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CLASS OF 1961 TO HOLD ITS 65TH REUNION AT WINTHROP ARMS

The Class of '61 Reunion Committee is inviting members of the class to attend our reunion celebrating 65 years of friendship and memories. Our gathering will be held at The Winthrop Arms, 130 Grovers Ave, Winthrop, on Saturday, September 19, 2026 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Tickets are \$30 per person.

Members of the Class of 1961 who'd like to join us, should mail a check to Ronald Spinney, 155 Pleasant St., Winthrop MA 02152, no later than September 9th. We hope to have as many members of the class as possible in attendance. It will be a fun afternoon strolling down memory lane with our lifelong friends and classmates.

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Greatness in Greece

Local contingent shines in world championship basketball tourney

By Cary Shuman

It's almost hard to believe that a team consisting almost entirely of Winthrop athletes could be competitive against large nations sending their best players, including many ex-professionals.

But that's what transpired at the 13th Annual European Championship in Athens, Greece, where former Winthrop High and Suffolk University basketball great Chris Tsiotos and his teammates excelled in the Masters' 70-Over Division, going 2-2 with wins over national teams from Uruguay and Japan. Winthrop's other games were against teams representing Greece and Italy while Germany, Mexico, Spain, and England played in other brackets. The Winthrop team took home the Ambassadors Trophy as the top non-European entrant.

"I'm very excited about how well we competed," said Chris.

In addition to Tsiotos, the

Chris Tsiotos, Neil Harden, Adam Hubley, Mike Aronson, John Earl and Lou Hinckley are shown above in front of the Acropolis in Greece.

6-foot-5-inch WHS Hall of Fame inductee who led the Northeastern Conference in scoring with a remarkable 28 points-per-game average (long before the 3-point rule went into effect), the team consisted of Viking alumni, starting guard on the 1973 Tech Tournament team, Steve Mahoney (whose daughter, Kelly Mahoney,

hit one of the most memorable game-winning shots in school history) WHS Hall of Fame basketball player, Louie Hinckley (who played at UMaine), Adam Hubley (who played basketball at Bowdoin, following the path of his father, Norman Hubley), and Dr. John Earl (a professor at the University of Richmond, whose

niece, Caroline Earl, starred at Winthrop High, captaining the 2021 team.)

"We basically had our Winthrop summer league City team, when there were 24 teams in the league," said Tsiotos. "It was the same team that played together 50 years ago."

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Massport meets with Winthrop town council

By Adam Swift

Massport officials provided an update on runway work at Logan Airport that will take place later this month and through the fall, as well as on its soundproofing program.

The second year of the Runway 27 safety improvement project will see a substantial runway closure beginning on August 31 and running for 75 days, according to Sarah Dennechuk of Massport.

"The limits are within the city of Boston, but we are very close to you so we are visiting you again this year just prior to starting," she said.

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) mandated that Massport bring the Runway 27 safety area up to the federal safety standards. The runway's approach end was last enhanced in 1992 with the construction of an incline safety area, which at the time was mattresses filled with rocks.

"Newer technologies allow even closer adherence to FAA safety standards while minimizing environmental impacts," said Dennechuk. "The purpose of the project is to increase safety for aircrafts and their passengers in emergency situations by enhancing the end safety area consistent with FAA requirements."

The Runway 27 project is a required FAA safety project, Dennechuk said, and the runway will not be extended, nor will the operational capacity change.

Construction on the project started last year after Labor Day for a 75-day window.

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LeeAllen Meyer

year paramedic has given me a unique insight into

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OUR *Opinions*

JULY WAS THE HOTTEST
MONTH ON RECORD IN THE
UNITED STATES

For anyone who still doubts that we are in the beginning stages of an epic transformation of our climate, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) released data that should convince even the most skeptical: July was the hottest month ever recorded in the United States since record-keeping began more than 130 years ago in 1895.

July’s average temperature of 76.9F didn’t just set a new record -- it shattered the typical monthly average for July, clocking in at an astounding 3.3 degrees above the 20th-century norm.

The most disturbing aspect of the record-setting heat was evident in the failure of the high daytime temperatures to reset at night (as anyone without air conditioning can attest). According to NOAA, nighttime lows, which are crucial for people and agriculture to recover from hot days, smashed the old record for hottest minimums by 0.7 degrees.

Hotter nights are a well-documented sign of human-caused climate change -- and . overnight low temperatures across the globe and the U.S. have been climbing significantly faster than daytime highs.

The record-setting heat has not been confined to the U.S. In Europe, the combined June-July period was the hottest on record. Cycles of heatwave-after-heatwave pushed average temperatures for the two-months to 70.8F, far exceeding the average. Sea surface temperatures hit record highs for July along the Atlantic and western Mediterranean and the hot conditions significantly reduced river levels, exposing scores of Nazi-era ships in the middle of the Danube River.

In South Korea, a new record of 108.5F was recorded, marking the highest temperature officially registered in South Korea since modern weather records began. The capital city of Seoul logged its highest-ever July temperature.

In Japan, severe heatwaves with consecutive days surpassing 104F led to mass hospitalizations for heatstroke.

The record-setting heat that the world is expienicing this summer makes one thing every clear: Climate change is not something that is coming decades down the road -- it already is here.

PARENTS: MAKE SURE YOUR
CHILDREN GET THEIR
VACCINATIONS

It would be easy to dismiss the executive order that came out of Washington this week that recommends changes to the childhood vaccination schedule as just more of the same-old, same-old nonsense.

However, with measles cases across the United States reaching levels not seen in decades (and still going higher), it is clear that there is a small percentage of Americans who are susceptible to being misled by politicians who have absolutely zero (in fact, even less than zero) medical knowledge.

This messaging by the politicians is dangerous for everyone -- adults and children -- who might be inclined to follow their advice.

So to any of our readers who even remotely are on the fence about vaccinations (whether for themselves or their children), we have a simple message: Tune out the politicians, go to your doctor, and get your shots.

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GUEST OP-ED

Residential PACE: an important tool
in the housing affordability toolbox

By State Senator Lydia Edwards

For many Massachusetts families, homeownership is becoming increasingly difficult to maintain — not just because of rising housing costs, but because the cost of maintaining a home has become unaffordable. Whether it's replacing a failing heating system, repairing a crumbling concrete foundation, installing flood mitigation measures, or investing in energy-efficient upgrades that lower monthly utility bills, too many homeowners face an impossible choice: take on expensive debt, delay necessary repairs, or watch their home's condition worsen.

This summer, the Massachusetts Senate took an important step toward addressing that challenge by passing a local-option Residential Property Assessed Clean Energy (Residential PACE) program as part of an economic development bond bill.

I originally filed Residential PACE as a piece of legislation in February of 2025 — an idea that comes from years of dedicated work on housing reform and affordability initiatives. This year, the language was then added as an amendment to the Senate’s economic development bond bill — where it collected 22 co-sponsors from my colleagues and garnered bipartisan support. It was officially passed on July 24th — an exciting win — and now sits in a conference committee to reconcile differences between House and Senate versions before

heading to the Governor’s desk for signature.

Residential PACE is not a grant or a new tax. It is another financing option for homeowners who may have exhausted traditional lending opportunities or been denied the ability to refinance their homes. Rather than paying the full cost of qualifying improvements upfront, eligible homeowners can finance projects through a betterment assessment that is repaid over time as part of their property tax bill. Because the assessment is attached to the property instead of the individual homeowner, it can transfer if the home is sold, making long-term investments more manageable and accessible.

For many families, this flexibility can make all the difference.

