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**PAINT THE TOWN
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WHS CLASS OF 2027
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The Winthrop High School Class of 2027 is raising funds with a community-wide “Paint the Town Blue and Gold” initiative. Residents can display their school pride by ordering a painted “W” stencil for their private driveway or walkway for a donation of \$40. Town sidewalks are strictly excluded.

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Winthrop breaks ground on new fire station

Winthrop firefighters joined by state and Town officials shown during the groundbreaking for the new fire station on Wednesday, Oct. 14.

By Adam Swift

The town of Winthrop officially broke ground on its long-awaited new fire station on Pauline Street at the site of the old middle school last week.

Local officials, fire department personnel, and representatives from general contractor G&R Construction were on hand for the groundbreaking.

Voters approved a \$38.5 million debt exclusion to fund the new firehouse in April of 2025. The new state-of-the-art building will replace the two existing

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School committee votes against change in international trip policy

By Adam Swift

The Winthrop School Committee quickly worked its way through a regular meeting with a light agenda on Monday night.

The committee voted not to make the annual international trips taken by high school students a school-sponsored event, following the recommendation of the athletics facilities and extracurricular activities subcommittee earlier in the evening.

Two weeks ago, high school world languages teacher Michael Nickerson appeared before the school committee to request that the trips be sponsored by the school district as a way to increase promotion and participation, as well as to have the students fall under the district’s code of con-

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Town honors Vietnam Veteran Richard Honan

Winthrop Town Council President Jim Letterie speaks on the accomplishments of Richard Honan (left).

Richard Honan served with 82nd Airborne in Vietnam. Upon his return to Winthrop he has been active in various veteran related activities. He organized and was the spearhead of trees for troops sending care packages to our military men and women who were serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. Richard and his volunteers did this for 21 years. Today he still actively supports the veterans serving as the co-chair of the Veterans Day and Memorial Day ceremonies with the VSO Phil Ronan.

Veteran Richard Honan (center) with Winthrop’s VSO Phil Ronan and State Representative Jeff Turco.

Richard and Mary Ellen Honan and their family stand in front of the plaque dedicated for his service to the Town of Winthrop and the United States.

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fire stations in town, both of which are over a century old.

“It was a very nice event that brought back the good feelings of being incredibly grateful to the community for stepping up to do this project,” said Town Council President Jim Letterie. “I am also thankful for the fire-fighters and all public safety personnel for what they do to keep us safe and comfortable 24/7.”

The general contractor is onsite on Pauline Street and has put up the fencing around the perimeter of the worksite. Letterie said structural steel for the building could be going up within the next several weeks.

“We expect the project to be complete in the first couple of months of 2028,” said Letterie.

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, OCTOBER 4

0047: An officer responded to a report of a noise disturbance on Beal St. The officers discovered that a discarded smoke detector was sounding its alarm in a trash bin outside of a house that is being renovated.

0441: An officer directed a person playing music loudly in their residence on Main St. to turn it off for the night.

1006: An officer issued a parking ticket to a vehicle parked in the No Parking Here to Corner section on Moore St. at Shirley St.

1222: An officer issued a parking ticket to a vehicle overhanging a driveway on Nevada St.

1757: Officers responded to a motor vehicle accident on Revere St. involving a car and a moped. There were no injuries and neither vehicle was towed. The officer assisted the parties with the exchange of papers.

2318: Officers responded to a report of a male party urinating outside of his vehicle at Governors Park. The officers arrested a 42 year old male party for the criminal offense of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5

0945: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Revere St. for the civil moving infraction of violating the hands-free law. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

-- An officer ordered a tow & hold for a parked motor vehicle on Winthrop St. with a registration revoked for insurance cancellation. The vehicle also owed \$1160 in parking tickets.

-- An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Main St. for the civil moving infraction of excessive window tint. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1256: A resident came into the station to report a

WINTHROP POLICE BLOTTER

number of unauthorized transactions on his debit card. The officer filed a report.

1423: A Shirley St. resident reported that a motor vehicle backed up into her planters and fled the scene. The officer filed a report.

1900: Officers responded to a report of a hit-and-run motor vehicle accident at Shirley and Irwin Sts. in which a vehicle clipped the side view mirror of another vehicle and fled the scene. An officer filed a report.

2330: An officer ordered a tow for a motor vehicle on Revere St. with a registration revoked for insurance cancellation. The officer confiscated the revoked plates.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6

0146: An officer issued parking tickets to 17 vehicles without resident parking stickers on Shirley St.

0212: An officer issued parking tickets to 12 vehicles without resident parking stickers on Veterans Rd.

1030: A Shirley St. resident reported that his parked vehicle had been struck overnight by a hit-and-run operator. The officer filed a report.

2234: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Pleasant St. for the civil moving infraction of an equipment violation (a defective tail light). The officer issued a citation to the operator.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7

0117: An officer issued parking tickets to six vehicles without resident parking stickers on Banks St.

0200: An officer issued parking tickets to six vehicles without resident parking stickers on Winthrop St.

0215: An officer issued parking tickets to five vehicles without resident parking stickers on Marshall St.

0230: An officer issued parking tickets to 12 vehicles without resident parking stickers on Summit Ave.

1118: A report of four cats that were left abandoned by the former tenants at a Trident Ave. residence was referred to the MSPCA.

1515: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Main St. for the civil moving infractions of a red light violation and passing on the right. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1738: An officer issued a parking ticket to a vehicle parked in the Fire Lane on Shirley St. at Twist and Shake.

1837: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Revere St. and issued a citation to the operator for the criminal offense of operating an uninsured motor vehicle and for the civil offenses of operating an unregistered motor vehicle and for not having a valid inspection sticker.

2257: An officer dispersed persons in a motor vehicle from Hannaford Park, which is closed after dark.

2306: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Main St. for the civil moving infraction of defective equipment (a defective brake light) The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8

0114: An officer issued a parking ticket to five vehicles without resident parking stickers on Trident Ave.

1751: An officer directed the owner of a motor vehicle blocking a driveway on Nevada St. to move the vehicle.

1801: An officer directed the operators of two vehicles parked in the Fire Lane on Shirley St. at Twist and Shake to move their vehicles.

1928: A report of water gushing up out of the sewer grates on Sea View Ave. was referred to the DPW.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9

0059: A repossession company reported the repo of a motor vehicle.

0103: An officer issued a parking ticket to a vehicle without a resident parking sticker on Brookfield Rd.

0136: An officer issued parking tickets to 13 vehicles without resident parking stickers in French Sq.

0207: An officer issued parking tickets to 13 vehicles without resident parking stickers on Beacon St.

0832: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Tewksbury St. that had been reported as stolen. The officers arrested a 57 year-old female party for the criminal offense of receiving a stolen motor vehicle. The motor vehicle was towed.

0912: A CVS employee reported a shoplifting inci-

dent. The suspect had fled the scene, but the officer who responded was able to view the surveillance video.

1105: A tow company reported the trespass tow of a motor vehicle from Governors Park.

1137: An officer issued a parking ticket to a vehicle on Quincy Ave. for parking too far from the curb.

1715: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on George St. for the civil moving infraction of a one-way violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1727: A Summit Ave. a resident reported that her son's bike was stolen from behind their house. The officer filed a report.

1918: An officer issued parking tickets to three vehicles on Cliff Ave., two for parking in a No Parking Anytime zone and the third for parking too close to a fire hydrant.

1930: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Washington Ave. for the civil moving infraction of defective equipment (back lights()). The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

2124: Officers and the Fire Dept. responded to a report of 20-40 youths with a bonfire on Yirrell Beach. The youths were dispersed.

2129: A tow company reported the trespass tow of a motor vehicle from Irwin St.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10

0129: An officer issued parking tickets to six vehicles without resident parking stickers at Delby's Corner.

0136: An officer issued parking tickets to seven vehicles without resident parking stickers on Beach Rd.

0144: An officer issued parking tickets to seven vehicles without resident parking stickers on Bartlett Rd.

1608: A Winthrop Harbormaster responded to a report of a boat in distress and a person in the water halfway between Deer Island and the airport. The harbormaster pulled a male party out of the water and brought him back to the town landing. His boat was towed to its mooring in Winthrop Harbor.

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duct while on the trips.

In personnel business, Superintendent of Schools Lisa Howard said there was a resignation from middle school teacher Daneille Ottaiano.

“Danielle is a fabulous teacher, she came to us not

too long ago,” said Howard.

The superintendent noted that in Ottaino's exit survey, Ottaino stated that she felt supported in the Winthrop schools and that leaving was a personal decision.

“It's just nice to get that feedback from people,” said Howard. “It is not mandatory that they do it, but we do ask for it and follow up.”

Howard also announced the retirement of Marjanna Perrotta, a special education teacher at the Arthur T. Cummings School.

“Marjanna is a very skilled specialist and has 25 years of service and she has decided to retire ... she will retire at the end of the school year,” said Howard.

Howard and the committee also discussed the posting of job descriptions for several stipend positions within the schools, including the director of athletic facilities, the game field administrator, and the director of athletic operations.

