

WINTHROP POLICE BLOTTER

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

MONDAY,
DECEMBER 15
0106: An officer issued a parking ticket to a vehicle without a resident parking sticker on Veterans Rd.

0124: An officer issued parking tickets to five vehicles without resident parking stickers on Banks St.

330: An officer issued a parking ticket to a vehicle partially blocking a driveway on Bowdoin St.

11416: A person came into the station to report that his motor vehicle had been sideswiped by another vehicle and the operator did not stop on Main St. The officer filed a report.

1958: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Veterans Rd. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

2019: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Veterans Rd. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

2108: An officer stopped a motorist on Forrest St. with a suspended license, which is a criminal offense. The officer issued a citation to the operator and the motor vehicle was towed.

TUESDAY,
DECEMBER 16
0116: An officer issued parking tickets to six vehicles without resident parking stickers on Pauline St.

0117: An officer issued parking tickets to seven vehicles without resident parking stickers on Shirley St.

0322: An officer responded to a call from a Wave Way Ave. resident who reported that she could hear a baby crying outside. The officer determined that there were two cats who were fighting.

1153: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Revere St. for a civil moving infraction. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1221: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Pleasant St. 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 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 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 gave a verbal warning to the operator.

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

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

-- 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 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 excessive window tint. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1445: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Main St. for a civil moving infraction. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1536: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Shirley St. for the civil moving infraction of excessive window tint. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1905: An officer ordered a tow for a parked motor vehicle with a cancelled registration on Banks St.

WEDNESDAY,
DECEMBER 17
0118: An officer issued parking tickets to eight vehicles without resident parking stickers on Summit Ave.

0129: An officer issued parking tickets to six vehicles without resident parking stickers on Locust St.

0142: An officer issued parking tickets to six vehicles without resident parking stickers on River Rd. and Bates Ave.

0143: An officer issued

parking tickets to five vehicles without resident parking stickers on Almont St.

0226: An officer issued parking tickets to 11 vehicles without resident parking stickers on Shirley St.

0800: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Shirley St. for a civil moving infraction. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

0902: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Shirley and Tewksbury Sts. for the civil moving infraction of a stop sign violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

-- 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.

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

-- 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.

-- An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Winthrop 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 Pleasant St. 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 speeding. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

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

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

-- An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Sunnyside Ave. for the civil moving infractions of violating the hands-free law and not having a valid inspection sticker. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

-- An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Pleasant St. 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 speeding. The

officer issued a citation to the operator.

-- An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Pleasant 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 Pleasant St. 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 infractions of not having a valid inspection sticker. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

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

0926: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Main St. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1157: An officer issued a parking ticket to a vehicle partially blocking a driveway on Lincoln St.

1340: Officers provided traffic control at the scene of a fire on George St.

2301: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Main St. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

2312: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Main St. for the civil moving infraction of a number plate violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

THURSDAY,
DECEMBER 18

0112: An officer issued parking tickets to four vehicles without resident parking stickers on Marshall St.

0128: An officer issued parking tickets to 12 vehicles without resident parking stickers on Banks St.

0144: An officer issued parking tickets to eight vehicles without resident parking stickers on Winthrop St.
0207: An officer issued parking tickets to three vehicles without resident parking stickers on Lincoln St.

0950: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Shore Drive and Pearl Ave. for the civil moving infraction of a crosswalk violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1118: An officer stopped a motor vehicle in the George St. parking lot for the civil moving infraction of a wrong-way violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1230: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Shirley St. for the civil moving infraction of speeding (60 in a 25 m.p.h. zone). The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1241: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Veterans Rd. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1306: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Shirley St. for the civil moving in-

fraction of speeding. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1404: A report of a dead opossum on Pleasant St. was referred to the DPW.

1452: Officers responded to a report of a pedestrian being struck by a motor vehicle on Washington Ave. near the Winthrop Chambers. The pedestrian, a 12 year-old juvenile, was transported to the hospital in an ambulance with his mother on board. The officer filed a report.

1813: 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.

2322: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Veterans Rd. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

FRIDAY,
DECEMBER 19

0002: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Cutler St. for the civil moving infraction of a number plate violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

0031: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Main St. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

0117: An officer issued parking tickets to four vehicles without resident parking stickers on Prospect Ave.

0135: An officer issued parking tickets to seven vehicles without resident parking stickers on Hillside Ave.

0147: An officer issued parking tickets to six vehicles without resident parking stickers on Cottage Ave.

0206: An officer issued parking tickets to nine vehicles without resident parking stickers on Beacon St.

0301: An officer issued parking tickets to 21 vehicles without resident parking stickers on Shirley St.

0908: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Main St. and Amelica Ave. for the civil moving infraction of a stop sign violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1016: A resident came into the station to report being the victim of credit card fraud. The officer filed a report.

1047: A resident called the station to report that a bank had called her to inform her that \$10,000 had been withdrawn from her account and had been sent to a man named Mario. However, the caller said she does not have an account with that bank.

1214: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Main St. for the civil moving infraction of an equipment violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

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

-- An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Sunset Rd.

for the civil moving infraction of an equipment violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

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

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

1326: A resident came into the station to report fraudulent activity on his mother's credit card. The officer filed a report.

1437: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Pleasant St. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1707: An officer assisted the parties with the exchange of papers at a motor vehicle accident on Main St.

2329: The operator of a motor vehicle blocking a driveway on Cross St. came out to move the vehicle.

SATURDAY,
DECEMBER 20

0122: An officer issued parking tickets to three vehicles without resident parking stickers on Grovers Ave.

0129: An officer dispersed persons in a motor vehicle from Hannaford Park, which is closed after dark.

0147: An officer issued parking tickets to five vehicles without resident parking stickers on Quincy Ave.
0202: An officer issued parking tickets to five vehicles without resident parking stickers on Revere St.

0223: An officer issued parking tickets to five vehicles without resident parking stickers on Crest Ave.

0252: An officer issued parking tickets to six vehicles without resident parking stickers on Veterans Rd.

1810: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Pleasant St. 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 speeding. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

-- An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Waldemar Ave. for the civil moving infraction of an equipment violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

-- An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Pleasant St. for the civil moving infraction of speeding (50 in a 25 m.p.h. zone). The officer issued a citation to the operator.

-- 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.

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

-- An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Pleasant St. for the civil moving infraction of an equipment violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

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

-- An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Winthrop St. for the civil moving infraction of a red light viola-

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WITH A LITTLE HELP FROM HIS FRIENDS, SANTA CAME TO TOWN



Peter, Maddison, Leanne, and Petey Silverman.

The Town of Winthrop celebrated Christmas Eve in a unique fashion as Santa, with some help from the Fire Department and Fire-fighters Local 1070, rides his sleigh through all of its streets. Winthrop residents got to see Santa up close and welcome him and the festivities the Holiday brings. See Page 12 for more photos.



Darlene Ferrara waits for Santa outside her house with Muffin while Zakk preferred to wait in the warmth and comfort inside.



The Carter Family waits for Santa.



The Driscoll and Richardson Families on Revere Street.



Phylx and Ben.



Neighbors gather at the corner of Brookfield and Lincoln Streets to greet Santa when he arrives.



The Green Family on Highland Avenue is eager to greet Santa as he flies by their house.



Mia McFarland, Alivia Rogowicz, and Quinn Reddington try to get a better view of Santa's arrival.



Somerset Ave and Pleasant Avenue.



Santa is greeted by neighbors on Somerset Avenue.



Neighbors come out of their homes to greet Santa.



Santa fans wait for his sleigh to fly by.



The McSharry Family on Main Street.



Waiting for Santa on Cliff Avenue are Jeremy Govoni with his canine friends Bella and Chippy.



Santa waves from his sleigh perched atop a Winthrop Fire Truck.

