

West Bridgewater man arrested on multiple charges in Winthrop

Staff Report

A West Bridgewater man faced a dangerousness hearing Tuesday after being arrested last week in Winthrop with a cache of drugs and a loaded gun in his car, according to Suffolk District Attorney Kevin Hayden.

Dwayne Richardson, 41, was charged in East Boston BMC Friday with trafficking fentanyl over 36 grams, trafficking cocaine 200 grams or more, two counts of drug possession to distribute class B subsequent

offense, drug possession to distribute class C, carrying a firearm without license (4th offense), carrying a loaded firearm without a license, firearm violation with three prior violent/drug related crimes, possession of a firearm felony, and possession of ammunition without an FID card.

Richardson has a previous criminal record including multiple violent and drug related charges dating back to 1992. Most notably, Richardson served 10 years and a day stemming from a

conviction in Middlesex Superior Court for illegal possession of a rifle, and two counts of illegal possession of a shotgun, according to the district attorney's office. He was released in 2024.

Judge Steven Kim held Richardson without bail until a dangerousness hearing on Tuesday, December 16.

At about 8:45 on Wednesday, Dec. 10, Winthrop police received BOLO (be on the lookout) for a white 2018 BMW. Earlier that day the owner, later identified as Richardson, had

allegedly brandished a firearm, entered his workplace in Malden and threatened to kill the staff. At around 5:30 the next day Winthrop officers stopped the BMW on Revere Street and arrested Richardson. Officers recovered \$5,090 in cash, a 634.2-gram brick of cocaine, 29.7 grams of fentanyl, 8.4 grams of oxycodone, and 3.6 grams of Adderall from the vehicle. A later search of Richardson's person yielded several clear plastic bags of crack-cocaine, fentanyl, and cocaine. Officers also

NOTICE TO OUR READERS

Due to a delay in the online posting of local police reports, the Police Log is unavailable for this week's edition of the Winthrop Transcript. We apologize for the omission and expect to resume our regular reporting of the logs in next week's issue. Thank you for your patience and for being a loyal reader.

discovered a Springfield Armory XD5 pistol in the trunk of the BMW, according to the district attorney's office.

"Anytime police can take deadly drugs and illegal guns off the street it's a win

for public safety. The reports of this defendant using a gun to threaten co-workers in the earlier incident adds to the danger posed during this entire episode," Hayden said.

WINTHROP'S ZENITH LODGE OF ODD FELLOWS CELEBRATES LITTLE CHRISTMAS WITH VETERANS LUNCHEON

Little Christmas is generally known as the 1st Monday following Christmas Day, Winthrop's Odd Fellows Lodge #42 will be celebrating on (Sunday) January 4th, 2026, by honoring local veterans with a home cooked dinner, guests are \$15ea.

Zenith Lodge is located at 196 Winthrop Street and will be serving lunch to their guests, RSVP only (Terry 617-335-1133) around

130pm, with doors opening at 1pm. This is the 4th Annual Little Christmas Luncheon hosted by the lodge, in conjunction with Winthrop's VSO Phil Ronan.

Zenith Lodge is proud to support our nation's veterans and other local community-based organizations, a long-time supporter of the Red Cross Blood Bank, as well as Winthrop's 1st Responders, Fire and Police Departments.

If you are interested in becoming a member, please call Noble Grand Terry Vendetti @ 617-335-1133, or stop by on a meeting night during coffee hour before the formal meeting between 6-7pm on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month.

Zenith Lodge would also like to extend an invitation to any veteran to come to dinner, RSVP is a must, with a January 2 deadline.



Award recipient Tony Fucillo (fourth from left), pictured with his family and former players and coaching colleagues, at the Gridiron Club Banquet.

A Half Century of Excellence

Tony Fucillo honored at Gridiron Club Banquet

By Cary Shuman

Winthrop's Tony Fucillo was the recipient of the Dick Lawrence Longevity Award at the Gridiron Club of Boston's Bob Whelan College Night Dinner at the Burlington Marriott.

Fucillo's wife, Carolyn Fucillo, their children, Anthony Fucillo, James Fucillo, and Jenny Fucillo Golic, and his brother, Curry College assistant coach Rich Fucillo, looked on proudly as he accepted the prestigious award.

Also attending were Tony Fucillo's former Winthrop High players and colleagues in the coaching profession.

Fucillo is considered one of the greatest high school football coaches in state history, earning induction in the Massachusetts Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame. Following an outstanding tenure at Winthrop High during which he led the Vikings to the 2006 Super Bowl title, Fucillo continued his career in college as the receivers coach at Tufts University for 12 seasons. He served as an assistant coach on his son Anthony's staff at Belmont Hill for three seasons.

In his remarks, Fucillo said humbly, "It's hard to believe that you can receive an award for doing something that I love doing every single day. This award belongs to the coaches and players that I was lucky enough to

work with at Winthrop High School, Tufts University, and Belmont Hill School."

Fucillo recognized the late Bob DeFelice "for his mentorship during my 15 years at Winthrop High School. He is the reason I started coaching and the reason I stand here tonight."

During his speech, Fucillo graciously asked his wife, Carolyn, to "please stand up" to be recognized by the audience. The crowd responded with warm applause.

"Thank you for your support, your patience and your love," Fucillo said to Mrs. Fucillo. "You have always been my rock, and your belief in me has allowed me to follow my passion. I look forward to the future to celebrating this next chapter with you. Thank you for believing in me and being my best friend."

Congratulations from WHS head coach Jon Cadigan

Winthrop High head coach Jon Cadigan was among the many former Viking players offering their congratulations to Tony Fucillo.

"To do anything for 50 years you have to be passionate about what you do, I've never met anyone more focused and passionate about what they do than Coach Fucillo. I've said this before but I think you come across less than a handful

amount of people that can change or alter the trajectory of your life and Coach is definitely in that category for me. Forget the football part or the teaching aspect Coach has made me a better person, father, and husband, I'll forever be grateful to be a part of his journey."

Anthony Fucillo speaks on behalf of the family

Following the banquet, Anthony Fucillo, a former Winthrop High School and Tufts quarterback, spoke about his father's impressive award and his majestic 50-year coaching career. His father had earlier described being a member of the Belmont Hill School coaching staff as "an incredibly special experience."

"To be here and see my dad be honored for the time he's put in for the young men of Winthrop, Tufts, and Belmont Hill – the impact he's made on the game of football in New England, it means a lot to our family."

Knowing his father's lifelong love of football and his competitiveness on the sidelines, Anthony added, "I wouldn't be surprised if he comes out of retirement at some point. we'll see."

Tony Fucillo was a captain of the football, hockey, and baseball teams at Winthrop High before prepping for one year at Worcester Academy. He played defensive back at Xavier University of Ohio.



Zenith Lodge of Odd Fellows #42 in Winthrop is celebrating Little Christmas 2026 on January 4th, with a veteran's appreciation lunch, to be held at their hall at 196 Winthrop Street at 1pm, RSVP is required for all guests, veterans are free and a \$15.00 dollar donation is required of all guests. Shown in the above photo is Noble Grand Terry Vendetti (center) Sandra Joneck-Schiff and Past Noble Grand and Trustee Joanne Rovieccio. For more information or to RSVP call 617-335- 1133.

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Bob Wheland, of the Gridiron Club of Boston presents the Dick Lawrence Longevity award to Tony Fucillo.



Master of Ceremonies Tom Burke, formerly of Winthrop, with award recipient Tony Fucillo.

