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## Faison provides program updates to Councilors

By Laura Plummer

At the Town Council meeting on Thursday, Nov. 7, Town Manager Austin Faison shared updates on two issues impacting Winthrop and its citizens: the town's new online work order system and a new initiative to evaluate public opinion.

### -SeeClickFix

Faison reported that between 400 and 500 resident-reported infrastructure concerns in Winthrop have been addressed since DPW rolled out its SeeClickFix system last week. The website allows residents to easily submit work orders on issues like potholes, sidewalk cracks, broken streetlights and more.

Residents can access the system by going to SeeClickFix.com and searching for Winthrop. They can also download the app, which will automatically register their location. Every time a resident submits

a work order via SeeClickFix, they create an electronic ticket and will receive updates on any actions taken on the issue.

"We want people to feel like they can be in contact with our department heads 24 hours a day, seven days a week," said Faison. "We want to give people the confidence that their work order has been submitted."

Residents can still call into the Town Manager's office and the DPW to report issues over the phone, but the app is meant to expedite any necessary repairs and to ensure accountability.

"If it's successful, we're going to look for other opportunities to interact with this system," said Faison. "We think this can be a part of our communication system with the community."

DPW Director Steven Calla said that his department had to undergo extensive training to bring the

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## STUDENT HIGHLIGHT: Bryan Conceicao has the traits of a true Winthrop Viking

By Kate Anslinger

Seventeen-year-old Bryan Conceicao has been described as a first-class student-athlete, who strives for compassion and professionalism inside the classroom and in the sports arena. Known as a role model amongst his classmates, Conceicao is the type of person any teacher or coach would love to have in their classroom or on their team. "Bryan leads through hard work and dedication in the classroom and on the field, while always having a team first mentality," said High School Athletic Director, Matt Serino. "He continues to be a role model to others, a gentleman with great moral fiber, and is always willing to put forth the time

and effort to assure that he succeeds in everything he does. Bryan embodies everything it means to be a Winthrop Viking."

In addition to being an honor student, Conceicao plays basketball and football, he is part of general counsel, and he plans on doing dinner theater if he can

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PHOTO BY KATE ANSLINGER

Principal Speaker, Captain Jamie Bower (U.S. Army), with Richard Honan during the annual Veterans Day celebration at Town Hall lawn on Monday, Nov. 11. Capt. Bower recognized those who have served from the distant past to the present day. See more photos on Pages 4 and 5.

## Winthrop receives grant for pedestrian safety at Gorman Fort Banks School

By Kate Anslinger

A grant in the amount of \$6,000 has been awarded to the town for the use of improving the safety and visibility of students and caregivers walking to and from the Gorman Fort Banks (GFB) School. The funding will be used to install flashing crossing signs in both directions at the crosswalk that goes from the DPW side of Kennedy Drive to the Fort Banks side of the street. Out of the approximately 500 students that attend the GFB, an estimated

50 of them walk to school, and face the challenge of crossing high volumes of traffic on Kennedy Drive, often with limited visibility. The grant will also be used to add more upgraded, streamlined signage at the Kennedy Drive school entrance at Revere Street, providing more school visibility in the area and urging drivers to take caution.

The Sights and Lines grant opportunity came to the attention of parent and Chair of the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC), Julia Wallerice when

it was first announced in early October. The Safe Routes to School (SRTS) program provides design services in construction funding for low-cost infrastructure projects around public elementary and middle schools, including signage and pavement markings to improve safety and accessibility along walking and biking routes to schools.

"The location of the GFB school creates many access challenges, and this is par-

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## For Kids Only Afterschool set to break ground on new site

By Cary Shuman

For Kids Only Afterschool (FKO), the revolutionary after-school program launched by Deborah Kneeland Keegan and Connie Grayson in 1984, has found a home to call its own in town.

Keegan, executive director of the non-profit, has announced that FKO will break ground on its new location in the former Levesque family home on Jefferson Street on Monday, Nov. 25.

The news comes as the organization hosts its 35th anniversary at its annual Helping Families Fundraising Gala Friday, at which time Speaker of the House Robert A. DeLeo will be honored for his long-time support of FKO.

FKO has housed its

programs at the St. John's Episcopal Parish, the Willis School, and the E.B. Newton School, among several other locations in town.

"Between the town, the school community, and the religious community, we have been more than supported, helping us fulfill our mission, which is to support working families, to keep children safe, and to give them opportunities to love, learn, and grow."

FKO currently has its offices at the E.B. Newton School and has spaces at the Gorman/Fort Banks for kindergarten through grade 2 students, and at a former bank in Winthrop Center for grades 3-8. More than 150 children participate in FKO afterschool programs and thousands have been served since 1984.

A decade ago, Keegan

brought the idea to the FKO board of directors "of having a space to call a home of our own."

The search for a permanent site began and two years ago, a local realtor contacted Keegan that there was an old Queen Victorian home for sale across the street from the Winthrop Police Station and Town Hall.

Through financing by Salem Five, FKO purchased the two-story home. CBC Construction, a general contractor with 34 years of experience in commercial construction including educational facilities, will build FKO's new 10,000 square-foot site. MJT Architects is the architect for the project that has a targeted opening date of September, 2020.

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### NEWS Brief

#### 'IN CELEBRATION OF SPRINKLERS,' THE 2019 WIHA AUCTION TO PRESERVE A WINTHROP TREASURE

Save the date! The Winthrop Improvement & Historical Association (WIHA) is excited to announce, "In Celebration of Sprinklers," a 2019 WIHA Holiday Auction taking place on Friday, Dec. 6, 8-11 p.m., in the Deane Winthrop Barn, 40 Shirley Street. Black tie optional.



Stephanie Honan, Lauren Mazzuchelli, and Christine Reilly from WIHA will Co-Chair the Auction. Speaker of the Massachusetts House of Representatives, Robert A. DeLeo has graciously agreed to serve as Honorary Co-Chair of the event.

The horrible fire at Notre-Dame Cathedral in Paris last Spring served as a warning to WIHA to better-protect the Town of Winthrop's treasure, the 350+ year old Deane Winthrop House. Specialized fire suppression systems for older building such as the House cost in excess of \$40,000. Raising funds towards this ambitious project is the goal of the Auction.

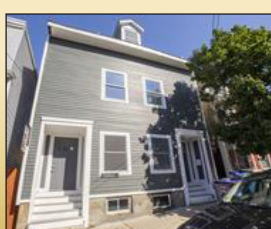
Auctioneer Matt Honan plans to dazzle the guests with his usual style as he entertains bids on an inter-

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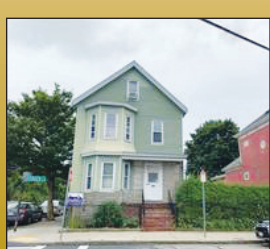


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# Research reveals demand for bike share in Greater Boston communities

New research by the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) analyzing over 300,000 bike share trips reveals demand for bike share in Greater Boston communities, as well as opportunities for improvements to suburban cycling infrastructure within communities and between cities and towns.

The interactive report uses detailed trip-level data from the Lime system, which operates in 16 cities and towns in Greater Boston, to map trip patterns and pinpoint the most-frequented routes over the 18-month period from April 2018 through September 2019.

The data, which includes individual trip routes without tracking information about the habits of individual users, revealed that connections to transit were a relatively small share of Lime bike trips: only 15 percent of trips began or ended within 100 meters of a subway, trolley, Silver Line or Commuter Rail station.

Instead, many trips took place within communities, to and from points of interest or between municipalities where transit connections are limited. City or town centers and commercial districts have the highest density of activity, but trips spread out into residential neighborhoods, which tend to be the end-point of trips more than the start. The average trip length was just over one mile and the highest frequency of trips took place between 4 and 7 p.m.

“This analysis shows how new forms of so-called ‘micro-mobility’ can be quickly adopted by all kinds of communities and serve a unique role in the transportation system,” said MAPC Transportation Director Eric Bourassa. “It also shows how important it is for public agencies to have access to detailed data that can inform planning and policy.”

Analysis of the trip data demonstrates that in many places, Lime users were riding on roadways with limited or no existing bike infrastructure, such as bike lanes, physical separation from traffic, and easily-navigable turns and crossings. Sweetser Circle/Revere Beach Parkway in Everett, Commercial and Centre Streets in Malden, Washington Street in Newton and Arsenal Street in Watertown are all examples of roadways that saw high volumes of Lime ridership but are currently stressful for bicyclists.

“We’re looking forward to using this new data resource as another piece of information to plan for new bike infrastructure that will make people feel safe and comfortable biking around Newton so they don’t feel the need to drive for every little trip,” said Nicole Freedman, director of transportation planning for the City of Newton.

The information comes as a result of a data-sharing agreement between Lime and MAPC, which created the regional framework that allows Lime to operate in over a dozen communities in the Greater Boston region.

“Greater Boston currently suffers from the worst traffic congestion in the nation, affecting everyone who lives, works or studies in the region. Yet while nearly 50 percent of trips in the region are less than four miles, people still overwhelmingly choose to drive,” said Scott Mullen, Lime Director of Northeast Expansion. “MAPC’s unprecedented analysis of data from our regional bike share system will enable cities and towns to prioritize safe, inviting infrastructure, which will entice people out of their cars for those short trips and help to ease congestion for all.”

The 16 municipalities served by Lime and included in the data analysis are Arlington, Bedford, Belmont, Chelsea, Everett, Malden, Medford, Melrose, Milton, Needham, Newton, Quincy, Revere, Waltham, Watertown and Winthrop.

The report is being published in an online, interactive format that will allow municipal staff, cycling advocates and interested residents to select specific corridors and intersections and download detailed information for further analysis.

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esting mix of items including Sports Memorabilia, Theater Tickets, Vintage Items and more.

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to 2,106 students in September 2019.

Receiving degrees were Winthrop students John G. Curci, Master of Science in Electrical and Computer Engineering; Alexander Schlageter, Master of Science in Healthcare Emergency Management.

goal and an assist, tallying in the final minute of regulation to force overtime before dishing off on Routh’s winner, and sophomore Colin O’Connor (North Haven, Conn./Connecticut RoughRiders) scored his first college goal in the win.

