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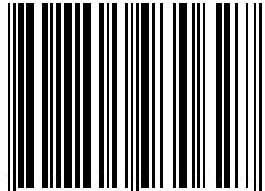
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#### LOCAL STUDENT ON HONOR ROLL

The Fenn School of Concord announces its honor roll for the first term and Dewayne L. Winston-Johnson of Winthrop has received academic honors.

#### ON HONOR ROLL AT BC HIGH

The following local students have been named to the Boston College High School First Quarter Honors Roll:

For High Honors a Sophomore, Junior or Senior must have at least a 3.80 quality point average and all grades "C+" or higher. Freshmen need a 3.6 quality point average and all grades "C+" or higher.

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Matthew Rudser 2019  
Honors  
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Aidan Cash 2021  
Honors  
Rocco Cassetta 2022  
High Honors  
John Giorgio 2022  
High Honors  
Hunter Kennedy 2022  
High Honors  
Sean Montgomery 2022 Honors

#### Interview with new kindergarten teacher, Emily Jennings

By Kate Anslinger

When the school district was approved to start a seventh kindergarten teacher, the administration was tasked with finding someone who was not only qualified, but also adaptable to the major

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## Development in Winthrop Center will be focus of tonight's town meeting

By Sue Ellen Woodcock

The developer of a proposed building on Somerset Avenue will find out tonight what the town really feels about development in the town center.

The developer, Envelo Properties of New York, will appear at a public meeting on Dec. 13 at the E.B. Newton at 6 p.m. to discuss the proposed development at 10-16 Somerset St. And on Dec. 17 the proposal will be presented to the Planning Board.

Plans call for five-story building with 40 housing units, 13,000 square feet, and 34 parking spaces with park-

ing under the building. The units will consist of three studios; 17 one-bedroom; and 20 two-bedroom units.

"I believe the consensus is that something needs to be done regarding the vacant and boarded up buildings in the center. They are unsightly, dangerous and create a health hazard," said Town Council President Ron Vecchia. "In all of my conversations with the developers I have always recommended they first hold neighborhood meetings to get the input from the residents that will be most impacted by their project."

In the case of the Somerset Street property Vecchia said

he shares the concerns of residents as to the size and design of the overall project.

"Dialog should have been started with the community long before the unveiling of the design. We are a long way away from approving the final design of this project. Neighborhood meetings, governmental committee and board hearings will shape the final design and scope of this particular project," Vecchia said. "In the end the design of any project in the center should reflect a New England type of feel, the best example of which can be seen in the downtown design in Newburyport."

### CHRISTMAS SEASON IN WINTHROP



PHOTO BY IDK WHO

▲ Lauren Pozark and Andrew Blake appear as Joseph and Mary on Sunday, Dec. 9. The Church held a live nativity scene complete with live animals. See more photos on Page 12.



PHOTO BY KATE ANSLINGER

◀ IT'S SANTA!! Claire Hubbard visits with Santa on Saturday, Dec. 8, during the annual Winthrop Improvement and Historical Association (WIHA) holiday open house. Visitors got to browse a selection of local crafts and baked goods at the holiday fair open house. See more photos on Page 7.

### CULTURAL COUNCIL HOSTS GLITTER ORNAMENT WORKSHOP



PHOTO BY MARIANNE SALZA

Michael Benson shows off his new, handmade Christmas ornament he made at the third annual Winthrop Cultural Council Glitter Ornament Workshop. The annual event is sponsored by Susan Gerow, who said making ornaments take the stress out of her life. See more photos on Page 16.

## New year could bring more smoking regulations

By Sue Ellen Woodcock

The Board of Health implemented tobacco regulations in 2015, which included a prohibition on workplace smoking, retail tobacco stores and smoking on playgrounds and athletic fields, as well as hotels and motels, bed and breakfast rooms and places where food is served to the public by employees at restaurants, bars and taverns.

Last week, Schmidt, along with fellow board members Dr. Astrid Weins and Susan Maguire, shared with the Town Council that changes will take place in the town's smoking regulations to include prohibiting smoking on the beach, and prohibiting smoking in workplaces and public spaces.

"Our proposed changes are to strengthen the regulation," said Board of Health Chairman Bill Schmidt.

"We're here tonight as part of our community outreach effort. Our proposed changes are based on our sincere belief that they will benefit the public health," he added.

The local board was asked by the Tobacco Control Collaborative to consider adding regulations.

The draft regulations provided contains nine changes to the existing regulations – the addition of a "purpose" section; a prohibition on e-ciga-

rettes; prohibition of smoking in membership in association or clubs; no smoking within 25 feet of a municipal building entranceway; prohibition of smoking in smoking bars; prohibit smoking in town-owned parks and beaches; no smoking in nursing homes; no smoking in bus-stop shelter waiting areas and the addition of stronger language preventing smoking in outdoor areas of restaurants, bars, and taverns.

Schmidt pointed out that second-hand smoke continues to be an issue.

"There is no risk-free level of exposure," Schmidt said.

Councilor Phil Boncore, an ardent cigar user, said he thought they weren't going to touch the beaches and the parks.

"Now you can't sit on a bench and have a cigar or a cigarette," Boncore said.

"Second-hand smoke at any level is harmful," said Weins, adding that 86 percent of citizens do not smoke. She also noted the littering problem with cigarette butts.

"This is a draft," Schmidt said, adding smoking is banned at state beaches. The town's smoking regulations would apply to Yirrell Beach.

"I think you are taking more personal liberties away from people," Boncore said.

The proposed changes are expected to be voted on in January.

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challenges associated with coming into the school year three months in.

After much consideration, Emily Jennings was hired to take on the role, and she has managed to transition a group of young children into a new classroom with ease. Her first few days on the job were filled with parent meetings, student introductions and of course, the chore of setting up a brand-new classroom.

Amongst her busy days of playing catch-up, Jennings fit in an interview to share a bit about her background and some of the challenges she's been faced with as the new K-2 teacher.

## Please tell us about your background.

I grew up in Brookline. I went to Brookline Public Schools from pre-school to 12<sup>th</sup> grade. When I graduated from Brookline High School, I went to Curry College, where I graduated with a double major in Education and Integrated Liberal Studies. I spent time as a substitute teacher in Brookline and when I graduated from Curry, I was hired as an aide for kindergarten to second grade classrooms. While I was working as an aide, I went to Wheelock College for my master's degree, and I did my student teaching in a first-grade classroom. At the end of the school year the teacher was going on maternity leave and I was hired to finish out the school year with that class. When I finished my master's program, I was hired to be a kindergarten teacher in Brookline and then went on to teach first and second grade as well. From there, I taught first grade in Chelsea and worked as a long-term

substitute teacher in Newton, as well as teaching pre-school at a private school. I also work part time for the Red Sox in the Security Department.

**Is teaching something that you always wanted to do?**

I have always wanted to be a teacher. I can remember when I was younger playing school and always wanting to be the teacher.

**How are you adapting to the Winthrop school district?**

I am adapting well to the Winthrop School District. I was fortunate enough to get to spend time in all of the Kindergarten classes before starting in my own classroom. I have met many wonderful and supportive teachers, staff, administrators and families which has made my transition that much easier.

## What do you enjoy most about working in Winthrop?

What I enjoy most about working in Winthrop so far is the support that I have received from everyone.

## Are there any challenges that come with starting a teaching job three months into the school year?

It was challenging to get my classroom set up, learn a new curriculum and meet new colleagues, students and families in a short amount of time.

## What is your favorite thing about teaching?

My favorite thing about teaching is seeing the excitement on a child's face when they learn something new and of course, their excitement about learning.



Emily Jennings.

# EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT SPRUCES UP SENIOR CENTER



PHOTO BY SUE ELLEN WOODCOCK

It was the wish of former Senior Center Director Nancy Williams to have new fencing and gardening plots at the center. Nancy passed away over a year ago and the Senior Center has a fresh look outside, thanks to the Eagle Scout project of Cody Wojick, front, and helpers Matt Stoddard, Robert Floyd, Brian Houghton, Dylan Sykes and Jake Wojick.

# EBNHC President and CEO Manny Lopes to chair Boston's Board of Health

By John Lynds

Anyone involved in the East Boston Neighborhood Health Center knows that Manny Lopes is a dedicated leader and one of the most recognizable figures in and around the area. So it came as no surprise when Lopes took over the helm as president and CEO of EBNHC after his mentor Jack Cradock retired.

Lopes' ascension is a story that embodies EBNHC's mission and commitment to the community. More than two decades ago, Lopes joined the health center as an 18-year-old researcher, working with Dr. Jim Taylor on a blood pressure study. In the ensuing years, Lopes went on to hold positions in the human resource and operations departments. Lopes later served as the Health Center's vice president and chief information officer, providing organizational vision and leadership with an eye for technology and collaborative innovation.

This week Lopes added another career milestone to his resume when Mayor Martin Walsh announced the appointment of Lopes as the chair of Boston's Board of Health. The Board of Health is the



EBNHC President and CEO Manny Lopes was appointed chair of Boston's Board of Health.

seven-member governing body that oversees the work of the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC). Lopes succeeds Francis Doyle, who stepped down in October from the Board to assume a leadership role within the Massachusetts Department of Public Health.

"I'm truly humbled by this appointment," said Lopes. "I hope to carry out Mayor Walsh's vision for a healthy city and healthy neighborhoods while addressing some of the challenges like the impacts of substance abuse, mental health and health equity. I am ready to serve and drive forward the public health priorities and goals outlined by the Mayor and

being executed daily through the vast programming offered by the Commission and its public health and community partners."

Lopes added that he looks forward to working closely with BPHC Executive Director Valdes Lupi, the BPHC staff, and his fellow board members to further advance an agenda that supports all Bostonians, so they can equally have every opportunity to thrive.

After a mid-career stint outside the health center, during which Lopes worked as a business consultant and project manager for Fortune 1,000 companies helping CEOs, CIOs, and CFOs redesign critical business processes, Lopes came back and served as EBNHC's vice president and chief information officer. In that role Lopes provided organizational vision and leadership with an eye for technology and collaborative innovation. Lopes attended Lesley University School of Management and has a master's degree in business administration from Northeastern University's Graduate School of Business. In 2010, Lopes assumed the role of deputy chief executive officer and began working closely with former EBNHC President and CEO Jack Cra-

dock as part of the Health Center's strategic succession plan. He seamlessly adopted increasing responsibility and proved his readiness to take over the EBNHC helm. He took over the reigns as CEO from Cradock in 2014.

"We are fortunate to have Manny Lopes as the new chair of the Board of Health and look forward to working with him in this new capacity," said Mayor Walsh. "Over the past several years, Manny has built a culture designed to provide the best possible care for patients at the East Boston Neighborhood Health Center. Having served on the Board of Health since 2015, he is already aware of the current and emerging challenges and opportunities facing the Commission's work today and I'm confident that he'll do great job leading the Board."

