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HEALEY ANNOUNCES PUBLIC LISTENING SESSIONS TO LOWER HEALTH CARE COSTS FOR FAMILIES AND SMALL BUSINESSES

The Healey-Driscoll Administration has announced a series of six public listening sessions as it moves forward with recommendations to lower health care costs for Massachusetts families and small businesses. Hosted by the Division of Insurance (DOI), the virtual sessions will gather input from patients, providers, insurers, employers and other stakeholders to help shape new state regulations aimed at lowering costs and stabilizing insurance premiums.

The sessions are a next step in implementing recommendations released this month by Governor

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CASA YOUTH SUPPORTING OUR VETERANS

The kids from Casa along with Youthworks Director Jenn Reth stopped by the Veterans office and dropped off personal hygiene supplies to VSO Phil Ronan for needy veterans. In addition they stopped by the Health Department to visit Director Meredith Hurley and donate hygiene supplies for needy families.

Winthrop schools to consider expanding space for FKO program

By Adam Swift

The Winthrop School Committee is going to take a closer look at seeing if there is additional space in the public schools to house the For Kids Only (FKO) afterschool program.

While the FKO program is not a public schools program, the Winthrop schools have worked closely with FKO over the past decades in their mission to provide afterschool care for Winthrop students.

At last week's school committee meeting, FKO Executive Director Briana Flannery talked about the relationship with the Winthrop schools and the growing needs of FKO.

"I just wanted to say thank you for our partnership over the years and always sharing space with us through agreements over the years," said Flannery. "We currently are at the Gorman-Fort Banks School; we also have our facility ... at 233 (Winthrop St.). We've been operating at the Gorman-Fort Banks with an enrollment of between 55 and 60 children a day."

But Flannery said the need in the community for afterschool care is much greater than before.

"Families, I think, are going back to work and more families are in need of care here, and looking ahead, we have more families in need of programming," said Flannery.

Flannery said she has talked with Superintendent of Schools Lisa Howard about utilizing more space in the school and what that would look like for FKO

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Accessible Adventures returns to Deer Island for a day of free, inclusive fun

By Transcript Staff

Winthrop residents of all abilities are invited to enjoy the outdoors during "Accessible Adventures: A Fun Day at Deer Island," scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 29, from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Organized by the Winthrop Commission on Disability and the Friends of

Winthrop Beach, the free event aims to celebrate accessible outdoor recreation in a relaxed and welcoming environment.

Attendees can look forward to a variety of family-friendly, inclusive activities designed so everyone can make the most of the scenic peninsula. The event features everything from

adaptive cycling and pedicab rides to a narrated harbor cruise.

Activities throughout the afternoon include:

Fishing Lessons at the Deer Island Pier: Running from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m., these sessions include all necessary gear, such as bait,

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Bids received to remove unsafe pier structure

By Adam Swift

Winthrop has received bids to take down an unsafe wooden pier structure on Grandview Avenue.

"The low bidder came in at \$15,900 to remove the structure," Town Manager Tony Marino stated in his report to the town council this week.

The old wooden pier/bulkhead structure is at 242 and 244 Grandview Ave. at the end of Maryland Avenue.

"We have also contracted with Grady Consulting to have survey plans made for these two parcels so we can determine who owns the structure and land along the coastline," said Marino.

"We are also working on obtaining plans and pricing for a riprap option to be installed to prevent erosion in front of these two homes. Installing any rip-rap structure will require local approval from our Conservation Commission and DEP.

In other business, Marino said the town has received its final FEMA approval of the hazard mitigation plan. The effective date of the plan is August 14, 2026, and it is valid for five years until April 13, 2031.

"Thank you to the Town Council and the entire Hazard Mitigation Team for their hard work to create this document," said Marino.

The town manager said the Fiscal Year 2027 water rate presentation is on the town's website for review.

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ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL

State Rep. Jeff Turco seeks re-election to 19th Suffolk seat

State Rep. Jeffrey Turco has announced his intention to seek re-election. The following is his statement:

"Dear Friends:

I am seeking re-election to be your State Representative for the 19th Suffolk District representing all of Winthrop and nearly half of the City of Revere, so that I can continue to fight for progress and solutions that serve you.

As a lifelong resident of Revere (33 years) and Winthrop (22 years), I have been shaped by these two great communities. These communities taught me the value of: faith, family, hard work and the belief in the American dream. My neighbors growing up were largely police officers, fire fighters, and union: carpenters, plumbers and electricians. All hard working men and women who were proud to be part of building a better community and country for

themselves, their children and their grandchildren. I still believe in our communities and in the American dream. It is for this reason, my wife, Melissa, and I chose to settle here and to raise our six children (Rosario, Mary, Joseph, Dominic, Grace and Matteo) here.

As a longtime board member of the McCarthy-Trifone Recreation Committee, a former board member and president of the Revere Beach Partner-

Jeff Turco

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WINTHROP POLICE BLOTTER

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

SUNDAY, JULY 26

0023: A resident called the station to report that a group of eight youths were drinking and urinating on cars in the area of Bellevue and Johnson Aves. The officers were unable to locate the youths, but they did recover a backpack with alcoholic beverages in it.

0049: An officer directed persons in a vehicle at the cemetery on Kennedy Rd. to leave the area.

1025: An officer directed a crew doing construction work at a business on Woodside Ave. in violation of the town by-law to cease doing so.

1201: A Plummer Ave. resident reported that his motor vehicle had been vandalized at some point while he was on vacation during the previous week.

1333: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Crest Ave. for the civil moving infraction of a red light violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1338: An officer directed the owner of a vehicle blocking a driveway on Bellevue Ave. to move the vehicle.

1851: An officer responded to a two-car motor vehicle accident at Buchanan and Pleasant Sts. Neither vehicle was towed and there were no injuries. The officer filed a report.

1926: The WHS Athletic Director was contacted to open the gates for six youths who were locked inside Miller Field.

2156: An officer responded to a call by the Fire Dept. reporting that multiple vehicles were parked in the fire

lane at Twist and Shake on Shirley St.

2206: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Shirley St. for the civil moving infraction of making an improper turn. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator, who was an Uber driver who was lost.

MONDAY, JULY 27

0751: A repossession company reported the repo of a motor vehicle.

0823: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Shirley St. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

0936: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Pleasant St. for the civil moving infraction of a one-way violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1214: An officer ordered a tow & hold for a motor vehicle that owed \$455 in parking tickets on Tafts Ave.

2025: A report of a dog that had been barking for over two hours on Almont St. was referred to the Animal Control Officer.

2256: An officer dispersed persons on two motorcycles from the area of Coughlin Park.

TUESDAY, JULY 28

0148: An officer issued parking tickets to 19 vehicles without resident parking stickers on Shirley St.

0701: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Revere St. for the civil moving infraction of a red light violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

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

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

-- An officer stopped a

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

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

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

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

-- An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Pleasant St. for the civil moving infraction of violating the hands-free law. The officer issued a citation to the operator, who had received a warning for that offense 10 days previously.

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

-- An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Revere St. for the civil moving infractions of a red light violation and having an expired registration. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

-- An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Pleasant St. for the civil moving infractions of violating the hands-free law and speeding. The officer issued a citation to the operator for those offenses, as well as for the civil infraction of not having his license in his possession.

-- An officer stopped another motor vehicle on Putnam St. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The

officer issued a citation to the operator.

1027: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Shirley St. for the civil moving infraction of a stop sign violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1220: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Pleasant St. for the civil moving infraction of violating the hands-free law. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1237: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Walden St. for the civil moving infraction of violating the hands-free law. When the officer discovered that the vehicle's registration was expired, which is a civil offense, and that the operator's license was not active, which is a criminal offense, the officer issued a citation to the operator. The vehicle was towed.

1332: An officer stopped a motorcyclist on Main St. for the civil moving infraction of a red light violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1358: Officer Carter assisted a family with the installation of a child car seat.

1359: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Shirley St. and Neptune Ave. for the civil moving infraction of a stop sign violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1429: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Prescott St. for the civil moving infraction of an equipment violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1516: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Shirley St. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1727: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Pearl Ave. for the civil moving infraction of a one-way violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1806: A Harbormaster

stopped four persons on jet skis that were registered in New Hampshire and gave them a verbal warning about the speed limit in the harbor.

1934: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Washington Ave. at Thornton Park. for the civil moving infraction of a crosswalk violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1937: An officer directed the operators of two vehicles parked in the Fire Lane on Shirley St. to move their vehicles.

2124: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Pauline St. for the civil moving infraction of a red light violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

2135: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Revere St. for the civil moving infraction of operating without headlights after dark. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

2216: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Winthrop St. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29

0106: An officer issued parking tickets to two vehicles without resident parking stickers on George St.

0127: An officer issued parking tickets to four vehicles without resident parking stickers on Madison Ave.

0127: An officer issued parking tickets to six vehicles without resident parking stickers on Beal St.

0936: A report of a dead rabbit on the public steps on Loring Rd. was referred to the DPW.

1201: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Revere St. for a civil moving infraction. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1615: An officer stopped a motor vehicle with a registration revoked for insurance cancellation on Pleasant St., which is a criminal

offense. The officer took the plates and issued a citation to the operator. The vehicle was towed.

1833: A tow company reported the trespass tow of a motor vehicle from Governors Park.

