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EBNHC is
working to
ensure the
safety of all

Special to the Transcript

The East Boston Neighborhood Health Center (EBNHC) is working aggressively on the front lines of COVID-19. We are coordinating and developing resources so that our patients, staff, and community members have access to vital information and tools.

As of April 19, EBNHC is offering COVID-19 testing seven days a week to patients as well as community members who have flu-like symptoms or have been in contact with someone who is COVID-19 positive. To be tested for COVID-19 at EBNHC, call 617-569-5800 for pre-authorization. Patients who arrive at Suffolk Downs or 79 Paris Street without pre-registration will not be tested. Patients and non-patients can come to our 10 Gove Street Emergency Department and Influenza-Like Illness Clinic. EBNHC has three testing areas:

10 Gove Street: Emergency Department (open 24/7) and Influenza-Like Illness Clinic (open 7 days a week)

Drive-through at Suffolk Downs (must have pre-authorization)

Walk-in at 79 Paris Street (must have pre-authorization)

EBNHC patients with non-urgent health issues are encouraged to schedule telemedicine appointments. Telemedicine allows health care professionals to evaluate, diagnose, and treat patients at a distance using a smartphone or computer. We use certified medical interpreters for languages other than English. Telemedicine allows us to continue to provide high-quality care

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A BIG THANK YOU



The Sturgis family has a big thank you sign on display, thanking all the first responders, essential employees, and those out there fighting to ensure everyone's safety.

Winthrop Parents Network serves families during quarantine

By Kate Anslinger

The Winthrop Parents Network (WPN) is doing their part to educate and provide resources for local families during these uncertain times. The network has been keeping tabs on family entertainment and they've made it their mission to ensure that parents stay in the loop on the latest stay-at-home activity options. In

addition to providing links to free virtual tours of museums and aquariums and local resources for food, the WPN is delivering and picking up theme-based curriculum bags for families who are in need of something new to do. The bags offer young students an opportunity to engage in education in a fun and stimulating way.

"In these heart-wrench-

ing times, it's important to focus on the basics," said Anita Preble, LMHC. "Patience, understanding, and compassion are the values we need to get us through. If you need help, ask for it. If you can give it to others, please do. This global event will define who we are as a community, a state, a nation, and a world. We will

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School district adapts to expanded closure

By Kate Anslinger

In response to Governor Baker's announcement that schools will remain closed for the balance of

the school year, the district will rely on remote learning plans that will be adjusted over the next few weeks.

"We are working diligently to make remote

learning work for every child and if we embrace the position we are in, we will get there," said School Su-

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Winthrop COVID-19 Update

104 total cases confirmed since March 15; four deceased, 44 recovered and 56 in isolation

Special to the Transcript

Town Manager Austin Faison and Public Health Director Meredith Hurley have received notification from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) of three additional residents affected by COVID-19. It is with great sadness that they report the loss of life of two additional Winthrop residents.

Updates as of April 21

All public schools in Massachusetts are closed through the end of the academic school year.

Public Health Updates

The Town of Winthrop Emergency Operations Center (EOC) is streamlining the COVID-19 response effort to ensure the continued delivery of services to residents. The EOC will remain operational until further notice. The EOC can be reached at 617-539-5848, Monday through Thursday, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., or by emailing COVID19info@town.winthrop.ma.us.

For residents that may be self-quarantined and require outside assistance or meal

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Council hears from department heads on COVID-19 updates

By Laura Plummer

The Winthrop Town Council met on Tuesday, April 21, via the online conferencing platform Zoom.

Present at the meeting were the Town Councilors, Council Clerk Denise Quist, Town Manager Austin Faison, Chief Financial Officer Anna Freedman, Dept. of Health (DOH) Director Meredith Hurley, Police Chief Terence Delehanty, Fire Chief Chuck Flanagan, Dept. of Public Works Director Steve Calla and Administrative Secretary Laurisa Wojcik.

Also present were 43 members of the public who attended the Zoom meeting. Although they could not be seen, they had the opportunity to enter a queue to ask questions during the public comment periods. This format allowed residents to communicate directly with council members as if they were physically present at the meeting. The meeting was broadcast in real time by Winthrop Community Access Television (WCAT).

