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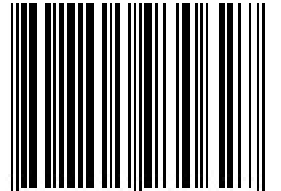
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IN THE SPIRIT OF GIVING: DRIVERS NEEDED FOR ROAD TO RECOVERY

This holiday season, and all year long, if you have a car and few hours to spare, you can make a difference in the life of a cancer patient as a Road To Recovery driver. The American Cancer Society is now recruiting volunteers throughout Massachusetts, especially in the western part of the state, to ensure all cancer patients have transportation to and from their treatments. Whether you are available once a month or once a week, even for an hour, you can be a Road To Recovery volunteer.

"Every driver has what it takes to help save lives," said Michele Dilley, program manager for mission delivery at the American Cancer Society.

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ANNUAL SNOWFLAKE FAIR AT ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL



PHOTO BY KATE ANSLINGER

Julia and Maya Waller, and Bodie Bucholtz during the annual holiday Snowflake Fair at St. John's Episcopal Church. Shoppers had a wide range of items from homemade jewelry, gift baskets, blankets and more to peruse; the Church also made lunch available to those who attended. See more photos on Page 8.

Plans on file for Somerset Avenue development

By Sue Ellen Woodcock

Plans are on file in the town clerk's office for a proposed development on Somerset Avenue at the site of the "old dollar store."

The developer will appear

at a public meeting on Dec. 13 at the E.B. Newton to discuss the proposed development. On Dec. 17 the proposal will be presented to the Planning Board.

There has already been a small meeting with abutters and another meeting at the

Chamber of Commerce for business leaders.

Plans call for a five-story building with 40 housing units on a 13,000 square-foot lot, with 34 parking spaces under the building. The units will consist of three studios; 17 one-bedroom, and 20 two-bedroom units.

Tom Reilly, an abutter, asked the Town Council to take action in forming an oversight committee.

"According to the submission they could have 50-80 people living there," Reilly said. "It's well over time that this matter be addressed in some fashion to review the zoning law. The area is currently zoned for two and one-half stories and neighbors are concerned about anything higher."

Town Manager Austin Faison had planned to and did appoint a committee Tuesday night.

Faison appointed CBD Committee to work with the

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The top photo shows Somerset Avenue as it currently exists. The bottom photo is a rendering of the proposed development in Winthrop Center.

Rookie Flight Crew gets ready to take off for another season

By Kate Anslinger

For the third year in a row, the Winthrop Middle School STEM club came face-to-face with a few Celtics celebrities and JetBlue professionals.

Last Wednesday, 30 STEM club students spent some quality time in the classroom and on the basketball court with Celtics center Aron Baynes, Celtics Mascot "Lucky" the Leprechaun, former Celtics player Leon Powe, JetBlue pilot Becca Petro, and several other JetBlue members as

they were initiated into the JetBlue Rookie Flight Crew.

This was the kickoff for the 10-week course where the students will have the opportunity to use the STEM skills they've learned thus far, to build fully functioning model planes. The program gives students an opportunity to explore aviation careers and learn some of the behind-the-scenes work that goes along with airline professions. Throughout the course, JetBlue Crew members will be visiting the students, offering

insight and keeping up with their progress.

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Tax rate to decrease in 2019 fiscal year

By Sue Ellen Woodcock

At Tuesday night's Town Council meeting, a presentation was made for the upcoming tax rate from Assessor Stephen Roche. After the presentation, the Town Council voted to decrease the tax rate for fiscal year 2019. Taxpayers will see this reflected in their January tax bills.

The council set the FY19 rate at \$13.18 per \$1,000 of valuation, down from the FY18 rate of \$14.16, a decrease of 98 cents.

"We had very strong new growth, I've done some research and we hit \$20 million in new growth for the first time this year as a town," Roche said. "That's significant. This

trend of rising new growth appears to be continuing. Our building permit numbers are up 10 percent over this time last year."

Fueling the new growth is a booming condo-conversion market in multi-family homes.

Last year the town went through a re-evaluation, a strict scrutiny of all property in town. Those increases in values of real estate help to keep the actual tax rate lower.

The average single-family value is \$466,243, an 11 percent increase in assessed value. The average single family tax bill is \$6,145 or 3.43 percent increase.

The rate has to be approved by the Department of Revenue

CULTURAL COUNCIL FAIR



KATE ANSLINGER

Sandy Schiff from the Winthrop Improvement Historical Association (WIHA), shows off the new Winthrop Christmas ornament during the Winthrop Cultural Council art fair and show opening on Saturday, Dec. 1. See more photos on Page 16.

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WINTHROP POLICE BLOTTER

Monday, Nov. 26
Walk-in party provided new and additional information regarding a rental scam. Scammer advertises address as “for rent” and attempts to secure upfront money from party seeking via e-mail and/or text, when actually the place is not for rent. Scammer has no ties to the property.
Male party on Revere Street attempted to load an H/R Block card with a \$1,000. Male party loaded the card and then left with the card and cash but did not pay the cashier. Cashier at time did not think transaction went through and gave his card back.
Off-duty officer reports store manager on Woodside Avenue asked for an officer to respond to store and observe a recording of a shoplifting offense that occurred yesterday.
Reporting party on Loring Road came into the station to report on a case of harassment. Officer will attempt to mediate prior to court action.
Boston PD requests assistance for subject on Vine Avenue. This is the father’s address and subject is not there at this time. Boston PD was informed that we were unable to locate the subject.

Tuesday, Nov. 27
Calling party on Bay View Avenue states that someone is harassing him through text message and wants to speak to an officer and have it on record. Unit reports he spoke to the party and he was advised of what to do.
Report of flooding at basketball court on Walden Street. Caller states that the flooding is bad and he almost got stuck. Unit reports the road is flooding between Lincoln and Pauline. Unit reports he took care of the barricade and will monitor the area. Also Charlie 1 said to notify DPW about Short Beach. Left a message and also notified State and they will handle it.
Attempt to serve warrant

to subject on Grandview Avenue. One under arrest for warrant.
Report of male, possibly drunk, stumbling around on Shirley Street. Area checked with nothing showing.
DPW worker stating he needs to remove a tree at Wave Way and Shirley Street but there is car parked in front of that area that he needs moved. Spoke to party’s mother and she will contact her son to move the vehicle.
Well-being check for subject at Governors Park. Father is on his way there with the key. Party is ok and father is speaking with his daughter now.
Caller on Marshall Street states there is an elderly golden Retriever roaming in the area. Owner was located and call was canceled.
Party on Sea View Avenue states a construction worker is drinking in public. Nobody in the area drinking in public.
Calling party on Golden Drive is a friend who has not heard from her friend since Thanksgiving which is abnormal. Party is fine and at the MGH since Friday.
Party on Shore Drive states a vehicle was drinking recklessly and almost drove caller off the road. Vehicle was going into Winthrop from Short Beach. BOLO given to all units.
Caller on Pauline Street is a teacher of the Performing Arts class. She states there is a bunch of kids in the basement hanging out to get out of the cold. She states it is an ongoing issue. She said they entered through the handicap door. Building was checked and officers spoke to the reporting party.
Party states he is in front of the ACE Hardware store and there are picketers with a bullhorn making a lot of noise. Detail officers report the picketers are not breaking any laws at this time. No need for responders. They will monitor

the situation as needed.
Caller at Governors Park states her TV was taken in her house and was replaced with a TV that was broken. No sign of forced entry. Property manager advised her to call the police. She also states that money has been taken in the past. Officer spoke to the caller and no crime was committed. Caller states that someone beamed in and replaced her TV set.
Motor vehicle accident in front of the station. Units diverting traffic and two tows needed. G&J was contacted but then cancelled. No tows needed as vehicles are operable.
Caller on Locust Street states that she believes that her house was broken into while she was in it. Both doors, outer and inner door to her house were open. Caller states that her pocket book was stolen. She believes they came in the back door. Report to follow.
Pedestrian struck by motor vehicle at Beach Street and Myrtle Avenue. Pedestrian was evaluated by EMS and signed a refusal. Operator was cited.
Party from Main Street came into the station and reported locating an opened box containing Bear Paws boot brand that had been stolen from an address around the corner. Party also brought a delivery bag, which was ripped open containing three clothing items. It was also from the same address. All items matched up with the Old Navy sales slip. Officer returned the items to the resident.

Wednesday, Nov. 28
Todisco reports two trespass tows from Governors Park.
Boston Taxi states a male party refusing to pay the fee and both parties are verbally arguing. This is on Lowell and Pauline Street. Units spoke to both parties and the male party

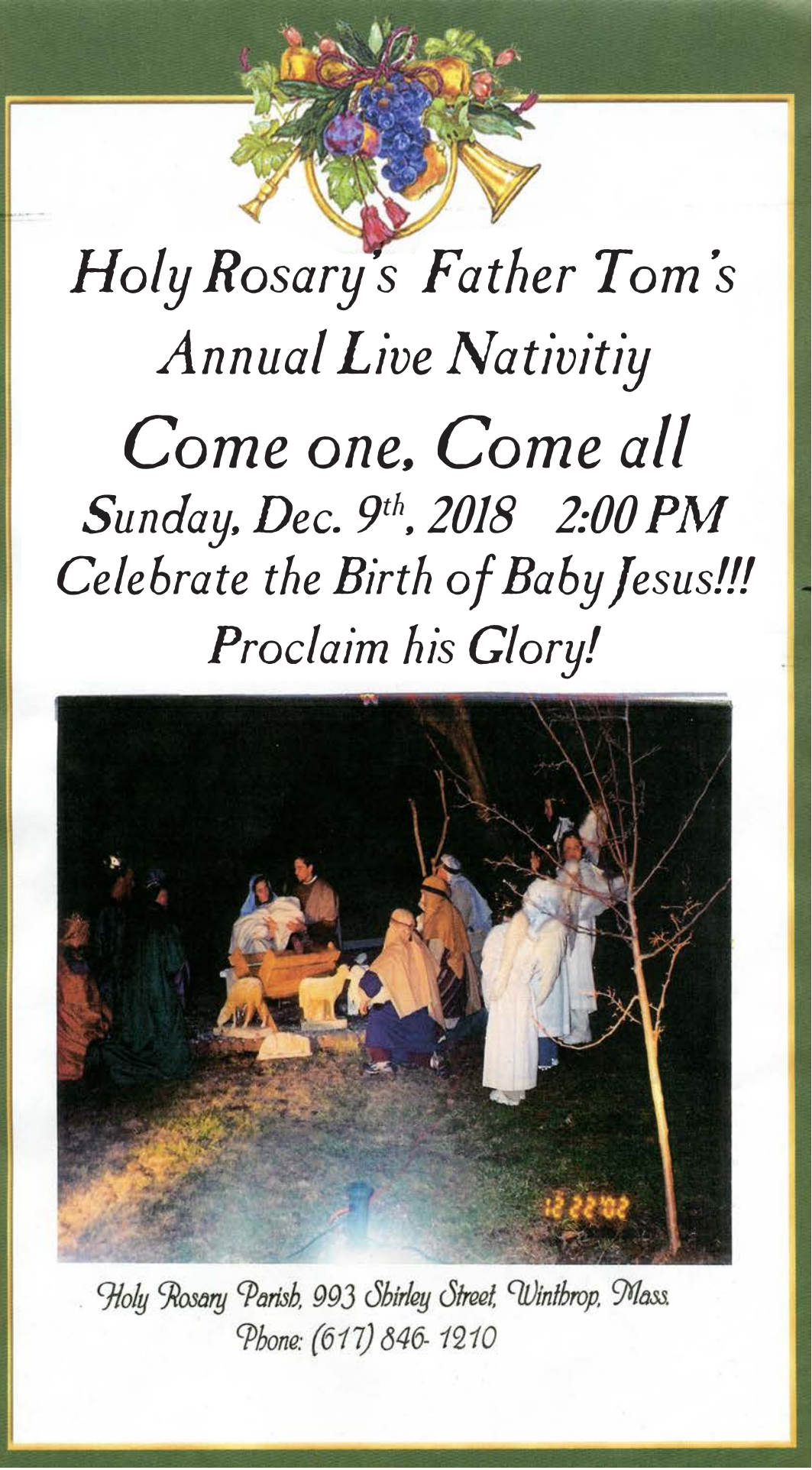
was willing to pay the fee and the cab driver said he did not want the money. The cab driver was not being cooperative and not giving his side of the story. He then took off. The 91 will be bringing the male party home to Tewksbury Street.
Walk-in from Quincy Avenue to report a former employee stole property from him as well as a debit card.
Party on Quincy Avenue is concerned about neighbor’s well-being. There are papers and mail all over the porch. No medical called since Nov. 9. Has no idea of names or who lives there but just concerned. 93 requested fire for forced entry. Officer spoke to the homeowner. C1 reports getting a second call from family confirming they are safe.
Caller at Somerset Avenue Pleasant Street states he is unable to make the turn due to the vehicles parked on the corner. Caller called to cancel as vehicles were moved.
Party turned in a Dooney & Bourke handbag that she found in her garden. The owner was contacted and she will pick it up later today at headquarters.
Caller states there is a female party who is swaying back and forth while walking with no shoes on caller is concerned for her well-being. Caller states that she is walking down Hermon towards Centre Street. Female party being sectioned. There was talk of a child at an address and unit is going there to investigate. W91 to ride with ambulance due to a combative female party.
Party is trying to retrieve her cell phone. She is outside of home on Jefferson Street where she states the cell phone is. She states that the parents of the children involved are not being cooperative. Property has been returned to its owner.
Caller on Floyd Street states she saw two dogs alone in the street that she recognizes. She brought the dogs back to their house and the caller is concerned for the owners well-being. She states that the couch is all ripped up inside. She is concerned because the owner is always with the dogs. Officers could not locate the owner but secured the dogs and home at this time. Owners were out of the country and had just ended at Logan and are on their way home. They called headquarters and they were up dated.
Assisted Revere PD with a retrieval of a cell phone on Crest Avenue. Owner of the cell phone will come to headquarters pick up her phone.

