twice to give Winthrop a 3-1 advantage after two periods. Pumphret's first tally came on a power play on which senior captain Phil Boncore and sophomore Paul

Ferrara earned assists. Ferrara also assisted on Pumphret's second goal, as did senior captain Mike Holgersen.

However, some costly mistakes by the Vikings in the third period allowed Essex to push across three goals to grab a 4-3 lead and an empty-netter accounted for the 5-3 finale.

WHS senior captain Mike Donahue turned in a solid effort in the net for the Vikings.

After the tournament, the Vikings will be off until January 4 when they will travel to Gloucester.

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SCENES FROM WINTHROP BOYS HOCKEY VS. MEDFORD



LONG REACH: Joe Pumphret (2) reaches in on Medford's Jayden Morgan (7)



CLOSE, BUT... The puck slides harmlessly past the Medford net after a scramble among Winthrop's Nick Romano (5), Joe Pumphret (2), Medford's Jayden Morgan (7), and goalie Gabe Rudolph (30).



DOUBLE PROTECTION: Nikita Rossi (9) hops to prevent a shot from ever reaching goaltender Michael Donahue (1), who had his glove hand ready.



NOT THIS TIME: Goalie Michael Donahue (1) makes the save on a point-blank shot by Medford's Joseph Trant (10).



ON THE ATTACK: Joseph Pumphret (2) forces Carter Charon (6) off puck



KNOCKED OFF: Michael Holgersen (16) is sent sprawling while Joseph Pumphret (2) tries to control the loose puck.



ALL OUT EFFORT: Domenic Spinale (6) goes to the ice after firing a shot that was blocked by Medford goalie Gabe Rudolph (30).



SHOW OF STRENGTH: Phil Boncore fights off Medford's Cameron Lind (3).

WHS BOYS BASKETBALL



Head Coach Quinton Dale II with the WHS Viking Varsity basketball Team: front row: Liam Natareno, Nico Ruggieri, Noah Bayersdofer, Nick Correa, and Senior Captain Spencer Parco. Back row: Senior Captain Matthew Reardon, Gabe Grein, Matthew Wall, Chris Crocker, and Adam Fnidicki.

Shown to the right, Viking Senior Captains Spencer Parco and Matthew Reardon with Coach Quinton Dale II.



WHS SPORTS THROUGH THE YEARS

10 years ago December 26, 2014

Winthrop High senior Sean Gillis has been named to the Boston Globe All-Scholastic football team. Sean played a key role in leading the Vikings to a 10-1 record. Sean's father, John Gillis, starred for back-to-back undefeated Winthrop High School teams in 1981 and 1982. Sean also is one of the top-ranked students in the WHS Class of 2015.

The Winthrop High girls basketball team continued to brandish a suffocating style of defense against its opponents this past week, Marblehead and Pope John XXIII, to earn two more victories and improve to 4-1 on the season. In the Marblehead contest, coach Ignacio Oyola's Lady Vikings led 33-8 after three periods en route to the victory. Nina Bartlette (nine points, nine rebounds) and Kristen Siscamanis (nine points, seven rebounds) turned in solid, all-around efforts for the Lady Vikings. The Lady Vikings trekked to Everett on Sunday to take on the Lady Tigers and came away with a 62-34 triumph. The duo of Siscamanis (18 points on 9-for-13 shooting and 11 rebounds) and Bartlette (18 points on 8-for-13 from the field) pretty much had their way against the Lady Tigers.

The Winthrop High girls indoor track team chalked up a 51-32 triumph over Saugus last week. The Lady Vikings took five of the nine individual events. Carly O'Keefe captured the 50 hurdles in a clocking of 8.1 seconds; Holly Benson took the 600 dash in a time of 1:53.3; Heidy Benson claimed the 1000 in 3:33.9; Abigail Love won the mile in 6:42.3; and Kristen Ford was the two-mile winner in 14:30.

Although the Winthrop High boys indoor track team came out on the short end of a 67-19 decision to Saugus last week, a pair of Vikings, Chris Beaudry and William Holden, topped the field in their respective events to capture first place. Chris won the 600 dash in a clocking of 1:48.1 and William captured the two mile run with a time of 11:37.

20 years ago December 30, 2004

Rachele DeLeo poured in 24 points to lead the WHS basketball team to a 49-29 win over Cathedral High in the opening game of the Stop & Shop Holiday Classic that was held at Chelsea High. Kristen Visco pulled down 11 rebounds and freshmen Kristen Finn and Nicole Giaquinto reached double figures with 10 points apiece.