0956: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Cross St. for the civil moving infraction of a stop sign violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1046: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Buchanan St. for the civil moving infraction of a stop sign violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1130: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Pleasant St. for the civil moving infraction of making an improper turn. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1723: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Pauline St. for the civil moving infraction of a stop sign violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

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

1824: An officer issued a parking ticket to a vehicle parked on a crosswalk.

-- An officer issued a parking ticket to a vehicle with an expired registration at Delby's Corner.

-- An officer issued another parking ticket to a vehicle with an expired registration.

-- An officer issued a parking ticket to a vehicle with an expired inspection sticker.

FRIDAY, JULY 31

0115: An officer issued parking tickets to seven vehicles without resident parking stickers on Bellevue Ave.

0132: An officer issued

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ship, a coach for Winthrop Little League, a lector and parish council member at St. Michael the Archangel Church, former Winthrop Town Council President, a three time (2000, 2004 and 2008) elected member of the Democrat State Committee, and a member of the Immaculate Conception Parish School Board, I have worked to give back to two communities that have given me and my family so much. Giving back is, of course, a biblical command: “[t]o those whom much is given, much is expected.”

During my 1st race for

State Representative, I promised to focus on:

1. addressing the scourge of drugs and addiction,
2. the need for improved vocational school opportunities for our children,
3. always supporting our public safety community, and
4. to always be a voice for the forgotten working class that continues to pay the bills in this Commonwealth.

I am pleased to take account of the progress made to date. It is worth noting, nothing gets done on Beacon Hill without many hands, many voices and lots of compromise and so all of my colleagues deserve credit for working to put people before politics in working to find solutions such as:

- 1) Passing the most comprehensive substance use, addiction treatment reform in a generation; giving hope to more families and the afflicted for the first time in a generation.
- 2) Opening the new Northeast Regional Vocational School this fall at 150% of its previous capacity, increasing opportunities for tomorrow's union carpenters, electricians, plumbers, health care workers and other trade careers.
- 3) Improving the working conditions for members of our public safety community including: removal of dangerous PFAS from fire safety equipment, cost free cancer screening for firefighters, retirement reform for those forced out

of work because of crimes of violence, amongst many others. For these reasons, every major public safety union, fire and police, have endorsed my re-election. I am honored to have their support and to always back them.

- 4) Decreasing the cost of living by working with my colleagues and Governor Healey to enact a \$1.2 billion dollar tax cut, the largest in the history of the Commonwealth. In addition, we made school breakfast and lunch free for every child in the Commonwealth because children can't learn if they are hungry and worker families need financial relief. We have also invested unprecedented money in both our public schools and our public transit while demanding better results and improved service. All of these efforts are focused on improved affordability and quality of life for our neighbors.

There is so much more to celebrate and so much more to work on. As elected officials, we have an obligation to lead and to demonstrate that despite the national political scene, we in Massachusetts can work through differences while we focus on what is best for our constituents. For this reason, I am honored to have the endorsement of Governor Healey. Despite our disagreements, we have worked together on her tax cut bill, on a pending energy rate relief bill, on our mutual

support of our public safety community, on reform of our health care delivery system and on demanding consistent improvements in our public education system.

For the past two years, I have been privileged to serve as the House Vice Chairman of the Joint Committee on Veteran and Federal Affairs and as a member of the Joint Committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy. These committee assignments allow me the opportunity to make sure our veterans are always top of mind in all policy making decisions and to be a voice for the working class in the fight against crushingly high utility bills. This work continues every day.

Finally, to the nearly 3,500 constituents who have contacted my office over the past five and a half years for assistance, thank you for reaching out and for the opportunity to assist you in your time of need. In the end, 90% of this job is helping people and you have given me that great honor.

As the primary season nears its finish, I ask for your continued trust, confidence and your VOTE in the September 1, 2026 Democrat primary. I will continue to fight for you every day. If you have any questions or concerns, please email me at: jrturco@aol.com or call my cell phone at 508 405 8843.

Be well,
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Healey’s Health Care Affordability Working Group, which brought together health care providers, insurers, employers, labor and consumer advocates to identify immediate and long-term ways to make health care more affordable. “Health care costs are too high, and they’re putting real pressure on families and small businesses across Massachusetts,” said Governor Maura Healey. “We created our Health Care Affordability working group and brought together patients, providers, insurers and employers to identify ways to lower costs, and now we’re moving those recommendations forward. These listening sessions are an important next step in delivering meaningful relief.”

“If we want to make health care more affordable, we need to hear directly from the people who are paying these bills and navigating the system every day,” said Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll. “These sessions will help us get the details right as we move forward with changes to lower costs for residents and small businesses.”

The listening sessions will focus on two recommendations from the Governor’s Health Care Affordability Working Group that DOI is moving forward:

- Reducing Out-of-Network Costs: Developing new standards to protect patients and reduce excessive out-of-network health care costs.
- Stabilizing the Small Business and Individual Markets: Exploring changes to strengthen the individual and small group insurance market and help moderate premiums.

DOI will hold all six lis-

tening sessions virtually. Additional information, including topics and registration details for each session, will be available as the dates approach:

Weds., Sept. 9 at 11 a.m.
Thurs., Oct. 1 at 10 a.m.
Mon., Oct. 5 at 10 a.m.
Mon., Oct. 19 at 10 a.m.
Mon., Nov. 2 at 10 a.m.
Thurs., Nov. 5 at 10 a.m.

Patients, consumer advocates, health care providers, insurers, employers and other interested stakeholders are encouraged to participate. For more information, see Division of Insurance Listening Sessions on Out-of-Network Costs and Listening Sessions on Stabilizing Insurance Markets to Drive Down Premium Costs.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO HOST END OF SUMMER BASH ON AUGUST 30

The Winthrop Chamber of Commerce is kicking off the final days of summer with its End of Summer Bash on Sunday, August 30, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at French Square.

The community is invited to enjoy an afternoon of fun, food, shopping, and entertainment with 25+ vendors featuring delicious food, beer, gifts, crafts, and more.

There will be plenty for the kids to enjoy, including a bouncy house, pie-eating contest, balloon twisters, shell painting, and other activities. A DJ will be on hand to keep the party going with music throughout the afternoon.

The event is free and open to the public, making it a great way for families,

friends, and neighbors to come together and celebrate the end of summer in Winthrop.

ANNUAL PURPLE BOW CAMPAIGN TO HONOR OVERDOSE VICTIMS

Volunteers across Winthrop and surrounding cities will tie 1,200 purple bows to lamp posts and poles as part of the 5th annual Adopt-A-Pole for Overdose Awareness campaign. The campaign runs from Aug. 20 through International Overdose Awareness Day on Aug. 31, with bows staying up through Recovery Month in September.

Each purple bow includes a nametag personalized with the name of a loved one lost to overdose. The goal of the campaign is to raise awareness, end overdose, promote non-stigmatized remembrance, and support grieving families and friends.

The official kickoff takes place Thursday, Aug. 20, at 12 p.m. at North Suffolk Community Services’ Recovery on the Harbor, located at 979 Bennington St. in East Boston.

‘ROCK OF AGES’ BRINGS THE 1980S SUNSET STRIP TO NORTH SHORE MUSIC THEATRE

Set in 1987 on Hollywood’s infamous Sunset Strip, ROCK OF AGES tells the story of Drew, a boy from South Detroit, and Sherrie, a small-town girl chasing her dreams of stardom. When their paths collide at the legendary Bourbon Room, sparks fly, but their love and ambitions

are tested as the Strip faces destruction from greedy developers determined to silence the music.

Bursting with heart, humor, and pure rock ‘n’ roll energy, this high-octane musical features the iconic hits of Bon Jovi, Journey, Foreigner, Poison, and more. ROCK OF AGES is a larger-than-life celebration of love, music, and the wild spirit of the 1980s that will have audiences singing along and ready to rock all night!

Rock Of Ages is playing at North Shore Music Theatre through August 23,



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The cast of “Rock of Ages” at Bill Hanney’s North Shore Music Theatre.

2026. Performances run Tuesday through Thursday at 7:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday at 8:00 p.m., with matinees on Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday at 2:00 p.m.

For tickets and information, call (978) 232-7200, visit nsmt.org, or visit the box office at 54 Dunham Rd., Beverly, MA.

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rods, and reels. Chairs and volunteer support will be available to assist participants.

- Pedicab Rides: Between 12 p.m. and 3 p.m., a driver from Trike Hub will take attendees and a friend around the island to point out the beautiful sights.
- Adaptive Cycling: Try out a variety of adaptive bikes suited for different mobility needs.
- MV Massachusetts Harbor Cruise: From 2 p.m. to 3 p.m., attendees can grab a seat on a boat cruise around the island. The ride includes a narrated history of the island and surrounding areas.

Organizers note that reservations for all activ-

ities are on a first-come, first-served basis. The boat cruise is limited to the first 250 attendees, and tickets will be distributed directly at the event. Registering online does not guarantee a spot on the boat.

Event partners include the MWRA, Mass Advocates Standing Strong, Access 2



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Community and Friendship, WINARC, and the Division of Marine Fisheries.

Attendees are encouraged to bring a picnic lunch and plenty of sunscreen to enjoy the views. The event will take place rain or shine, though extreme all-day weather will cancel the festivities.

While the event is free, attendees are asked to register in advance to ensure enough fishing equipment and bikes are available. Those requesting specific accommodations are especially encouraged to register early. Registration can be completed online via Eventbrite or by calling (617) 240-2487.

