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FINAL NIGHT OF REVERE STREET PAVING OPERATIONS IN WINTHROP

Commuters traveling between Revere and Winthrop should prepare for traffic delays as Winthrop concludes its overnight paving on Revere Street this week. Work is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, July 22, and wrap up by 7 a.m. on Thursday.

To minimize daytime disruption for local commerce, heavy construction on this major thoroughfare is strictly limited to overnight hours. However, drivers should expect significant delays and localized detours during the active paving windows.

Police details and signage will actively direct traffic throughout the work zone. Authorities strongly advise

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SAND SCULPTURE FESTIVAL RETURNS TO REVERE

DEREK KOUYOUMJIAN PHOTOS

This past weekend the city held its annual International Revere Beach Sand Sculpture Festival. Shown above, Sunday presented better weather for people to come out and enjoy the sand sculptures on Revere Beach. Shown left, the fireworks display by the Revere Welcomes You sculpture. Shown below, Massachusetts State Rep Jeff Turco and his family. See more photos on Pages 6-9.

WPD welcomes two new full-time officers

Staff Report

The Winthrop Police Department recently announced the swearing-in and hiring of new police officers Vanessa LaFlamme and Matthew Correale.

Officer LaFlamme was hired in 2018 as a reserve

officer and worked eight years part time for Winthrop Police while also serving as a Lieutenant at Boston Medical Center. She was an explorer with the police department since age 14 and has a bachelor's degree from Lasell University.

LaFlamme was sworn in

as a full-time officer on July 13.

Correale graduated from the 23rd Recruit Officer Class Randolph Police Academy. He successfully completed over 20 weeks of intensive, standardized training in all aspects of law enforcement and will now

serve as full-time police officer.

Officer Correale received the Firearms Achievement Award for being the best shot in the academy.

The new hires will immediately begin the department's comprehensive Field Training Officer (FTO) pro-

gram, where they will work alongside veteran officers to learn community-specific policing protocols, geography, and response procedures.

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dividuals to the Winthrop Police Department family,” said Police Chief John Goodwin. “They are joining our force at a pivotal

time and have shown a tremendous commitment to serving and protecting our neighborhoods. Their addition will directly increase



Officer Matthew Correale.



PHOTOS COURTESY WINTHROP POLICE DEPARTMENT
Officer Vanessa LaFlamme.

our capacity to respond to calls and support our community.”

Following the completion of the field training program, the new officers will be assigned the patrol divisions.

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that all motorists seek alternate routes until the project is successfully completed. Due to inclement weather, this schedule may be subject to change. Check the DPW’s website for the most up to date information.

MONTHLY STREET SWEEPING SCHEDULED FOR NEXT WEEK

Winthrop’s Department of Public Works will conduct its monthly street sweeping operations next week, running from Monday, July 27 through Friday, July 31. The town conducts these cleanings during the last full week of each month from April through October.

Sweepers will be operating between 7:00 AM and 4:00 PM, coordinating with the day of a street’s regular trash collection.

Residents are reminded that town ordinance strictly prohibits parking in a manner that impedes the street sweeper’s path. Violations carry a \$40 fine, and vehicles left in the way can be towed at the owner’s expense.

CHELSEA SQUARE ACTIVATES WITH FILM SCREENING AND WEEKEND CAR SHOW

Chelsea is continuing its “Summer in the Square” program, transforming Chelsea Square into a dy-

namic hub of civic engagement. On Thursday, July 23, at 6:00 PM, residents can enjoy a free outdoor screening of Jaws on a massive LED screen provided by Eastern Salt Company.

The weekend brings the Discover Chelsea Car Show & Market on Saturday, July 25, from 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM. Presented in partnership with the Chelsea Chamber of Commerce, the event will feature classic cars, live entertainment, and local food vendors.

To prioritize pedestrian safety, 2nd Street will be closed between Park Street and Broadway. All events are free, and attendees are encouraged to bring their own chairs and patronize the surrounding local businesses.

CONSTITUTION BEACH TO HOST ANNUAL EASTIE BEACH BASH

Save the Harbor/Save the Bay will host its highly anticipated Eastie Beach Bash on Wednesday, July 29, from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM at Constitution Beach in East Boston. The free event typically draws hundreds of youth and families from across Greater Boston, including Revere, Chelsea, and Winthrop.

Designed to foster environmental literacy, the Bash offers interactive experiences like instructional fishing, kayaking, and a live crab touch tank. These hands-

on activities are paired with traditional beach fun, such as sandcastle building and face painting.

FARMERS MARKET CONTINUES WITH FREE KIDS WORKSHOP JULY 26

The Winthrop Farmers Market is in full swing for its 2026 season at Ingle-side Park, running on Sundays through September 27. Managed by an all-volunteer committee with support from the Town Manager and the local business community, the market is dedicated to providing the community with access to fresh, organic produce from independent farmers. The seasonal market also showcases the unique foods and crafts of artists and small businesses, fostering an inclusive environment and entrepreneurial vitality.

A special highlight for this Sunday, July 26, is a free kids workshop presented by the Massachusetts Horticultural Society’s “Plantmobile.” Running from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. under the blue tent at Ingle-side Park, the workshop will focus on “Pollination.” Children ages 5 to 12 will learn about the parts of a flower and its pollinators to understand how they work together in nature. Families are encouraged to attend this free event, and no prior registration is required. Visit masshort.org/plantmobile).

CITY PAWS

Pet Cleanup, Home and Away

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

When we brought our first Westie, Sassy, home, Penny was working for a total dog person. Jean, her boss, visited our home within hours of Sassy’s arrival. Naturally, she wanted to meet the puppy. However, with her extensive doggie experience, she arrived with a basket of items we didn’t know we’d need, since we were new to dog guardianship.

Today, if we were to welcome a first dog into a family, we’d fill our basket with cleaning supplies and items to prevent having to clean up after the dog, both at home and away.

At Home Necessities

Think for a moment about the types of clean up you might have to do for a dog or cat. There will be accidents around the house that require an enzymatic cleaner/stain remover to address evidence of bodily fluids. We use Nature’s Miracle Enzymatic Formula Urine Destroyer Plus Dog Stain & Odor Remover. You’ll also need a gentle pet shampoo to clean the animal if needed.

Next is a basic animal first-aid kit, which should

include a thermometer, self-adhesive bandages, sterile saline wound wash, chlorhexidine wash for skin issues, gauze pads, and scissors or a mini shaver to remove hair around a wound.

Preventative Measures

We’ve found many ways to prevent the need for cleanup or at least make it easier. We invested in waterproof throws for our furniture and bed. We love the Mambe brand and have sent these as gifts to friends to celebrate the arrival of a new dog. And, we take them with us when we travel to protect the furniture and beds in hotels or rental homes.

Puppy pads in various sizes are great for incontinence or GI upset. If you’ve ever tried to pick up loose stools on the sidewalk, you know it’s difficult. Our solution is to carry small pads and a plastic bag. We slip a corner of the pad under our dog when she sets up to poop, and do our best to make sure it catches what she produces. If successful, you not only leave the sidewalk as you found it but also prevent the spread of diseases from the waste.

When faced with GI is-

sues inside, we put larger puppy pads around our Poppy’s favorite resting spots and can grab one quickly if she shows signs of vomiting or diarrhea. We also used these in rental cars with our last Westie, Maggie Mae, who suffered from motion sickness.

For dogs with incontinence, in heat, or being housetrained, there are belly bands for boys and disposable diapers for girls. If you choose to use these, you have to be very careful to change the absorbent material and clean the area as soon as it is wet to prevent skin damage from the moisture.