First-year Alec Lindberg (Bedford, N.H./Hampton Roads Whalers) recorded 40 saves in his college debut for the Purple Knights. Senior William Santangeli (Oakville, Ontario/Saint Mark’s School) went 6-for-10 on faceoffs and junior Tyler Dorval (Liverpool, N.Y./Liverpool) had two blocks. Juniors Ethan Hendrickson (Budd Lake, N.J./New Jersey Rockets), Brandon Mitchell (North Scituate, R.I./Pomfret School), Sel Narby (Huntington, N.Y./Connecticut Junior Rangers) and Andrew Olevitz (Winthrop, Mass./Northern Cyclones) all recorded an assist in the game.

In the Saint Anselm game, Narby and sophomore Andy Ide (Barrington, R.I./Cushing Academy) both recorded goals for the

Purple Knights. Santangeli finished with an assist and went 7-for-18 on faceoffs. First-year Matt Schreiner (Falmouth, Mass./Walpole Express) went 8-for-13 on faceoffs and Mitchell went 9-for-17 on faceoffs. Senior Tim Decker (Liverpool, N.Y./Canterbury School) had a career-high 46 saves, beating out his former high of 39 saves on Jan. 19, 2019, against Stonehill College. Junior Cameron Stewart (Sabattus, Maine/East Coast Wizards) finished with four blocks. Hendrickson and junior Noah Muller (Amsterdam, The Netherlands/Düsseldorfer EG) both recorded an assist.

at distinctive, historic locations across the country.

“Holding events at these locations allows our cameras to film appraisals in and around places that are treasures in their own right, adding an exciting depth to our show,” said ROADSHOW executive producer Marsha Bemko. “I can’t wait to see what treasures we uncover in Boston. And stay tuned, we’ll be revealing the historic location we’ve selected very soon!”

From each of the 2020 events, three episodes of ROADSHOW per city will be created for inclusion in the 17-time Emmy® Award nominated production’s 25th broadcast season, to air in 2021. Produced by WGBH Boston, Antiques Roadshow is seen by up to 8 million viewers each week. Antiques Roadshow airs locally Mondays at 8pm on WGBH 2.

Admission to Antiques Roadshow is free, but tickets are required and must be obtained in advance. Fans can enter for a chance to win one pair of free tickets per household. The 2020 Tour ticket entry process opens Tuesday, November

12. To enter the random drawing for free tickets to a 2020 Roadshow event and to see complete entry rules, go to [pbs.org/roadshow-tickets](https://pbs.org/roadshow-tickets). For more information you may also call toll-free 888-762-3749.

Deadline for entries is Monday, Feb.19, 2020 at 11:59pm PT.

And new this year, a small number of tickets will be available to fans who apply on Instagram and Twitter. Social media entries will be accepted for one month, with a deadline of December 11, 2019 at 11:59pm PT. More information and complete rules for social media entries can be found at the 2020 Tour Complete Rules page.

At each appraisal event, around 3,000 ticketed guests will receive free verbal evaluations of their antiques and collectibles from experts from the country’s leading auction houses and independent dealers. Each guest is invited to bring two items for appraisal. To see FAQs about Antiques Roadshow events, go to: [pbs.org/wgbh/roadshow/tickets/faq](https://pbs.org/wgbh/roadshow/tickets/faq).

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1 cup shredded mozzarella cheese

2 tablespoons dry bread crumbs

1 tablespoon dried parsley (optional)

DIRECTIONS:

**STEP 1:** Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Grease a 9x13 inch baking dish.

**STEP 2:** In the prepared dish, make a single layer of sweet potato slices. Place a few onion slices on top, dot with butter, and sprinkle with salt and pepper. Repeat, alternating layers of white and sweet potatoes.

**STEP 3:** In a small bowl, or measuring cup, combine flour and broth. Pour over potatoes.

**STEP 4:** Sprinkle cheese, bread crumbs and parsley over the potatoes. Dot with remaining butter. Cover.

**STEP 5:** Bake in preheated oven for 1 hour, or until potatoes and onions are soft.

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A rendering of the For Kids Only building slated to be built at 233 Winthrop St.

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Keegan says the space is ideal and FKO will retain the historical integrity of the property.

“We worked very closely with the Historical Commission and town leadership to make sure that we aligned with the intentions of Commission. Our new home is going to maintain the architectural integrity and history of the current structure.

“The steeple will stay there and the stained glass windows will look the same,” said Keegan. “We’re going to extend the home out to the back and to the side.”

Director of Development Briana Flannery said the first floor of FKO’s new site will have a library, a nutrition cafe, a teaching kitchen, a classroom, and a STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) educational lab.

“Children will enter (FKO) from the back door of the building where there will be drop-off and pick-up area,” said Flannery. “We will also have an outdoor patio area.”



The current property at 233 Winthrop St.

The second floor will have a basketball half-court gymnasium (“With a three-point line,” said Flannery, a former Winthrop and Bentley scholar athlete with a Masters degree in Organizational Leadership), a multi-purpose classroom, and a dance-yoga-theater arts studio, a sunroom, and a reflection room where a licensed clinical social worker will be able to support children.

“We expect the facility to hold 120 children at a time,” said Keegan.

The FKO executive director said the organization has received tremendous support from Council Pres-

ident Ronald Vecchia and Supt. of Schools Lisa Howard.

“They’ve been great partners in our mission,” said Keegan. “We want to continue to collaborate with our school system to make sure that every child’s needs are met and hope to continue our partnership at the Gorman Fort Banks School.”

Keegan, who began her career as a special education teacher and holds a master’s degree in nonprofit administration, invites local residents to attend the groundbreaking ceremony on Nov. 25 at 10 a.m.

Looking ahead to the groundbreaking, Keegan paid special tribute to Speaker DeLeo, who will speak at the ceremony.

“Speaker DeLeo has been our champion for 35 years,” lauded Keegan. “He’s has been the consistent voice who has always said that the hours between 3-8 p.m. are critical hours for children and more attention should be given to having safe and productive afterschool programs. Senator [Joseph] Boncore has also been an amazing advocate for children and families since taking office.”

FKO is licensed by the Department of Early Education and Care and is a United Way of Mass Bay affiliate agency.



For Kids Only Afterschool executive director Deborah Kneeland Keegan with FKO students.

## LGBTQ community members feel welcomed and comfortable at Mystic Valley Elder Services social

Mystic Valley Elder Services started Mystic Tea nearly eight years ago to provide an affirming, comfortable gathering place for LGBTQ older adults and anyone who wants to meet, eat and socialize with a lot of very interesting and welcoming people. And within that time, participation in the monthly meetings has remained robust, and newcomers to the Mystic Valley LGBTQ senior community have joined the gathering, finding companionship, acceptance, and the enjoyment of shared experiences.

“It’s a space where you don’t feel inhibited,” says Frank Lapiana, a regular participant in the group. “You may have grown up in an environment where you were mistreated or where you were made to feel like an outcast but this group setting is very comfortable and welcoming.”

Mystic Tea is a gathering for anyone with a focus on serving lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender older adults in the Mystic Valley region and beyond. LGBTQ Mystic Tea is held on the third Tuesday of the month from 4 to 6 p.m. at Mystic Valley Elder Services, 300 Commercial St., in Malden. LGBTQ Mystic Tea is open to LGBTQ

adults from anywhere in Massachusetts. The “tea” includes coffee, tea, and a hearty meal, but more importantly, good company and conversation.

Frank says it’s a comfortable group, always ready to make a first-timer feel welcome and embraced. And he notes that for some of the participants, it’s the only LGBTQ-specific space they ever encounter and they feel connected to each other.

For the several dozen regular attendees of Mystic Tea, both male and female, the monthly event has become central to their social calendars. Sometimes there are special guest speakers, presentations on senior nutrition or help navigating Medicare. Many of the members come every month and have made new friends.

“It gets you out of the house and adds variety to your week,” says Christopher Mason. “Mystic Tea is a place where I can be myself and feel comfortable in conversation.”

“We want all older adults in the Mystic Valley region to feel safe, comfortable, independent, and supported,” said Dan O’Leary, Chief Executive Officer of Mystic Valley Elder Services. “We treat all seniors equitably, and equitable

treatment sometimes means reaching a bit further, trying a bit harder, and doing a bit more to create a welcoming and hospitable agency—and community.”

An important part of independent living for older adults is community and/or family support. Too often, however, LGBTQ seniors are alienated from their families, and do not know how to find community members who would affirm their identities. Mystic Tea creates a welcoming community space for these individuals to socialize, develop trusting friendships, and build a peer support network.

Peer support and connection have proven health benefits for seniors. A sense of community improves seniors’ emotional wellbeing and outlook, which in turn has a beneficial impact on health—including appetite, activity, memory, and intellect. Mystic Tea provides the members of our senior community with a safe and welcoming place to build this peer support and share with each other.

The participants may enjoy the meal served, but it’s the company that keeps folks coming back, month after month and year after year.

For more information about Mystic Tea, please call 781-388-2303.

## Fr. Tom celebrates 40 years in priesthood

On Saturday, Sept. 21, friends and family of Father Thomas DiLorenzo, “Fr. Tom,” came from near and far to Holy Rosary Church in Winthrop for mass celebrating his 40 Years in the

Priesthood. The packed pews were a testimony of gratitude for Father Tom’s love and service in his ministries of feeding the homeless, healing the sick, and proclaiming God’s word

across the nation on radio and television. Following the holy mass, over 250 guests gathered at Cottage Park Yacht Club for dinner and a joyful evening of fond memories.



From Left to Right: Rev. Joseph Owusu Boafu, Deacon Francis McHugh, Altar Server Elizabeth Collins, Rev. Robert Lennon, Rev. Michael McNamara, Rev. John McLaughlin, Rev. Matthew Williams, Rev. Eric Cadin, Altar Server Gregory Beckwith, Lector Joseph Salvo, Rev. Matthew Ofoku, Deacon Joseph Nickley, Rev. Sebastian Varghese  
Seated: Rev. Thomas DiLorenzo, Rev. Brian McHugh.

## Conceicao //CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

fit it into his packed schedule. High School Football Coach Jonathan Cadigan has witnessed Conceicao grow up over the last few years, transforming him into the type of student and player that other kids gravitate towards. “Although at times he appears to have a carefree attitude, he takes his studies and athletics very serious,” said Cadigan. “He has a relentless motor in football that has allowed him to make impact plays since he was a freshman which I would categorize as a rare ability for a high school football player. He rarely if ever comes off the field during a game and seemingly never seems to tire which to me is a sign of leadership. He plays just



Bryan Conceicao.

as hard on play 1 as he does on 120 and that has an effect on his teammates by elevating the standards and expectations of playing the game.”