MIXED LODGE #2057 ORDER SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF ITALY IN AMERICA HOSTS HOLIDAY PARTY



Winthrop Mixed Lodge #2057 Order Sons & Daughters of Italy in America (OSDIA) recently celebrated their Christmas at the Elks Lodge here in Winthrop. Shown above in front row are: Angela Boncore, Stephanie DeRosa, PR Chair Donna Segreti Reilly, Anthony Gemellaro, Past Lodge President Agnes Nobile, Past National President Atty. Philip R. Boncore, Past Lodge President Goldie Boncore, Linda Murray, and Lodge President Janis LaRosee. In back row: Trustee Arthur “Skip” Marcella, Jane Howell, Ron Catinazzo, Recording Secretary & Financial Secretary DeAnne Lewis, Trustee Christine Sciaraffa, Lauren Capasso, Trustee Robert Staulo, and Nicole Graygor. Shown to the right, Lauren Capasso and Nicole Graygor were installed as new members of Winthrop Mixed Lodge #2057 Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America at the recent Lodge Christmas celebration. Trustee Robert Staulo looks on as Past National President Atty. Philip R. Boncore conducts the swearing in ceremony.

Town council thanks outgoing members

By Adam Swift

The town council honored four outgoing councilors during its last meeting of 2025 last week.

Councilors Joseph Aiello, Rob DeMarco, and Hannah Belcher; as well as former Councilor John Daros were given certificates of appreciation for their service to the town.

DeMarco did not run for reelection this year, while Precinct 5 Councilor Aiello lost a close bid for reelection and Belcher unsuccessfully challenged Jim Letterie for his council president seat. DaRos resigned from office after the election.

During the public speaking portion of the council meeting, several residents thanked the outgoing councilors for their dedication to the town.

Aiello spoke about the accomplishments the council achieved in recent years, from the new climate advisory

council to improved MBTA bus and ferry service to new and improved crosswalks and traffic safety measures.

He also spoke about the future of the town and his hope that everyone would be able to work together.

“Young people on this council and young people in this town really are the force of good change,” he said. “There is a lot of great energy coming from the younger people in the community, and I think you’ve got to get all the voices into this community to make it stronger.”

DeMarco said that serving the people of Winthrop was one of the biggest honors of his life.

“I look at everybody here, and I care about everybody,” he said. “Nobody comes to this job for fun ... they do it because they genuinely care about the community, and we might have different ways to help the community that we think is best, and a lot of times we

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power into a small device, so it’s important to choose and use them safely.”

- Buy only listed products. When buying a product that uses a lithium-ion battery, look for a certification mark from an independent testing lab such as UL or Intertek/ETL. This means the device meets important safety standards.
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properties.

The MCAC helps provide a voice for those communities and provide oversight to Massport, Toffler said.

Toffler highlighted the noise and air quality testing efforts that are underway in Winthrop and East Boston, as well as the MCAC’s efforts to have Massport increase those efforts.

“We know we can’t do everything, but we want to force Massport’s hand and say, look, this is the data we are seeing, you guys should be collecting a lot more of it, and then we can talk about what the solutions to the problems are,” said Toffler. “It’s a major international

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and dining experiences

Support for locally owned chamber member restaurants

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A full list of participating restaurants and their special offerings will be available in the future and shared on the Winthrop Chamber of Commerce’s social media channels.

Whether you’re a longtime resident or visiting for the first time, Winthrop Restaurant Week is the perfect opportunity to dine local, celebrate community, and enjoy everything Winthrop’s restaurant scene has to offer.

For more information, visit www.winthropchamber.com or follow the Winthrop Chamber of Commerce on social media.

About the Winthrop Chamber of Commerce

For over 75 years, Winthrop Chamber of Commerce has been dedicated to supporting local businesses and non-profits, strengthening community connections, and promoting economic vitality throughout Winthrop, Massachusetts. Through events, advocacy, and collaboration, the Chamber works to ensure a thriving local business environment.

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PETER FINN

Winthrop lost one of its all-time great citizens with the recent passing of Peter Finn.

Peter served as Winthrop’s Superintendent of Schools in the 1980s and helped our school system navigate the difficult years in the immediate aftermath of the passage of Proposition 2 and 1/2, which had the ultimate result of severely limiting funding for Massachusetts school departments.

Although that would prove to be a tumultuous period both in Winthrop and across the state, Peter’s steady hand and honest, straightforward approach guided our schools and community through those years.

The respect with which Peter was held by his fellow educators state-wide was evident by his selection as the Executive Director of the Massachusetts Superintendents of Schools Association in 1988.

To paraphrase the old E.F. Hutton TV commercial, “When Peter Finn spoke, people listened.”

Beyond his professional accomplishments, Peter was well-known and well-liked throughout our community as a member of the Winthrop Golf Club and for his support of Winthrop athletics. Peter was a regular at Viking sporting events during the playing days of his children Kristen, Courtney, and Paul, all of whom were outstanding athletes.

We know we join with all of our fellow Winthrop residents in extending our condolences to his wife Marie and his children, friends, and family members.

May he rest in peace.

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.

ENJOY THE HOLIDAYS SAFELY

The upcoming long holiday weekend 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 week.

A CORRECTION FOR OUR “MAHA MOMS” EDITORIAL

Two weeks ago in an editorial under the headline, “MAHA moms are right about toxic waste,” we discussed a petition that some of the members of the MAHA movement had sent to President Donald Trump urging him to fire Lee Zeldin, his EPA administrator, because of Zeldin’s recent directives that will make it easier for the production and use of harmful chemicals that threaten to contaminate our air, food, and water.

In that editorial we further wrote: “Also supporting the petition is the group Moms Clean Air Force (MCAF), which seeks to protect children from the effects of air pollution and climate change,” and we used a quote from MCAF founder and director Dominique Browning, which concluded, “Lee Zeldin must go.”

Taken together, our editorial suggested that the MCAF had signed onto the petition from the MAHA group.

However, according to a spokesperson for the MCAF, “Moms Clean Air Force is NOT a signatory to the MAHA petition. In fact, Moms Clean Air Force has absolutely no affiliation with MAHA. Moreover, Moms Clean Air Force has its own national campaign calling for the immediate resignation or firing of Zeldin — in fact, Moms Clean Air Force was the first national organization to take such action. But, as Moms Clean Air Force is totally independent of the MAHA petition; the timing was simply coincidental.”

Forum

LETTER to the Editor

CBS: A NEWSROOM OR A PR FIRM?

Dear Editor,

I am disappointed by CBS News’ spineless decision this past Sunday to pull its investigation into the "Inside CECOT" mega-prison in El Salvador. This was not a failure of journalism; it was a failure of nerve. And an irrefutable sign that “freedom of the press,” as guaranteed by our First Amendment is clearly in danger.

The report, led by correspondent Sharyn Alfonsi, documented the "brutal and torturous" conditions facing migrants deported by the Trump administration to a facility described as a living hell. According

to internal reports, the story was screened five times and fully cleared by both CBS legal and standards departments. Yet, at the eleventh hour, Editor-in-Chief Bari Weiss spiked it, claiming it needed "additional reporting"—specifically, an interview with the very administration responsible for the deportations despite the fact that Alfonsi had previously requested comment from the White House and relevant agencies.

When a news organization allows a government’s refusal to comment to act as a veto over the truth, they have, as Alfonsi put it, handed the state a "kill switch" for any story deemed inconvenient.

In Massachusetts, where

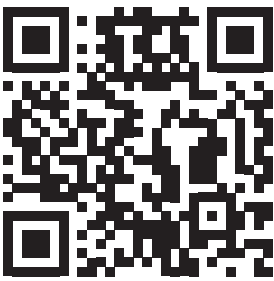
we pride ourselves on a history of speaking truth to power, this kind of corporate cowardice is particularly galling. CBS didn't pull the story because it was inaccurate; they pulled it because it was uncomfortable. By choosing political safety over revealing the truth about the suffering in CECOT, CBS has traded its "gold standard" reputation for political appeasement and a week of quiet. In America, every person on our soil has fundamental rights to fair legal treatment, including court hearings and processes, ensuring they aren't deprived of life, liberty, or property without due process of law, meaning even non-citizens facing deportation have rights to fair

hearings.