Always Pick Up Dog Waste

When you are out and about, there is no excuse for not picking up after your dog. It’s the law, and what’s more, not picking up and off-leash dogs are the weapons dog haters use to restrict access to parks, beaches, and other places we would love to take dogs.

Despite having a supply of pickup bags in our pockets, we keep an extra roll on our leash. We can share these with other dog guardians who’ve run out of their supply and are considerate enough to ask another dog person if they have an extra bag.

However, we also supply bags to potential scofflaws when we catch them in the act. If they know we saw them, we’ll ask if they need a bag. If they’ve already walked away, we use a line that always stops them in their tracks: “Excuse me, you dropped something!” When they turn back, we offer them a bag. So far, this has not proved dangerous for us, but we suggest you use it with common sense and your own safety in mind. We all know how nasty some people can be these days.



When you are out and about, there’s no excuse for not picking up after your dog.

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ing zone at Corinha Beach.

1445: An officer assisted the parties with the exchange of papers at a motor vehicle accident at Pebble Ave. and Whittier St. There were no injuries and neither vehicle was towed.

1825: An officer issued a parking ticket to a vehicle partially blocking a driveway on Summit Ave.

1841: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Washington Ave. for the civil moving infraction of a stop sign violation. The officer issued a citation to the op-

erator.

1926: An officer issued a parking ticket to a vehicle on Hale Ave.

2011: An officer assisted the parties with the exchange of papers at a motor vehicle accident at Somerset Ave. and Pleasant St. There were no injuries, but one vehicle was towed. The officer filed a report.

2144: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Shore Drive Charles St. for the civil moving infraction of making an improper turn. The officer gave a verbal

warning to the operator.

2226: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Shirley St. for the civil moving infractions speeding and a marked lanes violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator for the speeding offense, but issued a citation for the marked lanes violation.

2309: An officer responded to a report of about 50 juveniles causing a disturbance on Yirrell Beach. The officer dispersed the group after directing them to pick up their trash.

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JOE CLARK

Long-time Winthrop residents were saddened to hear of the passing last week of Joe Clark, one of the most-es-teemed residents of our community.

Joe was a Winthrop guy through-and-through, a graduate of the Winthrop High Class of 1959 who raised his family in the town he loved.

Joe was a pillar of our town for more than 50 years, following in the footsteps of his dad, long-time Town Clerk John Clark. Joe served Winthrop in many capacities, both in the public sector as a police officer, firefighter (where he rose to the rank of lieutenant), Town Meeting member, and School Committeeman, and in the private sector as the proprietor of a successful company, Diamond Contractors, President of the Winthrop Chamber of Commerce, and then as the President and CEO of the Winthrop Federal Credit Union, succeeding his father, who had been a founding charter member.

We'll remember Joe as a man of high energy who brought common-sense and a can-do attitude to all of his endeavors.

Joe loved Winthrop, but it was his family, together with his wife of 65 years, Patricia, and their four children, grandchildren, and extended family members, that brought him the most joy.

We know we join with all of our fellow Winthropites in offering our condolences to the Clark family. May he rest in peace.

MARYALICE SHARKEY

Residents also were saddened to hear of the recent passing of Maryalice Sharkey, who served our community as a long-time teacher and then as a member of the School Committee.

Maryalice brought an unmatched drive and zeal to everything she did, and was honored by the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women for her lifetime of advocating on behalf of public education.

We know we join with all of our fellow residents in offering our condolences to her family members, especially John, her husband of 54 years, and their children.

May she rest in peace.

WHERE IS TEDDY ROOSEVELT

WHEN WE NEED HIM?

The constant cacophony of bumbling babbling from our leaders in Washington these days with regard to the ongoing conflict with Iran brings to mind the wisdom of former President Theodore Roosevelt. On September 1, 1901 -- just two weeks before he became President upon the assassination of President William McKinley -- Roosevelt offered timeless foreign policy advice in a speech he delivered at the Minnesota State Fair:

“Speak softly and carry a big stick -- you will go far. If a man continually blusters, if he lacks civility, a big stick will not save him from trouble; and neither will speaking softly avail, if back of the softness there does not lie strength, power. In private life there are few things more obnoxious than the man who is always loudly boasting; and if the boaster is not prepared to back up his words his position becomes absolutely contemptible. So it is with the nation. It is both foolish and undignified to indulge in undue self-glorification, and above all, in loose-tongued denunciation of other peoples.”

Today, the United States finds itself mired in a costly conflict with Iran. Even Israel, which has the most direct interest in subduing Iran, is sitting this one out, content to let the U.S. carry the ball.

Yet our leaders are pursuing a policy that is the antithesis of Roosevelt’s counsel. We boast loudly, but our diplomatic and military strategy lacks a true “stick” against an enemy comprised of zealots and fanatics who know they can outlast a traditional military campaign.

This approach fails to serve our national interests, threatens the stability of the global economy, and risks severe domestic financial fallout. Most importantly, the brave members of the military are putting their lives on the line for a vague and ill-defined policy that has no clear military objective.

Now, as both Washington and Tehran dig in their heels following a collapsed truce, we must reject empty bluster. Our leaders must return to a strategy where measured diplomacy replaces pointless and endless bombing.

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GUEST OP-ED

Massachusetts’ new energy rules will recognize what frontline communities have long known: Across Massachusetts, frontline communities fought for rules that recognize the burdens neighborhoods already carry

By Roseann Bongiovanni

For over ten years, East Boston fought an Eversource substation proposed across from a children’s playground, beside Logan’s jet fuel tanks, on a flood-prone shoreline along Chelsea Creek. Despite overwhelming public opposition, the state approved the facility. But along the way, we exposed a permitting system stacked against the communities it most affected. In coalition with advocates and communities statewide, we organized to rewrite the rules – and this year, Massachusetts finalized them.

Starting July 1, 2026, companies seeking to build many kinds of new energy infrastructure in Massachusetts – including fossil fuel power plants, gas pipelines, solar farms, battery storage sites, transmission lines, and substations – must complete what’s called a cumulative impact analysis before state approval. In plain terms: companies must look at what a community already lives with before the state lets them add anything new.

Had this rule existed when Eversource proposed the substation, the question would have been different: not whether East Boston could prove harm, but whether the company could prove it would not add to the burdens we already carried.

The assessment will cov-

er 30 conditions, including air pollution, flood risk, heat exposure, and rates of asthma and heart disease. If a neighborhood ranks worse than the state median across the combined 30 conditions, the company can’t treat approval as routine. It must explain how it will avoid, reduce, or address the harm. And it must do so before key decisions are locked in, not after the bulldozers arrive.

The old process assumed neighborhoods started from zero. East Boston didn’t. Lowell, Springfield, New Bedford – none of them did. Decades of unfair siting stacked power plants, fuel tanks, and waste facilities into the same ZIP codes, while the regulatory system treated each new project as if the last twenty hadn’t happened. The cumulative impact rule finally says: those projects are here, and they count.

Alongside this requirement, the state created a grant program so communities can hire engineers, lawyers, and public health experts to scrutinize company claims. When Eversource came to East Boston, the multi-billion-dollar company arrived with attorneys, engineers, and consultants. Our neighborhood organized with what we had: volunteers working nights after their day jobs, neighbors donating money and meeting space, and pro

bono legal representation from the Conservation Law Foundation. Together, we carried the fight to the Supreme Judicial Court.

We were outspent and out-staffed at every turn. The new grants begin to correct a process that forced communities to scrape together resources while well-funded companies arrive ready to build.