The superintendent said the detailed job descriptions are part of the most recent contract agreement with the teachers' union. Howard said there would be a further discussion of the de-

tails of those positions and the revised amounts of the stipends at the next school committee meeting.

In public relations news, Howard said the Winthrop Public Health Department will be conducting flu shots

on Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the E.B. Newton building. Anyone interested can walk in to the building during that time, or call (617) 539-5844 to preregister.

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REP. JEFF TURCO HOLDS FALL FLING CAMPAIGN RECEPTION



Rep. Jeff Turco, his wife, Melissa Turco, son, Matteo Turco, and daughter, Grace Turco, and father-in-law, Joseph Carbone.



Rep. Jeff Turco welcomes Town Council Vice President Suzanne Swope to his fundraiser at Beachmont VFW in Revere.



Rep. Jeff Turco and Derek Brodin.

her personal greetings to her colleague in the House of Representatives.

Revere Councilor-at-Large Marc Silvestri delivered the introductory remarks.

“We’re here to celebrate Jeff Turco,” said Silvestri. “Jeff is a man whether you agree with his points or not, he holds firm to them. He stands on his values, his family values, and believing in church and God in a big way, and that guides Jeff when he represents the district.”

Silvestri, who is a U.S. Army veteran, thanked Rep. Turco for his work in the state legislature on veterans’ issues. “He’s done amazing work, and he’s a great partner in government for Rep. Giannino and Sen. Lydia Edwards. It’s an honor tonight and I congratulate you and wish you good luck.”

Turco began his remarks by thanking his legislative aide, Kaitlyn Carter, for her excellent work in his office and for the residents of Revere and Winthrop.

“I’m proud to work with so many colleagues at the state and local levels,” said Turco. “It really is a partnership. I want to thank my partners on the School Committee and Revere and Winthrop Councils, Mayor Patrick Keefe and Town Council President James Letterie.. And I want to thank my family.”

“And of course, none of it happens in my house and with my family without my



Town Council President James Letterie, Rep. Jeff Turco, and Precinct 2 Councilor Kim Dimes.

sainted wife [Melissa Carbone Turco] who puts up with me. Melissa, I love you.” added Turco.

Turco said the Beachmont VFW is “so special to me because I met my wife here 23 years ago. We met in this room on a blind date. Seven months later I proposed. Seven months later we got married. And 22-and-a-half years later, here we are broke with six kids,” jested Turco, while noting the presence of Tom and Patricia Ryan, who set up the Turcos on that memorable first meeting.

Turco spoke proudly about the United States of America and its 250th anniversary, stating that “People come here because America is a land of opportunity and a land of hope for people. They come here looking for a better world for their children and their grandchil-

dren.”

During his remarks, Turco praised Silvestri for his military service for the United States of America.

Turco related how his office was able to assist a U.S. Army veteran in getting his full benefits. “That is what government is all about. That’s what Kaitlyn and I do every day,” said Turco, drawing applause for his efforts.

Concluding his speech, Turco, who is unopposed in the Nov. 3 general election, said, “I’m honored to serve as your state representative. I can’t believe that in November I’ll get elected to my fourth term. Where’s the time go? Thank you for your friendship. Thank you for your support.”

The guests enjoyed a buffet-style dinner and musical entertainment.

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WINTHROP PUBLIC HEALTH HOSTS WEEKLY TUESDAY FLU CLINICS

Winthrop Public Health is holding weekly flu vaccination clinics every Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the EB Newton Building, located on the first floor at 45 Pauline Street.

The clinic offers regular flu shots for individuals ages 2 and older, as well as high-dose flu shots tailored for seniors ages 65 and up. Residents may walk in during clinic hours or pre-register in advance. For questions or additional information, call the Public Health Department at 617-539-5844.

ITALIAN HERITAGE MONTH CELEBRATION SET FOR OCT. 24 IN FRENCH SQUARE

The Winthrop Commission on Diversity, Inclusion and Community Relations is sponsoring “Italian Heritage Month: Spotlight on Winthrop” on Saturday, Oct. 24, 2026, from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. in French Square.

The afternoon program celebrates Italian culture, traditions, and community heritage in Winthrop. The event will feature live music, food, and guest speakers. All residents are invited to attend.

SIXTH ANNUAL GREAT PUMPKIN ROLL RETURNS TO FORT BANKS SCHOOL

Local families can turn leftover jack-o’-lanterns

into garden nourishment at the 6th Annual Great Pumpkin Roll on Saturday, Nov. 7, 2026, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Fort Banks School Playground.

The free event is co-sponsored by Mothers Out Front and the Winthrop Department of Public Works to divert seasonal food waste away from trash incinerators and into municipal compost. Participants can roll their pumpkins down the hill for collection. To ensure safe composting, all pumpkins must be free of paint, stickers, plastics, and glitter. The event includes children’s crafts along with complimentary apple cider and treats; attendees are asked to bring their own mugs.

WINTHROP TRANSFER STATION DETAILS HOURS AND PERMIT POLICIES

The Town of Winthrop Transfer Station, located at the end of Kennedy Drive before Belle Isle Cemetery, is open for the season through Saturday, Dec. 5, 2026.

Operating hours are:

- Fridays: 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.
- Saturdays: 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Disposal of leaves and grass clippings is free and restricted strictly to Winthrop residents. Proof of residency must be presented via a valid resident parking sticker, driver’s license, or town ID displaying a current Winthrop address. Commercial properties, commercial vehicles, landscapers, and

hired contractors are strictly barred. Town DPW staff will inspect all incoming loads and verify residency at the gate.

Branch disposal is governed by specific regulations:

- Branches exceeding 3 inches in diameter will not be accepted.
- Transporting branch loads requires a Transfer Station Pass, valid only for non-commercial pickup truck loads up to a 5-yard maximum.
- Passes cost \$20 and must be purchased in advance at the DPW offices, open Monday through Thursday from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Credit cards or checks are accepted; cash is not accepted.

For more details, visit winthropma.gov or contact the DPW at 617-846-1341.

TOWN OUTLINES PERMIT RULES UNDER WINTHROP TREE ORDINANCE

The Town of Winthrop is reminding property owners and residents of municipal ordinances regulating public shade trees, designed to preserve the urban canopy, protect wildlife habitat, safeguard property values, and mitigate climate impacts such as flooding, heat, and erosion.

Residents must apply for and obtain a Tree Work/Removal permit from the Tree Warden prior to:

- Planting any public shade tree
- Conducting construction within the dripline of a public tree
- Pruning any public tree

Under town rules, permits may only be approved if at least one of the following criteria is met:

- The tree is dead, diseased, injured, in imminent danger of falling, disrupting utility lines, or posing an immediate danger to pedestrians or vehicles.
- Trimming or removal is necessary

MBTA RELEASES NEW SET OF COLLECTABLE CHARLIECARDS

The MBTA has announced the release of five new special edition collectable CharlieCards featuring iconic Boston landmarks including: the Massachusetts State Capital building, Bunker Hill Monument, the Boston Tea Party Ship & Museum, the Old State House, and TD Garden.

The MBTA’s Customer Experience team in partnership with the MBTA Fare Revenue Department previously released three commemorative cards in summer 2026.

“Riding the T is one of those things that makes

Boston, Boston,” said Interim Secretary of Transportation and MBTA General Manager Phillip Eng. “I say that myself as someone who is proud to call Boston home. The T is one of the best ways to travel and see all that Massachusetts has to offer, and today we’re excited to reveal a new set of limited edition CharlieCards, which feature iconic Boston landmarks that remind so many people of the amazing city we live in and its rich history.”

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OUR *Opinions*

EARLY VOTING IS UNDERWAY

Both mail-in and in-person voting is underway in every city and town in Massachusetts.

In-person voting began this past Saturday and will be available every day of the week through next Friday, October 30, excluding Sunday, October 25.

For those who wish to vote by mail, mail-in ballot requests must be received by the local election office by Tuesday, October 27, 2026, at 5:00 PM. Ballots returned via the USPS must be postmarked by Election Day (November 3) and arrive at the local election department by Friday, November 6, 2026, at 5:00 PM.

For those who choose to use an official ballot drop box or hand-deliver it to their local election office, it must be submitted by the close of the polls on Election Day, November 3, at 8:00 PM.

Massachusetts enacted early voting 10 years ago and has proven to be highly-popular with voters, often with nearly 50% of voters taking advantage of the opportunity to cast their ballots ahead of Election Day.

For some of us, the excitement of voting on Election Day itself -- with the hub-bub at the polls of campaign volunteers and election workers -- has a certain nostalgic attraction.

On the other hand, the incredible convenience of voting early in-person on a day that works best for us has become a great way to bypass the Election Day rush, avoiding the hassles of finding a parking spot close to the polls or dealing with the possibility of bad weather on Election Day.

The midterm elections always serve as a referendum on the party and the President in power. The 2026 election will determine the make-up of the U.S. Congress and the Senate, as well as the governorship in Massachusetts.

Voters will have a clear choice in every race, including at the state level, between choosing candidates who are supporters of the current administration in Washington or candidates who believe that changes in the country’s direction are needed.

But regardless of how one chooses to vote or which candidate one supports, the most important thing is that we all vote. Our democracy will not work unless every American exercises our right to vote, especially in this perilous time.