As a junior in high school, Conceicao is starting to think about college

and he has lined himself up for a promising future. His dream would be to play college football at Tufts University. When asked who his role model is, he admits that he has a lot of people to credit, but his dad comes in first place.

“I have been lucky enough to have a ton of positive influences in my life, people who have helped me and guided me to be the person I am today,” said Conceicao. “However my dad is my number one role model. Because what he does and has done for me and my family is unimaginable. Almost always behind the scenes, in his early mornings and late nights. I hope to be as hard working and humble as him one day.”

## Updates //CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

program on board, and that it will take some getting used to.

“So far it’s been great software to use,” he said. “We think it will be useful for the community.”

Residents are encouraged to be as specific as possible and to submit photos along with any work orders.

### -ZenCity

Faison also updated Council on Winthrop’s involvement with ZenCity, a company that collects public data from a town’s social media platforms, news chan-

nels and 311 calls and uses it to inform local governments about what concerns are most pertinent to residents. It claims to be able to measure public support for specific town projects.

For example, if the town were planning a park restoration, ZenCity would analyze public discussion threads on Facebook and generate reports for town officials on how residents feel about the project.

Faison feels this will be especially useful to gauge public opinion outside of the public commentary period at the Council meetings.

“Not everyone can come out on a Tuesday night,” he said.

Faison told the Transcript that his office is dedicated to “incorporating as many viewpoints as possible” when debating new projects.

“The point of this tool is for my office to understand what’s happening in [public] online conversations,” he said. “I want them to be part of the larger conversation.”

Residents do not have to opt in for their voices to be included in ZenCity’s analyses, as its data is all gathered from public sources.

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TOWN OF WINTHROP REMEMBERS THOSE WHO SACRIFICED

Photos by Kate Aslinger

Winthrop residents gathered on the Town Hall lawn on Monday morning, Nov. 11, for a day of remembering and acknowledging those who have made the sacrifice in serving their country. Principal Speaker, Captain Jamie Bower, made sure to recognize veterans from both yesterday and today, from the American Revolution to the Global War on Terrorism.



Richard Gay stands at attention during “God Bless America.”



Residents gather with hands over hearts for the National Anthem, sung by Bill Furey, USMC.



Winthrop Emblem Club 15 presents the Memorial Flowers and Wreath.



Richard Honan, (U.S. Army-Vietnam).



Principal Speaker, Captain Jamie Bower (U.S. Army).



Veterans’ Services director Rose Mazzuchelli.



A line of Winthrop police officers stand at attention during the ceremony.





TOWN OF WINTHROP  
REMEMBERS THOSE WHO SACRIFICED



Congresswoman Katherine Clark addresses the crowd.



Tina Marie Talvi sings "America the Beautiful."



Public officials, during the Pledge of Allegiance, including Sen. Joe Boncore, Speaker Bob DeLeo, Council President Ron Vecchia, and Congresswoman Katherine Clark.



The American Legion Post 146.

Thank  
You  
Veterans  
for Your  
Service



Bill Furey (USMC), belts out the National Anthem.

TOWN UNVEILS RESERVED PARKING SPACES  
FOR VETERANS AT TOWN HALL



On Monday, Nov. 4, 2019, the Town of Winthrop unveiled new reserved parking signs for veterans. The signs, donated to the Town by the Massachusetts Port Authority, are installed on the side of Winthrop Town Hall. Winthrop Veterans' Service Director, Rose Mazzuchelli, said "The Town of Winthrop never forgets its veterans and salutes Massport for their generosity and continued support of both veterans and the community."

Winthrop Mothers Out Front

Invites you to an informational session on

A Clean Energy Future

H 2810, an Act to Promote Green Infrastructure and Reduce Carbon Emissions

Learn about the proposed fee on fossil fuels, rebates to residents and businesses, and creation of a Green Infrastructure Fund

Winthrop Public Library  
2 Metcalf Square, Winthrop  
Wednesday, November 20, 2019  
6:00 p.m.





OUR Opinions

THE CLIMATE SCIENTISTS  
HAVE BEEN WRONG ALL  
ALONG

For the better part of three decades, the vast majority of scientists -- including those hired by the petroleum industry -- have warned the world that climate change is occurring principally because of carbon emissions from our addiction to fossil fuels for our automobiles, coal power plants, industry, and agricultural production.

They have measured the effects in any number of ways, most especially the shrinkage of the ice sheets at the polar regions that eventually will result, they have said, in a rise in sea levels around the globe.

The also have told us that a warming planet will bring about an increase in ocean temperatures, which in turn will have devastating consequences both for marine life, which cannot exist in warmer waters, and for ourselves, who will feel the impact of ever-more devastating storms.

They have warned that unless we take steps within the next decade to curb the so-called greenhouse gas emissions, the Earth could become irreversibly changed by the end of this century.

However, the scientists have been wrong. Very wrong.

It turns out that the time frame the climate scientists predicted for the dramatic effects of climate change to occur has been grossly underestimated because their models did not take into account the effect of the feedback loops created by our warming planet.

We aren't scientists, but even we understand what is happening right in front of our eyes.

The ice sheets at the poles are melting faster than even the direst of models had predicted. The extraordinary heat wave across Europe this past summer (U.S. women's soccer fans will recall the high temperatures in France during the World Cup) resulted in temperatures reaching the 80s in the Arctic Circle -- an unheard-of phenomenon.

Environment Canada, the country's national weather agency, confirmed that Alert, Nunavut, the most-northerly, permanently-inhabited spot on Earth, hit 69.8 degrees Fahrenheit (21 degrees Celsius) on July 14, the highest temperature ever recorded there.

As the ice at the poles shrinks, instead of sunlight being reflected (by the ice) back into outer space, it is absorbed by the earth. When that happens, the permafrost at the Arctic Circle starts to thaw out, releasing carbon dioxide that has been trapped in it for millennia into our atmosphere, thereby warming our planet at an even faster rate.

It now is clear that scientists' predictions that the effects of climate change were a distant prospect, for which we still had time to take appropriate action, have been vastly underestimated -- by a factor of decades.

Climate change is happening today. The devastating succession of hurricanes, wildfires, floods, and droughts of the past few years have wiped the earth clean of civilization wherever they have struck. Yes, in most instances we can rebuild (though the communities in the Florida Panhandle destroyed by Hurricane Michael in 2018 still look like war zones), but only at a huge cost -- and only until the next climate change-induced catastrophe strikes.

Greta Thunberg's future is not being imperiled. Her future is now the present.

It is the end of the world as we know it.

And unless we immediately and dramatically change our ways, we will not be fine (apologies to REM).

Forum



LETTERS to the Editor

THANK YOU FROM  
THE SUNSHINE  
STATE

Dear Editor,

Winthrop Marketplace expands to Florida!.....

Roberta Puritz-Hayes orders a cooked turkey dinner for her family gathering and has this to say about it:

I wanted to contact you first to let you know how fantastic everything was!! The food was yummy! Everything was packaged so well!! There were left overs for all- a perfect Thanks-giving!! Please give my best to everyone and thank them for me!! I love that we work together on this whenever it is held in Boston!! You are so wonderful to do business with!! I feel like you all are family!!

Wishing all of you a very happy holiday season!!

My very best,  
Robbie (Robbie) Puritz-Hayes

THANKS TO  
FRENCH SQUARE  
TRANSPLANTING  
VOLUNTEERS

Dear Editor,

Over the course of two sunny Saturdays, numerous perennial plants on the back berm in French Square were dug up, multi-separated into smaller clumps, packed, transported and replanted by two groups of garden helpers. On the first Saturday, Daylillies and large variety Hostas were relocated to prepared areas at the top of the Walden St parking area, and at the berm at EB Newton, sponsored by Speaker DeLeo and Sen. Boncore. Many thanks for their hard work to Blaine O'Donnell of

O'Donnell landscaping, Town Council member Rich Ferrino, resident Marc Chapdelaine and his two youngsters, Betsy Shane of the Chamber, Suzanne and Rob from the DPW (with thanks also to DPW's Steve Calla and Sean Ferron and their crews for their hard work in prepping this hilly area), and this writer. Marc was also very thorough in cleaning up the berm and grass area, with four big bags of debris, and Steve Calla with its pick-up.

A couple of weeks later, on another favorable Saturday, some large clumps of variegated and tall grasses were likewise dug up, boxed, moved and replanted along the streetside planting edge of the Walden Street lot. Because of the volunteers that showed up, the many hands and the smaller area to plant, the transplanting went very quickly. And thanks again to Betsy Shane, who arranged for Jason Tallent, from the Harbor City Church, who in turn brought his daughter Olivia and four energetic visitors from a Kentucky congregation (Addy Howard, Margie Mason, retired firefighter Darryll Mason, and Grant Richeson) who were all pleased to give of their time on another pleasant afternoon. With cold weather on the way, the plants won't look like much until late next spring, when it should be a transforming display.

Extra plants from these moves are being healed in at the DPW. A plant installation around the WW1 memorial at the EB Newton is being reviewed by the Historic Commission for providing a suitable bed honoring the memory of those

long gone, but whose sacrifice has left its enduring measure. More work needs to be done with the moving the plants in Sabrina's Garden; and the benches and plaques, some of which have been claimed by donors. But that process will be completed after the Holidays, and with favorable weather. Other hardscape elements will also be relocated for re-use later. I and all the workers are grateful for resident and town support in this process.

Frank M. Costantino  
Founder, Beautification  
Committee  
Designer, French Square

LOOKING AT  
THE ELECTION

Dear Editor,

The Town Election on Tuesday, November 5th produced some interesting and surprising results.

First, Tracey Honan is the new power in Winthrop politics given her outstanding vote total. She not only received more votes than Philip Boncore and Robert DeMarco for the Town Council. She, also, received more votes than any other candidate who ran in town-wide contests for School Committee, Library Trustee and Housing Authority. She will be a strong force for a new way of doing things in Town government.