But the analysis isn’t limited to communities the state has already flagged: residents elsewhere can petition the state to require an analysis when local conditions aren’t fully captured by a mapping tool. And companies can no longer blur the line between actually reducing harm and offering a community benefit to offset it. A new park or playground cannot erase pollution, flood risk, or the safety concerns a project adds.

Massachusetts has committed to building clean energy fast, and we should. But every project lands somewhere, and without rules like these, “somewhere” will be in places that follow the same unfair patterns that got us here.

Not all energy projects carry the same risk. A new gas plant and a rooftop solar program warrant very different review, and the new rule is built to tell them apart. Every review should begin with the same question: what does this com-

munity already live with, and would this project make it worse?

A rule on paper is only a beginning. The Energy Facilities Siting Board, which approves these projects, must prove this process is more than a checkbox for companies. That means taking these analyses seriously, weighing community petitions, and rejecting mitigation plans that dress up harm instead of preventing it. The agency’s record has not always inspired confidence – East Boston knows that firsthand. Residents, advocates, reporters, and legislators must keep watching as the first projects move through.

East Boston did not stop the substation. But we helped change the rules that made that approval possible. That matters for East Boston and every community told to accept another project, burden, or sacrifice. The next neighborhood should not have to prove alone that its health, safety, and future count.

Roseann Bongiovanni writes on behalf of the Massachusetts Environmental Justice Table, a statewide coalition of community organizations and advocates working to advance environmental justice across the Commonwealth. She is Executive Director of GreenRoots.

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“The cost has increased to \$210 per unit per year, up from last year’s \$190,” he said. “We prepared and included a one-page explanation of the increase in the trash fee with this round of bills.”

In his report, the town manager thanked everyone who made several recent celebrations a success.

“Thank you to everyone who donated and participated in making our 250th celebration a success,” Marino stated. “The hot and humid weather provided its challenges, and I am sure it kept some people from attending, but we had 400 people come through and the boat parade at the end of the day was a huge hit. We are already thinking about how we can host the boat parade next year.”

He also thanked everyone who helped make the Parade of Sail for the Tall

Ships a success.

“The coordination among the Town, MWRA, State Police, and everyone else involved was amazing,” Marino said. “With approximately 3000 visitors coming through Winthrop to visit Deer Island, it was a herculean effort to keep people moving both on and off the island. We had great weather, and generally, folks were very happy with the accommodations and viewing areas MWRA made available on Deer Island.”

In other business, Marino said the audit of FY25 town finances is complete, and that he would distribute copies to the council once the town receives them.

“The good news is that we needed the complete audit to go out for the next round of borrowing for the sewer and water main projects, as well as the next round of funding for the new Fire

Station construction,” Marino stated. “We are obviously not happy with how long the audit took. We have one

more year with this firm, and then we will put it out to bid after this year's audit is complete.”

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THE MORE Things Change

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

10 years ago
July 22, 2016

The School Committee has approved a request by the WHS parent/teacher board to dedicate a tree at the new school in the memory of Ellie Govoni in honor of her longtime support of the Winthrop School district. School Supt. John Macero said he will work with staff members when the landscaping at the new school is complete to make sure it is in a place where it will be seen. Govoni was well-known for the annual dinners that she happily provided for students.

After months of work, the Ordinance Review Committee has completed its report regarding the revisions to the Town's charter and ordinances. The next step is to have the Town Council vote on the revisions at its next meeting on August 2.

Ghostbusters and The Legend of Tarzan are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

20 years ago
July 27, 2006

Winthrop residents will see their water and sewer charges increase by an average of \$24 per quarter thanks to a 4.9 percent increase in rates by the MWRA.

The town's DPW will undertake a campaign to label storm drains around town in order to inform local residents not to dump polluting materials into the drains, which empty directly into the surrounding harbor and ocean.

The Chamber of Commerce's Old Fashioned Family Day at Yirrell Beach has been rescheduled to July 30 from last week because of inclement weather.

Al Petrilli has been named the new head of the Viking Pride Foundation.

Little Miss Sunshine, Miami Vice, and John Tucker Must Die are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

30 years ago
August 1, 1996

The Search Committee for a new Winthrop High Principal has presented a list of three finalists to Interim School Supt. Joan Connolly. They are Brian Abdallah of Somerville, Albin Moser of Providence, R.I., and Nancy Mrzyglod of West Barnstable.

The Search Committee for a new Pupil Personnel Director also has narrowed its search to three finalists, one of whom is current WHS Asst. Principal Ed Nazzaro.

The annual festivities for National Night Out are set for next Tuesday and promise to be the best-ever, featuring a hot dog roast, a motorcade through town, a K-9 demonstration, and a performance by State Troopers who will rappel off the roof

of the police station.

The Appeals Board will hear petitions by six homeowners who are seeking an extension to obtain a special permit in order to make legal their so-called illegal apartments. Town Meeting approved the special permit process for illegal apartments in 1993, but provided only a two-year window for property owners to bring the apartments up to code and then obtain the permit. The Appeals Board approved all 83 permit requests that were made within the two-year window, but six now are coming forward seeking an extension.

A Time to Kill, The Adventures of Pinocchio, and Harriet the Spy are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

40 years ago
August 6, 1986

Residents of all ages joined in a clean-up day at Winthrop Beach sponsored by the MDC.

More than \$3000 worth of tools were reported stolen from Mack's Auto Clinic at 250 Washington Ave. Tuesday night.

Townpeople, especially commuters, are up in arms over the jersey barriers that have been placed over the train bridge at Orient Heights that are restricting the flow of traffic and causing traffic jams out of town.

Ferris Bueller's Day Off, Ruthless People, and Maximum Overdrive are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

50 years ago
August 4, 1976

Town residents are breathing a sigh of relief after the announcement by U.S. District Court Judge W. Arthur Garrity that he has placed a stay until Sept. 30 of his order to shut down the decrepit Charles St. Jail and to order the relocation of prisoners, many of whom are dangerous criminals, to the Deer Island county jail. Garrity said Suffolk County Sheriff Thomas Eistenstadt and state officials will have until Sept. 30 to present an alternative plan for housing the prisoners.

The Winthrop Americans Little League all-star team has captured the District 10 Little League title for the first time in 21 years for a local squad. Among the Winthrop players who played key roles in the championship are John Tiano, Billy Moore, Joe Giaquinto, both Jimmy Boudrows (who are cousins), and Chuck Sullivan.

A 24 year-old local woman is facing charges of drunk driving after slamming into a parked car.

Ernest E. Hardy Jr. has joined the firm of Eliot, Whittier, and Hardy Insur-

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John Phillip “Skip” Montuori
In Loving Memory

John Phillip Montuori, affectionately known to family and friends as “Skip,” passed away at the age of 67. While his passing leaves an immeasurable void, his legacy of kindness, generosity, and love will live on in the hearts of all who knew him.

Born and raised in Winthrop, Skip was the beloved son of Barbara (Hilton) Montuori and John C. Montuori. He attended Winthrop High School and studied electronics for three years at Northeast Metropolitan Regional Vocational School. He later earned an Associate of Applied Science degree from Wentworth Institute of Technology, launching a successful career built on knowledge, dedication, and integrity.

Skip worked in the biomedical field, where his technical expertise and commitment to excellence earned him certifications in thermography (FLIR) and recognition as a Master Dominet Installer. He approached every challenge with skill, patience, and a willingness to help others, qualities that defined both his professional and personal life.

For the past 45 years, Skip shared an extraordinary life with his beloved wife, Claire. Together they built a marriage filled with love, laughter, friendship, and unwavering devotion. Their bond was the foundation of his life, and together they created countless memories that will be cherished forever.