The WHS hockey team dropped a 6-3 decision to Andover in the opening round of the Haverhill Holiday Tournament. Nick Bettano, Brian Breau, and Mario Marengi scored the goals for Winthrop.

30 years ago January 5, 1995

The WHS boys' basketball team dropped its first contest of the season to a strong Salem squad, 75-69, before a packed house at the WHS gym. Paul Struzziero led Winthrop with 28 points, including six three-pointers. However, the Vikings rebounded with a 78-61 triumph over Danvers in which David Lynch claimed scoring honors with 30 points.

Brooks Geraghty scored two goals and Michael Palmer and Jack Cimino added a goal apiece as the WHS hockey team improved to 3-1 with a 4-1 win over Swampscott.

Luis Bonilla took firsts in the hurdles and high jump to lead the WHS boys indoor track team to a 46-40 win over Danvers. Mike Giuliano took first place in the 600 and Steven Hale won the 1000.

Rachel Gray scored 14 points to lead the WHS girls basketball team to a 54-49 win over Salem.

40 years ago January 2, 1985

WHS girls basketball captain Maureen Sheltry set a new Lady Viking record when she pulled down 19 rebounds in a 45-21 win over Lynn English. Sheltry eclipsed the previous mark of 17 rebounds set by Maureen McManus in the 1982-83 season.

The WHS girls track team improved to 2-0 with a 44-42 win over Marblehead. Diane Gallo, Sheila Kennedy, and Helen Ba-

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gan and other coaches in Winthrop's proud athletic history, Butch Martucci is fielding teams that are winning big against much larger high schools. Leominster, for example, is a city of 43,000 and has a school enrollment of more than 1,000 students

— and it's a co-op girls hockey program bolstered by the towns of Hopedale, Ayer, and Shirley.

Continuing its home-stand, Winthrop hosts Arlington Catholic (Saturday, Dec. 28) and Longmeadow (Saturday, Jan. 4).

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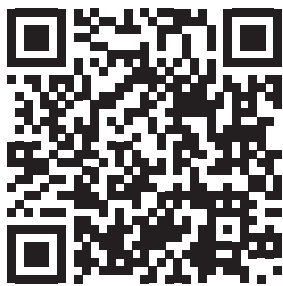
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A full list of the activities, programs, trips, and services offered at the Senior Center can be found in our newsletter, which is available at the Senior Center and on our website.

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Friday, January 3

9:00 a.m - 12:00 p.m.: Computer Usage
10:00am-11:00am: Line Dancing (\$5)
11:00am: Grab & Go Lunch Pick-Up
11:30 a.m - 12:30 p.m.: Creative Writing



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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.

Monday, December 30

9:00am-3:00pm: Computer Usage
10:00 a.m - 11:00 a.m.: Yoga with Trish (\$5)
11:00am: Grab & Go Lunch Pick-Up
11:30 a.m - 2:30 p.m.: Game Day / Mahjong

Tuesday, December 31

9:00am-3:00pm: Computer Usage
9:30am-10:30am: Exercise Class (\$1)
10:30 a.m - 11:30 a.m.: Zumba with Cindy (\$5)
11:00am-1:00am: Art Class with Dawn (\$6)
11:00am: Grab & Go Lunch Pick-Up
11:45am-12:45pm: Tai Chi / Qi Gong
2:00pm: The Senior Center will be closing early

Wednesday, January 1

The Senior Center Will Be CLOSED. HAPPY YEAR!!

Thursday, January 2

9:00am-3:00pm: Computer Usage
9:00am-3:00pm: Medical Pedicures
9:30am-10:30am: Exercise Class (\$1)
10:30am-12:30pm: Red Hatters
12:00 p.m - 12:30 p.m.: Dine-In / Grab & Go Lunch Pick-Up
12:45pm-3:00pm: Bin-

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laouras led the way for Winthrop, with Balaouras setting a new WHS mark in the two-kilo shot-put with a toss of 36'-1/2", bettering the old record of 34'-4" set by Dana Stone a few years back.

50 years ago January 8, 1975

Coach Henry McCarthy's WHS boys basketball team scored 20 points in the fourth quarter to claim a 63-57 win over Marblehead. The win was the Vikings' third of the season and moves them within one game of first place in the NEC. Bob Lundberg and John Kalogeris led Winthrop in the scoring department.