Second, in the race for Precinct Two Town Councilor, incumbent James Letterie received 307 votes to John Munson's 194 and Kurt Millar's 120. It is worth noting that the votes for Munson and Millar, combined at 314, were more than those for Letterie. In a short race, due to

Letterie jumping back into the Precinct Two seat after declaring that he would run for Town Council President, Munson in particular, and Millar, did quite well with their message for change. A longer campaign, or a single challenger, might have produced a different result.

Third, School Committee Chair Valentino "Tino" Capobianco had to be disappointed with his second-place finish to Augustus "Gus" Martucci. It appears that Capobianco, who has expressed an interest in seeking higher office in the future, was hurt by the opposition of the Winthrop teachers who are upset with negotiations over a new contract.

Fourth, in the race for Housing Authority, incumbents Richard Honan and Frank Ferrara were re-elected as expected. Housing Authority tenant Marie Matarazzo made a good showing in third place, particularly with her position that one of the members of the board should be a tenant.

Fifth, in the contested race for Library Trustee, there were five candidates for three positions. Incumbent Ronald Bergman was elected along with Denise LoConte and Nancy Giuffre. In somewhat of a surprise, town government gadfly John "Jack" Dowd came in fourth place despite being listed first on the ballot.

Finally, in the single ballot question, voters approved the zoning law banning a marijuana facility in Winthrop, although the margin may have surprised many interested citizens.

William Schmidt

GUEST OP-ED

I support Ed Markey for U.S. Senate

Recently my friend (and my City Councilor), Matt O'Malley penned a few words in the Gazette with respect to Joe Kennedy's candidacy for the U.S. Senate. Perhaps for the first time since Matt took office, I will respectfully disagree with him.

I support Ed Markey for a host of reasons. Let me explain.

I agree that change can't wait. There is much talk of change in these challenging days, and much of that talk is perfectly sensible and absolutely right. We need to advance a progressive policy agenda that expands opportunity, defends civil rights, protects our envi-

ronment, upholds the rule of law, and strengthens our democracy, just for starters. Sometimes the scope of change we need can seem staggering, but right here in Massachusetts, the solution is blessedly simple. The single most important thing we can do in Massachusetts to advance all the progressive causes we care about is to make sure Ed Markey continues to fight hard on the floor of the United States Senate, and continues to lead with a moral compass and rare prescience that prove his extraordinary legislative record was not earned by standing by while others showed the way. In short,

the best way to get change is to keep Ed Markey in the United States Senate.

Though Ed Markey is best known today as the Co-author of the Green New Deal, along with Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, we must remember two things: first, the Green New Deal goes far beyond climate change, and second, he has been leading in more ways than can be covered in an opinion piece that does not demand hours from its readers. Ed Markey helped get assault weapons off our streets. He has worked for a sustainable, innovation economy that expands opportunities for all. His laws put historic fuel economy

standards in place. His work is the reason we have appliance efficiency standards. He stands up to the NRA each and every day. Long before the Green New Deal was written, he was the first to speak on a national platform about the dangers of climate change, only two years after the technology to measure climate change became available.

The Green New Deal is a beautiful document. If you haven't read it, please do. It's brief, clear, and provides the path for all the progressive goals we're fighting for. It's about climate change, but it's also about social and economic justice. It's about

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# WINTHROP Then and Now

Winthrop Improvement and Historical Association

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

## ART 904 – ORIENT HEIGHTS RAILROAD STATION - PART TWO



Last week we reviewed the development of this station from its initial 1875 appearance thru the 1913 construction of the “Frank Scarpa” bridge built to convey vehicular traffic on Saratoga Street over the train tracks. This week the further changes to this railroad intersection from 1913 until it closed in 1940 will be discussed. Picture #1 (taken in 1925) depicts the former Orient Heights Station with a full length set of seven steps added from the building down to the tracks which had been lowered to provide adequate height for the trains to pass under the new bridge. Picture #2 was taken a minute later when a train had just pulled into the station. Note that both pictures show the same group of people standing on the middle of the bridge. This train was one of the Narrow Gauge Line that went around the nine station loop of track then existing in Winthrop. It then proceeded from Orient Heights to the ferry boats for the commute to Boston. In 1928 power poles were installed on both side of the tracks and wires were strung over the entire line as it was converted from steam operation to electrification in an effort to cut operational costs. Our beloved Narrow Gauge Railroad continued to run for another dozen

years before the financial losses became so severe that the line had to be shut down. The last train to make the run was on Jan. 27, 1940. Picture #3 depicts the tracks being removed shortly thereafter. The rails were probably given as scrap iron to the WWII war effort. Picture #4 shows the station being dismantled. The empty road bed remained unused for about 10 years and passengers were transported by trolley cars or buses which ran on Bennington Street to the ferry slips. When the present train line with standard gauge tracks was installed, the cars had to be reduced in width to be able to pass through the original Narrow Gauge tunnels that still existed near the ferry terminals. Standard gauge tracks, which replaced the 3 foot-narrow gauge tracks, are 4 foot, 8 ½ inches between rails and are used throughout the U.S.A., England and much of Europe. Derived from the ruts in the early roads built by Imperial Rome some 2000 years ago for the Roman legions, the distance between the rails related to the axle length on the chariots require to accommodate the two horses that pulled them. Yes, our railroad system of today has a track gauge based on the width of two old Roman horses.

For those who would like to learn more about these various local railroad lines, the following four references are excellent.

1. A book titled “Narrow Gauge - The Story of the Boston, Revere Beach and Lynn Railroad” by Robert N. Stanley 1980
2. A Video on the Winthrop Narrow Gauge Railroad Titled “The Recollections of Miss Elizabeth Burroughs” - sponsored by the Winthrop Library, administered by the Winthrop Arts Lottery Council and produced by Don Simonini 1988
3. A student activity book - “The Winthrop Then & Now Narrow Gauge Railroad Book 201”
4. The “Winthrop Then & Now Historical Mapping of Winthrop Book” contains several maps that depict our railroad line as it appeared at various periods of time from 1876 thru 1913. Copies of the last two may be obtained from the Winthrop Marketplace, 35 Revere St., Century 21 Seacoast Office at Revere St. & Crest Ave., Elliot Whittier Insurance on Revere Street, the Winthrop Book Depot & Café on Somerset Avenue, the Winthrop Improvement and Historical Association, or by contacting this writer at 8462901.



# THE MORE Things Change ...

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

### 20 years ago Nov. 11, 1999

The Advisory Committee has recommended favorable action on most of the articles for the upcoming Special Town Meeting, but has recommended that \$68,000 of the \$622,500 available to be spent be placed into the free cash account.

The selectmen have named Daniel Keyes to the position of Treasurer/Collector. Keyes, a resident of Springfield, has been asked to move to the town by the selectmen.

Proponents of preserving the Willis School made their case to the School Building Committee, even though the town already has committed to building a new elementary school in place of the Willis, which will be torn down.

The Winthrop Playmakers’ production of Grease opened to full houses this past weekend.

“The Insider,” “Pokemon: The First Movie,” and “Fight Club” are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

### 40 years ago Nov. 14, 1979

Vandalism, housebreaks, and car thefts kept Winthrop Police busy this week. All 16 of the glass windows and the glass door at the new professional building at 57 Putnam St. were smashed with boulders. Three more housebreaks were reported.

Town Building Inspector Richard Ferrara said this week that the town should amend the by-law that prohibits outdoor porches from being enclosed in order to promote energy efficiency.

The increased costs of c. 766 education are escalating far beyond what originally was forecast by the legislature when it enacted the legislation mandating special education by every school district.

The annual Ball of the Winthrop Hospital once again was a great success.

“Breaking Away” is playing at the Kincade Theatre.

### 50 years ago Nov. 13, 1969

The will of the late George Hyde has revealed that he has bequeathed to the

town the sum of \$355,000 for the purpose of expanding the Frost Public Library, which itself was the result of a gift at the turn of the century. According to Town Treasurer Myer Brill, Hyde’s gift is the largest ever made to the town.

A fire at 140 Shirley St. has left two families homeless.

Police are investigating the shooting of a dog by a gun-toting male at Ft. Banks last Saturday.

The Sun-Transcript has moved its office from 203 Winthrop St. to its new building at 195 Winthrop St.

Recreation Commission members Bill Kincade, Frank Elkins, Herbert Marcus, and Burton Corkhum have asked the selectmen not to demolish the old Centre School building, but rather to use the wooden structure as a youth center.

Peter O’Toole and Katharine Hepburn star in “The Lion in Winter” at the newly renovated and renamed Winthrop Cinema.

### 60 years ago Nov. 12, 1959

Approximately 50 persons were forced to evacuate the Wadsworth Block because of a bomb scare. The hoaxer called Mrs. Marie Tascomb at the Metcalfe Sportswear Co. at 220 Win-

throp Street and, after using foul and abusive language, told her, “You’d better get out of there -- there is a bomb in the building.”

The new Charge It credit card plan to be offered by local businesses in conjunction with the Essex Trust Co. of Lynn to local residents will start Monday. The service will allow Winthrop shoppers the convenience of using one credit card, with one monthly bill and one monthly payment, regardless of how many stores they shop at.

With the Boston newspaper strike in full swing, the Sun-Transcript now is publishing a rundown of national and international news from the wire services.

Isiaore Cutler is the new President of the Congregation Tifereth Israel.

Health Officer Ralph Sirianni has warned litter-bugs that littering is a violation of local and state law and carries fines.

Steve Cochrane and Mamie Van Doren star in “The Beat Generation” at the Winthrop Theatre.

### 70 years ago Nov. 10, 1949

A new traffic plan will take effect in the Centre, with Read, Beal, and Lincoln Sts., as well as Wadsworth and Woodside Avenues, all becoming one-way, in hopes of alleviating the muddled traffic conditions in the Centre.

Arthur Sullivan has been elected to the Board of Assessors by a vote of 4-1 of the members of the Board of Selectmen and Board of Assessors. He will fill the slot recently left vacant by the death of Michael Grimes.

The Maverick Radio and Furniture Co. advertises a DuMont 19-inch console television set for \$630.