Skip made his home in Meredith, New Hampshire, where he embraced the beauty of the lakes and outdoors. He found great joy in boating, fishing, traveling, and cheering on his beloved New England Patriots.

Whether on the water, on the road exploring new places, or gathered with family and friends, he was happiest sharing life's simple pleasures with the people he loved.

He is survived by his loving wife, Claire; his sisters,



Susan Beck of Kissimmee, Florida, and Nancy Montuori of Glendale, California. He was predeceased by his brother, Robert Montuori. Skip was also a treasured uncle to his nieces and nephews, all of whom lovingly knew him simply as “Uncle Skip.”

Those who knew Skip will remember far more than his accomplishments. They will remember a genuinely good man whose kindness came naturally, whose generosity knew no limits, and who was always the first to lend a helping hand. He never expected anything in return; he simply believed in taking care of others. His warm smile, quiet strength, and caring heart left a lasting impression on everyone fortunate enough to know him. Skip's life was measured not only by the years he lived, but by the countless lives he touched. Though he will be deeply missed, his love, compassion, and gentle spirit will continue to inspire all who carry his memory. His family takes comfort in knowing that his legacy lives on in every act of kindness, every story shared, and every life he made better simply by being part of it.

A celebration of life will be held at the Winthrop Lodge of Elks, 191 Washington Ave. Winthrop, September 5, from 1 to 6 p.m. In the meantime, his family invites those who knew and loved him to honor his memory by extending the same kindness, generosity, and helping hand that he so freely gave throughout his life.



Roger W. Palmariello

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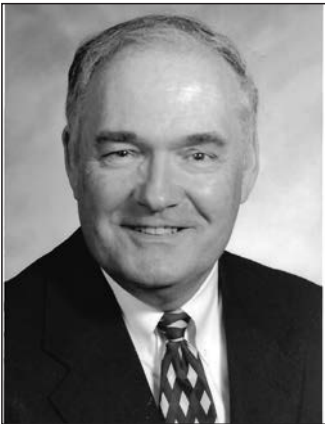


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Ronald H. Wayland of Winthrop, born December 12, 1939 to Josephine (Ahearn) and William Wayland, grew up in Dorchester and attended Mission High School. He went on to study at Boston College and earned his law degree from Suffolk University. He dedicated many years to public defense, advocating for the rights of the underserved. Later, he joined New England Broadcasting, where he ascended to the role of president. He was a former member of Cottage Park Yacht Club and a social member of the Winthrop Yacht Club.

He was the devoted husband of Doreen M. (Shannon) and the loving father of Edward Wayland of Andover, Christian Wayland and his wife, Ruthie of Boxford and Beth Bailey and her husband, Tom of Winthrop; dear brother of Douglas Wayland (his twin) of Denver, Colorado, Gregory Wayland of Florida and the late William Wayland and Anne O'Hara and cherished grandfather of Emerson, David, Gabbi, Madeline, Teddy, Camille, Charlotte, Nicholas, Gigi and the late Thomas.



Family and friends are cordially invited to attend the visitation from the St. John the Evangelist Church (St. Michael's Parish) 320 Winthrop St., Winthrop on Friday, July 24, 2026 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon followed by a funeral mass in the Church at 12 noon. Services will conclude with the interment in the Belle Isle section of Winthrop Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to the Thomas W. Bailey Hope Foundation, 31 Centre St., Winthrop, MA 02152.

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Mary Carney
Retired Court System Clerk

Mary E. Carney, a longtime Winthrop resident, passed away at home on July 14, 2026. She was 68 years old. Born in Winthrop, she was the beloved daughter of the late Elaine (Kirley) and John G. Carney. She lived her entire life in Winthrop and earned the respect of all who knew her through her work as a clerk in the court system.

Mary loved the joys of travel, especially cruises, and she enjoyed staying active with aqua aerobics alongside friends. She valued family deeply and cherished time spent with her nieces and nephews, sharing in their laughter and growth.

She was the dear sister of John Carney, Jr., Daniel Carney, Joseph Carney, Stephen Carney and the late Maureen Carney and is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

The funeral mass was held in the St. John the Evangelist Church on Tuesday, July 21, 2026.

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out into deep waters approximately 30 miles off the coast of Cape Cod and was sunk. This was not the ideal disposal plan, but given the limited local burial options, it was the only choice left.”

The total cost to remove the whale and tow it out to sea was approximately \$40,000; after negotiating with NOAA, Winthrop will pay \$7,500 of that total, Marino stated.

“We appreciate all of the State and Federal agencies that contributed to making this plan happen,” the town manager said.

WDC officials said it was disappointing that they were not able to conduct a full necropsy, as the team always aims to collect as much data as possible to better understand why the animal stranded, help further conservation efforts, and aid in infectious disease monitoring for public safety. In consultation with NOAA, a decision has been made to tow the whale offshore.

If anyone finds a marine mammal in distress, they can call the WDC's hotline at (617) 688-6872.

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ANNUAL REVERE BEACH INTERNATIONAL SAND SCULPTING FESTIVAL



The Kowloon sculpture that was made by the community of sculptors. Kowloon was a prominent sponsor of the festival.



"Digital Hideout (in real life)" by artist Hanneke Supply from The Netherlands took Third Place.

Derek Kouyoumjian Photos

The theme of this year’s Revere Beach International Sand Sculpting Festival was titled “Boston Welcomes The World” recognizing the World Cup and Sail Boston events in the metro area. The weather was rainy on Saturday evening making the fireworks show happen on Sunday, when the weather was more cooperative.



"It's The Final Countdown!" By artist Ndrim "Jimmy" Bejko from Boston.



"Don't Look Inside" by artist Joon Park from California.



"Birds View Of Your City" by artist Bouke Atema from The Netherlands.



"Told You So..."by artist S veline Beaugerard from Canada.



"Cozy Chaos" by artist Patrick Harsch from Florida.



Visitors enjoy the sand sculptures featured at the Festival.



"Shape Shifting" by artist Morgan Rudluff from California.



The Spider Wheel brings visitors back to the time when Revere Beach was home to an amusement park.



The centerpiece sculpture, featuring some of the many sponsors of the Festival, was made by the community of sculptors.



A little rain couldn't keep sand sculpture fans away from Revere Beach.



"Odyssey" by artist Jobi Bouchard from Canada took First Place, as well as People's Choice and Sculptor's Choice.

ANNUAL REVERE BEACH INTERNATIONAL SAND SCULPTING FESTIVAL



Anna and her mom Juliana roller skate on the Boulevard.



Their friends Javier and Diana Hernandez-Gacia were happy to have their umbrella for the rain rolling in Saturday evening.



A sculpture honoring the Netflix movie Hawk starring Will Farrell.



Visitors to the Festival ensure the rain that stayed coming down Saturday evening.



Fireworks by the Revere Welcomes You sculpture.



Visitors try their luck at ring Ross at the Sweet Baby Ray's booth.



The view of Revere Beach Blvd from the Spider Wheel.



Volunteer Emma Casey takes pics of visitors at the Revere Welcomes You sculpture that was made by the community of sculptors.



Bella, Niyah, Jayla, and Charli.



Visitors check out the sand sculptures.



Revere Ward 5 Councillor Angela Guarino-Sawaya with Revere Mayor Patrick Keefe and his wife, Jenn, and Mary Callahan.



Spectators enjoy the fireworks show at Revere Beach.



Spectators enjoy the fireworks show at Revere Beach.