Lupi added that she is excited to have Lopes as chair and to work closely with him and the board to implement strategies and initiatives to advance the health for all Bostonians.

"Given his leadership at the health center, he has a keen appreciation for the public health challenges that our clients face and brings great energy and experience in innovating to this role," she said.

# Winthrop School Resource Officer selected for international training program

SRO Dawne Armitstead to Travel to UK for Training

Chief Terence M. Delehanty reports that Winthrop Police Department School Resource Officer Dawne Armitstead has been selected to take part in an international training program hosted by the Rotary Club.

SRO Armitstead, three other Massachusetts SROs and a Rotarian Leader will travel to Kent, United Kingdom, in the southeast part of England, in May as part of a Rotary Club vocational training program.

The team will participate in training courses in a variety of topics with members of U.K. law enforcement and will be engaging in educational tactical hands-on training exercises.

The 15-day trip to Kent will take place from May 10-25. The trip and training program is fully funded by the Rotary Foundation Global Fund.

"Dawne does a great job in our schools and I am confident that after taking part in a training program like this, she will come back with even more skills and expertise to help her in her role," Chief Delehanty said.

The three other local SROs participating in the program are Megan Tierney of Newburyport PD, Dan Perenick of Winchester PD and Paul Lucici of North Reading PD.

As part of the training exchange, the Massachusetts

SROs will teach their British counterparts in several categories including:

Community-Based Justice  
Mental Health First Aid  
School Security  
Vaping/Juul Education  
Strategic Prevention Framework

The group will be trained in the following categories:

Substance Use Prevention  
Substance Use Treatment and Intervention  
Mental Health  
School Safety  
Threat Assessment

"This is a great opportunity

to travel abroad and see how police in other parts of the world approach their job and training methods. Policing is policing but we all come from different cultures and backgrounds, so it's exciting," SRO Armitstead said. "I am extremely thankful to have been selected to participate and I am very much looking forward to it."

In the weeks and months prior to the trip, the SROs will be working together with their local Rotary Club representatives to make preparations and meet as a group.

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With Christmas just two weeks away, most of us will be rushing about -- either to the stores and malls or online --- as we do our last-minute holiday shopping in hopes of finding that “perfect” gift for our family members and loved ones.

Although the vast majority of Americans have much to be thankful for because of a strong economy and a record-low unemployment rate, there are many of our fellow citizens who have not shared in the general prosperity.

Statistics tell us that millions of Americans of all ages, including those in our own communities, have been left out of the new economy, often through no fault of their own. Too many Americans, including children, either live in shelters or temporary housing arrangements because the strong economy ironically has left them out in the cold -- literally -- thanks to high rents and soaring real estate values.

For these millions of Americans, the reality is that the holiday season brings little joy.

We would note that psychologists tell us that the Biblical directive that giving to others is the best gift that we can give to ourselves is indeed true.

So we hope that our readers will take the time and make the even the smallest effort to do something for those who are less fortunate. Whether it be donations to local food banks and toy programs, or even as simple as dropping a few dollars in the bucket of the Salvation Army Santas, there is something each and every one of us can do to make the holidays brighter for others.

CONGRATULATIONS,  
MANNY LOPES

We join East Boston residents in congratulating East Boston Neighborhood Health Center President and CEO Manny Lopes on his appointment as the chair of the Boston Board of Health.

The appointment is another major milestone in the successful career of Manny Lopes, will now have the immense responsibility of leading the seven-member board that oversees the work of the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC).

The fact that Mayor Martin Walsh named Mr. Lopes to this important position speaks well of the high esteem in which Mr. Lopes is held in the public health community and the exceptional leadership he has demonstrated at the EBNHC, an organization that has become a national model.

In his announcement, Mayor Walsh credited Mr. Lopes for having built “a culture designed to provide the best possible care for patients at the East Boston Neighborhood Health Center.”

Bostonians will get a firsthand appreciation of the expertise and knowledge that Mr. Lopes has in the ever-changing field of healthcare. We have no doubt that Mr. Lopes will excel at leading the Boston Board of Health and begin introducing new initiatives that will advance the health of residents in all Boston neighborhoods.

What residents will also appreciate is Mr. Lopes’ accessibility and his reaching out to other local organizations in a coordinated effort to attain the desired goals. It’s always been our pleasure to see Mr. Lopes at events in East Boston and neighborhood communities interacting with residents and community leaders.

This was an outstanding appointment for an outstanding administrator in the healthcare field.

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LETTERS to the Editor

THANK YOU FOR  
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**Dear Editor,**

We are said to hear that one of our many roadside pick-up persons is leaving at the first of the year. During our chit-chat he thanked us for the monetary tips we have given him and his colleagues each Christmas season. We wanted to take a moment to thank the expert delivery of our many packages by UPS, Amazon

and FedEx. And thank you also for the super-clean garbage pick-up on our street and the great recycling service that comes like clockwork, leaving nothing behind. You deserve extra this year.

**Thank you,  
Peter and Barbara Souza  
Pico Avenue**

**OPED WAS WRONG**

**Dear Editor:**

We read last week’s opinion piece “Global Climate Action

Summit Silent on Natural Gas Progress” with chagrin. This article is shameful propaganda. The author Drew Johnson is a climate denier for hire—a shill for fossil fuel interests.

The piece first appeared in the Washington Examiner whose parent company is owned by Philip Anschutz, a billionaire with oil interests. The Transcript lists Johnson as a senior scholar with the Taxpayers Protection Alliance

(TPA) .TPA is an advocacy front group that is part of the Koch political network. And in 2017, Mother Jones listed Johnson as Number 10 in the “Dirty Dozen of Climate Change Deniers.” We are happy to rebut each of Johnson’s points, but that will require more space than that allotted for a letter.

**Suzanne Hitchcock-Bryan,  
RN, MPH  
Carol Walker**

SOCIAL SECURITY Q & A

Ask Rusty – Can I get Medicare without claiming Social Security?

By AMAC Certified Social Security  
Advisor Russell Gloor Association of  
Mature American Citizens

Dear Rusty: I am 63 and my full retirement age is 66 and two months. I want to try and hold out to 70 before I start collecting SS. My 2018 Social Security statement said I’m eligible to apply for Medicare at 65. Do I have to be receiving Social Security payments before I can be covered for Medicare? Or can I be covered beginning at 65 and not receive a Social Security check until I desire at 70? Signed: Approaching Medicare Age

Dear Approaching: You can do just as you wish - you can enroll in Medicare at age 65 without claiming Social Security until you are 70. If you wait until you are 70 to claim Social Security your benefit amount will be nearly 31 percent higher than it would be at your full retirement age of 66 + two months.

As you approach age 65 you should enroll in Medicare sometime during the seven-month window called your “initial enrollment period”, which starts three months before the month you turn 65 and ends 3 months after the month you turn 65. If you want your Medicare coverage to start on the first day of the month you turn 65, then you should enroll no later than one month prior to the month you turn 65; if you wait past that, the start of your Medicare coverage will be delayed. Note that while Medicare Part A (hospitalization coverage) is free for those who have earned at least 40 credits for Social Security eligibility, there is a premium for Medicare Part B (doctors and outpatient services). The base 2019 Part B monthly premium amount is \$135.50 (may be more for higher incomes). If you are still working and have “creditable” healthcare cover-

age from your employer, you can choose to decline Medicare Part B coverage without risking a late enrollment penalty to get Part B after your employer coverage stops. If you want to decline Part B you can do so during the Medicare application process when you enroll in Part A.

You should also consider your prescription drug coverage needs once you’re eligible for Medicare. If you do not have “creditable” prescription drug coverage when you turn 65, you will be subject to a late enrollment penalty if you purchase a drug plan later. Although prescription drug plans are referred to as “Medicare Part D”, this coverage is purchased from private providers either as an individual plan, or as part of a Medicare Advantage (Part C) plan (VA drug coverage is also considered “creditable”).

Finally, if you aren’t collecting Social Security when you enroll in Medicare Part B, you will need to make separate arrangements to pay the Part B premium. This is quite easy to do in any of the following ways:

Use your bank’s auto-pay function to automatically send payments to Medicare.

Use Medicare’s Easy-Pay option to have them automatically debit your bank account.

Pay by check or money order via U.S. Mail, using payment coupons Medicare will provide.

Pay by credit card, using the payment coupons Medicare provides (enter card info on the coupon and mail to Medicare).

I suggest that as you approach age 65 you consider contacting a licensed Medicare insurance agent to explore your options for covering the medical expenses, which Medicare Parts A and B do not cover. A licensed Medicare Insurance agent can

also help ensure you have prescription coverage.

Ask Rusty – Paying  
Social Security tax  
doesn’t increase benefit

Dear Rusty: If I started drawing Social Security benefits in May of 2007 at age 62 and continued to work and pay Social Security taxes to date, can I expect an adjustment in my benefits? Signed: Working Senior

Dear Working Senior: Not from simply paying the Social Security payroll tax, because paying your FICA taxes while you continue to work isn’t what will cause an adjustment in your benefit amount. Everyone who works and earns (except certain public sector employees) must pay the Social Security payroll tax, even if you’re collecting Social Security, and that has nothing to do with your personal Social Security benefit amount. Those Social Security FICA contributions you pay while you’re working go into the Social Security Trust Fund, which is a special fund from which all Social Security benefits (and only Social Security benefits) are paid.

Your benefit amount at age 62 was based upon your lifetime work record at that time - specifically, the 35 inflation-adjusted years in which you had the highest earnings. If you continued to work after you claimed your Social Security benefits, and your earnings for any current year are more than in any of those 35 years used to originally compute your Social Security benefit, then you would get a small increase in your benefit amount. But remember that to determine if an increase is appropriate, your earlier years’ earnings are adjusted for inflation. That means that your current earnings would need to be more than the in-

flation-adjusted earnings to cause a benefit increase.

Each year, Social Security looks at your earnings and determines whether your lifetime “average indexed monthly earnings” (AIME) number has changed, warranting a benefit increase. That annual review continues for as long as you are earning, and whenever you earn enough to replace one of those 35 years used to originally compute your AIME you will see an increase. But if your current earnings aren’t high enough to replace one of those earlier years, your benefit amount will stay the same. Except, of course, for any Cost of Living Adjustments (COLA) which may be granted annually (2018 COLA was 2 percent and 2019 COLA will be 2.8 percent).