Despite a 3-1 loss to a huge Lynn English team, the WHS hockey team managed to remain in a tie for first place in the NEC with a 6-1 mark thanks to an 11-2 trouncing of Lynn Classical. Brothers Bobby and Joe MacDonald combined for 11 points, with Bobby netting the hat trick in the victory.

60 years ago January 7, 1965

The WHS basketball team earned two impressive wins to open its NEC schedule, defeating Swampscott, 62-58, and Amesbury, 105-43. Capt. Mike Princi led the way for Winthrop, which is playing without the services of projected starter Terry Vazquez, who is out for the season with a broken ankle.

The NEC champion WHS football team, whose only defeat came at the hands of undefeated Revere on Thanksgiving Day, 8-0, enjoyed a trip to Miami over the New Year, courtesy of a fundraising drive by local residents, which was highlighted by their attendance at the Orange Bowl game for the national championship in which Texas defeated Alabama.

70 years ago January 6, 1955

Fred Cyr, who was famous locally as a semi-pro baseball player before WWI, passed away this week in Long Island, N.Y.

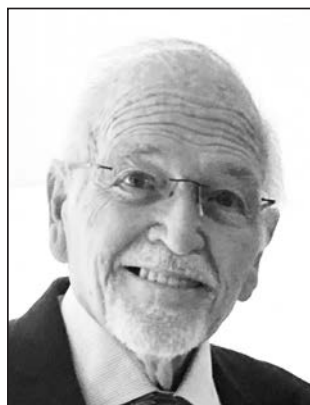
Richard P. "Zip" Belcher

Avid golfer

Richard P. Belcher, Jr. "Zip" of Winthrop passed away on December 18, 2024, at the age of 77, surrounded by his loving family.

The devoted husband of Isabel M. (Da Silva) Rogers-Belcher, he was the beloved son of the late Pearl (Rumson) and Richard P. Belcher Sr., loving father of Richard Belcher and his wife, Narcissa, Michael Belcher, Daniel Belcher and his wife, Sophia and his stepsons: Kevin, Eric and Mark Rogers; cherished grandfather of Tyler, Trevor, Ariahna, Abigail, Alexander, Dimitrios, DJ, and his step-grandchildren, Marisa, Alexa, Jake and Kylie and adored great-grandfather of Koen and Ramir and dear brother of Joy Furniss and her husband, Robert, David Belcher and his wife, Carol and Jeanie Scarpa and her husband, Frank. He is also survived by nieces, nephews, and many other loving relatives and friends.

A Visitation was held on December 21, 2024, at St



John's Episcopal Church, 222 Bowdoin Street, in Winthrop followed by a funeral service. Interment was private.

Zip was a native of Winthrop, a town that he always considered home no matter where he was living. He was an avid golfer and spent a lot of his time between Belmont, Hopkinton Sebago Lake, Maine and his winter get away at Greenacres, Florida.

In lieu of flowers please consider making a donation in Zip's memory to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

James J. "Jimmy" Slowey

Longtime member of Winthrop Elks

James J. "Jimmy" Slowey of Winthrop passed away peacefully on Tuesday, December 17, 2024, at 64 years of age.

He was a longtime member of the Winthrop Elks.

The devoted son of James P. Slowey and the late Barbara (Connolly) Slowey, he was the cherished father of Alexis B. Slowey of East Boston and Lynn, dear brother of Ann Marie Dixon of Chelsea, Barbara Ann "Barbie" Cashman and her husband, Dennis Paul Cashman of Port Charlotte, FL., and Donna Marie and her husband, Dennis Nesmith of Malden; adored uncle of Christopher G., Matthew J., and Michael J. Cashman. He is also survived by many loving aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Family and friends gathered on December



22nd at Ruggiero Family Memorial Home and a Mass was celebrated at St. John's / St. Michael the Archangel Parish, Winthrop, on December 23rd.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Jimmy's name to the Immaculate Conception School, 127 Winthrop Ave., Revere, MA 02151. For more information or to leave an online condolence, please visit www.ruggieromh.com.

News Brief //

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nut Hill Avenue. Parking restrictions will be in effect to support the event from 1PM to 8PM on the following streets:

- Dighton Street, Both sides, from Chestnut Hill Avenue to the Winthrop School.
- Chestnut Hill Avenue, West side (odd side), from #5 Chestnut Hill Avenue (Bank of America) to Academy Hill Road.