Organizers and volunteers with the Revere Beach Partnership sit back and enjoy the fireworks show on the beach they work so hard to celebrate and protect.



Spectators enjoy the fireworks show. See more photos on next page.

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“Overprotection” by artist Marie-Line Gagné from Canada took Second Place.



“Sweet Dream” by artist Slavian Borecki from Poland.



The C4 Energy Drink sculpture that was made by the community of sculptors. They were a prominent sponsor of the festival.



The sculptors in the 2026 International Sand Sculpting Festival shown above with city and state officials.

Years // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 5

ance Agency as a vice-president.

Walter Matthau and Tatum O’Neal star in The Bad News Bears at the Kincaide Theatre.

60 years ago
August 4, 1966

The selectmen have been rebuffed in their plea to the State Director of Emergency Accounts for a transfer from the Reserve Fund in order to pay for the enclosure of the drainage ditch on Veterans Rd., which the Board of Health has deemed a menace because it serves as a breeding ground for mosquitoes. The Advisory Committee previously had denied the request, stating that the matter was not unforeseen and should have

been addressed at Town Meeting.

Brig. General James A. Weiner Jr., a Winthrop native, has announced his retirement from the military.

A yacht at the Crystal Cove Marina was vandalized and equipment stolen from it this weekend.

The town Animal Control Officer has pulled in 15 dogs who were roaming loose through town in a crackdown on owners who are violating the town’s leash law. All of the dog owners have received summonses for hearings in the East Boston Dist. Ct.

Henry Fonda heads an all-star cast in The Battle of the Bulge at the Winthrop Theatre.

70 years ago
August 2, 1956

Thanks to a study conducted by School Committeeman James Holland, the town will receive a minimum of \$27,000 from the federal government for reimbursement for the children of military personnel at Ft. Banks who are attending the Winthrop schools. There are 223 children of military families among the total of 2600 children in the Winthrop public school system.

State Senator Andrew P. Quigley has filed a bill that will allow local clubs to obtain liquor licenses. The measure comes in the wake of raids by local and state police at the Cottage Park Y.C.

Threats reportedly have

been made to Winthrop Police sergeant John Van Dalinda after his testimony before the State Crime Commission at its recent hearing on gambling activity on the North Shore. Van Dalinda reportedly told the committee that a local bookmaker, known as The Big D., has met with the Winthrop police chief on numerous occasions and is known for “taking care of everybody, from patrolmen on up, in the Winthrop Police Dept.”

Gregory Peck stars in The Gunfighter at the Winthrop Theatre.

80 years ago
August 1, 1946

Winthrop Community Hospital Pres. Leslie E. Griffin has released the hospital’s annual report which shows that the hospital has only \$45,000 of debt remaining from the issuance of the bonds in 1945.

Raymond M. Cioffi, the longtime manager of Swett’s Market, now is the new owner of the large and prosperous market in the Centre.

Dredging of the harbor in the area of the Cottage Park Y.C. will begin next week.

Ginger Rogers, Jean Pierre Aumont, and Adolphe Menjou star in Heart Beat at the Winthrop and State Theatres.

90 years ago
August 1, 1936

The manager of a chain store at Ocean Spray was injured after being assaulted by a gunman during an attempted armed holdup.

More than 150 local residents were on hand for the retirement dinner tendered to Winthrop Postmaster David Belcher, who is retiring after 44 years of service. Belcher was presented with a gold watch, a chain, and a knife.

Jean Hersholt and new discovery Don Ameche star in Daryl F. Zanuck’s 20th Century production of Sins of Man at the Winthrop and State Theatres.

100 years ago
August 7, 1926

The Elks’ big fair and circus is this weekend, with a Buick automobile being offered as the grand prize in the raffle.

Townpeople are mourning the death of a Winthrop man who was one of three bystanders killed by a drunk driver recently in Pennsylvania.

There will be a boxing card next Thursday at Ft. Banks.

110 years ago
August 5, 1916

A baby shark put up a good fight, but it finally was landed by Capt. Smith about 200 yards off Shore Drive. The shark was about three feet long and weighed about 40 pounds.

The new American Voting Machine is on display at Town Hall. Town officials wish to purchase the machines to save money and provide better service for the voters. The machine reportedly is foolproof and error-proof.

Thieves broke into the high school building and made off with gold watches that were the property of the carpenters.

Winthrop was battered by a fierce lightning and wind storm for about 20 minutes this past week, tossing small boats into the air and generally turning things topsy-turvy throughout the town.

120 years ago
August 4, 1906

Narrow Gauge Pres. Melvin I. Adams has sold at private sale the \$289,000 of bonds that are set to mature in 1927. He said the railroad will be selling more bonds to finance the debt incurred for improvements to the system, particularly the double-tracking of the Winthrop branch.

The litigation between the town and the Revere Water Co. over the price to be paid by the town for the purchase of the company’s facilities will be taken to

the U.S. Supreme Court by the company after the state Supreme Judicial Court rendered a decision favorable to the town.

About 100 persons enjoyed the old-fashioned clambake held at the Deane Winthrop House this past week.

An eight-room house situated on a corner with all modern improvements such as electric lights, open plumbing, new coal and gas ranges, and located just a two minute walk from the beach and railway station, is listed for sale for \$4800.

130 years ago
August 1, 1896

The public is invited to attend the Sunday Union open-air services at the foot of the beach on Tewksbury St.

Luther Harrington has set an example for all residents of the town by asphaltting the entire length of his sidewalk along Shirley St. and Crystal Cove Ave.

Ladies Day, one of the most pleasant events of the season, will be held this week at the Winthrop Y.C. The yachtsmen will treat their ladies to a sail and then a dinner-dance at the club in the evening.

140 years ago
August 6, 1886

Town Meeting voted 17-8 to purchase the land on Almont St. from David Floyd for construction of a new schoolhouse. A motion to construct a wood building at a cost of \$8500, rather than a brick one at a cost of \$9500, initially was passed, but then a motion to construct one made of brick at a cost not to exceed \$10,000 was voted favorably.

The Lawrence cottage is one of the liveliest at the Beach, with merry-making on the verandah by the young people and the yacht club crowd going on almost daily.

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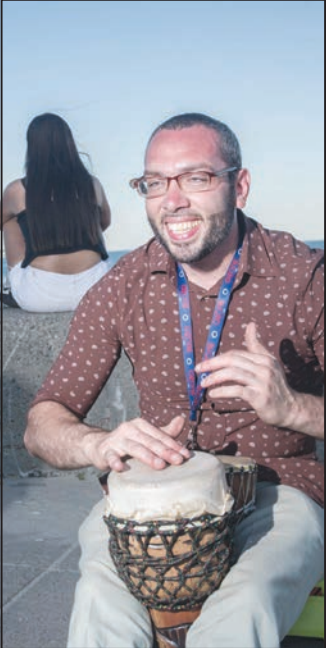
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A mother and daughter borrow the lifeguard chair to enjoy the Summer evening while it was unoccupied.



Sasa Louis plays on his mini djembe drum, entertaining the crowd.



Fireworks light up the sky above Revere Beach.



Dan believes the fireworks are a little too loud for his tastes.



Visitors get photos of the centerpiece sculpture that was made by the community of sculptors of the Festival.

DeGregorio welcomes new
girls hockey coach Palmer

By Cary Shuman

Winthrop High School Athletic Director has officially welcomed Chris Palmer as the Vikings’ new girls ice hockey coach for the 2026-27 season.

“We are very excited to have Coach Palmer take over the girls hockey program after Coach [Butch] Martucci moved on to college hockey,” said DeGregorio. “Chris has been with the program for 19 years (as an assistant coach) and was a big part of the success during that time.”