Council President Phil Boncore opened the meeting with a moment of silence for the four Winthrop residents who have suc-

cumbed to COVID-19 since the start of the epidemic, including two that were just brought to light that day. He extended a special prayer to "all our first responders and the people on the frontlines of this pandemic who are keeping many more people from dying."

Dept. of Health Update

DOH Director Hurley talked about the work her department is doing to combat the COVID-19 pandemic. Hurley is focusing on disease investigation and contact tracing. The department keeps a list of all current cases by address. As of Tuesday evening, there were 104 confirmed cases in town, 44 of whom had recovered. Sixty-six residents remain in isolation, either at home or in hospital.

The Board of Health met on Tuesday at 5pm to discuss efforts to prevent transmission of COVID-19. They drafted an order that would mandate face coverings for anyone who enters an essential business, residents in multi-unit dwellings, and workers in the food service industry. The board is hoping to have the

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WINTHROP POLICE BLOTTER

MONDAY, APRIL 6

1118: An officer responded to a call from an Elmwood Ave. resident about a small dog in her yard. An officer found a puppy and returned it to the owner.

1224: An officer responded to a report of persons playing with their dogs running loose at the high school baseball field. The dog owners told the officer they were playing fetch with their dogs, but would keep their dogs on leashes.

1420: A caller reported that she had just visited her ex- to pick up some belongings at his house when he assaulted her. The caller, who had returned to Newton, was advised to come back to Winthrop to file a report, but she said that her ex- does drugs and she does not want to see him get into trouble.

1738: An officer responded to a report of a large group congregating on Grandview Ave., possibly to watch the sunset. The persons were members of a car club and they agreed to disperse.

1817: A caller reported that motor vehicles without parking stickers were parked in the area of Shore Drive and Locust St. The caller was informed that the town's parking by-laws do not take effect until 1:00

am.

1702: A caller reported that when she drives to work at 4:30 every morning on Revere St., another motor vehicle operator tailgates her. She was informed that the next shift will be informed of the situation.

2243: An officer stopped a motor vehicle operator on Winthrop St. for operating without headlights. The operator turned on his headlights and was given a warning.

TUESDAY, APRIL 7

0943: A Dolphin Ave. resident reported that a laptop had been stolen from his motor vehicle.

1027: A Governor's Drive resident reported that the upstairs neighbor is making loud noises in her apartment. The call was logged in.

1107: A caller reported that a sailboat that had been stranded on Snake Island now was adrift with the high tide and heading toward the public landing. The harbormaster was notified.

1136: A caller reported a case of identity theft and that a credit card had been opened in her name.

1155: Officers responded to a motor vehicle accident at Sea View and Vine Aves. and assisted the parties with the exchange of papers.

1306: A person came to the station to report a past assault & battery.

1330: An officer responded to a report of about 20 kids playing in Coughlin Park. The youths were informed of the current rules and were told to move along.

1442: Officers responded to a report of youths playing basketball at the Pond St. playground. The youths were advised of the current rules and the Fire Dept. was on the scene to tie up the basketball nets.

1523: Officers responded to a report of a group of people at Hannaford Park and advised them of the rules about social distancing.

1531: Officers responded to a report of motor vehicles parked on the sidewalk on Trident Ave. He found the owners, who had parked there because parking along Shore Drive is closed for parking, and told them to move their vehicles.

1751: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Walden St. for speeding and gave the operator a warning.

1826: State Police were called to respond to a report of motor vehicles parked illegally at the entrance to Deer Island.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8

1804: An officer issued a

warning to a motor vehicle operator for a red light violation at McGee's Corner.

THURSDAY, ARIL 9

2015: A caller reported that an Irish Setter was running loose on Revere St.

FRIDAY, APRIL 10

0708: A boat owner reported that his outboard motor had been stolen from his boat that was stored at the boat yard on Pleasant Ct.

1034: An officer responded to a report of a syringe on Temple Ave. The officer brought it back to the station.

1454: An officer on a detail at Park and Crystal Cove Aves. will be issuing a citation for a civil motor vehicle infraction to an operator who passed by her work site.

1526: An officer responded to a report of an unleashed dog at Coughlin Park. He informed the owner of the town's leash laws.