Thursday, Nov. 29
Caller on Shore Drive states a female with a buzz cut is in the middle of the street screaming. Caller is worried about her well-being. Unknown female is being transported to MGH. 92 is following the ambulance.
93 flagged down for low hanging wires on Tafts Avenue. 93 searched the entire length of Tafts and there were no issues.
Caller on Wave Way Avenue states that her sister’s landlord is threatening caller and her mother’s lives over the phone. Report to follow.
Party came in to report towing two vehicles from Main Street per the property/owner manager. The vehicles were towed.
An attempt to serve notification to subject on Faun Bar Avenue. HQ spoke to male party and notified him.
Suspicious activity on Winthrop Street. Male party checking doors. He tried to enter into the Oddfellows Hall and was headed to police headquarters. Units checked the entire area. 94 spoke to DPW worker who stated he saw a male matching that description going right toward Pauline Street toward the center. 94 checked the area. 94 reports it matches description of homeless male that has been living in the marsh.
While on patrol in the area of Magee’s Corner, the 91 located a cell phone with \$8 in the case on the street. Cell phone was brought to D6 at the middle/high school. She recognized some of the girls on the home screen and will attempt to locate the owner.
Female came in to the station to report an expired cat or possibly a possum on Winthrop Street. ACO was notified and will respond.
Caller on Cross Street states he hears banging and screaming on the second floor. Units request medical, WFD and EMS responded. Unable to identify the party based on his state. Action transported subject to MGH.
Woburn PD called and stated that a party’s vehicle was involved in a minor motor vehicle accident and is parked outside of an apartment complex in the city of Woburn. Party no longer resides on Pico Avenue. Resident does have their phone number and will contact the party to call Woburn PD. All information was relayed.

Friday, Nov. 30
A report of a giant construction truck blocking the middle of Centre Street. 93 states that the truck left, but there is a lot of debris in the road. Spoke to one of the workers who stated he would clear up the debris. 93 states that he found both trucks that are now blocking both lanes on Hermon Street. Vehicles left the area and the street is now wide open.
Party came to the station to report being disturbed last night at 2 a.m. Party reports that her neighbor in a building on Veterans Road was playing loud music well into the early morning hours. The noise also consisted of late use of the washing machines, as well as the thumping of a base instrument. Also, there was running up and down the halls causing noise. Party was advised that some issues she should discuss with the building management. In terms of the loud noise disturbances, she should call the police at the time it is happening. Party was also informed that a record would be made of her issue by police.
Caller on Washington Avenue says there is an object that could be an oil can in the middle of the road. 92 states a gallon jug of motor oil has spilled in the street. 92 is requesting DPW on the scene with a speedy dry. Fire put down the speedy dry.
The parents of a fifth-grader at the Cummings School came in to report an incident that occurred between their son and the recess monitor at the school. The fifth-grader claims that at recess he jumped over a girl when playing with a football. He asked the girl if she was okay, and she said, “yes.” He starts that the school monitor who is a male took the football away from him and moved him aside with his arm. They had a meeting today with the principal who will investigate the matter. They were informed to follow up with the school and the SRO if need be.
A well-being check on party on Coral Avenue who has been making Q5 statements to co-workers. Party voluntarily being transported to the MGH.
Caller on Bates Avenue states the street in front of his home is flooding. Officer states water is flowing from the sewer which seems to be backed up. DPW was notified. DPW was on the scene. UP-DATE: Water was from a resident who emptied their pool.
An attempt to serve warrant to subject on Crystal Cove Avenue. Unable to locate the subject at this time.
Received a 911 call from Coral Avenue, which was a hang up. Pinged number back to address and subscriber. Called back twice and left a message with no answer. Unit stated two parties in the apartment had potential argument between roommates. It was a verbal disagreement. They were told to separate for the night. A civil matter at this time.

Saturday, Dec. 1
Caller at Main and Marshall streets stated a vehicle swerving in an out of lanes. BOLO given to the units.
Party came to the station with a black purse found on Bellevue Avenue. The purse was found next to a vehicle. A note was left on the vehicle to retrieve the p use from the WPD. Party received note and came to the station to pick up her property.
Calling party states that she was going into the ATM on Bartlett Road about 10 minutes ago and there was a male outside who asked her if he could go in with her. She stated that the male party was very polite and nice but she refused his request. He stated that he was just waiting for the bank to open.
Party who lives on the first floor on Winthrop Street is causing a verbal disturbance. An harassment order was previously in place between these two parties. This is an ongoing issue. Also claims that the involved party has been stealing her mail. Units spoke with the caller and this is the second incident since new harassment order was in place. The first lifted in September. Units will document this incident. There was an altercation between the two parties in the laundry room. They both have been advised of their rights and the landlord will be contacted.
Caller on Pleasant Street states that his grandson called him stating a firearm that is out in the open in the basement. No one was threatened with or has touched the firearm but it is out in the open while a male and female are in the house. The grandfather would like a well-being check on the children. The firearm has been secured.
Caller on Kennedy Road

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Residents still upset over airport noise; petition for soundproofing circulating

By Sue Ellen Woodcock

The Airport Hazard Committee met last Thursday night and still the number one complaint is coming from Point Shirley residents, who have seen and heard a steady increase in the number of take-offs from Logan Airport and over the Point.

Neighbors have launched a requested for a soundproofing program in Winthrop.

“That money comes from the FAA,” said Dick Bangs, chairman of the committee. “And the FAA is talking in generalities.”

Member Gina Cassetta said residents are now dealing with 75 DNR (decibels) up from 65 DNR.

“It’s incredibly loud to the point its uninhabitable,” Cassetta said. “I was looking at 1,150 incidents of reported flights that were in the 80 decibel range. That sounds to me to be the whole day of departures. That’s for one day.”

So far Cassetta has collected 160 signatures going door-to-door. Her goal is to get 2,000 signatures from people who want soundproofing and residents whose home might have been soundproofed in the 1970s and 1980s.

“There’s no question about soundproofing as I look at the last six months,” said co-chair Jerry Falbo.

“We need to push them to make some investments over here,” Bangs said.

Bangs reported that the FAA is in the midst reviewing all the flight patterns across the country.

Other points discussed were the Terminal E expansion, where interior and exterior designs were shown. With all the state and federal approvals given, mitigation money has been promised to both the Winthrop Foundation and the PILOT payments made to the town until 2025.

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assistant town manager on the area and proposed development.

Serving on the committee will be Councilor Peter Christopher, Paul Lucerto, Joe Clark, Michelle Murray and Joe Aiello.

They are expected to meet in the next two weeks.

Faison said there would be no work in the center until the town “has its ducks in a row” when it comes to zoning.

“Any project down there will need a variance for height and for parking,” Faison said.

Reilly also pointed out that any project will only have six councilors available to vote, since three have recused themselves “and you need five to pass anything.”

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ety. “We’re urgently asking drivers to volunteer to take cancer patients to treatment. One cancer patient requiring radiation therapy could need between 20 to 30 trips to treatment over the course of six weeks. A patient receiving chemotherapy may need weekly treatment for up to a year.”

Many cancer patients don’t own a vehicle or can’t afford the extra gasoline. Some patients may be elderly and unable to drive or have no family members or friends who are able to provide regular assistance with transportation. Some patients don’t have access to transportation at all, and public transportation is not ideal for those who are in treatment and who are fatigued, sick, and often at risk of infection.

Gary Royal, a Tyngsboro resident, started volunteering as a Road To Recovery driver in 2014 after his retirement. He said he was searching for a meaningful way to give back to his community and found the program’s sign-up and training very easy. He now drives cancer patients in an approximately 25-mile radius around his home about twice a week, and he sees his hundreds of rides given in a year as his donation to the Society.

“Driving with Road To Recovery is so rewarding because lots of people need it, especially folks who are going to daily treatments,” said Royal. “I love making connections with people; most of them are hopeful and optimistic. It’s just so easy to make a difference.”

Volunteer drivers donate their time and the use of their vehicles, so patients can receive the cancer-related treatments they need. To volunteer, you must have a valid driver’s license, a safe and reliable vehicle, and proof of automobile insurance. Drivers must be at least 18 years old and have a good driving history. They arrange their own schedules and can commit as many or as few hours or as many hours as their schedule allows. The American Cancer Society provides free training to drivers and conducts criminal background, driving record and vehicle checks.

“Even the best treatment can’t work if a patient can’t get there,” said Dilley. “Access to care is a big problem in our country, with low-income and minority persons and those living in outlying communities suffering the most from disparities. Transportation programs are vital for these patients to get the treatments they need and deserve.”

For information about the Road To Recovery program, to volunteer as a driver or to request a ride, call 1-800-227-2345 or visit cancer.org.

The American Cancer Society is a global grassroots force of 1.5 million volunteers dedicated to saving lives, celebrating lives, and leading the fight for a world without cancer. From breakthrough research, to free lodging near treatment, a 24/7/365 live helpline, free rides to treatment, and convening powerful activists to create awareness and impact, the Society is the only organization attacking cancer from every angle. For more information go to www.cancer.org.



“Pirates in Residence,” Kristen Barry, Albert Deblas, and Ashley Pena, pose for a photo with Friends of Belle Isle Marsh, Friends of Winthrop Beach, Winthrop Public Library, Eric Jay Dolin, and our supporters at Mass Humanities.

Save the Harbor hosts a literary “cruise” through the golden age of American piracy in Winthrop

After a rewarding spring, summer and fall of Sharing the Harbor with free cruises to the Harbor Islands, Marine Mammal Safaris and tours of Boston Light, Save the Harbor embarked on the winter phase of its Share the Harbor initiative. On Nov. 28, Save the Harbor, the Friends of Belle Isle Marsh, the Friends of Winthrop Beach, and the Winthrop Public Library, hosted author and Save the Harbor Humanities Scholar, Eric Jay Dolin for a captivating presentation based on his newly released book, “Black Flags, Blue Waters: The Epic History of America’s Most Notorious Pirates.”

Save the Harbor has hosted Dolin on several cruises to give talks about the history of American lighthouses, but this time he took listeners on a “literary cruise” through the Golden Age of American Piracy. During the talk Dolin dispelled many of the familiar myths of pirates as jolly rascallions from literature and film.

“It’s a tale that any of our past Share the Harbor participants should be familiar with from our All Hands on Deck curriculum,” said Chris Mancini, vice president of programs and operations at Save the Harbor. “While the stories of young sailors and mariners from the Age of Sail can often be engaging and even inspiring, pirates themselves don’t actually make the best role models. However, today, we see many opportunities available to young people on Boston Harbor.”

To kick off the evening, Mancini introduced Save the Harbor’s “Pirates In Residence”, including Kristen Barry, Senior Harbor Educator for Save the Harbor, and Albert Deblas and Ashley Pena, Junior Program Assistants. The pirate crew then introduced the 30-person crowd to a brief history of the Boston Harbor Cleanup, emphasizing that this great environmental success story was only possible with many people working to “Haul Away Together” to accomplish a monumental task. To drive home the point, they led everyone in a rousing (and quickly learned) rendition of “Haul Away Joe”, a traditional sea chantey used by sailors as they worked together to raise the heavy sails of their Tall Ships during the Age of Sail.

Dani Foley, Secretary of the Friends of Belle Isle Marsh then introduced Dolin, who took the stage and held the crowd in thrall. He told tales of renowned pirates like Mary Read, Blackbeard, and the brutal Ned Lowe, who was ultimately captured and put on trial right here in Boston.



Eric Jay Dolin, author of “Black Flags, Blue Waters: The Epic History of America’s Most Notorious Pirates,” speaks at the event.

“We enjoyed being able to bring these stories to folks here in Winthrop,” said Mancini. “And we would like to thank all our foundation funding partners, corporate sponsors, and the more than 1,000 individual donors who help make our work possible, especially our partners at the Friends of Belle Isle Marsh, Friends of Winthrop Beach, Winthrop Public Library, Eric Jay Dolin, and our supporters at Mass Humanities for helping start and support the Share the Harbor Initiative.”

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ENJOY THE HOLIDAY SEASON

This is a wonderful time of the year, to paraphrase the song, with holiday music playing in the malls and on our car radios, resurrecting our earliest childhood memories -- even for the younger set -- of Christmases-past.

We choose just the right tree, decorate it carefully with our family-heirloom ornaments, and when we first turn on the lights, it brings a smile even to the oldest among us.

Despite the hectic rushing to and fro', everybody it seems, is in a good mood. We endure the traffic, the long lines in stores, and more, because we know that what we are doing will bring joy and happiness to others.

For those of us with young children, we get to see Christmas through their eyes, giving us a second-chance to experience the wonder and joy that we felt when we were their age.

Although all of us celebrate Christmas in our own way, the common thread is one of peace, joy, and happiness, regardless of religious or secular beliefs. Whether it be Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, or a Seinfeldian Festivus, the spirit of the season imbues us with a sense of togetherness that (unfortunately) only comes once a year.

We urge all of our readers to make the most of this holiday season with our friends, family, and loved ones.

ENJOY THE HOLIDAYS -- SAFELY

With the Christmas season in full swing, there will be the usual office, family, and neighborhood parties for all of us to partake and enjoy.

By no means do we wish to cast negative thoughts or to be party-Scrooges, but we would be remiss if we did not remind all of our readers to enjoy the holiday season safely.

This especially means that we should be careful not to drink and drive, not only for ourselves, but also for those whom we know and love.

If someone appears to be under the influence, it is incumbent upon each of us not to let that person get behind the wheel of a car -- take their keys and call an Uber!

If it is within our ability to prevent a tragedy, we must be sure to do so.



AIRPORT-RELATED NOISE EXPOSURE IN THE TOWN OF WINTHROP - NOT JUST AN ANNOYANCE!

The following letter was sent to the Town Council, Town Manager, Speaker of the House Robert DeLeo and Congresswoman Katherine Clark

Dear Editor: The Winthrop Board of Health has recently received a number of alarming reports, particularly from residents of Winthrop's Point Shirley Neighborhood in Precinct 3, stating significant and concerning noise exposure-related health concerns in conjunction with a noticeable increase in Logan Airport airplane departures using Runway 9/27 during the last 12 months.