DeGregorio believes that as a result of Palmer’s outstanding work as an assistant coach and his familiarity with the program’s winning tradition, he is ready to lead the Vikings.

“It is a smooth transition, and I believe he is the right person for the job,” said DeGregorio. “His knowledge and experience are a huge bonus, and the girls will benefit from his ability to come in and keep the program at the level we have become accustomed to over the years.”

One of Palmer’s initial responsibilities as coach will be naming assistant coaches for his staff.

Palmer has announced the following players for the 2026-27 roster to date: seniors Angela Coscia, Amelia Serino, Francesca Indrisano, and Claudia Alquinta; juniors Abby Githinji, Catherine Clark, Bella Veilleux, and Giuliana Marengi; sophomore Nora Zaffini; and freshmen Lola Ferrara, Claire Chapman, Ava Mackenzie, and Giuliana Graygor.

Winthrop man held without bail pending
dangerousness hearing for domestic assault

Staff Report

A Winthrop man the Suffolk County District Attorney’s office says has a history of assault and intimidation charges dating back to 2005 is being held without bail after being arraigned in Boston Municipal Court on Monday.

Anthony Stokes, 39, was charged with one count of assault and battery on a family or household member, one count of assault and battery causing serious bodily injury, and one count of intimidating a witness, juror, or court official. Judge James Coffey ordered Stokes held without bail pending a dangerousness hearing scheduled for Monday, July 27.

Just before 8 a.m. on July 19, Boston police responded to Massachusetts General Hospital at 55 Fruit Street for a domestic violence incident. The victim, a 39-year-old woman, had two swollen eyes, scratch marks on her chest and torso, and bruises on her hands, arms, and chest, according to police.

Officers learned that a man, later identified as Stokes, allegedly hit her hard in her face while inside his car. She was in extreme pain, and unable to speak

with officers, according to police.

Officers located the vehicle parked in front of the Emergency Room with Stokes still inside. Stokes said that he and the victim went to an adult entertainment club and, at some point, the victim stepped outside to smoke a cigarette, according to a release from the district attorney’s office. It is alleged that Stokes said that the victim ran back inside and accused him of letting a group of women physically assault her. Stokes claims there was no physical altercation between him and the victim, according to police.

Earlier in the evening, Stokes allegedly had been consuming alcohol and drove the victim to the Orient Heights neighborhood in East Boston. Stokes parked the car, yelled at the victim, and struck her in the face, according to the DA’s office, then stating that Stokes then drove to Somerset Street in Winthrop, parked the car again, yelled at the victim further and continued to strike her. Eventually, police said the victim asked Stokes to drive her to the hospital.

The DA’s office alleges that Stokes first drove her

to the East Boston Clinic, where he exited the vehicle and went into the hospital with the victim. Due to the severity of her injuries, the victim was instructed to go to Mass General Hospital by staff who offered to call her a rideshare. Stokes insisted on taking her himself and escorted her back to his vehicle, according to police.

During the drive to Mass General, the District Attorney’s office release claims that Stokes continued to assault the victim, using his fist to strike her in the face. Once they arrived, Stokes told the victim to remain in the vehicle and to tell hospital staff and police that he was not the perpetrator of her assault, but rather she was attacked by a group of women. The victim entered the emergency room accompanied by a mother and daughter who were unknown to her to separate herself from Stokes.

“The facts here point to a serious, sustained assault that left the victim injured and terrorized, along with being ordered, under extreme duress, to deflect blame from her attacker,” said Suffolk County DA Kevin Hayden. “Our office will provide this victim with all the support she requires as this case moves forward.”

Healey takes action to cut concert, sports ticket resale and fees

Special to the Transcript

Gov. Maura Healey has announced that she will file An Act Relative to Closing the Great Divide between Ticket Prices and Affordability, or The Great Divide Act, to lower sports and concert ticket resale prices and ensure that fans have a fair opportunity to enjoy the events they love without paying exorbitant prices on the secondary market. The legislation would establish some of the nation’s strongest consumer protections for the secondary ticket marketplace, building on reforms recently adopted in states such as Vermont and Maine.

The Governor’s proposal, which will be included in her upcoming closeout supplemental budget, caps the resale price of concert tickets at 110 percent of the price of the face value of the original ticket. It also limits the service fees and charges that can be imposed by ticket resellers like StubHub and SeatGeek to no more than 10 percent of the total price of the ticket for resale. It prohibits the sale of speculative tickets, which are tickets that are not in

the possession of the seller when they are listed for sale. Finally, it implements additional consumer protections measures, including prohibiting the use of deceptive websites by ticket resellers and misleading consumers about the availability of tickets.

The name of the proposal is a nod to singer and songwriter Noah Kahan, who recently made history as the first artist ever to headline four consecutive sold-out shows at Fenway Park. Kahan has been a vocal opponent against predatory resale practices and successfully advocated for a similar bill in Vermont.

“Far too many Massachusetts residents have experienced the pain of being excited to buy tickets to see their favorite singer or sports team, only to realize that resale prices and fees have driven up the cost to outrageous levels,” said Governor Healey. “Or how about when you do purchase tickets from a reseller, only to get to the venue to realize the seller never actually transfers them to you? Enough is enough. We are taking action to lower ticket resale prices so Massachu-

setts fans can better afford to see their favorite performer or team.”

During the press conference announcing the legislation, Governor Healey was joined virtually by

Noah Kahan, who threw his support behind the measure: “I heard about what you’re announcing today and I just wanted to let you know how excited I am about it. The artist community and fans

will greatly benefit from limiting ticket scalping and the sales of speculative tickets. I love my fans and want to protect them however I can. Artists alone could not tackle the market manipula-

tion of secondary resellers. So, thank you so much for making this a priority in Massachusetts.”

Under the proposal, con-

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CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Docket No. SU25P1858EA

Estate of: Margaret M. Pendleton

Date of Death: 11/30/2023

To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Noreen A. Bartol of Revere MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Noreen A. Bartol of Revere MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court.

You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 08/05/2026. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file

a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court.

Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Janine D Rivers, First Justice of this Court.

Date: June 24, 2026

Stephanie L. Everett, Esq. Register of Probate

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Estate of: Ruth J. Accolla

Date of Death: February 18, 2026

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioners Donald J. Campbell, Jr. of Rockport, MA and Todd E. Amodeo, of Lafayette, CO

a Will has been admitted to informal probate

Donald J. Campbell, Jr. of Rockport, MA and Todd E. Amodeo, of Lafayette, CO has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matters relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

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LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Suffolk Division

Docket No. SU26P0727EA

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

GARCIA SECURES \$1.25 MILLION FOR EVERETT AND CHELSEA IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

EVERETT - The Massachusetts House of Representatives passed a \$561 million bond bill that strengthens key innovation sectors, supports small businesses, expands housing opportunities, and positions the Commonwealth for long-term economic growth and competitiveness. The legislation makes targeted updates across dozens of state programs to improve efficiency, encourage investment, reduce barriers to economic development, and better prepare Massachusetts for emerging industries and workforce needs.

“I am grateful to Speaker Mariano, Chair Michlewitz, Chair Finn, and Chair Fiola for their leadership on this legislation. “Economic development isn’t just about numbers on a balance sheet. It’s about creating opportunity in every corner of Massachusetts and making sure communities like Chelsea and Everett are part of that growth. I am humbled to have secured \$1.25 million for two incredible working-class cities that have always done more with less. These investments will strengthen local organizations, support our residents, and help our communities continue moving forward,” said Representative Judith Garcia (D-Chelsea).