1618: Officers responded to a report of an issue between neighbors on Wave Way Ave. and spoke to both parties.

SATURDAY, APRIL 11

0652: Officers responded to a report of a motor vehicle accident involving two cars in the 500 block of

Winthrop St. No personal injuries were reported.

0814: Officers responded to a report of a loose dog on Lowell Rd. headed toward the Centre. The officers were unable to locate the dog.

1253: A Woodside Ave. business owner reported that someone had illegally used his dumpster. An officer responded and was able to locate the perpetrator, who agreed to remove the items he had dumped illegally.

1414: An officer responded to a report of a group of 15-20 persons sitting on lawn chairs in the parking lot of the cemetery on Kennedy Rd. The officer dispersed the group.

1432: An officer dispersed two youths from the skate park at Ingleside Park.

1458: A caller reported that she was knocked over by a German Shepherd that she believed was going after her dog. The incident occurred on Elliot St. The officer who responded said he would try to make contact with the owner of the German Shepherd. The officer did so two days later and informed the owner to control his dog.

1503: An officer responded to a report of a large group at the public landing. All of the parties

were in their cars and were observing social distancing.

SUNDAY, APRIL 12

0013: Officers responded to a report of a person yelling while running up and down Revere St. The person said he was upset with his mother and was headed toward his sister's house.

0708: An officer stopped a motor vehicle operator for speeding on Main St. and gave the operator a verbal warning.

1036: A caller reported that his dog had killed a skunk. The Animal Control Officer informed the owner that his dog will need a booster shot for rabies.

1436: An officer dispersed a group that had assembled at Coughlin Playground.

1820: An officer dispersed a group of eight youths who were playing street hockey at Coughlin Playground.

MONDAY, APRIL 13

0232: An officer directed a person playing music loudly in his motor vehicle on Trident Ave. to go in for the evening.

0758: An officer responded to a report of a motor vehicle blocking a driveway on Sea Foam Ave. The owner was contacted and moved her vehicle.

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never be the same again. Hopefully, we'll be better for having gone through this - a little kinder, and more connected emotionally to one another."

The WPN newsletter which has recently shifted to digital format, arrives monthly with tips that align with quarantine living. From stress relief pointers for parents to tools on how to talk to children about COVID-19, the newsletter has been a regular resource

for parents searching for answers.

The Winthrop Parents Network is funded through the Coordinated Family and Community Engagement Grant (CFCE), which originates from the Department of Early Education and Care. The primary purpose of the program is to promote early literacy, parenting education, developmental screenings, resources and referrals for families with children birth to age

eight. This goal is achieved through collaboration with the public schools, private preschools, early intervention and other agencies that provide services to families.

For more information on the WPN, please visit:

<https://sites.google.com/winthrop.k12.ma.us/wpn>

The WPN encourages you to reach out if you are in need:

winthropparentsnet-work12@gmail.com

Town warns residents of COVID-19 scams

Town Manager Austin Faison and Police Chief Terence Delehanty are warning residents to be wary of potential scams tied to the COVID-19 pandemic, and are offering tips to help the community avoid falling victim.

Residents should not partake in any COVID-19 testing from door-to-door solicitors, people who approach them at grocery stores or other community venues, solicitors who call requesting financial information in return for a test or mail COVID-19 test offerings.

Town officials warn that residents should NEVER give personal information, medicare numbers, money or home access to people soliciting tests. If a testing kit is mailed to you, you should not accept the test. Return the test to the sender and alert local authorities immediately.

Chief Delehanty also is warning residents that individuals operating a scam may pose as a member of the Winthrop Police or Fire Department seeking a mon-

etary donation pertaining to COVID-19. Neither the Winthrop Police or Fire Department is accepting these donations at this time, and if a resident is approached by an individual claiming to be a member of either department seeking such a donation, they are encouraged to contact the Winthrop Police Department.

"Unfortunately, often when there is a crisis or natural disaster, scams are often tailored to that event, and we're seeing that this has also happened with the COVID-19 pandemic," Chief Delehanty said. "We want to make sure residents are aware that this is happening, and take the necessary steps to protect themselves from falling victim to these scams."