Across the Commonwealth, homeowners are struggling with repairs they simply cannot afford. In some communities, deteriorating concrete foundations threaten the safety and value of entire neighborhoods. Elsewhere, homeowners know that installing flood protection, improving energy efficiency, conserving water, or adding renewable energy systems would save money over time, but the upfront costs remain out of reach. Delaying these investments often leads to even higher repair costs down the road while increasing household energy expenses and leaving homes more vulnerable to extreme weather.

Residential PACE helps bridge that gap.

Importantly, the State Senate's approach recognizes that every community has different needs. Rather than imposing a statewide mandate, the legislation allows municipalities to decide for themselves whether to participate. This local-option model gives cities and towns the flexibility to determine whether Residential PACE makes sense for their residents while allowing them to choose appropriate program administrators. State oversight through MassDevelopment or another designated agency would help ensure consistent rules, transparency, and responsible implementation across participating communities.

Just as important, the Senate included robust consumer protections modeled after CFPB-regulated PACE programs. The legislation requires ability-to-repay standards, clear disclosures, cancellation rights, contractor oversight, mortgage-holder notification, seller disclosure requirements, and annual reporting. These safeguards ensure that homeowners fully understand their obligations and are protected throughout the financing process.

Housing affordability is about more than building new homes. It is also about preserving the homes we already have and giving current homeowners the tools they need to maintain them. Keeping families in safe, energy-efficient homes strengthens neighborhoods, protects property values, reduces utility costs, and

helps communities become more resilient in the face of climate change.

Residential PACE will not solve every housing challenge facing Massachusetts. But it is an important tool in the toolbox—a practical solution that removes financial barriers to essential home improvements while respecting local decision-making and protecting consumers.

The conference committee now has an opportunity to include this common-sense policy in the final Economic Development Bill. Massachusetts homeowners deserve access to financing options that allow them to preserve their greatest investment, lower the cost of homeownership, and prepare their homes for the future.

Our communities cannot afford to wait.

Here’s how you can help: Email the conference committee members, or your local state senators and representatives (find them here), and urge the committee to include Residential PACE in the final iteration of the economic development bill.

Conference committee
members:

Senator Barry Finegold
Senator Michael Rodrigues
Senator Peter Durant
Representative Aaron Michlewitz
Representative Carole Fiola
Representative Michael Soter

LETTER to the Editor

Today, we find ourselves at an important moment. Our historic Lodge building, a place that has hosted countless community events and charitable efforts, is in urgent need of major capital improvements. Time has taken its toll, and significant repairs are required to restore the building to the beautiful and functional home our members — and our community — deserve.

To meet this challenge, we are holding a major fundraising event on Saturday, September 19, 2026, open to all members and to the public. This will be one of the largest fundraising efforts in our Lodge’s history, and we are reaching out to

the many partners who have worked with us, relied on us, and supported us over the years.

Details

- Date: Saturday, September 19, 2026
- Tickets: \$100 per person
- Guest AddOn: Ticket holders may bring one guest for \$25 (food only)
- Grand Prize: \$7,500
- Second Prize: \$2,000
- Third Prize: \$500
- Additional prizes, raffles, and a 50/50 drawing will be held throughout the day.
- Winners need not be present to win.

This fundraiser is essential to ensuring that our Lodge can continue its charitable mission for many years to come. We hope that the businesses, organizations, and community groups we have proudly

supported — and will continue to support — will take this opportunity to assist us in restoring our building and strengthening the foundation of our future service.

Your participation, sponsorship, or donation will directly contribute to preserving a community landmark and sustaining the charitable work that benefits so many throughout Winthrop and beyond.

On behalf of the officers and members of Winthrop Lodge of Elks #1078, thank you for your continued friendship, partnership, and support. We look forward to welcoming you on September 19 and working together to ensure our Lodge remains a vibrant center of community service for generations to come.

**Fraternally,
Officers And Members Of
Winthrop Lodge #1078
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Council honors Bernard Costigan, Dave Hubbard

By Adam Swift

The town council held a moment of silence at the beginning of its regular meeting last week to honor two residents who made a tremendous impact on Winthrop.

Bernard Costigan was a lifelong Winthrop resident and a proud member of the Winthrop Auxiliary Police for many years and a dedicated parishioner at St. John Church in Winthrop, said Council President Jim Letterie. Costigan died on July 29.

“He coached little league, softball and was a dedicated parishioner at St. John Church,” Letterie said. “Bernie was all about family, faith, and community and our thoughts go out to his family.”

Former Town Moderator David Hubbard died on July 28 at the age of 93.

“He gave many decades of service through numerous leadership roles in the town including town moderator for 25 years, 1981 to 2006,” said Letterie. “One of his proudest honors was being named town historian in 2015.”

Letterie said Hubbard had a long list of accomplishments in town, including serving as the chairman and secretary of the Winthrop Advisory Committee, president and secretary of the Winthrop Improvement

and Historical Association, and town meeting member for 42 years.

“His involvement spanned various organizations, including the Winthrop Industrial Commission, Town Government Study Committee, co-author of the town meeting members handbook,” said Letterie. “Dave also served as president of the Highland School PTA, treasurer of the Dalrymple School PTA, and treasurer of the board of directors of the Cottage Park Yacht Club.”

Hubbard was also instrumental in organizing the Oceanside Big Band and Jazz festivals and was involved in local scouting. He was a 32nd degree Mason and was an active political voice as the chairperson of the Winthrop Republican Town Committee and a delegate to Massachusetts Republican Convention.

“In retirement, he devoted himself to documenting and sharing his deep love of local history,” said Letterie. “He authored several books on the history of Winthrop and published over 900 articles in the Winthrop Transcript under the column Winthrop: Then and Now. Dave shared this passion with the community, sharing talks on the history of the town of Winthrop to students in the Winthrop Public School system and the public alike.”



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 August 13, 2016

A 90-day trial is underway that expands the Winthrop ferry service to Squantum Pt. in Quincy. In just three days, the ferry revenues have grown from \$500 a day to triple that amount with the expansion of the link to Quincy, which enables Quincy residents to take the ferry from Squantum Point Park (which is next to Marina Bay) to Rowes Wharf, Spectacle Island, and Winthrop.

The East Boston Neighborhood Health Center (EBNHC) will hold a ribbon-cutting ceremony on August 16 to celebrate its new facility, Winthrop Neighborhood Health, in the newly-renovated building at 17 Main Street.

Ghostbusters and Ice Age: Collision Course are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

20 years ago August 17, 2006

Residents are complaining about the new minimum quarterly water charge of \$75.00 that appeared on their recent water bills. Town Accountant Michael Bertino said the town adopted the new quarterly charge last month. However, some residents said the new charge was adopted with no notice to ratepayers.

New WHS Principal Gail Conlon has been leading a group of student and teacher volunteers in preparing the high school for the new school year by performing maintenance work around the building, including painting and groundskeeping work.

Parking Clerk Michelle Karas has ordered new parking tickets that will begin appearing on parking scofflaws' windshields.

The new tickets are bright orange and also will reflect the updated parking fines effective August 1.

The annual Five Sisters Swim Race was held Saturday at Winthrop Beach with 30 swimmers competing over the 1.2 mile course. Jamie Crowley won the men's division in a time of 27:37 and Emily Pace was the women's winner in 30:21. The swimmers then enjoyed a barbecue at the home of Jamie and Tara Crowley.

Miami Vice, Snakes on a Plane, and World Trade Center are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

30 years ago August 22, 1996

The selectmen have undertaken an effort to computerize all town departments.

The town accepted a new street sweeper from Massport this week.