The razing of the old Fiske Estate at the corner of Pleasant and Main Sts. to make way for veterans housing has brought back many fond memories for long-time residents. Although some say that the 13-room mansion was built in the 1840s and others say it was built after the Civil War, it was occupied by the Fiske family until 1929, when Henry Fiske, a prominent Winthrop civic leader

who bought the house in the 1890s, passed away. His family moved out of Winthrop shortly thereafter, but his widow refused to sell it out of sentimental reasons, and it has remained boarded up for the past 20 years, a “haunted house” to the schoolchildren in the neighborhood. In its heyday, the home boasted a mahogany and marble vestibule and a library of gum wood (the first time gum wood was introduced to this country). On the grounds were cottages for summer guests, a hothouse, a large pond with rustic bridges, a waterfall issuing from a stone cave, and a 35-foot Japanese pagoda on an island in the middle of the largest pond on the property.

### 80 years ago Nov. 11, 1939

Although the Narrow Gauge Railroad has reported a loss of \$65,000 for the current year, local residents are wondering if there is any way that the railroad can be saved. Lynn and Revere, which also are served by the Narrow Gauge, reportedly are interested in pursuing a plan to save the railroad, which is the primary source for public transportation in the three communities. The Narrow Gauge presently is in federal bankruptcy court and its

shutdown is rumored to be imminent.

A total of 23 states will observe Thanksgiving this year.

Barbara Stanwyck, Adolphe Menjou, and William Holden star in “Golden Boy” at the Winthrop and State theaters.

### 90 years ago Nov. 16, 1929

A large crowd of invited guests, including former pastors, joined the general public for the laying of the cornerstone of the new Methodist Episcopal church in Metcalfe Square that will be replacing the present 60-year-old edifice. Ten members of the church who were present for the laying of the cornerstone of the original church also were on hand for the ceremonies. The new church will accommodate up to 500 pupils for Sunday school and will be ready for occupancy on May 1, 1930.

Winthrop Post 146, American Legion, celebrated the 11th anniversary of Armistice Day with gal party.

The Winthrop Sun calls for new traffic regulations, traffic lights, and stop signs throughout the town. With an estimated 3,500 motor vehicles operating daily in Winthrop, traffic has gotten out of hand and public safety is a major concern.

### 100 years ago Nov. 15, 1919

With the employees of the Narrow Gauge Railroad demanding a large wage increase -- many wives of the train company’s employees reportedly have had to go to work to support their families because of their husbands’ inadequate salaries -- a temporary fare increase from seven to eight cents has been approved by the State Dept. of Public Utilities until the commission makes a final decision on the railroad’s request for a fare increase of 10 cents.

With the town having rejected the request by the School Dept. for funds to pay for a school nurse, the local Red Cross has stepped in and will provide a full-time nurse for the local schools.

A big crowd was drawn to Shore Drive to view the damage caused by the big storm last week that has left Shore Drive and the road to Pt. Shirley all but impassable.

### 110 years ago Nov. 13, 1909

The Winthrop Woman’s Club has arranged for a series of lectures and entertainment programs to be given in the assembly hall of the high school over the next six months.

School lunches for the children feature vegetable soup and fish chowder for six cents and chopped egg and chopped ham sandwiches for 3 cents. Ice cream is 5 cents.

Townpeople continue to be amazed at the manner in which the 300 voters who attended the Town Meeting unanimously approved the funds for the purchase of the land for the new playground just west of Shore Drive without any of the rancor and hostility that typically accompany such matters before Town Meeting.

The only two officeholders who still are Republicans in Suffolk County after the recent election at Sheriff Seavey and the the Clerk of the Supreme Judicial Court.



FRESH & LOCAL

Beans Beyond Chili

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

As we all try to use less processed, more local, sustainable, fresher, and diversified food products, you may not realize that the humble bean can be all these things.

Farmers markets or high quality food shops may have Baer’s Best beans grown in Massachusetts. This farm produces about 20 varieties of heirloom and specialty beans. We’ve purchased these at farmers markets and at Russo’s in Watertown. We’ve also bought dry beans from other farms who add one or two varieties to their offerings.

A larger West Coast company preserving food diversity with heritage beans is Rancho Gordo. Formaggio South End has these, and we feel they are

worth the difference in price to get a very fresh, superior product. We also highly recommend the company’s book, “*Heirloom Beans: Great Recipes for Dips and Spreads, Soups and Stews, Salads and Salsas, and Much More from Rancho Gordo.*” It’s our bean bible and much used reference.

**Beans in Your Pantry**

While there are many wonderful recipes for bean salads and grain bowls that are perfect on warmer days, most of us think of filling, hearty winter fare when we think of beans. While dried beans are good keepers, you should only buy them in places that will turn them over quickly. Old beans don’t have the flavor or ability to soften that fresher ones have.

For a quick resource,

we’ve switched from cans of cooked beans to the boxed options. A quick check of the ingredient list, as you shop, will help you find a box of cooked beans that is organic and has no added salt. Our objection to the tinned type was the detection of a metallic taste that caused us to rinse the beans and waste the rich bean broth.

**Nutrition and Health Benefits**

Dried beans are seeds and like most seeds are packed with nutrition. The nutrition data provided for pinto beans by Self magazine says, “This food is very low in saturated fat and cholesterol. It is also a good source of protein, phosphorus and manganese, and a very good source of dietary fiber and folate.”

They also give this bean



When a gardening friend brought us a pile of kale, we turned it into beans and greens with Italian sausage, garlic, fennel, cannellini beans, and a shower of Parmesan.

a 96 out of 100 score on the quality of the protein the food provides. If you add a grain to the meal, you can have a complete protein. What’s more, beans are high in soluble fiber which helps you feel full, improves digestion, and reduces cholesterol and blood sugar levels.

**Cooking with Beans**

We come down on the side of soaking beans to rehydrate them before they are cooked in fresh water with a selection of favorite aromatics added to the cooking pot. We like a bit of garlic, lemon zest, thinly sliced onion, and a good glug of olive oil for beans we’ll store in the refrigerator

in their cooking liquid and use throughout the week.

Our beans are turned into quick soups, salads, grain bowls, and spreads. They are added to greens sautéed with garlic and olive oil. Soaked, dried beans can be braised in the oven with a medley of vegetables and perhaps a few chicken thighs for a meal for two or a pot luck for twenty.

Over the years, in good times and bad, beans have nourished people across the world. We certainly love a good bowl of chili, but this winter try exploring the options for this inexpensive, easy to love food with preparations from other cultures and other times.

*Do you have a question or topic for Fresh & Local? Send an email to Penny@BostonZest.com with your suggestion.*

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ticularly true for walkers. Anything we can do to make it safer and more convenient for kids to walk to school is a win for the entire community- especially for our youngest residents- and this grant does exactly that,” said Wallerice. “I’m

grateful that Winthrop is a Safe Routes to School partner and hope we can take even greater advantage of the benefits and opportunities it offers like this one!”

Resident, parent and active community member, Kay O’Dwyer partnered

with Wallerice to write the grant and School Superintendent Lisa Howard, Town Manager Austin Faison, DPW Director Steve Calla, Police Chief Terence Delahanty, all signed off on the project.

“We have applied for

the Safe Routes to School Signs and Line Program Grant and are grateful to have received \$6,000 in funding to be allocated for the purpose of updating signage to increase the visibility of key crossing sections on Kennedy Drive,” said

School Superintendent Lisa Howard. “This grant funding will allow for new/updated signs to be purchased along Kennedy Drive, at no cost to the Town, and improve visibility for drivers as they travel on this heavily utilized road. The

School Department will work closely with the DPW to determine the type and placement of the new signs to further support the safety of our students and families as they travel to and from the Gorman Fort Banks School.”

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creating a sustainable, green economy that guarantees jobs with a family-sustaining wage. It’s about retirement security, and affordable, safe, adequate housing. It’s about repairing and upgrading our criminally neglected infrastructure. It’s about social justice.

Yes, change can’t wait, but the change we need requires that we keep our top talent, our leaders who know the most about leadership. Nowhere in government does experience matter more than in a legislative body, and nowhere in our government do we

need the strongest response to the GOP than in the United States Senate. We will need a steady, experienced hand to take on the GOP next year, no matter how many seats Democrats win or lose. If the Democrats retake the Senate, and recent polls suggests that dream

has a shot, Ed Markey’s seniority will make him even more powerful. If the Republicans hold onto their majority, we need someone with as much legislative experience as possible, who’ll know the smartest, strongest ways to fight back. Ed Markey has paid his dues,

proving repeatedly that his ahead-of-the curve leadership will continue to deliver to advance progressive causes in Massachusetts, across the country, and around the world. Don’t tell me it’s time for him to go. He’s done more for Massachusetts than most

of us will ever know. These are the times Ed Markey has worked for his entire life, and he’s never been in a better position to deliver. It’s time to keep Ed Markey in the United States Senate.

*Lawrence S. DiCara is former President of the Boston City Council.*

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# Sports

## Middle School brings back cross country track, first season a success

By Kate Anslinger

This year was the first time in a long time that the Winthrop Middle School had a Cross Country Track team, and so far, the program is proving to be a success. Last Wednesday, the team of 53 athletes, celebrated the end of their first season. After competing in seven dual meets, three which were at home at Deer Island, and four on the road, the team had a lot to celebrate. On October 30th, WMS participated in the Northeast Conference Meet, competing against seven other schools, and placing high amongst their peers. Seventh-grader, April Ferguson came in the top 12 in the female division, out of 177 racers, and sixth grader Noah Bayers-

dorfer placed 12th out of 211 in the male division.

"Each and every one of you made this season successful," said Coach Mike Kirby. "I'm hoping you all realize how much you improved over the season."

After years of having no middle school track team, the co-ed cross country team was launched with the combined efforts of the school committee, Principal Curley, Winthrop High School Athletic Director Matt Serino, Coach Adam Crombie, Coach Mike Kirby, and Extracurricular Activities Director, Vasili Mallios. The team trained three days a week, with meets on Wednesdays. A co-ed spring Track and Field team is planned for the spring of 2020.



The Middle School Track Team poses for a team picture.



Coach Adam Crombie and Coach Mike Kirby present the Coach's Award to Treven Williams.



Coach Adam Crombie and Coach Mike Kirby present the Coach's Award to April Ferguson.

### WHS SPORTS Roundup

#### WHS FOOTBALL TEAM RUNS PAST ARLINGTON CATHOLIC; HOSTS GR. LOWELL FRIDAY

Bobby Hubert rushed for 137 yards and scored three touchdowns, including a 72-yard jaunt, to power the Winthrop High football team to a 34-20 victory over Arlington Catholic last Friday evening at Miller Field. Hubert was the predominant weapon of the night for a Viking offensive attack that pounded the ball for 304 yards on the ground and added another 55 through the air.