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WINTHROP Then and Now

Winthrop Improvement and Historical Association

By G. David Hubbard • Photos courtesy of Stephen F. Moran

ARTICLE 857 - FOOTBRIDGE ACCESS TO NARROW GAUGE RAILROAD STATION



As our peninsula developed from a few farms into an active seaside resort community, roads were laid out and the Narrow Gauge Railroad was established to provide transportation for the residents and visiting vacationers. It was in 1875 that the Ocean Spray area, along what is now Shore Drive, began to have summer cottages constructed. This was followed in 1883 by the Highlands and Cottage Hill subdivision activities and in the early 1890s Court Park joined in the development of new home sites. As the above named subdivisions were laid out, public pathways/steps were included in the plot plans for three purposes. The first of such pathways were constructed to enable people to more easily walk from their homes to the nearest Train Station. The second group was designed to insure that residents in the area would always have free access to the water/beaches. The third group evolved as short cuts between streets so neighbors could drop by and visit one another. In almost all cases, the pathways were laid out and deeded to the Town as part of the initial subdivision plot plans prepared by the various developers or landowners. This is supported by the many town maps from 1876 to date that continue to show these public pathways. In addition to providing ready access to the trains and beaches, children used them as “secret trails” to school and residents, who liked to walk to the local stores found them to be a scenic diversion as they strolled out to patronize the Winthrop merchants. One or two of



these trails, all owned by the town, have been encroached upon by abutters resulting in neighbors taking action to retain access rights to the water. If you know of any such paths, consider reporting them to the local authorities so they can be reopened for public use. This article will address the first group of six pathways that reduced the walk to our various Train Stations. The rest will be the subject of future articles.

1. Quincy Path/Steps - (built 1887 on Prospect Hill - see picture 1) Runs from 66 Quincy Avenue down to Revere Street and then one could proceed on to the Highland Station.

2. Summit Avenue Path - (built 1887 on Floyd Hill - see picture 2) Runs from 74 Summit Avenue down to 67 Sagamore Ave., then to 47

Hutchinson Ave. and finally opens out at 49 Crest Ave. across from the site of the Highland Station.

3. Buckthorn Path - (built ~ 1920 - see picture 3) Runs from Buckthorn Terrace to 59 Buchanan Street. This path gave easy access to the Center Station for the residents of the Beacon Villa Sanatorium/Rooming House and the neighboring homes.

4. Short Street Path - (built 1887 - see picture 4) Runs from 134 Hermon StS down steps and via Short Street to the Ingalls Station site on Walden Street.

5. Loring Path - (built 1891) Runs from 162 Court Road up 32 steps to 75 Loring Road where it intersects with Lowell Road for an easy walk to Pauline street and the Center Station.

6. Green Hill Path - (laid out in 1883 to provide Cottage Hill residents access to the “Short Beach” station at what is now the Northern end of Yirrell Beach). This station only lasted until 1887 when the line around Water Tower Hill was shut down. It was then that the Narrow Gauge Railroad began operation and its new Beach Station at Delbys Corner was opened to serve those living on Cottage Hill. This path runs from 36 Cottage Avenue up to 52 Prospect Avenue, then on to 66 Harbor View Ave. and finally down to 102 Terrace Avenue.

All of these pathways are still useable but a few could use some realignment of their stone steps. Hopefully some of our readers will take the time to walk one or more of these charming pathways.



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

20 years ago Dec. 10, 1998

The School Committee met with Light Up Miller Field Committee Chairman Jim Lederman to discuss what can be done to alleviate the problem of the beams of light shining directly into the homes of abutters. Area residents have complained that they were promised that the new lights would leave only a moon like glow, not a spotlight.

This is the final weekend for the Playmakers’ production of Oklahoma!, which is directed by long time Playmaker director Ron Godfrey.

There was a large turnout for the No. Shore Philharmonic Christmas concert to benefit the Senior Center last Friday.

Kaitlyn Smith was the state champ in the 9-10 year old division of the Elks annual free throw shooting contest.

The Winthrop Police, led by Dave Brown’s 27 points in a one point win over Lynn Classical, won the recent police department basketball tournament. Brown also was named tourney MVP.

Tree lighting ceremonies were held at the Highlands on Friday evening.

“Star Trek: Insurrection,” “Jack Frost,” and “Psycho” are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

30 years ago Dec. 14, 1988

The first program of the new Edward Rowe Snow series on WCAT begins tomorrow.

The local political season unofficially was kicked off last week when Anne Porter and Phyllis Fluet announced that they will not be seeking re-election to the School Committee. John Lyons announced his candidacy for re-election to the Board of Selectmen.

Rocco Iudiciani, 29, of Lynn, pleaded guilty in court to charges of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, operating a motor vehicle so as to endanger, and causing serious bodily injury while operating a motor while under the influence of liquor in connection with the tragic accident that left Winthrop High student Kristen Swensen paralyzed. Swensen, who had taken her bicycle for a ride to Revere Beach Boulevard on a weekend around 8 a.m., was mowed down by Iudiciani, who allegedly was drunk from all-night partying. Swensen took the witness stand and told the judge calmly, but in a statement filled with emotion, how the accident has changed her life forever.

“Rain Man,” “The Naked Gun,” and “Scrooged” are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

40 years ago Dec. 13, 1978

At the request of Winthrop Police Chief David Rice, City of Boston Traffic Commissioner Emily Lloyd will look into the problem of double-parking and parking in no parking zones at Orient Heights, which Rice says is causing unnecessary traffic congestion for Winthrop commuters.

The Winthrop Jaycees have announced that Winthrop Patrolman Robert Crawford will receive the Jaycees’ annual Distinguished Service Award at their 10th annual banquet Jan. 27.

Richard Dreyfus stars in “The Big Fix” at the Kincade Theatre.

50 years ago Dec. 12, 1968

The State Fire Marshal’s office has concluded that faulty wiring caused a fire that resulted in the death of a four year old boy on Pebble Ave. recently.

An 18-year-old escapee from Deer Island has been returned to authorities by his parents, who live in East Boston.

The appointment of Gov. John A. Volpe as Transportation Secretary in the Cabinet of President Richard M. Nixon means that Lt. Gov. Francis Sargent will become the Acting Governor. Political pundits are expecting that this will set off a free for all among Democrats for the 1970 election.

All Winthrop stores will be open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. for the rest of the Christmas season.

Local students are sending Christmas cards to Winthrop boys serving in Vietnam.

Rod Taylor, Yvette Mimieux, and Jim Brown star in “Dark of the Sun” at the Winthrop and State theatres.

60 years ago Dec. 11, 1958

The Advisory Committee has voted to recommend indefinite action on the article before the special town meeting on a redevelopment program for Winthrop.

Quick action by local firefighters prevented a serious fire from taking place in a warehouse at the Winthrop Lumber Co. early Sunday morning.

The local Elks held memorial services last Sunday for 18 departed members of the lodge.

WHS Faculty Manager Ralph Duplin has announced that Winthrop and Revere will resume football relations, though not on Thanksgiving Day. The schools signed a two year contract for 1959 and 1960. The schools ended their football rivalry in 1946 after a fight on the field between players and a near riot among fans following the 1945 Turkey Day game in which Winthrop scored an upset victory. That marked the second interruption in the series, the other coming in the late 1920s for similar reasons.

Jose Ferrer stars in “I Accuse” at the Winthrop Theatre.

70 years ago Dec. 9, 1948

Town Counsel Fred Fisher skillfully spearheaded an attack against the proposed bus fare increase sought by Rapid Transit Inc. by local officials and residents at a public hearing before the State DPU this week.

Town employees say they want a permanent raise to replace the annual bonuses they receive.

Winthrop’s Flying Santa, Edward Rowe Snow, has begun his journey of 3,700 miles by small airplane to lighthouses all along the East Coast, including Bermuda, bringing Christmas joy and gifts to families and their children.

More than 200 persons attended a dinner dance to celebrate the burning of the mortgage of the Pleasant Park Y.C.

David Sawyer has resigned as executive director of the Winthrop Jewish Community Center to take a post as regional director of the New England Division of the American Jewish Congress.

“Red River,” directed by Howard Hawks, is playing at the Winthrop and State Theatres.

80 years ago Dec. 10, 1938

About \$71,000 was put into circulation into the pockets of local residents when the 1,900 members of the Christmas Clubs of the Winthrop Savings Bank and Winthrop Trust Company received their Christmas Club savings on December 1.

With the retirement of Charles D. Belcher after 37 years as a local letter carrier,

this will mark the first time that a Belcher has not been associated with the local Post Office since it inaugurated service in Winthrop.

Lobstermen saved a man who had jumped overboard from a Narrow Gauge ferryboat this week.

The selectmen have voted to set aside certain town streets for coasting by children this winter.

Townpeople are still pondering what will replace the Boston, Revere Beach, and Lynn Railroad, also known as the Narrow Gauge railroad, as the town’s local public transportation system if it shuts down because of financial problems.

Fred MacMurray and Ray Milland star in “Men With Wings,” the first airplane picture to be filmed entirely in technicolor.

90 years ago Dec. 16, 1928

The trains of the Boston, Revere Beach, and Lynn Railroad, commonly known as the Narrow Gauge railroad, now are completely electrified, the project having taken six months with equipment supplied by General Electric Co. The line has approximately 500 employees, four ferry boats, and 94 passenger cars, as well as 26 steam locomotives that will be replaced with electric engines. The railroad often is taxed to capacity on Sundays when taking passengers from Boston to Revere Beach. The railroad carried one million passengers in its first year of operation about 50 years ago and now carries 15 million passengers annually. Construction work on the line began on May 23, 1875 and service began on July 28, 1875. It presently is one of the few successful railroads of its type in the country.

The Post Office reminds customers that packages should be delivered no later than Dec. 13 for delivery in the western U.S. and by Dec. 18 for delivery in New England.

Miss Daisy Tipton of New York City, an expert teacher and supervisor of penmanship, spoke to local teachers about the importance of good handwriting.

110 years ago Dec. 12, 1908

Throughout the United States, more than 300,000 Elks in 11,000 lodges gathered to honor the memory of their departed brothers on the first Sunday of December.

John A. Keliher, the recently-elected Congressman from this district, has been sued in federal court by Congressman Hobson of Alabama, who took to the stump on behalf of Keliher’s opponent, Joseph Conry. Hobson is alleging that only by means of a public lawsuit can he prove that the slanderous statements made about him by Keliher are false.

The Gilchrist Company store in Boston will be open evenings until Christmas.

120 years ago Dec. 16, 1898

In our small town of Winthrop, which supplied only two or three men for the war with Spain, the return of William Wolcott of Pleasant Street was as much an event as was his departure. Although Wolcott never was brought to the front, he was sent to different installations throughout the country during his stay with the Army. Other than a bout with malaria, he has returned in fine health and in good trim.

The Winthrop Cycle Club gave a gramophone concert in the club’s quarters. Mr. Fred Murphy was the owner of the instrument that reproduced songs and humorous speeches.