First Night Boston 2025 – Tuesday, December 31, 2024

Parking restrictions will be in place on the following streets:

- Arlington Street, Both sides, from Beacon Street to Boylston Street
- Atlantic Avenue, East side, from East India Row to Commercial Street
- Atlantic Avenue, West side, from Commercial Wharf to Cross Street
- Beacon Street, Both sides, from Charles Street to Arlington Street
- Boylston Street, North side (Public Garden side), from Arlington Street to Charles Street
- Both sides, from Charles Street to Tremont Street
- Cambridge Street, Both sides, from Court

Street to Sudbury Street

- Cambridge Street, South side (even side), from Bowdoin Street to Somerset Street

- Charles Street, West side (Public Garden side) from Boylston Street to Beacon Street

- Charles Street South, West side (odd side, opposite the Transportation Building) from Park Plaza to Boylston Street

- Court Street, East side (City Hall side) from Court Square inbound to Cambridge Street

- Tremont Street, Both sides from Court Street to Boylston Street

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Daniel Neil Fleming, Jr.

He leaves behind a legacy of honor, hard work, and a genuine love for the sea

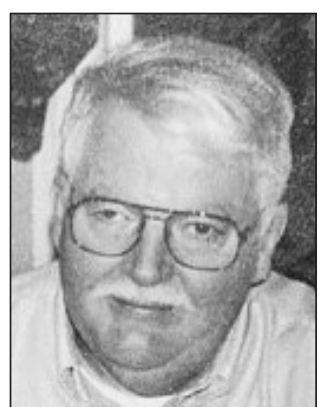


It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Daniel Neil Fleming, Jr., a life-long resident of Winthrop. Neil, as he was known to many, was born in Boston on February 23, 1942, and peacefully passed away in Peabody on December 10, 2024.

A proud graduate of The Rivers School, Neil continued his education at Maine Maritime, where he honed his skills and passion for engineering. He dedicated his service to the nation as a member of the Navy Reserve, achieving the rank of Lieutenant through his commitment and dedication.

Neil's career as a Chief Engineer for the Merchant Marines was marked by excellence and expertise, leaving a lasting impact on all who had the privilege of working with him. Beyond his professional achievements, he was a cherished member of the Cottage Park Yacht Club, where he shared his love for the sea with friends and family.

Daniel Neil Fleming, Jr. will be remembered for his unwavering dedication, his remarkable achievements, and the warmth and kindness he extended to all who knew him. He leaves behind a legacy of honor, hard work, and a



genuine love for the sea and sailing that will continue to inspire those he touched.

May his soul find peace at the eternal harbor, and may his memory be a beacon of light for those who mourn his loss. Rest in peace.

He was the beloved son of the late Dorothy R. (Corballis) and Daniel N. Fleming, Sr. He was the dear brother of Eleanor Nugent of Florida, Marjorie Donohoe of Virginia and the late Dorothy O'Neil. He is also survived by several loving nieces, nephews and family friend, Sheryl Coughlin.

Family and friends attended the visitation and funeral service at the Caggiano-O'Maley-Frazier Funeral Home, Winthrop on Friday, December 20. Services concluded with the interment in the Cross Street section of Winthrop Cemetery.

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CITY PAWS

Strollers, joggers, and wagons

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

One of the nicest additions to our city life this year has been a combination of a Strollee pet stroller and shopping cart. As a pet stroller, it has allowed us to take longer walks and adventure into places that might have frightened our anxious little pup.

We've enjoyed picnics with Poppy, using the stroller to carry our supplies until we arrive at the perfect spot. Then, we set up our table, secured Poppy in her carriage, and enjoyed a meal without her jumping up or begging. The same is true of meals on legally dog-friendly patios. We may arrive walking Poppy, but before we sit down, we set her and her stroller between us and enjoy our meal without bothering those at nearby tables.

Strollers, Joggers and Wagons

As we researched before purchasing, we were pleased with the wide selection of vehicles for dogs (and cats) from tiny to large. We spotted ones with high ratings that accommodated dogs of 60 to 70 pounds.

A few allow a large dog to enter at ground level with only mild encouragement from their human. Wagons are also a good option for a large breed. Joggers are perfect for those who want to run longer than might be good for their dog.

What to Look For

Reading reviews is a great way to learn what features to consider when evaluating options. One of our top considerations was size folded and weight since we live in a small condo. The fact that it transformed into a shopping cart and would replace our trusty old Rolster Trolley was a bonus.