In addition to Bobby H.'s prolific performance, other key contributors to the Winthrop cause were Tyler Rockefeller, who ran for 80 yards on nine carries that included a burst of 40 yards and a touchdown, and Chris Ferrara, who logged 54 yards on four attempts, including a rumble for 43 yards.

Ryan Hovermale accounted for the fifth Winthrop TD when he went over from the one yard line.

The Winthrop aerial game kept Arlington Catholic honest with an efficient 4-for-8 effort on the night. Mike Chaves went 3-for-6 for 31 yards and Hubert pitched 1-for-2 for 24 yards.

On the defensive side of the ball, Rockefeller was a one-man wrecking crew, taking down AC ballcarriers 15 times to lead the Vikings in the tackling department and earn the weekly Black Shirt Award from the coaching staff for his defensive prowess.

Senior Billy Hubert turned in a second straight powerful performance at nose tackle and junior line-

backer Steve Perullo was all over the field throughout the evening tracking down AC runners.

The Viking special teams also had a big night, blocking two punts, one each by Bobby Hubert and Perullo, with Bobby H. throwing in a blocked PAT for good measure.

After the teams traded touchdowns to start the game, the Vikings struck for two unanswered scores before the end of the half to take a 20-6 advantage into the locker room. All three of the first-half TDs were scored by Bobby Hubert.

Rockefeller crossed the AC goal line in the third period to put the game out of reach. When AC closed the gap to 27-14, Hovermale added his TD in the final period for the coup de grace.

"Overall, we played well," said WHS head coach Jon Cadigan of his team's performance. "Our offensive line did a great job all night to pave the way for our runners to rush for over 300 yards. However, we could have played better on the defensive side."

Cadigan and his crew, who now stand at 3-6 on the season, will face a stern battle this week when they entertain Greater Lowell Tech in the final edition of the 2019 season of Friday Night Lights at Miller Field.

Greater Lowell was the second-seeded team in the Division 6 North Sectional of the state football playoffs.

"Greater Lowell is a good team," said Cadigan. "This will be a tough test for us against a school that was rated in the top tier of our division."

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# OBITUARIES

## Joseph Kevin Kearns

Retiree of Winthrop DPW and Pipe Fitters Union



Joseph Kevin Kearns of Winthrop passed away suddenly on Nov. 8. He was 68 years old.

Born in Winthrop, the son of the late Robert J. and Marie L. (DiBiase) Kearns, Kevin, as he was affectionately known, was a U.S. Army Veteran who served in the Vietnam War from 1971 to 1973. Prior to his retirement, he was working for the Pipe Fitters Union-Local 6. Kevin also worked for the Town of Winthrop DPW.

Kevin was the devoted father of the late Joseph A. Kearns, dear brother of Daniel J. Kearns and his wife, Deborah of Winthrop, Kathleen M. D'Ambrosio and her late husband, Thomas of Reading, Teresa

A. Holland and her husband, David of Rutland and Robert J. Kearns of Nashua, N.H. He was also survived by several nieces, nephews and great nephews.

Visiting hours will be held in the Maurice W. Kirby Funeral Home, 210 Winthrop St., Winthrop today, Thursday, Nov. 14 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. followed by a Funeral Service in the funeral home beginning at 11:30 a.m. Relatives and friends are invited. Interment will follow in Winthrop Cemetery (Belle Isle Section). In lieu of flowers, donations in his name can be made to the Viking Pride Foundation, Inc. PO Box 520037, Winthrop, MA. 02152.

For guestbook, please visit: [www.mauricekirbyfh.com](http://www.mauricekirbyfh.com).

## Rita Pizzi

Woman of deep faith

Rita M. (Kirk) Pizzi, 87, passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday, Nov. 6 at the Don Orione Home, East Boston.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. John the Evangelist Church, Winthrop. Interment was in Holy Cross Cemetery, Malden.

Rita was a lifelong resident of East Boston, a member of the Star of the Sea Parish and St. Mary's graduating class of 1950. On Nov. 11, 1951, Rita married her only love, Thomas "Johnny" Pizzi at Star of the Sea. In the years to follow, she was blessed to be the mother of five children. It was very important that she raised her children with a strong faith in God and to have a Catholic education.

Rita was a dedicated mother and wife. She was very involved in school activities, a den mother in the Cub Scouts and proud to drive the East Boston High Cheerleaders in the Columbus Day Parades.

Rita was a mother who led by example and her children were very proud of her. Rita's faith was paramount and she demonstrated it daily. She was an active parishioner at Star of the Sea Parish. In later years, she became a devotee of the Most Holy Redeemer Parish in East Boston and St. John the Evangelist in Winthrop.

Prayer was as important to Rita as taking a breath. Rita would always greet you with a warm embrace promising her prayers for you, truly a woman of God. Her deep faith allowed her to have peace in any situation, because she believed in the power of prayer.

After her children were grown, she began a working career at Boston Logan International Airport. Rita loved to cook for holidays and special occasions. She truly enjoyed knitting and crocheting beautiful afghans, quilts, hats and scarves for winter and often gave them as gifts. Rita always cherished every family gathering with her

## Nina Viscio

Of Winthrop

Nina (Pastore) Viscio of Winthrop passed away peacefully on Nov. 10 surrounded by her loving family.

She was the devoted mother of Denise Viscio and Christopher Viscio and his wife, Jennifer, all of Winthrop and the late Carolyn Viscio; dear sister of Paul Pastore and Hope Pastore and cherished grandmother of Christopher and Adrianna.

She is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews. Family and friends will

honor Nina's life by gathering at Woodlawn Cemetery Chapel, Elm St., Everett for a 1 p.m. Memorial Service on Monday, Nov. 18 at Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett in celebration of Nina's life.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to the Multiple Myeloma Fund at the Dana Farber Cancer Research Center 10 Brookline Place, West Sixth floor, Brookline MA 02445 or the American Alzheimer's Association. For more information, visit [ruggieromh.com](http://ruggieromh.com)

## Thomas Hickey, Jr.

Retired commission broker

Services and interment were held for Thomas F. Hickey, Jr., who died on Sunday, Oct. 13 following a long illness at the Don Orione Nursing Home in East Boston.

Born and raised in East Boston, he graduated from Boston English High School, Class of 1954.

Thomas spent most of his working career as a commission broker. He lived in Las Vegas, Nev., for many years, before returning to Boston and living in Winthrop for over 20 years.

He was the beloved son of the late Thomas F. Hickey Sr. and Helene Jeannette

(Buckley) Hickey; the cherished brother of Charles E. Hickey and his wife, Pamela of Saugus and the late Francis P. Hickey and his late wife, Jan of Morrow, Georgia. He is also lovingly survived by many cousins, by the Hurley Family of Crest Ave in Beachmont, Revere and by many nieces and nephews.

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## Edithanne Hoppe

Longtime Winthrop resident

Edithanne (Joyce) Hoppe, a resident of Winthrop for nearly 60 years, passed away peacefully on Nov. 1 at the West Revere Health Center after a long illness. She was 81 years old.

Edithanne was a Winthrop High School graduate where she very much enjoyed being a drum major for the high school marching band. After graduation, she went on to work in Boston for many successful years.

Edithanne leaves behind her three children, Carole Priddle and her husband, David of Pepperell, Robert J. Hoppe of Ft. Myers, Fla., and Steven A. Hoppe and his wife, Lisa (Laurano)

of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. She had the pleasure of having four grandchildren: David, Burt and Carl Priddle and Rob Garon. She also had one great-grandchild, Camryn Priddle and also leaves behind her sister, Margaret Wobbema of North Dakota.

A visiting hour will be held in the Maurice W. Kirby Funeral Home, 210 Winthrop St., Winthrop, on Saturday, Nov. 16, from 11 a.m. to noon followed by a Memorial Service to take place in the funeral home beginning at noon. Relatives and friends are invited to attend. Interment will follow in Winthrop Cemetery. For guestbook, please visit: [www.mauricekirbyfh.com](http://www.mauricekirbyfh.com).

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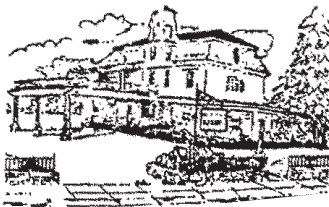
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the parking lot is still making money.

“Usage is down,” he said. “At this point, we’re not anticipating making those initial estimates we received from Encore. It is a fluid situation and we’re adjusting accordingly... Through the end of September, we received a net in excess of \$400,000.”

Demas said he didn’t have official numbers yet for October when parking became free for everyone the whole month, but he did say the parking lot made money over the Oct. 19-20 weekend.

“We still collected \$6,000 over that weekend,” he said. “People are still parking there, but not to the extent we thought they would. Encore’s parking is getting full, so we do see an increased usage of our lot during the busy times at Encore on Thursday through Sunday. So, we’re still getting revenues.”

Mayor Carlo DeMaria said he is still encouraged by the lot, as he was a big proponent of operating it for the interim. He said they are still paying taxes on it, still intend to develop it, and the City isn’t losing any money.

“We aren’t seeing as much money on the parking as we thought we’d see,” said the mayor. “They are still paying taxes on the property, and we are still seeing some good money for that. They only have three years to operate that lot. They’re moving on to the next phase of re-development of that parking lot and all the property they purchased from Dexter to Beacham. We’re anticipating reviewing some new development in there in the next few years.”

Demas said they are exploring right now the idea of leasing spaces to businesses in the area that need parking – particularly during the slower periods.

“The mayor is looking to maximize those revenue opportunities,” he said.

## ZONING BOARD DENIES PROJECT

EVERETT - The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) unanimously denied a variance request that would have allowed for the conversion of a dilapidated single-story home to an eight-unit apartment building at 126 Ferry St.

The new building would have sat next to a 17-unit apartment building currently being renovated by the owner, according to Anthony Rossi, the attorney for the project.

The variances being sought for the building included rear, side, and front setbacks, but the biggest hold up appeared to be the lack of parking spaces for the project. Under zoning regulations, 16 spots were required for the six two-bedroom and two one-bedroom market-rate units, but there was no parking proposed on site.

“I know there are concerns about parking, but there are three spots that can be rented at the other building (being renovated by the owner),” said Rossi.