## Winthrop Senior Center News December 13 – December 19, 2018

Hours: Mon-Thurs:8:30-4pm/Fri:8:30-2:30pm

<b>Thursday, December 13</b> 10:30am – Zumba with Barbara 12:00pm – Lunch 1:00pm – Bingo
<b>Friday, December 14</b> 9:30am – Exercise Class 10:00am – Ceramics with Gerry 10:30am – Line Dancing with Cindy 11:30am – Cards and Cribbage 12:00pm – Lunch
<b>Saturday, December 15</b> 10:30am – Zumba with Cindy
<b>Monday, December 17</b> 9:30am – Exercise 10:00am – Art Class with Dawn 12:00pm – Lunch 1:00pm – Bingo 6:15pm – Zumba Toning with Barbara
<b>Tuesday, December 18</b> 9:30am – Tai Chi with Cindy 10:00-11:00am – Blood Pressures 10:00am – Arts & Crafts 10:00am – Bowling (at Winthrop Elks) 10:30am – Zumba with Cindy 12:00pm – Lunch 1:00pm – Chorus Rehearsal
<b>Wednesday, December 19</b> 9:30am – Exercise Class 10:00am – Vision Impaired Group Meeting 10:30am – Yoga with Kathleen (\$5) 10:30am – Tap Dancing with Tracy (at the Methodist Church) 12:00pm – Lunch 1:00-3:00p – SHINE Counseling (Appointment Required) 1:15pm – Italian Class with Michael

For additional information on our services, activities, programs, or to view our newsletters, lunch menus and more, visit our website: [town.winthrop.ma.us/council-aging](http://town.winthrop.ma.us/council-aging).

<b>Senior Center Holiday Schedule</b>
<b>Thursday, December 20:</b> the Senior Center will be closing at 12:30pm
<b>Monday, December 24:</b> the Senior Center will be closing at 1:00pm
<b>Tuesday, December 25:</b> the Senior Center will be closed
<b>Monday, December 31:</b> the Senior Center will be closing at 1:00pm
<b>Tuesday, January 1, 2019:</b> the Senior Center will be closed

**Senior Lunch:** If you would like to come for lunch, please call the day before by 12:00pm so that your order is counted for the next day. Thank you!

**Play Chess with the Winthrop Middle School Chess Club:** Beginning January 2nd members of the WMS Chess Club will be at the Senior Center on Wednesdays, from 3-4pm. No previous knowledge of chess is necessary. Beginner and experienced players are welcome to come and play. If you would like to sign up, or would like more information, please call the Senior Center at 617-846-8538. All equipment will be provided.

**Indoor Walking Club:** The Indoor Walking Club will be starting Monday, November 26th; walkers can use the Middle/High School Monday-Friday from 4:00-5:00pm (when school is in session). If you would like walk, please sign up at the Senior Center. You will also need to fill out a CORI form (forms are available at the front desk of the Senior Center).

**Technology & Learning with Betsy:** The next learning session with Betsy Duplin is scheduled for Tuesday, January 8th and 22nd from 2:00-3:00pm. Bring your laptops, smart phones, or tablets, along with your questions. Learning this new technology can open up a whole new world for you.

**SHINE Counseling:** Volunteer SHINE Counselors are here to help you with any health insurance questions you may have. If you would like to visit with one of our SHINE Counselors, please call the Senior Center (617-846-8538) to schedule an appointment.

**We are looking for a Spanish teacher to teach a weekly, one hour class.** A small stipend is available. Please contact the Senior Center at 617-846-8538 if you are interested.

**Do you have any unused jewelry hanging around the house?** If so, would you consider donating it to the Senior Center? We put jewelry on sale, with all proceeds benefiting the Senior Center. Thank you!

**UPCOMING EVENTS AND PROGRAMS**  
**Tuesday, January 15** (1:00pm): Diabetic Shoe Clinic. Sign up at the front desk. Please bring your Medicare card, as well as any other supplemental insurance cards, and a completed doctor’s order form (forms are available at the Senior Center).

**UPCOMING CASINO TRIPS**  
Casino Trips Cost: \$29; sign up at the Senior Center. Please make checks payable to “Friends of the WCOA”. You must sign up by the Friday before the trip.  
**January 29th** – MGM Springfield (departs Senior Center at 8am).  
**February 26th** – Tiverton (RI) Casino (departs Senior Center at 9am).

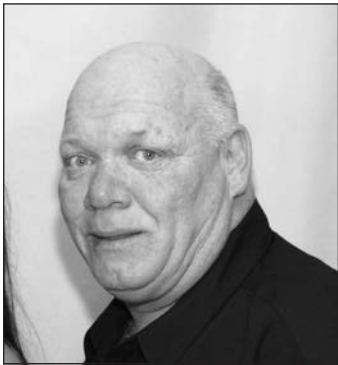
## OBITUARIES

### Richard Lawrence Curtis Of East Boston, formerly of Revere

Richard Lawrence Curtis of East Boston, formerly of Revere, passed away suddenly on Dec. 8.

The beloved husband of Elizabeth (Puzzo) Curtis, he was the devoted father of Christopher Curtis and daughter Angela Curtis of Revere, loving son of the late Doris “Bingo” Bigwood and Dave Bigwood and is also survived by many loving brothers, sisters, nieces and nephews.

Family and friends will honor Richard’s life by gathering on Saturday, Dec. 15 at the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home, 971 Saratoga St., East Boston from 3 to 6 p.m.



In lieu of flowers and in honoring Richard’s life, memorial donations may be made to Richard’s family to help defray funeral expenses. For more information or to send an online condolence, visit: [ruggieromh.com](http://ruggieromh.com).

### David VanBuskirk Plumber

David B. VanBuskirk of North Andover, formerly of Winthrop, passed away at home on Dec. 5. He was 55 years old. Born in Winthrop, the beloved son of the late Hazel (Swan) and Gordon VanBuskirk, Sr., he was a resident of North Andover for over 11 years and was employed as a plumber for the former Bartlett Plumbing in Winthrop. He was the dear brother of Sharon Camelia of North Reading and the late Arthur, Elaine and Gordon VanBuskirk, Jr. He is also survived by several nieces and nephews.

A funeral service was held in the Caggiano-O’Malley-Frazier Funeral Home,



Winthrop. Rev. Walter Connely celebrated the service and offered prayers at the interment in the Belle Isle section of Winthrop Cemetery.

To sign the online guestbook go to [www.caggianofuneralhome.com](http://www.caggianofuneralhome.com).

### Charles Daily Retired Civil Engineer

Charles H. Daily of Winthrop passed away suddenly on Dec. 5. He was 93 years old.

Charles was a graduate of Winthrop High and a US Army Air Corps veteran of World War II. After his military service, he graduated from Boston College where he earned his Bachelor’s Degree. Charles was a retired civil engineer for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Department of Transportation.

The beloved husband of the late Irene L. (Paige) Daily, he was born in Winthrop, the son of the late Charles A. and Gertrude M. (White) Daily. He was the devoted father of Irene L. Doucette of Winthrop, Jacqueline A. LeClair and her husband, Richard of Waltham and Lisa A. Talacci and her husband, Anthony of Cohasset; adored grandfather of Michael DiCarlo Jr., Jack and Charlie LeClair and Katie and Danny Talacci and the dear brother of John W. Daily of Lowell and the late Marie G. Alagero. He is also survived by several nieces and nephews.

Funeral arrangements were from the Maurice W. Kirby Funeral Home, Winthrop. A Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. John the Evangelist Church, Winthrop on Dec.10. Burial took place in Winthrop Cemetery, (Belle Isle Section.) For guestbook, please visit: [www.mauricekirbyfh.com](http://www.mauricekirbyfh.com).

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### Ann Giordano John Hancock Insurance Co. retiree

Ann G. Giordano of Lincoln St., Winthrop passed away at the Boston Medical Center on Dec. 6. She was 86 years old.

Born in Boston, the beloved daughter of the late Mary (DeMartinis) and James DePamfilis, she was a resident of Winthrop for over 45 years and was employed as typist for John Hancock Insurance prior to her retirement.

She was the devoted wife of Robert L. Giordano and the late Joseph Maiolino and Robert Indingaro, loving mother of Kathleen Ann Indingaro-Maiolino of Revere and Roberta Pumphret and her husband, Stephen of Winthrop; dear sister of Eleanor Hargreaves of Winthrop and the late Julia Cervizzi, Anthony DePamfilis and Christopher DePamfilis and cherished grandmother of Karlene Ann and her husband, Matthew Gammerman.

Her funeral was conducted



from the Caggiano-O’Malley-Frazier Funeral Home Winthrop on Wednesday, Dec. 12 followed by a Funeral Mass in St. John the Evangelist Church, Winthrop. Interment followed the mass in the Cross Street section of Winthrop Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer’s Association at [www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org), or to the MSPCA at [www.mspca.org](http://www.mspca.org). To sign the online guestbook go to [www.caggianofuneralhome.com](http://www.caggianofuneralhome.com).

### Thomas Costigan Winthrop Little League Man of the Year 1993

Thomas R. Costigan of Bristol, N.H., formerly of Winthrop and East Boston, died on Dec. 3. He was 88 years old.

Tom served in the U.S. Navy as Boiler Technician second class on the U.S.S. Albany during the Korean War. During his service, he was awarded a commendation for averting a catastrophic event in the ship’s engine room. After his discharge, he began a career as a metal fabricator for H.P. Hood and Sons in Charleston, where he worked until retirement.

Tom was an avid fisherman throughout his life, fishing with his brother at Boston Harbor and the Charles River, his nephews and sons at Revere and Winthrop beaches and his grandchildren on Newfoundland Lake and the Pemigewasset River.

He was a Little League baseball coach in Winthrop, from 1958 to 1993, and was recognized for his dedication to the League with a Man of the Year award in 1993.

His favorite pastime was watching the Boston Red Sox and New England Patriots, especially when his boys and grandchildren would gather in his living room to watch and talk sports with him.

He was the beloved husband for 49 years of the late



Dorothy A. (Grace) Costigan; devoted father of Thomas R. Costigan, Jr., Kevin Costigan and his wife, Michelle, Brian Costigan and his wife, Kathleen, all of Bristol, N.H.; Patrick Costigan and his wife, Kimberly of Winthrop and Daniel Costigan and his wife, Desiree of Plymouth, N.H.; cherished Grandpa of Kyle, Michael, Sean, Kevin, Spencer, Michael Patrick, Chris, Julie, Kelly, Katie, Karalyn, Kayci, Matthew, Damien, Dominick, Devan, and Declan; dear brother of Betty Garchinski of Medford; brother-in-law of Lorraine Washburn of Nashua, N.H., Althea and Edward Clark of Tewksbury and Fred Grace of Massachusetts. He also leaves many beloved nieces and nephews. He was the son of the late Mary (Coombs) and Bernard Costigan and was predeceased by his siblings: Bernard Costigan and his wife, Marilyn, Mary Costigan, Bridget Higgins and her husband, David, Winifred Hegarty and her husband, James, Anna Marie Morelli and her husband, Edward.

Funeral arrangements are by Emmons Funeral Home of Bristol, N.H.

Committal services and burial, with military honors, will be held in the spring. Donations in his name may be made to the Newfound Area Nursing Association (NANA) 214 Lake St., Bristol, NH 03222 or to the charity of your choice.