We deserve better from our public airwaves.

Our neighbors to the north in Canada aired the roughly 15-minute segment, which was quickly spread online. For those who want to see the reporting CBS was too afraid to air, you can find the segment here: <https://archive.org/details/60mins-cecot>

Kane DiMasso-Scott



**10 years ago
December 24, 2015**

Santa Claus has once again contacted the Winthrop Firefighters Local 1070 to make his plans for visiting the Town of Winthrop on Thursday, Dec. 24, Christmas Eve, when Santa will be escorted through the streets of Winthrop by the Winthrop firefighters.

The Winthrop Improvement and Historical Society recently held its fifth annual Holiday Fair.

The Revenant and Ghouls are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

**20 years ago
December 29, 2005**

The swearing-in ceremonies for the new Town Council and new School Board member John Mace-ro are set for January 3.

New development in the town marked the past year in Winthrop, as construction was begun at the Atlantis Marina on Pleasant St., the Beach House townhome development at the corner of Grovers and Cliff Aves., the redevelopment of the Bentley building at the former Winthrop Hospital, and the Ferrara building on Revere St.

King Kong, Syriana, and Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

**30 years ago
January 4, 1996**

The announcement last week by long-time selectman Robert E. Noonan that he will not be a candidate for re-election has set in motion the rumors around town of potential candidates, including School Committeeman Gerald Ogus. If Ogus gives up his School Committee seat, Russ Sanford and Peggy Cerulli have indicated they may run for that post.

Michelle Cassidy Fian-daca was the Grand Prize winner of the Chamber of Commerce’s annual Home Holiday Decorating Con-

test.

State authorities are investigating the death of a 39 year-old local man who appears to have died while in the custody of the Winthrop police. The man was found unconscious in his cell six hours after he was taken into protective custody on November 29 at 4:40 p.m.

Winthrop Police Detective Judy Racow has been honored with a State House commendation for her work as an undercover police officer in drug cases.

Balto, Waiting to Exhale, and Toy Story are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

**40 years ago
January 8, 1986**

The Winthrop Board of Health approved a regulation that will require non-smoking areas to be set aside for all restaurants that seat more than 25 persons.

Thanks to a call from a neighbor, police apprehended a man who recently was released from the state prison in Walpole as he was breaking into a home on Amelia Ave.

Anne Porter has announced her candidacy for School Committee for the seat being vacated by long-time board member Donald Clayman.

Sun-Transcript publisher Andrew P. Quigley writes that the seat belt law that takes effect this week in Massachusetts is a slap in the face to those who believe that government should not be telling people how to lead their lives.

Clue, Jewel of the Nile, and Spies Like Us are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

**50 years ago
January 7, 1976**

The assessors announced this week that they have hired an appraisal firm to reassess all property in the town.

Town Clerk John A.

Clark will be the recipient of the Community Service Award from the Jaycees at the group's annual dinner.

John Forristall, a member of the Board of Fire Engineers, has been found guilty of assault and battery after a trial in the East Boston District Court for his attack upon Deputy Fire Chief Ed Hazlett at a meeting of the board at which Hazlett told the board he would not be silent at an upcoming meeting of the Board of Selectmen. Sentencing has been delayed by the judge pending Forristall’s resignation from the board.

Gov. Michael Dukakis has signed a bill that will provide for the redevelopment of Revere Beach. The Atlantic Bank is heading up the development project that will convert the former amusement park into \$100 million worth of residential condos and office space.

Jeff Bridges stars in Hearts of the West at the Kincade Theatre.

**60 years ago
January 5, 1966**

The selectmen have signed a lease with Northeast Airlines for the lease of the former Winthrop High

building to be used by the airline as a training facility for its employees at a rent of \$1300.

The Park Dept. has reversed its decision from last week and now will not permit Massa Playground to be used for overnight parking.

The variety show put on by the Winthrop Police Association was a huge success with proceeds to benefit the police scholarship fund.

Michael Caine stars in The Ipcress File playing at the Winthrop Theatre.

**70 years ago
January 5, 1956**

The strike by employees of the Rapid Transit Inc. bus company now is entering its fourth week, much to the dismay of local commuters and those in Revere and Lynn who depend on the service for public transportation.

Michael Francis Crawford, the third child of Winthrop police officer Robert Crawford and his wife, the former Marion Dimes, was the first baby of the New Year to be born at Winthrop

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ANNUAL WINTHROP PUBLIC MENORAH LIGHTING



Temple Tifereth Israel and the Tobin Bridge Chabad presenting the 3rd Annual Winthrop Public Menorah Lighting on December 17 in Harold French Square.

Photos by Marianne Salza

Temple Tifereth Israel and the Tobin Bridge Chabad presented the 3rd Annual Winthrop Public Menorah Lighting on December 17, at Harold French Square. The Hanukkah celebration featured songful blessings,

latkes and doughnuts, as well as gifts such as dreidels and menorahs. Rabbis Benjamin Flax and Sruli Baron emphasized that in times of cold, pain, and suffering, one must do his or her part to light fires of goodness and kindness throughout the world.



Adena and Simona Flax, and Hana Snow.



Josh and Pamela Aranov with Mikki.



Tim Burgers, Kristin DiMento, and Michael Bacon.



Eli and Jared Wickham, Rabbi Benjamin Flax, and Lena Wickham.



Oliver, 3, and Emalie Novick.



Maya Sepe and Jen Fracter eating latkes.



Richard and Caprice McCreary.



Councilor Hannah Belcher and Town Council President Jim Letterie.



Jeff Indeck and Eileen Wickham.



Rabbi Benjamin Flax, Temple Tifereth Israel, and Rabbi Sruli Baron, Tobin Bridge Chabad.



Stephen and David Buckley.



Lucy, Donna, and Alex Mael with Rabbi Sruli Baron.



Oliver Aranov enjoying a jelly doughnut.



Rep. Jeff Turco reminding attendees that this is a season of light, encouraging listeners to be a ripple of hope.



Senator Lydia Edwards describing light as what illuminates the beauty in the world.



Rabbi Sruli Baron encouraging attendees to reorient themselves in times of darkness to send warmth and kindness around the world.

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Winthrop Republican Town Committee concludes another successful year

Special to the Transcript

The Winthrop Republican Town Committee (WRTC) has concluded another active and successful year, highlighted by two significant community events: the Winthrop Candidates' Night and the Charlie Kirk Memorial and Stop the Violence Rally.

The Charlie Kirk Memorial brought community members together to mourn, reflect, and send a clear message that violence will not be accepted or tolerated in Winthrop. The memorial was held at French Square on September 13, just three days after Mr. Kirk's tragic murder. The event drew state and local officials, members of the clergy, and residents from Winthrop and neighboring communities. WRTC Chairman Paul Caruccio stated, "Someone needed to initiate this important rally to give people a place to mourn, process their emotions in a constructive way, and voice their abhorrence of the violence

that is becoming increasingly common in our society."

The committee concluded the year with its highly anticipated Winthrop Candidates' Night, an event that has become a community favorite since its inception in 2017 (see attached photos). This year's forum was especially impactful given the ongoing debate surrounding the MBTA Communities (3A) Law, which many agree could have a transformative effect on Winthrop. Once again, Candidates' Night provided voters with valuable insight into each candidate's policy positions, enabling residents to make informed decisions about the leadership and future direction of the town.

The Winthrop Republican Town Committee firmly believes in the importance of an informed electorate. Transparency and access to information empower voters to make thoughtful choices that strengthen the community and positively impact Winthrop families

for years to come.