The selectmen made two promotions in the Fire Dept. this week. Lieut. Charles Flanagan was promoted to captain and firefighter Thomas Moses was promoted to lieutenant.

More than 1100 local residents enjoyed Vidbel's Old Tyme Circus at Ingleside Park. The event was sponsored by the Parks and Rec. Dept.

Although recent figures in Banker and Tradesman appear to indicate that real estate prices in Winthrop are the same today as they were in 1989, local realtors say that single-family homes prices have increased dramatically in the past two years, as evidenced by the listing of a home on Bartlett Rd. for \$450,000. They said that condo sales in the town account for the low median price of real estate. How-

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William R. Henderson American Airlines Retiree

William R. Henderson, a lifelong resident of Winthrop, passed away on July 29, 2026 at the age of 80. William, Hendy, Cat was married to Roberta (Armstrong) Henderson for 53 years. Billy was the father of Brad Henderson and grandfather of Rachael Henderson. And, of course, our Miss Sasha.

He was preceded in death by his father Robert and mother Gladys Henderson; brothers and sisters: Robert Henderson, Dorothy Worden, Joan Hall, Ronald Henderson, Patricia Fleury and John Joseph Henderson. He is survived by his sister, Carol White of New Hampshire and many nieces and nephews.

Billy retired from American Airlines and spent as much of time as possible on the ocean fishing. The Winthrop Yacht Club was his home away from home and he was a lifelong member. The fish are thankful that



they don't have to worry about him anymore.

In honor of his memory, remember laughable moments at Delby's Corner, the Amvets, the seawall at the circle and Winthrop Yacht Club. Raise a glass to the best fisherman ever (according to him).

Services will be private. To sign the online guestbook, go to www.caggiano-funeralhome.com.

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

Massport // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

“This year, we start on August 31,” Dennechuk said. “Labor Day is very late, so we would finish around mid-November.”

One different piece about the project this season is that there will be the installation of a jet blast deflector which will allow for limited use of the runway by group 3 aircraft such as 737 or other smaller planes.

“They will not be taking off over Winthrop, they will be taking off in the other direction, so it is very limited based on wind direction and visibility,” Dennechuk said. “It's temporary and will be removed. It's nothing to do with landing on 27, it's just if we need to be able to depart 27 during certain configurations.

The noisy work will take place from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Fridays, with an 8 a.m. start on Saturdays and a 9 a.m. start on Sundays.

“They might be doing some work on the over-nights, nothing noisy, just to keep the schedule,” Dennechuk said.

She added that there is a phone call with the construction team every morning so that if there are issues, they can be addressed immediately.

Steve Sulprizio of Massport said the soundproofing program for homes relaunched in the early 2020s when the FAA gave it permission to treat homes that were treated prior to 1993. The FAA also opened up eligibility for a number of homes that were not eligible decades ago.

“One new part of the program is these HVAC upgrades which previous phases of the program were not eligible for HVAC upgrades, this is a huge bonus for homeowners that participate in the program now,” Sulprizio said.

Jones Payne is the main consultant for the soundproofing project and organize much of the day-to-day outreach with homeowners, he said.

“We launched our initial pilot program back in 2024 and we completed construction in that May of 2025 of five homes in Winthrop and we actually did three additional homes in the spring, so currently, we have treated eight homes in Winthrop.”

The next round of about 26 homes to be treated will begin at the end of 2026 into

the beginning of 2027, he stated.

“Those homes are actually the most severely noise impacted, all 26 are in what we call the 70 DNL Noise Contour, which is the highest noise exposure that we have on our map, so those will definitely need the treatment,” Sulprizio said. “That's how we are prioritizing homes to do first in the program, it's most severely noise impacted first.”

After that phase of the program, he said Massport and the consultant will be designing a 60 home package.

“We are reaching out to homeowners now, scheduling some acoustical testing ... and then we'll start designing properties once we've selected them,” Sulprizio said. “Those homes would be treated most likely later in 2027.”

Sulprizio said there are more than 400 potentially treatable homes in Winthrop.

Anyone with questions about the project can contact the Massport sound abatement program at (617) 561-3333.

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Frank Clifford

Beloved Husband, Devoted Father, A good man

Frank Clifford passed away surrounded by the love of his family on August 9, 2026. He was predeceased by his parents, Warren and Virginia Clifford as well as his sister, Karen and brother, Warren Jr.

Born on March 6, 1951, Frank joined the Marine Corps at the age of 17 and served honorably in Vietnam before returning to his birthplace of Winthrop in 1970. Subsequently, he soon established himself as a dedicated employee and continued working for over 45 years for the Town of Winthrop. Additionally, he was an intrinsic contributor to the success of Wyatt Enterprises.

To those who knew Frank Clifford, however, his life could never be measured simply by the number of years he worked or the positions he held. Frank was as tough as they come. He was hardworking, loyal, dependable, and genuine—the kind of man whose word meant something and whose presence could be counted on.

At the center of Frank's life was his wife, best friend, and sweetheart of 55 years, Donna Wyatt Clifford. They eventually opened their hearts and home to three boys; Stephen, Christopher and Gabe. Frank provided the love, guidance, support, and steady presence of a father. He considered his family as one of the greatest and most meaningful parts of his life. In addition to his beloved



wife and sons; Frank is survived by numerous nieces, nephews, extended family members, friends, coworkers and countless people throughout Winthrop whose lives were made better simply by knowing him.

Frank will be remembered for his strength, loyalty, quiet kindness, and above all, his devotion to the people he loved. Frank will be dearly missed and fondly remembered by all who met him.

Family and friends are cordially invited to attend the visitation from the Caggiano-O'Maley-Frazier Funeral Home, Winthrop today, Thursday, August 13, 2026 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. followed by a service in the funeral home at 12 noon. Interment will be private. Following the funeral service, please join us for a Celebration of Life at Winthrop Elks Lodge, 191 Washington Ave., Winthrop from 1 to 5 p.m.

Memorial donations may be made to the Michael J. Fox Foundation at www.michaeljfox.org.

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

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Charlie Fox

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Millie Fox

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3rd Anniversary

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we remember them.*

*In the changing of the seasons,
we remember them.*

*In the beginning of the year, and when it ends,
we remember them.*

*When we have joys, and yearn to share,
we remember them.*

*When we are weary and in need of strength,
we remember them.*

*So long as we live, they too shall live,
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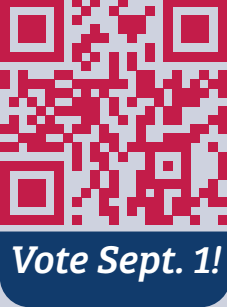
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Town council approves taxi fare hike

By Adam Swift

The town council approved a \$2 increase for in-town rides for Winthrop Taxi, the only taxi company within the town’s borders.

Winthrop Taxi owner Shawn Cluen said the increase from \$8 to \$10 for in-town rides is necessary for the company to keep its head above water as the taxi business faces rising fuel, insurance, maintenance, and

other costs and competition from rideshare services like Uber and Lyft.

While the council did approve the fare hike, several councilors – including Council President Jim Letterie and Precinct 3 Councilor Joseph Romano – said the council should look at changing its ordinance so it no longer has control over setting taxi rates.

While Letterie said the council’s role in the rate set-

ting was once necessary to help protect consumers, it now seems outdated in the current market where there isn’t town regulation for rideshare rates.