VOTE NO ON QUESTION 8 TO
KEEP MARIJUANA SAFE AND
LEGAL

It was 10 years ago that Massachusetts voters approved by referendum a law that allowed for the sale of recreational marijuana in state-approved dispensaries.

Since the enactment of the statute, the law has worked out as planned. Police no longer are tasked with enforcing marijuana laws that were universally-flouted and that often were enforced discriminatorily against minority populations.

In addition, with the possession of marijuana no longer a crime, the damaging, life-long effect of a criminal record -- for a minor offense -- upon a person’s potential employment opportunities was removed.

Most importantly, the law all but eradicated the black market drug dealers from the marijuana business, which has had five major effects:

First, the profits from the sale of marijuana are being realized by legitimate businesses rather than criminal organizations;

Second, about \$300 million dollars in state and local taxes are received annually from the sale of marijuana products;

Third, the legal marijuana trade now employs thousands of Massachusetts citizens who make an honest living and pay taxes;

Fourth, the marijuana sold in dispensaries is safe and free from possibly harmful additives, such as fentanyl and worse, that the criminal gangs often laced into their marijuana; and

Fifth, since marijuana has become legal in Mass., usage by teens has dropped by 50% according to data compiled by federal health authorities. This mirrors a trend in all states where marijuana has become legal. This fact -- which the proponents of Question 8 ignore -- may seem counter-intuitive, but it makes perfect sense. With the black market drug dealers out of the business, there is less availability of marijuana “on the street” for criminals to ply their trade to vulnerable teens.

In our view, Question 8 seeks to repeal a law that is working well and ensures the safe sale of marijuana to adult residents of Massachusetts. We strongly urge a “No” vote on this ill-conceived question.

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LETTERS to the Editor

VOTE YES ON
QUESTIONS 1, 3,
AND 4

Dear Editor,

In this year’s election there are nine (9) ballot questions on a variety of issues, and I am urging citizens to Vote Yes on Questions 1, 3, and 4.

For twenty (20) years, I served on the Board of Common Cause Massachusetts, a nonpartisan organization focused on promoting transparent, accountable government, expanding voting rights, and strengthening democracy across Massachusetts.

I believe that voting Yes on Questions 1, 3, and 4 will advance those goals.

Question 1 expands the Public Records Law by making it explicit that the State Legislature and the Governor’s Office are subject to the public records law, while exempting communications related to assisting constituents or developing policy positions. Massachusetts has one of the least transparent state governments in the country.

Virtually all other government entities – including Winthrop’s town offices and our public schools, and many offices in the state’s executive branch – are currently subject to the public records law.

Question 3 replaces our state’s existing party primary election system, in which Democrats and Republicans each have separate ballots, with a single “all-party primary,” in which all candidates appear on the same ballot together in September and the top two vote getters, regardless of party, advance to the November general election. This change could

boost competition and make sure that more voters have meaningful choices.

This year, 143 of 200 seats in Massachusetts for the State Senate and State House of Representatives are uncontested in November. Only 2 of 11 races for District Attorney across the state are contested. Massachusetts has the least competitive state elections in the nation. Politicians who have no competition are less accountable.

Former Governors - Republican Charlie Baker and Democrat Deval Patrick - both support Question 3 because they believe it is a meaningful reform to improve democracy, while many existing elected officials and the state Democratic and Republican parties, not surprisingly, like the system as it currently exists.

Question 4 would allow eligible Massachusetts residents to register to vote and cast a ballot during the same trip to the polls on Election Day. These residents would need to show proof of residency, such as a driver’s license or residential lease, and sign an oath that they are eligible.

The current 10-day voter registration cutoff before Election Day creates an unnecessary obstacle that disenfranchises many prospective voters. In 2024, election officials in Massachusetts rejected more than 3,300 provisional ballots cast on Election Day, and many of those could have counted if Election Day registration were in place. Question 4 would advance voting rights.

I urge anyone who has not yet voted, either by mail or

by early voting, to Vote Yes on Questions 1, 3, and 4 to increase state government transparency, strengthen democracy, and expand voting rights.

Bill Schmidt

NSCS OFFERINGS ARE RELOCATING

Dear Editor,

I am excited to inform our North Suffolk Community Services clients, families, elected and municipal officials, neighbors and other valued community partners that effective Oct. 26, 2026, NSCS is relocating many of our programs and services – including our Community Behavioral Health Center and Mobile Crisis Intervention services – to a state-of-the art facility at 5 Winnisimmet St. in Chelsea. Our business and billing address continues to be 301 Broadway.

The new site in a refurbished warehouse building on the Chelsea waterfront represents the past, present and future of North Suffolk and our commitment to the individuals we serve and employ.

The renovations honor the past by maintaining the historic integrity of the building, which dates back to the 1900s, reflecting a continuous commitment to hard work, being a place for everyone, and growth and evolution that keeps pace with community needs – much as NSCS has evolved throughout our seven decades serving Chelsea, Revere, East Boston, Winthrop and beyond.

The expanded space allows NSCS to bring together our wide array of existing services under one roof to meet present need, creating

a true integrated behavioral health network of care through increased accessibility for all. In addition to the CBHC therapy and crisis teams, the location will be home to a pharmacy, our medical team, and many community-based programs such as Community Support Program, ACCS, and Children’s Behavioral Health Initiative services. This is where our Recovery Coaches will be based, as will some administrative offices and our Training Center. Bringing these diverse employees and programs under one roof will inspire greater collaboration and connection, which will ultimately benefit the individuals and families we support.

Moving to 5 Winnisimmet also puts NSCS in a strong position for the future. This investment highlights our goals and long-term commitment to communities we have been a part of for nearly 70 years. It creates space for innovation and greater community engagement. And it is a fiscally responsible decision that allows for financial stability as we navigate a tumultuous economic climate.

From the outset of this project – the first major relocation of our services in decades – every decision we made was primarily influenced by how we can best serve our clients and best support our employees.

When we open the doors to 5 Winnisimmet on Oct. 26, we believe we are opening the doors to opportunity and possibility. We are excited to welcome you!

Sincerely,
**Judi Lemoine, President
& CEO North Suffolk
Community Services**



10 years ago
October 21, 2016

House Speaker DeLeo met with the Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs, Matthew Beaton, and the Commissioner of Fish and Game, George Peterson, to discuss ongoing efforts related to piping plover conservation and the recreational use of local beaches.

With his trademark humor, Fire Chief Paul Flanagan kicked off the Town's Fall Forum with a presentation on the status for emergency preparedness. According to the Town's charter two forums are required to be held each year, one in the fall and one in the spring where all department heads provide updates.

At Monday night's school committee meeting CASA (Community Action for Safe Alternatives) shared updates on a recent Prevention Needs Assessment. The survey, which was

taken by students in grades 6-12, revealed that nearly 16 percent of students have seriously considered suicide. While the number has dropped slightly from the 2013/2014 school year, it is still higher than the state average. In addition, 25 percent of the students reported that they have felt sad and hopeless for a period of at least two weeks.

Winthrop Parks and Recreation Director Sean Driscoll is launching a great program for boys and girls in grades 6-9. Beginning on Saturday, Oct. 29, from 6 to 10 p.m., sixth through ninth graders will be able to go to the old Middle School gymnasium on Pauline Street and participate in activities that will be staffed by Mr. Driscoll and his staff.

**20 years ago
October 26, 2006**

Town officials say they are ready to award the bid for the construction of the

town pier at the Public Landing to an East Boston firm. Cost of the project, which is being funded with a state grant, is \$2.18 million.

Residents in the Court Park section of the town were up in arms this past weekend because of late-night runway construction

by Massport without any advance notice to the public.

Local realtors are hoping for an end to the housing slump that has been in evidence for the past 18 months. A rebound is being forecast for 2007 by Moody's and other financial firms.

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Marino updates Winthrop council on ongoing projects

By Transcript Staff

In his report to the town council this week, Winthrop Town Manager Tony Marino highlighted progress on several ongoing construction projects, as well as provided some positive news for increased tree coverage in town.

“We have been awarded funds to plant trees through a Congressional (earmark) from the Office of Congresswoman Katherine Clark and funded through the Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA, in the amount of \$100,000,” stated Marino. “After losing the cooling corridor grant last year, this is good news, as we can continue to grow the Town’s tree canopy.”

In the wake of the official groundbreaking at the new fire station on Pauline Street last week, Marino also provided an update on work at that site.

“The Fire Station retaining wall has been installed next to the existing gymnasium building,” the town manager stated. “Now that this work is complete, G&R Construction will be on-site to prepare for the new foundations. The existing roof leaders that were dumping water into the hole next to the gymnasium were identified and rerouted to go into the new stormwater pipe that was installed.

“The stormwater system for the new fire station building will be completed during construction.”

A construction project in Revere that will affect emergency services in Winthrop is also moving along on schedule.

“The McKinley School construction project is moving along and is on schedule for our regional dispatch center (MNRECC) to move in during September of 2027,” said Marino. “We look forward to moving into our new facility and welcoming Chelsea as the newest member of our regional dispatch center.”