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# WIHA OPEN HOUSE A FESTIVE HOLIDAY

Photos by Kate Anslinger

Local crafters and bakers had their goods on display at the Deane Winthrop House last Saturday, Dec. 8, for the annual Winthrop Improvement and Historical Association (WIHA) holiday open house. From origami artwork to handcrafted jewelry, the House was hopping with festive flair and Santa made sure to make an appearance for a few good photo ops.



Dan Dalo shows off his origami art.



Ellen Gaynor is happy to have a chat with Santa



Ellen MacNeil and Barbara Bishop.



Above: Claire Hubbard fills out some raffle tickets for some of the many local raffle items.



WIHA members and event participants gather at the baked goods table.



Right: Michael Bacon and Tim Burgers from Jangles Jewelry.

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MIDDLE SCHOOL FAIR

Photos by Kate Anslinger

Winthrop Middle School students were wearing their most festive holiday attire last Friday, Dec. 7, for the annual holiday fair. Games, karaoke, and STEM challenges were part of the busy day where students could buy tickets to participate in certain activities. All the money raised will be used to purchase Target and Market Basket gift cards for families in need for the holidays.



Julia Hurley and Cheyenne Parker.



Sixth graders gather for a group photo.



Danielle Reardon and Christian Buonopane.



Sixth graders gather around a craft table.



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## WHS SPORTS ROUNDUP

### BOYS HOCKEY TEAM OPENS SEASON WITH WIN

The Winthrop High boys hockey team opened its season in impressive fashion with a 7-1 triumph this past Saturday against Portland, Maine, in a contest played at Larsen Rink.

Coach Dale Dunbar's squad was scheduled to play two more non-league opponents this week, Northeast Regional last night (Wednesday) and at Mansfield this Saturday.

They will open their Northeastern Conference North Division schedule next Saturday afternoon (Dec. 22) with a contest against Peabody at Larsen. Face-off is set for 1:30.

### WHS GIRLS HOCKEY TEAM DEFEATS MEDFORD IN OPENER, 2-1

The Winthrop High girls hockey team opened its season on a successful note with a 2-1 triumph at Medford Saturday afternoon.

After a scoreless first period, the Lady Vikings drew first blood in the middle frame. Emma Holmes, assisted by Mia Norris and Mia Martucci, earned the honor of lighting the lamp for the first goal of the 2019 season.

"It was just kind of a workman-like shift for that line, and it ended with a gritty goal off a goal-mouth scrum," said WHS head coach Anthony Martucci, who now is in his 11th year at the helm of the

WHS girls hockey program.

However, despite enjoying a wide margin in shots on goal through the first two periods (24-7), the Lady Vikings could not add to their advantage by the second horn.

Medford took advantage of a power play opportunity early in the third stanza to bring the score back to level at 1-1, but the Lady Vikings rebounded in short order, capitalizing on a power play of their own two shifts later.

Olivia Driscoll reached the back of the Medford net, assisted by Abby Stafford and Emma Carleton, to provide what would prove to be the winning tally.

"It was a very nice play by Olivia," noted Martucci. "She walked the puck out of the corner and snapped a quick shot through the Medford goalie's five-hole to give us the lead. It was a big goal that we needed, and it eventually became the game-winner.

"It was a great opener for us," added Martucci, whose Lady Vikings outshot the Lady Mustangs, 40-10. "The Medford goalie played fantastically. She kept them in the game. We carried the play and had a bunch of great chances. It was great to have a lot of the play in their end, but I definitely would like to see us capitalize more on our chances.

"This is probably the youngest team I have had here since taking over the program," Martucci noted. "We had three eighth-graders, two freshmen, and two sophomores filling major roles for us on Saturday and one of those eighth-graders scored our first goal."

Martucci also had high praise for his veteran defensive corps.

"This game was strong for our defense and our goalie," said the coach. "Bella Perrotti, Abby Stafford, Kayla Morrill, and Olivia Holmes real-



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**FIRST STRIKE:** Sam Yarrow lets go a shot from the right wing that beat the Portland goaltender and accounted for Yarrow's first of four goals during the Vikings 7-1 win Saturday at Larsen Rink.

ly held down the fort. They are four seniors with a ton of experience and all of them bring great intangibles to the table. Summer Tallent was the winning goalie and she made some big saves. Summer is just a phenomenal competitor. She will give our team a chance to win every game."

Martucci also singled out the performance of Julia Holmes. "Julia was very impressive in her varsity debut. She was all over the ice and had some good scoring chances."

"I also want to add that our three captains, Emma Carleton, Abby Stafford, and Bella Perrotti, have been incredible leaders and their leadership was evident throughout this game," Martucci said. "They are much more than three all-star caliber players. They also are elite-level leaders."

Martucci and his crew will host perennial Northeast Hockey League power Beverly at Larsen this Saturday

afternoon with the face-off set for 1:30 p.m.. The Lady Vikings then will entertain Marblehead at Larsen Wednesday at 6:10 p.m.

### WHS GIRLS TRACK DEFEATS ENGLISH

The Winthrop High girls indoor track team opened its season in fine fashion, cruising past Lynn English, 56-21, last Wednesday at Danvers.

Five Lady Vikings won their individual events, earning five points for the Winthrop side of the scoresheet: Daniella Zanelli in the 55 meter hurdles in a time of 10.2; Nora McCarey in the 300 dash in 50.5; Kat Thano in the 600 dash in 2:10.9; Isabel Skomro in the 1,000 in 4:13.8; and Camilla Miranda-Llovera in the two mile run in 13:47.

Seven Lady Vikings took second place in their events to add three points to the Winthrop cause: Marykate Pote with a shootout toss of 29'-1"; Clalre Nargi in the hurdles in

11.4; Miya Grein in the 55 dash in 8.8; Ella McCarey in the 600 in 2:19.0; Devon Barry in the 1,000 in 4:14.3; Brianna Marley in the mile in 7:02; and Anyra Silva in the two mile in 15:26.

Also scoring points for Winthrop with third-place performances were: Sydney Crotty in the high jump and in the hurdles in 13.6; Gianna Doherty in the 55 dash in 9.2; Alexandra Gibbons in the 300 in 53.4; and Mary Teixiera in the mile in 8:08.

The Winthrop 4 x 100 relay quartet won its race handily with a time of 5:09.9 compared to English's 5:31.9.

The Lady Vikings will be back in action this Tuesday against Somerville.

### WHS BOYS OUTPACE LYNN ENGLISH, 51-29

The Winthrop High boys indoor track team opened its season with a 48-29 vic-

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Victoria Donahue.

## STUDENT HIGHLIGHT: Victoria Donahue knows what it's like to be on winning team

By Kate Anslinger

Victoria Donahue has recently learned just how rewarding it is to be part of a winning team. The high school cheerleader played a part in making history for the school, as the cheerleading team won first place at the Northeastern Conference competition, after they received the highest score. They also placed second at the regional championship competition and placed in the top four at the state championship. Eighteen-year-old Donahue is part of this record-breaking cheerleading team, and she's looking forward to attending Nationals in Maryland in February. While she has partaken in the victory associated with being on a winning team, Donahue has also showed great success in the class-

room and is a member of the National Honor Society.

#### What are your career goals?

I'd like to go to school for nursing.

#### Who is your role model?

My role model is my mom. She is the most selfless person I know and has always showed unconditional love and support for my siblings and me.

#### What is your favorite subject?

This year my favorite subject is AP Literature and Composition. English classes have always been my favorite because the essays and writing assignments give me a chance to express my ideas through words, allowing me to be creative and think outside the box.



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# New East Boston District Court Chief Probation Officer sworn in

By John Lynds

Matthew McDonough, who had been serving as the Chief Probation Officer at West Roxbury District Court before being tapped to head the probation department at East Boston District Court, was officially sworn in last Wednesday evening.

McDonough, a Dorchester native, replaces former Chief Probation Officer Thomas Tassinari who retired over the summer after 30-plus years in probation both here and in Chelsea District Court.

"I'm glad he was chosen, excited he was chosen and excited about what the future brings because he's going to work collaboratively with a lot of the people invited here

tonight," said East Boston District Court's First Chief Justice John McDonald. "He's going to work diligently to improve the qualities of life for the people of East Boston and Winthrop."

McDonough made his first public appearance after being announced as Eastie new probation chief at Tassinari's retirement party earlier this month at the Beachmont VFW.

"He's a really good guy and he'll do a really good job in East Boston," said Tassinari. "He'll fit right in."

Tassinari pointed out that McDonough made a lateral move from West Roxbury to Eastie, showing just how respected and admired the East Boston Court and the munic-



Flanked by his wife, Trisha, and sons, Matthew and Jack, Matthew McDonough is sworn in as East Boston District Court's Chief Probation Officer by Chief Justice Paula Carey last Wednesday evening.

ipal court system are.

"I just wanted to be here to congratulate the new chief and his family, as well because this is an exciting day for all of them," said Rep. Adrian Madaro. "We (Chief McDonough and I) got to exchange a few words at Tommy's (Tassinari) retirement party and I could tell immediately from our conversation that he has the personality for this job but more importantly the temperament and compassion to come into a community like ours. The beautiful and special thing about this courthouse is that it is truly a community court--and Chief McDonough sees to that. I really look forward to working with him."

Sen. Joseph Boncore said he wanted to be on hand at the swearing in of McDonough to invite him into 'our family'.

"Before I was a senator I was a public defender in this court and some of the same court of-

ficers that were here 20 years ago are still here today so it truly is like a family," said Boncore. "He held the same position in West Roxbury so moving over to East Boston shows he really wanted to be here." Speaker of the House Robert DeLeo said, McDonough is 'perfect for this job, this court and this community,' he added. "This is really a truly a community court," said DeLeo, addressing McDonough directly. "Judge Joseph Ferrino started the process of really bringing the court into the community and the tradition has been continued for decades and continues under the leadership of Judge McDonald. It is one of the best-run courts in the state and I'm so proud to be here to welcome you to the court. From what I've heard about you I think you are the right man in the right time in the right place. I want to congratulate you and all the members of your fam-

ily."

After being sworn in by Chief Justice Paula Carey of the Boston Municipal Trial Court, McDonough addressed the audience.

"I want to thank everyone for coming out tonight, it means a lot to me," said McDonough. "Today we are here to acknowledge the great

work that is done at East Boston District Court under the leadership of First Justice Judge McDonald. For the past 20 years I have worked at courts that have covered half the city and during this time there have been a lot of changes--changes in probation administration, changes in our laws and there's been changes in the use of assessment tools. Throughout my career I have witnessed the positive change the probation department can make in a community. I want you all to know I am committed to providing treatment services and public safety. East Boston Court is like no other. It is a true community court. As the court addresses criminal and civil issues we are also open for individuals that are not on the docket. My office will always remain open to listen, share and assist so I challenge anyone to come in that needs assistance. You've already made me feel like I'm part of the family."