The use of this runway and its flight path for arrivals and departures leads to planes flying at low altitude (often within 500 feet) and directly passing above Winthrop's Point Shirley Neighborhood. This air traffic increase appears to affect not only overall numbers of departures, but, particularly with implementation of RNAV, Massport's Precision Navigation System, also departure frequency. These frequent and low altitude planes lead to quite significant noise exposures well beyond the 65dB limit considered safe for humans, and often multiple peak exposures beyond 100dB within minutes, particularly during peak departure times. This becomes an even more unbearable situation when FAA-regulated altitude limits for airplane traffic above residential neighborhoods are violated (i.e. < 400ft), for which allegations exist based on FlightMonitor data, and when such departures, as often the case, take place well into the night (until 1:30 a.m. or later) or start early in the morning (sometimes as early as 4:30 a.m.). Moreover, this has at times been encountered for stretches of several days or even weeks,

who have already been living off of reduced income, will be left with no source of income. This is unconscionable.

The Commonwealth cannot sit idly by while a large, international conglomerate volitionally lockout employees in a transparent effort to enhance its leverage in a negotiation, while passing the on the cost for this misguided strategy to the taxpayers and ratepayers of the Commonwealth."

The House of Representatives this week took up a bill that would require the Secretary of Labor and the Director of the Department of Unemployment Assistance to establish a separate benefit program for any individual who is involuntarily unemployed, in an instance of a lockout, during the negotiation of a collective bargaining contract.

Any eligible individual whose unemployment benefits have been exhausted will be eligible for the benefits payable from the program at the same weekly benefit rate as provided for under our current unemployment law and until the resolution of the lockout.

Importantly, all costs of the program will be assessed on the employer who has locked out their employees. The proposal specifically precludes an employer from passing on the costs of the program to ratepayers.

We need solutions, and the House has acted. We hope the Administration and our Republican colleagues will join us in protecting these workers. Robert A. DeLeo is Speaker of the House for the Massachusetts House of Representatives.

LETTER to the Editor

without significant breaks or rerouting of departures to other runways. This traffic is likely to increase even more, once Terminal E and Terminal C expansion projects are completed, and NEXTGEN, the FAA's action plan to modernize the national airspace system, goes into effect.

However, our concerns are not based on pure annoyance and the frequently cited "Winthrop Pause": associated with these frequent and low altitude plane departures with extreme peak noise exposure of 80dB and higher, residents report substantial sleep disruption, even with windows and doors closed, hearing problems (development of tinnitus and sensorineural hearing loss, in one case in a teenager) and other health issues, such as high blood pressure and/or high heart rates, and difficulty concentrating and functioning at school or at work. Many families with young children also reside in this neighborhood, making this an even more pressing and highly concerning public health issue for infants, toddlers and school-age children with even higher healthy sleep requirements.

It is important to mention in this context, that the health effects of air and noise pollution cannot be easily separated in scientific studies, but are thought to be at least additive. Particle pollution has been linked to asthma and COPD, and there is abundant evidence in the medical literature that pollutants such as volatile compounds as well as certain small particles may be associated with higher rates of certain cancers. Furthermore, both particle and noise pollution are at particularly high levels at low flying altitude (i.e. below 400feet) and during departure, making Winthrop without a doubt one of the most severely affected neighborhoods -- and possibly the single most severely affected neighborhood - in the Commonwealth. Thus, as an important stakeholder, the debilitating effects of noise and air pollution on our community in particular should

receive high attention and consideration during any airport-related decision-making processes on town, state and federal level.

Many research studies have examined and definitively proven the debilitating effect of both sustained and frequent high peak noise exposure on human health. Increased cardio-metabolic health risk has been reported by both US and European researcher groups; this includes activation of the body's stress response with high stress hormone levels (such as cortisol and adrenaline), high blood pressure, elevated blood glucose (diabetes) and elevated blood cholesterol -- all of these are known and important risk factors for the development of cardiovascular diseases, such as atherosclerosis, stroke and myocardial infarction. In children, the disastrous effect of repeated and ongoing noise exposure, particularly during the night and combined with sleep deprivation, on cognitive performance and development cannot be stressed enough. More relevant for our local area, at the 2018 Annual Meeting of the American Heart Association, a new report was published on the association of high ambient noise on the body's stress response and resulting increased cardiovascular risk by researchers from Massachusetts General Hospital, specifically with respect to transportation-related noise in the Boston area.

Based on all these facts and reports, noise pollution is very likely to have a much higher impact on our population's health than was ever anticipated, or has ever been acknowledged by Massport. This is particularly concerning given the recent increased take-offs above our town, and the fact that Massport's health and environmental assessment only uses noise levels that are averaged rather than peak exposures for the generation of noise contours (see Massport 2016 EDR). Point Shirley lies well within the 65dB average noise contour, and residents have reported peak noise far beyond that figure. Repeat

peak noise exposures of above 80-100dB, as are frequent in the Point Shirley Neighborhood, are significantly associated with hearing loss. Even long-term and repeated exposure to much lower noise levels (50dB and beyond), lower than those acknowledged by Massport, contributes to the above mentioned public health concerns such as insomnia, heart disease, ADHD, learning problems and others.

From our perspective, environmental noise constitutes a significant public health threat. Health effects of environmental noise are proven to be manifold and serious. It is evident to the Winthrop Board of Health, that, due to Winthrop's extremely close proximity to the airport, our town must be particularly exposed to both noise and air pollutants. Moreover, given Massport's expansion and FAA's modernization plans, this discussion is both timely and highly relevant to our town. Unfortunately, at recent Massport CAC and other public/community forums, little to no official representation by Winthrop was present, contributing to a concerning lack of open discussion and acknowledgment of current and future airport-related public health risks for Winthrop residents.

Therefore, the Winthrop Board of Health, by means of this letter, would like to urge the Town of Winthrop and its elected and appointed representatives to:

- 1) Consider seeking representation and/or influence on the search for the new Massport CEO, in which Massport is presently engaged.
- 2) Guarantee regular representation for Winthrop on all airport-related Community Advisory Committees. In particular, now that the Massport Community Advisory Committee has a new Executive Director, the Town should attempt to strengthen its influence through this committee.
- 3) Ensure that accurate and timely announcement and reporting of all airport-related

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APOLOGY

The Winthrop Sun Transcript apologizes to former superintendent of schools, John Macero, for the comments that appeared in the From The Press Box column in the Nov. 15 edition of the Sun-Transcript.

The comments suggested

that Mr. Macero was not supportive of Winthrop High athletics during his tenure as superintendent of Winthrop schools. That is not true, as anyone who attended football games at Miller Field would see Mr. Macero at the entrance before games assisting personnel and greeting incoming spectators, and in the vicinity of the side-

lines during games rooting for a Winthrop victory. In fact, Mr. Macero was very supportive of all WHS teams, students' extracurricular activities and clubs throughout his years leading the Winthrop school system.

The comments may also have been unfair to our current superintendent of schools, Lisa Howard, as her presence

in the Miller Field press box at the Nov. 10 game was merely a continuation of her support of all WHS teams and not meant to generate comparisons to her predecessor.

We regret the comments made in the newspaper and apologize to Mr. Macero and our readers for the error.

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WINTHROP Then and Now

Winthrop Improvement and Historical Association
By G. David Hubbard • Photos courtesy of Stephen F. Moran

ARTICLE 856 - REMEMBERING THE DEROO'S AND THEIR HOME



One of the subjects we enjoy writing about is the evolutionary changes to buildings over time especially where the families involved were prominent people in Winthrop and our community life. Today we have a group of pictures provided by Linda Costantino depicting the changes to her family homes that occurred from the 1860s to 2010. It was in one of these homes that electrical contractor Abbott Deroo was raised and the second one that his daughter and her family have been living. Abbott's great grandfather, William Winn, came to Winthrop in 1860 and built the family home at 78 Main St. as shown in picture one during what appears to be a Fourth of July celebration. Note the empty lot on the right hand side of the picture. The barn, which was behind this house, was moved in 1925 onto a foundation on the afore mentioned empty lot at 82 Main St. as shown in picture two. Note the two windows and doorway on the second floor. In picture three, these same windows and doorway can be seen in the reframed roof lines that depict a Gambrel type facade in the front of the second and third floors. Also, a new glassed-in recreational porch is in the process of being added to the first floor at the front of the house along with a new side entry. When completed, the home at 82 Main St. appeared as shown in picture 4. This was the home that Abbott's parents then moved into. When Abbott's daughter Linda married Frank Costantino, they moved into #82 while Abbott and his wife Marion took up residence in #78 where they lived until they retired and moved to New Hampshire. Abbott ran his electrician business from 1932 to 1947 in the Winthrop Center building where Public Shoe operated until five years ago. He then ran an electrical contracting business out of his home. He was a Charter



Member of the local Rotary Club and served as its president. He also was a president of the Winthrop Improvement and Historical Association and served on its board of directors for many years. He was also active in the Local Elks club and Masonic Lodge. Marion served as Treasurer of the Winthrop Hospital Women's League and was very active in the Women's Garden Club. Upon retirement Abbott and Marion moved to New Hampshire where picture five was taken. The cane Abbott is holding is one of the 431 Boston Post Canes which were distributed in 1909 to many of the Towns, no cities, of Massachusetts, New Hampshire,

Rhode Island and Maine by Edwin A. Grozier of the Boston Post Newspaper, which ceased operation in 1956, for presentation to each community's oldest living citizen. Today, only the location of about 50 such canes are still known and most are under the custodial care of local Historical organizations such as the Winthrop Improvement and Historical Association who now periodically present it by certificate to the eldest citizen in our town. Abbott received a citation award of his cane in 2001 from the New Hampshire town where he retired to. The full history of these canes was the subject of an earlier "Then & Now" article.



THE MORE Things Change ...

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

**10 years ago
Dec. 3, 1998**
Donald Clayman, president of the Winthrop Condominium Coalition, has announced that his group will sue the town if the town does not start collecting trash from condominium complexes. The 1998 town meeting rejected an article calling for the town to appropriate \$73,000 to collect trash from condos.
The annual Home for the Holidays event was held Friday after Thanksgiving, highlighted by the lighting of the town Christmas tree in French Square and a firework display at Ingleside Park.
"The Rugrats Movie," "Babe: Pig in the City," and "Star Trek, Insurrection" are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

**30 years ago
Dec. 7, 1988**
State EPA Secretary Jamie Hoyte stated this week that fairness for the town of Winthrop, already shouldering the burden of the Deer Island treatment plant, must be a factor in the decision of whether also to locate a sludge processing plant on the island.
Hundreds of residents on the Point were without water when the temporary ground level water pipes froze Monday morning.
The results of the statewide Education Assessment Program reveals that Winthrop school children scored lower than the state average in critical areas, including reading.
"Twins," "Tequila Sunrise," and "1969" are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

**40 years ago
Dec. 6, 1978**
The selectmen have requested State Rep. Alfred Saggese to file a bill that would have Massport make an in-lieu-of-tax payment to the town similar to those being received by Chelsea and Boston. A small strip of Winthrop is on a Massport runway, and the selectmen feel the in-lieu-of-tax payment would compensate the town for the noise problem being suffered by local residents.
Members of the Concerned Citizens Committee are warning that there will be many potential hazards for the town if the MDC constructs a new sewage treatment plant on Deer Island, including the transportation of chlorine through the town's streets, air pollution from a proposed sludge incinerator, and the leveling of Deer Island.
Police were kept busy by a large group of youths, estimated at 250, who were unruly and acting disorderly. Only after the police arrested eight of the youths, who were highly intoxicated, did things quiet down.
Shell has announced a cut-back of 25 percent of its deliveries to local gasoline dealers because of what it claims is a dwindling supply. If other oil companies follow Shell's lead, there could be a repeat of the gas lines of 1973.
Goldie Hawn and Chevy Chase star in "Foul Play" at the Kincade Theatre.

**50 years ago
Dec. 5, 1968**
Vandals caused more than \$1,000 in damage at the town cemetery where they toppled headstones. The junior high school and Memorial Auditorium also were broken into and vandalized over the weekend.
Mrs. Rena Wallace, proprietor of the Winthrop Arms, cut the ribbon for its new dining room this past week.
Alan Arkin and Sondra Locke star in "The Heart is a Lonely Hunter" at the Winthrop Theatre.

**60 years ago
Dec. 4, 1958**
The selectmen, meeting in an extraordinary session Sunday night with Town Counsel Peter Princi, put together a 22-article warrant for a special town meeting Dec. 15. The meeting is needed to supplement town department budgets that will run out of money before the end of the year.
The newly organized Winthrop Citizens Advisory Planning Committee will meet with the assessors to discuss the town's taxation problems.
Odd Fellows Hall on Pauline St. will be the site of the annual and exciting Winthrop Transcript Cooking School on Dec. 8. The school is sponsored by the Mystic Valley Gas Co. and will feature the latest gas ranges and new recipes for local housewives.
John Wayne stars in the "Barbarian and the Geisha" at the Winthrop Theatre.

**70 years ago
Dec. 2, 1948**
Town officials and residents will unleash their offensive against the proposed elimination of the five cents fare for a Rapid Transit bus ride through town when the State Department of Public Utilities resumes its adjourned hearing on the matter.
Rev. Ralph L. Tucker, who recently returned from a one-year stay in war-torn China, said that the U.S. should withdraw its military aid for the Nationalist forces and allow the Communists to take over. Tucker said that would stop the fighting and allow the country to become stable.
"Besides," said Tucker, "the Communists won't last long anyway because they don't blend in with the Chinese way of life."
The state DPU has authorized rate hikes for the Suburban Gas and Electric Company for its customers in Revere and Winthrop. The typical gas user will see an increase in their bill of \$7.50 per year.
Tyrone Power and Linda Darnell star in Blood and Sand at the Winthrop and State Theatres.