Reviewers look for sturdiness, storage on the stroller, SPF protection fabrics, strong, comfortable straps to hold the dog in place, recommended weight limits, solid tires, and ease of use. Consider the stroller's weight, ease of folding, and the amount of storage space it will take up when not in use.

Accessories can increase the price, so compare the total cost of the vehicle equipped for your use to the cost of the product alone.

Benefits for You and Your Dog

We have found that Poppy's stroller allows us to spend more time with her. In the past, there were times when we opted to leave her at home because she wouldn't be happy with what we planned. Now, she's included more often.

If your dog has a mobility issue due to injury, surgery, or old age, a stroller can bring them with you while you or another dog in your family enjoys a longer walk. These can also benefit dogs with disabilities like arthritis, blindness, deafness, and cardiac conditions.



Here's Poppy enjoying lunch with us at one of her favorite restaurants.

Our stroller has a removable pet carrier with a separate base, which can make it possible to bring Poppy in a ride-share vehicle or taxi that might refuse a dog on a leash.

Having the stroller along when traversing a crowded area or attending an open-air event can make the experience safer for Poppy and less stressful for us. In the heat of summer or with salty sidewalks in winter, the stroller can protect paws by taking your dog to a grassy surface.

Many shops that might not welcome dogs could be open to dogs in carriers. In fact, we hope that one day soon, officials might decide that dogs in strollers are welcome in many places where they are now prohibited by law.

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

LEGAL NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE
Public Announcement of Invitation to submit a REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) and accompanying Specifications are for your convenience in submitting a proposal for the enclosed referenced products and services: Smart Screen Purchase, Delivery and Installation for CAPIC Head Start CLOSING DAY AND TIME: Sealed proposals will be received no later than: January 17, 2025 Small and minority firms are encouraged to apply. The advertisement is subject in all respects to the terms and conditions of the request for proposals. CAPIC, Inc. is an Equal Opportunity Employer/Affirmative Action Agency. PLEASE MARK SEALED ENVELOPE: "IT Smart Screen Bid" RETURN PROPOSAL TO: Community Action Programs Inter-City, Inc. Attn: Richelle Cromwell, Executive Director 100 Everett Avenue, Unit 14 Chelsea, MA 02150 Organizational Overview Community Action

Programs Inter-City, Inc. (CAPIC) invites qualified vendors to submit proposals for the purchase and installation of Smart Screens in the CAPIC Head Start Program. CAPIC is a private, non-profit corporation chartered in 1967 and designated to identify and eradicate the root causes of poverty in Chelsea, Revere and Winthrop. CAPIC has been designated by the State and Federal Government as a Community Action Agency and currently employs approximately 115 employees. CAPIC's After School Program provides Project Description Scope of Work Community Action Programs Inter-City, Inc. (CAPIC) invites qualified vendors to submit proposals for: Item Part number Quantity 75" LG CreateBoard 4K UHD LED-LCD Touchscreen Display 75TR3DK-B.MUSQ 12 Large Fusion Manual Height Adjustable Mobile Cart LPAUB 12

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12 Screens on carts, and one (1) screen mounted on drywall with provided mounting materials. * Delivery will include removal of all packing materials and containers from delivery locations Required Documents On 8.5" by 11" white paper in portrait orientation, include: 1. Your company name and address 2. Net terms 3. The list of above equipment, with unit, and extended pricing. 4. SOW for installation, including scheduling, and fees or penalties for extended pricing. 5. Listing of all delivery locations on the SOW as understanding there are 4 different delivery locations. 6. Separation of bid pages by location is permissible. The SOW for installation may be on a separate document, if needed, as long as that document is clearly marked as an installation SOW TAXES CAPIC is exempt from Federal Excise and State Sales tax; therefore, tax must not be included in the proposal price.

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CONSERVATION COMMISSION LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE is hereby given that in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 131, Section 40, Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and Winthrop Town By-Laws, that the Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on January 8, 2025, at 7:00 P.M. via Zoom on a Notice of Intent from Matthew Chicos, 34 Pebble Avenue, Winthrop MA the proposed project includes construction of an addition to a single-family dwelling. PROJECT LOCATION: 34 Pebble Avenue, Winthrop, MA 02152 Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82995531601?pwd=o203EeFOXBP7aAVX-UDmumxoFod0D5t.1 Meeting ID: 829 9553 1601 Passcode: 977340 One tap mobile

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proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 01/21/2025. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty days (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you. UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC) A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration. WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Date: December 16, 2024 Stephanie L. Everett, Esq., Register of Probate 12/26/24 W