In other business, Marino said the new riprap rock structure is being installed at the properties located at 242/244 Grandview Avenue.

“We anticipate this will be completed next week, and then our DPW crew will finish backfilling whatever remains to bring the grade back to street level,” he said.

The coastal dune at Yirell Beach has been installed, along with the wooden beach fence and the access ramps.

“We are still waiting for the seagrass to be installed, which will happen in November,” said Marino. “Thank you to our DPW crew for their great work installing the Coastal Dune.”

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**30 years ago
October 31, 1996**

Town Clerk Paul Dawson is predicting a voter turnout of 75-80 percent for Tuesday’s national election that will be highlighted by the Presidential contest between incumbent Bill Clinton and Republican challenger Bob Dole. In Massachusetts, the fierce battle between incumbent U.S. Senator John Kerry and GOP challenger Gov. Bill Weld will be the main draw.

The Haunted Porch display of the Avery family at 140 Woodside Ave. once again is thrilling and delighting scores of youngsters every night during the holiday season. Visitors are asked to leave a food donation for the Winthrop Food Pantry.

WISE, a pro-education group of local citizens, has resurrected the issue of constructing a new elementary school one year after a Special Town Meeting rejected the proposal. WISE members held a meeting to discuss their strategy.

St. John the Evangelist Church parishioners will bid farewell to the Rev. Gregory Mercurio this weekend. Mercurio, who has served here for six years, has a new assignment in Lynn.

Local police say they strictly will be enforcing Halloween trick-or-treating restrictions between the hours of 5:30-7:30 this evening.

Student Services Director Ed Nazzaro told the School Committee that unexpected expenses for Special Education appear certain to exceed \$90,000 this fiscal year.

**40 years ago
October 29, 1986**

Winthrop voters mirrored voters state-side in overwhelmingly supporting Democratic incumbent Governor Mike Dukakis in Tuesday’s state election against GOP opponent Jim

Kerasiotes. Winthrop voters backed Dukakis by a 2-1 margin. Local voters rejected a ballot question that would have regulated abortion services in the state. However, they approved a repeal of the mandatory seat belt law.

Frederick J. Gillis has been chosen the new Chairman of the Advisory Committee. Carol DeMio is the board secretary.

**50 years ago
October 27, 1976**

Two local men have been arrested on charges of operating a phony check scheme. A raid of their apartment resulted in the seizure of two handguns, counterfeit checks, two pounds of marijuana, and a machine to make counterfeit driver’s licenses.

Joseph P. Kennedy III came to Winthrop last week to campaign on behalf of his uncle, U.S. Senator Edward M. Kennedy, who is seeking re-election to his third term in office. Young Kennedy was the guest speaker at the Senior Center.

An 18 year-old Deer Island inmate drowned while trying to escape from the jail. A companion is thought to have made a successful escape.

**60 years ago
October 27, 1966**

The local highlight in Tuesday’s state election will feature a battle for the State Representative seat between Democratic incumbent Ralph Sirianni, who is seeking his second term, and GOP challenger Anthony Marino.

The selectmen have ordered all available police officers to report for duty on Halloween to deal with the expected waves of youths who will be roaming the town’s streets.

OBITUARIES

Kathleen F. Hanson

Known for her easygoing nature, she was loved by all who knew her

Kathleen F. Hanson was born in Winthrop to the late Catherine E. (Forrest) and Edward J. McKenna. She grew up in East Boston before making her home in Winthrop more than 40 years ago.

Before retiring, Kathleen worked for John Hancock Insurance. She enjoyed reading, boating with her husband, and spending time with family and friends on her front porch. She also treasured lunches with her grammar school friends.

Known for her easygoing nature, Kathleen was loved by all who knew her. Above all, she cherished her children and grandchildren, who brought her great joy.

She was the devoted wife of the late Robert J. Hanson, Sr. and the loving mother of Lynne Peppe and her husband, David and Robert J. Hanson, Jr. and cherished grandmother of Nicholas D. Peppe, Justin E. Peppe and Jolee Y. Hanson.

Family and friends are



cordially invited to attend the visitation from the Caggiano-O’Maley-Frazier Funeral Home, Winthrop today, Thursday, October 22, 2026 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon followed by a funeral service in the funeral home at noon. Services will conclude with the interment in the Belle Isle section of Winthrop Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer’s Association at www.alz.org.

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

Bruce Dobson

Veteran Activist of Winthrop, formerly of Revere

Bruce Dobson, of Winthrop, died in hospice at The PARC, Winthrop, on October 19, 2026. Dobson was 81 and had suffered from pancreatic cancer for nearly three years.

Dobson was born in Chelsea on January 23, 1945, to Harold and Virginia (Fouhy) Dobson. He lived in Revere throughout his youth, graduating from Immaculate Conception High School in 1962. He then joined the United States Air Force, spending a term in Viet Nam before returning to a position at New England Telephone, where he worked until his retirement.

In retirement Dobson became very active in the Viet Nam Veterans of America.

Disabled by at least three different diagnoses of cancer attributed to his Viet Nam exposure to Agent Orange (CLL, Colo-rectal and Pancreatic) he assisted numerous Veterans to receive their proper disability benefits, helped found and name the Roy Correnti VVA Chapter 706 in Lynn, was on a National Agent Orange Committee and served as Vice-President East of the Massachusetts State Council for many years.

He also gave generously of his time and energy to hundreds of people in Alcoholics Anonymous and had been sober himself for forty-nine years on October 2, 2026. He was a kind, easy-going person who loved golf, his red Mustang convertible, his cats and Ralph Lauren Polo shirts (he was usually much better dressed than his wife).

Dobson married Carol



Liotti of Boston in 1972; they divorced in 1992. He married Irene Dwyer of Winthrop in 1997; both survive him. He also leaves his daughter and granddaughter, Kristen Dobson Meshlam and Joy Meshlam of Marblehead, his son, Andrew Dobson of Revere, his sister, Joan DeRoche of Alton Bay, NH, stepdaughters, Kathleen Dwyer Miller of Westlake, CA, and Anne Weston Emerson of Chicago, grandchildren: Jackson and Maisie Dobson of North Berwick, ME, Cole and Logan Miller of Westlake, CA, and numerous nieces and nephews.

His family thanks Dr. Jennifer Chan and her entire oncology team at Dana Farber, Care Dimensions Hospice staff, Home Instead aides and all the staff of The PARC for their compassionate and efficient care during this long unhappy journey,

People who wish to make a memorial contribution in Bruce’s name are respectfully directed to Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund (VVMF) (<https://www.vvmf.org>)

A wake in Bruce’s honor will be held on Friday, October 23, 2026, from 4 to 7 p.m. at Ruggerio Funeral Home in East Boston. Interment will be private.

Joseph A. Mason

Educator and Coach

Joseph A. Mason, born Joseph A. Masionis at 225 L Street in South Boston, passed away on Monday, October 12, 2026, at the age of 88. Joe was proud of where he came from: his Southie roots, his Lithuanian heritage, and the community that shaped him. He graduated from South Boston High as a three-letter varsity athlete and went on to earn his Master’s in Education from Boston University.

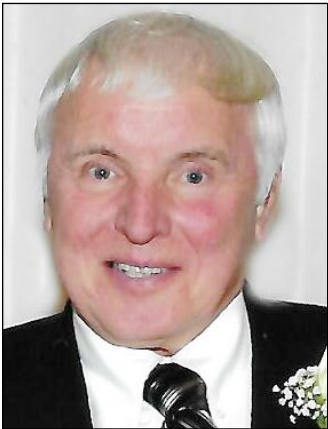
In 1963, he met Arline Daly at the Rathskeller in Boston. He invited her to watch him play baseball the very next day, and that was the start of everything. They married, moved to her hometown of Winthrop, and raised four children (Karen, Kim, J. and Michael) together. Joe spent his career as a gym and health teacher in the Boston school system, eventually becoming head coach of the Dorchester High Bears — leading them to three Super Bowls and winning one in 1989.

Saying Joe loved sports doesn’t quite cover it. He lived and breathed them — football especially. He was a die-hard fan of every local team and sometimes took their losses as personally as his own. One of his favorite moments was seeing something he never thought would happen: the Boston Red Sox winning the World Series in 2014.

But as much as he loved sports, his family was everything. His kids remember climbing onto his back all at once and having him carry them up the stairs like it was nothing. And they remember how he carried them in the other way too — going to work every single day for nearly 40 years, no matter what, so they didn’t have to feel the weight he shouldered.

That devotion only grew with the arrival of his grandchildren, Emily and Russell Nichols. Their theater performances, their games, their milestones — he was there for all of it, cheering louder than anyone.

Winthrop became his second hometown. He coached Little League, joined the Elks, frequented the Golf Club, and made so many connections that people around town started calling him “Papa,” even though he was only grandfather to two.



Joe loved a good cigar, a good story, and a good old whiskey sour.

He was predeceased by his parents, Joseph J. and Magdalen R. (Raskauskas) Mason; his sisters, Margaret Cappellano and Judith McCain; his brother, David Mason; his beloved wife, Arline and his son, Michael. He is survived by his daughters, Karen Mason and Kimberly Nichols; his son, J. Mason; his granddaughter, Emily Nichols and her partner, Aidan Conlon and his grandson, Russell Nichols. He also leaves behind his companion of many years, Lorraine Polo, as well as in-laws, nieces, nephews, and countless friends.