**80 years ago
Dec. 3, 1938**
The most important matter to be taken up by the special town meeting will be the report of the transportation committee, which is looking into alternatives in the event that the Narrow Gauge railroad shuts down. Some have recommended that the town provide financial assistance to the company during the present crisis. Railroad employees reportedly are willing to take a pay cut. Construction of an automobile tunnel to Boston, eliminating the ferry service, also is seen as a solution to the town's public transportation problems.
Clark Gable and Myrna Loy star in "Too Hot to Handle" at the Winthrop and State theatres.

**90 years ago
Dec. 28, 1928**
The selectmen held a public hearing for residents to air their protests over the new compulsory insurance automobile law.

**100 years ago
Nov. 30, 1918**
A telegram from Washington has been received by Mr. and Mrs. Louis J. Miller of 210 Pauline St. informing them that their oldest son, William, was killed in action on the western front north of Verdun on Oct. 30. "Bill," as he was affectionately known throughout the town, was born on April 1, 1889. He attended local schools and the Highland Military Academy.

**110 years ago
Dec. 5, 1908**
The beautiful new Washington St. tunnel in Boston was opened Monday for public travel and is one of the showplaces in Boston. The subway stops are much more convenient for shoppers and theatre-goers than is the Tremont Street line. The subway also features parcel rooms where riders may leave their bags while shopping, going to the theatre, etc.
The ferry boat Brewster of the Narrow Gauge Railroad averted a disaster when it crashed into a fishing schooner making its way into Boston Harbor. No injuries were reported. The fishing schooner was under full sail and was making fast speed, but apparently the Brewster did not yield right of way. The fog and darkness are being blamed for the accident.

**120 years ago
Dec. 9, 1898**
Electric lights were used for the first time since the great storm last Monday evening. About 50 poles had to be replaced between Winthrop Centre and Beachmont.
The town's payroll costs for shoveling snow last week totaled \$1,300.
Many in East Boston and Winthrop are calling for construction of a tunnel between East Boston and Boston because of the inadequacies of the ferry service.

**130 years ago
Dec. 7, 1888**
The selectmen have called for a special town meeting to appropriate funds for the rebuilding of the Crest roadway that was washed out by the recent storm.
Tears of sympathy filled the eyes of all her schoolmates at funeral services of Jennie M. Gardiner, who passed away after a lengthy illness at the age of 17 years, six months, and three days.
New street lights are being added daily throughout the town. The electric company has five inside wiremen and four outside ones working throughout the town.

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ed meetings, plans, hazards, abatement programs etc. is provided and accessible to all Winthrop residents, including timely and comprehensive publication of any meeting minutes.
4) Seek independent data collection on noise exposure and air pollution in Winthrop, specifically in the Point Shirley Neighborhood, to be compared with Massport's published data, in order to elevate and support the basis for future discussions with Massport, prior to signing any further financial or mitigation agreements.
5) Initiate a discussion on an immediate reinstatement of noise abatement programs for Winthrop citizens and other residential areas with high airport-related noise exposure.
The Winthrop Board of Health is committed to assist

with and support any such efforts at any time.

Respectfully,
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Vice Chair, Winthrop Board of Health
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Submitted on behalf of the full Winthrop Board of Health: Bill Schmidt, Chair
Dr. Astrid Weins, Vice Chair
Susan Maguire, Member

JetBlue Crew // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

“...lenge you, does not change you,” said Rosemary McCarthy, Director of the STEM program. “This pretty much sums up what you will experience while you are part of the Rookie Flight Crew.”

Following some classroom time with the Celtics and Jet-

Blue members, students headed to the gymnasium for a Pep Rally to initiate the program. “Lucky” the Leprechaun, along with his crew of tumbling slam dunkers, put on a memorable performance for the Rookie Flight Crew and their fellow classmates, be-



“Lucky” the Leprechaun and Joey Cataldo work hard to get gravity to do its thing.



Superintendent of Schools Lisa Howard gets ready for Lucky to flip overhead.

fore Celtics players gave motivational speeches.

“All the hard work and hours that I spent on the court, set me up for where I am today,” said Baynes, who didn’t start playing basketball until he was 16-years-old. “The good thing about an education is that nobody can take it away from you.”

Leon Powe shared the importance of being honest with ourselves, in order to get bet-



Celtics Center Aron Baynes and JetBlue Pilot Becca Petro work on an aviation project.

ter. “All I wanted to do was play basketball, but my report cards weren’t great, so I started getting to school early, paying attention in class, and doing all the extra credit, and I got my GPA up to a 3.8 from a 2.0,” said Powe. “Believe in yourself but be sure to look in the mirror and always hold yourself to a higher standard.”



PHOTOS BY KATE ANSLINGER
“Lucky” the Leprechaun hangs from the rim after a tumbling slam dunk.



School committee members, STEM Director Rosemary McCarthy, and JetBlue Rookie Flight Crew members.



Leon Powe talks to the students about teamwork.



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Students reach for Celtics t-shirts being tossed into the audience.

MEMORIAL SOUNDS OF CHRISTMAS CONCERT

SOUNDS AND SPIRIT



In holiday attire for the concert, Danielle Day and Jessica Woodman.



Revere High School student Rebecca Villatoro with a Christmas Message.



Soloist Susie Pepper.

Each year the Christmas season is welcomed in with style: a wonderful Christmas concert featuring the NSPO under the direction of Music Director Robert Lehmann.

This concert is free for all to attend, with the request of some nonperishable food for the Revere Food Pantry. This one concert feeds many Revere residents over the holiday and through the winter, because of the communities generosity of supplying cases upon cases of food for this event in the true meaning of Christmas. This concert is in memory of one of Revere's own, Robert A Marra.

Marra a parishioner of St. Anthony's Church and a life long member of the Holy Name Society, sat as first violin for the NSPO for many years for this concert and many others, he also and taught music at RHS for 40 years. Robert A Marra passed away in 2002, but his memory and love for his church and community and his music will live on forever through the Sounds of Christmas.



Revere Police Chief Jim Guido with Lil Guido and President of the Revere Beach Partnership Rosette Cataldo (right).



Greetings from Mayor Brian Arrigo.



Mia and Ronnie Hood.



Concertmaster, and 1st Violin Ann Irza takes the stage with her son, David as a celloist for the concert Sunday night.



Diane Sponholtz, Gloria Trentini, Teresa Santacruce and Eleanor Gallo.



Heather Woodcock drops off her donation for the Revere Food Pantry.



Music Director Robert Lehmann talks about the program with Master of Ceremonies and President of the BoD of the NSPO Robert A Marra Jr.



Pastor of St Anthony's Father George Butera and Revere's Director of Finance George Anzuone.



Master of Ceremonies Robert A Marra Jr.



Music Director Robert Lehmann.



One of the sponsors of the event is Action Emergency Services, owned by Michael Zaccaria, his wife Danielle, and children Natalia and Michael.



Members of St. Anthony's Holy Name Society gather the food dropped off by residents attending the concert for the Revere Food Pantry.

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states a man down from a bicycle accident. He declined medical. Units checked the area but nothing showing.

Party on Winthrop Street states that he has been trying to reach his niece for weeks and has not been able to. The phone goes straight to voice-mail. Uncle is concerned and requests a well being check. Units spoke to the female in question and she is fine. She will call family members to let them know she is fine.

Caller on Veterans Road states a white male trying to break into a car. Units are off with the subject who states he was trying to gain access to the vehicle for his brother who is the owner. Units are with the suspect at this home to confirm that his brother wanted him to try and enter the vehicle. Units clear, story has been verified and keys

were also located.

Sunday, Dec. 2

Unit off with party at Crescent and Highland Avenue that has been standing there for over two hours. Party lives in the area and is playing Pokemon Go Wandering aimlessly.

Caller on Almont Street states there is a big coyote whom looks confused running around the area. ACO enroute. ACO spoke with the caller. The coyote did look confused but healthy. ACO still searching the area.

Caller on Shirley Street states she found needles on a tray in her daughter's room. She states that her daughter was transported last week to a hospital. She would like an officer to come and remove the paraphernalia. Needles were retrieved.

Party on Winthrop Street states she saw a female party trying to break into her neighbor's car. They are all outside verbally argument. Unit asking for fire and EMS to respond but without lights and sirens. Unit reports the party is drunk and misunderstanding. She is being transported to the Whidden. W91 reports the vehicle is on Bartlett Road and her purse has been found. 91 is taking it back to the station. She will attempt to make contact in the morning.

Unit reports that the female party on Summit Avenue that was just transported requested that officers let her boyfriend know where she is going to. Unit reports unable to make contact with the male party. If anyone calls, she will be at the Whidden.

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Sports

Zampanti to play on Assumption hockey team

The Assumption College Department of Athletics has announced that Michael Zampanti, of Winthrop, has earned a spot on the Assumption College Men's Ice Hockey team. Zampanti, Class of 2022, is competing during the Greyhounds' 2018-19 season.

"Coming off a strong season last year, our team is off to a fast start this season, and we are hungry to win the NE-10 Conference Championship," said Michael Looney '12, first-year head coach of the Men's Ice Hockey team. "We have a strong group of student-athletes who consistently work hard on the ice, in the classroom, and in the community. Our team is a tight-knit group with a great balance of veteran leadership and young talent that I hope continues to gel together as the season progresses."

After the departure of Lance Brady in the offseason, Looney was named the new head coach of the College's Ice Hockey team. Looney previously served as the team's associate head coach and was part of the staff who guided the program to its first championship victory in the 2016-17 season. Coach Looney will take over an Assumption team that is coming off a third place finish last season after falling to Saint Michael's in the Northeast-10 Semifinals. The Hounds finished with an overall record of 15-10-2 and 8-6-1 in conference play last year, matching the program's highest win total in 20 years. This season, the Hounds, picked fourth in the NE10 Preseason Coaches' Poll, are eager to get back to the NE10 Championship game.

For more information on Assumption athletics, visit www.assumptiongreyhounds.com.

Founded in 1904 by the Augustinians of the Assumption in Worcester, Mass., As-



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Michael Zampanti.

sumption College is a Catholic liberal arts institution that offers undergraduate students 35 majors and 47 minors in the liberal arts, sciences, business, and professional studies; as well as master's and continuing education degrees and professional certificate programs—each through an educational experience that is grounded in the rich Catholic intellectual tradition. The curriculum enables students to gain a depth and breadth of knowledge that leads to professional success and personal fulfillment. Students—whether on the Worcester campus or at the College's Rome, Italy, campus—become engaged participants in Assumption's classic liberal arts education, exploring new ideas and making connections across disciplines. To prepare for the workforce, students learn cutting-edge theory and best practices, conduct innovative research, and develop excellent communication and critical-analysis skills. Assumption graduates are also known for their thoughtful citizenship and compassionate service to their community. For more information about Assumption College, please visit www.assumption.edu.

20 years ago Dec. 3, 1998

The Winthrop High football team pulled out one of the most dramatic wins in the long series with archrival Revere with a touchdown in the final five seconds to record a 13-8 triumph on Thanksgiving Day at Harry Della Russo Stadium. Quarterback Greg Lepke scooted two yards into the end zone on a keeper to cap a sensational 10-play, 71-yard, do-or-die drive for the Vikings in the final 2:24. A 41-yard run by Chris Sarro was the key play in the drive for Coach Tony Fucillo's squad. Senior running back Toby Guarino rushed for 124 yards on 17 carries and scored a TD for Winthrop.

However, the contest was marred by a brawl afterwards that left four people hurt, two seriously (one each from Winthrop and Revere). The fight broke out between two groups of young adults who are graduates of the two schools. This marks the third time in five years, and the third straight time at Revere, that violence has marred the annual game. Four years ago a fight broke out on the field between the players and two years ago fans scuffled on the track surrounding the field. Firefighters from the nearby Central station raced to Harry Della Russo Stadium to assist police with restoring order. Four people were arrested and more may be charged.

30 years ago Dec. 7, 1988

The 12 seniors of the Winthrop High football team were honored at the team's breakup banquet last week.

40 years ago Dec. 6, 1978

WHS head football coach Bob DeFelice has been named the North Shore's Coach of the

Year by the Lynn Item, it was announced by Item Sports Editor Red Hoffman. DeFelice guided his Vikings to their third straight 8-2 season that included a share of the NEC title and a fourth straight win over Revere on Thanksgiving. DeFelice also earned his 50th career win. Since 1975, when he switched to a two-platoon system, Winthrop has gone 29-6.

50 years ago Dec. 5, 1968

The WHS football team absorbed a disastrous 27-0 loss to Revere on Thanksgiving Day. The victory gives Revere an edge in the series between the two schools for the first time. There were few bright spots for Coach Ed MacFarland's team, which finished the season with a 4-5 record. Outstanding WHS wide receiver Kevin English was named the winner of the Rotary Club's Irving P. Alexander

Memorial Trophy. Linemen Gerry Case and Randy Herdt were chosen co captains for next year's Winthrop squad.

60 years ago Dec. 4, 1958

Coach Ed MacFarland and his Winthrop football team had to settle for a 6-6 with an underdog Danvers team on Thanksgiving Day. Bobby Milne set up the Winthrop TD when he carried the ball on three of five plays to move the ball from the Danvers 35 to the Danvers one, from where Curt MacFarland went over for the score. However, Milne suffered a broken ankle shortly thereafter and the Winthrop offense fizzled after that. Winthrop tried a last-ditch drive in the final minutes from its own 20, but fell short of the winning score at the one-foot line when a MacFarland sneak proved unsuccessful. Winthrop dominated the game with 203 yards of offense and

14 first downs, compared to 69 and six for Danvers. Milne was elected the captain for next year's team. Joe McLaughlin, a co-captain this year, was named the recipient of the annual Irving P. Alexander Memorial Trophy from the Rotary Club.

70 years ago Dec. 2, 1948

"We was robbed," was the cry of the Winthrop High football team after a 15-yard penalty call against a Winthrop senior lineman John Massa for piling on all but handed Danvers the tying touchdown in a 13-13 tie on Thanksgiving Day. *Transcript* sports editor Bob Remer, who was standing on the sidelines just a few feet away from the play, said the ref's call was unjustified. Paul Evans passed to Paul Fulham for a 36-yard TD pass and ran 29 yards for the second score.