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Pauline Place at Winthrop Center New construction one-bedroom condos

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GOV. HEALEY DOES THE RIGHT THING TO BAN KRATOM

The decision last week by Gov. Maura Healey and the Mass. Dept. of Public Health to issue an order classifying kratom as a Schedule 1 drug, thereby effectively banning the sale of kratom products, removes a dangerous and highly-addictive substance from store shelves in our state.

Kratom is derived from the leaves of a tree in Southeast Asia, where it has been used medicinally in its natural form for hundreds of years with a low degree of dependency when used in moderation.

However, in this country, kratom products flooding convenience and other stores bear little resemblance to that traditional herb. Instead, manufacturers are distributing highly-potent extract powders, tablets, and gummies that isolate and concentrate kratom’s active alkaloid, 7-hydroxymitragynine (7-OH).

Because these commercial products have been completely unregulated, consumers have had no way of knowing the dosage or chemical purity of what they are ingesting. It is these hyper-concentrated products that lead rapidly to dependency, severe withdrawal, and an elevated risk of overdose—especially among curious children and teenagers.

A number of cities and towns across the state, most recently Revere, already have taken matters into their own hands by banning the sale of kratom products in their communities.

However, local ordinances create a patchwork defense that allows buyers to simply drive to the next town over. Governor Healey’s sweeping statewide ban establishes a uniform line of defense, ensuring that these unpredictable and hazardous products can no longer target the health and safety of our youth anywhere in the Commonwealth.

IRAN IS HOLDING ALL THE CARDS

When the United States and Israel embarked on their war against Iran almost six months ago, the ease with which they accomplished the assassination of the Iranian leaders created the narrative of a quick end to the hostilities.

Israeli intelligence had convinced American leaders that the regime would fall if Iran’s top leaders were removed and that the successor leadership would cave in swiftly to demands to end Iran’s nuclear weapons program.

Six weeks into the conflict, we were told by our leaders that Iran had “no cards.”

But now, six months later, it is clear that Iran holds all the cards.

The U.S. has no answer militarily to the Iranians’ ongoing blockade of the Strait of Hormuz. Despite months of bombing of Iranian military (and some civilian) targets by the U.S. and the Israelis, the Iranians’ drones continue to pose a serious threat both to the critical infrastructure of other countries and American military bases in the region.

Moreover, the war has drained the U.S. military of its weaponry, leaving our military critically short of both offensive and defensive missiles that will take years to replenish.

The war also is draining the morale of our service members, who are living under strenuous conditions of long deployments while under the constant threat of attack with no clear mission.

In addition, the war has created ever-widening fissures not only between the U.S. and Israel, but also between the U.S. and its allies both in the region and around the world, none of whom were consulted before the U.S. started the war.

Instead of displaying our military prowess, the war has demonstrated that the U.S. is a feckless, unreliable, and unhinged partner of limited capacity who is the new rogue actor on the world stage.

By contrast, Iran has strengthened its alliances with Russia and China, with the Chinese buying Iranian oil, and the Russians supplying Iran with weapons and crucial logistical support that helps to target U.S. military installations.

The U.S. also has failed at the negotiation table. The so-called U.S. negotiating team of Kushner, Witkoff, and Vance has zero experience dealing with either the Iranians, the intricacies of a nuclear weapons program, or how to negotiate in a war-time setting. It was their simplistic Memorandum of Understanding 60 days ago that led the Iranians to believe that they can control the strait.

With the U.S. and the world economy straining under the burden of higher energy prices -- with no end in sight -- it is becoming increasingly clear that the only option for the U.S. to get out of this quagmire is to declare victory and go home -- and let the proverbial chips fall where they may.

Forum

GUEST OP-EDS

Justice beyond the headlines: why I’m voting for Kevin Hayden

By Senator Lydia Edwards

September 1, 2026 is primary election day. With only Democrats running for Suffolk County District Attorney, the race will be over in September rather than in November. We have a choice to make this year, and unlike most seats that are up for reelection, District Attorney Kevin Hayden is being challenged seemingly from his left (Ra-chael Rollins) and his right (Linda Champion).

I have been an attorney in Massachusetts for 20 years this November. Today, I serve as the state senator for Boston, Revere and Winthrop (three of the four towns in Suffolk County). I am also Senate Chair of the Judiciary Committee and now as the legislative session has come to an end, I am serving as a bar advocate (criminal defense attorney) for people that cannot afford private attorneys. Finally, I am an adjunct law professor at Suffolk Law School and in my spare time I am a Judge Advocate General (military attorney) in the Massachusetts Army National Guard.

I want to first acknowledge that I have endorsed both Rollins (2018) and Hayden (2022) for District Attorney of Suffolk County. I have written op eds about both acknowledging their work and dedication to the people of Suffolk County. I have excitedly defended them both and enjoyed their endorsements and support. I even wrote a letter of support for Rollins’ appointment to be U.S. Attorney. I know them both personally and professionally. I have spoken to Ms. Champion less so but did meet with her while she was running for District Attorney in 2018.

I lead with all the above background experience and political decisions to state, unequivocally, that District Attorney Kevin Hayden should be resoundingly re-elected. It is not just politics for me, it is my profession and it is personal.

Let’s talk about his qualifications. Kevin has dedicated decades of his life to community representation.

Why I’m running for 6th District Governor’s Council

By Diann Baylis

As we approach the September 1st Democratic Primary, I wanted to share with voters why I decided to run to be your next Governor’s Councilor. As I’ve traveled across the 20 communities that make up our Governor’s Council district (which stretches from Marblehead to Somerville), the first question I get when I talk with voters is, what is the Governor’s Council?

It’s the right question to ask. The Governor’s

He worked his way up from a young Assistant District Attorney to his appointment as District Attorney. It’s true, he didn’t run initially for this office – Governor Baker had to find a qualified public servant to replace then District Attorney Rollins when Rollins left to become the U.S. Attorney. Since starting his position as DA, Kevin has proven publicly what so many people know of him personally: he just wants to do the work. He is not flashy. You won’t find him tweeting tirades, he doesn’t come with the quick comebacks and he doesn’t play politics.

That is why we need him. If there is anything we are growing tired of its prosecution and advocacy by clicks and social media. The real work doesn’t happen on screen most of the time – it’s in the moments of crisis, it’s holding the surviving loved ones, it’s praying for the safe return of people who are missing, it’s house calls. Kevin does all of that. Kevin genuinely leads with his heart and most of that work is unseen.

It’s easy to judge a district attorney, or abandon one, when you don’t like the decisions they make. To bring charges against a police officer (who is innocent until proven guilty) was a difficult decision that only a district attorney can make with discernment. While some may like or may not like the decision, I don’t think there is one person that can say Kevin did it due to politics or to curry favor with the police. I would argue the same when it comes to his choice to prosecute crimes that Rollins chose to ignore. He isn’t making political decisions. He is making prosecutorial ones based on what is best for public trust and public safety.

That’s what I want in my district attorney – to just do the job – and we are getting more than that with Kevin. He has creatively approached public safety and continued programs that worked to keep people out of jail and communities safe. Fundamentally, Kevin is a man of deep faith and believes that people deserve

a second chance. He supported eviction record sealing knowing that housing stability was fundamental to recovery and recovery was fundamental to staying out of jail. Kevin expanded the Services Over Sentencing program with \$400,000 of seized drug money because “traditional court involvement is not the answer for many of the vulnerable individuals in the center or fringes of Mass and Cass. We need to present alternative solutions that identify and address the issues that brought them there in the first place..., and... money seized from drug-related convictions is a fitting method to fund it.”

Another example is Hayden’s new initiative for young adults. While Beacon Hill is deciding whether to raise the age for court involved youth to 18 years for Juvenile Court, Hayden already piloted a program. Hayden’s Emerging Adult Program follows science and creates “diversionary pathways to prosecution for emerging adults, (18-25 years old) connecting them with established non-profit organizations like ROCA to create individualized service plans in conjunction with an ongoing criminal case. The program is in 4 phases and can last 6 to 18 months during which participants meet with wrap-around services, are held accountable for their mistakes and hopefully graduate with a clean record. That is justice centered prosecution. It is also community focused accountability that allows the young person to earn a new beginning and the community to heal.

My final example (though there are many more) of Hayden’s justice centered prosecution is his recent support and contributions to the Protect Act. This new law protects court houses, schools, and hospitals from ICE (Immigration Enforcement). For District Attorney Hayden that means prosecutions of defendants won’t be interrupted by federal agents. It means victims and witnesses will come to court and testify without fear of being detained.

It means people will report crimes to the police keeping us all safer. Hayden was also a leader in ensuring U and T visa (special visas for human trafficking and domestic violence survivors) certification reforms were practical and included in the Protect Act. The process will be faster, more consistent and the reforms have been lauded by non-profits dedicated to ending sexual exploitation and abuse.

Finally, I want to say Kevin, unlike his predecessor, has the immense respect of his fellow district attorneys. Kevin was elected by his peers to lead the Massachusetts Association of District Attorneys. In that role Kevin leads monthly meetings about criminal justice reforms policies and trends. He is a statewide leader and voice for all justice-minded prosecutors.