Among its most significant provisions, the legislation:

- Addresses the state’s housing crisis by creating new tools to encourage housing production and adaptive reuse. The legislation authorizes municipalities to adopt commercial conversion zoning to transform underutilized commercial properties into housing and mixed-use developments through streamlined local approvals. It also establishes the “Yes in God’s Backyard” (YIGBY) framework, allowing multifamily housing as of right on qualifying land (maximum 4 acres) owned by religious institutions, except for land zoned for or used as a school, including institutions of higher education. A minimum 20 percent of the units must be affordable units. The bill also improves local planning and permitting by standardizing site plan review procedures and establishing training requirements for local land use boards to promote greater consistency and predictability in municipal decision-making.
- Empowers tenants and strengthens fair housing protections by creating a local option allowing municipalities to adopt a tenant right of first refusal for the sale of multifamily residential properties, giving tenants the opportunity to purchase their building after receiving notice of the owner’s intent to sell. The bill also strengthens fair

housing protections and oversight of the real estate profession by expanding the composition and responsibilities of the Board of Registration of Real Estate Brokers and Salesmen.

- Strengthens the Commonwealth’s fiscal resilience by authorizing the Commonwealth Federal Matching, Fiscal Resilience and Debt Reduction Fund to help protect Massachusetts from reductions or delays in federal funding, support hospitals and community health centers serving vulnerable populations, provide pay-as-you-go capital funding for critical infrastructure projects, and establish a \$200 million bridge funding reserve for public and private nonprofit colleges and universities facing uncertainty in federal research funding.
- Reduces the cost of starting a business by lowering the filing fee for a new limited liability company (LLC) from \$500 to \$100, making it more affordable for entrepreneurs to launch new businesses. The legislation also establishes a graduated annual reporting fee structure for most LLCs while maintaining higher filing fees for entities holding significant real estate assets, ensuring relief is targeted toward operating businesses and startups.
- Creates Massachusetts’ first comprehensive framework for micromobility devices by establishing safety standards and operational rules for personal transportation devices such as motorized bicycles. The bill classifies micromobility devices based on speed, establishes equipment and helmet requirements, sets a minimum operating age of 16 for powered micromobility devices, and defines where these devices may be used. It also authorizes registration and regulatory oversight, strengthens safety standards for lithium-ion batteries, and creates a working group to recommend additional long-term policies as the micromobility industry continues to evolve.
- Attracts the film, television and digital game development industry to Massachusetts by extending the period during which taxpayers may claim the Massachusetts film tax credit from 12 months to 24 months, and by creating a tax credit program to encourage digital game development in Massachusetts.

The bill includes \$561 million in capital authorizations, such as:

- \$100 million to strengthen the Commonwealth’s defense leadership and accelerate the development of cutting-edge national security solutions, also known as the SHIELD initiative.
- \$75 million to support AI tools, infrastructure, and emerging technologies, and position Massachusetts as a national leader in AI and innovation.
- \$50 million for municipal grants and technical as-

sistance for the conversion of commercial properties into residential housing.

- \$50 million for grants to support remediation efforts at former state-owned buildings.
- \$25 million to support the expansion of a key capital program that helps businesses build or expand commercial, industrial, and manufacturing facilities.
- \$25 million to support MassTech’s robotics initiative, helping advance R&D and move new technologies from the lab into real-world use.
- \$25 million to support downtown revitalization through capital funding for infrastructure, public spaces, and placemaking projects that attract residents, businesses, and jobs.
- \$25 million for capital grants to strengthen arts, culture, and the creative economy through investments in public spaces, historic districts, wayfinding, performance venues, and public art.
- \$20 million in capital funding to invest in sites designed to attract international companies to Massachusetts.
- \$20 million for the veterans supported housing initiative program.
- \$10 million for capital grants that support food science, strengthen sustainable food systems, and help grow AgTech businesses.

Having passed the House of Representatives 148-2, the bill now goes to the Senate for consideration.

SLADE'S MILL DAM PROJECT MOVES AHEAD BEFORE CONSCOMM

REVERE - The Revere Conservation Commission (ConsComm) held its regular monthly meeting last Tuesday evening, July 7, in the City Council Chambers. Chair Nicholas Rudolph, Joseph LaValle, Brian Averbach, Bernardo Sepulveda, Thomas Carleton, Wilson Correa, and Anthony Parziale were on hand for the session.

The first matter was a request for approval of a Notice of Intent (NOI) for the partial removal of the dam at the historic Slade’s Mill on Mill Creek (which dates back to 1721). Mill Creek runs parallel with the Revere Beach Parkway along the Chelsea-Revere border.

Megan Kearns, a Professional Wetlands Scientist with Weston and Sampson, presented the application on behalf of the petitioner, the City of Chelsea. Kearns told the commissioners that Mill Creek is a highly-altered tidal system that has been impacted by historic filling, shoreline modification, and industrial development over the past 250 years.

A restoration assessment that was conducted in 2019 highlighted opportunities to restore habitat, improve tidal function, increase resilience, and enhance public access.

Chelsea officials have developed a plan to imple-

ment these measures. The plan calls for partial removal of the Slade’s Mill Dam (an historic earthen berm that was part of the tide-water-powered spice mill), removal and treatment of invasive species, removal of trash and debris, stabilization of the bank, and the establishment of waterfront access.

Kearns said the berm creates a narrow channel between the dam and the mill building that results in high flow velocities, erosion and scour, and navigation concerns. She noted that the berm creates little ecological value and exhibits ongoing deterioration, including exposed rebar and remnant timber.

The centerline of Mill Creek forms the border between Chelsea and Revere and thus the ConsComms of both communities will be involved in the process. Most of the work of the dam removal will be conducted on the Revere side of the creek.

In addition to the Chelsea and Revere conservation commissions, the Massachusetts., Chelsea, and Revere historical commissions also have been involved in the project.

Kearns added that no work will be done between February 15 and June 30 for the protection of rainbow smelt and American eel. Kearns told the commission that MEPA has reviewed the project and partial funding for the project has been approved.

After asking a few questions, the commissioners unanimously approved the NOI and issued an accompanying Order of Conditions (OOC).

Next up was a Request for a Determination of Applicability (RDA) from Hancock Associates pertaining to a patch of land on Salem St. near Overlook Ridge that is adjacent to Route 1 where the state, which owns the right-of-way, may be considering changes to the roadway and an off-ramp.

David Cowell, a Senior Wetlands Scientist with Hancock Associates, told the commissioners that the land consists of a depression that contains some phragmites. The issue is whether the land is within vegetated wetlands. Cowell said the land does not meet the criteria for a vegetated wetland because it does not contain either wetland plant species or hydric soils. In addition, he said the land is considered to be “isolated.”

The commission voted unanimously for a Negative Determination of Applicability, which means that the project will not fall within the purview of the ConsComm.

The next matter was an application from Oscar Botero and Marta Brand for construction of an accessory dwelling unit (ADU) consisting of 856 sq. ft. at 28 Shawmut St.

Shawmut St. is located just north of Wonderland Station and west of No.

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Resale Fees // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 9

cert tickets cannot be resold for more than 110 percent of their original face value, unless an artist or venue explicitly authorizes a higher resale cap through a written agreement. For example, if a ticket originally cost \$100, it could be resold for no more than \$110.

The bill limits the service fees charged by ticket resale marketplaces to no more than 10 percent of the

listed resale price for sporting events and non-sporting events like concerts. For example, if a ticket is listed for resale on a resale platform for \$300, the service fee charged by the resale platform cannot exceed \$30. Today, many resale platforms charge service fees of roughly 20 percent or more, adding hundreds of dollars to the cost of tickets. This proposal is expected to cut

resale service fees typically paid by consumers today in half.