Looking ahead to 2026, the Winthrop Republican Town Committee remains focused on fostering confidence, prosperity, and civic engagement. The committee is committed to bringing people together across differing viewpoints, encouraging respectful dialogue, and promoting policies that support a strong local economy, safe neighborhoods, and a vibrant future for Winthrop. In the coming year, the committee plans to expand its outreach through events focused on statewide offices and by supporting the development of local chapters of Turning Point USA.

The Winthrop Republican Town Committee is an official town committee. Membership is open to any registered Republican resident of Winthrop. For more information, visit the Winthrop Republican Town Committee on Facebook or contact the committee at winthroprtc@gmail.com.

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Community Hospital. He was born on January 2 at 5:24 a.m.

Frank Bauer, a former Exalted Ruler of the local Elks and former Water Commissioner, passed away this week at the age of 70.

Abutters to the proposed site of a 94,000 sq. ft. modern supermarket on land across from Ingleside Park that would cost \$200,000 and employ 75 persons expressed their opposition to the project at a meeting of the Planning Board.

The recent series of armed home invasions across the state has prompted local police to warn all homeowners to lock their doors at all times and not to open their doors to strangers.

Fred G. Soper and Mrs. David L. O'Brien will co-chair the 1956 March of Dimes campaign.

Clark Gable and Lana Turner star in Honky Tonk at the Winthrop Theatre.

lively affair.

The 50th annual meeting of the members of the Union Congregational Church is set for January 8.

Edward G. Robinson and Margaret O'Brien star in Our Vines Have Tender Grapes at the Winthrop and State Theatres.

90 years ago
January 4, 1936
Dr. and Mrs. Gilmore were given a warm reception at the Union Congregational Church where Dr. Gilmore has assumed the duties of pastor.

The Winthrop Unemployment Committee is making an urgent appeal for donations of coal and food for the coming winter months for needy local families.

Charles Laughton and Clark Gable star in Mutiny on the Bounty and Barbara Stanwyck stars in Annie Oakley at the Winthrop and State Theatres.

100 days ago
January 2, 1926
Although donations are slightly ahead, membership enrollment in the local Red Cross shows 84 fewer persons than last year.

Both former and present students at Winthrop High

are mourning the passing of Miss Ayres, who taught at the school for more than 30 years.

The state deputy assessor in charge of collecting state income tax returns for the Winthrop area will be at Town Hall Monday evenings in January and February to assist taxpayers.

Douglas Fairbanks stars in Don Q., Son of Zorro, at the Winthrop Theatre.

110 years ago
January 2, 1916
Winthrop's grand old man, Daniel Hollinger, believed to be the oldest Mason in the country, passed away this week at the age of 100 in the home of his daughter, Mrs. Henry B. Fiske at 75 Main St.

It is reported that an alleged political frame-up has resulted in the discharge of six guards, three of whom are from Winthrop with long service, from their jobs at the Deer Island House of Correction to make way for political appointees of Boston Mayor James Michael Curley. The six new men reportedly will be taking their jobs without the necessity of taking the Civil Service

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DAVID GREEN MEMORIAL HOOP TOURNEY SET FOR MONDAY AND TUESDAY

The Winthrop High boys and girls basketball teams will host the 5th Annual David Green Memorial Tournament over the holiday break next Monday and Tuesday, December 29 and 30.

The Winthrop boys will host Excel Academy at 12 noon and the Lady Vikings will meet Gloucester at 4:00

in their tourney openers on Monday.

Both teams then will play in either the championship or consolation games on Tuesday afternoon.

The full schedule for the tournament is as follows:

Day 1
Monday, December 29:
Boys: 10 am North Reading vs Arlington Catholic
Boys: 12 pm Excel vs Winthrop
Girls: 2 pm Stoneham vs Lynnfield
Girls: 4 pm Gloucester vs Winthrop
Day 2:

Tuesday, December 30
10 am: Girls consolation
12 pm: Girls championship
2 pm: Boys consolation
4 pm: Boys championship

VIKING BOYS HOCKEY EDGES DOVER-SHERBORN

The Winthrop High boys hockey team rebounded from a heartbreaking 3-2 loss to Lynnfield last Wednesday to record a 2-1

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Team Lightning

WHS SPORTS ROUNDUP



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Fresh & Tangy Limes	59¢
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WHS SPORTS *THROUGH THE YEARS*

**10 years ago
December 24, 2015**
The Winthrop High Lady Bulldog hockey team defeated Northeast Hockey League foe Medford, 5-2, last week to post its first win of the season. Senior captain Olivia Shkliwev provided the spark for the Lady Bulldogs with three assists. Mia Price , Sophie LeRay, Emma Carney, freshman Bella Perrotti, and junior Sidney Adamson scored the Winthrop goals.

The Winthrop High girls track team coasted to a 66-19 triumph over Salem last week. The Lady Vikings took first place in eight of the nine individual events: Kim McDuffe won the high jump with a leap of 4'-2" (Kim also took a third place in the 1000); Gianna Massa grabbed top spot in the shot-put with a throw of 28'-8"; Alyssa Ferrara sped to victory in the 50 yard dash in 7.0 seconds; Regina Garufo took the 300 dash in 49.6; Holly Benson easily took the 600 in 1:52; sister Heidi Benson topped the field in the 1000 in 3:51; Carmela-Miranda Llovere won the mile in 6:39;

and Christina Leone took the two-mile run in 14:43.
The Winthrop High boys hockey team earned its first win of the season with a 2-1 victory at Peabody last Wednesday. Sam Yarrow notched the first goal for the Vikings with an assist from Mike Norris. Charlie Page lit the lamp with the eventual game-winner, assisted by linemate Henry Brooks. However, three days later the Vikings dropped a 4-1 decision to Marblehead at Larsen Rink, leaving Winthrop with an even-steven 1-1-1 record.
Will Holden took home first place in the mile for the Winthrop High boys track team in the Vikings' meet last week against Salem with a time of 4:51.4. Andrew McGrail took second place in the shot-put with a toss of 34'-3" and Jacopo Veseli grabbed second in the 300 dash in 2:43.7.

**20 years ago
December 29, 2005**
Coach Peter Grimes's WHS girls basketball team has sprinted to a 7-0 start after a 57-41 win over Bever-

ly this past week. Freshman phenom Courtney Finn led the Lady Vikings with 19 points on 9-for-12 shooting. Nicole Giaquinto added 12 and sophomore Kristen Finn and Caterina Mallios hit for 10 each. In a 50-49 win over No. Quincy in the Chelsea Holiday Tournament, Kristen Finn bombed away from long-range to sink six three-pointers to lead Winthrop with 18 points and Meredith Soper struck for 13.
Coach Dave Brown's WHS boys basketball team defeated Beverly, 58-50, to improve to 3-1. Michael Visco had 12 points and 12 rebounds. Anthony Giuliani hit for 11 points and Dave Segal and Matt Murray added 10 apiece.

**30 years ago
January 4, 1996**
Coach Peter Grimes's WHS boys basketball team handily won a pair of games this past week, defeating Marblehead 79-52 and Gloucester 80-51. Lawone Bennett led the Vikings in scoring with 22 and 20 points in the two contests,

including a slam dunk against Marblehead. James Buono struck for 21 points against Gloucester, including four three-pointers.
Dave Collins scored a hat trick for the WHS hockey team in a 6-3 win over previously-undefeated Lynn English.

**40 years ago
January 8, 1986**
Sean Conway poured in 33 points to lead the WHS basketball team to a 73-54 win over Gloucester. In a 66-58 loss to Salem, Conway hit for 31 points.
Seniors Jim Ezekiel and Bryan Pullin both scored hat tricks to lead the WHS hockey team to a 7-2 win over Salem.
Diane Gallo led a Winthrop sweep in the shotput to pace the girls track team to a 70-16 romp over Salem as coach Larry Keegan's squad opened the defense of its NEC title.

Andrew Turransky set a new WHS school record in the 50 yard hurdles with a time of 6.86 seconds in the Vikings' recent meet with Salem.