A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Vionette Isogna of Revere, MA and William G. Talis of Marshfield, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Vionette Isogna of Revere, MA and William G. Talis of Marshfield, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond unsupervised administration. IMPORTANT NOTICE You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 01/29/2025. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty days (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you. UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC) A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration. WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Date: December 18, 2024 Stephanie L. Everett, Esq., Register of Probate 12/26/24 W

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To all interested persons: A Petition for S/A - Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Elaine Cantone of Buxford, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Elaine Cantone of Buxford, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration. IMPORTANT NOTICE You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this

proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 01/21/2025. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty days (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you. UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC) A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration. WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Date: December 16, 2024 Stephanie L. Everett, Esq., Register of Probate 12/26/24 W

FOOTBALL STAR ROBERT HAMILTON ATTENDS HOLIDAY CELEBRATION



Former Winthrop High School football star Robert Hamilton, a standout for the Vikings' 2006 Super Bowl championship team, joined family and friends at the Point of Pines Beach Association Holiday/Christmas Party at the Point of Pines Yacht Club, Revere. Pictured with Robert on a visit with Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus are Taylor Travaglini, Jennifer Hamilton, Karsen Bandareck, and Navy Hamilton.



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Eastie's Elves started over 20 years ago and it has been passed down to the Madaro Foundation, headed by State Representative Adrian Madaro & family. This holiday toy drive / dinner dance tradition has brought smiles and happiness to thousands of children around the East Boston community, and now has expanded its range to include the communities of Revere and Winthrop. With the generosity of many local businesses and donations from residents of all these communi-

ties the Eastie's Elves toy drive has become a staple in the community of good will, and thanks to the hard work of the many volunteers it grows bigger every year. The volunteers of the Madaro Foundation have just hosted a Thanksgiving Dinner program, during which they fed over 1,000 families, and still stayed focused on the Christmas venue of Eastie's Elves, collecting toys and donations, to make this Christmas a very merry one for lots of deserving children.



Joetta and Julianna Yutkins enjoying themselves at the Eastie's Elves event last week.



Jacqueline Babin lucky winner of a pair of Bruins tickets, shown with Representative Madaro.



Isabel Vasquez wearing her best holiday attire.



Molly Roark from First Priority CU with Michael Bucci and Bob Bennett from IAM 1726 East Boston.



State Representative Adrian Madaro welcomes his guests to the Eastie's Elves at the Hyatt Hotel, Aaron Michlewitz Chairman of the House Ways and Means, John Lynds, and former East Boston City Councillor Sal LaMattina.



The Madaro family welcomed hundreds of supporters of Eastie's Elves last Friday evening at the Harborside Hyatt Hotel, State Representative Adrian and Ariel Madaro with Nico and Mateo.



Beverly Richards of the Beverly Richards Dance School (right) with Sara Arango and Jennifer Curry and Felicity Shelton.



State Representative Adrian Madaro with some of his crew ready to start the raffles, shown: Brianna Pereira, Allison Markowski, Lauren Uhl, Samantha Chong, and Mary Bancroft.

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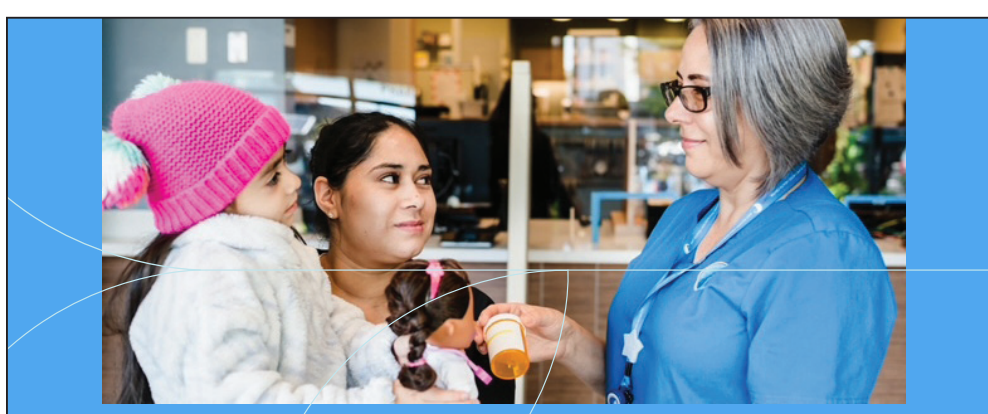
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