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favorite teacher: Mr. Skane
future plans: Go to college and pursue a career path

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Winthrop Senior Center News

December 6 – December 12, 2018

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

Thursday, December 6

10:30am – Red Hatters Holiday Party
10:30am – Zumba with Barbara
12:00pm – Lunch
1:00pm – Bingo

Friday, December 7

9:00am-12:30pm – Podiatry Appointments with Dr. Kaplan (\$20; Appointment Required)
9:30am – Exercise Class
10:00am – Ceramics with Gerry
10:30am – Line Dancing with Cindy
11:30am – Cards and Cribbage
12:00pm – Lunch

Saturday, December 8

10:30am – Zumba with Cindy

Monday, December 10

9:30am – Exercise
10:00am – Ornament Decorating with Dawn Mahoney
12:00pm – Lunch
1:00pm – Bingo
6:15pm – Zumba Toning with Barbara

Tuesday, December 11

9:30am – Tai Chi with Cindy
10:00am – Arts & Crafts
10:00am – Bowling (at Winthrop Elks)
10:30am – Zumba with Cindy
12:00pm – Lunch
1:00pm – Chorus Rehearsal
2:00pm –Technology Class with Betsy

Wednesday, December 12

12:00pm – Senior Center Holiday Party (Tickets: \$20; must be purchased by December 5th)
12:00pm – Lunch

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.

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, December 11th 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:

During the annual Medicare Open Enrollment, you will have the chance to change your plan for next year. SHINE Counselors can help you understand your plan changes, other options you may have, and even enroll you in a new plan during Open Enrollment (October 15th-December 7th). 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

Monday, December 10 (10am-1pm): Ornament Decorating Class with Dawn Mahoney. Cost: \$6; all materials will be provided. Please sign up at the front desk.

Wednesday, December 12 (12:00-2:30pm): Senior Center Holiday Party. Join us for our annual Holiday Party! Enjoy an Italian meal from Sammy Carlos Delicatessen and Catering and music by Alan Labella. Tickets cost \$20 (checks only; please make payable to: Friends of the WCOA) and can be purchased at the Senior Center. Tickets must be purchased by Wednesday, December 5th.

UPCOMING TRIPS

Sign up now at the Senior Center. Please make checks payable to “Friends of the WCOA”.

Tuesday, December 11 – Holiday Fun. Cost: \$89. Begin the day with a visit to the Spellman Museum at Regis College, followed by high tea and tour at Gore Place Mansion in Waltham, which will be adorned with period holiday decorations. Price includes: motor coach transportation, driver gratuity, escort, talk, tour and refreshments at the Spellman Museum, talk, tour and lunch at Gore Place, plus more surprises.

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).

STUDENT HIGHLIGHT

High School Senior puts kindness first

By Kate Anslinger

Mary Teixeira is known for her kindness and the genuine smile that is on her face at all times. The Winthrop High Senior is beyond busy with activities that she manages effortlessly, even as she goes through the arduous process of applying to colleges. When she’s not busy academically and with her various commitments, she babysits on the weekends and spends her summers working at the Winthrop Public Library for Parks and Recreation. Having been inducted into the WHS National Honors Society this week, Teixeira is proof that hard work and having a well-balanced life, pays off.

What activities are you involved in?

I run cross country and outdoor track in the fall and



Mary Teixeira.

spring, and indoor track in the winter, and am lucky enough to be a captain for all three. I am involved in Student Council and Social Committee, and I am vice president of the WHS Model United Nations Club.

Do you have any college/ career goals?

For college, I have applied to UMass Boston, Salem State University, and Boston University, and I hope to become an occupational therapist in the future.

Who is your role model?

My role model is my older sister Katherine because she is selfless, kind, is willing to give help to anyone who needs it and is a hard worker.

Favorite subject?

My favorite subjects are English, science, and psychology.

Winthrop Middle School Drama Society to bring ‘Beauty and the Beast’ to the stage Dec. 14 – 16

By Cara Huberman

On Dec. 14, 15 and 16 “Beauty and the Beast” comes to the middle/high school to perform on the state of the art stage at the Neil Shapiro Center for the Performing Arts. The performances, which are under the direction of Britney Daley, drama teacher and director of the Winthrop Middle School Drama Society, are sure not to disappoint. Daley, a veteran director with the society, has been directing some members of the cast and crew, which is comprised of about 100 sixth-, seventh- and eighth-graders, for three years now. This past Spring winning the gold at the Spring Showcase competition - middle school drama societies from around the state - for their portrayal of a compilation piece on Edgar Allen Poe. Then there were original shorts written, directed and performed by WMSDS; The old

classic “Bye Bye Birdie”; and a few years ago was the very entertaining “Seussical.” If you haven’t yet seen a student production at the Neil Shapiro Center for the Performing Arts, it is definitely worth going. For the article I always ask Daley why she choses to do a specific production as they are quite varied and all over the board, this was her response, “My goal as an educator is to provide students with various and different opportunities. Each year I try to pick shows that are different from the previous year in some way. Last year the club performed “Bye Bye Birdie,” which took place in the “real world.” I was drawn to Beauty and the Beast because it was a fantasy piece which allowed for more creativity in costuming, props and set. It also challenges the students to play “Non-Human,” characters. Finally, I have yet to present a Disney piece with WMSDS and the

kids were begging to do it!” I am excited to see this production as there is an elaborate stage and costume changes. My son, Samuel McSweeney told me most cast members have two roles and that he is “a villager” and “a candle.” I am not so enthusiastic because I am a parent to a member of the cast. I am enthusiastic because once the curtain comes up and the production begins, I feel like I am watching a Broadway production. Yes, these kids are that good. Daley, takes each production very seriously to the point of turning middle school students into actors. She posts rehearsals using theater terminology; has a strict absentee policy; and she and the students from actors to crew and everyone else involved - lighting, theater manager, etc. - all work hard to make it work superbly. My son has a following of elder friends and other fans who won’t miss a WMSDS production. They

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OBITUARIES

Ellen Jones

Winthrop's first African American teacher, long active in Winthrop town government

Ellen M. (Huffman) Jones of Winthrop passed away on Nov. 27 at age 95.

Ellen graduated from Winthrop High School Class of 1940, received a B.A. from Boston University's School of Liberal Arts in 1946, earned her master's in education in 1966 from Boston State College to become a teacher and later continued her education at the Boston University's School of Medicine completing the Mini-Med School Certificate Program at the age of 79.

Ellen was Winthrop's first African American teacher and taught more than 25 years. She received distinguished teaching service acknowledgements from NEA, MTA, and BETA (founding member of the Black Educators and Teachers Associate) as well as Gov. Weld. Post retirement, she received a citation from Speaker Thomas Finneran of the Massachusetts House of Representatives for work as a foster grandparent and Massachusetts Tri-City Children's Network for a lifetime of devotion to children, and families and community. She was an Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority and life member of the National Education Assn.

Active in the town of Winthrop for many years; she served on the Board of Selective Service System appointed by former State Gov. Francis, Sargent, a Town Meeting Member, elected to Democratic Town Committee, was a Winthrop Delegate to the State Democratic Convention,



and member if the Black Caucus.

She learned to play golf with her father Henry on local public courses and continued to play for several years with her husband.

She was the beloved wife of the late Chester G. Jones, the cherished daughter of the late Henry W.L. and Clifford (Deamus) Huffman of Winthrop, devoted mother of Michael G. Jones and his spiritual friend, Juniata Jonakin of Cambridge, Michelle L. Faison of Quincy and M. Sheri Richardson and her husband, Wendell S. of Milton; dear grandmother of Melissa C. Richardson and Stephanie Ann Ceurvels and her husband, Ben and great-grandmother of Roman and Piper Ceurvels.

At the request of the family, Funeral Services will be private. She will be laid to rest at Winthrop Cemetery with her husband and near her parents.

Funeral arrangements are from the Maurice W. Kirby Funeral Home 210 Winthrop St., Winthrop. For guestbook, please visit: www.mauricekirbyfh.com.

Michael DeBiasi

Former member of Winthrop Elks, worked for Polaroid



Michael J. DeBiasi of Revere St., Winthrop passed away at home on Nov. 29. He was

86 years old.

Born in East Boston, the beloved son of the late Ida A. (DeMaio) and Michael F. DeBiasi. he resided in East Boston before moving to Winthrop at the age of 8. He attended Winthrop Schools and was a 1950 graduate of Winthrop High School where he played quarterback for the football team and also played on the basketball team. He worked at Hamm's at an early age before serving in the United States Coast Guard during the Korean War. After his honorable discharge, he went on to work as a technical aide at Polaroid. He was a former member of the Winthrop Lodge of Elks. He loved all Boston sports teams, especially the New England Patriots.

He was the devoted husband of Jean M. (Saulnier) and the loving father of Michael DeBiasi and his companion, Roberta of Nahant, James DeBiasi and his wife, Diane



of Peabody and Susan DeBiasi of Winthrop; dear brother of Doris Vecchia of Winthrop, Marie Bernstein of Winthrop and the late Stephen DeBiasi; cherished grandfather of Michael, James and Daniel and great-grandfather of Connor and Brady.

The funeral was conducted from the Caggiano-O'Maley-Frazier Funeral Home, Winthrop on Monday, Dec. 3 followed by a Funeral Mass in St. John the Evangelist Church. Rev. Peter Graziano celebrated the mass and offered prayers at the interment with military honors in the Belle Isle section of Winthrop Cemetery.

To sign the online guestbook go to www.caggianofuneralhome.com.

Gerard Ciampolillo

Worked for Mass. State Lottery Security Department, DAV member



Gerard M. Ciampolillo of Pond Street, Winthrop passed away at the Chelsea Soldier's

Home on Dec. 3. He was 88 years old.

Born in Boston, the beloved son of the late Mary (Capodilupo) and Giovanni Ciampolillo, he grew up in East Boston before moving to Winthrop more than 50 years ago.

He enlisted in the United States Air Force during the Korean War and was honorably discharged as an Airman 2nd Class. After his discharge, he went on to work for Consolidated Cigar and then went on to work in the security department for the Massachusetts State Lottery. He was also a member of the DAV.

He was the devoted husband of Mary (Vaccaro) and

the loving father of Gina Marie Acone and her husband, Ralph of Middleboro and Carole Ann Brown of Winthrop, dear brother of the late Nancy Flammini, cherished grandfather of Courtney, Natalie, Briana, Alexa and Michelina.

Family and friends are cordially invited to attend the visitation from the Caggiano-O'Maley-Frazier Funeral Home, Winthrop today, Thursday, Dec. 6, from 4 to 8 p.m. The funeral will be conducted from the funeral home on Friday, Dec. 7, at 9 a.m., followed by a Funeral Mass in St. John the Evangelist Church, 320 Winthrop St., Winthrop at 10 a.m. Committal will be private.

Memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association at www.alz.org.

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Donald Sullivan

Winthrop Fire Department retiree

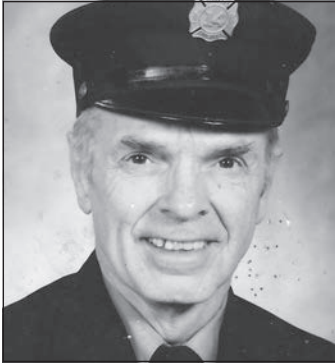


Donald P. Sullivan of Winthrop passed away on Nov. 29. He was 79 years old.

Donald served in the Massachusetts National Guard from 1958 to 1964. He retired from the Winthrop Fire Dept. after 35 years of service.

He was the beloved husband of the late Carolyn C. (Galante) Sullivan, father of Ronald Sullivan and Jacquelyn George of Winthrop. Born in Boston, he was the cherished son of the late Florence Joseph and Mary I. (Quinlan) Sullivan, dear brother of Joseph Sullivan of Freedom, N.H., Georgia LaFortune of Freedom, N.H. and Diane Leone of Winthrop. He is also survived by several nieces and nephews.

A Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. John the Evangelist Church-Winthrop on Tuesday, Dec. 4. Interment followed in Winthrop Cemetery (Belle Isle Section). Donations in his memory can be made to the Northeast Animal



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Funeral arrangements were from the Maurice W. Kirby Funeral Home, 210 Winthrop St., Winthrop. For guestbook, please visit: www.mauricekirbyfh.com.

Joseph Quigley, Sr.

Retired truck driver and member of Winthrop Elks



Joseph P. Quigley, Sr. of Winthrop, passed away at home on Dec. 1. He was 86 years old.

Joseph was a U.S. Army Veteran serving during the Korean War. He was a member of Teamsters Local #25 of Charlestown and was a Life Member of the Winthrop Lodge of Elks #1078. Prior to his retirement, he was employed as a truck driver for P.I.E. Trucking Company.

The beloved husband of the late Shirley T. (Thorp) Quigley, he was born in New Bedford, the son of the late Patrick and Elizabeth (Murphy) Quigley. He was the devoted father of Jeannie Quigley-Neilan and her husband, James of Abington, Joseph P. Quigley Jr. of Winthrop and the late Joseph P. Quigley; adored grandfather of Joelle, Kelly, Christopher and Kyle; dear brother of Patricia Ferrick and her husband, James of Kennebunk, Maine, Thomas Quigley and his wife, Mitzi of Peabody, the late John Quigley and his wife, Ronnie of Somerville, the late William Quigley and his late wife, Alice and the late Nancy Quigley. He was the



longtime companion and fiancé of Elsa Shea and his loving Shea family of Steven, Shelley, John, Kenneth, Arleen, Godson Robert, Jody, Kevin, Carolyn, Lori and their seven grandchildren. He is also survived by several nieces and nephews.

Funeral arrangements were from the Maurice W. Kirby Funeral Home 210 Winthrop St. Winthrop. A Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. John the Evangelist Church-Winthrop on Dec. 5. Interment followed in Winthrop Cemetery. Donations in his name can be made to Tufts Medical Development Office c/o Heart and Cardiac Research, 800 Washington St., #231 Boston, MA 02111. For guestbook, please visit: www.mauricekirbyfh.com.