The funeral was conducted from the Caggiano-O’Maley-Frazier Funeral Home, Winthrop on Tuesday, October 20, 2026 followed by a funeral mass in St. John the Evangelist Church (St. Michael’s Parish). Services concluded with the interment in the Belle Isle section of Winthrop Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The 11 Foundation: In Memory of Michael Mason, c/o 319 Bowdoin Street, Winthrop, MA 02152. Joe proudly served as the Foundation’s Chairman Emeritus since its establishment in 2011.

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WINTHROP HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS SOCCER SENIOR NIGHT



Winthrop High girls soccer head coach Tracey Martucci and her father, assistant coach Gerry Gigliello, are pictured on Senior Night at Miller Field.



Showing their support to the WHS girls soccer team on Senior Night are girls basketball head coach Anthony Hatzisavas, assistant athletic director Frankie Fabiano, and athletic director Mark DeGregorio.

Cary Shuman Photos

The Winthrop High girls soccer team honored its seniors during an on-field ceremony before its game against Gloucester at Miller Field.



Assistant coach Andrea Martucci adjusts the Viking symbol before the Senior Night ceremony.



Winthrop senior Grace Scorzella, pictured with her father, Marc, mother, Michelle, sisters, Alessandra, Victoria, and Olivia, and family.



Winthrop senior Amira Moussaif, pictured with her parents, Latifa and Mohamed.



Winthrop senior and captain Angela Coscia, pictured with her father, Richard, brother, Nick, and family.



Winthrop senior Emily Raddi, pictured with her father, Glenn, mother, Michelle, and family.



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Winthrop senior Ellie Farnsworth, pictured with her father, Chris, mother, Erica, grandparents, and family.



Winthrop senior Ellie Farnsworth and friends.

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Sports

WINTHROP HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS SOCCER SENIOR NIGHT



Winthrop senior and captain Sara Yepes, pictured with her mother, Diana, father, Elkin, and sister Manuela.



Winthrop senior and captain Sophia Sarnaglia, pictured with her mother Ana, father, Cleison, and sister, Gabriella.



Shown above, Winthrop girls soccer head coach Tracey Martucci (left) and assistant coach Andrea Martucci, congratulate the 2026 team's seniors on Senior Night, from left, Amira Moussaif, Sophia Sarnaglia, Sara Yepes, Angela Coscia, Ellie Farnsworth, Grace Scorzella, Emily Raddi, and Ana Freitas.

Shown to the right, Winthrop senior Ana Freitas, pictured with her mother, Lau, father, Wesley, sister, Ashley, brothers, Caleb and Gui, and family.



WHS SPORTS ROUNDUP

BOYS SOCCER CLIMBS BACK TO .500 WITH TWO VICTORIES

The Winthrop High boys soccer team put together a pair of outstanding performances to climb back to the .500 mark (7-7) with victories over non-league opponents Lynn Classical and Arlington Catholic last week.

Last Wednesday the Vikings traveled to Manning Field in Lynn to take on a Ram squad that had defeated Winthrop 5-2 in their first meeting just five days previously amidst the Vikings' five-game losing streak. However, the Vikings turned the tables in the rematch to bring home a 1-0 victory that snapped their winless skein.

The teams battled evenly throughout the first half, leaving the score at nil-nil at the intermission. Shortly into the start of the second half, a Ram player was called for a jersey pull on a breakaway, drawing a red card that gave the Vikings an 11-on-10 advantage for the remainder of the game.

Winthrop continued to apply the pressure, eventually breaking through when senior Leandro Mendonca found the back of the Classical net off a great through-ball from junior Seaghan Turner. With time winding down, the Viking defense, anchored by senior captain Kai Faber, held off the Rams' counter-attacks to secure the 1-0 road victory.

"We went into that game to get things back on track," said WHS head coach Alex Brown. "We had a rough past two weeks with not getting some of the results we were hoping for, so what better way than to make a statement than on Lynn Classical's turf. From the opening whistle, we were moving the ball well, utilizing the width of the field, and creating multiple chances down in the offensive third.

"Junior Matias Alvarez, junior Raphael Goeritzer, and sophomore Hatim

Moussaif kept the energy up right from the start," Brown continued. "Their physicality, communication with their teammates, and vision on the field were exactly what we needed to keep up with Lynn Classical's physical play. The first half was locked in at 0-0 with some great chances from senior Leandro Mendonca, junior Seaghan Turner, and freshman Pedro Estevam.

"At the half, the coaching staff made it clear that we will continue to find success by using the width of the field," Brown said. "Senior Artur Vereza Rezende was moving the ball great and was utilizing long crosses to catch the Lynn Classical defense by surprise. If we kept making those crosses, one would eventually catch our attackers in stride and we'd find the back of the net. After the red card, we played with great intensity and continued to play towards our strengths.

"We got our identity back with this game and with this win," Brown noted. "This is the hard-working, skilled, relentless team that the coaching staff knows, and it was good to have the boys step back into that role. If we play every game like this, we really can do some damage in our last few games of the season."

Three days later the Vikings hosted Arlington Catholic on Saturday morning. Winthrop opened the scoring at the seven-minute mark off a corner kick from junior Seaghan Turner that Mendonca headed into the back of the visitors' net.

The Vikings made it 2-0 when senior Artur Vereza Rezende made a great through pass for Turner to get past the AC defender. Seaghan drew the foul in the penalty box and was awarded a PK, which he deposited into the AC net.

The Cougars responded with a goal, but the Vikings scored three goals before the half ended to take a commanding 5-1 advantage at the intermission. Turner

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Vikings fall to St. Mary's in non-league encounter

By Cary Shuman

The Winthrop High School football team kept pace with a strong St. Mary's contingent for a half, before the visiting Spartans used two successful onside kicks and its rushing attack to pull away to a 36-6 victory over the Vikings Friday night at Miller Field at Coach Bob DeFelice Stadium.

Rowan Merryman was the chief catalyst for St. Mary's (4-2), scoring four touchdowns, three in the breakaway third quarter.

"Very similar to the Northeast game, we played very well for a half and had opportunities to have a lead at halftime, but we just didn't make plays," said Winthrop head coach Jon Cadigan, whose team has a 3-3 record. "And I think Rowan is the best running back we're going to see all year."

St. Mary's coach Sean Driscoll also praised Merry-

man. "He's one of the best players on the North Shore. He's competitive. He plays hard defensively and offensively, so we're fortunate to have him," said Driscoll.

Third quarter the difference

Trailing 8-6, Winthrop had an opportunity to seize the lead on its first possession of the third quarter but

a key ruling on a third-down pass halted the Vikings. "The referee ruled that the pass was incomplete. And

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Local organizations partner to host Winthrop Community Health Forum honoring the legacy of Sandra Hurley

Special to the Transcript

Commonwealth Clinical Services, Inc. (CCS), the Winthrop Board of Health, the Winthrop Chamber of Commerce, and Commonwealth Primary Care, Inc. will partner to host the Winthrop Community Health Forum on Wednesday, October 21, 2026, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Arthur T. Cummings School Cafeteria in Winthrop.

Sponsored by the Winthrop Foundation, the free community event will offer valuable health services and resources. NeighborHealth will provide flu and COVID-19 vaccinations, and Commonwealth Clinical Services, Inc. will offer free blood pressure screenings. The Forum will pro-

vide complimentary refreshments, giveaways, and raffle prizes.

This year's forum holds special significance as it is dedicated to the memory of Sandra Hurley, RN, MBA, N-E, BC and former president of Commonwealth Clinical Services, Inc., whose lifelong dedication to nursing, education, and community service made a lasting difference in the lives of countless individuals and families.

The mission of the Winthrop Community Health Forum is to promote a healthier community by connecting residents with information, services, and resources that empower individuals and families to make informed decisions about their health and

well-being. Established more than 25 years ago by former Massachusetts Speaker of the House Robert DeLeo, the forum was led by Speaker DeLeo until his retirement in 2020. He passed on its leadership to local organizations committed to the health and welfare of the community.

Honoring the Legacy of Sandra Hurley

Sandra Hurley and her late husband, Dr. William B. Hurley, founded Commonwealth Clinical Services, Inc. in 2005. With a simple but enduring mission: to provide exceptional, compassionate care while treating every patient and family with dignity and respect.

A dedicated nurse, accomplished health care leader, and lifelong advo-

cate for education, Sandra earned her nursing degree from Boston City Hospital. She went on to earn a bachelor's degree in human services and a master's degree in business administration, and held teaching certification through the Massachusetts Department of Education. Sandra served as an Adjunct Professor for Ana Maria College's Master of Business Administration program and an instructor for the Medical Careers Program at Winthrop High School.

In 2019, Sandra received the STAR Award from the Home Care Alliance of Massachusetts, recognizing her exceptional contributions to patient care and her community. Beyond her professional accomplish-

ments, Sandra was deeply committed to serving those in need. She regularly participated in initiatives to feed and clothe Boston's homeless and took part in a weeklong medical mission to Constanza, Dominican Republic, in 2018, helping provide health care, clean water, and essential supplies to residents of the region.