While Romano said he supported the council getting out of the taxi rate game, he did make an amendment seeking to keep the rate increase to \$1, from \$8 to \$9 for in-town rides. He said the smaller increase would make it easier for regular

customers to adjust if there was an additional rate hike if the town potentially does away with setting the rates. Romano added that the \$9 rate would also make it more likely that drivers are tipped by their passengers.

Resident John Morgan also spoke against the rate increase, noting that while the taxi service provides invaluable service for many senior citizens, many are on a fixed budget.

Councilor-at-Large Max

Tassinari said he supported the \$10 rate because if Winthrop Taxi could not afford to stay in business, it would severely affect many of those senior citizens and other regular passengers.

“We had an increase about two years ago of a dollar, and that was disappointing to the employees and the staff at the taxi office and to the drivers,” said Cluen. “We are down three drivers now, and we are trying to bring them back.”

In addition to losing rides to the rideshare companies, Cluen said insurance rates are due to go up by the largest percentage he has seen in 25 years this fall.

Cluen said his business has also been hampered by the loss of taxi stands in the town.

Romano, Letterie, and Precinct 1 Councilor Pat Costigan voted against raising the in-town fare by \$2.

CPYC to host showing of award-winning Peddocks Island documentary

Special to the Transcript

Cottage Park Yacht Club is hosting a showing of an award-winning documentary about the last full-time resident of Peddocks Island in Boston Harbor and his fight to save their family home. The event includes an opportunity to meet the film maker, Joe Berkeley.

“The Last Islander” was selected for inclusion in the New Bedford Film Festival and won Best Subject. The film also won Best Short

Documentary at the Big Apple Film Festival in NYC. It was recently selected for the Newburyport Documentary Film Festival.

Berkeley was inspired to make the film through his work on “Humans of Nantasket Beach.” It highlights the story of Mike McDevitt, who grew up on the island. Following the death of his sister, Chrissy, is threatening to tear down their family home. The state took the island by eminent domain decades ago, but allowed

residents to remain.

McDevitt lives in a house made of found materials with no running water and limited electricity. He operates a tugboat, “Acushnet” and owns several fishing boats.

The event, which includes a showing of the film and appetizers, is open to the public at Cottage Park Yacht Club, 76 Orlando, on Monday, August 17. Doors open at 6. The movie starts at 6:30. Tickets available at: <https://bit.ly/LastIslander>.



Peddocks Island Documentary poster showcasing its various awards in recent film festivals.

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ever, even those have increased substantially. Condos at Governor's Park that sold for \$18,000 in 1989 now are listed for \$35,000.

Tin Cup, Emma, and Jack are playing at the Revere

Showcase Cinemas.

**40 years ago
August 27, 1986**

State Police are investigating the death of a 22

year-old Chelsea man who died while being held overnight in a jail cell at the Winthrop Police Dept. after he had been arrested by State Police.

The School Committee honored local resident Joseph B. Carroll with a special presentation to mark his 25 years of service to Winthrop Little League.

Selectmen Robert Noonan met with City of Boston officials to discuss ways to alleviate the congested traffic conditions at Orient Heights for local commuters that have been caused by the reduction of traffic to one lane each way over the MBTA bridge.

The Fly, Ruthless People, and Armed and Dangerous are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

**50 years ago
August 27, 1976**

The revised cherry sheets issued by the state reveal that Winthrop will receive an additional \$93,000 in local aid.

Reports of sharks in area waters have resulted in the closing of beaches along the outer harbor this week.

A car owner whose vehicle was parked illegally at Governor's Park has been charged with assault & battery and leaving the scene of an accident after causing property damage after he allegedly assaulted the garage attendants who had ordered his car to be towed.

Midway is playing at area theaters.

**60 years ago
August 25, 1966**

One of the biggest road reconstruction projects in town history is taking place in the vicinity of the new high school this summer.

Police are probing the theft of \$1000 in cash and postage stamps from Delby's Restaurant.

Animal Control Officer Jack Van Buskirk reports that vandals caused more than \$100 in damage to the dog pound at Ft. Banks this week.

The local Elks, under the direction of Elk member John Domenico, treated hundreds of local youngsters to a Red Sox game this week.

Batman, starring Adam West and Burt Ward, is playing at the Winthrop Theatre.

**70 years ago
August 23, 1956**

The Winthrop Golf Club presented a generous check to the Winthrop Community Hospital from the proceeds of a two-day charity golf tournament.

A fleet of about 40 boats, comprised of Hustlers and Turnabouts, took part in the largest regatta of the season, sponsored by the local yacht clubs, this week.

Yul Brynner and Deborah Kerr star in The King and I at the Winthrop Theatre.

**80 years ago
August 22, 1946**

More than 500 youngsters took part in field events and other contests to close out the 1946 summer playground season.

Edward E. Adams Jr., a young man who lives at 182 Cottage Park Rd., is the happiest person in town after the Elks presented him with a motorette vehicle, which is similar to a motorcycle, to enable him to get around town. Adams has had a spinal disability since birth and is unable to walk.

Fifteen candidates have filed papers for the posts of selectman and tax collector for a special town primary election to be held September 9.

There will be 24 housing units available for veterans and their families as of November 1. The housing units, which are former barracks at an Army base in Connecticut, are being placed at the site of the former Battery train station. More than 150 applications have been received for the 24 units.

Winthrop resident Bob Remer has been named the new editor of the Winthrop Transcript.

Mobile radio-telephone service will be available in the Boston area starting September 1.

James Cagney and Ann Sheridan star in City for Conquest at the Winthrop and State Theatres.

**90 years ago
August 22, 1936**

Although school bells are set to ring for the town's 3000 schoolchildren, school officials report that two more months are needed to complete the reconstruction of the Shirley St. school. Double-sessions at the Highlands School will be needed during that time period for older students. Younger students will be accommodated at the Jewish Community Building at the corner of Shirley and Pearl Sts.

The local Townsend Club, which advocates a guaranteed minimum income for all Americans, has enrolled its 1000th member locally.

A sudden squall from the west capsized many boats the other day, but no injuries to boaters were reported.

Shirley Temple stars in Poor Little Rich Girl at the Winthrop and State Theatres.

**100 years ago
August 28, 1926**

The annual swimming carnival of the Winthrop Highlands Assoc. will be strictly a local affair this year, limited to Winthrop residents and members of

the association.

A Winthrop woman was struck by a stray bullet fired by a Boston police officer who was chasing a stolen car.

Frank W. Tucker of Winthrop read the names of the earliest residents of Winthrop, which at that time was known as Pullen Poynte and was a part of Chelsea, at the recent rededication exercises of the Rumney Marsh Burial Ground in Revere. Among the names read aloud by Tucker were Deane Winthrop, the youngest son of Gov. John Winthrop and a resident here for more than 50 years, who died March 16, 1703 at the age of 81; Capt. Jose Winthrop, the only son of Deane Winthrop to reach maturity, who died at the age of 36 on November 15, 1702; Mercy Haugh, the daughter of Deane Winthrop and wife of Atherton Haugh, who died on November 16, 1702; Priscilla Adams, the granddaughter of Deane Winthrop, who died at the age of 33 on November 4, 1702; Jotham Grover, a grandson of Deane Winthrop, who died on August 6, 1685, at the age of 35; and Elijah Adams, a great-grandson of Deane Winthrop, who died on May 26, 1697, at the age of nine weeks.

He read the names of the three Bill brothers (James, who died at the age of 70 on January 26, 1717; Joseph, d. Feb. 17, 1717 at the age of 60; and Jonathan, d. April 17, 1729 at the age of 76) who were the sons of James Bill Sr., who came to Pullen Poynte in 1657 and who purchased all of the main part of Pullen Poynte not owned by Dean Winthrop, consisting of the land between Winthrop Highlands and Pt. Shirley. James Bill divided this land into three farms and gave one farm to

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Sports

Eruzione’s Olympic gold featured on CNN documentary, ‘Decades In Sports’

By Cary Shuman

The legend of Winthrop’s Mike Eruzione continues to grow.