Rose Falzarano

Retired Secretary of State of Massachusetts

Rose M. Falzarano of Willow Ave., Winthrop passed away at the Kaplan Family Hospice in Danvers on Dec. 2. She was 86 years old.

Born in East Boston. she was the beloved daughter of the late Assunta (DelloRusso) and Stefano Falzarano. A resident of Winthrop for over 50 years. she was employed as a secretary for the State of Massachusetts until her retirement.

She was the dear sister of Anthony Falzarano of New Hampshire, Mary Falzarano of Winthrop and the late Victoria Buccelli, Joseph Falzarano, Joanna Buccelli, Lucy

Candelora, James Falzarano and Lena Falzarano. She is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

The funeral will be conducted from the Caggiano-O'Maley-Frazier Funeral Home, Winthrop today, Thursday, Dec. 6, at 9 a.m. followed by a Funeral Mass in St. John the Evangelist Church, 320 Winthrop St., Winthrop at 10 a.m. Interment to follow the mass will be in the Holy Cross Cemetery, Malden.

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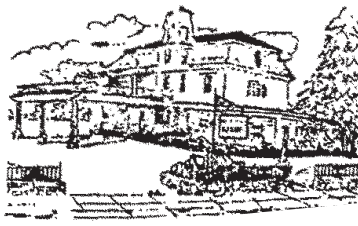
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NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

PLANNING BOARD RECOMMENDS ZONING CHANGES

CHELSEA - The Planning Board recommended approval to two changes to the City’s zoning ordinances.

The first change affects the Naval Hospital Residential and Commercial Districts, also known as the Admiral’s Hill area of the city.

In the 1980s, the city slackened many building and zoning regulations for the district in an effort to encourage development, according to Lad Dell, the city’s planning and land use administrator.

“People were able to develop without much regulation at all,” said Dell.

A moratorium on building in the district was recently extended to the end of the year by City Manager Thomas Ambrosino as the City worked on new regulations for the district.

The new ordinance recommended by the Planning Board for approval by the City Council allows for four- to six-unit buildings to be constructed by right, with a special permit re-quired for any construction above six units.

The ordinance brought before the Planning Board allowed for building heights of two and one-half stories and 35 feet. The board amended the ordinance to allow for a building height of 40 feet.

“I would suggest that we add the half a story and a little height to allow for garages,” said John DePriest, the City’s planning director.

City Councillor Roy Avelaneda said the amendment was in line with Council sub-committee discussions on the ordinance to increase building height to make it easier to build garages.

The residents who spoke during the public hearing on the zoning amendment were supportive.

“It looks like this is an effort to protect the character of the neighborhood and not overload our streets,” said Christine Shields.

The second zoning amendment would allow for residential units on the first floor of build-ings in the Retail Business District by special permit, as long as those units are not on Broad-way.

Two years ago, a zoning amendment banned residential units on the first floor in the Broadway corridor. If the new amendment is approved

by the City Council, residential units will still be banned on the first floor on Broadway itself, but could be allowed under special permit on other streets near Broadway in the zoning district.

•In other Planning Board business, the developers of the massive 1 Forbes St. project withdrew their plans for the project.

But rather than a massive blow to development in the City, it was a procedural move that gives developers more time to fully present the project to a full Planning Board, according to Paul Feldman, who is representing the developer for the 630-unit residential and office building project.

“The public hearing on this was opened on Sept. 22, and at that time, there were a couple of vacancies on the board and a member who was not present,” said Feldman. “With a nine-member board, to get site approval, we need six votes.”

Feldman said developers are withdrawing the site plan, but immediately refiling it to start the clock over on the hearing process. He said he expects the project to be back before the Planning Board at its Dec. 18 meeting.

“We would like the participation of all nine members, or all that can attend,” said Feldman.

•Tuesday night, the board also approved a special permit for a 16-seat Peruvian bistrot-type restaurant at the site of a former liquor store on 22 Adams St.

COUNCIL AGREES TO WORK ON INSPECTIONAL ORDINANCE

EVERETT – Despite pleas from City officials to reinstate the former apartment inspection ordinance, the Council agreed to keep the matter on the table and work on some changes.

That came after the matter went through several twists and turns over the past few weeks, with Councilor Rosa DiFlorio calling for reconsideration of the revised ordinance after it was defeated last week.

“I live here with the people in Everett and there are people who live here who don’t like this,” said Councilor Michael Marchese, who initiated the change several weeks ago. “I get the calls and I hear the

complaints. We just want to give the landlords a little protection so they don’t get hit with multiple \$1,500 fines and then they lose the property. This can be worked on.”

Marchese began the issue several weeks ago when he won support of the Council to change the long-standing Habitability Ordinance so that inspections were voluntary, and not mandatory. The mandatory inspections had been in place since 2006, and City officials have said many times in the last few weeks that they have headed off many tragedies.

Marchese’s support of the ordinance change, however, eroded between meetings, and the second vote to enact it lost. However, Councilor DiFlorio filed for reconsideration and the matter was back on Monday’s agenda.

“There are two sides to every story,” she said. “I don’t want to tie the City’s enforcement hands, but I brought it back to us because there are parts of this that are good. I hope we can work on this to make some changes.”

Councilor Michael McLaughlin said that after some thought over the past week, he also believes there could be some improvements made.

All of that came after four City officials testified as to how important the habitability inspections of apartments are for the City.

Building Inspector Jim Soper said he believes inspections have saved lives, including at the major fire last summer on Morris Street – where inspectors uncovered major violations just days before the fire.

“I think it’s important we don’t take this ordinance change lightly,” he said. “When something is voluntary, if there is time or money involved, people will be deterred from doing it.”

“This is very important to this community,” he continued. “People who come into this community and rent these apartments may have no idea what is safe and what isn’t in regards to building codes. We’re here to help them. Please let us do it.”

Fire Chief Tony Carli said they have never received a complaint about the inspection system, and he also said it has streamlined the process.

“I don’t think landlords will call us for inspections if not compelled to do so,” he said.

Police Chief Steve Mazzie

CHELSEA FIRE BEGINS TOYS FOR TOTS COLLECTION, WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE



Chelsea firefighters have begun the 5th annual collection for Toys for Tots this week at the Central Fire Station. Donations are accepted every day from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. now through Dec. 14; all donations must be a new, unwrapped, non-violent toy.

also testified in favor of the ordinance to remain unchanged.

The matter will go before the Council at its next meeting in two weeks.

POLICE CHIEF MAZZIE RE-APPOINTED TO THREE YEAR TERM

EVERETT –The Everett City Council approved another three-year term for Chief Steve Mazzie, after Mayor Carlo DeMaria had appointed him to another term.

“I still have a passion for the job,” said Mazzie, 50, after being appointed Monday. “I appreciate the opportunity to continue in the job. We have a good team in place.”

In his coming term, Mazzie will also be faced with ensuring public safety for the new Encore Boston Harbor casino, which opens this coming June. That will be a major shift for the department, and is one that the Chief has been preparing for in brining on new officers over the last two years.

“We’re seeing some of the biggest changes we’ve ever seen in the City and we’ll play a big role in ensuring public safety for everyone, whether residents who live here or visitors to our city,” he said.

Mayor Carlo DeMaria said he was proud to re-appoint the chief for another three years during a very exciting time in the City’s history.

“The depth of knowledge and experience that Chief Mazzie has is beneficial to the Everett Police Department, City Hall and Everett as a whole,” said the mayor. “That is why I have re-appointed him to the position of Chief of Police. I’m confident that he will continue to work towards making Everett one of the safest and most secure urban communities around. I’m proud to endorse him and the direction our city is heading.”

Mazzie will begin his 16th year as chief in January, having taken the reins in January 2003.

Mazzie’s father is a retired patrolman from the EPD, and his late grandfather was also a patrolman.

He also has two brothers and a sister that are part of the Everett Police Department as well.

TRAFFIC NIGHTMARE CONTINUES, RESIDENTS VOW ACTION

EVERETT - One week it was a broken-down bus. Another week it was a stuck semi-truck. Then on Monday it was a car accident in the Sumner Tunnel and MassDOT road crews forgetting to install the cones to form the ‘swing lane’ during the rush

hour commute.

It seems every week there’s another issue at the mouth of the tunnel and each excuse has not been enough to quell the angry residents that have to sit in traffic for almost an hour every morning to get out of East Boston.

The residents are restless and now vowing to take action.

Already, flyers are being circulated in the community with the names, phone numbers and email addresses of elected officials, MassDOT officials and transportation officials. Residents are being asked on the the flyers to flood these offices with pictures and videos of Eastie’s traffic nightmare.

Now there’s talk of taking it to the streets like residents did here in the 1960s and 1970s with protests that blocked the tunnels, as well as well organized traffic ‘slow downs’-where residents drive at a snail’s pace around Logan Airport keeping the airport related traffic out of Eastie.

“The entire neighborhood is a gridlock today (Monday),” said resident Fabricio Paes. “Took me 25 minutes to drive to (my son’s school) which is no more than a five minute drive. It’s time to get an organized neighborhood movement going. Kids are late to school. People are late to work. All due to poor planning on this tunnel entrance.”

Paes said complaining on social media about the traffic is not going to solve anything for residents here.

“We need to come together as a neighborhood, get organized and force people to solve this,” he said. “We need to show up in large numbers to whatever meetings we need to. Let’s start taking videos and sharing them. It’s easy to brush this off as people exaggerating, but that is not the case here. Enough is enough. Our kids are late to school. Our community is late to work. We bear the burden for all trying to get downtown.”

Another resident, Devon Marie, said she left her house at 6:40 a.m., which is five minutes away from the tunnel entrance to get to work and it took her 40 minutes to get into the tunnel.

“My commute to work, once I get through the tunnel, takes way less than that,” she said. “Something needs to be done about this tunnel, it’s absolutely absurd.”

Pat Frangolini said he has lived in Eastie for over 50 years and has never seen the traffic this bad.

“Today it took me 44 minutes to get from Frankfort Street to the entrance to the tunnel,” he said.

One of the major issues during Monday’s commute was the lack of the ‘swing lane’ that merges the two

lanes of highway and airport related traffic into the tunnel’s far left lane. This leaves the center lane closed so Eastie residents can easily maneuver into the tunnel without having to yield to oncoming highway traffic. With the addition of Boston Police traffic control officers directing cars at the mouth of the tunnel traffic has been somewhat calmer these past two weeks.

However, there was a big question in the neighborhood as to why the swing lane wasn’t put in place Monday.

Sources say that MassDOT and Massport made the call to eliminate the swing lane because they feared traffic was going to be extra heavy at Logan on Monday with people returning from the holiday weekend. In fact, before the rush hour commute, traffic at Logan was backed up to Terminal E as an influx of cabs, Ubers and Lyfts all descended on the airport to pick up travelers.

District A-7 Captain Kelly McCormick, who ordered a traffic detail each morning at the tunnel a few weeks back, confirmed that according to MassDOT, that the numbers the airport is seeing are roughly 68,000 Uber and Lyft trips in and out of Logan per day.

However, MassDOT maintains that a worker responsible for installing the cones for the swing lane each morning punched out and forgot to do so.

While an employee error is the official story, residents fear that if the former story is at all true it will be a slippery slope if MassDOT and Massport get to decide when the swing lane will be put into use.

The neighborhood, during design meetings for toll plaza reconfiguration, was adamant at having the swing lane in place every morning so residents can easily access the tunnel without having to yield to the onslaught of highway and airport traffic and the state agreed. If the state can just arbitrarily decide to eliminate the swing lane to favor airport related traffic over the community--residents say there’s going to be big problems in the future.

“The Boston Transportation Department will continue to advocate to ensure that the swing lane is closed by MassDOT at agreed-upon times moving forward to ease the burden from regional traffic on the East Boston community,” said BTDC’s Tracey C. Ganiatsos in a statement.

ZBA APPROVES SEVERAL EASTIE PROJECTS

EAST BOSTON – At a Boston Zoning Board of Appeals hearing earlier this

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month board members approved several development projects that have gone through the the community process.

The ZBA approved projects at 398 Bremen St., 135 Chelsea St., 113-115 Cottage St., as well as 30-32 Condor St.

At 398 Bremen St., the proposal by Volnay Capital is to demolish the existing single fami-ly dwelling, and replace it with a four-unit dwelling intended for home ownership. The project will be similar in size to other projects Volnay has presented to the neighborhood that were met with community support.

The proposed Bremen Street project, which faces the Bremen Street Park and East Boston Library was met with a favorable response from the direct abutters during the abutters meet-ing. The developer will work closely with the abutter to the left, who raised concerns about construction. Neither Eagle Hill or Central Maverick claimed that this project was within its boundaries and did not vote on the proposal. This project is located in the 3F-2000 district and is surrounded by a mix of uses including multi-family, commercial and open space.

The proposal for 135 Bremen St., which is owned by Paul and Anna NovIELlo involves add-ing an addition to the existing single story retail, which will provide four units of housing while maintaining the existing commercial space.

As this property is located in the flood zone, residential use on the ground level will be challenging so the NovIELlo’s decided to preserve the existing commercial space. This project is located on the corner of Chelsea and Visconti Road in the 3F-2000 district and would be similar in scale and height of the surrounding properties. The project was presented to the community

on three occasions-- twice to the Maverick Central Community group and once as an abutters meeting. All meetings were favorable with Maverick Central voting in support.

The proposal at 113-115 Cottage St. involves the change of occupancy of an existing two-family dwelling and private club to a four-unit dwelling with a complete rehab and preserva-tion of the exterior of the building . Eliminating the use of the private club was met with strong support from the neighborhood and abutters. The project was presented twice to Gove Street and once at an abutters meeting. Gove Street voted to support the proposal at their monthly meeting.

The project at 30-32 Condor St. was deferred at the ZBA’s Oct. 16 meeting but was back be-fore the board this month to seek approval.