The Massachusetts's Attorney General's Office provides these tips for residents to protect themselves from other scams and frauds:

- Watch out for high-priced or low-quality products; report any retailers that inflate prices on products like hand sanitizer and

face masks.

- Beware of false and misleading information being spread online. Use reputable sources such as the World Health Organization, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Massachusetts Department of Public Health.

- Keep an eye out for unauthorized or fraudulent charities or solicitations. Before donating to a coronavirus charity, make sure the charity is legitimate.

If anyone has questions or feels like they have been victimized, they are encouraged to call the Winthrop Police Department at 617-846-1212.

Massachusetts residents who believe they are victims of fraud or other criminal activity related to the pandemic should contact the United States Attorney's Office at USAMA.victimassistance@usdoj.gov or call 1-888-221-6023 and leave a message. Members of the public can also contact the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3) by visiting www.IC3.gov.

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to our patients during the COVID-19 pandemic while minimizing exposures. This is especially important if you have a chronic or a behavioral health condition. Call 617-569-5800 to schedule.

As of April 20, Massachusetts had more than 38,000 confirmed cases of COVID-19 and 1,706 deaths. According to the Boston Globe, more than 3,700 residents with confirmed or likely cases of COVID-19 have been hospitalized. Chelsea, which is part of EBNHC's service area, continues to have the state's highest coronavirus rate. The majority of EBNHC's COVID-19 patients are Latinx, which is a reflection of our community as well as the health disparities that are intensifying the pandemic's impact. EBNHC president and CEO, Manny Lopes, has been appointed to Mayor Walsh's COVID-19 Health Inequities Task Force, which is responding to the racial and ethnic disparities that are emphasized by this pandemic.

Latinx and African

Americans have greater rates of obesity, asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, and diabetes—all of which are likely risk factors for COVID-19. Minority groups also tend to have higher rates of poverty, which is associated with less healthy lifestyles, lower rates of health insurance, and increased morbidity. Many minorities work in service jobs that can't be done from home, which puts them at higher risk of novel coronavirus infection. Residents who are concerned about immigration status can be leery of governmental agencies and are less likely to seek medical care. Population density also plays a role in COVID-19 transmission rates—and East Boston and Chelsea are among Boston's most populous neighborhoods.

Minorities will not only suffer worse health outcomes; they will also suffer economically. Poverty, unemployment, and underemployment are daunting factors in our community that are already worsening. Business leaders and

economists predict that the economic downturn in Massachusetts will be particularly painful and our recovery will be slow. In the greater East Boston area, a high rate of food insecurity is worsening as our residents lose jobs and income. Last week, in partnership with the American Red Cross, EBNHC staff and volunteers stocked our new Community Resource Center at 282 Meridian Street with emergency canned and dry goods, providing our most vulnerable population with 300 bags of food. We are now delivering food to our high-risk patients and will continue to work aggressively to address local food insecurity. Community members in need can contact EBNHC's Community Resource and Wellness Center at 617-568-4845.

Massachusetts is bracing for a peak in COVID-19 cases at the end of April. We ask every person who lives or works in our community to practice social distancing, wash their hands, and wear a facial covering when outside. The physical, emotional, and financial health of every resident is at stake. Please do your part.

Winthrop Foundation holds emergency meeting to facilitate grant presentations

By Cary Shuman

Chairman Russ Sanford of the Winthrop Foundation called an emergency board meeting Wednesday morning to begin the presentation of grants to local organizations relative to

the needs of Winthrop residents. The seven-member board voted to award grants to two local organizations. Mi Amore, an organization led by Jeffrey Carson that distributes food to residence in need and runs the Winthrop Food Pantry. CASA,

an agency led by LeighAnn Eruzione Callinan that helps families affected by substance abuse and provides safe alternatives also qualified for a grant. “We saw a growing need for Mi Amore’s services during the COVID-19 crisis and we thought it

was appropriate to fund that grant,” said Sanford. “CASA is a group that works with youths and families relative to substance abuse and domestic abuse and other needs during this crisis. They work with the School Department as well as the Police Department

directly finding the needs of residents in our town.” The Foundation grants are part of \$2.5 million in funds that the town received from Massport Authority in an agreement that was encouraged by Speaker of the House Robert A. DeLeo. In addition to Sanford,

the board members of the Winthrop Foundation are Jeffrey Turco, Vincent Crossman, Terence Delehanty, Gus Martucci, Vasili Mallios, and Brian Leslie. Local organizations may apply for non-emergency grants on the Winthrop Foundation website.