East Boston District Court's First Chief Justice John McDonald and Speaker of the House Robert DeLeo during the swearing in ceremony of Chief Probation Officer Matthew McDonough.



Chief Probation Officer Matthew McDonough (center) with former Chief Probation Officer Thomas Tassinari and Rep. Adrian Madaro.

## Roundup // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

tory over Lynn English last Wednesday at Danvers.

Six Vikings took first-place honors in their respective individual events: Kim Haddar in the high jump with a leap of 5'-0"; Billy Hubert with a shot put toss of 33'-4"; Cam Martin

in the 55-meter hurdles with a clocking of 11.0; Bobby Hubert in the 55 dash with a sprint of 6.9; Mark Goudge in the 600 dash in 1:47; and Cormac MacPhail in the two-mile run with a time of 11:33.

The Viking 4 x 100 relay

team defeated its English counterparts in a tight race by two seconds, 4:11-4:13.

Second-place finishers for Winthrop were: Julian Osorio in the high jump; Cody Wojcik in the hurdles in 11.7; Ryan Kfoury in the 300 in

42.9; Pat Haskell in the 1,000 in 3:04.6; and Michelangelo Marcoccio in the mile in 5:58.

Ryan Buccini added a point to the Winthrop total with his third-place finish in the 300 in 44.5.

The Vikings will face Somerville this coming Tuesday.

### WHS GIRLS BASKETBALL OPENS SEASON FRIDAY

The Winthrop High girls basketball team will open its season tomorrow (Friday) evening when the Lady Vikings host Beverly at the WHS gym. Tip-off is set for 7 p.m.

The 2019 squad will feature eight returning varsity players, led by senior captain Cat Grimes and fellow seniors Emma Turner, Holly Vaccaro, Aliyah Lovell, Fatma Tufa, and Bianca Fregi, a foreign exchange student. For Grimes, Lovell, and Fregi, this will be their first season with the varsity squad.

Sophomores Maura Dorr, Lily Pulsifer, Caroline Earl, Carolyn Kinsella, and Grace Galuris will round out the varsity roster.

The Lady Vikings have played well in the pre-season. Winthrop participated in the Coaches vs Cancer Jamboree on December 1 at Burlington High where they played half-games against Wakefield and Lawrence. The Lady Vikings showed promise in both scrimmages, enjoying an edge in the Lawrence matchup thanks to a strong team defense and rebounding.

Three days later, coach Kristin Degou's team hosted Newburyport, which finished in second place in the Cape Ann League last year with a 15-5 record, for a full-game scrimmage. Winthrop once again played well, coming up short by just two points with a chance to win in the final seconds.

The Lady Vikings once again turned in a strong defensive effort, led by the duo of Pulsifer and Dorr (who scored more than 250 points last year as a freshman) at the top of a 2-3 zone that disrupted the flow of the Newburyport offense. Earl also was a big factor defensively in the middle of the zone.

Offensively, Pulsifer and Earl paced the Winthrop effort with nine points apiece. Although the Lady Vikings

gave away some size to Newburyport, they outrebounded the visitors by a 2-1 margin.

"We're looking to take another step forward in the State Tournament this year," said assistant coach Rick Pulsifer. "The team has great senior leadership and a handful of returning young players with varsity experience. We feel we are capable of playing with anyone when we play a complete team game."

After Friday night's opener, the Lady Vikings will travel to Lynn Classical next Tuesday and will host Lynn English next Thursday.

### WHS BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM OPENS SEASON

The Winthrop High boys basketball team opened its season this past Tuesday with a non-league contest against Malden Catholic.

The Vikings open their Northeastern Conference schedule when they travel to Beverly tomorrow night (Friday) and host Lynn Classical Tuesday. They will be back on the road to Lynn English next Thursday.

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WINTHROP VIKINGS 7, PORTLAND/DEERING 1

OUT OF STATE, OUT OF SIGHT

Photos and story by Bob Marra robertmarraphotography.com

Sam Yarrow scored four goals and assisted two of Luke Evangelista's three goals as the Vikings opened their 2018-2019 hockey season with a 7-1 thrashing over the visiting Portland/Deering (Maine) Bulldogs Saturday, Dec. 8, at Larsen Rink.

Things were quiet for only about the first seven minutes of the game. With 9:24 remaining, Yarrow scored his first goal, unassisted. By the time Yarrow got around to a second goal, Evangelista had added three of his own. Yarrow and Corey Cherico assisted on Evangelista's first goal late in the first period. In the second, Winthrop dominated and Evangelista accounted for his Hat Trick as he scored twice. Evangelista put Winthrop up 3-0 assisted by Brian Chalmers, and then made it 4-0 assisted by Yarrow and Andrew DeMento.

The third period was Yarrow's showcase. He scored his second goal, assisted by Brian Chalmers; his third, assisted by Corey Cherico, and then added one more unassisted goal the Vikings to the victory. Goaltender Ryan Skoczylas was steady in net to backbone the win. The Vikings played Northeast Regional Voke on Wednesday at the Malden Valley Forum and travel to the Foxboro Sport Center Saturday, Dec. 16, to play Mansfield.



SHOULDER TO SHOULDER: Kevin Dorr and a Portland defender pursue a bouncing puck.



STANDING GUARD: Goaltender Ryan Skoczylas had a fairly quiet day as his defense kept the Portland offense at bay, but he was ready whenever the call came.



STEPPING IN: Brian Chalmers (#9) steps in front of the Portland goaltender in the attempt to tip a shot that went wide.



STEPPING IN, AGAIN: Brian Chalmers steps in front of the Portland goaltender to try and screen a shot that missed the net.



OUCH: Chris Ferrara (#18) takes a hard hit.



BOARD GAME: Joe Holgersen fights off a defender and tries to control the puck along the boards.



CLOSE BUT...: Corey Cherico (#21) tries to handle a bouncing puck that went wide of the Portland net.



EAGLE EYE: Sam Yarrow was on the money Saturday as he notched four goals in the Vikings 7-1 win over the Portland-Deering (Maine) Bulldogs.



HOLY ROSARY CHURCH, POINT SHIRLEY

FATHER TOM’S LIVE NATIVITY



Above and below: Students from Malden Catholic.



Photographs by Sue Ellen Woodcock

Parishioners of the Holy Rosary Church on Point Shirley and students from Malden Catholic High School celebrated in song with Rev. Tom DiLorenzo in a live nativity held on the church grounds Sunday afternoon.



Guitar player Michael McDuffy led the crowd.



Caroline LaRosa and Claire Colvario.



A llama is led down the sidewalk by Mikaela Murphy of Enchanted Animal Parties.



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The nativity animals, provided by Enchanted Animal Parties, was a huge hit with the children who attended.



Father Tom leads members of the Holy Rosary Church Nativity scene down Shirley Avenue towards the church grounds.



Father Tom sings in the sunlight.



Two wise men and a wise woman.



NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

CHelsea RECEIVES MWRA GRANT

CHelsea – Lead pipes are often a hidden danger under the streets and sidewalks for a lot of families in Chelsea, but if the City can help it, that danger will be removed one pipe at a time.

On Monday, the MWRA and the Clean Water Action Group awarded the City of Chelsea and GreenRoots for their early adoption of a program that removes, at no cost to the homeowner, lead water service lines while in the process of other infrastructure projects.

Part of that award included a \$100,000 grant to help continue the program and remove more lead water lines as the City encounters them during paving or sidewalk repair programs.

City Manager Tom Ambrosino said it is a common sense operation, but one that goes the extra step in replacing the line for free – as it usually is the responsibility of the homeowner to pay for the replacement.

“For the last year or more, as we’ve undertaken other construction projects on the streets, when we encounter a lead service line on the street, we are replacing it at no cost to the homeowner,” he said. “The MWRA grant helps ensure we will be able to continue to do that. We all want safe and clean drinking water and having clean water is elemental.”

Over time, lead can leach into drinking water, and studies have shown that lead is a neurotoxin and can affect cognitive abilities with repeated exposure. This is particularly dangerous for children and pregnant women.

“Chelsea is so proactive in doing this,” said MWRA Director Fred Laskey. “They are going through the inventory and going house to house and street to street to get rid of this problem. This is something that should serve as a model in how to prevent the scourge of lead in water. No other community has forged into this.”

Fidel Maltez of the Chelsea DPW said that more than 50 lines have been replaced so far under the program. Some of those were last year and came when they were working on street repairs, including to Shurtleff, Maverick, Clark, Crescent, Lawrence, Tudor and Webster streets. This year, they will take on Essex Street and will be looking for lead water lines there too.

“Every project moving forward is going to identify and remove these lines with zero cost to the homeowner,” he said.

He said that any homeowner that thinks they might have a lead service line should contact the DPW at (617) 466-4200. They will send out a technician to verify if it is a lead pipe, and if it is, they will put it on a list for completion.

POLICE CONTRACT ALMOST DONE

CHelsea – After more than two and a half years of negotiations, the City is on the verge of a new contract with its two police unions that will see pay increases of up to three percent and implement residency requirements for new hires.

Monday night, City Manager Thomas Ambrosino requested the City Council approve the contracts, which are retroactive to Fiscal year 2017. The Council forwarded the request to its subcommittee on conference, and will take up an official vote on the contracts at a future meeting.

The collective bargaining agreements are for the unions which represent police superior officers and patrol officers.

“Both deals encompass four years, made up of two separate contracts: a one year deal for FY17; and a subsequent three year deal for FY19-FY20,” Ambrosino stated

in a letter to the City Council.

The contracts include a retroactive salary increase of 2.5 percent for FY17 and 3 percent for FY18 and FY19. There is also a 3 percent increase slated for FY20 and an additional 1 percent increase that goes into effect on Jan. 1, 2020.

All told, the retroactive salary increases total about \$876,000.

“I strongly recommend that the City Council support these agreements, which have been the subject of lengthy negotiations spanning more than two and a half years,” Ambrosino stated. “We set aside in Salary Reserve for the resolution of these two agreements a total of \$700,000. Accordingly, we will need an additional appropriation from Stabilization of \$176,000 to satisfy these contractual commitments.”

The salary hikes are the only cost item in the new contracts, according to the City Manager. Other items in the contracts related to longevity, detail pay, sick leave incentive, and clothing allowance are limited to clarifications or minor changes and do not add any additional costs to the City, he added.

The percentage increases for salary are slightly more than those other City Hall unions have received, Ambrosino said.

“However, in return, the City did secure new language on residency upon which the City Council insisted,” he stated. “As of Jan. 1, 2019, all new police hires must live in the City of Chelsea for five years, consistent with the Ordinance approved by the City Council earlier this year.”

While there was no debate over the union contracts themselves at Monday’s Council meeting, District 1 Councilor Robert Bishop did raise concerns about the City’s use of its stabilization, or “rainy day” funds.

Bishop noted that Ambrosino was requesting the use of stabilization funds for improvements to Eden Park and for a protective cover for the new high school turf field as well as for the contract salary costs.