Real Estate Transfers

BUYER 1	SELLER 1	ADDRESS	PRICE
Hayes, William E	Hayes, John M	183 River Rd	\$600,000
Paul L Lucerto Ft	Spallone Ft	3 Seal Harbor Rd #736	\$850,000
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OUR Opinions

HAPPY NEW YEAR

It’s hard to believe that another year has passed and that 2026 is here -- and that we now are entering the second quarter of the 21st century.

For those of us who ourselves are close to three-quarters of a century in age, as we look back at the quarter-century markers of our lifetime, we realize that when we were young, everything from the past seemed like it was long, long ago (and in a galaxy far, far away).

For example, when we’d be watching WWII movies such as The Longest Day or The Battle of the Bulge in the 1960s, that war seemed to be entirely of another era. But the historical events depicted in those movies had occurred less than 20 years previously.

That’s about the same length of time, for example, that separates the start of the war in Iraq, which was in 2003, to today. Yet as we look back on that war, it seems like it was only yesterday that we were glued to our TV sets watching the U.S. forces advance to Baghdad.

Thoughts such as these make us realize that the one thing we’ve discovered about aging is that the older we get, the faster that time seems to go by.

We often quote a verse from Alfred Lord Tennyson’s “Ring Out Wild Bells” when we write our annual New Year’s editorial.

But after re-reading the poem in its entirety, we are printing the whole thing, because it sums up -- better than we ever could express -- our feelings about the departing 2025 and our hopes for the coming year 2026.

Although it was published in 1850, the poem’s verses are timeless. Indeed, one could apply every stanza to something going on in the world today.

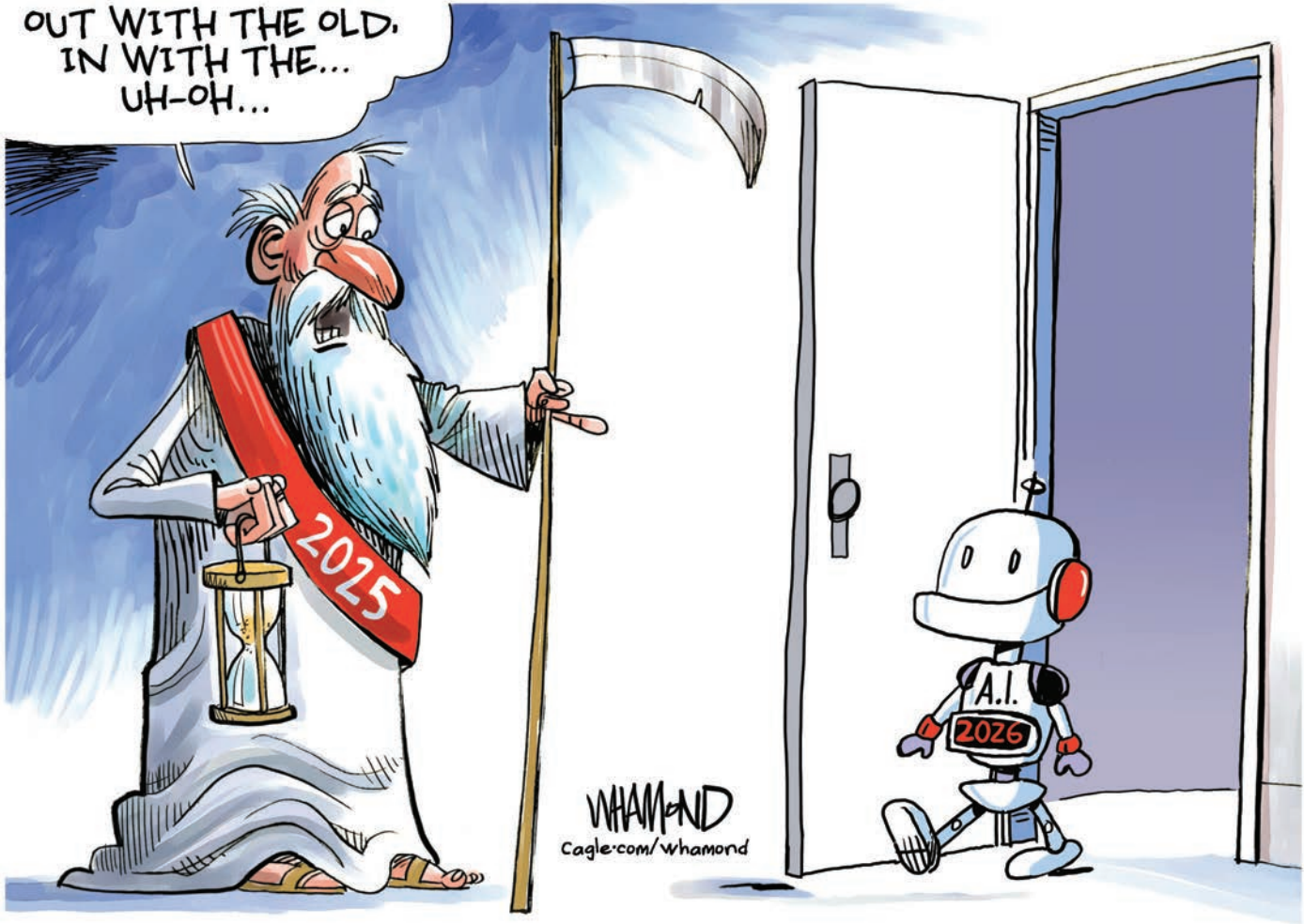
So we hope you take the time to read it and enjoy it, as we did the other day:

Ring out, wild bells, to the wild sky,
The flying cloud, the frosty light;
The year is dying in the night;
Ring out, wild bells, and let him die.
Ring out the old, ring in the new,
Ring, happy bells, across the snow:
The year is going, let him go;
Ring out the false, ring in the true.
Ring out the grief that saps the mind,
For those that here we see no more,
Ring out the feud of rich and poor,
Ring in redress to all mankind.
Ring out a slowly dying cause,
And ancient forms of party strife;
Ring in the nobler modes of life,
With sweeter manners, purer laws.
Ring out the want, the care, the sin,
The faithless coldness of the times;
Ring out, ring out thy mournful rhymes,
But ring the fuller minstrel in.
Ring out false pride in place and blood,
The civic slander and the spite;
Ring in the love of truth and right,
Ring in the common love of good.
Ring out old shapes of foul disease,
Ring out the narrowing lust of gold;
Ring out the thousand wars of old,
Ring in the thousand years of peace.
Ring in the valiant man and free,
The larger heart, the kindlier hand;
Ring out the darkness of the land,
Ring in the Christ that is to be.

We wish all of our readers a Happy and Healthy New Year.

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Forum



THE MORE Things Change ...

Items selected from past issues of the Winthrop Sun, The Winthrop Review, The Winthrop Visitor, The Transcript and The Sun-Transcript

**10 years ago
December 31, 2015**
The town’s newly-elected officials will be sworn in this Monday in the Cummings School Cafetorium. Opening remarks will be made by Town Manager James McKenna. Also attending and adding their remarks will be Speaker of the House Robert Deleo and state Sen. Anthony Petrucelli. Town Clerk Carla Vitale will swear in the officials. First to be sworn in will be Frank R. Ferrara and Richard D. Honan as members of the Housing Authority. Library Trustees Thomas R. Connolly, Ronald E. Bergman and Donald L. Sullivan will be sworn in. New School Committee members Valentino “Tino”-Capobianco and Ronald Vecchia will be next, followed by James Letterie as the Precinct 2 Councilor, Heather Anne Engman as Precinct 4 Councilor, and Linda Calla as the Precinct 6 Councilor. Councilor-at-large Philip R. Boncore then will be sworn-in, followed by Council President Robert L. Driscoll Jr. Joy and the Hateful Eight are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