There is a long list of why Kevin’s opponents are not the kind district attorneys we need. Both have continued distracting controversies. Rollins displays hers on a daily basis on social media. Champion, in a demonstration of thin-skinned vindictiveness, recently filed a lawsuit against the Globe for \$50,000 because she was “defamed” by a Globe story discussing where she lived. And, yes, Hayden was fined for campaign missteps while running for district attorney. But the difference between Hayden and his opponents is that he paid the fine and it no longer serves as distraction. He also has not made the mistake again. Essentially, the “buck” and the controversy stopped with him.

In conclusion, I am asking you, the voters of Suffolk County, to vote for Kevin Hayden on September 1. If what I described above is new to you, it’s because Kevin was focused on the work and not on politics or marketing. Kevin is a public servant that has earned your trust and your vote.

Lydia Edwards is a Massachusetts State Senator representing the Third Suffolk District which includes Winthrop.

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LETTERS to the Editor

UPCOMING CHANGES TO CASA PROGRAMMING

Dear Editor,

We are writing to share an important update regarding CASA's program schedule.

Beginning September 4th, our program will be closed on Fridays and will operate Monday through Thursday.

We understand that any change to our schedule can have an impact on the families we serve, and this was not a decision we made lightly. Like many nonprofit and youth-serving organizations across the country, we are navigating an increasingly challenging funding environment, rising operating costs, and difficult decisions about how to best use the resources available to us.

After careful consideration, we determined that adjusting our weekly schedule is a necessary step to help ensure that we can continue providing safe, accessible, consistent, and high-quality programming for young people free of charge while maintaining the long-term sustainability of the program.

We recognize that Fridays may be an important part of some families' schedules,

and we understand that this change may create challenges. We are sharing this information as early as possible so families have time to plan and make any necessary arrangements.

Our commitment to the young people and families in our community has not changed. We remain focused on providing meaningful experiences, supportive relationships, and a safe environment where young people can learn, grow, and thrive.

We are grateful for your understanding, your partnership, and your continued support of our program and the young people we serve.

CASA Board of Directors

WE ARE DISAPPOINTED

Dear Editor,

I am the home owner of 16 Court Rd Winthrop, MA 02152.

Please see the picture below. The usage of this material to refill the sidewalk completely destroys the aesthetics of our home and decreases our home value.

Please send a crew to our home tomorrow to fix this issue.

As 11 year residents, we are extremely disappointed.

John Braga



The sidewalk work in question on Court Road in Winthrop.

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to these kids' unique circumstances and as a result are delaying their progress, leaving them vulnerable to deportation. I want to better vet and educate these judges, so that we can streamline this process and protect immigrant kids.

Second, in my past work as a family law attorney, including as a pro bono attorney for the "Lawyer of the Day" program at the Essex Probate Court, I have supported women and children in proceedings involving restraining orders, divorce, custody, and child support. I have seen first-hand the sometimes arbitrary decisions that probate judges make, that fundamentally affect the lives and safety of women, children and families. I have seen women and children who would show up in desperate need of the court's services but were very wary to face a judge without some support which we provided. I want to make sure they are dealing with judges that will show fairness and compassion.

The third reason is that I want to make sure, as a lifelong Democrat, that every vote is counted and that our

democracy is protected and preserved for future generations. The Governor's Council is the body that certifies state election results before they are considered final. In the current political climate, with democracy under threat, this role could become vitally important.

As your Governor's Councilor I ultimately want to make sure that judges that are nominated are not only educated but also open-minded, with integrity and compassion. I have travelled to all 20 communities in this Governor's Council district and have talked to many residents who share the same concerns as I do. I will represent these views as your representative on the Governor's Council.

Please vote by mail, vote early, or vote in person on September 1st, but I am asking for your vote in the Democratic primary. Learn more on my campaign website at <https://www.votefordiann.com>.

Diann Baylis is an immigration attorney, and a candidate for Governor's Council in the 6th Governor's Council District.

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The new water rate starting on July 1, 2026, will be \$27.69, which is a \$0.85 increase over the FY26 rate of \$26.84.

"The yearly increase in the MWRA Assessment, as well as our previously approved Capital projects, accounts for most of the increase," said Marino.

In positive financial news, Marino said the town received its official Standard & Poor's rating letter after the town had an update call

with them a few weeks ago.

"We maintained our AA+ rating, which will help us secure favorable interest rates when we go out to bond the new fire station funds," Marino stated.

He also noted that the Revere Street TIP project is finishing, as crews finished striping last week and are finishing up the landscape details. "We thank everyone for their patience as this project wraps up this fall," Marino said.

OBITUARIES

Joanne Agababian

Retired Social Worker

Joanne M. Agababian of Winthrop passed away at home on June 22, 2026. She was 81 years old.

Born in Boston, she was the beloved daughter of the late Elba (Bello) and Arthur Agababian. Prior to her retirement, she was a social worker working in long term care. She enjoyed going to dinners with her friend,, Donna and loved to

travel to California during Christmas.

She is survived by several loving friends including the Flynn family.

Services were 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.

Richelle DiFlumeri

Secretary of the Pleasant Park Yacht Club

It is with great sorrow that we announce the death of Richelle DiFlumeri of Winthrop, Massachusetts on August 11, 2026.

Richelle was the adoring mother of Richard Butler and his wife, Jessica; the very proud and loving grandmother of Rocco Ace Butler; the dedicated and devoted daughter of the late Richard and Ann (Luongo) DiFlumeri; the delightful and adorable sister of Andrea, Carla and Vanessa DiFlumeri; the smiling and fun-loving auntie to Nicholas Aburn and his husband, Jake Wiseman; the dear and sweet auntie and Godmother to Amelia Aburn, and a cherished friend and "honorary" aunt to so many throughout her 71 years.

Richelle lived her life by and on the water. Having spent her entire life near the ocean, she found a special happiness there. She was a proud member and Secretary of the Pleasant Park Yacht Club, where she spent countless hours, made lifelong friendships and became part of a community that brought her great joy.

Richelle was blessed with the most beautiful big brown eyes, an amazing smile and infectious, hysterical laugh. As the third of four sisters, she learned at an early age that she had to speak up to be heard. And Richelle spoke up!

Once you knew Richelle, you remembered her. Her warmth, her smile, her humor and her genuine way of loving people made her unforgettable.

Richelle had a lifelong "thing" for Paul McCartney! She attended all of his performances in Massachusetts and even travelled to Florida to see him. Paul's voice and his words brought her great joy and, at times, much-needed comfort. Her love of his music was one of those wonderful, unmistakably "Richelle things" that



made her smile.

Let's always remember Richelle this way; smiling, laughing, by the sea, surrounded by people she loved, cheering loudly and singing along with Paul McCartney and being the woman whose eyes and smile could light up a room.

In her 50's Richelle fought and won her battle with bi-lateral breast cancer. This past year, she faced a devastating diagnosis of metastatic Stage IV lung cancer with the same fierce determination and courage. She fought hard, endured more than most people could ever know and never stopped being Richelle. On August 11, 2026, her body signaled that it was time to rest.

And in the end.....may the love Richelle gave surround her now as she is reunited with her mother, father and all the people she loved and missed.

Family and friends are cordially invited to attend the visitation from the Caggiano-O'Maley-Frazier Funeral Home, Winthrop on Saturday, August 22, 2026 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. followed by a funeral service in the funeral home at 12 noon. Services will conclude with the interment in the Cross Street section of Winthrop Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, please remember Richelle with a donation to your favorite charity.

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

Alfonse Mele

His love was always shown in the small things like his faith in people, his generous heart, his unwavering kindness and his strength

Alfonse J. Mele of Holyoke passed into eternal life on July 20, 2026 at the age of 72 after a long illness.

Al was born on March 18, 1954 into the loving, Italian-American home of his parents, Ralph S. Mele and Mary A. (Marra) Mele. He grew up in the beautiful, seaside town of Winthrop as the youngest of siblings Sal, Madeline and Marietta. Al graduated from Winthrop High School in 1972 and from UMass Boston in 1976 where he studied Psychology and Religion.

He began his career working in Security at Winthrop Community Hospital and worked at many hospitals as director of Safety and Security ending his career with Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

Al met the love of his life, his wife, Linda and they shared a life of friendship, love, music and laughter for 30 years. Linda and Al's home was filled with the warmth of his smile and laughter. His calm presence made even the most difficult days easier. He enjoyed weekend barbecues with family and friends, long bike rides from East Hampton to Amherst but his true passion was music. Al was a self-taught guitarist and would drive his mother crazy with the joyful sound of his electric guitar booming through the house. Al's passion for music drove his need to practice and continually craft his skills as a guitarist and singer. His ability to improvise on his acoustic guitar was beautiful and unmatched. Linda loved to hear the sound of his guitar and voice echoing through their home to comfort and celebrate everything that words could not capture.

Uncle Al's guitar was what made family Christmas and New Year's celebrations so incredibly special and memorable for his wife, parents, aunts and uncles, brother and sisters, his seven nieces and eventually their families.

Al had a sharp intellect like his father and a dry, sometimes silly-sometimes dark sense of humor born of his intelligence and ability to observe, learn and engage with the world around him.

His love was always shown in the small things like his faith in people, his generous heart, his unwavering kindness and his



strength. Linda recalls how his spirit, devotion, humor and warmth filled their home and his melody will always remain in her heart forever and in the hearts of his family and friends who will miss him every day.

Alfonse leaves his loving wife, Linda Mele of Holyoke and his step-son, Dennis F. Lyons, his step daughter, Carrie A. Sibilia, her husband, John Sibilia and their son, Samuel M. Sibilia.