Those stabilization funds should be used for emergency situations, Bishop said.

“I don’t think any of these requests rise to the level of an emergency to use the rainy day fund,” he said.

While Bishop said he supported the requests being made, he wanted assurances that any money taken out of the City’s stabilization funds be replaced by free cash as soon as those funds are certified by the state.

UNCOVERING TREASURES OF THE PAST

EVERETT –There are no shortage of historic homes in Everett – homes and buildings with a glorious history – but it’s a history lost on almost everyone living in the city.

Everett is one of the more unique Greater Boston cities with a Colonial past that has been virtually lost to time, but over the past week the comprehensive Everett Historical Survey has been completed, providing the beginnings of re-constructing the history before everyone’s eyes.

“I’ve learned a lot about Everett,” said Lisa Mausolf, the consultant who compiled the survey over the past year. “I think I only began to scratch the surface and there are a lot of magnificent properties. There was a survey done in the 1980s, but this new work represents a much more comprehensive look that what was accomplished in the 80s. Glendale Square had never been looked at holistically. No one had looked at why it looks the way it does. Everett Square has some great buildings and a lot of potential for restoration and investment. I have to say, though,

the cemeteries were my favorites. Woodlawn Cemetery is incredible, and Glenwood is a wonderful municipal cemetery. The Jewish Cemetery is incredible too, and very few know it’s there.”

The effort to restore the past started a little over a year ago when the Historical Commission began to meet again under the auspices of retired City Clerk Michael Matarazzo and current City Clerk Sergio Cornelio. Several residents have joined the Commission, and the first order of business was to conduct an official survey.

Maria Josefson, of the City’s Department of Planning and Development, has taken charge of the project and the Commission now. After reviewing the survey, she said so much of Everett’s history has come alive for her.

“There’s a home I walk by all the time on the way to the gym and I never stopped to notice it until I saw it was on the survey,” she said. “I stopped one day and noticed how stately it was. It’s one of those things that’s right in front of you, but you don’t notice. It’s nice to understand the history behind it.”

And such is the case for one of the oldest homes in Everett. Though many school children are taught about 519 Ferry St. – the Jonathan Green House – few really know that the home likely dates to around 1719. Though there were once many older homes in Everett like it, most have been demolished through the years.

It is the one that does remain. The survey points out that it is the only early gambrel-roofed houses remaining in Everett. Other examples which once existed, but are no longer standing, included the Carrington-Paine House on Main Street and the Old Lynde House on Bow Street. That makes the Green House even more special, and a gem that few know about.

The house was originally located in “south Malden,” and on Ferry Street, which was a route to get Malden residents to Winnisimmet (or Chelsea) where the Ferry existed. Jonathan Green eventually was prominent in Stoneham, but it is believed he came there from South Malden, which is now Everett.

That said, Mausolf said they were very excited to document the home and she said the Massachusetts Historical Commission was excited to potentially study the home to get more definite answers.

“One thing that was very interesting about that house was the folks from Mass Historical were excited about it,” she said. “They really wanted to study it a little more. There aren’t many communities that have a structure that old still standing.”

The focus of the study, however, was more on Glendale and Everett Squares. Both are very historic, but Glendale Square had a very extensive historical survey done for, likely, the first time ever. The Square came to be during the transition from pastoral fields to a streetcar suburb. Starting in the 1880s when horse-cars began carrying people to the Square, development began to sprout there. By the 1890s, the area quickly began to transform under the new streetcar mode of transportation. After that, it began to boom, and develop into a “streetcar suburb,” such as is seen in other areas of Greater Boston that are now considered urban areas.

In all, Mausolf said Everett has a lot of historic buildings and homes, and many of them are likely fit for the National Registry.

“I think it was a good project,” she said. “There are a number of properties that are likely to be eligible for the National Historic Registry,” she said. “It’s an exciting time in seeking out Everett’s history.”

SOLDIERS’ HOME WATER TOWER TO COME DOWN



PHOTO BY SETH DANIEL

Stan Pratt and Linda Sullivan display the commemorative Chelsea Soldiers’ Home water tower pins that marked the end of the old, iconic water tower. The Home held a community farewell to the tower on Friday, Nov. 30, and the tower is expected to be demolished by the end of December.

ENGINE 2 READY TO COME HOME TO HANCOCK STREET

EVERETT - The City is getting ready to re-open the historic Hancock Fire Station this Saturday, Dec. 8, but with a \$3.5 million facelift to tidy up the old fire house.

“This is a great example of the City’s capital improvement plan at work for us in the fire service,” said Chief Tony Carli this week while going over the finishing touches at the Station. “We haven’t had a new fire station or major renovation for many, many years. We did the Ferry Street station in 1999, but that was to this extent. We have, basically, a brand new building in an older, historic building. It’s very exciting.”

Mayor Carlo DeMaria said he, too, is proud of the investment in restoring the historic firehouse.

“Our firefighters put their lives on the line every day, and I am proud of our \$3.5 million investment in this building

and infrastructure,” he said. “These funds have been used to not only restore this historic firehouse, but also to include new technology to protect firefighters from exposure to any contaminants that may be on that apparatus floor. These modern upgrades will help our members stay safe and enhance our firefighting capabilities throughout the city.”

The project began one year ago when the City decided to renovate the station, mostly to help with firefighter safety and health – a move that is becoming more common in all fire departments, but particularly appropriate in Everett where a firefighter was lost to occupational cancer this summer.

The project cost \$3.5 million and actually came in under budget and on time, Carli said. The work has been done by P&S Construction of North Chelmsford.

But more than anything, it’s going to promote firefighter safety.

The renovation is fully sprinklered, has the full fire

alarm system and has 100 percent of the asbestos removed. Firefighters will have a special place for their gear to be washed, and will also have a laundry area for their clothing as well – a very important measure to try to prevent respiratory ailments.

“The biggest thing here is the whole apparatus floor is blocked from the residential area,” said Carli. “That is a huge piece for firefighter safety and now the firefighters will be protected in the upstairs from things like fumes and other kinds of problems.”

The renovation has also kept a close eye on the historic nature of the building. In a very recent historical survey of the City’s historic buildings, the Hancock Fire Station did register as a historic building. Known as the Chemical Engine House due to the fact that it housed the City’s first chemical fire engine, it was built in 1899 and designed

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Physician shares seasonal health advice

Special to the Journal

Gratitude. It’s easy to overlook at any time but especially during the hectic holiday season when we may be distracted by material things as well as happenings in the world around us.

Think about ways to be present with your family and friends. Start new traditions that involve doing activities together, sharing, volunteering and giving. Agree to limit gifts to a few; they’ll seem all the more special and meaningful.

Help your children to make homemade gifts or bake for friends and family. Read together and play games! Put phones and tablets away and have a meal together without distractions. Make a family contribution of money or time to an organization important to you. Volunteering at a soup kitchen over the holidays can be extremely rewarding.

Here are a few reminders during the holiday season so we can all be grateful for the gift of good health:

- Keep tinsel out of reach of pets and small children.
- Make sure holiday greenery, especially trees, is well-watered.
- Mistletoe, holly and poinsettia plants can be harmful if ingested by children and pets
- Stick to bedtime routines to help everyone get the gift of a good night’s sleep.
- Cook meats to the recommended temperature. A meat thermometer is essential and makes a great gift for friends and family.
- Refrigerate leftovers promptly to avoid spoiling and food poisoning.

• Sharpen all knives; dull knives are the cause of many holiday emergency visits!

• Include fresh vegetables, salads and other healthy food in all holiday meals.

• Encourage everyone to drink lots of water and stay well-hydrated.

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by William Hart Taylor. Taylor was an immigrant from Prince Edward Island and, in Everett, designed the old Horace Mann School and the Woodlawn Cemetery gate. In Chelsea, he designed many of the historic buildings in its downtown after the 1908 fire.

City officials said they would be re-installing the ornamental weather vane on the building for Saturday's big open house event.

Carli said they have also kept historic fire service items too, such as a large lifesaving net that people used to jump into from the tops of buildings.

"We're keeping the life net and will hang it up in the station, and we also kept the 1930s wainscoting in the living quarters too," said Carli. "That net used to be in service in Everett. It is original."

While construction has been going on, the City had re-purposed a part of the old Everett High School to house a temporary station – a feat accomplished by the talented Public Facilities Division. While it has been an adequate temporary home, Carli said firefighters belong in a firehouse.

"The firefighters of Engine 2 are ready to get back here," he said. "I am very proud of their persistence and their patience in this. The City did a great job of constructing the temporary fire house, but they want to be back here. The firehouse is as integral as the fire trucks for us. They miss being here."

The Open House took place on Saturday, Dec. 8, from 10:30 a.m. to noon at the new station.

HVNA APPROVES SARATOGA STREET DEVELOPMENT

EAST BOSTON – Over the past two years Saratoga Street resident Mike McCormack emerged as the most vocal critic of plans to develop a large vacant lot on his street. McCormack thought earlier blueprints of the planned development at 656 Saratoga St. were 'too big,' included 'too many units' and would be a monstrous eyesore in the middle of the block.

McCormack successfully led the charge to have Harbor View Neighborhood Association (HVNA) members vote against the proposal to build a 50 feet tall, 40 unit development and send developer MG2 back to the drawing board.

So at Monday night's HVNA meeting when McCormack gave his endorsement to the proposed changes to the original project HVNA members were taken back.

"This proposal makes a lot more sense," said McCormack of the changes to the original plans. "This is something I can get on board with. They listened to us on height, on one for one parking, so they did some work and this is something I could live with."

Attorney for MG2 Richard Lynds, who has gone numerous rounds with McCormack at public meetings over the project, quipped that 'it is the season of giving' to which McCormack jokingly responded 'I hope no one took video of what I just said'.

Developer MG2 plans to develop the 16,500 square-foot vacant lot at 656 Saratoga St. into market rate rental housing by combining six parcels on the lot into one developable parcel.

The original plan would have MG2 erect a five-story, 50-foot building. The building would have included 62 units with a mix of studio, one and two-bedroom units and retail opportunity on the ground floor. A later scaled down version then called for 43 units of market-rate rentals that would be a mix of studio, one- and two-bedroom units and 39 parking spaces and eliminated the retail component.

However, the community still felt at five stories and over 50 feet tall the building was uncharacteristic of the surrounding neighborhood and sent MG2 back to the drawing board. MG2 then lowered the building to four stories and 40 units with 30 parking spaces. This was the plan that was rejected by members of the HVNA at a meeting a few months back.

At Monday night's HVNA meeting MG2's attorney, Richard Lynds, said his client has reduced the number of units to 30 and knocked an entire floor off the building, bringing the height down to just under 32 feet at three stories.

"This is more in line with the triple deckers that one may see along Saratoga Street," said Lynds. "This addresses many of the comments and concerns over the height. At 31.8 feet in height the building would be below 35 feet zoning code."