**20 years ago
January 5, 2006**
A new era in Winthrop town government began this week when Town Clerk Claire Sheltry swore-in the new Town Council, which supplants the former Board of Selectmen and Town Meeting as the town’s governing body. Tom Reilly, the Town Council President, was the first to receive the oath of office, followed by at-large council members Joe Ferrino and Phil Boncore, and then the six precinct councilors, Richard Gill, James Letterie, Nick DelVento, Jeanne Maggio, Russ Sanford, and Linda Calla. Also sworn-in was new School Committee member John Macero. The Town Manager Search Committee reports that it is proceeding with a new search process. The committee was forced to reopen its search after the three nominees after the first search process in late fall all decided to withdraw their nominations for various reasons. Winthrop High School

Principal Steve Chrabaszcz informed the school’s faculty that he has accepted the post as the new principal at Tollgate High School in Warwick, R.I., which is just a 10-minute drive from his home. Chrabaszcz, who has been at WHS for five years, said his departure will be effective in 30-45 days. Local authors Ralph Sirianni and Pat Brown will hold a book signing of their books at the Senior Center this week. Sirianni’s book is a memoir of his days as a German POW during WWII after his bomber was shot down. Brown is the author of A League of My Own in which she recounts her days playing in a women’s professional baseball league during WWII. Rumor Has It, The Producers, and Memoirs of a Geisha are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

**30 years ago
January 11, 1996**
Yet another nor’easter rampaged through the town over the weekend, dumping 18 inches of snow in Winthrop to bring the seasonal total to 60 inches of the white stuff, a figure that is more than quadruple all of last year. Russ Sanford and Frank Daloia have taken out nomination papers for School Committee.

The selectmen voted to give \$150,000 to the School Dept. from a recent settlement between the town and the MWRA per a dispute regarding the terms of the mitigation contract. The schools will use the funds to purchase new computers for students. George Safrine, the head of the DPW, has filed for a disability retirement because of a knee injury he suffered when he slipped in the DPW yard almost a year ago. Safrine, 53, has been the DPW Director since 1990. The selectmen have named Ray Rice as Acting Director. A column in the Sun-Transcript reports that housing prices over the past 10-year period have dipped for the first time in the post-WWII era, reversing a long-term trend of steadily-increasing real estate values. Nixon, Grumpier Old Men, and 12 Monkeys are playing at the Revere

Showcase Cinemas. **40 years ago
January 15, 1986** Town Meeting has approved \$185,000 in funding in support of a state project that will construct a three-tiered wall system to protect the Cottage Hill drumlin from further erosion. MWRA and EPA representatives are expected to be greeted by a large and hostile crowd for a public hearing tonight regarding the MWRA’s proposed sewage treatment plant on Deer Island. The Color Purple, Iron Eagle, and A Nightmare on Elm St. 2 are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas. **50 years ago
January 14, 1976** Police have recovered more than \$1400 in cash that had been stolen by a 14 year old boy a few weeks ago. The case, which was investigated by Police Sgt. Angelo LaMonica, came to light when the boy went to Junior High Asst. Principal James Wallace and asked Wallace to hold \$400 in cash for him until the end of the day. Wallace then conferred with Principal Carl Johnson and LaMonica and they soon learned that the boy had been passing out sums ranging from \$10 to \$30 to his classmates. An East Boston District Court judge has sentenced former Board of Fire Engineer member Jack Forristall to eight years of probation, imposed a fine of \$500, and ordered Forristall to pay \$835 in restitution for medical bills to Deputy Fire Chief Ed Hazlett for the attack by Forristall upon Hazlett at a meeting of the board a few weeks ago for which Forristall was convicted of assault & battery. Forristall has resigned from the Board of Fire Engineers, one of a handful of such boards still existing in the state, which runs the Winthrop Fire Dept. in lieu of a chief. Police are probing two burglaries that occurred at

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Cumberland Farms and the Arco gas station that occurred last week.

Sam Hefter, the world’s greatest yo-yo champ, will appear on the stage at the Kincade Theatre this weekend.

The Other Side of the Mountain is playing at the Kincade Theatre.

60 years ago January 12, 1966

Firefighters battled a stubborn blaze at 288 Pleasant St. for two hours Sunday afternoon before getting it under control.

Highway Supt. Bob Hodgkins told the selectmen that parked cars on the town’s streets have been hampering snow removal and plowing efforts.

State Rep. Ralph Sirianni will head the town’s 1966 Cancer Crusade.

Rev. H. Leon Masovetsky will be honored for his 40 years of service to the local Jewish community at a dinner January 23 at the Temple Tifereth Israel.

Yvette Mimieux stars in The Reward at the Winthrop Theatre.

70 years ago January 12, 1956

The Chamber of Commerce is in favor of the construction of Walden St. as a throughway to alleviate congestion in the Centre, but is opposed to making the area along the roadway into a business area because it will harm the current businesses in the Centre.

Leland Floyd, a direct descendant of one of the town’s older families, passed away last week at the Quigley Hospital at the Chelsea Soldiers Home at the age of 60. Floyd was active in civic affairs and was a past president of the Winthrop Improvement and Historical Assoc. He is survived by his widow, two sisters, and two brothers.

A powerful nor’easter, though lacking the high winds of a hurricane, struck the entire Eastern Seaboard for a length of 2000 miles this week. The storm brought heavy rain and gale winds to the Winthrop coastline. The entrance to

town through Beachmont and Shore Drive was closed for three days because of ocean flooding.

Ernest Borgnine stars in Marty and Spencer Tracy and Van Heflin star in 30 Seconds Over Tokyo at the Winthrop Theatre.

80 years ago January 10, 1946

George Hamilton has been named the chairman of the 1946 Infantile Paralysis campaign in Winthrop.

The season’s Russian Relief Tea will be held at the home of Mrs. James J. Holsberg.

Shirley Temple stars in Kiss and Tell at the Winthrop and State Theatres.

90 years ago January 11, 1936

Former chairman of the Board of Selectmen Frank Whitman has been re-elected to a third term as President of the local Townsend Club chapter, which recently passed the 800-member mark in Winthrop. The Townsend Club is advocating a mandatory retirement age of 60 for all Americans, thereby freeing up jobs for younger, unemployed Americans, and then providing retirees with a guaranteed income of \$200 per month.

Prominent local undertaker C.R. Bennnison has acquired the former Metcalf Hospital on Winthrop St. The building recently has been used as a home for nurses. Bennnison intends to expand his business at the site, which is next door to his current funeral home.

James Cagney stars in The Frisco Kid at the Winthrop and State Theatres.

100 years ago January 9, 1926

Pastor and Mrs. William J. Day of the First Baptist Church observed their 40th wedding anniversary this past week with a large service and reception at the church.

The fog was so thick Tuesday that many auto accidents were caused, including one in which a couple driving home from the

Masonc Hall went through a fence and then over the embankment at Cottage Park Rd.

Graham McNamee, the great WEAf radio announcer and singer, will be the guest performer at the K of C’s big show at the Winthrop Theatre in February.

110 years ago January 15, 1916

An audience of more than 1000 persons, the largest ever assembled under one roof in this town, filled Winthrop Theatre to capacity for a lecture by former President William Howard Taft on the topic of Our World Relationships and Preparedness. Taft spoke for 80 minutes on many subjects, including discrimination against the yellow race, which he said is resented by the Japanese. Taft suggested that our Navy needs to be built up by 33 percent to be ready in the event of war either in Europe or in the Pacific.

The life-saving corps, which has been in existence for five years in our town, is to be reorganized and to come under the direction of Winthrop residents. A lack of state funding last year resulted in bathers being left on their own on local beaches.

A well-attended meeting of town residents and officials was held to discuss our current form of town government and the question of annexation into Boston, a matter which was opposed by all of the local speakers.

The Prince and the Pauper will be shown at local theaters next week.