He was the loving son of the late Ralph S. Mele and Mary A. Mele of Winthrop and the beloved brother of Salvatore Mele and his wife, Linda of Salem, NH, Madeline A. Keogh and her husband, Robert of Winthrop and Marietta DiGiovanni and her husband, Vincent of Westford; his seven heartbroken nieces and their families as well as many cousins and friends. Al adored his beloved fur babies, his cats, Romeo, Mateo and Jesse who gave him a lifetime of unconditional love.

A funeral mass for Alfonse will be celebrated at St. John the Evangelist Church (St. Michael the Archangel Parish), 320 Winthrop Street. Winthrop at 10 a.m. on Saturday, August 29 and a celebration of his life will be held following the funeral mass at 11:30 a.m. at the Winthrop Arms Hotel and Restaurant at 130 Grovers Ave, Winthrop.

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New school year in Winthrop begins on Sept. 2 for students

Students head back to school in Winthrop on Wednesday, Sept. 2.

There will be two full days of classes, with school being closed for the Labor Day weekend on Friday, Sept. 4 and Monday, Sept. 7 before students hit their regular schedule for the year on Tuesday, Sept. 8.

The last day of school,

provided there are no snow days, is currently scheduled for Wednesday, June 16, which will be a half day. If the storms hit hard this school year, the last day of school with five snow days is set for Thursday, June 24.

Winter break begins with a half day on Wednesday, Dec. 23, with students returning to school in the new year on Monday, Jan. 4.

February vacation is set for Feb. 15-19, and April vacation is from April 19-23.

The date for the WHS Class of '27 graduation has yet to be set.

The new school year will see some familiar faces in new positions.

Former middle school principal Brian Curley is taking on a new position as

the interim assistant superintendent.

To fill the opening at the middle school, Superintendent of Schools Lisa Howard appointed Nathan Lamar as the interim principal.

Lamar was the chairperson of the special education evaluation team, which is an administrative position at the middle school. He has past experience as a principal in a charter school and as an assistant principal in Boston Public Schools.

Howard has said the district will take a look at the assistant superintendent position over the coming year to see if it will be retained in its current state or if adjustments will be made to the position. She has stated that the interim positions could become permanent.

FKO Programs // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

and the district.

“We are already maxing out our facility (on Winthrop Street), so it’s not like we can serve more kids there,” said Flannery. “I think families want to stay inside the school that the kids love and not get on a school bus and have to leave. So we are just looking to have a conversation about opportunities in that school building, and most importantly, to be able to continue partnering and doing whatever we can to expand learning and support families here in town.”

Howard said she has been working with FKO over the past decade, noting that there was no afterschool programming during the Covid pandemic. Otherwise, she said the schools and FKO have been working with a rental agreement that can fluctuate based on the amount of extra custodial care needed in the building.

Howard said there have been discussions with the school committee before about those rental rates and how they are determined.

“At this point in time, it would be my suggestion that buildings and grounds (subcommittee) take a look at the current agreement, get some information from me and the custodial staff around building use,” said Howard.

The superintendent said there are limitations for the use of the school buildings given the needs of the school system and the hours they are open. Howard said there has been talk about the use of classroom space for FKO in the past, but that it could be tricky to configure because of teacher needs to prepare their classrooms for the next day.

“Then, there are always the custodial cleaning issues,” said Howard. “Gorman-Fort Banks is not a new building and there are quite a bit of building level issues that have been appearing to keep up with, so they have some input into it. They are also the people who do the extra work, so they enjoy the overtime component that comes with it.”

Tips to ace math class this school year

(StatePoint) Math is often the most challenging class in a student’s course load. But it doesn’t have to be. Follow these tips to prevent

feeling frazzled and overwhelmed this school year:

Find study buddies: Staying on top of your A-game can be as simple as making

some friends in your class. Find some study buddies to remain accountable and work through difficult problems together.

Check in with your teacher: If you are having trouble with any particular concept, don’t be afraid to reach out to your teacher. Ask questions during class or request to see them before or after class for a little extra support.

Equip yourself to succeed: A well-designed scientific calculator can simplify learning and make test days less stressful. The fx-300ES Plus B 2nd Edition from Casio is affordable, user-friendly and a good choice for everyday math

needs. Its Natural Textbook Display shows results and formulas as they typically appear in textbooks, making it easier to read and understand complex equations, and its clearly labeled buttons are intuitive to use. With a total of 262 functions, it’s great for middle school, high school and college students across a variety of mathematical subjects, including algebra, trigonometry and statistics. Plus, it’s reliable and convenient. With a single AAA battery, its efficient power supply lasts approximately three years, and its slim size easily fits into backpacks,

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More than a check up: The vital role of annual well-child visits

By Dr. Ana Stankovic

As families prepare for the upcoming school year, many are focused on school supplies, schedules and getting back into routines. But one of the most important back-to-school steps happens before the first day of class: scheduling a well-child visit.

Because many pediatric and family practice schedules often fill quickly throughout the summer, now is an ideal time for parents to make appointments. These preventive visits help ensure children and adolescents are ready for the year ahead, not only academically, but physically, emotion-

ally and developmentally.

What is a well-child visit?

Well-child visits are annual preventive appointments with a pediatrician or family medicine provider. Sometimes referred to as physicals, these visits help track a child’s overall health and development, including:

- Growth and developmental milestones
- Immunizations and preventive screenings
- Vision and hearing checks
- Emotional and behavioral health

Beyond these clinical measures, well-child visits also give parents a chance

to complete school or sports forms and raise any concerns before the school year begins. More importantly, they create dedicated time for families and providers to discuss a child’s overall wellbeing, connecting physical health with emotional wellness and any developmental concerns that may affect success in school and at home.

Mental health is part of overall health

The broader view of a checkup may be especially important when it comes to mental health. A child’s emotional wellbeing may be closely linked to their physical health. According to the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), approximately 1 in 5 children ages 3 to 17 in the US has a diagnosable mental, emotional or behavioral disorder. Mental health needs can look different depending on age and stage of development.

Young children may experience separation anxiety or behavioral outbursts. School-age children may struggle with focus, stress or social challenges. Teens may show changes in mood, sleep or engagement. While many of these changes are a normal part of growing up, they can also signal when additional support may be needed.

The good news is that early conversations with a pediatrician can make a difference. A well-child visit is a natural time to check in and help children understand that it’s okay to talk about how they’re feeling. These conversations may also help normalize emotional health as an essential part of routine care.

To help support these conversations and preventive care visits, families are encouraged to review their health plan benefits and available resources as many plans include behavioral health support and programs like Child & Family Behavioral Coaching, which may

help families navigate everyday emotional and behavioral challenges.

The importance of dental & vision care

Don’t forget to take advantage of vision and dental benefits to help make sure kiddos are ready to learn.

Vision benefits may include annual eye exams that can detect changes in eyesight that may affect learning in the classroom. More than 600,000 children and teens in the U.S. suffer from some form of vision loss.1

School-based screenings are valuable but may not detect more complex issues. Annual comprehensive eye exams are recommended throughout the school years.

Dental benefits may include routine cleanings and exams that help catch concerns before they become more serious. Tooth decay, or cavities, is one of the most common chronic diseases among children and may contribute to missed days at school.1

Help monitor teeth and gum health with dental exams twice a year. Ensure your children are brushing for 2 minutes twice a day and flossing daily.

Don’t forget a healthy diet

Proper nutrition is essential when it comes to supporting your child’s physical and emotional health, plus their growth and development.1

That includes meals with a variety of vegetables, whole fruits, grains, dairy and proteins. It’s best to avoid foods high in added sugars, saturated fats and sodium.

Scheduling a well-child visit is a simple but important step that gives families the opportunity to address concerns support a child’s overall wellbeing throughout the year.

Dr. Ana Stankovic is the Chief Medical Officer for UnitedHealthcare of New England.

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WMS Half Day Conferences - 10/21

District-Wide Early Closing - 11/25 · 12/23

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District Half Day PD: 10/7 · 1/27 · 5/12

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Martin Luther King, Jr. Day: 1/8 | President's Day/Winter Vacation: 2/15-2/19 | Patriot's Day/Spring Vacation: 4/19 -4/23 | Memorial Day: 5/31 | Juneteenth: 6/19

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bags and drawers. Don't save math homework for last: If math is not your favorite subject, it can be tempting to put this homework off for last. Don't. To avoid burnout, consider approaching the subjects that are most difficult for you when you're still fresh. Get help online: Free online resources can help you gain more practice and improve your math skills. For example, Casio's ClassPad.net offers a clean, versatile workspace for performing essential primary computational and trigonometric functions, visualizing expressions and analyzing functions. There are also many YouTube and TikTok content creators offering math tutorials and advice, along with demonstrations on how to make the most of specific calculator models. With new study habits and the right tools, you can ensure math class is fun, engaging and never a source of stress.

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Suffolk County DA Kevin Hayden is proud of his many accomplishments

By Cary Shuman

When Suffolk County District Attorney Kevin Hayden was introduced at a recent political event in Revere, the applause was substantial.

Mayor Patrick Keefe praised Hayden in his remarks, stating, “We’re here to celebrate our public safety. We have the most sworn officers, police and fire, that we’ve had in over two decades. We haven’t had a homicide in the City of Revere in over four years.”