Her expertise extended beyond clinical care, including a 1994 publication in Nursing Clinics of North America titled "Suburban Home Care: Cost, Financing, and Delivery."

Sandra's commitment to nursing and compassionate care lives on through her daughter, Jeanne Holgersen, a nurse practitioner who followed in her mother's footsteps and was the first

nurse practitioner in Massachusetts to open her own practice. Jeanne continues that tradition of patient-centered care through Commonwealth Primary Care, Inc., which is also located in Winthrop. In addition, Jeanne has assumed the role of President of Commonwealth Clinical Services, Inc. for a seamless transition for employees, patients, and business partners.

The dedication of this year's Winthrop Community Health Forum honors Sandra's enduring legacy and continues the mission Sandra championed throughout her life: strengthening the health, dignity, and well-being of the community.

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the next time our offense stepped on the field it was 30-6 because they had the two successful onside kicks. That's a crazy turn," said Cadigan.

Driscoll agreed on the impact of the successive onside kicks.

"We knew it was going to be a battle, especially early," said Driscoll. "When we got into the second half, we were fortunate to get those two onside kicks. I think that changed the flow of the game. We started taking advantage, and Rowan sort of took over in the second half."

Statistically speaking

Nate Previte produced Winthrop's longest play from scrimmage on a 52-yrd run. Previte is the Vikings' leading rusher through six games with 252 yards on 29 attempts for close to nine yards per carry. Desmond Cassidy (4-34), Dom Spinale (6-34), and Johnny Ferrara (8-27 with the Vikings' lone TD) were the other top ground-gainers.

Winthrop quarterback Charlie Ferrara was 4-of-11 for 76 yards including a 29-yard competition to Dom

Spinale. Desmond Cassidy, Mike Ferrara, and Johnny Ferrara also had single receptions.

Spinale earns Black Shirt Award

Linebacker Dom Spinale made 11 tackles (9 solo) and intercepted a pass to earn Winthrop's Black Shirt top defensive player of the game award. Desmond Cassidy played his best defensive game of the season with nine tackles (three for a loss).

"Dom has been a very

consistent football player for us," said Cadigan. "I've been very happy with Dom's contributions to our team this season. He's one of the better athletes in the school. He's a very good hockey player, and he was an All-Star in baseball." Mike Ferrara had eight tackles (4 solo) and blocked an extra point. Riley Moccio had 5 tackles (1 for a loss) from his defensive end position.

Winthrop's best defensive play of the game was Johnny Ferrara's read of a

fourth-down-and-13 screen pass and tackle of St. Mary's Merryman in a 1-on-1 situation in the open field.

"It was just a great play by Johnny, a 1-on-1 tackle in space," credited Cadigan. "We started moving the ball, but we couldn't capitalize before the half."

Senior Night at Miller Field

The Vikings will honor their 12 seniors and their families on Senior Night before this Friday's Winthrop-Swampscott game.

Swampscott (4-2) is coming off a surprising 17-7 loss to Gloucester.

Winthrop's game with Salem at Bertram Field has been moved from Friday, Oct. 30 to Thursday, Oct. 29.

"They [Salem] didn't want to play it the Friday before Halloween," related Cadigan.

Halloween is a huge month-long celebration in the Witch City, drawing more than a million visitors throughout October.

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scored a brace (his second goal of the day) off a great cross from freshman Pedro Estevam, and Mendonca scored the next two, off a pair of great through-passes from senior Artur Vereza Rezende, to achieve a first half hat trick.

Rezende (assisted by Mendonca) made it 6-1 at the start of the second half. "Artur has been a tremendous asset to our midfield," said Brown. "His ability to create chances, support our wingers, and win the 50/50 balls in the middle of the field has been critical to our success as a group."

A PK by junior Matias Alvarez concluded the scoring for the Vikings for the 7-2 finale.

"This win was critical," said Brown. "As a group we set out two goals at the beginning of the season: make the state tournament, and clinch the NEC South Lynch Division title. We need to be at least .500 for the state tournament, and we have some must-win games coming up against NEC opponents."

"This win gets us right to .500 at 7-7 and helps reaffirm all the hard work the boys put into practice and into games," Brown added. "We also had some guys, sophomore Elvys Paula and sophomore Liam Connors, get called up and play well for their varsity debut. Senior Neri Tanganelli also played well in the victory

and helped control the midfield."

Earlier in the week the Vikings dropped a 3-1 decision to NEC Lynch Division rival Salem on a rain-soaked Miller Field. The Witches, who had edged Winthrop 2-1 in their first meeting in September, grabbed an early 2-0 lead that Winthrop cut to 2-1 when Mendonca converted a PK before the half.

"At the half we spoke with the boys about sticking to the game plan, keeping their composure, and to shoot the ball more often," said Brown. "In rainy conditions the ball does weird things, so we needed to be testing their goalkeeper. We were right there with finding

the second goal, and needed to continue attacking their defenders."

"The second half started similarly as the first half did, a defensive battle with neither team breaking through. It came down to the final 10 minutes when a Salem attacker created separation from our midfield and had a shot from almost 30 yards out to take the score to 3-1," said Brown.

"Our boys fought hard for the entirety of the game," Brown added. "The elements were a bit of a factor, but we as a group, we need to continue to build on our resilience. We are able to come back from being down, but we need to work on carrying that momentum for longer durations throughout the game. I couldn't be more proud of our boys because they follow instruction and execute our game plan well with all these close matchups."

The Vikings were scheduled to take on NEC Dunn Division rival Marblehead this past Monday and Lynch Division foe Saugus yesterday (Wednesday). They will host Lynch opponent Swampscott next Monday under the lights at Miller at 6:00 and trek to Dunn Division adversary Peabody next Wednesday evening.

Winthrop needs four points in those final four matches in order to qualify for the post-season state tournament.

jia were recognized for their contributions to the WHS volleyball program.

"It's usually an emotional night for the kids," said WHS head coach Jeremy Wein of his team's 3-0 loss to the Lady Fishermen. "But I think we let our energy go down after the first set. I was glad to see them be able to play in front of their families."

Winthrop then took on Marblehead two days later and dropped a 3-0 decision. "We had a decent practice Wednesday to prepare for the buzzsaw that is Marblehead," said Wein. "We lost 3-0 again, but we had fight. We did things we haven't typically done. We defended the hard hits and targeted serves, timed our hits a little better, and blocked a few times."

"We are looking forward to going all out for our last four matches of the season," Wein added. The Lady Vikings will hit the road to wrap up their 2026 campaign. They were scheduled to travel to Swampscott this

past Monday, to Beverly yesterday (Wednesday), to Georgetown on Saturday, and to Salem next Monday.

WHS GIRLS SOCCER IMPROVES TO 5-6-2

The Winthrop High girls soccer team moved within striking distance of qualifying for the postseason state tourney with a 5-2 victory over Excel Academy last Thursday and 5-3 victory at Saugus last Saturday.

The wins improved the Lady Vikings' record to 5-6-2 on the season with four games to play in which they will need five points in order to achieve the .500 record needed to punch a ticket for a Journey to the Tourney.

Coach Tracey Martucci and her crew will travel to Boston Collegiate today (Thursday) and to Swampscott next Monday. They will host Peabody next Wednesday. They also have a make-up game with Marblehead that will be rescheduled.

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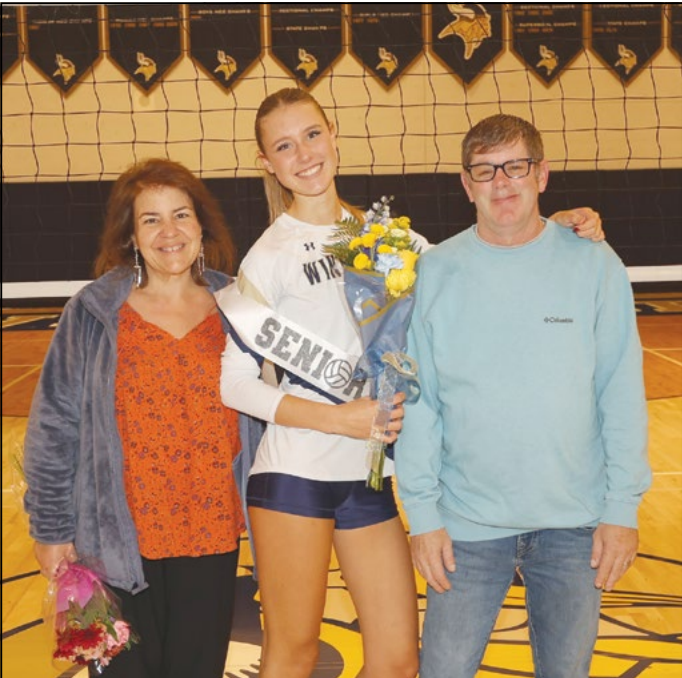
WHS LADY VIKINGS VARSITY VOLLEYBALL RECOGNIZES THEIR SENIORS AT FINAL HOME MATCH VS. GLOUCESTER



The seniors on the Winthrop High School volleyball team are pictured on Senior Night before their final home match of the season versus Gloucester High School.