120 years ago January 13, 1906

The Town of Revere formally has notified our selectmen that Revere expects compensation for the use by Winthrop of the 12-inch water main by which Winthrop is being supplied with water. The water line runs through Revere and formerly was owned by the privately-held Revere Water Co., the assets of which Winthrop purchased last year, though the matter is in litigation.

The Baptist Church will begin a month-long campaign of aggressive evangelism in the town starting next week.

Although the Town Meeting was well-attended, requiring many to have to stand outside Town Hall, it was largely harmonious and devoid of excitement.

130 years ago January 11, 1896

David Floyd 2d was elected Chairman of the Winthrop Republican Town Committee for the coming year.

The Firemen’s annual supper was a great success Tuesday evening. The selectmen and Board of Fire Engineers were the guests of honor.

It is reported that 56 percent of Massachusetts residents are of foreign extraction and 30 percent are Catholic.

140 years ago January 15, 1886

Kindly remarks about the pleasantness of our winter thus far changed very suddenly to complaints of its bitterness. Few ventured outdoors because of the cold and snow, which prevented the stage line from running and impeded the peanut train line throughout the weekend. A boat was shipwrecked on the bar off Pt. Shirley. Many risked their lives to help rescue the crew, some of whom perished in the disaster.

Winthrop Beach residents are up in arms about the tax about to be imposed on them for the new sewer line since they have discovered the cost will fall solely on them and will not be distributed throughout the town. Still, it is hard to understand why they oppose the project in view of the disease that will be prevented by the construction of sewers. Dr. Durgin reports that he had at least eight patients last summer whose illnesses were attributable to sewage discharges.

Many school children are being kept at home with reports of scarlet fever in the town. Hopefully, we will escape the epidemic of last winter.

OBITUARIES

George M. Sacco Jr.

Retired Heroic Boston Firefighter



George M. Sacco, Jr. of Winthrop passed away at the Blueberry Hill Rehab in Beverly on December 21, 2025. He was 78 years old. Born in Boston, he was the beloved son of the late Angelina (Abbondondola) and George M. Sacco, Sr.

George grew up in East Boston before moving to Winthrop over 50 years ago. He was a graduate of Boston English High School and then went on to become a Boston Firefighter stationed at Ladder Company 2. He was awarded the Walter Scott Medal for Valor for his rescue of a woman in Boston Harbor that was aboard a plane that crashed at Logan Airport. He was also a member of the International Firefighter’s Union and a former member of the Elks.

He was the dear brother of Arthur Sacco and his wife, Sharon of Cape Cor-

al, Florida, the loving uncle of David LoMonaco and is also survived by many family members and friends.

Family and friends are cordially invited to attend the visitation from the Caggiano-O’Maley-Frazier Funeral Home, Winthrop on Friday, January 2, 2026 from 9 to 11 a.m. followed by a funeral service in the funeral home at 11 a.m. Services will conclude with the interment in the Woodlawn Cemetery in Everett.

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

Helen Vermiglio

She will be will be remembered for her vibrant spirit, dedication to her passions, and the joy she brought to those around her



Helen P. Vermiglio, born on July 2, 1955, in Winthrop, passed away peacefully after a courageous struggle against cancer. She was the beloved daughter of the late Margaret (Dawson) and Frank Vermiglio.

A proud graduate of Winthrop High School in 1973, Helen furthered her education by earning a bachelor’s degree from Salem State College. For most of her career, she dedicated herself to the field of medical insurance billing.

Helen had a passion for sports, boats, cars, and the ocean. In her later years, she found joy in playing golf, pickleball and bowling. Her love for the outdoors was evident in her interest in birdwatching.

She was the loving partner, then spouse, of Elaine B. Hodson for 42 years. They lived in Stoneham for 35 years, and also spent time at their summer cottage in York Beach, Maine. She was also the beloved sister-in-law of Robert Hodson and his wife, Sharon and the loving aunt of Rachel Hodson and her husband and Melanie Hodson and her fiancé. Helen was also Melanie’s godmother. She is also survived by many cousins and friends.

Helen will be remembered for her vibrant spirit, dedication to her passions, and the joy she brought to those around her. She leaves behind cherished memories for family and friends who will miss her dearly.

The funeral was conducted from the Caggiano-O’Maley-Frazier Funeral Home Tuesday, December 30, 2025 followed by a Funeral Mass in St. John the Evangelist Church. Interment was private.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Northeast Animal Shelter at www.mspca.org or to the St. Francis House at www.stfranchishouse.org.

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tion. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

-- An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Main St. for the civil moving infraction of an equipment violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

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

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2052: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Bowdoin St. for a civil moving infraction. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

2103: An officer dispersed persons in a motor

vehicle from Hannaford Park, which is closed after dark.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21

0020: An officer dispersed persons in a motor vehicle from Hannaford Park, which is closed after dark.

0030: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Main St. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

0145: An officer issued parking tickets to five vehicles without resident parking stickers at Thornton Park.

1045: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Cutler St. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1104: A tow company reported the trespass tow of a motor vehicle from Governors Park.

1212: A tow company reported the trespass tow of a motor vehicle from Governors Park.

1937: Officers responded to a report of about 10

youths who were banging on the windows at the CVS. The officer directed the juveniles to leave the area and not return.

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WHS LADY VIKINGS DEFEAT GLOUCESTER 58-46



Josi Barry moving in for a shot.



Captain Bailey Ferguson for a long jump shot.



Josi Barry played tough defense all game.



Captain Amina Barry soars over Gloucester defense.

The Lady Vikings of Winthrop High took the first round of the Annual David Green Memorial Basketball Tournament by defeating Gloucester in a tight battle to the end.



Captain Poxexini Tsiotis for Three.



Jenna Whitehead brings the ball into play.



Head Coach Anthony Hatzisavas with the 2025-2026 WHS Lady Vikings Varsity Basketball Team.



The WHS Lady Vikings regroup and head up court led by Captain Bailey Ferguson.



Captain Poxexini Tsiotis reaches for a rebound.



Captain Amina Barry is surrounded by the Gloucester defense.

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Sports

WINTHROP IN HOCKEY ACTION AGAINST HANOVER

Winthrop got off to a slow start after the Christmas holiday and fell, 6-1, to Hanover Friday, December 26 in the opening round of the Michael Giordano Christmas Classic at South Boston's Murphy Rink. The Vikings corrected their course the next day and topped Boston Latin 4-1 in the tournament consolation game. Winthrop takes a 4-3 record into a Northeastern Conference matchup at Peabody Saturday.



TANGLED: Winthrop captain Joe Pumphret (2) tangles with Hanover's Luke Munroe (4) in the slot. See Page 9 for more photos.



NOT ENOUGH: Joe Pumphret (2) looks on as Braedon Lounsbury's (21) shot finds the net to cut a Hanover lead to 3-1, but it was all Winthrop could muster as the Vikings fell 6-2 to Hanover in the opening round of the Michael Giordano Christmas Classic at South Boston's Murphy Rink.



OFFENSIVE EFFORT: Domenic Spinale (7) fights his way past a pair of Hanover defenders.



POINT BLANK: Goaltender James Lyman (1) blocks a shot from close range by Hanover's Ryan Kisiel (8) as Winthrop defender Louk Belghiti (16) avoids screening his goalie.

WHS SPORTS ROUNDUP

WHS GIRLS HOCKEY DEADLOCKS AC, 1-1

The Winthrop High girls hockey team battled non-league opponent Arlington Catholic to a 1-1 deadlock last Tuesday evening at Larsen Rink.

After the Lady Cougars grabbed a 1-0 lead in the opening period (when two AC players upended a Lady Viking defenseman to steal the puck deep in the Winthrop end, setting up the goal), Winthrop brought the contest back to level in the middle period on a goal by sophomore Abby "Skip" Githinji that was set up by senior captain Reese Ferrara. Reese made a rush toward the AC net and slid a pass over to Githinji, who slotted the puck in the back of the Cougar net.