Senior Laurie Pearce pumped in 20 points to lead coach Ron Spinney's WHS girls basketball team to a 56-33 win over Gloucester.

**50 years ago
January 7, 1976**
Jackie Burke tallied a hat trick to pace the undefeated WHS hockey team to a 4-1 win over Danvers. In an exhibition contest with a team from Finland, the Vikings won by a score of 11-4.
The WHS boys basketball team remained undefeated with a 77-51 triumph over Gloucester thanks to fine efforts from Kevin English, Steve Demetriou, and Kevin Corkhum.
Coach Ron Spinney's WHS girls basketball team stands at 4-2 after a 51-24 rout of Gloucester paced by 12 points from Terry Gass.

**60 years ago
January 5, 1966**
Bob Tallent and Hucky Larsen scored the goals for the WHS hockey team in a 3-2 loss to St. Mary's of Lynn. Coach John Marsh's squad is winless in its five games thus far this season,

as the fledgling WHS program has had difficulty finding ice time for its practices.

**70 years ago
January 5, 1955**
The WHS basketball team will play its home-opener in the new, though as-yet-unfinished, Memorial gymnasium when Coach John Sheehan's young quintet hosts Swampscott Friday evening. Winthrop chalked up its fifth straight win of the season with a 74-39 thrashing of Amesbury. Captain Charlie Rand led the way with 20 points, followed by Jack MacDonald with 15 points and husky sophomore Ted Conley with 10.

**80 years ago
January 3, 1946**
Coach Gordon Connor's WHS basketball team will open the defense of its Northeastern Conference title when the local quintet hosts Danvers Tuesday. WHS captain Myron Atlas chucked in 23 points in the team's recent annual contest with an Alumni squad.

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victory over 4th-ranked Dover-Sherborn/Weston (DSW) Saturday afternoon at Larsen Rink.
The contest had the feel of a playoff atmosphere among the large crowd at Larsen, channeling the memories of the epic 2024 Division 4 state tournament semifinal contest between the two rivals in which DSW ultimately prevailed in a dramatic shootout.
The teams did not disappoint the fans, as both sides skated in up-and-down fashion from the opening faceoff, creating many scoring opportunities.
However, it was Viking sophomore Braedon Lounsbury, assisted by senior assistant captain Bert Kline, who managed to break the ice to give Winthrop a 1-0 lead after one period.
The Vikings maintained their one-goal lead through the middle frame, thanks in large part to the stellar goaltending of junior Jimmy Lyman, who made numerous superb saves.
Midway through the third period, Dom Spinale, assisted by captain Joe Pumphret and Paul Ferrara, reached the back of the DSW net for the all-important insurance goal to make it 2-0. DSW got on the board with about five minutes to go, but Lyman and the Viking defense held firm the rest of the way to secure the victory.
The win was a perfect bounce-back game for coach Dale Dunbar and his

crew after their tough loss last Wednesday against a fast and very physical Lynnfield team.
WHS captain Nick Romano, assisted by Pumphret, gave the Vikings a 1-0 lead in the opening period when he went top shelf to beat the Pioneer goalie.
Lynnfield tied the score in the middle stanza, but Spinale restored the Winthrop advantage on a nice individual effort for an unassisted goal to leave matters at 2-1 at the second buzzer.
That set the stage for the dramatic third period. Viking junior goalie Dax Sabin, who was making his first career varsity start, made numerous key saves, and a solid Winthrop defensive effort preserved the Winthrop lead for 14:59 until Lynnfield lit the lamp with less than one second showing on the clock to bring the contest back to level at 2-2.
The teams then went into an overtime period in which the Vikings had some excellent opportunities, but just missed converting. The Pioneers then reached the back of the Winthrop net with less than a minute to play in OT to claim the 3-2 win.
Dunbar and his crew, who now are 3-1 overall and 2-0 in the NEC North, were scheduled to travel to Norwell, another perennial D-4 powerhouse, this past Tuesday.
The Vikings will compete once again in the Michael Giordano Christmas Classic

vs. D-3 Hanover at 2 p.m. this Friday (December 26) at Murphy Memorial Rink in South Boston.
Winthrop then will meet either Lynnfield or Boston Latin on Saturday in either the consolation game at 10 a.m. or the championship game at 4 p.m.
**VIKING GIRLS
HOCKEY BLANKS
NEWBURYPORT**
The Winthrop High girls hockey team bounced back from its first setback of the season last Wednesday, a hard-fought 3-2 loss to non-league opponent Grafton, to record a 5-0 shutout victory over Northeastern Hockey League (NHL) rival Newburyport this past Saturday afternoon at Larsen Rink.
The Lady Vikings were led on offense by Tegan Periera, who scored what WHS head coach Anthony Martucci termed, "two incredible goals on the power play. "Tegan has an absolute bomb of a shot," said Martucci, "and when she is getting it away, it is a problem for all goalies. Her two goals were bullets."
Seniors Avalina Coffey and Reese Ferrara also reached the back of the Newburyport net. "Both Avalina and Reese have played incredibly in the first three games, leading the team by example in both our games and practices."
The Lady Vikings' final goal was scored by junior Amelia Serino on a perfectly-placed, top-corner shot.

"Amelia is a strong kid and plays with a lot of power," said Martucci. "On that goal she just used her speed, and ripped one where 'mom hides the cookies'."
WHS goalie Riley Towse, "who has also been amazing to start the season," said Martucci, earned the shutout, moving Riley within striking range of the program record.
As for the loss to Grafton, "This was a great high school hockey game between two teams who are fairly closely-matched, and both went after the win," said Martucci.
The visiting Gators took an early lead, capitalizing on a pair of Winthrop penalties to score a goal on a 5-on-3 power play. However, after the Lady Vikings killed-off the rest of the power play, they tied the score on a PPG when Abby Githinji lit the lamp on what Martucci called "a very smart walk out" to leave matters at 1-1 after one period.
Winthrop broke the deadlock in the second period when Chloe Couture won a face-off perfectly and Angela Coscia was able to pick up the puck and, after making an elite move, put home a pretty snap-shot.
The Lady Vikings maintained their slim advantage until the waning moments of the contest when the Gators scored the tying goal with 33 seconds to go on a 6-on-4 power play after pulling their goalie.
The teams then went into overtime and exchanged a bunch of scoring chances before Grafton was able to light the lamp and claim the win.
"Regardless of coming out on the losing end, I thought we played great and really showed a ton of grit and toughness," said Martucci. "We skated well and worked together. We do have to work on closing-out games, for which this was a good lesson."

Martucci and his crew engaged in what he termed "a monster game" this past Tuesday with non-league opponent Arlington Catholic. They will host NHL foe Gloucester next Tuesday for a 6:10 face-off at Larsen.

**WINTHROP BOYS
HOOP COMES
UP SHORT TO
SWAMPSCOTT,
DANVERS**
The Winthrop High boys

basketball team Vikings delivered a gritty, hard-fought effort last Monday night on the road, but ultimately fell to Swampscott, 73-59. Despite the final score, Winthrop once again made a statement with its defensive intensity and balanced contributions from both veteran leaders and emerging underclassmen.
Senior standout Noah Bayersdorfer continued his strong start to the season, recording his second straight 30-point performance. Noah was a perfect 9-of-9 from the free-throw line. His aggressive drives and confident shot-making consistently kept the Vikings within striking distance.
A major bright spot for Winthrop was the play of freshman Lucas Gabriel Souza, who turned in an impressive performance. Lucas finished with 10 points on 4-of-6 shooting, added four rebounds, and showed poise and energy on both ends of the floor. His steady presence provided a spark throughout the game.
Winthrop also received solid contributions from Nico Ruggieri, who scored nine points, and Joseph Schettino, who added seven points. As a team, the Vikings were solid at the charity stripe, converting 14-of-15 free throws, and remained disciplined defensively despite Swampscott's advantage from beyond the arc.
This past Friday, the Vikings went toe-to-toe with the Danvers Falcons in a tightly-contested matchup -- Winthrop pulled within a point in the final minute -- but timely perimeter shooting by Danvers proved to be the difference as the Falcons prevailed, 60-54.
Winthrop battled fiercely from the opening tip, but early turnovers allowed Danvers to jump out to a quick lead. Winthrop settled in as the game progressed, responding with strong defensive pressure and physical play in the paint. Leading the charge was senior captain Noah Bayersdorfer, who finished with a team-high 22 points. Bayersdorfer kept the Vikings within striking distance all night, attacking the basket, knocking down key shots, and pulling down six rebounds.
Winthrop found success shooting from the paint and received a major spark off the bench from freshman Lucas Souza Dos Santos.