The 1980 Olympic gold medal-winning captain and the team were featured in the CNN six-part original series, “Decades in Sports,” on Sunday’s telecast.

USA Today’s Christine Brennan, one of the country’s top sports columnists, called Eruzione’s achievement of scoring the winning goal to beat the four-time reigning world champion Soviet Union and the victory over Finland (for the gold medal), “the biggest upset in the history of sports.”

Eruzione’s team was part of CNN’s review of the 1980s, a decade that encompassed the Larry Bird-Magic Johnson-led Celtics-Lakers rivalry, the rise of hockey great Wayne Gretzky, the championship tennis matches between superstars Chris Evert and Martina Navratilova, and

boxer Mike Tyson becoming the youngest (at age 20) heavyweight champion of the world.

During World Cup soccer coverage in June, ESPN proclaimed Eruzione’s gold-medal victory, “the most patriotic moment in sports history.”

Eruzione also appeared in a TV commercial seen by millions promoting Fox Sports’ coverage of the World Cup.

We’re sure that Mike’s grandchildren are beginning to understand how famous the family name is internationally in the annals of sports history and the still far-reaching impact of

Mike’s winning goal during the Winter Olympics in Lake Placid, N.Y.

“Do you believe in miracles?” Yes!

And oh, by the way, that exclamation by play-by-play announcer Al Michaels has been tabbed “the most famous line in sports history.”

Basketball // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Tsiotos noted that Hubley was a standout in the international tournament, averaging 17 points and four three-pointers per game.

Also playing for Winthrop were Steve Bulpett, the former Boston Herald sportswriter, former MIT basketball player Peter Maimoni, Mike Aronson, and Dr. Neil Harding, who played high school basketball at Rindge Tech (Cambridge).

“Interestingly Neil Harding played against Winthrop 50 years ago when we lost to Rindge Tech in a very controversial game in the Tech Tournament at the Garden,”

recalled Tsiotos. “It was fate that he was now playing with the Winthrop team. I never expected that years later I’d be a teammate of a guy whom we lost to by one-point in the semifinals. Neil is an emergency room doctor now.”

Games played in Olympic arenas

Winthrop’s games were played in the same basketball venues that hosted the 2004 Summer Olympic Games. More than 1,000 players participated in the tournament. Before each game, the teams exchanged gifts emblematic of their

country.

The tournament kicked off with a parade to the Acropolis. The Winthrop group also visited the Parthenon, an ancient Greek temple.

The teams played 40-minute, 5-on-5 games, meaning the players had to be in excellent physical shape.

“There was a little adjustment, for us” said Tsiotos, noting that most tournaments are 3-on-3, halfcourt. “In 5-on-5, full court, you have to run a lot. It’s a little more challenging, and no teams show up that aren’t in shape.”



Shown from left to right, Adam Hubley, Peter Maimoni, Lou Hinckley, Mike Aronson, Chris Tsiotos, Neil Harding, John Earl, Steve Mahoney and Stephen Bulpett.

Reflecting on the tournament experience which especially resonated with Tsiotos, who is of Greek heritage, the Vikings’ all-time basketball hoopster and attorney-at-law said, “It was a great time. We were in Greece for nine days and visited all the sites. When we were playing in the Winthrop summer league, we never expected to be playing in the European Championships.”

The experience was so memorable, that Tsiotos and Company are considering a trip to Brazil for the 2027 world championships.

“We’d like to have my brother [former Suffolk University basketball player Nick Tsiotos] with us next year,” said Chris.



The Winthrop contingent pictured on the court with the Greek National Team during the European Championship.

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Massport to begin Phase 2 of runway safety work at Boston Logan

Special to the Journal

The Massachusetts Port Authority (Massport) will begin the second phase of critical runway safety improvements at Boston Logan later this month, with work expected to be completed before Thanksgiving. This phase continues the installation of the Engineered Material Arresting System (EMAS) at the end of Runway 27, building on work completed last fall.

The project is an important investment in maintaining and enhancing the safety of Boston Logan's airfield. To accommodate construction, Runway 9-27 will be closed, with only very limited availability, for 75 days starting August 31.

The runway closure is necessary to complete the project. During this period, Boston Logan will have reduced runway capacity. As a result, several surrounding communities will see an uptick in flight activity due to increased use of other runways. Travelers also may experience delays, particularly during periods of inclement weather, air traffic constraints, or other operational disruptions. Massport has coordinated the construction schedule closely with its airline partners and the FAA.

Residents of nearby communities may hear construction activity, including pile driving, during portions of the project. All construction work will take place during approved daytime hours. As part of the project, a deck supporting the EMAS will be constructed partially over the water. This work does not extend the length of the runway.

EMAS is a critical safety feature at Boston Logan and other airports where space beyond the runway is limited due to nearby water or changes in terrain. The system is made of lightweight, crushable materials designed to safely stop an aircraft that overruns the runway. Given Boston Logan's unique geography, EMAS plays an especially important role in maintaining airfield safety. This technology is used at airports around the world and has successfully prevented numerous serious incidents. Boston Logan currently has two other EMAS installations in service, one at the end of Runway 22R and another at the end of Runway 33L. Worcester Regional Airport also has an EMAS at each end of Runway 11-29.

Going Above and Beyond. The Massachusetts Port Authority (Massport) owns and operates Boston Logan International Airport, public terminals in the Port of Boston, Hanscom Field, and Worcester Regional Airport. For more information, please visit massport.com.

Rosenberg Family President Katie Galbraith, MBA, FACHE, named to Becker's Hospital Review's 'Women Hospital and Health System Presidents and CEOs to Know'

Special to the Journal

Katie Galbraith, MBA, FACHE, Rosenberg Family President, New England Baptist Hospital, has been named to Becker's Hospital Review's 2026 list of "Women Hospital and Health System Presidents and CEOs to Know."

According to Becker's, the hospital and health system presidents and CEOs recognized on this list are driving growth, expanding access to care, and cultivating workplace cultures where providers and patients both thrive.

"I am honored to be recognized by Becker's Hospital Review among such an inspiring group of women leaders in health care," said Galbraith. "This recognition reflects the extraordinary dedication of the physicians, nurses, caregivers and staff at New England Baptist Hospital, whose expertise and commitment make our hospital a leader in orthopedic care. It is a privilege to serve alongside such talented colleagues as we deliver exceptional outcomes that improve the lives of our patients."



Katie Galbraith

The Becker's Hospital Review editorial team accepted nominations for the 2026 list and curated it to highlight the great work of women presidents and CEOs from hospitals across the nation. More than 200 hospital and health system presidents and CEOs were named to this year's list presented by the national health care publication.

To view the full list, visit Becker's website.

New England Baptist Hospital (NEBH) is the premier regional provider for orthopedic surgery and the treatment of musculoskeletal diseases and disorders. NEBH has been nationally recognized for high patient satisfaction and leadership in quality and clinical outcomes. NEBH is a teaching affiliate of Tufts University School of Medicine and conducts teaching programs in collaboration with Harvard Medical School. NEBH has been the official hospital of the Boston Celtics for over 30 years. For more information about New England Baptist Hospital, please visit <https://www.nebh.org/>.