Last week the WHS Lady Vikings took on the Fishermen of Gloucester High School in the final home match of the 2025 season.

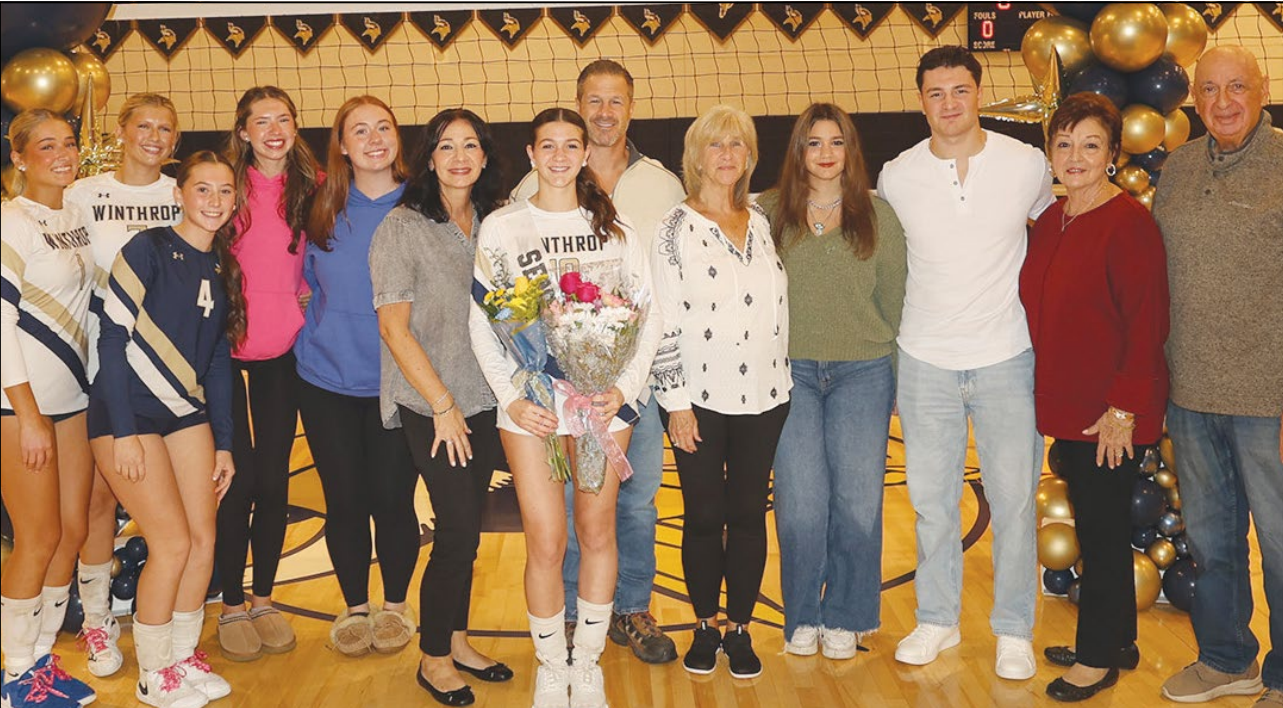
Prior to the start of the game the seniors were recognized for their dedication to the team.



WHS Senior Bianca Crovari with her host family.



WHS Senior Stephaney Velesquez with her parents, Gloria and Henry, sister Lina and family and friends.



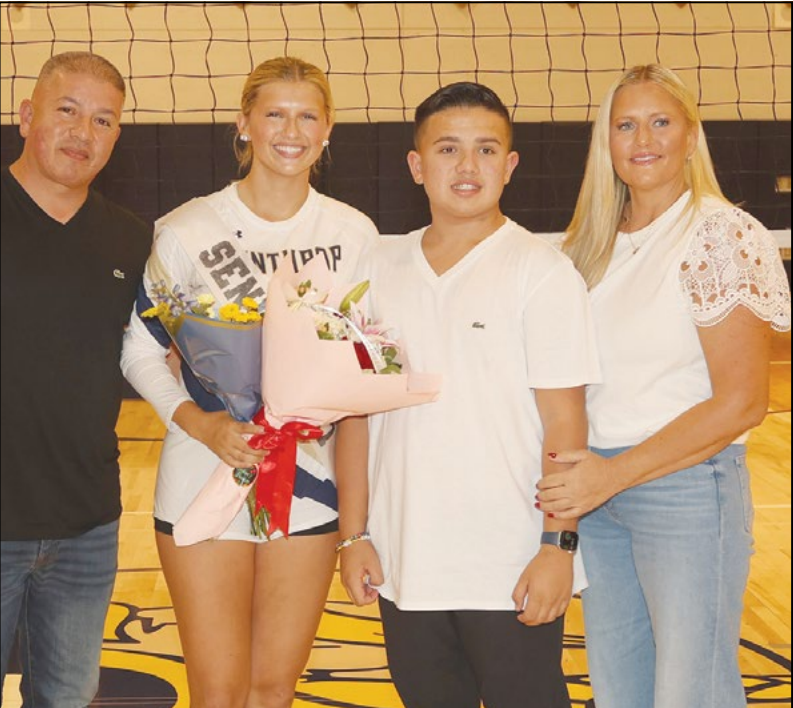
WHS Senior Francesca Indrisano with her parents, Marissa and Steven, sister Gianna, brother Anthony with family and friends.



WHS Senior Captain Makayla Herdt with her parents, Nicole and Jarrett, brother Ethan and family.



WHS Senior Keariss MejiaKylie with her parents, Clarissa and Axel and friend.



WHS Senior Captain Sofia Gonzalez with her parents, Rachel and Ramiro, and brother Ramiro.



WHS Senior Ana Clavenna with her friends.



WHS Senior Captain Kylie McFarland, with her mom Laurie, sisters, Briella and Mia along with family and friends.



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TUESDAY

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12:00pm-2:00pm
Halloween Party!! (\$5) Sign up at desk

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Tai Chi/Qi Gong with Cindy (\$5)

12:15pm-1:45pm
Italian Class

THURSDAY

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

10:00am-2:00pm
Shine Counseling

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

12:45pm- 3:00pm
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For Kids Only to honor co-founder Debbie Kneeland Keegan’s 40+ years of leadership at annual Helping Families Gala

Special to the Transcript

For Kids Only After-school (FKO) will celebrate the legacy of co-founder Deborah Kneeland Keegan at its annual Helping Families Gala on Friday, October 23, 2026, at the Hyatt Regency Boston Harbor. The event will honor Keegan’s more than 40 years of leadership and service to children and families while raising critical scholarship funds to ensure local children have access to high-quality before school, afterschool, and summer care and enrichment programs.

In January 2026, Keegan transitioned from her role as Executive Director after more than four decades of leading FKO. She now serves as Strategic Advisor, continuing to support the organization’s mission, staff, and advocacy efforts on behalf of children and families. Keegan co-found-

ed FKO with her sister, Connie Grayson, in 1984 after recognizing the need for safe, nurturing spaces where children could learn, grow, and build meaningful relationships during the out-of-school time (OST) hours. What started as a small program serving just five children in the basement of an American Legion has grown into a thriving organization reaching more than 1,800 children each year across 18 school- and community-based locations in Chelsea, Everett, Peabody, Revere and Winthrop.

Keegan’s legacy extends far beyond the growth of FKO, shaping the broader OST field through decades of advocacy, innovation, and leadership. She has worked alongside state legislators, agencies, community leaders, and fellow advocates to shape policy, secure resources, and elevate OST learning and care as an essential part of child devel-

opment and family well-being. Her work has helped advance initiatives focused on access, inclusion, and workforce development, including FKO’s Count Me In! Inclusion initiative and the Commonwealth’s first registered apprenticeship for OST educators. Through these efforts, Keegan has helped strengthen the field and expand opportunities for children, families, and the professionals who support them across Massachusetts.

“When we began, we believed that every child deserved a safe and nurturing place where they could discover their passions, feel seen, valued, and find their voice,” Keegan shared. “What has grown from that simple vision has been one of the greatest joys of my life.”

Throughout her time at FKO, Keegan helped build an organization centered on supporting children,

strengthening families, and creating opportunities for young people to learn and thrive. She credits the dedication of FKO’s staff, families, community partners, and supporters as essential to the organization’s growth and impact.

Following Keegan’s transition, the FKO Board of Directors elected Briana Flannery as Executive Director. Flannery brings more than 20 years of experience within FKO, having served in a variety of leadership roles throughout the organization. She is a graduate of Bentley University and earned a master’s degree in organizational leadership from Wheelock College.