A week later at an event in Chelsea, residents gave Hayden an equally enthusiastic and respectful welcome as City Councilors Leo Robinson and Calvin T. Brown hailed the district attorney’s many accomplishments during his four-plus years in office.

“Kevin Hayden has done a tremendous job working with our law enforcement officials in protecting our residents and engaging with our community,” said Robinson. “He has been highly visible at events promoting public safety and his office has always been accessible and professional in its immediate response to correspondences and phone calls from our residents. He always has a team present at such events as National Night Out and public meetings.”

Hayden, who is seeking a second term as district attorney for Suffolk Country that encompasses Boston, Revere, Winthrop, and Chelsea, said, “We have accomplished a lot of things in the short time that I’ve been in office, and we need to make sure that good work continues.”

Statistics indicate that there has been a significant decline in incidents of crime across the county that has 800,000 residents.



Suffolk County DA Kevin Hayden

“Historically low crime rates don’t happen by accident, and a lot of what we’ve done over the course of the first term has helped achieve that,” said Hayden, a graduate of Dartmouth College and Boston University Law School. “Whether that’s dealing with our Juvenile Alternative Resolution (JAR) Program helping our young people and keeping them away from our criminal legal system – a program which we’ve expanded to emerging adults – it has been extraordinarily successful so far.”

Services Over Sentences (SOS), an alternative-to-prosecution program launched in 2022 by Hayden, has been a focus of the DA’s office in addressing the opioid crisis.

“The opioid epidemic continues to be a problem for us, particularly in our South End neighborhood right now, and our focus is on recovery, on getting people we call high-risk, high need, into the treatment that they need, the housing access that they need, and to give them the opportunity to build a life that they need, and hopefully, first and foremost, to get clean and sober. That’s how we address that problem. That way we can prosecute people less, and it saves lives – we have real proof of having saved lives through our Services Over Sentences program.”

Speaking about the inter-

vention and prevention aspects of his office, Hayden, who oversees approximately 165 attorneys and 310 staff members overall, noted, “We have our Fraud Fighters piece, which is primarily geared toward our elder community, but as time goes on, we’re finding that our younger folks are very interested in it as well. When you talk about online fraud, phone scams, and the things that are happening now, particularly in this new age of AI, it’s a rampant problem. It’s one that’s hard to prosecute, so we know and we’ve learned that intervention and prevention are our most useful way of combating that problem, telling people exactly what scammers are doing, and staying up-to-date and one step ahead of them, and letting our communities know how they can prevent themselves from being defrauded.”

Hayden said that retail theft continues to be “a real issue.”

“The reality is there is no one-size-fits-all solution in how you tackle that problem,” said Hayden. “Someone who’s homeless and down and out, and starving for food who is stealing is a lot different than someone who’s running out of a store with thousands of dollars of merchandise at a time and doing that for a profit. So, we have partnered with our retailers and with law enforcement to make sure we are dealing with shoplifting and retail theft in a comprehensive and effective way.”

Hayden emphasized that his office “will always focus on the most serious and most violent crimes, first and foremost.”

“That’s what keeps people up at night, that’s what people are concerned about – everyone wants and deserves to be safe,” said Hayden. “And we continue

to focus on violent crime, and how to drive it down, and how to be better. But we’re doing very well in that area. We are seeing historically low crime rates across the board.”

Hayden smiled when he was asked about the rousing receptions he has garnered at local events. He knows that there is work still to be done.

“I’m just extraordinarily humbled by the response I’ve received in our communities – it’s humbling to know that people have the confidence in my staff and me and the work we’re doing,” said Hayden. “I’m proud of the work we’ve done during my term. Rome doesn’t get built in a day. It takes time to establish things that we’ve established - the extraordinary successes across every major area. We’ve also improved the office internally as well, from a professional development standpoint, from raising the salary of our assistant district attorneys and all our staff. We’ve been able to work very closely with our legislature to get salaries increased for our staff – that’s very important when it comes to retention and being able to keep people around. And we’ve also increased the number of staff. We have 40 more people working in the office than we had before, and we continue to work on adding some more, because if you don’t have the people to do the work, then it’s hard to get it done. I’m so proud of the work we’ve done. We have some of the best public servants in the entire state doing this work. We’re proud of what we’re doing in Suffolk County, keeping our communities safe while also continuing to advance important ideas around criminal and legal reform. But we’re not resting on our laurels.”



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 20, 2016

The Winthrop Council on Aging held a raffle to help defray the cost of purchasing a new shuttle van. Longtime Winthrop resident Richard DiMento won the \$500 first prize and generously donated the funds back to the Council for the new van fund. Accepting the donation at the Robert A. DeLeo Senior Center was Nancy Williams, director of the Council on Aging.

Winthrop Teachers Association president Adam Sullivan suggested a resolution at last week’s School Committee meeting that he said will help prevent the spread of local charter schools in the district. Sullivan, along with the majority of teachers and members of the Massachusetts Association of School Committees (MASC), believes that the creation of more charter schools will have a negative impact on the finances of public schools. Winthrop public schools are losing \$172,273 to charter schools in the state this year, according to Sullivan, even after state reimbursements.

Suicide Squad and Pete’s Dragon are playing at the

Revere Showcase Cinemas.

20 years ago
August 24, 2006

The FAA has agreed to extend the comment period until September 21 regarding Massport’s proposal for construction of a centerfield taxiway at Logan Airport. Area residents and officials had been outraged that the FAA had set a deadline of August 21, when many area residents are away for summer vacations. The new deadline is September 22.

Barbara McNeil, the town’s Grants and Procurement Coordinator, announced this week that the town has received funding of \$162,685 from the state’s Dept. of Housing and Community Development for the reconstruction of Massa Playground. The funding from DHCD adds to the \$231,850 grant received last fall from the state’s Exec. Office of Environmental Affairs to complete the project’s funding needs.

Bids for the construction of the long-awaited Winthrop pier project at the Public Landing are set to go

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parking tickets to six vehicles without resident parking stickers on Veterans Rd.

0927: A caller reported that a bicycle had been at a utility pole on Beach Rd. for two weeks. An officer came to retrieve the bicycle and bring it to the DPW yard.

1041: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Hagman Rd. for the civil moving infraction of a one-way violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1101: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Shore Drive for the civil moving infraction of a crosswalk violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1147: A caller reported that a bicycle had been abandoned near his home on Terrace Ave. for a few days. The matter was referred to the DPW.

1323: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Main St. for the civil moving infraction of a red light violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1759: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Winthrop and George Sts. for the civil moving infraction of a stop

sign violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1949: An officer issued a parking ticket to a vehicle in French Sq.

2233: An officer directed a loud group of party-goers at a Pleasant St. residence to keep it down for the night.

2327: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Main St. for the civil moving infraction of a red light violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

2344: An officer dispersed a group of youths from Massa Playground.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1

0107: An officer issued parking tickets to two vehicles without resident parking stickers on Pleasant Park Rd.

0121: An officer issued parking tickets to 10 vehicles without resident parking stickers on Fremont St.

0220: A tow company reported the trespass tow of a motor vehicle from the CVS.

0815: An officer issued a citation to an unregistered motor vehicle at the Public Landing.

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CITY PAWS

Attending events with dogs

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

Outdoor events can be fun to share with your pup, as long as you ensure the event is safe and comfortable for your dog and he will be a great ambassador for canines while in attendance.

Some seasonal outdoor events, like concerts and fireworks, prohibit dogs, but many of the spaces where such events are held are otherwise dog-friendly. We would never advise taking dogs to fireworks shows. The noise from the explosives and the presence of people looking up rather than paying attention to a dog in the area could spell trouble for even the calmest of canines.

However, in these same spots you may have opportunities to gather friends, a

blanket, a picnic, and your dog for a relaxed evening outside.

Concerts and Movie Nights

Websites like BostonCentral.com provide updated details on events throughout the Greater Boston area. These include Free Friday Flicks at the Hatch Shell on the Charles River Esplanade, Wednesday night movies at Castle Island, and Monday nights at Time Out Market.

They also list concert series and will update these listings when the fall schedules are announced.

Markets and Festivals

Dogs on leashes are welcome at many farmers markets and local festivals. Always check the rules be-

fore you arrive. There is a perception that farmers' markets close down when school begins, but many operate into October and some until Thanksgiving week. For example, the Boston Seaport Summer Market runs through October 10th.

Boston artists and craftspeople will display their work during the Boston Arts Festival at the Christopher Columbus Waterfront Park in mid-September. In addition, October will bring the spirit of Oktoberfest to beer gardens and other sites in the area. Halloween displays and costume parties will follow.

You will also find event listings on the websites of specific hosting locations. Check out the Rose Kennedy Greenway events and activities that continue through early fall:

Is This Right for Your Dog?

Here are a few tips to make these outings more enjoyable for you, your pup, and the people around you. Obviously, if your dog is not well-mannered or not comfortable around either people or dogs, this is not the right activity for you.

- If you have a high-energy dog, make sure she's tired before the event.
- At a concert, find a spot away from speakers and watch your pup's expression to see if the amplified sound is causing any discomfort.
- Bring water for your dog. And stash a few treats in your pocket to reward good behavior.
- Make sure your pup has plenty of opportunities to relieve himself away from the crowd to avoid an



Our second Westie, Maggie Mae, loved attending concerts.

embarrassing leg lift on a neighbor's chair.

- Don't let your canine companion give all dogs a bad name by begging for or stealing your neighbor's lunch.
- Tick reports are plentiful this year. Be sure to check yourself and your dog for ticks during and after the event.