"Reese has been great in every game so far," said WHS head coach Anthony Martucci. "She is doing a ton of great things for us. She is leading and working to make sure that our team is in a position to win each game. This was a warrior-type rush, where she refused to be denied, and was able to push the puck through to Abby for the goal."

The remainder of the second period saw both teams exchange power plays and have a lot of quality scoring chances that were denied by the two goalies.

"There were two very good goalies battling it out. Riley Towse was outstanding once again for us, stopping 27 shots," said Martucci. "The third period was a

continuation of the goaltending duel. Riley, who truly has been a superstar for our program, was unreal, as she has been especially in the last two games. She is so dialed in and focused, making many '10 bell' saves, highlight-reel stops in succession, and some insane glove saves as well.

"Riley is one of our captains this year, and she has really taken on a huge role in our net," Martucci added.

After the teams finished deadlocked in regulation, they went into a 4-on-4 overtime period. Both teams had chances, but none connected and the game ended in a 1-1 standoff.

"Two of our other players also had very good games," Martucci added. "Amelia Serino has really been great through the first four games. Amelia is a strong skater with good speed, and she is using both of those attributes very well. In addition, senior Stella Pelletier has given us some big shifts. Stella is doing the little things right, bringing great energy and buzzing around."

"The A.C. game was an all-out war," Martucci concluded. "It was a great girls high school hockey game between two good teams that both wanted to win. It was a very even matchup. They were fast and physical, just like us, so we matched up well."

Martucci and his crew, who now are 2-1-1 (2-0-0 in the Northeastern Hockey League) on the season, were

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WHS SPORTS *THROUGH THE YEARS*

10 years ago December 31, 2015

The Winthrop High hockey team earned a pair of hard-fought victories, including the championship game in a shootout, to capture the Kasabuski Christmas Classic at the Kasabuski Rink in Saugus this past week. In the 3-2 win over No. Reading in overtime and then a shootout in the title game Henry Brooks and Sam Yarrow scored the Viking goals in regulation and Yarrow scored the winning goal in the shoot-out after the teams played a scoreless five-minute OT session. Winthrop had advanced to the title game thanks to a 2-1 victory over Division 1 Melrose in the preliminary round. Charlie Page scored both Viking goals, including the game-winner with just two minutes to play. Senior netminder Brandon Creador turned aside 30 Melrose shots-on-goal.

The Winthrop High boys basketball team earned its first win of the season with a 52-40 triumph over EssexTech in the consolation round of the Pope John XXIII Holiday Basketball Tourney. Sophomore Devin Pulsifer led the Vikings in the scoring department with 18 points, while also grabbing four rebounds and dishing out four assists. Junior Chris Zuffante was

Winthrop’s main man on the boards, pulling down 14 rebounds and hitting for eight points. Zach Fisher tingled the twine for 12 points

The Winthrop High Lady Bulldog hockey team improved to 2-1 on the season with a 2-0 victory over Northeast Hockey League rival Marblehead last Wednesday in a contest played at the Salem State College Arena. McKayla Norris and Meaghan Chavis scored the Winthrop goals. Winthrop goalie Gretchen Howard once again was superb in the net, turning aside all 23 Marblehead shots to earn the shutout.

The WHS gymnastics team edged Masconomet by .10 of a point, 126.5-126.4, in its season-opening meet. Leading the way for coach Daria Millerick’s squad were captain Julia Duplin, Christa Vaccaro, and Rachel Farley,

20 years ago January 5, 2005

The WHS girls basketball team bounced back from its first loss of the season, a 50-44 defeat to Jeremiah Burke of Boston, with a 72-27 rout of Revere. Freshman Courtney Finn lit up the scoreboard with 27 points and sophomore point guard Nicole Giaquinto added 23.

The WHS boys basketball team sandwiched a loss

to St. Mary’s of Lynn with victories over Chelsea and Revere. Jason Griffin led the way in the Chelsea win with 15 points and Dave Segal added 14. In the Revere win, Anthony Giuliano led the way with 17 points. Vasily Mallios and Dan Mahoney scored 11 each.

Freshman Ricky Boudrow scored two goals and Paul Eruzione added a goal and an assist to lead the WHS hockey team, which is 1-2 on the season, to a 5-2 victory over Lynn Classical.

30 years ago January 11, 1996

The WHS hockey team stormed back from a 3-0 deficit to knock off previously-undefeated Danvers, 5-4. Ed Fidler scored three goals for the Vikings and Steve Calla and Dave Collins scored a goal apiece.

Sophomore Margo Souza scored 18 points to lead the WHS girls basketball team to a 46-28 win over Lynn English, ending a four-game losing streak for the Lady Vikings.

Lawone Bennett hit for 15 points and grabbed eight rebounds to lead the WHS boys basketball team to a 57-40 win over Lynn English as the Vikings, who now are 5-2, bounced back from a 66-56 loss to a 7-1 Swampscott squad.

40 years ago January 15, 1986

Co-capt. Craig Nolan’s outstanding goaltending preserved a 2-2 tie for the WHS hockey team against Marblehead. Nolan had shut out Gloucester in a 4-0 Viking victory a few days previously.

Despite a 24-point effort by Sean Conway and 14 points from Warren MacPhail, the WHS boys basketball team dropped a 58-42 decision to Swampscott.

50 years ago January 14, 1976

In a battle of unbeaten teams, the WHS boys basketball team defeated Marblehead, 62-52. Leading the way for Winthrop were Steve Demetriou, Billy English, Kevin Corkhum, and John Kalogeris. Winthrop now is 6-0 on the season.

Bobby Masterson scored the hat trick for the undefeated WHS hockey team in a 9-3 rout of Salem, which came on the heels of a 13-1 romp over Gloucester.

Karen Hill, playing in her first varsity game, scored 15 points to lead the WHS girls basketball team to a win over Marblehead. Coach Ron Spinney’s Lady Vikings now are 6-2 for the season.

60 years ago January 12, 1966

The newly-formed WHS hockey team continued to take its lumps in its first season as a varsity program with a 4-0 loss to Gloucester. Winthrop now is 0-6 for the season.

The WHS basketball dream stands at 3-0 after wins over Swampscott and Woburn. Kevin Shields, though standing at only 6’-1”, has taken over the role as the team’s pivotman and has responded well in the rebounding department. Billy McGillicuddy led Winthrop in scoring in both games with 14 and 16 points.

WHS star football player Ron Miles has been named to the All-Scholastic football teams by the Boston newspapers. Miles has followed in the footsteps of his brother Steve (WHS Class of 1952) as the recipient of this year’s Irving P. Alexander Memorial Trophy. Miles will be attending Princeton University in the fall. Brother Steve also is an Ivy League alum, having graduated from Cornell, where he played football for the Big Red.

Former WHS star lineman Phil Ratner has been named to the All-East football team as a defensive tackle. Ratner plays at Cornell.

70 years ago January 12, 1956

The Winthrop High basketball team suffered its first loss of the season, 48-44 to Swampscott, but bounced back with a 59-46 triumph over Woburn.

80 years ago January 10, 1946

Capt. Myron Atlas and Bobby Kelly both scored 12 points and Bomber Neal added nine to lead the WHS basketball team to a 40-25 win over Danvers in the season-opener.

110 years ago January 15, 1916

Winthrop High easily defeated Chelsea 31-13 in an Interscholastic League basketball contest last week. Fielding, Talcott, and Sheehan excelled for the locals. Winthrop moved into first place with a 15-12 win over Quincy in one of the most exciting games to be played here in a long time. The spectacular shooting of Johnny Fielding was the big story for Winthrop.

The WHS hockey team defeated Boston Latin, 1-0, on Lewis Lake before a large gallery of fans.

FRESH AND LOCAL

Jacket Potatoes

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

In this country, we call them baked potatoes, while in the UK they’re called jacket potatoes. We can learn a lot from our friends across the water when it comes to cooking and topping these easy and tempting additions to our menus.