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order go into effect on April 23. “My big concern is asymptomatic spread,” said Hurley. “We’re seeing cases of people not showing traditional symptoms.” Hurley also gave an update on the nursing home where a resident recently tested positive for COVID-19. She said she is in “constant contact” with the home’s leadership and there is an ongoing effort to test all residents.

hours due to a joint effort of the two departments combined with the DOH. Chief Delehanty praised the “team effort” of his department along with local business owners and volunteers. Chief Flanagan also deflected praise onto his crew. “It’s my firefighters and Action Ambulance that are interfacing with the public every day. They don’t know what they’re walking into,” he said. “I can’t say enough about them. I’m proud to represent them here tonight.” He added that personal days and vacation days were canceled to accommodate growing needs in the community.

the week ending April 24. The Joint Committee of Town Council & School Committee will meet by April 24 to discuss rezoning for the middle school, with an emphasis on creating a robust public input process. Contractors will be drafting a zoning ordinance. The Finance Committee met on Thursday, April 16, with CFO Freedman to discuss the draft of the FY 2021 budget. It will be meeting weekly on Thursdays. The School Building Assistance Committee hopes to meet the week ending May 1 and may present a number of emergency motions. It is currently in communication with department heads, the DOH, Chief Delehanty and Chief Flanagan.


Council President Boncore praised Hurley for her hard work. “She has traced every single person that tested positive in an effort to keep us safe,” he said. “She’s working 80 hours a week, Saturday and Sunday, too.”

Town Manager’s Report Town Manager Faison reflected on the strangeness of the times in which we’re living, rolling out a new public service announcement about COVID-19 preparation featuring the various department heads. He also presented the Fiscal Year 2021 Budget, which will be summarized in our next publication on April 29.

Future Meeting Access Residents are invited to join future meetings of Council remotely via Zoom by going to zoom.us/j/93667460758. The link will open in a browser window or prompt you to download the Zoom application. Residents can also access the meeting by phone at (312) 626-6799 or (646) 558 8656, entering the following Webinar ID: 936 6746 0758. In addition, questions can be emailed ahead of time to the clerk at dquist@town.winthrop.ma.us. As always, meetings will be broadcast live on WCAT’s Government Channel 22.

Fire and Police Chief Update Chiefs Delehanty and Flanagan are working in close collaboration with the DOH and the Emergency Operations Center to stem the tide of the coronavirus outbreak. Council President Boncore and DOH Director Hurley heaped praise on the chiefs. “[They] have the institutional knowledge of crisis management,” said Hurley. “I would have easily drowned, but they’ve allowed me to combat things on the local level.” As an example, she stated that 120 people were tested on Monday in a matter of

Council Committee Reports The Committee on the Appointment Commission & Committees met regarding employee evaluation forms. A change was made to the form and a copy will be ready to go out later in



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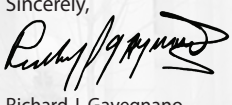
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1000 Series - Administration						
	Salaries	\$466,250.00				
	Expenses		\$79,250.00			
	Sub-total			\$545,500.00		
2000 Series - Instruction						
General Education	Salaries	\$11,651,218.00				
	Expenses		\$552,350.00			
Special Education	Salaries	\$4,970,054.00				
	Expenses	--				
	Sub-total			\$17,173,622.00		
3000 Series - School Services						
	Salaries	\$239,810.00				
	Expenses		\$3,734.00			
	Sub-total			\$243,544.00		
4000 Series - Operations and Maintenance						
	Salaries	\$917,769.00				
	Expenses		\$1,100,217.00			
	Sub-total			\$2,014,986.00		
5000 Series - Fixed Charges						
	Expenses		\$99,232.00			
	Sub-total			\$99,232.00		
9000 Series - Programs with other systems						
General Education	Salaries	\$403,229.00				
	Expenses		\$122,563.00			
Special Education	Salaries	\$553,816.00				
	Expenses		\$1,831,698.00			
Athletics	Salaries	\$107,02500				
	Expenses		\$275,000.00			
Technology	Salaries	\$196,680.00				
	Expenses		\$371,110.00			
Maintenance	Salaries	\$4,000				
	Expenses		\$47,078.00			
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OUR Opinions