Catch Up with Friends and Neighbors

You don't need an event planned by an organization to spend an afternoon or evening in the great outdoors. Send out a message and have a group of dog buddies gather around a bench with a few extra blankets spread on the grass.

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out in September.

Long-time local residents are recalling the 40th anniversary of the Beatles' visit to nearby Suffolk Downs for a concert that captivated Greater Boston.

Barnyard: The Original Party Animals, Snakes on a Plane, and World Trade Center are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

**30 years ago
August 29, 1996**

School bells will ring next Wednesday for the start of the new school year for Winthrop schools.

A downturn in the market for recyclables has resulted in the town being charged \$25 per ton for newspaper and \$20 per ton for other recyclable materials. However, Board of Health Chairman Edward Hazlett said the town still is saving money because the cost of disposing of these items with the regular trash is \$90 per ton.

Benjamin Groman Post 104, JWW, recently participated in the observance of the 100th anniversary of the founding of the national Jewish War Veterans association.

Tin Cup, Emma, and The Nutty Professor are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

**40 years ago
September 3, 1986**

Samuel's Pharmacy will become the local distributor of food stamps for the 400 Winthrop residents who presently qualify to receive them.

Police Officer Arthur Hickey swam into the water at Winthrop Beach to pursue and capture a man who was wanted for an attempted rape and break into a Shore Drive residence.

Brendan Reese took home trophies in the men's singles, men's doubles, and mixed doubles divisions of the Winthrop Town Tennis Tournament. Irma Levy was the women's singles champion. Jim Vargus joined Reese for the men's doubles title and Diane Musi teamed with Reese for the mixed doubles victory.

School bells rang today for the start of the 1986-87 school year in Winthrop.

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

**50 years ago
September 1, 1976**

George Pulsifer, Chairman of the Board of Asses-

sors, announced a new tax rate this week of \$77.20, a drop of \$4.40, which Pulsifer said was attributable to the large increase in local aid from the state. The decrease comes as welcome news for Winthrop taxpayers, who absorbed an increase of \$13.30 last year.

School bells will ring next Wednesday for the estimated 3245 children who will be attending the Winthrop public schools.

Boston City Councillor Louise Day Hicks said she will see what she can do to help Winthrop residents and alleviate the traffic congestion at Orient Heights that has been the bane of local commuters ever since Boston officials changed the light cycle at the congested intersection at the MBTA bridge.

Housing Authority board member Peter Cicarelli has resigned from the board in order to take the newly-created post of maintenance superintendent at a salary of \$17,000.

That's Entertainment, Part II, is playing at the Kincaide Theatre.

**60 years ago
September 1, 1966**

Winthrop's Joe Duplin added another championship to his long list of world-renowned titles by capturing the European Star Class Sailing Championship this past Monday. Fritz Reiss of Germany was Duplin's crewmate.

Francis W. Sargent, the Commissioner of the State DPW who is running for lieutenant governor on the ticket with incumbent GOP governor John A. Volpe, told an audience of local residents that the long-delayed Winthrop Harbor Improvement Project finally is underway and ahead of schedule. The dredging project hopefully will eliminate the nauseous odors that emanate from the decaying sea lettuce on the mudflats at low tide along the Winthrop inner harbor that have plagued residents for this entire decade.

Construction has begun on the town's second garden-style apartment building across from the Shirley St. School.

Anthony V. Marino has announced his candidacy for State Rep.

A contingent of police officers from all over Greater Boston helped to provide security for the Beatles from their hordes of screaming fans at the Beatles' concert held at Suffolk Downs recently. The Beatles played

for 25 minutes. The show was opened by The Cyrkle, who have a Top 10 hit with their single, Red Rubber Ball.

Sean Connery stars as James Bond in Thunderball at the Winthrop Theater.

70 years ago
August 30, 1956

Fifteen new teachers will welcome students when the local public and parochial schools open their doors for the start of the new school year September 5.

Reconstruction work on the Belle Isle Bridge will begin shortly.

William Pepicelli, a former chairman of the Winthrop Park Commission, has been named a Probation Officer in the East Boston District Court.

Dorothy and Bill Kincaide, proprietors of the Kincaide School of Dance, recently attended the national convention of dance teachers held in Boston.

Boys chinos are two for \$5.00 at Michael's Bargain Center, 58 Woodside Ave.

Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis star in Pardners at the Winthrop Theater.

**80 years ago
August 29, 1946**

The selectmen have passed new regulations to resolve the ongoing disputes between local residents and clam diggers. Local clam beds will be closed from May 1-September 30 so that the holes created by the diggers will not be a hazard to local bathers. A permit will be required every three months, at a coast of \$1.00, and only 75 permits will be issued by the town.

A group of 15 new teachers will be among the Winthrop teachers to greet the town's public schoolchildren when schools open for the new year Wednesday.

June Allyson, Kathryn Grayson, and Jimmy Durante star in Two Sisters from Boston at the Winthrop and State Theaters.

**90 years ago
August 29, 1936**

The list of registered voters shows a total of 8782 voters on the local rolls, an increase of 379 from last year.

More than 600 Winthrop boys and girls took part in the annual field day exercises to close out the 1936 summer playground season.

Clark Gable and Jeanette MacDonald star in San Francisco at the Winthrop and State Theaters.

100 years ago
September 4, 1926

The selectmen took up a

matter of great importance for the good of the town at their meeting Monday and awarded the contract for the widening of Revere St., which will be closed for two months so that it can be widened by 15 feet and be resurfaced with bituminous macadam.

Frederick J. Hogan is the new Grand Knight of the Winthrop K of C.

The town's public schools are set to reopen September 8.

Women in Winthrop and throughout the nation are mourning the sudden death of film star Rudolph Valentino.

An automobile stolen in Winthrop was recovered by Metropolitan Police in Revere within 30 minutes of the report of the theft thanks to a radio transmission received from the Winthrop Police. Two young juveniles were apprehended.

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At a Glance:

- Sept. 22 Sarah Botstein
- Sept. 29 N.K. Jemisin
- Oct. 3 Ann Patchett
- Oct. 21 AI and Civic Engagement Panel
- Oct. 28 Nicholas Boggs
- Nov. 9 Dr. Kizzmekia Corbett

Lowell Lecture: Sarah Botstein from Florentine Films

Tuesday, September 22 | 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM | Central Library in Copley Square

As a filmmaker who has collaborated with Ken Burns for nearly 30 years as part of Florentine Films, Sarah Botstein will discuss her latest film, PBS’s The American Revolution, alongside historical filmmaking and revolutionary techniques Florentine Films uses to bring history to life. An Emmy-nominated documentary producer, Botstein will be in conversation with



Sarah Botstein, Ann Patchett, and N.K. Jemisin will headline this season of free talks.

Imari Paris Jeffries of Embrace Boston. This Lowell Lecture will be introduced by BPL President David Leonard.

Author Talk: N.K. Jemisin on Revolutionary Ideas in Fantasy Fiction

Tuesday, September 29 | 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM | Central Library in Copley Square

Award-winning fantasy author N.K. Jemisin discusses a 20-plus-year career built on reimagining what fantasy fiction can do. A 2020 MacArthur Fellow, Jemisin’s short fiction and novels have earned multiple Hugo, Nebula, and Locus Awards. Her novels, including the Broken Earth trilogy, with over two million copies sold, have been widely optioned for film and television.

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the World and is a member of the American Academy of Arts and Letters. Her novel The Dutch House was a Pulitzer Prize finalist, and her work, translated into more than thirty languages, has repeatedly landed on the New York Times bestseller list.

Lowell Lecture: AI and Civic Engagement with Nathan Sanders, Dr. Avijit Ghosh, Jessica Chapel

and David Leonard

Wednesday, October 21 | 6:00 – 7:30 PM | Central Library in Copley Square

AI experts Nathan Sanders, Dr. Avijit Ghosh, and Jessica Chapel join for a conversation on AI and civic engagement, moderated by BPL President David Leonard. Nathan Sanders is a data scientist focused

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By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by Edward M. Burns to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., dated August 2, 2006 and recorded in Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 40135, Page 58, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder by assignment from: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at Public Auction at 11:00AM on September 21, 2026 at 208 Grandview Ave., Unit 208 of the 206, 208, 206R Grandview Ave. Condominium Winthrop, MA 02152, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit: UNIT 208, 206-208 GRANDVIEW AVE, WINTHROP, MASSACHUSETTS, IN THE 206, 208, 206R GRANDVIEW AVE., CONDOMINIUM, ESTABLISHED BY MASTER DEED DATED MAY 24, 2004 AND RECORDED WITH THE SUFFOLK COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS ON JUNE 13, 2006 IN BOOK 39788 PAGE 242, TOGETHER WITH AN UNDIVIDED 33 1/3 PERCENT INTEREST IN THE COMMON AREAS AND FACILITIES APPERTAINING THERETO AS DESCRIBED IN THE MASTER DEED, AS MORE COMPLETELY SET FORTH IN THE FIRST UNIT DEED CONVEYED BY DECLARANT, AND AS SHOWN ON UNIT PLAN REFERRED TO IN SAID DEED, ALL AS SHOWN ON THE PLANS RECORDED WITH THE MASTER DEED, AS THE SAME MAY BE AMENDED OF RECORD.
The premises are to be sold subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, encroachments, building and zoning laws, liens, unpaid taxes, tax titles, water bills, municipal liens and assessments, rights of tenants and parties in possession, and attorney's fees and costs.
TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00 CENTS (\$5,000.00) in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or money order will be required to be Paid by the purchaser in the form of certified funds at the time and place of sale. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid within thirty (30) days from the sale date in the form of a certified funds to Albertelli Law, 5404 Cypress Center Dr., Ste 300, Tampa, FL 33609. A deed will be provided to the purchaser for recording upon receipt of the full purchase price. The Mortgagee reserves the right to bid at the sale, to reject any and all bids, to continue the sale and to amend the terms of the sale by written or oral announcement made before or during the foreclosure sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.
TIME WILL BE OF THE ESSENCE.
Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.
Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., Present Holder of said Mortgage
By Its Attorney
Patrick D. Beaton, Esq.
Albertelli Law
400 TradeCenter, Suite 5900