Some of the best-known food trucks in the UK are “Spud Bros” and “Spud Man.” They both serve humongous portions of personalized jacket potatoes to lines of happy customers. When it’s your turn, the vendor will dish up a steaming-hot, well-baked potato from the oven, pop it open, and begin cutting into the fluffy interior.

Then, the rapid-fire questions begin: what kind of butter, what type of sauce, what fillings, what toppings. Popular choices include garlic butter, beans and cheese, chile con carne, cole slaw,

tuna salad, chicken curry, and bolognese. The cost for a loaded spud ranges from \$4.50 to \$7 USD, making these a fast, filling, and relatively inexpensive meal option.

Home Made

We have yet to see a spud truck in our area, and listings of potato options with toppings are not on cafe menus here yet. However, with a few tips and some pantry or freezer items, you can explore the world of jacket potatoes at home. And one of the best parts is that you can make Jacket potatoes for one person or a crowd.

First, you need the right potato variety. Russets are the closest thing we have to the Maris Piper or King Edward potatoes used in the UK. Next, you have to relearn how to bake potatoes. Set your oven or air fryer to 400 degrees. Scrub the

potato, either poke holes in it with a fork or cut a seam down the middle to prevent it from bursting, oil and salt it, and roast it for 45 minutes to an hour until the skin is crunchy and a fork will go through the thickest part with no resistance. Do not wrap it in foil, which will destroy the crispy skin.

We often change things up by using sweet potatoes for our jacket potato meals. While the potatoes bake, you can have fun deciding on toppings. We made one of our recent favorites from frozen Thanksgiving leftovers. We topped sweet potatoes with a base of sausage stuffing, a layer of frozen peas, and shredded turkey. We served turkey gravy on the side. It was delicious and a nice change from our usual leftover options.

Stock Your Pantry and Freezer

Jacket potatoes can help



Here’s a jacket sweet potato created from Thanksgiving leftovers of sausage stuffing, frozen peas, and shredded turkey with gravy on the side.

you avoid food waste. Thanksgiving leftovers aren’t the only thing you can use as potato toppings. The next time you make chili, curry, or another family favorite, create some one-potato-sized portions to freeze. Then, when you need an easy meal, roast your spud and thaw the topping. Look around your canned goods, and see what you have that would tempt

you on a jacket potato. We would include cans of flavored tuna or salmon to add protein, beans are a popular UK option, and you can also add seasoning to the beans and change up the cheese to create new flavors. Do you have leftover Indian or Chinese takeout on hand? Turn it into a fresh meal by serving it as a potato topping.

For more guidance on this topic, we suggest vis-

iting Poppy O’Toole’s (aka Poppy Cooks) YouTube channel and website. She is a Michelin-trained chef who has taken on the self-titled “Potato Queen” of the internet. She is fun, funny, and stuffed full of great potato ideas.

Do you have a question or topic for Fresh & Local? Email Penny@BostonZest.com with your suggestion.

Animal Rescue League of Boston offers tips and resources for families

Special to the Transcript

At a time when many families are welcoming new pets into their homes, Animal Rescue League of Boston (ARL) shares expert resources and advice about settling furry family members into a new environment. Resources include ARL’s Pet Behavior Helpline – a free service that can answer basic pet behavioral questions. Whether it’s excessive barking, crate training, house soiling, or another issue, pet families with questions can call the Pet Behavior Helpline at (617) 226-5666 or via email behaviorhelpline@arlboston.org.

“It’s very special to welcome a new family member to the household, especially during the holiday season. These first few weeks as a family are very important and ARL is here with the resources and guidance to make the experience positive and joyful for pets and their

new families,” says ARL Animal Behavior Manager, Laney Nee.

Tips for early days with dogs and cats

- Have a ‘safe space’ for your new pet set up and ready for them – somewhere they can call their own that may contain their special toys, bedding, scratching trees for cats or a crate for dogs – this space helps them get comfortable

- Less is more when introducing your pet to their new life, so be aware of all the new things your pet is experiencing and recognize when they might be overwhelmed and need a break

- Go back to basics with house training for dogs and provide easy access to food, water and litterboxes for cats until they get used to their new spaces

Tips for daily routines

- Create a routine for you and your new pet right from the beginning

- Change can be overwhelming so creating a routine for your new dog is a key to success. The routine should have set times for potty breaks, meals, walks, playtime, and independent time in their own space with special toys and treats which get put away till the next time they are back in their safe space.

- A routine can help ensure your new cat has the opportunity to follow their instincts which includes their need to hunt, catch, eat, groom, and sleep. There are many ways to accomplish this with many homemade items such as boxes, toilet paper and paper bags, toilet paper and paper towel rolls for treat puzzles.

Tips for relationship building

- Get active
- Sniffari walks– let your dog stop and sniff!

Explore a new neighborhood – the usual neighborhood walks can get boring

and routine – consider walking or driving to a different neighborhood to explore

Two toy fetch – alternate tossing two toys to your dog while walking

- Keep them engaged

Use a snuffle mat or wrap some treats up in a towel and let dogs use their nose to sniffle around and find all the food, or make a “licky mat” with canned food, peanut butter or cream cheese – smear it on a lick mat and they can spend time licking it until it’s all gone

Enroll in dog training classes and teach your dog new skills, ARL has a variety of offerings at our Dedham Campus, visit arl.boston/dog-training to learn more

Interactive play for cats can be done with wand teaser cat toys, chasing little play mice or balls with bells or make a small investment for automated toys that move if the cat walks past them or interacts with them

Helpful Videos

- “Name Game for Dogs” — incorporate this game into your routine to create a bond and help your new dog respond quickly when you say their name. Visit arl.boston/dog-name-game to watch a demonstration

- “Greeting Exercise” — practice this with family and friends so your dog can learn to greet people and other dogs politely. Visit arl.boston/dog-greeting-exercise to learn more

At ARL, we believe that positive reinforcement, reward-based training methods are the best course of action, especially when teaching dogs new things or desensitizing fearful dogs to new experiences.

More digital resources, including new dog and new cat guides, are available at ARL’s website.

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WINTHROP IN HOCKEY ACTION AGAINST HANOVER



LONG REACH: Ethan Staff (13) extends a long reach to slow Hanover's Luke Munroe (4) along the boards.



OUT OF THE PACK: Nikita Rossi (9) escapes a pileup at mid-ice and eyes control of a loose puck.



AGILE IN THE CREASE: Goaltender James Lyman (1) makes an acrobatic move and deflect the puck high over the net.



BOARDER BATTLE: Winthrop's Nick Romano (5) is crashed into the boards by Hanover's Henry Phillips (6) as teammate Rick Mackenzie (19) follows the play.

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scheduled to meet NHL rival Gloucester this past Tuesday and will travel to non-league opponent Burlington on Saturday.

They will return home to host NHL foe Peabody next Wednesday evening at Larsen for a 6:10 opening faceoff.

WHS GIRLS DEFEAT GLOUCESTER, 58-46

The Winthrop High girls basketball team went on a nine-point run at the end of the third period to break open what had been a tightly-contested battle with Gloucester to earn a 58-46 victory in the opening round of the David Green Memorial Tournament this past Monday afternoon at the Winthrop High gym.

Gloucester held a 16-14 advantage after one period and Winthrop led 26-25 at the intermission. The teams were deadlocked at 35-35 before the Lady Vikings exploded for nine unanswered points in the final 2:46 of the third period to build a lead that they never relinquished.

The surge was keyed by the backcourt duo of Bailey Ferguson and Polixeni Tsiotos. Ferguson made two drives to the bucket from the top of the key to make it 39-35. Bailey then stole a Gloucester pass and fed a streaking Tsiotos for a layup and, after a Gloucester miss, Poli went the length of the floor, pulled up at the three-point line, and drained a trey just before the period ended to make it a 44-35 Winthrop lead.