Dos Santos provided energy on both ends of the floor. Lucas was nearly automatic in the paint, connecting on 4-of-6 shots and converting all four free throws to finish with 12 points and five rebounds.
Defensively, Winthrop made Danvers work for its offense, holding the Falcons to just 36 percent shooting on two-point attempts. However, Danvers countered by stretching the floor and capitalizing from long range. The Falcons knocked down 13 three-pointers, using their outside shooting to create separation and to swing the momentum at crucial points in the game.
However, the Vikings refused to go away. Junior guard Nico Ruggieri contributed a strong all-around performance with six points, seven rebounds, and three assists, while senior captain Nick Correa chipped in with seven points and played tough perimeter defense throughout the night.
Nick drilled a clutch three-pointer with under a minute remaining to cut the deficit to just one, silencing the Danvers crowd and giving Winthrop hope down the stretch. Ultimately however, Danvers answered once again from the outside to seal the win.
Despite the loss, the Vikings showed toughness, resilience, and battled until the final buzzer. With balanced scoring and strong rebounding, coach Quinton Dale's crew continues to develop on both ends of the court. Despite the setbacks, the Vikings demonstrated that they can compete with anyone on their schedule as the season moves forward.
The Vikings will host the David Green Memorial Tournament next week (see accompanying story above).

**WHS GIRLS
DROP OPENERS**
The Winthrop High girls basketball team came up on the short end of its season-opening contests with Northeastern Conference rivals Swampscott (53-27) and Danvers (65-23) last week.
Coach Anthony Hatzisavas's squad was scheduled to meet non-league opponent Arlington Catholic this past Tuesday and then will compete in the David Green Memorial Tournament at Winthrop High next week (see story above).

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Kim Marie Wessling Martino

She was both an educator and consummate matriarch to a beautiful family

Kim Marie Wessling Martino, 66, of Winthrop died peacefully on December 16th, 2025 surrounded by her family at Massachusetts General Hospital after a short illness.

Born November 29, 1959 in Boston, she was the daughter of the late Carmella (Visco) Wessling and Bernard Wessling. She is survived by her husband, Peter J. Martino, Jr. of Winthrop and their children, Nicholas and Danielle Martino and three grandsons, Jacob, Benjamin and Tate Martino, all of Winthrop; Jessica (Martino) and Danielle Rogers of Hamilton; Justin and Lauren Martino, granddaughter, Kennedy and grandson, Crew, all of Winthrop; and Ariana (Martino) and John Tomlinson and grandson, George of Chicago, Illinois. She is survived by her brothers, Frank Wessling of Virginia Beach, VA and Bernard (Bill) Wessling of Chelmsford; her sister, Linda Wessling and John Schoaf of Uxbridge; her sister, Susan Wessling and Pat Glispén of Worcester; and her sister, Kara (Wessling) Guenette of Holden. She was a dear aunt to Danielle Prew, Christopher Prew, Robert Martino, Samantha Barry, Sean Gillis, Eric Gillis, William Gillis, Kyle Wessling, Michelle Lamme, Samantha Hodgdon, Erika Robshaw, Jesse Schoaf, Ella Wessling, Stephen Wessling, William Guenette and Brandon Guenette.

Kim was the consummate matriarch to a beautiful family. She was a devoted wife, mother to her four children, and “Tigga” to her six grandchildren. Kim loved her family above all else. Kim’s days and many of her nights were full of laughter and play with her own children in their formative years and then her grandchildren in her later years. When she wasn’t entertaining children, Kim was often busy cooking huge family dinners, planning family vacations or hosting family at Merrymeeting Lake.

Kim graduated from Winthrop High School in 1977 where she starred and co-captained the Lady Vikings basketball team that won the Northeast Conference Championship and Eastern Massachusetts Championship in her senior year. While at Winthrop High School, Kim also earned varsity letters in Women’s Track and in Women’s Softball. Kim went on to captain the Women’s Varsity Basketball team at Salem State and led the nation in rebounds per



game in multiple seasons while completing her baccalaureate degree and graduating in 1982.

Kim earned a Master’s degree in teaching and education from Lesley University and taught middle school science at Brown Middle School in Chelsea and then the Belmonte Middle School in Saugus. Kim was beloved by students and colleagues alike for her infectious love of learning, her fun and engaging teaching style, and her deep compassion, which she brought to life through creative, hands-on science lessons. As an educator, Kim was selected as a teacher advisor for NASA’s “Bringing the Universe to America’s Classrooms” program. She also earned recognition from Wicked Local’s Teacher Appreciation Week for her avid support and encouragement for female students’ pursuit of studies and work in STEM programs. In May of 2012, Kim received the North Shore Science Supervisor’s Association for Exemplary Science Teachers Award. Kim’s passion in life was teaching and educating young children, whether it was her own children, Saugus Middle School children for 20 years, or her own precious grandchildren.

While in retirement, Kim began her latest teaching position, teaching preschool at Children’s Corner Preschool for the last three years. She leaves a legacy of devoted students from her years of teaching.

The funeral mass was held in the on Monday, December 22, 2025. Interment was private.

In lieu of flowers please consider a donation to the LUPUS FOUNDATION OF AMERICA or any charity of your choice in her name. The family plans to establish a charitable foundation in her name at a later time.

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OBITUARIES

Paul Alfred Stathos

He will be missed by all those who knew and loved him



Paul Alfred Stathos, 89, of Malden passed away peacefully, at home, on Friday, December 19, 2025.

Beloved husband, father, papa, brother and uncle, Paul loved his family dearly. Born May 4, 1936 in Malden to Sylvia Pitts (Leone) and Anthony Stathopoulos, Paul was the fourth of seven children and was a devoted brother, willing to do anything to help his siblings.

Paul enjoyed nothing more than a nice glass of red wine. He loved any sweet treat or dessert and would slice off the tiniest serving (multiple times) or claim he was only having one cookie only to be caught sneaking more. Paul loved to golf and could be found practicing his swing out in the yard, sometimes without a club. An avid pianist, he would always be playing his keyboard and could play any song you presented him with. Paul loved dogs and dogs always loved him too. He was quick to sneak them food and always had one of the family’s dogs by his side.

Paul enjoyed spending his winters in Fort Lauderdale, Florida with his wife,. Connie who he loved so very much. August 14, they celebrated 70 beautiful years of marriage.

Paul served in the Army and was honorably discharged in 1964. He then spent most of his life a salesman before owning a liquor store with his wife. After selling the liquor store Paul spent his time bartending at the Lenox Hotel in Boston, a job he loved as he got to share his passion for wine.

What Paul loved most of all was his family. The best Papa in the world, his grandchildren, were the light of his life. He was always asking who loved you the most and the answer was always "Papa."

He was always quick to compliment you and appre-



ciated a "snazzy" outfit. He always let you know that he thought you were beautiful.