Woburn, MA 01801
Phone: 813-221-4743
26-000841
8/20, 8/27, 9/3 W

LEGAL NOTICE
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
Boston, MA 02114 (617)788-8300
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Docket No. SU26P1593EA
Estate of: Michael Frederick Baker
Also Known As: Michael F. Baker, Michael Baker
Date of Death: 03/23/2025
To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Michael F Baker, Jr. of West Palm Beach FL requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that Michael F. Baker of West Palm Beach FL 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 09/08/2026. 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: August 17, 2026
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq.
Register of Probate
8/20 W

LEGAL NOTICE
PUBLIC HEARING DATE OF SEPTEMBER 8, 2026
Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Winthrop Town Charter Section 7-8(a) that the Winthrop Town Council will conduct a public hearing at on or about 6:30 PM, Tuesday, September 8, 2026 in the Harvey Hearing Room at on or about 6:30 PM That the Town appropriates the sum of ONE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,500,000) (1) to pay costs of water main replacement at Winthrop St, including costs incidental or related thereto; and (2) to raise this appropriation by authorizing the Treasurer, with the approval of the Town Manager, to issue bonds or serial notes under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, as amended or any other enabling authority; and (3) that the Town Manager is authorized to take any other action necessary or convenient to carry out this project..
Denise Quist
Town Clerk/Council Clerk
8-6-26
8/20 W

LEGAL NOTICE
PUBLIC HEARING DATE OF SEPTEMBER 8, 2026
Notice is hereby given in accordance with Section 2.9 (c) of the Code of the Town of Winthrop that the Winthrop Town Council will conduct a Public Hearing on Tuesday, September 8, 2026 at on/about 6:30 PM In the Harvey Hearing Room That Court Rd become a one-way From the Southwestern corner of the intersection of Court Rd and Circuit Rd near 265 Court Rd to Pleasant St.
PUBLIC HEARING DATE OF SEPTEMBER 8, 2026
Notice is hereby given in accordance with Section 2.9 (c) of the Code of the Town of Winthrop that the Winthrop Town Council will conduct a Public Hearing on Tuesday, September 8, 2026 at on/about 6:30 PM In the Harvey Hearing Room That the Town Council will vote to adopt the Tree Committee Ordinance Recommendations on the Winthrop Town Ordinances
enise Quist
Town Clerk/Council Clerk
8-17-26
8/20 W

LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF WINTHROP TREE REMOVAL PUBLIC HEARING
The following tree is hereby considered for removal under Massachusetts General Laws relating to such action:
143 MORTON STREET
The tree at this location is posted.
A public hearing will be held on MONDAY, AUGUST 24, 2026, at 6:00 PM at the Public Facilities Building, 100 Kennedy Drive. In the event you have any objections and are unable to attend the hearing, a written notice should be filed with the DPW prior to the hearing.
The Town of Winthrop does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age and handicapped status in employment of the provisions of services.
Sincerely,
Tom Derderian,
Tree Warden
tderderian@winthropma.gov
8/13, 8/20 W

DO YOU NEED TO RUN A LEGAL NOTICE?

DON'T FORGET TO CHECK WITH THE COURTS TO SEE IF YOU QUALIFY FOR A FEE WAIVER



EMERGENCY ALL BLOOD TYPES NEEDED.

Give now.





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WEEKLY ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

AUGUST 24TH–AUGUST 28TH, 2026



MONDAY

10:00am-11:00am
Yoga with Trish (\$5)

11:00am-1:00pm
Reiki Sessions
(Prior Registration Needed)

11:30-2:30pm
Game Day
(Mahjong, Cards and Cribbage)

4:00pm-5:00pm
Cardio Drumming (\$5) (Prior Registration Needed)



TUESDAY

9:30am - 10:30am
Exercise (\$1)

10:00am - 12:00pm
Technology Class
(see front desk to submit questions)

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

12:30pm - 1:30pm
Red Cross Preparedness Program



WEDNESDAY

9:15am-10:15am
Yoga with Trish (\$5)

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

11:30am-12:30pm
Mystic Valley Aging Services Office Hours

11:45am-12:45pm
Tai Chi/Qi Gong with Cindy

Public Computer Usage

Monday-Thursday
9:00am-3:00pm

Friday
9:00am-12:00pm

THURSDAY

9:30am - 10:30am
Exercise Class (\$1)

12:00pm-12:30pm
Dine-In Lunch
(must order by 11am Wednesday)

12:45pm- 3:00pm
Bingo
\$3 for 2 cards; \$1 each extra card. 6 cards max



FRIDAY

9:00am-10:00am
Yoga with Trish (\$5)

10:00am-11:00am
Line Dancing (\$5)

For more information on Senior Center programs and trips, as well as lunch menus and resources, go to our website



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617-846-8538 35 HARVARD STREET, WINTHROP, MA

HOURS OF OPERATION

MONDAY (8:30AM–6:00PM) FRIDAY (8:30AM–12:30PM)

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SENATOR EDWARDS HOLDS A FUNDRAISING EVENT AT THE TALL SHIP

Clerk of the Supreme Judicial Court Alison Carthright with Hannah Belcher and Dr Sherri Raftery.

Photos by Derek Kouyoumjian

Massachusetts State Senator Lydia Edwards held an “End of Summer” fundraising event at The Tall Ship in East Boston.

Suffolk County DA Kevin Hayden speaks of Massachusetts State Senator Lydia Edwards: “She is the hardest worker I know, she is the hardest worker you know, no one fights harder...”

Joining Edwards at the event was, Lt. Governor Kim Driscoll, DA Kevin Hayden, Rep. Adrian Madaro, and Councilor Gabriela Coletta Zapata.

Massachusetts State Senator Lydia Edwards.

Massachusetts State Senator Lydia Edwards with Pat Capogreco and Diane Modica.

Massachusetts State Senator Lydia Edwards with Carpenters Union Business Reps Hector Rivera, Josh Colon, and John Dunderdale.

Massachusetts State Senator Lydia Edwards speaks with guests at the event.

Massachusetts State Senator Lydia Edwards with Soap, Hailey, and Sovanna Am.

Speaker Series // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 10

on making policymaking more participatory, with research spanning machine learning, astrophysics, and public health. His writing on AI and democracy has appeared in The New York Times and The Atlantic. Dr. Avijit Ghosh is a Lead Technical AI Policy Researcher at Hugging Face, focused on how AI systems are measured and whether those measurements can be trusted. He founded the EvalEval Coalition and represents Hugging Face in AI governance discussions with regulators in the U.S., U.K., E.U., and Singapore. Jessica Chapel is Chief of Digital & Online Services at the Boston Public Library, where she leads digitization, digital

stewardship, and UX, with a growing focus on AI’s role in information access.

Author Talk: Nicholas Boggs — Baldwin: A Love Story

Wednesday, October 28, 2026 | 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM | Central Library in Copley Square

Author Nicholas Boggs speaks about his recent New York Times bestselling biography of James Baldwin, Baldwin: A Love Story, in celebration of LGBTQ+ History Month, moderated by Jesse McCarthy. Boggs is the winner of the National Book Critics Circle John Leonard Prize, the PEN/Jacqueline Bograd Weld Award for Biography, the Stone-

wall/Israel Fishman Nonfiction Award, and the Randy Shilts Nonfiction Award. Jesse McCarthy is John L. Loeb Associate Professor of the Humanities and of the Social Sciences at Harvard University, and the author of The Blue Period: Black Writing in the Early Cold War, Who Will Pay Reparations on My Soul?, and the novel, The Fugitives. His writing has appeared in The New York Times, The Washington Post, The Nation, and The New York Review of Books.

Lowell Lecture: A Conversation with Dr. Kizzmekia Corbett

Monday, November 9, 2026 | 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM |

Shaw-Roxbury Branch

Renowned virologist and TIME Hero of the Year Dr. Kizzmekia Corbett discusses her groundbreaking work in vaccine development. Corbett led the team behind one of the fastest vaccine developments in history during the COVID-19 pandemic, and her patented technology underlies vaccines used

worldwide, including those from Moderna, Pfizer, and Novavax. The conversation will be moderated by Frederica M. Williams, President and CEO of Whittier Street Health Center, one of Boston’s preeminent community health systems.

The Fall Lecture Series is made possible by generous donations to the Boston

Public Library Fund, including support from the Lowell Institute and the Eric & Jane Nord Family Fund for Author Events, with additional support for the Maury A. Bromsen Humanistic Literary Arts Lecture.

For the full schedule and to register, visit bpl.org/events.

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