The Lady Fishermen scored the first two hoops of the fourth period, but Josie Barry put back an offensive rebound to stop the Gloucester momentum and Tsiotos sank another triple to boost the lead to 10, 49-39, with 4:03 to play.

The Lady Fishermen responded with a three on

their next possession, but Tsiotos once again had an answer with yet another trifecta to make it 52-42.

After Amina Barry made a move inside off a nice pass from Ferguson, Josie Barry made a steal and delivered the ball to a streaking Ferguson at midcourt, who drove in for the layup to seal the deal, making it a 56-42 ballgame with 1:30 to go.

Tsiotos led all scorers on the day with 22 points, including four three-pointers. Ferguson reached double figures with 17 points (to go with four steals) and Amina Barry turned in a powerful double-double with 12 points and 14 rebounds.

"This was a great win for our team," said WHS head coach Anthony Hatzisavas. "We have been struggling at home, so we really focused on coming out and making a statement and turning this thing around."

"We had a great lead-up of practices this past week," Hatzisavas continued. "We came out quickly. Gloucester was in a zone, so we used our shooting to our advantage. Bailey Ferguson was aggressive from the get-go, making a three on our first possession of the game. Jenna Whitehead was able to knock down back-to-back threes and did a great job on the defensive end. She chipped in seven huge points."

"Josie Barry did a great job on the defensive end, flying around anticipating passes," said Hatzisavas. "Amina Barry chipped in 12 points and finished with 14 rebounds and was a huge factor finishing around the rim on Bailey and Polixeni's drives."

Hatzisavs lauded the play of his backcourt duo of Ferguson and Tsiotos. "Bailey was super aggressive on both ends of the floor. Polixeni had six points in the first half, but was dealing with

foul trouble, which limited her minutes a little bit," said the coach. "I told Poli at half time this was her game. We are going to ride and live with her throughout the second half, despite the foul trouble, and we want her to really commit to taking more shots. She responded with four big threes in the second half and finished with a game-high 22 points. Both Polixeni and Ferguson did a tremendous job for us leading the way. Their totals of 22 and 17 points from our starting backcourt is one of the highest out of any backcourt I've had since I took over this job four years ago."

"The energy and effort were there," Hatzisavas added. "We talk about whether we win or we lose, but the one thing I care about is the effort we put into it and everyone who stepped on the floor brought that. I was very proud of the team."

On a separate note, Hatzisavas spoke about the significance of the tournament, which honors retired State Trooper David Green, a lifelong Winthrop resident and former WHS basketball player, who was shot while protecting others from a hate-filled assailant on June 26, 2021.

"This tournament is a great thing around the holidays, but it's also to show a bigger picture," Hatzisavas said. "I didn't know David Green personally, but from everything I was told about him, there isn't a better person to honor this tournament for. He showed courage in a time of need for others. Athletic Director Mark DeGregorio is doing a great job keeping this tournament going and I hope it stays a staple in this town forever. I only expect it to get bigger and bigger every year and we appreciate the boys and girls teams that come down year after year to participate in it."

The Lady Vikings were

scheduled to meet Lynnfield in the championship game on Tuesday as the Sun-Transcript was going to press. They will travel to Winchester on Friday (January 2) and then entertain Saugus next Tuesday (January 6) and Salem next Thursday (Jan. 8). The opening tip-offs for the two home games are set for 6:00.

WHS BOYS HOCKEY AT PEABODY, DANVERS

The Winthrop High boys hockey team, which stands at 4-3-0 on the season (2-0-

0 in the Northeastern Conference) will travel to NEC foes Peabody this Saturday and to Danvers next Wednesday.

The Vikings took part in the Michael Giordano Tournament in South Boston during the vacation break, splitting their two games, with a 6-1 loss to Hanover in the preliminary round and a 2-0 victory over Boston Latin in the consolation contest.

WHS BOYS WIN TOURNAMENT OPENER

The Winthrop High boys

basketball team posted an 80-44 victory over Excel Academy in the Vikings' opening round contest in the David Green Memorial Tournament this past Monday.

Coach Quinton Dale and his crew were scheduled to face No. Reading, which defeated Arlington Catholic, 79-68, in its preliminary contest, in the tournament championship game this past Tuesday.

The Vikings will travel to Saugus next Tuesday and to Salem next Thursday.

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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, January 5

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

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

Tuesday, January 6

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

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

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

Wednesday, Jan. 7

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 8

THE SENIOR CENTER WILL BE CLOSED “HAPPY NEW YEAR”

Friday, January 9

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

Senior Lunch Program:



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.

State public health officials alert residents about potential exposure to measles in multiple locations

Special to the Transcript

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) confirmed today that an out-of-state adult visitor who spent time in Boston and Westborough earlier this month was diagnosed with measles and was present in a number of locations. This could have resulted in other people being exposed to measles virus.

On December 11 at 2:39 p.m., the visitor arrived at Boston Logan Airport on American Airlines flight 2384 from Dallas-Fort Worth, TX. The visitor stayed at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Boston-Westborough in Westborough and departed the state on December 12 via Logan Airport at 9:19 p.m. on Jet-Blue flight 117 to Las Vegas, NV.

DPH is working with the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and local partners to identify and notify those who may have been exposed to measles from this individual.

“Measles is a highly contagious, airborne disease, which has increased significantly in the United States because of the un-

fortunate decrease in vaccination rates. It is also a preventable disease,” said Public Health Commissioner Robbie Goldstein, MD, PhD. “This current situation serves as an important reminder of the critical role vaccination plays in protecting our communities. While Massachusetts has not had a measles case this year, 2025 saw the highest number of nationwide cases in more than a decade – nearly 2,000 in 44 jurisdictions, and sadly, three deaths. Fifteen years ago, measles had been considered eliminated in the United States, but that tremendous progress is at risk. Vaccines are one of the most important public health interventions ever – they are safe, effective, and lifesaving.”

Measles is very contagious. However, the risk to most people in Massachusetts is low because the vaccination rate in the state is high. People who are not immune and visited any of the locations on the following dates and times may be at risk for developing measles.

Exposures to this individual may have occurred at the following locations and times:

- Logan Airport Terminal B, Boston, MA, 2:30 p.m.-4:45 p.m., Thursday 12/11
 - DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Boston-Westborough, Westborough, MA, between 3:30 p.m., Thursday 12/11 and 9 p.m., Friday 12/12
 - Logan Airport Terminal C, Boston, MA, 6 p.m.-11:30 p.m., Friday 12/12
- Those who could have been exposed and begin to develop symptoms of measles should call their healthcare provider before visiting an office, clinic, or emergency department. Visiting a healthcare facility may put others at risk and should be avoided if possible. Anyone who has had measles in the past or has received two doses of the Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR) vaccine is unlikely to develop measles even if exposed.
- Early symptoms of measles occur 7 to 21 days after exposure and may resemble a cold (with fever, cough, runny nose, and red eyes). A rash occurs on the skin 2 to 4 days after the initial symptoms develop. The rash usually appears first on the head and then moves downward. The rash typically lasts a few days and then disappears in the same order.

People with measles may be contagious up to four days before the rash appears and for four days after the rash appears.

“This case is a reminder that everyone should be vaccinated against measles to protect themselves and others from this highly infectious disease. With multiple measles outbreaks across the country and increased travel around the holidays, now is an important time to ensure that you and your family are protected. Two doses of MMR vaccine are 97% effective at preventing measles and provides protection against mumps and rubella infection,” said Dr. Bisola Ojikutu, MD, MPH, FIDSA, Commissioner of Public Health for the City of Boston. “Children should receive the vaccine at 12-15 months of age and again before kindergarten to ensure strong immunity. Children who are at least 6 months old who are traveling internationally or to areas of the US with active outbreaks should receive an early dose of vaccine before traveling. It is never too late for children or adults to get the measles vaccine even if they are past the recommended age.”