The proposal by PHD Homes is to demolish the existing vacant two-family dwelling and replace it with a new six-unit dwelling with parking for seven vehicles. The project is intended for home ownership. The current structure is in poor condition and requires substantial rehab and upgrades for continued long-term habitability. This property was formerly owner occupied until its sale in late 2017.

The developer held a total of three community meetings--one abutters meeting and two meetings at the Eagle Hill Civic Association. At each of the meetings the proposal was met with favorable responses from abutters and the neighborhood. Eagle Hill Civic Association members voted to support the project.

CODNER TAKES LEAD AT LYNN CHAMBER

LYNN - The Lynn Area Chamber of Commerce has

been supporting businesses in its area for well over 100 years. With a 23-member Board of Directors, the LACC has a new executive director to usher in the new year.

Executive Director Colin Codner may only have been on the job for a few days, but he is more than eager to support the local businesses through his work at the LACC.

“I’m extremely excited about this opportunity,” Codner said.

Codner, a resident of Swampscott with his wife and two children, comes to the LACC from MIT, where he was the assistant director of student activities and finance. Prior to that he was the director of finance and operations at Cohen Hillel Academy in Marblehead.

“As you can imagine from MIT the entrepreneurial student feelings trickled down into the well,” Codner said, from the LACC office on Chestnut Street.

“We’re very excited about having Colin as our new executive director. He’s crafting a creative strategic approach to sustaining members and attracting new ones. He’s got great enthusiasm for the job,” said Rick Wood, president of the Board of Directors.

The mission of the Lynn Area Chamber of Commerce is to be a member-driven organization, providing businesses the opportunity to increase and strengthen their business relationships in the greater Lynn area. The LACC seeks to enhance the economic vitality of the Greater Lynn area by developing and providing educational and marketing initiatives, networking, legislative advocacy, collaborative leadership and business resources to our membership. The LACC, which represents over 1,000 businesses, reaches out to all businesses in the Greater Lynn Area

COUNCIL GIVES GO AHEAD TO SUFFOLK DOWNS PROJECT

REVERE – The Revere City Council voted by a 10-1 margin to give the go-ahead to the pro-posed 161-acre development project at Suffolk Downs, with 40 percent to be developed on the Revere portion and 60 percent on the East Boston portion of the land.

Councillor-at-Large Dan Rizzo cast the lone ‘no’ vote at Council meeting.

The vote follows a professional, 18-month process during which Tom O’Brien, founding partner and managing director for The HYM Investment Group, and HYM representatives held numerous public meetings with Revere officials and community groups.

O’Brien said he was pleased with the Council’s positive vote for the redevelopment project that includes condominiums and apartments, retail and office spaces, a hotel, an Innovation Center, bicycle trails, and recreational areas.

“We’re pleased that the vast majority of the City Council approved this project,” said O’Brien. “We’ve worked very closely with Mayor [Brian] Arrigo’s Office and with all the city councillors to create something that we think is really special for the site. The City Council has been a great partner with us. It’s a great milestone and we’re really excited. The next step is to move forward with the design and break ground as quickly as we can.”

O’Brien said the project will cost “multiple billions of dollars” across the entire site. He said an official groundbreaking for the first phase of the project [that will be built all in Revere] could take place in the latter half of 2019.

“The first phase consists of a 200-room, high-end brand hotel, a 35,000 square-foot Innovation Center, approximately 80,000 square feet of retail – restaurants and small

shops and things like that, and approximately 1,000 units of housing,” said O’Brien.

The project, upon its completion of all phases, will generate \$47 million in total tax reve-nue for the city of Revere.

Council President Jessica Giannino said she was looking forward to seeing the project come to fruition.

“The City of Revere needs mixed-use projects like this to boost our commercial development,” said Giannino. “HYM had listened to our thoughts and needs and developed a project that will be a foundation for future commercial development. I am looking forward to seeing the transformation in the Beachmont area over the phases of the project.”

Bob O’Brien, director of strategic planning and economic development for the City of Revere, called the favorable vote “a major step forward in the transformation of the Suffolk Downs property and indeed for the benefit of the city of Revere as a whole.”

“It brings tremendous commercial development, job opportunities, as well as aesthetic and other improvements which otherwise wouldn’t be possible,” said O’Brien. “It’s been a lengthy process, as appropriate, of planning and development to get us to that stage. It’s been a systematic, deliberate process that has come to a good outcome and it reflects the wishes of the city and the community – and it’s a win for all concerned.”

Rizzo spoke after the meeting about the reasons for his vote against the project. He said upon its completion, “in the aggregate, the project will have 10,000 apartments there.”

“I think it’s way too much and we’re giving them way too much rope, and even though they have a signed document, we all know that signed documents don’t all come to fruition for one reason or another,” said Rizzo. “I think the city is biting off

too much at one time. I would have preferred to see this process voted and phased in piece by piece, as opposed to in the aggregate. And the city is not getting anything in the way of mitigation. Getting tax revenue, to me, is not mitigation.”

TAX RATE DROPS

REVERE- Revere Board of Assessor Chairman Dana Brangiforte and Assessors Mathew McGrath and John Verrengia appeared at a City Council hearing Monday night for the pur-pose of submitting the city’s proposed Fiscal Year 2019 tax rate.

The assessors announced the residential tax rate at \$12.11 per \$1,000 of value and the commercial rate at \$23.68 per \$1,000. Last year’s rates were \$12.96 for residential and \$25.36 for commercial so the new rates represent an approximate decrease of 6.5 percent. The rate has been dropping in recent years while Revere property values have been going up.

“There are substantial increases in assessed values this year, so even though the tax rate itself is going down about 6.5 percent, the assessed values are up, so we’re probably going to see some increases in individual tax bills depending upon your properties,” Brangiforte told the Council.

“The Revere market as a whole has been increasing due to the [home] sales,” said Brangi-forte. “So for the Fiscal Year 2019, we analyzed the sales market of the calendar year 2017, and those sales were substantially higher than the previous year, so that’s why we’ll see an increase in assessments.”

Revere Director of Finance Director George Anzuoni appeared at the hearing, stating that he was a proponent while affirming that all laws and regulations were followed in establishing the tax rate.

The new rates will go into effect pending the approval of the state Department of Revenue.

BOOK REVIEW

"Fire and Fury: Inside the Trump White House"

By Michael Wolff

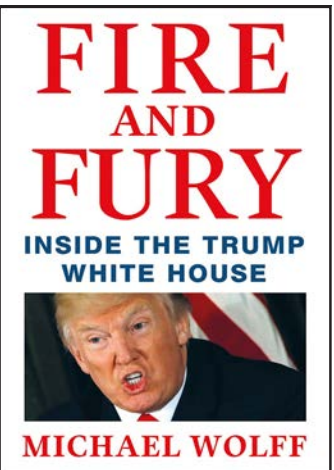
Reviewed By Bernie Kelley

This is the book that aroused so much controversy a few months back. Michael Wolff, the author, calls into question President Trump’s political acumen, his motivations and even his mental competence. Wolff is a capable scribe with a good command of language. I just wonder if he is playing fair in attacking a president who has, despite his shortcomings, boosted the stock market and set the economy on a salutary course, reducing unemployment in the process.

This is not to say that Trump has no faults- a point Wolff hammers home at every opportunity. The Trump White House was, and remains the scene for much bickering and political infighting, especially between the factions led by Steve Bannon Trump’s chief aide on the one hand, and Ivanka Trump Kushner and Jared Kushner on the other.

To quote Wolff: : “Jared Kushner in quite a short period of time-less than a year-had come over from the standard democratic view in which he was raised, to an acolyte of Trumpism...” This sea change was reflective of a phenomenon that had taken place across the nation, propelling Trump to heights of international celebrity, and eventually to the presidency. Wolff takes note of this turn of events, but in my view, he does not pay enough heed to Trump’s near genius in pulling off this major upset to reach the pinnacle of political power.

All of this is not to say that



Trump’s personality is not sometimes dangerously choleric. He flies off the handle frequently and his midnight tweets to his coterie of wealthy followers are, to say the least disconcerting. Once again, though, Trump seems to have a working knowledge of Wall Street.

The other noteworthy faction in the White House drama was led by Steve Bannon, who had come from an Irish Catholic

working class background to become Trump’s right hand man. Bannon emerges as an interesting character, especially because of his right-wing proclivities. According to Wolff, Bannon had made his way in the world by ingratiating himself into the realms of rich families, especially the conservative Mercer Publishing family.

Bannon was notable not only because of his political abilities, but also for the fact that he was the closest thing to an intellectual in the

Trump inner circle. Having penned over many a weighty tome, Bannon was in favor of de-escalating the war in Afghanistan. He also constantly ridiculed Jared Kushner’s ambition to bring piece to the Middle East.

Trump is portrayed as a man of little patience-more of an ideologue than a good listener. During the debate on replacing ObamaCare, for instance, Wolff claims that Trumps’ attention span was short, even wandering.

The president is also cast as something of a misogynist, which comes as no surprise, since Wolff has little complimentary to say of Trump. Despite all this, Trump enjoyed being cajoled by his female staff members, especially Hope Hicks, who relayed the daily news for him.

This book is something of a vendetta-Attacking the president at every turn and giving him little credit for his accomplishments, notably in terms of the economic turnaround. This is somewhat bothersome in light of Wolff’s ability to turn a phrase and play out a deft storyline. One comes away with the impression that things cannot be as bad as they seem to the author.

Nevertheless, the book is a compelling read (It is hard to put down) for both the pro and anti-Trump cadres. It is little wonder that the book caused so much controversy. I recommend that the reader should peruse it and judge for themselves. Best of luck!

Bernie Kelly

State Fire Marshal issues holiday decorating safety tips

“The best way to prevent a Christmas tree fire is to water it every day, place it well away from heat sources, and dispose of it soon after the holiday,” said State Fire Marshal Peter J. Ostroskey. “Although Christmas tree fires are rare these days, they are very serious when they do occur.” According to the U.S. Fire Administration, one-quarter of home Christmas tree fires are caused by electrical problems and one-quarter start when the tree is placed too close to a heat source such as a fireplace, woodstove, radiator or space heater.

“It’s important to place your tree away from heating sources like fireplaces, woodstoves, radiators or portable heaters and make sure you don’t block your second way out of a room in case of emergency,” said State Fire Marshal Ostroskey. “You may not expect to need to that second way out or to use the balcony in winter, but always have two clear ways out of each room,” he added.

“Turn off the tree when leaving the house or going to sleep,” said Ostroskey, “Consider using a timer so you won’t forget.”

- Selecting a Tree: Give natural trees a fresh cut at the base and place them in water immediately. When purchasing a tree, buy one that is as fresh as possible. Tap the butt on the ground and grab a branch near the top and pull your hand along it slowly. Needles should not fall off. If you bend a needle and it breaks before bending in half, it’s too dry! If you use an artificial tree, select one with a flame retardant label.
- Caring for the Tree: Make

a fresh cut an inch or two off the bottom before placing it in the stand. This will help with absorption. Water a live tree every day. When the tree becomes dry, discard it promptly.

- Placing the Tree: Place your tree in a non-tip style stand with wide feet, using extra wires if needed to keep it steady. Keep doorways and exits clear. Place your tree and decorations away from heaters, fireplaces, candles, and other sources of heat.

- Decorating the Tree: Purchase electric holiday lights that are listed by an approved testing agency and follow the manufacturer’s directions. Consider switching to newer LED lights that are cooler and use less electricity. Inspect older lights for frayed wires or other defects. Make sure the bulbs themselves are not touching the tree, curtains, wrapped gifts, or tree skirts. Never use lighted candles as decorations. Turn off the lights when leaving the house or going to bed for the night.

- Disposing of the Tree: Remove your tree soon after the holidays and take advantage of the curbside pick-up day, if available, or recycling programs.

The U.S. Fire Administration website has a stunning video from the National Institute of Standards and Training (NIST) illustrating how a dry Christmas tree can act like a blowtorch in your living room and the National Fire Protection Association has side-by-side video showing a dry Christmas tree on fire and a well-watered Christmas tree on fire. The fire in a well-watered tree takes much longer to progress.

Outdoor Decorations

The State Fire Marshal offers these tips for safe use of outdoor lights:

- Be sure to use only lights rated for outdoor use.
- Consider replacing older outdoor lights with newer LED lights that are ‘greener’ and cooler.
- Securely anchor outdoor lights and decorations against the wind and storms with insulated holders or hooks.
- Use electrical connection protectors to keep water out.
- All outdoor electrical decorations should be plugged into a ground-fault circuit interrupter (GFCI). You can buy portable units for outdoor use, or you can have them permanently installed by an electrician.
- Don’t overload circuits. 15-amp circuits support 1,800 watts and 20-amp circuits support 2,400 watts.
- Do not drive nails, staples or tacks through wiring insulation; this can cause a fire.
- Bring outdoor electrical lights inside after the holidays to prevent hazards and extend their life.

Smoke and CO Alarms

Ostroskey said, “No one thinks they will experience a fire, but sadly so many do over the holidays. Be sure that your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms are in good working order and review your home escape plan with family and guests.”

For more information on fire safety, contact your local fire department or the Office of the State Fire Marshal at 1-877-9 NO FIRE or on-line at www.state.ma.us/dfs and search for Winter Holiday Safety.

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Broadway star Gavin Lee turns green and mean in "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" "musical appearing through Dec. 9 at the Boch Center Wang Theatre, Boston.

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Magid Entertainment present the spectacular holiday family show, Dec. 4-9, at the Boch Center Shubert Theatre, Boston. Tickets start at \$35. bochcenter.org, 866-348-9738..

CHRISTMAS WITH THE CELTS

The favorite PBS station celebration, Christmas with the Celts, makes its only Massachusetts appearance Friday, Dec. 7, 8 p.m., at the Cabot, 286 Cabot St., Downtown Beverly. \$28.50-\$48.50. Ticketmaster. 800-745-3000, TheCabot.org.