The entrance to the building's parking has been moved around the block to Chaucer Street after resident objected to a curb cut and vehicles entering and exiting a garage on Saratoga Street. MG2 also added more landscaped buffers between the proposed building and abutting homes.

Variances MG2 would be seeking from the Zoning Board of Appeals will include Use, Floor Area Ratio or FAR, Open Space and Parking. The developer would also need a variance for Height. While up to 35 feet is allowed in the area and the building is under this threshold, zoning does not allow for buildings to be over two and half stories.

While most seemed to be pleased with the changes some still expressed some concern over the building's massing and asked the development team if there was anyway to break up the building or incorporate architectural details to make it look less 'boxy'.

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The public comment period for the project will end on Friday, Dec. 7, Comments can be sent to [www.boston-plans.org/projects/development-projects/656-sarato-ga-street/#comment\\_Form](http://www.boston-plans.org/projects/development-projects/656-sarato-ga-street/#comment_Form).

## PUBLIC ART AT CLIPPERSHIP PROJECT

EAST BOSTON – During the planning phase for several of the neighborhood’s high-profile waterfront development projects like Boston East and Clippership Wharf, residents have always advocated for local art, public art and outdoor art to somehow be incorporated into the design of these projects.

Because all of the community’s waterfront developments are tied in with East Boston’s Harborwalk, residents have long wanted to make public art part of the experience.

The developers of Boston East created a community art gallery that is open to the public along the Harborwalk when they opened last year, and now the developer of Clippership Wharf is getting in on the art action.

Lendlease announced this week that two public sculptures and a new contemporary art gallery will be part of Clippership Wharf’s public art program designed to promote Eastie’s local art scene.

“East Boston has a proud history of being home to a thriving art community, and we are excited to continue that tradition at Clippership Wharf,” said Nick Iselin, General Manager for Lendlease Development in Boston. “The sculptures and gallery will highlight unique parts of East Boston’s history, and will be an attraction for both residents of Clippership Wharf and the public.”

Lendlease has also made a call for art submissions from local artists to display work inside the gallery dubbed ‘The ClipArt Gallery.’

Iselin said The ClipArt Gal-

lery will be Eastie’s newest contemporary art gallery and is slated to open in spring 2019. The gallery, which will be curated and managed by Eastie’s Atlantic Works Gallery, will be located on the ground floor of the Slip65 Condominiums and will be open to the public on Saturday afternoons. The first show, “East Boston: Present Tense,” will highlight current works from the East Boston arts community. The call for art is currently open, and artists will be selected in February. Artists interested in exhibiting at ClipArt Gallery can respond to the call for art published in ArtScope, as well as online at [clipartboston.com](http://clipartboston.com).

The waterfront development will also be home to two public-art installations, the result of both nationwide and local competitions.

“Islands,” designed by Volkan Alkanoglu, occupies a pre-eminent location on a newly created stretch of the East Boston Harborwalk and represents an interpretation of the five former Boston Harbor islands that form today’s Eastie. The brightly colored sculpture is fully interactive, inviting individuals to reorient and occupy the different shapes as they desire.

The other outdoor sculpture, “Pillar”, will reside in the courtyard at Clippership Wharf and was conceptualized by New American Public Art. According to Lendlease the installation will tell two very different stories, evoking both the massive Lepidodendron trees found in prehistoric Eastie and the great Eastern White Pine trees later used by the shipbuilding trades on Eastie’s wharfs, including Clippership Wharf itself. Plaques describing each vision will be at the site, inviting visitors to see which story resonates most with them.

The sculptures at Clippership Wharf are slated to be unveiled in early 2019. Lendlease worked with Sunne Savage Gallery to curate the art program at Clippership Wharf.

“This local public art program is reflective of Lend-

lease’s long-standing commitment to placemaking,” said Iselin. “Clippership Wharf will combine public art and civic gathering spaces to create a dynamic community, all with stunning views of the Boston skyline.”

## MEDICAL MARIJUANA STORE OPENS IN LYNN

LYNN- Now that the officials of Commonwealth of Massachusetts have welcomed the business of medical marijuana, a new store has opened in Lynn. In the coming months, several more recreational marijuana shops are planned to open in Lynn.

Just two weeks ago Apotcha, a medical marijuana facility opened at 491 Lynnway.

Apotcha owner Joseph Lekach, a graduate of Babson, said the 4,600 square-foot building is set up for the medical marijuana sales. The highly regulated industry, starting from the grow facility in Fitchburg and to the electronic medical ID used to access to the facility and to track the product at all times.

The grow facility is approved and monitored by the state’s Cannabis Control Commission, and was set up last January to begin growing plants being sold now.

The state also regulates the product, dictating that no more than 10 ounces every 60 days can be sold to an individual customer. The product comes in sativa, indica, and hybrid variations. The product is further broken down into strains like OG Kush, Lemon Haze and more. Customers will also be told the amount of THC in the bud, anywhere from 12 percent to 27 percent.

“Start low,” Lekach said, adding that his employees can help with any concerns.

Patients visiting the “bud” table in the shop will be also to see and smell what’s available. There display cases of water pipes, pipes and other tools used for smoking. There are lovely display cases with edi-

bles to be consumed by those who opt not to smoke but still want the effects of THC or CDB, two of the chemicals found in cannabis.

“We also track all our inventory,” Lekach said. “We are able to make suggestions for future purchases. We’re known for our one on one service.”

Medical marijuana was approved in Massachusetts in 2012 and recreational marijuana was approved in the Commonwealth in 2016.

The law does allows recreational marijuana to be purchased at a medical site once regulations are approved. Apotcha has obtained its recreational license, and will be selling in 2019. Apotcha also has another shop in Arlington.

Ward 2 Councillor Rick Starbard, who chairs the Recreational Cannabis Site Plan Review subcommittee, said the city voted for recreational use and he is just following the will of the voters.

The city’s Economic Development Industrial Corporation (EDIC), headed by James Cowdell handles the first round of the vetting process.

“Jim has been very open, and transparent in having meetings,” Starbard said.

In November the first proposed recreational site came before the cities Recreational Cannabis Site Plan Review Committee. This group, Natural Selections, based out of Colorado would like to set up shop next to The Blue Ox on Oxford Street.

After visiting the grow site and seeing what goes in producing marijuana, Starbard said it does make you wonder what’s in the marijuana sold illegally on the street.

The Recreational Cannabis Site Plan Review Committee has also reviewed Good Chemistry for a shop at 696 Western Ave.; New England Canna, 7 Mount Vernon St. and Harvest Moon at 32-34 State St.

There is no word yet on when they might open.

One good thing: The host agreement the city has with Apotcha, giving \$100,000 to the cities general fund. In ad-

dition, a 3 percent tax is tagged on each sale.

“The store is run very professionally, ultra-high security. It looks like a Starbucks,” Starbard said.

## ARRIGO UNVEILS NEW MASTER PLAN

REVERE – Mayor Brian Arrigo announced Monday the launch of ‘Next Stop, Revere’ -- the city’s first comprehensive master plan in more than four decades. The master plan will set a course for the future of Revere, a city that offers unique opportunities for transit-oriented development, amenities for visitors and residents alike, and the ability to accommodate forward-looking industries to grow with the city.

The City will team with the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) for a six month long community engagement process to inform policy, which will incorporate the community’s vision for maintaining and improving quality of life, and will span topics including housing, economic development, natural resources and open space, as well as transportation, climate resiliency, land use and zoning. The plan will identify a set of actions for the City to take over the next 10-20 years.

A kick-off event will take place on Jan. 15, from 6-8 p.m. at the Rumney Marsh Academy.

“Something special is happening in Revere,” Mayor Arrigo said. “For years, we’ve had an amazing urban school system, prime access to regional transportation networks, a beautiful coastline and residents who care about their city and want to build a brighter future for the next generation. The time is right for us to seize the opportunities ahead of us. I’m looking forward to working hand in hand with the community to set a course for what the future of Revere will hold.”

“MAPC is thrilled to partner with Revere as the City prepares for the future. Revere is already one of the most

diverse and vibrant communities in the region,” said Marc Draisen, MAPC’s Executive Director. “This planning process will help the city’s residents, businesses, and government leaders to set a vision for the future that will allow Revere to remain a place where all residents can live and prosper.”

The process will build upon the community engagement that began in 2015 and will incorporate the results of the community-based Suffolk Downs Development Advisory Group and the recently approved Master Plan for that transformative development. It will be managed through the City of Revere’s planning and development department to realize a full-comprehensive master plan for the future of Revere as a whole.


## TYE HONORED FOR LIFETIME OF SERVICE TO REVERE

REVERE – The City Council presented a certificate of commendation to Carol Tye for her almost 60 years of dedicated service in the Revere public school system as an educator, superintendent of schools, and a member of the School Committee.

Ward 1 Councillor Joanne McKenna, who was a teacher in the Revere school system during Tye’s tenure as superintendent, and Council President Jessica Giannino, a graduate of Revere High School, took the podium for the official presentation ceremony.

“Carol Tye is one of the most generous people I know,” said McKenna. “She goes above and beyond the call of duty for the city of Revere and the people who live here.”

McKenna noted that Tye was an English teacher at Revere High for 35 years and a union officer for 33 years. She served as superintendent for six years and has been a member of the School Committee for the last 17 years. Tye is also active in many organizations in the city.



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ORNAMENT WORKSHOP SPONSORED BY THE CULTURAL COUNCIL

ALL THAT GLITTERS ...



Above: Friends gathering for the Winthrop Cultural Council's Glitter Ornament Workshop on Dec. 9 at the EB Newton School and Cultural Center. Right: Dan and Melda Gerow decorate bulbs.



Photos by Marianne Salza

As the Vice President of Operations at a startup software company, Susan Gerow's work days are centered on contracts and negotiations. Having a creative outlet to unwind at night is crucial. Since a colleague taught her how to decorate glass ornaments in 2012, it has been a tradition in her home, embellishing bulbs with sparkles and washi tape.

"It's a great way to relax," explained Gerow. "To be able to focus on something not related to work is priceless for me."

On Dec. 9, Gerow hosted her third annual Glitter Ornament Workshop, sponsored by the Winthrop Cultural Council, at the EB Newton School and Cultural Center, where friends adorned bulbs with pompoms and leaves.

"It's nice to see people doing something they've never done before and having fun," Gerow said. "You don't get to

play with glue and glitter very often in our adults lives."

This Christmas, Gerow will be decorating four dozen ornaments for her New Year's Day Open House party. Hung on a pine wreath in her hallway are colorful bulbs for friends to choose and place on their own Christmas trees.

"I had focused on decorating with glitter and glue, then I started these workshops and people used materials in different ways. Some added jewels; some created beautiful ornaments using techniques I had never thought about," described Gerow. "I find it amazing what people will do with materials. There's no limit to what can be created with jewels, glitter, and feathers."



left: Debra Martelli decorates an ornament.



Susan Gerow, Instructor.



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