ONCE AGAIN, MASS. IS SHOWING THE WAY

With the launch this past week of the COVID-19 Community Tracing Collaborative (CTC) to mitigate the spread of the coronavirus in Massachusetts, our state once again is taking a leading role at this critical time for our nation. Massachusetts is the first state to invest in an ambitious contact-tracing program, budgeting \$44 million to hire 1,000 people. Gov. Charlie Baker said the goal of the program is to enable state health officials to identify pockets of infection as they emerge and thereby prevent infected people from spreading the virus further. If successful, the program will provide government leaders in the coming weeks with the data they need to make meaningful decisions about relaxing our current strict social-distancing measures in order to reopen our economy. The collaborative effort with Partners In Health will focus on tracing the contacts of confirmed positive COVID-19 patients and supporting individuals who are in quarantine. It will augment the efforts already underway from the state's COVID-19 Response Command Center to assist the contact tracing being done by local boards of health. Partners In Health will provide staff and contribute technical expertise in community tracing. The Commonwealth Health Insurance Connector Authority will provide a virtual support center and maintain connectivity, while the Massachusetts Department of Health will manage data. Accenture, a professional services company, and Salesforce, a global leader in customer relationship management, are implementing support center capabilities. We applaud this extraordinary joint effort between state government and private entities. In addition, we urge all of our residents who receive a call from CTC workers to cooperate fully with the program so that our communities can begin to take the offensive against this terrible pandemic.

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WINTHROP CBD INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADE CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

Dear Editor,

The long awaited Winthrop CBD infrastructure upgrade project is underway thanks in large part to DPW Director Steven Calla who was able to correct a significant problem with the initial project design which required temporarily shutting off water access in certain neighborhoods in the midst of the COVID-19 crisis, a cause of many statements of concern, including mine. But Mr. Calla developed an alternative construction design which did not require any water shutoff, a superb engineering solution created in a noticeably short time.

The Town Council deserves full credit for vetting the concerns of many residents at their April 7 meeting, which included unrestricted input from DPW Director Steve Calla and Public Health Director Meredith Hurley while stating the Council's intent to closely monitor all aspects of the CBD project.

The initial stages of the project appear to be proceeding well, thanks not only to the DPW but also to the excellent traffic management plan implemented by the Winthrop Police Department which has kept traffic disruption to a minimum, as the Department did with the Belle Isle Bridge Replacement Project.

Doubtless there will be additional problems with the CBD project during its

two-year lifespan, but continuous public scrutiny and project management oversight should provide optimum enhancements to the Town's economic vitality and quality of life.

Sincerely,

John Vitagliano

Former Boston Transportation Commissioner

A POEM FOR UNCERTAIN TIMES

Dear Editor,

My 14 year old daughter who is currently in 8th grade at the Winthrop Middle School, Samantha DiMento, wrote this poem as a homework assignment about how she felt about COVID-19 and the quarantine. We felt that she really captured the emotion of the current situation for a lot of people, particularly in Winthrop, and thought we would share it for publication. It is as follows:

QUARANTINE

By Samanth DiMento

The streets are empty
The air is still
People are looking out
From their windowsill

When people are outside
They cover their face
If they are near each other
They pick up their pace

Everything is cancelled
People are missing out
Nothing is same
What's this all about

I should be at soccer
All of us running around
We would be laughing
The sound of cleats on the ground.

When everything opens
up again

It still won't be back to
normal

Things will change

forever

Fear of it is immortal

It feels like forever

I am only fourteen

There is nothing to do

While we're stuck in
quarantine.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT DURING THE PANDEMIC

Dear Editor,

It has been the most difficult time in the U.S and across the world over the last 2 to 5 months due to the coronavirus. Our world has totally changed and in some cases will never be the same. It will be a slow returning process and there is an imperative need to put our trust in our scientists and medical leaders to help us all get back on our feet.