Paul is survived by his wife Connie (Demasi), daughter Andrea Caggiano and her husband, Peter of Winthrop, son Paul Stathos and his wife Nancy of Malden, granddaughter Ariana Daniels and her husband Tommy of Winthrop, grandson Peter Caggiano of Miami Beach, FL, granddaughter Mary Stathos of Somerville, and granddaughter Grace Stathos and her fiancé Chris Barker of Malden.

He is also survived by his brothers Dennis Stathos of Fort Myers, FL, Robert Statho of Ipswich, sister Elaine Zani of Wakefield, and brother-in-law Richard Jarvis of Peabody. He is preceded in death by his brothers John Statho, Angelo Stathopoulos and Anthony Martin and brother-in-law James Demasi. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Friends and family are cordially invited to attend visitation Sunday, December 28, 2025 from 1 to 4 p.m.; at Caggiano-O’Maley-Frazier Funeral Home in Winthrop, Massachusetts. A service will be conducted in the funeral home at 4 p.m.

As he enters into eternal peace his family would like him to know that it is us who love him the most. He will be missed by all those who knew and loved him.

To sign the online guestbook, go to www.caggiano-funeralhome.com.

Temma Cohen

Educator

It is with love and sadness that we announce the loss of our cousin and friend, Temma Cohen of Winthrop on December 17.

She was the loving daughter of the late Ida (Napoleon) Cohen and William Cohen of Chelsea, and the dear sister of the late Dr. Saul Cohen. Temma will be missed by her cousins: Michael Schlafman, Sharon Cohen, Tevy and Linda Schlafman, Paula Schlafman, Julie and Max Wender and Gilbert Napoleon. Temma will also be missed by her long time friends, Judy and Tony DiGregorio, Maureen and Bill Puddister, Anna and Jim Rigo, Debra and Lenny Mariano and Cynthia and Nem Huynh.

Temma was born and raised in Chelsea where she received her early education in the Chelsea school system. After graduating from Simmons College in Boston, Temma returned to Chelsea where she spent her career as a school teacher.

Memorial services were conducted on Friday, December 19 by Rabbi Sruli Baron at the Torf Funeral Chapel, 151 Washington Avenue, Chelsea, MA. Interment was at the Sudilkov



Cemetery, 232 Fuller Street, Everett. There will be no memorial week. Donations in Temma’s memory can be made to Boston Children’s Hospital, 300 Longwood Avenue, Boston. For online guestbook and directions please visit the funeral home website, www.torf-funeralservice.com.

Temma will remain in our hearts forever.

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Timothy William Bodvar

Loyal and dependable friend, always willing to lend a helping hand or a listening ear

Timothy William Bodvar, 39, of Winthrop, passed away on December 17, 2025.

Timothy was a devoted husband, father, son, brother, and friend. He loved cars and was an avid fisherman who enjoyed time on the water. A proud plumber, Timothy took great satisfaction in his work and was known for his strong work ethic. He was a loyal and dependable friend—always willing to lend a helping hand or just a listening ear. Timothy also loved movies and was well known for quoting his favorites, often bringing laughter to those around him.

Timothy is survived by his loving wife, Krystin Bodvar, and his cherished son, Timothy Bodvar, Jr., the son of Karen Bodvar (Deceased) and Paul Bodvar, Sr. He is also survived by his brother, Paul Bodvar, Jr., and his wife, Amanda; his sister, April Bodvar, and her husband, Jason Maddalone; his niece and nephews, John Knapp, Jr., Gianna Knapp, and Noah Bodvar; and many aunts, uncles, and cousins.




The funeral service was conducted from the Caggiano-O’Maley-Frazier Funeral Home on Tuesday, December 23, 2025.

To sign the online guestbook, go to www.caggiano-funeralhome.com


In lieu of flowers please consider a donation to the LUPUS FOUNDATION OF AMERICA or any charity of your choice in her name. The family plans to establish a charitable foundation in her name at a later time.

To sign the online guestbook, go to www.caggiano-funeralhome.com.

Arrangements under the direction of the Caggiano-O’Maley-Frazier Funeral Home, Winthrop.



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Is like summer without sunshine
and Christmas without snow.*

*We wish that we could talk to you..
There is so much we would say.
Life has changed so very much
Since you went away.*

*We miss the bond between us
And we miss your kind support.
You are in our minds and in our hearts
and every Christmas thought.*

**Always in Our Hearts & Sadly Missed,
Love, Your husband, children,
grandchildren and great-grandchildren**



To place a memoriam in the Winthrop Transcript, please call 781-485-0588

Winthrop Senior Center News

35 Harvard Street, Winthrop, MA 02152

Hours: Mon-Thurs: 8:30am-3:30p.m. Friday: 8:30am-1p.m. Phone: 617-846-8538

Website: www.town.winthrop.ma.us Email: COARception@town.winthrop.ma.us

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.

Monday, December 29

9:00am-3:00pm: Computer Usage

11:30am-2:30pm: Game Day / Mahjong

Tuesday, December 30

9:00am-3:00pm: Computer Usage

9:30am-10:30am: Exercise Class

12:30pm-2:30pm: Art with Dawn (\$6)

Wednesday, Dec. 31

9:00am-11:30pm: Computer Usage

10:30am-11:30am: Zumba with Cindy (\$5)

11:45am-12:45pm: Tai Chi / Qi Gong with Cindy (\$5)

12:15pm-1:45pm: Italian

Class

Thursday, January 1

THE SENIOR CENTER WILL BE CLOSED “HAPPY NEW YEAR”

Friday, January 2

9:00am-12:30pm: Computer Usage



Senior Lunch Program: The Senior Center offers in-person dining on Thursdays from 12-12:30pm. Grab and Go Lunches are also available for pick up Monday – Friday between 11am and 1pm. To reserve a lunch, please stop by the front desk or call the Senior

Center at 617-846-8538 by 11am the day before (for Monday lunch, reservations must be made by 11am on Friday). Menus are available on our website and at the Senior Center. Please note, lunches cannot be held overnight; they must be picked up on the day that they were requested for.

Senior Van. The Senior Van runs Monday - Thursday from 8:45am-3pm and Fridays 8:45am-12:15pm. 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. Please note that Friday van rides will be limited to Winthrop, Revere and East Boston destinations only. Return trips must be completed by 12:15pm.

Rides may be booked up to 2 weeks in advance but must be scheduled at least 2 weekdays in advance by calling the Senior Center at 617-846-8538. A full list of destinations/pricing is available in our newsletter and online at www.winthropma.gov/council-aging.

Computer Usage. The Senior Center has computers available for public use. Computers are generally available from 8:30am-3:00pm Monday-Thursday, and 8:30am-12:30pm on Fridays. Please note that hours may change due to our program/activity schedule. To confirm if computers are available, you can call the Senior Center.

Day and Overnight Trips. The Senior Center offers a variety of day trips, casino trips and overnight, and multi-day trips. Trip flyers are available on our website and at the Senior Center.

NeighborHealth appoints veteran healthcare leader Jamie Hazard as President CEO

Special to the Transcript



Jamie Hazard

NeighborHealth today announced the appointment of Jamie Hazard as its new President & Chief Executive Officer, following his nine months of service as Interim CEO. A longtime leader in community health system finance and strategy, Hazard has spent more than a decade at NeighborHealth guiding the organization through major growth, financial transformation, and operational innovation.

Hazard steps into the role with a deep understanding of what makes NeighborHealth unique – its roots in community, its people-first culture, and its belief that great care happens when patients, families, and providers are deeply connected. “Jamie understands NeighborHealth from the inside out, not just the numbers, but the mission, the people, and the communities who count on us every day,” said Rita Sorrento, Chair of NeighborHealth’s Board of Directors. “At a defining moment for our organization, Jamie brought stability and a renewed sense of purpose. His leadership reflects our values of respect and openness, grounded in community, and a commitment to delivering care that goes beyond the clinic.”