The legislation also prohibits the sale of speculative tickets, meaning tickets that a seller does not actually have when they list them for sale. Too often, consumers pay for these tickets only to find out they are never delivered. During this summer’s World Cup matches at Gillette Stadium, some

fans who purchased tickets through online resale platforms were turned away after discovering the tickets they bought never existed.

The bill includes additional consumer protections to prohibit deceptive resale websites that falsely suggest they are affiliated with artists or venues and to prevent resellers from misleading consumers about ticket availability or scarcity.



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Tai Chi/Qi Gong with
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12:00pm-12:30pm
Dine-In Lunch
(must order by
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12:45pm- 3:00pm
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\$3 for 2 cards; \$1
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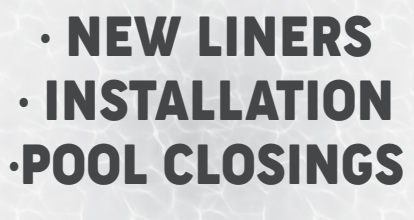
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After six years, CHA Birth Center will again welcome families

Special to the Transcript

Cambridge Health Alliance (CHA), a community health system serving Cambridge, Somerville, and Boston's metro-north communities, will reopen the CHA Birth Center on July 6, after a six-year hiatus.

The CHA Birth Center closed in March 2020 due to the COVID pandemic. It reopened for prenatal care later in 2020 but remained closed for deliveries due to staffing shortages, operational challenges, and infrastructure concerns. Recognizing the need for increased maternal health access in our communities and data from the Commonwealth showing the strong benefits of midwifery and birth center care, CHA engaged a leading consulting firm to support reopening planning.

The reopening of the CHA Birth Center means more growing families will have an opportunity to receive the type of highly personalized and culturally appropriate care they deserve. At a time when many maternity units and birth centers are under strain, CHA is committed to providing maternal health access for its diverse communities. As part of its commitment to maternal health equity, and to ensure patients feel seen and heard, CHA has 19 doulas who speak 13 different languages to support birthing people before, during, and after labor.

"We are proud to offer

the CHA Birth Center as part of our excellent options for childbirth and maternal health services," said Cambridge Health Alliance CEO Assaad Sayah, MD. "It responds to community-identified needs and expands our high quality maternal health options for our communities."

"This is a milestone achievement for Cambridge and a signal to women everywhere that we can and will keep making progress on maternal health," said Democratic Whip Katherine Clark. "I'm so grateful to all of our state and local leaders who helped make this day possible. We're going to keep fighting for a healthcare system worthy of every mother in this community and a future worthy of the children who will begin their lives at CHA."

Located in a Victorian home, the CHA Birth Center includes amenities such as large walk-in showers and soaking tubs for water births. The first floor of the completely renovated CHA Birth Center includes a reception area, three exam rooms, a living room, and a kitchen for patients and families. Families are welcome and encouraged to be part of the birth process. The second floor features three renovated birthing rooms, with new soaking tubs for waterbirths in two rooms. Waterbirths offer advantages such as warmth and pain management, deeper relaxation and faster labor times. CHA's certified nurse mid-

wives are trained in the latest waterbirth best practices and techniques. Across the street from the birth center, CHA operates its hospital maternity service, recognized on Newsweek's 2026 list of best maternity hospitals.

On June 17, CHA held an open house to celebrate the Birth Center reopening, with a robust speaking program featuring many local legislators, including Democratic Whip Katherine Clark, State Representative Marjorie Decker, State Senator Sal DiDomenico, Cambridge Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui, and Cambridge City Councillor Patty Nolan. Mass. Department of Public Health Commissioner Robbie Goldstein, MD, spoke alongside Claire Laporte, vice chair of the CHA Board of Trustees, and Mount Auburn Hospital President Ed Huang MD, on behalf of Beth Israel Lahey Health. More than 200 people attended the open house, led by Tara Singh MD, chief of obstetrics & gynecology, and Kim Amsley-Camp, DM, CNM, MHA, director of midwifery & the CHA Birth Center, which included tours from CHA midwives and doulas.

Reopening the CHA Birth Center would not have been possible without a \$1 million state appropriation sponsored by Representative Decker with support from the delegation. Thanks to these efforts, CHA received a Mass. Department of Public Health grant to

support necessary and major facility renovations. CHA also received a grant from Beth Israel Lahey Health to assist with training, equipment, and community education and outreach.

"I'm deeply grateful to have been part of the effort to save the Cambridge Birth Center, especially during the uncertain moments when it wasn't clear we would reach this point," said Representative Decker. "I'm thankful to the CHA community and the many advocates who never stopped fighting for it. I was also proud to secure \$1 million in state funding for the birth center, as so many recognized the importance of preserving families' autonomy and access to a model of care that supports safe, compassionate birth experiences and strong outcomes."

"Too often we are talking about the closure of maternity services, but today we get to celebrate a spectacular rebirth – and one that I hope will be followed by many more," said Commissioner Goldstein. "Expanding access to community-based, relationship-centered care is key in advancing health equity. The reopening of the CHA Birth Center supports families who deserve more options for culturally responsive maternity care. This is an opportunity to celebrate choice, community, and the many families whose stories will begin here for generations to come."

While the CHA Birth Center welcomes everyone, there will be a special focus on vulnerable and underserved populations who will benefit most from midwifery care and a birth center experience. The Birth Center expects to welcome more than 100 new babies in the first year, increasing to about 300 by the fourth year.

"The reopening of the CHA Birth Center means that more mothers and children in our community will have access to the high-quality, compassionate care they deserve," said Mayor Siddiqui. "Once again, families have a place to give birth where they will be treated with dignity and respect and supported by a dedicated team of doulas who reflect the diversity of the families they serve. This reopening is the result of six years of determined effort, and I am grateful to all who fought to bring it back."

"I am proud to be a long-time supporter and partner of Cambridge Health Alliance, and it was a privilege to witness the reopening of their critical birth center," said Senator DiDomenico. "This essential health care facility will provide needed access to delivery services for expectant mothers in my

district and the region."

Cambridge Health Alliance is an academic community health system committed to providing high-quality care in Boston's metro-north communities. It includes two acute care hospital campuses, an inpatient child and adolescent psychiatry specialty campus, a network of primary care and specialty practices, and robust community programs through its regional Department of Community Health and the Cambridge Public Health Department. As the sole public hospital in Massachusetts, CHA has expertise in primary care, specialty care, and mental health and substance use services, as well as caring for diverse and complex populations. Its patients have seamless access to advanced care through system affiliations with Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center and Mass General Brigham for Children. CHA is a Harvard Medical School Teaching Hospital and is also affiliated with the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, Harvard School of Dental Medicine, and Tufts University School of Medicine.

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Shore Rd. The property abuts wetlands, The ADU will be built on pilings 14 feet above ground with parking for two cars underneath. Rudolph pointed out a number of present deficiencies in the project that will require permits from the city, as well as drainage and filtration issues.

The ConsComm was unable to take a vote on the matter because the state DEP had not assigned a file number as of the date of the hearing. The owners will have to return next month in order to obtain their OOC, by which time they presumably will be able to provide answers to the commissioners' concerns.

TASTE OF EASTIE TO CELEBRATE 30 YEARS ON JULY 28 AT THE TALL SHIP

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REVERE'S ASMAA ABOU-FOUDA NAME 2026 COMMONWEALTH HEROINE



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