New England Baptist Hospital is part of Beth Israel Lahey Health, a health care system that brings together academic medical centers and teaching hospitals, community and specialty hospitals, more than 4,800 physicians and 38,000 employees in a shared mission to expand access to great care and advance the science and practice of medicine through groundbreaking research and education. For more information about Beth Israel Lahey Health, please visit www.bilh.org.

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each of his three sons.

He also read the names of Jeremiah Belcher (d. Feb. 4, 1722) the first of the local Belcher family, who lived as a tenant of Judge Sewall on Hog Island; Joseph Belcher (d. Nov. 15, 1739), the first of the Belcher family to live at Pullen Poynte, who was the husband of Hannah Bill, daughter of Jonathan Bill, and who owned one-half of the Winthrop farm in 1720; and Sarah Floyd, (d. June 16, 1717, at the age of 75),

wife of Capt. John Floyd, the first of the Floyds buried at Rumney Marsh.

He also included John Tewksbury (d. April 2, 1829 at the age of 81); Ann (Bill) Tewksbury, wife of John and great-granddaughter of Jonathan Bill (d. April 2, 1829); James Tewksbury (d. Nov. 5, 1800 at the age of 55), brother of John; and John Sargent Tewksbury, son of James, (d. Sept. 12, 1837) who gave the town the land that is the present

site of the Winthrop Town Hall for school purposes. His old home recently was moved to Bellevue Ave.

**110 years ago
August 26, 1916**

Winthrop residents will get a chance to see themselves in the new movie, Flo's Millions, that is playing at the Tremont Temple next week. Many Winthrop residents played the roles of extras in the movie, which

was filmed here, and some well-known local ladies played important roles. One of the scenes features a car going over the cliff at the water tower.

Winthrop firefighters are doing their part to keep Winthrop spotless this summer, emptying trash barrels promptly, especially at the Winthrop Beach area.

The Winthrop lifesavers at local beaches are planning an elaborate program for the annual water carnival to be held at the head of the beach at Beacon St.

The concert organized by a group of local women at the Winthrop Arms raised a nice sum for the Children's Floating Hospital in Boston.

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nine-tenths of one mile.

Town Meeting will take up the request of the selectmen for an appropriation of \$500 to make a test of our drinking water.

**140 years ago
August 27, 1886**

It is expected that electricity, in the form of large batteries, one day will be able to be placed in farm fields and be used to increase the yield of crops.

Our community once more is agitated, this time by the recent crime spree and also by the suicide of a well-known local merchant.

There is general rejoicing by our townspeople over the decision of the Boston, Revere Beach, and Lynn Railroad Co. to bring its railroad line speedily to the Centre of Winthrop.

Crowds of well-dressed and well-behaved spectators crowded the docks at the Cottage Park Hotel to witness the fireworks and illumination of boats and waterfront cottages Monday night.

CORRECTION: An item in this column two weeks ago referred to the funeral services for well-known local resident Frederick Gillis in 1966. However, the item incorrectly identified Mr. Gillis as an assistant clerk-magistrate of the Chelsea District Court. His son, whose name also was Frederick Gillis, was the assistant clerk-magistrate of that court.

**120 years ago
August 25, 1906**

Winthrop's hotels are filled to the limit. Many commercial men who came to town looking for a room were unable to find one anywhere.

The firm of Whitman and Howard has completed its plans for the development of Pt. Shirley which figures to be one of the largest developments in Greater Boston. New streets will be constructed, 1,000,000 cubic feet of earth will be moved, and the Point will be graded.

Sunday proved to be the biggest bathing day of the season with the thermometer reaching 90 degrees at the Crest and hundreds of persons taking to the water.

The Winthrop Improvement Assoc. is in the midst of raising funds to purchase the Deane Winthrop House. It has an option until October 1 to buy the property for \$3000.

**130 years ago
August 22, 1896**

It is said by the experts that the links at Court Park are the finest golf grounds of their size in the state. The length of the nine hole course is a trifle more than

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Salads score despite recalls

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

This is a great time of year to add salads to your menu. However, with the recent recalls of lettuce, some of you might be dodging this option. Let us remind you that there are salads from all over the world that never come close to lettuce or other greens.

So step away from those wiltable side salads and skip the salad green mixed bag. Now is your opportunity to explore salads that can be made in large batches, enjoyed for more than one meal, plus do a better job of supplying a wide range of nutrients.

Seasonal Produce in the Spotlight

With local tomatoes at their best right now, you

can start by making a vinaigrette and pouring it over a mixture of tomatoes with a few of your favorite tomato companions. For a traditional Greek salad, add cucumber and feta cheese. For a Middle Eastern version, make a chunky chop of tomato, cucumber, kalamata olives, and feta crumbles.

Another great base for a leafless salad is beets. These earthy roots can stand up to strong flavors like onion and goat cheese. For a snack or a quick supper, we often arrange a selection of sliced vegetables on a plate and dip them in hummus, cottage cheese, or any spread or dressing in the refrigerator.

For a heartier meal, head to the south of France for Salade Niçoise with tomatoes, hard-boiled eggs, Niçoise olives, tuna, and

potatoes arranged on a plate and drizzled with dressing.

Start with Beans and Legumes

Beans and legumes are a perfect springboard for a salad that will improve over time. Our bean salad enthusiasm began with Cowboy Caviar. Jeanine Donofrio of Love and Lemons explains.

“Cowboy caviar is a fresh black-eyed pea dip typically made with black beans, corn, tomatoes, peppers, and a tangy vinaigrette dressing. Also called Texas caviar, it was developed by dietician Helen Corbitt in the 1940s, reflecting West African and Mexican influences.”

She may call it a dip, but we make a giant bowl of it and use it to spark up simple meals as a side dish, tucked into a sandwich (try falafel)

or as a topping for tacos.

In his book, “Cool Beans,” food writer Joe Yonan has a diversity of intriguing salad and snack recipes that begin with beans. We plan to try his “Indian Chickpea and Fruit Salad” and “Three Bean Salad With Feta and Parsley.”

Add Grains

Today we speak of grain bowls, which to us are simply a salad with grain added or used as a base. The one we make most often is Tabouli. This is another salad that can be made ahead and will work well in other ways. Our Tabbouli always has a bean or legume added to make a complete protein.

Of course, you can add more traditional proteins to any salad. It can be as simple as serving it with a piece of grilled meat or fish or adding a can of one of the delicious canned fish that are so available these days. We love the Fishwife brand smoked rainbow trout and often have it on top of or alongside a salad when we haven’t met our protein goal for the day.

Finally, for those of you who love your lettuce and want to buy it without fear, go to local producers. Join a CSA or attend a farmers market. Buy hydroponic lettuce and greens, or grow your own outdoors in a vertical planter or hydroponic indoor garden.

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



Our bean salad enthusiasm began with Cowboy Caviar.

LOCAL STUDENTS EARN ACADEMIC HONORS

JACKSON D’AMBROSIO EARNS FACULTY HONORS AT GEORGIA TECH FOR THE SPRING 2026 SEMESTER

Jackson D’ambrosio of Winthrop, MA, earned the distinction of Faculty Honors for Spring 2026 at the Georgia Institute of Technology. This designation is awarded to undergraduate students who have earned

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NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

DEVELOPERS LOOK TO NEW PLAN FOR REVERE BEACH PARKWAY PROJECT

CHELSEA – The development team behind a proposed project at the former Russo Tux and Limo at 320 Revere Beach Parkway has withdrawn its plans for a 67-unit residential building. Geographic Reference

The proposed six-floor building project initially came before the planning and zoning boards this spring. While the development did garner support from several city councilors, there were concerns raised by board members and abutters about the size of the project.