THE IRISH TENORS

The melodic trio -Ronan Tynan, Finbar Wright and Anthony Kearns-make Christmas harmonious and happy, Sunday, Dec. 9, 7 p.m., at Lynn Auditorium, 3 City Hall

Square, Lynn. Doors open at 6 p.m. 781-599-7469, lynnauditorium.com.

MIRANDA

Atlantic Works Gallery features new works by George Shaw and Dominick Takis through Dec. 28. Reception Third Thursday, Dec. 20, 6-9 p.m., 80 Border St. Third Floor, Boston. Gallery hours Fridays, Saturday, 2-6 p.m., and by appointment.

BARBERSHOP CHRONICLES

American Repertory Theater (A.R.T.) presents this stirring new play, Dec. 5-Jan. 5, 2018, as part of its US premiere tour, 64 Brattle St., Cambridge. Tickets start at \$25, subscriber, member, groups, student, senior, Blue star families EBT cardholders and other discounts.. americanrepertorytheater.org, 617-547-8300.

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given that in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 131, Section 40, Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and Winthrop Town By-Laws, a public hearing will be held on December 12, 2018, at 7:30 P.M. in the Jos. Harvey Hearing Room, Winthrop Town Hall on the Notice of Intent from Linda Evans to build two new additions on an existing home, and to remove and replace an existing deck at this home. PROJECT LOCATION: 196 River Road, Winthrop, MA. NOTE: A copy may be obtained from the Conservation Office at the Winthrop Public Facilities Building. At said hearing all interested persons shall be given the opportunity to be heard. WINTHROP CONSERVATION COMMISSION Norm Hyett, Chair 12/6/18 W

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Notice is hereby given in accordance with G. L. c. 40A, s. 11 of the Massachusetts General Laws and Chapter 17 of the Code of the Town of Winthrop that the Winthrop Planning Board will conduct a Public Hearing on Monday December 17, 2018 on or after 7:00 p.m. at the Joseph Harvey Hearing Room , 1 Metcalf Square, Winthrop, MA 02152 to consider the request of Joanna Schwartz, Principal of Envelo Properties of the real property located at 10 Somerset Ave. Winthrop, Massachusetts. Said Petition seeks to schedule a Project Plan Review through the Winthrop Planning Board. The public is welcome to attend. All documentation pertaining to these plans can be reviewed in Room 5 Town Clerks office or Room B3 (Lower Level) Council Clerk Office Denise Quist Clerk-Winthrop Planning Board 11-29-18 12-6-2018 W

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THE VELVETEEN RABBIT

Boston Children's Theatre brings back its annual Christmas treat for children and the young-at-heart, through Dec. 15, at Boston Center for the Arts, Calderwood Pavilion, 527 Tremont St., South End, Boston. Bostontheatrescene.com.

NEWSIES

Mariana's Dance Studio provides fun choreography in Neverland Theatre's production of Disney's "Newsies," the musical, Dec.7, at 8 p.m.; Dec. 8, at 3,8 p.m.; Dec. 9, 2,7 p.m.; and Dec. 10, 7 p.m.,at The Bridge at 211, 211 Bridge St., Salem.\$16.50. neverlandtheatre.com, 978-500-8832.

ANNIE (kids' version)

You're never fully dressed without a smile, especially at Neverland Theatre's all-youth production of this family-friendly show, Dec. 7, at 4:30 p.m., Dec.8, at 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.; Dec. 9, 12p.m., and Dec. 10, 4:30 p.m., at The Bridge at 211, 211 Bridge St., Salem.\$12.50. neverlandtheatre.com, 978-500-8832.

A STORY BEYOND, A MUSICAL FABLE

Liars and Believers premiere a timely, contemporary, innovative musical fable, a story beyond, Dec. 6-22, at Boston Center for the Arts, Plaza Black Box theater, 539 Tremont St., South End, Boston: Thursday, 7:30 p.m.; Friday, 8 p.m.;Saturday, 2,8 p.m.; Sunday 2 p.m. Pay what you can.

SHREK THE MUSICAL JR.

Marblehead Little Theatre welcomes that lovable ogre, his beloved princess and friends, in this family-friendly produc-

tion of David Lindsay-Abaire's award-winning tale, based on the DreamWorks Animation Motion Picture and William Steig's book, Dec. 6-16: Dec. 6,7,14,15, at 7 p.m.; Dec. 8,9,15,16, at 2 p.m.,12 School St., Marblehead. Mltlive.org.

THE GIFT OF THE MAGI

Americana Theatre Co. presents O.Henry's beloved tale with an interactive New England Christmas party, with carols, hot apple cider and Jim and Della Dillingham's musical story, Dec. 5-16, Plymouth Center for the Arts, 11 North St., Plymouth. \$35; students, seniors, \$30.americantheatre.org/tickets, 508-591-0282.

DEVOTCHKA

The group performs Dec. 9, 8:45 p.m.at ONCE Ballroom, Boston. \$25-\$28.

HOLIDAY POPS!

Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra peanuts its holiday concert Dec 8, at 3 and 7:30 p.m.,and Dec. 9, at 3 p.m., featuring soprano Kristen Watson and the Plymouth Community Intermediate School 6th Grade Chorus, Memorial Hall, 83 Court St., Plymouth. \$20,\$45,\$55, senior, youth, group discounts.

NEC HOLIDAY CONCERT

New England Conservatory's Symphonic Winds, Chamber Choir, and Navy Band Northeast, harmoniously blend together in this free holiday concert, Dec, 10, 7:30 p.m., Jordan Hall, 30 Gainsborough St., Boston.

BOSTON CAMERATA

The acclaimed early music ensemble presents two holiday programs: "Per Natus Set, A Medieval Christmas", and the premiere of a new program, "Gloria! An Italian Christmas":"Per Natus, Dec. 7, 8 p.m.,Hancock Church, Lexington; Dec. 8, 8 p.m.,-First Religious Society of Newburyport; Dec. 9,3 and 5 p.m., Old South Church Gordon Chapel, Boston."Gloria!", Dec 16, 4 p.m.,United Parish, Brookline; Dec. 17, 8 p.m., First Church Congregational, Cambridge. \$10-\$63.

Bostoncamerata.org.

RUFUS WAINWRIGHT

The Grammy Award winning singer-songwriter-composer performs Dec. 5, at 7 p.m. as part of his "All These Poses" anniversary tour. Tickets start at \$39.50. Also, Chip Davis' "Mannheim Steamroller Christmas," with its spectacular multimedia effects, performed Dec. 8, at 3 and 8 p.m. Tickets start at \$55 , at the Emerson Colonial Theatre, Boylston St., Boston.

DOVER QUARTET

The award-winning group performs Wednesday, Dec. 5, at 8 p.m., in Longy's Pickman Hall, 27 Garden St., Cambridge. Tickets start at \$40.617-482-6661.

The Soweto Gospel Choir, and their Songs of the Free appear, Dec 7, 8 p.m., at the Berklee Performance Center, 136 Mass. Ave., Boston.Tickets start at \$45. celebrityseries.org/productions/soweto-gospel-choir-songs-of-the-free/.

CODE LISTEN 3.0: MUSIC FOR HEALING AND DIALOGUE

Shaw Pong Liu, composer, violinist and erhu player, jazz composer-trumpet player Jason Palmer and musicians from A Far Cry, local teens, the Boston Police Department and families of homicide victims perform an original composition, Saturday, Dec. 8, at 3 p.m., in the Kroc Center, Dorchester.

INDIAN FILM FESTIVAL

Calcutta Club USA's Kaleidoscope, associated with MIT Sangam, presents the largest competitive South Asian film festival, features acclaimed contemporary arthouse feature, short and documentary films in several locations, Dec. 2-9: Dec. 5, 6 p.m., Wellesley Community Center, \$15; and Rhode Island College,Providence; 6:30 p.m.; Lexington Venue Theater; Dec. 7, 8 p.m.; Pao Arts Center, Boston; Dec. 8, 12:30 p.m.; Rhode Island College Gaige Hall Auditorium and Dec. 8, 3 p.m.; Apple Cinemas, Cambridge, Dec. 9, 12:30 p.m.and 3 p.m. calfilmfest.org, 508-740-7848, info@

calfilmfest.org.

THEATER IN THE OPEN

The group delivers a comedic show, "A Cinderella Panto," Dec. 7-24, that's interactive, audience-friendly fun for all ages, at Firehouse Center for the Arts, Market Square, Newburyport. \$14/\$16. firehouse.org.

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The House of the Seven Gables presents the first community conversation on current immigration issues with a backdrop of our country's immigration history. Moderator-host Elizabeth Duclos-Orsello, Ph.D., discusses "The Century of Immigration: 1820-1924," and presents a documentary film about New York City, "The Power and the People," and another documentary about Jewish Americans,"A World of Their Own," Wednesday, Dec. 5, 6-8 p.m. Derby St., Salem. 7gables.org/events, erincon@7gables.org, 978-306-7001.

GLORIA

The Gamm Theatre presents Branden Jacobs-Jenkins' Pulitzer Prize finalist play, "Gloria," through Dec. 16,1245 Jefferson Blvd., Warwick, RI. 401-723-4266.

MISS YOU LIKE HELL STUDIO SESSION

Company One Theatre holds Studio Session One, Thursday, Dec. 6, giving visitors a sneak peek at the rehearsal process of Quiara Algeria Hudes and Erin McKeown's mother-daughter musical odyssey, in collaboration with American Repertory Theater. The production starts in January. The studio session is free and open to the public, but requires registration to save your space, at Urbano Project, 29 Germania St., Jamaica Plain. Doors open 7 p.m., rehearsal at 7:145 p.m.

OLD SCHOOL GAME SHOW'S HOLIDAY SPECIAL

The retro trivia interactive variety hour returns Friday, Dec. 7, 8 p.m., at Oberon, 2 Arrow St., Cambridge. Tickets from \$20.

The ever-popular Donkey Show continues, Dec/ 8, followed by Harry Potter and the Sacred Text, Dec 9. The Sweetback Sisters Country Christmas Sing-Along Spectacular, live at Oberon, Dec. 14, 8 p.m., Dec. 15, 7:30 p.m.; and Club Drosselmeyer 1941, Dec. 16-21. cluboberon.com, 617-547-8300.

S.I.N.S.O.F.U.S.

Theater, Dance and Media at Harvard presents this diptych of works by weimar era writers, with music by Kurt Weill, texts by Bertolt Brecht and MarieLuisse Fleisser, Dec. 6-8. At 7:30 p.m., Dec. 8,9, 2 p.m., at Farkas Hall, Holyoke St., Cambridge. Free, Reservations, Tdm.fas.harvard.edu.

BLACK NATIVITY

The National Center of Afro American Artists presents Langston Hughes' annual Black Nativity, based on the Gospel of St. Luke and blended with Black narration,Dec 7-23, at the Paramount Center, 559 Washington St., Boston. \$35-\$47. ParamountBoston.org, 617-824-8400.

THE MIRACULOUS JOURNEY OF EDWARD TULANE

Arlekin Players present the premiere of an original adaptation of award-winning author Kate DiCamillo's book, performed simultaneously in English and Russian, Dec. 3-March 3, 368 Hillside Ave., Needham, Fridays, 7:30 p.m.; Saturdays,Sundays, 26 p.m. \$35/\$50. 617-942-0022.

WINTER PEOPLE

Boston Playwrights' Theatre presents Laura Neill's new drama, Dec. 6-16: Thursday, 7:0 p.m.; Friday, Saturday, 8 p.m., Sunday, 2 p.m., 949 Comm. Ave., Boston. \$35; BU faculty/staff, \$25; seniors 62+ years old, \$25; students with valid ID, \$10. 866-811-4111, bostonplaywrights.org.

THREEFER MADNESS

Dan Navarro, Bruce Sudano and Chas Sanford, and band rock Club Passim, Wednesday, Dec. 5, 8 p.m., 47 Palmer St., Cambridge. \$20. 617-492-7679,

passim.org.

BEN RUDNICK AND FRIENDS

Ben Rudnick and Friends band bring music, bring classic Americana and blend their own sound, delighting kids and families with their music, in their holiday concert, Saturday, Dec. 8, 10:30 a.m.,at Kids at the Cabot series, 286 Cabot St., Beverly. 978-927-3100.

ARTIST DONNA SAVASTIO

The artist' latest mysterious exhibit, "In the Woods," will be displayed Dec. 5-30, at the Institution for Savings Art Gallery, Firehouse Center for the Arts, Market Square, Newburyport. Artist reception is Saturday, Dec. 8, 2-4 p.m. in the gallery. 978-462-7336, firehouse.org.

JAPAN SOCIETY EVENTS

Yasuhiro Yamauchi, consul cultural-general affairs at the Boston Consulate General of Japan, discusses Japanese year-end traditions, Tuesday, Dec. 11, 12-1 p.m., at a bwpn bag meeting, CIC, Meridian's fifth floor, 50 Milk st., Boston. Later that day, 5-7 p.m., participate in a Japanese/English language exchange; and translator David Jacobson discusses once-forgotten poet Misuzu Kaneko,in an online webinar,7-8 p.m.JapanSocietyBosotn.org, info@JapanSocietyBoston.org.

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Winthrop's own acclaimed artist, Frank Costantino, will exhibit some of his works in a group show, now through Jan. 2, 2019, at the McCormick Gallery of Boston Architectural College, 320 Newbury St., Boston.

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HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR

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The E.B. Newton building was filled with holiday cheer, on Saturday afternoon, as crafters and artists came out to show off their talent for the annual holiday show. From homemade soaps to seashell ornaments, the event was timed perfectly with the kickoff of an art exhibit that will run every Saturday from 2 until 4 p.m., until Dec. 29.



Phyllis Hargreaves, owner of Gems2Pearls, chats with a customer.



Joanne Hillman, chair of the Winthrop Cultural Council, checks out a pair of crystal Christmas tree earrings that Liz Regan, purchased from Gems2Pearls.



Mary Ruane shows off one of her homemade soaps.



Bre Mahoney sells artistic wine glasses.



Dawn Mahoney sells hand-painted seashell ornaments.



Matt Martelli, from Martelli Studio, stands in front of some of his artwork.

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