Rossi also noted that the building on Ferry Street is near public transportation and bus routes and would appeal to tenants who do not necessarily own cars. He said the owner would also agree to conditions in the ZBA decision in which tenants of 126 Ferry St. would not be able to get on-street parking stickers from the city.

“My concern is parking,” said Arlington Street resident Kathy Getchell. “You can’t tell someone that is renting that they are not going to have a parking spot. Residents will park on the street.”

However, Getchell said

she would find the project more acceptable if there was a condition that residents wouldn’t be able to get parking stickers.

ZBA member Michael Dantone asked if there was any chance the size of the project could be reduced.

Rossi noted that the owner, Luisa Bedoya, spent a considerable amount on the neighboring property, as well as 126 Ferry St., and is making a sizeable investment in the properties, but that she would be willing to reduce the project to six units if it was the Board’s will.

According to city assessing records, Bedoya purchased 126 Ferry St. last year for \$200,000. She bought 114-124 Ferry St. in 2017 for \$2.8 million.

“We’re willing to take a story off and do four two-bedrooms and two one-bedrooms,” said Rossi. “We could do that and still have a nice project.”

Dantone made a motion to grant the variances for 126 Ferry St. with the conditions that no city parking stickers be issued for residents, and that the project be reduced by one floor, eliminating two units, but the variances were unanimously rejected by the Board.

The applicant can appeal the decision to the state.

•Many of the residents attending Monday night’s meeting went home early, as several projects on the agenda were tabled to future meetings, including projects at 31-33 School St. and a controversial one at 295 Chelsea St.

•The ZBA also denied a special permit to convert a two-story home to a three-story home on Bennett Street after the applicant failed to show up for the second hearing in a row.

## ENCORE TO PROVIDE WATER SHUTTLE TO EAST BOSTON

EAST BOSTON - Although East Boston voters overwhelmingly rejected building a resort-style casino in the neighborhood’s backyard at Suffolk Downs in 2013, Encore Boston Harbor will make it easier for residents wishing to visit the casino in Everett.

Encore announced last week that it will add an Eastie stop to the casino’s water shuttle route. The cost of taking the water shuttle to Encore will cost \$7 one-way. The shuttle will be complimentary for Encore’s Red Card members.

“Due to the incredible success we’ve seen with our free self-parking, we have decided to expand our complimentary offerings to our mass transit options as well,” said Brian Gullbrants, President of Encore Boston Harbor. “We hope this continues to show our patrons how thankful we are to be Greater Boston’s hometown casino.”

According to Gullbrant, harbor shuttle service is now \$7 one-way, with guests receiving a \$7 food and beverage credit to use at the resort. Patrons who make use of this voucher will also receive a complimentary one-way ticket for the harbor shuttle.

The new Eastie route will begin daily service at the World Trade Center starting at noon and will travel to The Reelhouse, located at 6 New St., before proceeding to Encore. An additional harbor shuttle route will start at Long Wharf at 11:45 a.m. and will travel directly to Encore Boston Harbor.

The new water shuttle is another step towards making Boston and surrounding waterfront neighborhoods more reliant on water transportation than driving.



PHOTOS BY KOUYOUJIAN

**Cardinal Sean O’Malley, the Roman Catholic archbishop of Boston, says a special Mass at the 150th Anniversary of Our Lady of the Assumption Church in East Boston. Shown right, a large crowd came out to Our Lady of the Assumption Church for the special commemorative Mass.**

Already, the Reelhouse runs a free water taxi from its restaurant in Eastie to the Charlestown Navy Yard.

Also, Boston Harbor Now will soon begin ferry service in Eastie with a stop at Lewis Wharf with stops in the North End and Charlestown.

Encore features 210,000 square-feet of gaming space including more than 3,000 slot machines and 240 table games. Situated on the Mystic River in Everett, and connected to Boston Harbor, Encore Boston Harbor also boasts 671 spacious hotel rooms, a spa, salon and fitness center, specialty retail shops, 15 dining and lounge venues and more than 50,000 square feet of ballroom and meeting spaces. The grounds feature a six-acre Harborwalk with pedestrian and bicycle paths that provide access to the waterfront, an event lawn, public art and ornate floral displays. It is the largest private, single-phase development in the history of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

## EAST BOSTON COMPANY HONORED

EAST BOSTON - An East Boston maritime company was honored last week at the State House during the Annual Manufacturing Award Ceremony sponsored by the Legislature’s Manufacturing Caucus.

Blue Atlantic Fabricators located at the Boston Shipyard and Marina on Marginal Street was one of 77 manufacturers that were recognized for truly “making it” in Massachusetts.

The ceremony honored the manufacturers and showcased their innovative and revolutionary manufacturing capabilities and products. The event included companies who make specialty and custom tools, decorative glass, baby products, marine robotics, gaskets, vacuum and cryogenic equipment, headwear apparel, custom scoliosis and spinal orthotic fabrication, medical devices, plant-based bioplastic products, and even chicken nuggets and fresh-milled flour.

Blue Atlantic Fabricators specializes in quality steel and aluminum fabrication projects, focusing on maritime industry.

“I’m excited to recognize Blue Atlantic Fabricators as a Manufacturer of the Year,” said Rep. Madaro. “Blue Atlantic continues the storied tradition of mar-

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itime industry on the East Boston waterfront, providing jobs in the skilled trades for projects across Massachusetts. I am proud to have them as a member of our community. I congratulate Blue Atlantic on their success and I wish them all the best for the future and growth of their business”.

As more and more waterfront parcels are zoned out of Designated Port Areas (DPA) to make way for luxury housing in Boston Blue Atlantic Fabricators has been hoping to starve off the trend and remain a viable employer in Eastie.

Madaro recently toured Blue Atlantic Fabricators 20,000 square-foot manufacturing facility at the Boston Shipyard and Marina. The company, a subsidiary of Boston Harbor Cruises (BHC), employees 15 skilled workers. Three or four of the employees are Eastie residents and most of the 15 employees are making \$50,000 or more a year with benefits like health insurance and retirement.

The Blue Atlantic facility is located on the waterfront with deep water and heavy tonnage berthing access, making it ideally positioned to provide structural steel components to the emerging U.S. offshore wind industry constructors and developers, as well as being an optimal source for potential boat builds as BHC looks to expand its fleet.

“We had been using Blue Atlantic for seven or eight months to build A-Frames for our offshore division and saw a great opportunity to begin working together to try to get some of that work from the emerging offshore wind industry,” said BHC Principal Rick Nolan. “Production at Blue Atlantic is a shining example of the continuation of Boston’s working port as it was originally intended. It’s keeping a skilled trade in Massachusetts and, it allows for the next step in BHC’s ability to provide quality, local services and support to the growing east coast wind and energy market.”

Blue Atlantic General Manager Michael Julian said with just 15 skilled employees his company is doing work on around 1,500 tons of steel material each year but with the emerging offshore wind industry Blue Atlantic is poised to expand.

“Being in a DPA is very important to this endeavor,” said Julian. “I can easily

see us growing to around 60 to 70 employees if we are able to get some of this wind construction work. I can tell you our employees can handle a good amount of that work in this facility. “We are surrounded by luxury apartments here at the shipyard. There’s a lot of development and a lot of changing of the DPAs but is very important to us, the shipyard and the employees that work here to remain a working port.”

Formed in August 2014, the Manufacturing Caucus includes more than 60 legislators from around the Commonwealth. Lawmakers focus on training for manufacturing employees; encouraging innovation by helping start-ups access resources; and expanding apprenticeship opportunities in key manufacturing sectors.

“We recognized manufacturers who have had an impact on our economy, created jobs, and are contributing to the renaissance of manufacturing in our state,” said House Chair of the Legislature’s Manufacturing Caucus Rep. Jeffrey N. Roy (D - Franklin). “Massachusetts is positioned to be number one in manufacturing in the United States, and these companies are all a large part of our success story. And I am delighted that we had the opportunity to honor them and showcase their innovative and revolutionary manufacturing capabilities and products.”

## HOGAN WINS WARD 6 SEAT

LYNN - Anyone who watched Fred Hogan build the Lynn English girls basketball program in to an NEC powerhouse and Division 1 champion knows how competitive he is and how hard he works to be the best.

So when Cinda Danh, an outstanding candidate in her own right, came within 10 votes of Hogan in the preliminary election on Sept. 4, Hogan knew he had to step up his campaign over the next two months.

In fact, at his post-election party back in September, Hogan told his supporters point blank, “We have to continue to work hard – we have to pick up the pace and turn it up another notch.”

Hogan campaigned vigorously over the past two months, going door-to-door to speak with residents throughout Ward 6, all the

while serving his constituents as an effective city councillor and his continuing his citywide efforts as a community organizer.

The hard work of Hogan paid off as he received 718 votes to win re-election Tuesday. Dahn who also waged an excellent, grassroots campaign, received 648 votes.

Hogan celebrated his victory with supporters at the Brick Yard Bar and Grill. He pledged to continue to work hard every day on behalf of his constituents and thanked Danh for participating in an election process that was positive on both sides.

“We are Ward 6 working together to make Lynn a better place to live,” said Hogan. “I thank the voters for giving me the opportunity to represent them on the City Council.”

## BUZZY BARTON TOPS THE TICKET IN AT-LARGE ELECTION

Councillor-at-Large Buzzy Barton once again displayed his popularity with voters across the city, receiving 5,426 votes to top the ticket and win re-election.

All four incumbents received strong votes. Councillors-at-Large Hong Net (5,043), Brian LaPierre (4,974), and Brian Field (4,761 votes) were also re-elected to the Council.

Jose Encarnacion finished in fifth place with 2,409 votes followed by Lennin Ernesto Pena with 1,966 votes in seventh place, and Joel Hyppolite with 1,407 votes in eighth place.

### Incumbents Fare Well In Other Ward Races

In Ward 1, Councilor Wayne Lozzi received 1,579 votes to earn re-election to the City Council. Challenger William O’Shea received 1,283 votes.

Ward 2 Councilor Rick Starbard was unopposed in his bid for re-election. Starbard received 1,035 votes.