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Docket Number: 25 SM 002751

ORDER OF NOTICE
TO: Anita D'Amato and Kelli D'Amato and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 (et seq): First Priority Credit Union claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Winthrop, 45 Winthrop Shore Drive, given by Anita D'Amato and Kelli D'Amato to First Priority Credit Union, dated January 28, 2014, and recorded in Plymouth County Registry of Deeds in Book 52625, Page 84, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status. If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then

you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before 2/9/2026 or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the Act. Witness, Gordon H. Piper, Chief Justice of this Court on 12/23/2025
Attest: Deborah J. Patterson
Recorder

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LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Premises: 62 Pleasant Street, Unit 2, Winthrop, MA 02152
By virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a

certain mortgage given by Nicholas Ivancic to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for MSA Mortgage, LLC, and now held by NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing, said mortgage dated October 2, 2019 and recorded in the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 61841, Page 1, as affected by a Loan Modification dated December 20, 2022 and recorded in the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 68593, Page 180; said mortgage was assigned from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Mortgagee, as nominee for MSA Mortgage, LLC to Caliber Home Loans, Inc. by assignment dated December 14, 2020 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 64397, Page 109; said mortgage was assigned from Caliber Home Loans, Inc. to NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing by assignment dated July 15, 2022 and recorded with

said Registry of Deeds in Book 67958, Page 311; for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction on February 3, 2026 at 11:00 AM Local Time upon the premises, directly in front of the building in which the unit is located, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit: Unit No. 2 of that certain Condominium known as The 62 Pleasant Street Condominium, created by Master Deed dated 09/26/2019 and recorded with the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 61801, Page 288. The unit is shown on a plan recorded in Book 2019, Page 508, to which is affixed a verified statement in the form provided in M.G.L. Ch. 183A, s. 9, and is conveyed subject to and with the benefit of the obligations, restrictions, rights and liabilities contained in G.L.c. 183A, the Master Deed, the documents establishing

the organization of unit owners and the by-laws, as amended. The unit has an undivided 50% percentage interest in the common areas and facilities. For title see Deed recorded herewith. The description of the property contained in the mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication. For Mortgage's Title see deed dated September 30, 2019 and recorded in the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 61840, Page 344. Said Unit will be conveyed together with an undivided percentage interest in the Common Elements of said Condominium appurtenant to said Unit and together with all rights, easements, covenants and agreements as contained and referred to in the Declaration of Condominium, as amended. TERMS OF SALE: Said premises will be sold and conveyed subject to

all liens, encumbrances, unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens and assessments, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described. FIVE THOUSAND (\$5,000.00) Dollars of the purchase price must be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check at the time and place of the sale by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check within thirty (30) days after the date of sale. Other terms to be announced at the sale. Brock & Scott, PLLC 23 Messenger Street 2nd Floor Plainville, MA 02762 Attorney for NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing Present Holder of the Mortgage (401) 217-8701

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tempt to fill that seat early in the new year.

There was also drama during the year revolving around Councilor-at-Large Max Tassinari's seat. A recall effort was mounted against Tassinari. The town's Board of Election Registrars initially ruled that the recall proponents had the signatures needed to place the recall on the ballot. But Town Clerk Denise Quist later notified the town council that the recall would not go on a ballot.

“Based in large part upon the receipt and review of the most recent additional information, advice, and directive from the Legal Counsel to the Secretary of State's Election Division and after consultation with the Town Attorney regarding my obligations, options, and previous objection to the Recall Petition, I have concluded that the document on the above date, titled CERTIFICATION OF THE PETITION TO RECALL MAX TASSINARI contains an inaccurate conclusion,” Quist wrote to the town council.

The state's Supreme Judicial Court later denied a petition filed by the Committee to Recall Max Tassinari.

The MBTA 3A Communities Act continued to be a hot-button topic in town during 2025.

For the second time in less than a year, the town council in June failed to accept an MBTA 3A compliance plan.

The council voted 4-4 last to accept the planning board's recommended compliance plan, which was essentially the same as the one the council failed to accept from the planning board last year. The recommendation needed five votes for acceptance.

Councilors Joseph Aiello, John DaRos, Max Tassinari, and Hannah Belcher voted to accept the compliance plan, while Council President Jim Letterie and Councilors Rob DeMarco, Pat Costigan, and Suzanne Swope cast votes against the compliance plan.

Thanks to a State Supreme Judicial Court ruling earlier in 2025, the town council had additional time to reconsider a compliance plan, with the town being in compliance until the middle of July. The 3A act requires communities to establish zones for multi-family housing in communities with or adjacent to MBTA transportation.

Last January, the state court ruled that communities act is constitutional, but that the current housing guidelines are unenforceable. The newer state ruling established 3A as a state regulation, rather than guidelines.

The plan recommended by the planning board called for the creation of overlay districts at Seal Harbor and Governor's Park that the planning board stated would create no new units in the town, as well as acceptance by the state of 221 units in the Central Business District as credit for off-site units.

The Winthrop High School Class of 2025 held

its graduation ceremony on Friday, May 30.

“And as we step into the world, let's remember what it means to be from Winthrop and graduate from Winthrop High School,” said WHS Class of '25 President Amelia Spencer. “There's a quote in the gym from Coach that says, ‘You can go to any high school in the country for four years and be a student-athlete... or you can go to Winthrop High School and be a Viking for life.’ That's not just about sports or athletics. That's about all of us. We are Vikings for life . And that means we carry the lessons, the loyalty, the fire—everywhere we go. The future is unwritten. And that is the most beautiful part. We get to choose. We get to build. We get to become. So let's walk into this next chapter—not with fear, but with fire. Not with a perfect plan, but with open hearts.”

The Winthrop School Committee saw three incumbents not run for reelection in 2025, including Committee Chair Jennifer Powell, Julie Barry, and Suzanne Leonard.

The newly elected incoming committee members are Kaitlin Burroughs, Leslie Darcy, and Shannon Kubik. One of the first orders of business for the school committee in the coming year will be settling a new contract with the Winthrop teachers, school nurses, education support professionals, and secretaries.

The past year saw plans move forward for a new regional dispatch center with a new partner.

Chelsea will be joining Winthrop and Revere as the third member of the Metro North Regional Emergency Communications Center (MNRECC).

The addition of Chelsea helped move forward plans for a new regional dispatch center at the McKinley School in Revere. The McKinley School project is currently in the design phase, with an anticipated completion date of 2027.

The town also welcomed a new fire chief this year in former Deputy Fire Chief Stephen Calandra.

Former Fire Chief Scott Wiley officially retired on Sept. 2.

“Chief Calandra has worked his way up through the ranks of Winthrop Fire for the past 21 years, and we are proud to have him on board as our next Fire Chief,” Marino said.

In other public safety news in 2025, the Winthrop Community and Law Enforcement Assisted Recovery (CLEAR) team was recognized by the International Association of Police Chiefs (IACP) as one of the best Community Policing programs in the entire world.


Winthrop Police and the Winthrop CLEAR Team were recognized at the IACP's 2025 annual conference with the IACP/Walmart Leadership in Community Policing Award, one of several international awards presented by the IACP.



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Matt, Emma, and Mary celebrate Christmas Eve with their family.



Winthrop resident having fun on Christmas Eve.



The McGathry Family waiting on Cliff Ave.



Olivia Harris with her Grinch and John Gatos.



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Santa is greeted with a hearty welcome as he arrives on Lincoln Street.



Santa is greeted by neighbors at the corner of Somerset Ave and Pleasant St.



Santa fans look out the windows for his sleigh to arrive.



The festivities at the Ferrara House at 24 Maple Street.



Santa takes off on his journey through the streets of Winthrop after a quick rest at Winthrop High School.



The Milano Family on Beal Street.