Anthony Rossi, the project attorney, initially said the developers would take the feedback and come back to the planning and zoning boards with a revised proposal.

Last week, the planning board unanimously approved the developer’s request to withdraw the application for the project without prejudice. The move gives the developers

more time to bring a revised plan for the property back to the city.

“They are submitting revised plans, and it just makes sense for them to withdraw fully and reapply with new plans, especially since this plan has been continued over the past couple of months,” said Permitting and Land Use Planning Director Will Cecio. “It allows for re-advertising, and more public notices with more accurate information on what plans they are providing.”

In other business at last week’s meeting, the planning board recommended approvals for special permits and variances for two smaller building projects.

Both projects earned the praise of several board members who noted they were responsible projects that would add housing to the city stock.

The first recommendation for approval was for Christopher Friend at 37 and 37R Central Ave. Friend is looking to build an addition on the second and third floor of an existing residence and

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SUBCONTINENTAL DRIFT OPEN MIC NIGHT EASTIE A SUCCESS, HEADING TO REVERE AUG. 17



Subcontinental Drift Boston recently held a summer Open Mic event at Eastie Farm in East Boston. Performers shared their stories, songs and music in the unique Community garden space. Don’t miss Beachdrift on Aug. 17 from 12-6 p.m. at the Reinstein Bandstand on Revere Beach. All are welcome. Follow Subcontinental Drift Boston on Facebook for more information. Eastie Farm is online at EastieFarm.com

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As utility companies seek rate hikes and higher profits, Governor Healey calls for change and swift passage of energy affordability legislation

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Governor Maura Healey today called for swift action and passage of her energy affordability legislation to lower energy bills and rein in utility spending. In a letter to members of the conference committee negotiating the final bill, the Governor demanded the utilities stop fighting customer refunds and urged lawmakers to move quickly after their initial meeting to deliver relief for Massachusetts households and businesses by changing how utilities do business, getting charges off bills, and building more local sources of energy.

“It is absolutely outrageous that, at a time when the people of Massachusetts are struggling to pay their energy bills, utility spending, profits and shareholder payouts are skyrocketing,” said

Governor Healey. “Enough is enough. Massachusetts ratepayers shouldn’t be footing the bill for unnecessary utility spending or excessive profits. And they shouldn’t be locked into paying high energy costs driven by President Trump’s Iran war. Passing my energy affordability legislation will ensure ratepayers are getting the best deal for energy, eliminate unnecessary charges from people’s bills, rein in utility spending and profits, and lower costs. Utilities also need to drop their legal challenges to our efforts to return money to consumers and stop seeking rate hikes that people simply can’t afford.”

“Our energy affordability legislation meets the moment we are in. We need to act as Trump’s war drives up energy prices worldwide and utility infrastructure

spending raises ratepayer bills,” said Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Rebecca Tepper. “Our administration is ready to act to implement this critical legislation. We’re ready to strike charges, procure more energy, and increase oversight over utility spending.”

Since Governor Healey filed her energy affordability legislation in May 2025, Massachusetts gas and electric utilities have continued seeking higher profits, increasing shareholder payouts, opposing efforts to rein in spending, and pursuing additional rate increases.

As profits have risen, National Grid, Eversource, Berkshire Gas and Liberty Gas have all sought rate increases in the past year, some as high as 55 percent, driven in part by significant infrastructure spending that also increases utility prof-

its. Governor Healey has opposed those increases, and her administration has consistently argued before the Department of Public Utilities for stronger oversight and lower utility profit levels.

The utilities, which also earn profits from other arms of their businesses like transmission investments, have fought efforts to return exorbitant profit back to ratepayers. Earlier this year, FERC ordered the New England transmission owners to return approximately \$1.5 billion in profits collected over the past decade after advocacy by then-AG Healey and current AG Campbell. FERC also cut the allowed return on equity going forward. The transmission owners appealed this ruling, called for a slower rollout of the refund, and doubled

down on increasing transmission profits going forward. Governor Healey and AG Campbell opposed this proposal and rallied all New England Governors to oppose the proposal.

Meanwhile, shareholder payouts keep going up. Last year, Eversource and National Grid shareholders received billions in direct payouts.

Governor Healey’s energy affordability legislation gives the state new tools to lower energy bills by bringing more affordable energy online, reducing unnecessary costs for customers, and holding utilities accountable for excessive spending and profits. In her letter to the conference committee, she highlights key provisions that should remain in the bill

to reduce costs, strengthen oversight and help deliver more affordable, reliable energy across Massachusetts. This includes changing how energy is purchased to get the best deals, eliminating fees and profit adders paid to utilities, getting charges off bills, avoiding unnecessary utility spending, bringing more energy into Massachusetts faster and more affordably and allowing the DPU to initiate audits of the utilities. Governor Healey also urged the committee to include protections for ratepayers, communities and the environment from higher costs and other negative impacts driven by data centers, in keeping with her recently released framework.

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expand it from a three- to a four-family home.

The second approval was for the separation of a lot at 1 Lafayette Ave., allowing for the construction of a new two-family home, while keeping the existing two-family home on the property.

Both projects will be before the zoning board of appeals at its regular meeting on Tuesday, August 11 for a potential final vote on the needed special permits and variances.

EASTIE PRIDE DAY THIS WEEKEND

EAST BOSTON – The Eastie Pride Day Committee announced today the 37th Annual Eastie Pride Day celebration will be on Saturday, August 15th, 2026 at 2:00pm in Piers Park on Marginal Street. This celebration is family-friendly and open to all, aiming to bring the community of East Boston together to connect with restaurants, local small businesses, and non-profit organizations. There will be food and refreshments, live

entertainment, games for children, music, and a variety of contests. Additional updates and information about participating organizations can be found on the official website at www.EastiePrideDay.com/eastie-pride-day-2026.

CRIMSON TIDE YOUTH FOOTBALL DRAWS HUGE TURNOUT FOR 2026 SEASON

EVERETT – Crimson Tide Youth Football

pre-season practices have begun, and the turnout is impressive.

Nick Olson, beginning his second year as president following the organization’s move from Pop Warner to American Youth Football (AYF) in 2025, reports that more than 300 athletes (football players and cheerleaders) are enrolled in the program.

Everett Crimson Tide Youth Football and Cheer President Nick Olson, pictured with his son, football

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CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Docket No. SU26P1572EA

Estate of: Jayne M. Romano

Date of Death: 04/23/2026

To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Paula J. Percoco of Winthrop 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: Paula J. Percoco of Winthrop 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 09/11/2026. 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

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CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Docket No. SU26P0839EA

Estate of: William Mark Stafford of Belmont MA

Date of Death: 12/11/202

To all interested persons: A Petition for S/A - Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by William Mark Stafford of Belmont 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: William Mark Stafford of Belmont 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 08/28/2026 .