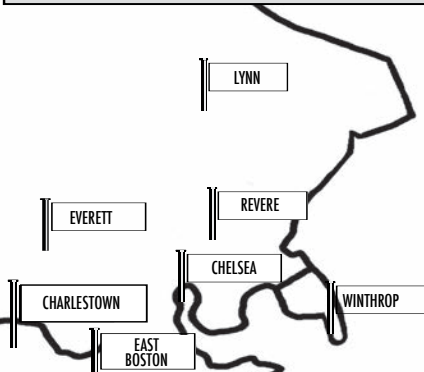
In Ward 3, Councilor Darren Cyr, the reigning council president, received 977 votes to defeat George Meimeteas, who received 559 votes.

In Ward 4, Councilor Richard Colucci, dean of the City Council, received 471 votes to defeat Natasha Megie-Maddrey, who received 301 votes.

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## THEATER REVIEW

# SpeakEasy Stage Company’s ADMISSIONS a timely masterpiece

By Sheila Barth

The timing for SpeakEasy Stage Company’s tense production of Joshua Harmon’s one-act, 1 hour 50-minute play, “Admissions,” couldn’t be more perfect. Educators, parents, students undergoing the college admissions process, and everyone else shouldn’t miss it.

Directed by SpeakEasy’s multi-award-winning artistic director Paul Daigneault, “Admissions” delivers realistic, non-stop excitement about a contemporary controversial subject, and lingers long after the terrific cast’s final bows.

The winner of the 2018 Drama Desk Award winner for Outstanding Play and Outer Critics Circle Award for Best Play builds non-stop momentum, targeting the fairness-unfairness of colleges’ acceptance of worthy students.

Set in pre-Christmas 2015/post-Easter 2016, “Admissions” focuses on a private, small, exclusive New Hampshire boarding/prep school that’s trying to attract more students of color,

Nathan Malin, Maureen Keiller, and Michael Kaye headline in SpeakEasy Stage Company’s production of ‘Admissions’ through November 30, at Boston Center for the Arts, Roberts Studio Theatre.

and whether the pendulum of “white privilege” - students having greater advantage of getting into target or reach colleges because they’re white - now swings in the opposite direction, favoring minorities.

The subject has exploded in local, national, and international news with famous/celebrity parents bribing and illegally buying their children’s admission to schools of their choice.

Last week, actress Felicity Huffman was released from her 14-day prison stay for paying money to a college official to get her daughters accepted. Actress Lori

Loughlin’s fate is worse. She’s facing up to 20 years in jail for bribing a college admissions officer and related charges.

Let’s face it- unfair practices, especially parents donating large sums of money, oftentimes under the table - have occurred under the radar many years.

Harmon’s gut-wrenching play targets a related issue. Exclusive prep school admissions officer/headmaster’s wife, Sherri Rosen-Mason, (magnificently played by Boston award-winning actress Maureen Keiller), wants to attract more students of diversity, irrespective of scholarship need. The

school’s diversity rate is low - 7 percent- and Sherri is determined to build those numbers by highlighting the school’s accessibility, specifically in the school catalogue, for example.

During a colorful conversational exchange with Roberta, longtime employee/catalogue creator, (terrific Boston-North Shore favorite actress Cheryl McMahon), Sherri becomes frustrated, vexed, with Roberta, saying she can’t grasp the importance of highlighting visible students of color in catalogue photos.

Sherri’s home life and workplace collide when the family’s longtime friends’

son, Perry, (unseen throughout the play) is accepted to Yale; but Sherri and Bill’s son Charlie wasn’t. He received a rejection, or deferral letter, instead, crushing his childhood dreams of attending the Ivy League school.

Perry’s over-the-top, thrilled mother, Ginnie Peters (always-terrific Marianna Bassham), unwittingly escalates Charlie’s resentment, bringing cake and wine to celebrate Perry’s acceptance.

Charlie’s embarrassed. Enraged. Angry. Confused. He’s missing for over four hours. When he comes home, he unleashes a tirade, bemoaning his embarrassment. “I ran into the woods

and screamed,” he yells. Point by point, Charlie outlines why -not Perry- deserved to be chosen. But Perry’s bi-racial and played the race card. “Life’s not fair, “ Charlie screams, garnering enthusiastic theatergoers’ applause.

Bill (nicely portrayed by Michael Kaye), agrees, but asks, who faces more unfairness - white privileged Charlie, or disadvantaged kids of color? Mulling his situation over, Charlie makes a knee-jerk, life-changing decision, horrifying his parents. Standing toe-to-toe, eye-to-eye, father and son’s confrontation is heart-pounding.

So’s the rest of “Admissions”.

## BOX OFFICE

One-act, 1 hour-50-minute play, written by Joshua Harmon, appearing through November 30: Wednesday, Thursday, 7:30 p.m.; Friday, 8 p.m.; Saturday, 4, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 3 p.m.; Nov. 21, 29, at 2 p.m., Nov. 26, 7:30 p.m., No show on Thanksgiving. SpeakEasy Stage Company, Boston Center for the Arts, Roberts Studio Theatre, Stanford Calderwood Pavilion, 527 Tremont St., South End, Boston. Tickets start at \$25; senior citizens, \$5 discount, age 25-under, \$25; student rush, \$15 with college ID, in person, at the box office, two hours before curtain, if available. BostonTheatreScene, 617-933-8600, SpeakEasyStage.com.

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Dianna Chakoutis received 573 votes to defeat Marven Rhode Hyppolite, who received 519 votes.

In Ward 7, Councilor Jay Walsh received 1,059 votes to defeat Alexis Reynoso, who received 315 votes.

**Coppola Tops The Ticket In School Committee Contest**  
Longtime School Committee member and current Vice Chair Donna Coppola led a successful night for the incumbents, topping the ticket in a field of eight candidates with 5,377 votes.

The other five incumbents were also re-elected in impressive fashion. Lorraine Gately was second with 4,835 votes, followed by fellow incumbents John Ford with 4,779 votes, Jared Nicholson with 4,428 votes, Michael Satterwhite with 4,077 votes, and Brian Castellanos with 4,056 votes.

Sandra Lopez finished seventh with 2,937 votes while Tiffany Jean Magnolia finished eighth with 2,835 votes.

### Janet Rowe Reports 19.99 Percent Turnout

City Clerk and Elections Chief Janet Rowe reported a turnout of 19.99 per cent in Tuesday’s general election.

A total of 10,552 voters out of a pool of 52,796 registered voters cast their ballots in the election.

### BRIAN ARRIGO RE-ELECTED MAYOR

REVERE - Mayor Brian Arrigo won re-election Tuesday, earning a second four-year term as the city’s chief executive.

Arrigo received 5,809 votes to claim victory over Councillor-at-Large Dan Rizzo who received 5,251 votes. The election was a rematch of their 2015 contest in which Arrigo, then a councillor-at-large, unseated Rizzo, then mayor, by 118 votes.

Arrigo celebrated his impressive victory at the Marina at the Wharf Restaurant, with his jubilant supporters, many wearing the familiar

orange jerseys, chanting, “Four More Years, A-R-R-I-G-O, and BRIAN, BRIAN!” as the mayor and his wife, Daveen Arrigo, entered the main room.

It was Daveen who had the honor of introducing her husband, stating simply, “I would just like to take a second to congratulate my husband, Mayor Brian Arrigo,” drawing roars of approval from the crowd.

Arrigo stood on a chair, obliging his supporters who wanted to see the mayor deliver his acceptance speech.

“I was just reminded that I have a 6 a.m. sign holding so I can’t fall off the chair, and I’ve always wanted to say this - but honey, we’re going to Disney World,” said Arrigo, echoing the famous phrase that newly crowned Super Bowl champions say after their victories.

Arrigo then expressed his gratitude to his entire campaign team and the volunteers who propelled him to victory.

“From the bottom of my heart, thank you,” said Arrigo. “Thank you to everyone that held a sign, knocked on

doors, took time to make phone calls, wrote letters, wrote notes - thank you. Without all of your help and hard work, we’re not here.

“I would be remiss if I didn’t mention my mom her husband, my entire family, obviously my beautiful wife, Daveen, and our two boys (Joseph and Jack).”

Arrigo added, “starting tomorrow, there’s a lot of work to be done and I know you’ve all bought in to the vision that we have for the city, but there are still 5,252 people who did not necessarily buy in to that vision. The work begins tomorrow to start to heal the city, make sure that the negativity and the divisive way that people campaigned and the way that things were done over the last couple of months doesn’t happen again.

“I want to say congratulations to all of you, thank you for all your love and support and have a fun night,” concluded Arrigo.

The triumphant scene continued inside the restaurant as supporters personally congratulated Arri-

go, with many requesting Election Night photographs with the mayor.

### D’AMBROSIO TOPS SCHOOL COMMITTEE RACE; POWERS RE-ELECTED; SERINO TOPS IN WARD 6

REVERE - Two new faces will be on the City Council and School Committee come January as the results of the 2019 Election now have gone into the history books.

All incumbents were returned to office in spirited races for the council and school committee. A new face on the Council, but not to the voters of Revere, School Committeeman Gerry Visconti was elected to fill the vacant seat left by Councillor Dan Rizzo who ran for mayor. Incumbents returning were top vote getter Jessica Ann Giannino with 5,684 votes, followed by Councillors Steven Morabito, Anthony Zambuto and George Rotondo.

In the School Committee race, newcomer to Revere politics, Anthony D’Ambrosio handily topped the School Committee race with 5,243 votes. Incumbent Carol Tye finished second with 4,997 votes followed by incumbents Michael Ferrante, Stacey Bronsdon-Rizzo, Susan Gravelle and Frederick Sannella.

Two closely watched races were in Ward 5 and Ward 6.

In Ward 5, Councillor John Powers again faced Eric Lampedecchio. Powers won re-election with 1262 votes to Lampedecchio’s 932 votes.

In Ward 6 Richard Serino easily won with 1,451 votes to Nicholas Moulaison’s 486. Both candidates were running to fill the seat left vacant by the retirement of popular Ward 6 Councillor Charlie Patch.

In the other contested Ward race, Ward 2 Councillor Ira Novoselsky easily won re-election with 632 votes to challenger Robert Bent with 187 votes.







ACTIVITIES WITH WINTHROP PARKS AND REC DEPARTMENT



Youth at the Parks & Rec department were ready for Halloween!



The Rec Department took some Winthrop students down to the Halloween Haunt in Town Center.



Shown above, right and below, children enjoy painting pumpkins and more at the Fall Fair.



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