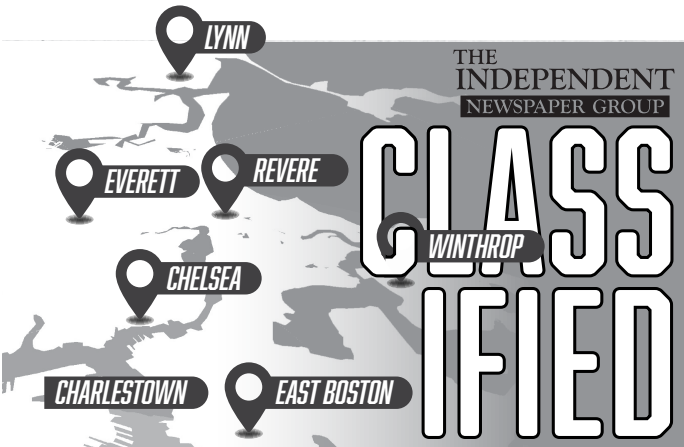
Keegan has expressed strong confidence in Flannery’s leadership, noting both her professional expertise and her longstanding connection to FKO. As Keegan’s daughter, Flannery has grown up alongside the organization, reflecting

the deeply rooted family and community values that have shaped FKO since its founding.

FKO looks forward to honoring Deborah Keegan at the Helping Families Gala, where the annual scholarship fundraiser will provide financial assistance to families who may otherwise be unable to afford high-quality out-of-school-time programming. Since its inception in 2008, the gala has provided scholarships for hundreds of families, helping children participate in FKO programs through-

out the communities served.

This year’s gala will bring together FKO supporters, community members, and partners for an evening featuring dinner and drinks, raffles, a silent auction, and a live auction. Guests will also enjoy a special performance by FKO children and interactive play stations designed to help adults reconnect with the joy, creativity, and curiosity of childhood while experiencing a glimpse into the types of activities and experiences children enjoy at FKO every day.



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70 years ago October 25, 1956

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A record voter turnout is being predicted by Town Clerk John A. Clark for Tuesday's Presidential election between incumbent Dwight D. Eisenhower and Democratic challenger Adlai Stevenson.

80 years ago October 24, 1946

A close battle between Democrat Walter Smith and

Republican Thomas Key for the State Representative seat will highlight Tuesday's state election locally. Gov. Maurice Tobin will be the guest speaker at a Democratic rally at the Winthrop Yacht Club this week.

90 years ago October 31, 1936

The selectmen have directed the precinct election wardens not to start counting the ballots until the polls are closed so that information about the trend of the balloting does not leak out before all of the voters have voted.

100 years ago November 6, 1926

Winthrop voters gave huge margins to Republican candidates in Tuesday's Presidential election, which featured a local turnout of 77 percent. Republican Edgar Power handily won the contest for State Representative.

Electric lights in the Court Park section of town were broken by vandals

throwing rocks on Halloween night.

110 years ago November 4, 1916

Winthrop observed Halloween in appropriate fashion with dances and parties. However, gangs of mischievous boys armed with tick-tacks, bean blowers, and other devices were roaming all over the town. Nervous neighbors kept the phones working overtime with calls to the police because of the pranks.

120 years ago November 3, 1906

The Winthrop Sun & Visitor urges voters in Winthrop to cast their ballots for the Republican candidates on the state election ballot from top to bottom. There are 1659 registered voters in the town.

Col. Charles H. Adams, a veteran of the Civil War, passed away at the age of 70 last week at the New Winthrop Hotel, where he had been residing recently. He will be buried at the Arlington

ton National Cemetery in Washington, D.C.

120 years ago October 31, 1896

The final Republican rally of the present campaign took place at the Town Hall Wednesday. Even some Democrats, casting aside partisan feelings, joined Republicans in urging a rebuke to Democratic Presidential candidate William Jennings Bryan and his followers. The GOP candidate is William McKinley.

140 years ago November 5, 1886

David Floyd II of Winthrop handily won a close race for State Representative by just six votes, 115-109, over his closest rival. Floyd ironically lost Winthrop by two votes, but carried Revere by eight votes and tied in Ward 4 of Chelsea.

The State Board of Health has informed town officials that it has approved the selectmen's sewage plan for the Winthrop Beach section of town.

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You can make soup!

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

For those new to cooking at home, soup is a great place to start. Food writer Ruth Reichl said, "If you've got chicken stock, you've got a meal." And it doesn't have to be chicken stock. You can make soup with water or make your own stock from what you have on hand. Some cooks even freeze their peelings and vegetable scraps until they have enough to make a vegetable soup stock.

Unlike fussy preparations, soup is very forgiving. If you don't have one ingredient, you can usually substitute another. Soup cooks over low heat, so it's unlikely to burn or scorch. It's also a great way to learn how to adjust any dish's flavor.

If your soup tastes flat, ladle some into a small bowl and add a dash of vinegar to see if it helps. If you like the result, add some vinegar to the whole pot. You can do the same with herbs, spices, salt, and pepper.

Use Leftovers and Eat Your Veggies

We often make a pot of soup by using up what's in our refrigerator. We usually have stock or stock base; aromatic vegetables like carrots, onion, fennel, and celery; starches like rice, pasta, or noodles; and seasonings. We often cook and store the starch components separately and add them to each serving since they tend to swell and drink up all the stock.

We'll add bits and pieces of leftover meat and whatever vegetables are in the

crisper. We keep a few additions to soups, like chicken meatballs in our freezer. Not every ingredient has to be made from scratch.

We keep jars of legumes and beans ready to add hardness to even the simplest soups. And a flavorful sausage, like Italian sausage, chorizo, or kielbasa, can take a basic vegetable soup to a new cuisine.

If you need a formula to start with, we recommend Pam Anderson's book, *How to Cook Without A Book*. She begins her chapter on soup with this rhyme, "Sauté an onion, then add vegetables, starch, and meat. Cook it in a quart of broth for a meal that can't be beat." Then she teaches the reader to improvise around that theme.

Meat is optional. Anderson starts with a recipe for pureed vegetable soup and tells readers how to prepare variations with broccoli, cauliflower, potatoes, and squash.

Soup as Medicine

Cooks often stir up a pot of healing soup when a friend or family member has a cold or the flu. Today, scientists agree that chicken soup has many properties that relieve symptoms of those viruses.

The Mayo Clinic website explains how it helps. "Researchers say that chicken soup acts as an anti-inflammatory and temporarily speeds up the movement of mucus through the nose. This relieves congestion and limits how long viruses contact the lining of your nose. Plus, soup and other liquids



Not every ingredient in a soup has to be made from scratch. These meatballs were purchased frozen and added to the soup near the end of cooking.

help loosen congestion and prevent dehydration."

Recently, someone said to us, "I would give anything for one more bowl of my Mother's chicken soup." We associate homemade soup with family, tradition, and perhaps good memories. Every so often, Penny makes a batch of the clam chowder that was served at Rhode Island shore dinner halls in years past. It re-

minds her of fun times with her extended family.

So, for the sake of memories, to help someone feel better, or to clean out the refrigerator, reach for a big pot and brew yourself some soup.

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NeighborHealth celebrates health, wellness and community at Fall Family Health Fair



From left to right: Maria Coppenrath, Vice President and Chief Financial Officer; Jamie Hazard, president and CEO of NeighborHealth; Dr. Julio Mazul, Executive Vice President and Chief Medical Officer, NeighborHealth; Eugenia Coronada, Vice President, Specialty Services and Patient Experience, NeighborHealth.



Young East Boston residents decorating pumpkins at NeighborHealth Fall Family Health Fair.

Special to the Journal

NeighborHealth hosted its annual Fall Family Health Fair on Wednesday, October 7 at Central Square Park in East Boston, bringing together families, patients, and community members for a day full of seasonal fun and preventive care services.

Joining forces with the East Boston Farmer's Market, the Health Fair offered free flu and COVID vaccines, health screenings, educational resource booths, and hands-on activities including pumpkin decorating, face painting and music designed to engage attendees of all ages while fostering community wellness. Attendees also enjoyed healthy snacks donated by Farmer's Fridge, Stop and Compare Market, La Hacienda and Pollo Campero.

"The Fall Family Health Fair is a meaningful opportunity to meet our communities where they are with preventative care, trusted health information and fun, family-friendly activities for the kids" said Courtney Senechal, Director of Nursing at NeighborHealth. "By connecting with families in person, we can help them feel informed, supported and prepared to protect their health during flu season and throughout the winter."

NeighborHealth volunteers, staff and community partners connected with visitors, offering families opportunities to learn more about services and resources available year-round from health educators, behavioral health clinicians, and community outreach teams. The event also provided opportunities for new patients to connect directly with staff and explore NeighborHealth's broad network of family care, radiology, dental, recovery, older adult and behavioral health programs.

NeighborHealth plans to continue to support healthier, more connected communities across Boston through education, prevention and care and will be hosting a second Fall Family Health Fair at Blackstone Square Park, 1535 Washington St, South End, Boston on Saturday, Oct. 17 from 10am- 2pm.

This year's health fairs are made possible thanks to the generosity of presenting sponsor Mass General Brigham Health Plan as well as Quest Diagnostics, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Santander Bank, Beth Israel Lahey Health Mt. Auburn OBGYN Dept., Boston Children's Hospital, Boston Medical Center, Boston Public Health Commission, Cataldo Ambu-

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To learn more about upcoming community events, visit NeighborHealth Events.

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Jamie Hazard, president and CEO of NeighborHealth receiving his annual flu shot at the NeighborHealth Fall Family Health Fair.

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