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Also known as: Bill Stafford

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9:30am - 10:30am
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10:00am–12:00pm
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10:30am–11:30am
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12:00pm–12:30pm
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NeighborHealth promotes safe summer riding through annual Children’s Bike Safety Day

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NeighborHealth hosted its annual Children’s Bike Safety Day at the East Boston Farmers Market earlier this week, bringing together local families for an afternoon focused on bike safety, healthy outdoor activity and community connection. With support from Boston Children’s Hospital, the event provided free bike helmets, professional helmet fittings and bike safety education to help children ride safely throughout the summer and beyond. Designed to promote safe cycling habits and active lifestyles, the event gave families the opportunity to

learn about proper helmet use and other important safety practices, all during a special celebration of National Farmers Market Week, offering special activities that highlight the important role local farmer’s play in expanding access to fresh food. Both the bike safety event and Farmer’s Market Week celebration reflect NeighborHealth’s commitment to supporting the health and well-being of children both inside and outside the clinical setting. The highlight of the event was a bike raffle that awarded six children brand-new bicycles, donated by Boston Children’s Hospital, Excel Academy and First Priority

Credit Union. Families were also invited to visit the bike safety tent, where staff from Boston Children’s Hospital provided helmet fittings and shared information about safe riding practices. “This is truly one of my favorite events of the year,” said Julio Mazul, MD, Executive Vice President and Chief Medical Officer. “There’s nothing quite like seeing a child’s face light up when they hear their name called and realize they’ve just won a new bike. We want every child to experience the fun and freedom that comes with riding a bike, and we’re proud to partner with Boston Children’s Hospital to help ensure families have the equipment and knowledge they need to ride safely all summer long.” Through its injury prevention efforts, Boston Children’s Hospital provides families with practical safety resources that help reduce the risk of preventable injuries. “Parents have a lot on their plates, so when we can bring these resources



President and CEO of NeighborHealth, Jamie Hazard, congratulates young East Boston resident and winner of NeighborHealth’s bike raffle.

directly into the community, we make it that much easier for families to access them,” said Barbara DiGirolamo, M.Ed., CPSTI, Injury Prevention Program Coordinator at Boston Children’s Hospital. “Whether it’s helping a child find the right helmet fit or answering a parent’s questions about safe riding, these conversations can have a lasting impact.”

Children’s Bike Safety Day was held as part of NeighborHealth’s East Boston Farmers Market, which brings together fresh food vendors, community organizations, health resources and family-focused programming throughout the season. The annual event highlights the power of community partnerships in creating opportunities for children and families to stay

healthy, active and connected. NeighborHealth’s East Boston Farmers Market is held Wednesdays from 3:00 to 6:30 pm, July 8th through October 28th (October hours 3:00–6:00 pm) at Central Square Park in East Boston. This vibrant market, led by Market Manager Kelsey Briggs, attracts hundreds of families weekly and hosts a diverse array of produce and prepared food vendors alongside numerous community essential services and children’s programming. The market accommodates cash, debit, credit cards, and app payments, and also accepts WIC coupons, Senior coupons, SNAP/food stamps/EBT, P-EBT, and City of Boston Farmers Market coupons, which are available to eligible Boston residents in need of food assistance at the Community Resource Center at 282 Meridian St, East Boston. For more info about NeighborHealth’s East Boston Farmers Market visit: www.neighborhealth.com.



A young Chelsea resident joyously accepts his new bike, donated by First Priority Credit Union for the NeighborHealth bike raffle.



Barbara DiGirolamo, Injury Prevention Program Coordinator at Boston Children’s Hospital, fits an East Boston tot with her first bike helmet.



The NeighborHealth team poses with First Priority Credit Union after the raffle. (From left to right) NeighborHealth staff Emily Martin, Communications Director; Sara Quintero Gil, Marketing Assistant; Susana Elman, Communications Manager; Eugenia Coronado, VP Specialty Services and Patient Experience; Julio Mazul, MD, EVP and Chief Medical Officer; Yarin Delarosa, President, First Priority Credit Union; Jamie Hazard, President and CEO, NeighborHealth; Maria Coppenrath, Chief Financial Officer, NeighborHealth.

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player Caleb Olson. “We started our year with practices at Everett Stadium last week, and this week we’re at Sacramone Park,” said Olson, a former Everett High football player who served in the United States Marine Corps. “We’re encouraged by the large influx of new players. We have double the number of cheerleaders and we have 35 additional football players. We’re going to have well over 300 participants this year (ages 6-14).” The 14U cheer team, led by coach Deanna Massa, is the defending state champion and finished in the top five at Nationals in Kissimmee, Florida, Olson noted proudly. The 8U football team was a New England finalist. The football teams will wear uniforms matching the San Francisco 49ers colors (scarlet and gold) worn by the Everett High football team. “We made sure we put the ‘E’ stickers on the helmets. We look identical to Everett High School,” said Olson.

Leo, Cafarella return as coaches Olson announced that legendary coaches Chuck Leo and Frank Cafarella have returned to the program and will lead the Everett 8U football team. One of the players is Leo’s grandson, Mance McKinney. Leo brings more than 45 years of football coaching to the program, with several league, state, and regional titles, and appearances in the nationals on his awe-inspiring resume. “We’re happy to have

these two outstanding coaches back and helping our program,” said Olson. Olson said Everett High head football coach Rob DiLoreto has been very helpful to the Crimson Tide Youth Football organization. “Rob has been very engaged with our program,” said Olson. “Any time we’ve called on Rob for his insight or guidance, he’s stepped up and opened the dialogue between Everett High and Everett youth football.” Olson is being assisted on the executive board by vice president Julie Carapellucci, treasurer Diana Groux, secretary Ashley Franklin, football director LeRoy Heard, and cheer director Sheena DeSalvo. Everett will open its regular season against Dorchester on Sunday, Aug. 30 at Everett Stadium.

REVERE COUNCIL ASKS FOR MORE OVERSIGHT OF EBIKES AND MOTORIZED SCOOTERS Over the past several years, pedestrians and motorists have seen an increase in electric bicycles, electric scooters, and mopeds creating safety issues on city streets and sidewalks. At last week’s Revere City Council meeting, Ward 5 Councillor Angela Guarino-Sawaya presented a motion asking local authorities to better police the nuisance vehicles. The motion asked that the mayor request the Revere Police Department, the

Massachusetts State Police, the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), and all other appropriate public safety agencies to immediately increase enforcement of the laws governing the operation of electric bicycles, electric scooters, mopeds, and bicycles on the sidewalks and pedestrian walkways along Revere Beach. The motion also asked that the mayor send a formal letter to the appropriate agencies requesting a coordinated enforcement initiative, including the issuance of citations and any other enforcement measures permitted by law, to address the growing number of unsafe and reckless operators who are placing pedestrians and motorists at risk. “I know that in the past, similar motions have been put in, but nothing has really been done,” said Guarino-Sawaya. “This is a public safety issue and it continues to get worse. I can stand there in front say Kell’s Creme or something, and these bikes are flying past us. “There are little kids there; they cannot be on the sidewalk,” she continued. “I do not understand why we are not enforcing; and I know it is not the Revere PD, I know it is a state and the state really has to be accountable for it. There have already been incidents, and bicyclists just don’t think that they have to follow the same rules as a vehicle would have to in the street, but they do.” Ward 2 Councillor Ira Novoselsky said he did not disagree with anything Guarino-Sawaya said, but added

that there are few rules and regulations that apply to the smaller scooters and ebikes. He did note that the state is looking at potential laws to police the vehicles, but said he didn’t know if there is anything on the books now that applies to vehicles with smaller engine sizes. “I agree with the motion; I filed one that was very similar, not too long again,” said Councillor-at-Large

Marc Silvestri. “Maybe we have the chief come up and speak to it, because it’s not just the beach, it’s all over, it’s Broadway, it’s the side streets and they are driving on the sidewalks when they are not supposed to.” Silvestri said the city needs to figure out a way to curb the issue, especially with the riders getting younger and not wearing helmets.

“We’re going to have a major incident or accident on our hands,” he said. “I don’t know how we police this, but something does need to be done.” Ward 4 Councillor Paul Argenzio said he also filed a similar motion when he was first on the council and added that he hopes the state comes forward with some clear and defined rules and regulations.

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