Hazard’s tenure as Interim CEO came at a pivotal moment for community health centers nationwide. Amid industry-wide challenges, Hazard stabilized NeighborHealth’s financial position, strengthened employee engagement, and advanced several mission-critical initiatives. By prioritizing listening, collaboration, and clear communication, his approach fostered strong connections and confidence across staff, providers, the board, and community partners.

“NeighborHealth is a part of the social fabric of Greater Boston, and serving as Interim CEO allowed me to see our organization through a different lens,” said Hazard. “What struck me most was the resilience of our team and the extraordinary trust our patients place in us. Stepping into this permanent role is both a privilege and a responsibility I take to heart.” Hazard’s 13-year tenure as Executive Vice President & Chief Financial Officer positioned NeighborHealth for success, increasing annual revenue from \$75 million to more than \$300 million, and advancing key expansions in services, facilities, and community partnerships. He also led the financial integration of the South End Community Health Center, secured complex financing for new facilities, and implemented transformative technology systems that improved operational efficiency and patient experience.

Looking ahead, Hazard’s vision builds on the belief that care in community is essential for true health. He plans to expand innovative care models, grow technological and operational capabilities, and continue strengthening the culture so every employee feels valued and every patient feels seen. “Our mission has always been to create a compassionate, culturally aligned environment that meets people where they are,” said Hazard. “We belong to these communities, and together we can shape a healthier future, built on connection, dignity, and access for everyone.”

Hazard will begin his role as President and CEO of NeighborHealth on December 19, 2025. Hazard earned a Bachelor of Science in Accounting and Finance from Boston College, a Master of Business Administration from the University of Massachusetts Boston, a Master of Science in Finance from the University of Massachusetts Boston, and a Master of Science in Business Analytics (MSBA) as a McDonough Scholar from Georgetown University. He also serves on multiple boards and committees, including Boston Medical Center’s Boston HealthNet, the Community Health Center Committee, the Boston Accountable Care Organization Finance and Contracts Committee, Advocates for Community Health in Washington, D.C., and Community Health Best Practices, LLC in Santa Fe, New Mexico. NeighborHealth, formerly East Boston Neighborhood Health Center, is one of the nation’s largest Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) and the largest community-based primary care health system in Massachusetts, serving over 130,000 people and recognized by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) as a 2025 National Quality and Cancer Screening Leader. For more than 50 years, NeighborHealth has offered access to comprehensive primary care, specialty care and emergency care for patients in the Commonwealth. In a first-of-its-kind merger in 2020, East Boston Neighborhood Health Center joined forces with the South End Community Health Center and expanded services to patients who live and work in Boston’s South End and Roxbury neighborhoods. With nearly 2,000 employees, NeighborHealth champions innovative care models to actively bridge health equity gaps in our low-income and immigrant communities with services unique from other healthcare providers in our state. For more information, visit www.neighborhealth.com.

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exam. Jerry Blake, a Civil War veteran and member of the Winthrop Police Dept. when it was first organized 23 years ago, passed away this week. Blake suffered a shock two years ago, though he recovered sufficiently to return to duty, but his brave, two-year battle ended this week. Two Winthrop teens found themselves marooned on Apple Island during last week’s storm when their boat was smashed to smithereens by the wind and waves. When they had set out for the island in search of driftwood, the day was calm, but by the time they decided to return home, the storm had come up. The two took shelter in a fisherman’s hut and eventually were rescued by harbor police before nightfall.

Carlo Moschella of 24 Cherry St. reports that his flock of chickens was stolen over the weekend.

120 years ago January 6, 1906 The new senatorial district for Winthrop voters will consist of Chelsea, Revere, Winthrop, and one ward of East Boston based upon the latest census figures. Mayor Fitzgerald of Boston stated in his inaugural address last week that the municipalities around Boston should unite into one, great metropolis similar to the borough system in New York City. A large delegation of local ladies appeared in the Chelsea District Court on behalf of a Chelsea woman

charged with the abandonment of a 10 day-old baby who was her sister’s child. The Chelsea woman is well-thought of and well-known in Winthrop and her innocence in this matter is not in dispute. Building Inspector Lucius Floyd reports that 134 building permits, including 48 for new dwellings, were issued in 1905, an increase of 22 over the previous year. Of the 48 new dwelling permits, 18 were for one-family houses, 26 for two-families, three for three-families, and one for a four-family.

130 years ago January 4, 1896 Town Meeting members voted to appropriate \$20,000 for construction of a high school building on Pauline St.

A public meeting will be held in the Unitarian Church Sunday to discuss the suffering of the Armenian people.

140 years ago January 8, 1886 Townspeople are offering their condolences to Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Bacon, whose five month-old little girl succumbed to a severe bout of laryngitis. The recent show performed by the Knights of Honor was a smashing success, played before a full house. A local resident writes of the pleasantness of Florida at this time of year. He says that though it might get chilly, it lasts for only a day or two, and is nothing like the snows and freezing weather of the north.

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LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF WINTHROP
PROCUREMENT
DEPARTMENT
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
(RFP) # 2026-27

The Town of Winthrop invites sealed price and non-price proposals in accordance with M.G.L. c.30B, §6, for the following: REAL ESTATE BROKERAGE SERVICES – 36 Sargent Street, Winthrop, MA 02152. The Vendor must be a licensed real estate agent or broker within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, shall not hold any elected or appointed office or employment with the Town of Winthrop, and must comply with all applicable requirements under M.G.L. c.60, §64A. Brokerage services will be retained for the disposition of Town-owned property located at 36 Sargent Street, Winthrop, MA, acquired by the City through the M.G.L. c.60 tax foreclosure process. The property is confirmed as a legal two-family dwelling by the Building Department and Assessor’s database. There are numerous building, fire, and sanitary code violations within the property and will be sold strictly “as-is”. The purchaser shall be responsible for bringing the property into compliance with all applicable laws, codes, and ordinances. The Vendor will be required to submit a market analysis or comparable comprehensive report to support the listing price prior to the listing date and demonstrate their ability to obtain an appraisal of the property following selection. Contract Documents will be available beginning December 22, 2025 via request by email to cdcook@winthropma.gov. Proposal Deadline: Proposals will be received until January 8, 2026 by 10:00 A.M. at the Procurement Department, Room 12, 1 Metcalf Square, Winthrop, MA 02152. Proposals received after this deadline will not be accepted. Submitted proposals may not be corrected, modified, or withdrawn after the deadline. Following the deadline, all timely proposals will be reviewed by a committee, and an award will be made to the most advantageous proposer, taking into consideration both price and non-price criteria. The selected broker is expected to begin work immediately upon award. All proposals are subject to the provisions of M.G.L. c.30B, §6. Addenda will be posted to the Town’s website. It is the sole responsibility of each proposer to verify receipt of any/all addenda prior to submission. Failure to do so may result in the proposal being deemed non-responsive. The Town of Winthrop reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, to waive minor informalities, and to negotiate and amend the scope of services if deemed in the best interest of the Town. TOWN OF WINTHROP Dylan Cook, Chief Procurement Officer 12/24/25 W

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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 CAPIC’s Child Development Center and After School Program, located at 9 Arlington Street, Chelsea MA, 02150 intention of sponsoring the USDA Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP). Planned dates of operation are 01/19/2026 through 9/30/2026, (5) days per week, Monday through Friday. Anticipated service is 72 breakfast, 72 lunches and 161 snacks. 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. All bids are subject to review by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Office, 75 Pleasant Street Malden Ma 02148. • The public bid opening will be at (10:00 am January 8, 2026) 100 Everett Avenue, Unit 14, Chelsea MA • Copies of contract requirements outlined in the Food Service Agreement can be obtained by emailing brodriguez@capicinc.org.

TAXES CAPIC is exempt from Federal Excise and State Sales tax; therefore, tax must not be included in the proposal’s price.


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