We must also put trust in our community leaders (Chief Terence Delehanty, Chief Paul Flanagan, Public Health Director Meredith Hurley, and School Superintendent Lisa Howard) and other leaders, including Governor Charlie Baker, Boston Mayor Marty Walsh and New York Governor Andrew Cuomo, who are continually working and investigating all of the lifesaving choices and decisions to bring us all out of this horrific crisis.

We need to protect our most vulnerable senior citizens and those with medical conditions and give them a chance to continue with

valued lives. Our world has also become a scary place for our young children. They are no longer in school and playing with their friends. Their education is being delivered by dedicated teachers through technology, a new experience for everyone. Parents are burdened to help their children complete their work. The pressure for all is enormous. Even worse is the inequity of many children not having access to the technology needed to complete their studies. The children and families most impacted are those whose physical or mental status cause them to rely on medical and educational specialists for strength, support and security. In addition, we must give our children and their families some relief from work on days when things are not working successfully.

Fortunately, there are often positive effects that come out of negative situations. For example, scientists are reporting that satellites are demonstrating more than a 30% reduction in fossil fuels, which are greenhouse gases emitted from factories and transportation. We can look forward to countries across the world joining together to allow our whole planet to enjoy clean air to breathe for our children and future generations.

In closing, we are all grateful to the medical care workers, first responders and other front line workers. God willing, this will end soon and we will share a better world for all.

Sincerely,
Maryalice Sharkey

Closure // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

perintendent Lisa Howard. "It is critical that we continue to engage in remote learning to minimize the impact of closure."

Plans will include new guidance and recommendations provided by the Commissioner of Education that will ensure that any loss of education is minimized. The guidance, which will be received on Friday, will also include a plan for when schools do reopen in the future.

Howard is confident that her staff will execute the plans quickly and thoroughly and that high school seniors will not be forgotten in the process. The upcoming weeks will require

critical timelines that will include creative solutions for traditional senior activities including Senior Week.

"We will do whatever it takes to ensure that you are celebrated and that your accomplishments of the last 12 years are recognized. This situation is very difficult for everyone involved. What I do know, is that as a school community, we will be stronger and more resilient as a result of this unanticipated time."

Howard and the leadership team anticipate that there will be an identification of specific power standards for K-8 students that will allow them to take next steps and provide new

learning opportunities to ensure our students will be ready to successfully transition in the fall. This will be a change from the recommended focus of deepening the learning standards that were taught prior to the close. The learning capacity of all students will be taken into account and plans will be adjusted so all students have the opportunity to learn and stay connected to their teachers and peers.

"We are building the plane as we fly it and that requires a strategic planning focus that is for sure testing our limits. This has been a full school and community effort and we are intent on keeping our foot on the gas

pedal and doing what is best for all students. Although I believe we all had a feeling this was coming, it did not make the reality of the announcement any easier. As I watched the governor's press conference, I had an overwhelming feeling of sadness for our students, staff and community. This is just a lot to take in and seems so unfair to us all. That being said, my goal is to keep a positive attitude. The staff commitment, collaboration, creativity and acts of kindness that I have witnessed over the past five weeks has been nothing short of amazing. I remain so grateful to be a part of the WPS family."

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THE MORE Things Change ...

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

10 years ago April 14, 2010

Public Works Director Dave Hickey said this week that the water/sewer infrastructure improvements project for Putnam Street, Putnam Place, Jefferson Street, and Fremont Street resumed last week and is on schedule to be completed by the end of June.

Town Council President Jeffrey Turco and Town Manager James McKenna are moving ahead in amicable fashion following the council's executive session Monday night at Town Hall. Turco had requested an executive session to discuss a matter with McKenna, who originally said he wanted it discussed in an open forum, which would have been in compliance with the Open Meeting Law. But McKenna opted for an executive session Monday night. Both McKenna and Turco said the matter has been resolved.

“Date Night,” “The Back Up Plan,” and “Oceans” are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

20 years ago April 13, 2000

After a long application and interview process, the selectmen's choice for Police Chief, Edward Shalvey of Yonkers, N.Y., was sworn in this week by Town Clerk Paul Dawson

After hearing arguments from the Winthrop Improvement and Historical Association and the Winthrop Historical Commission, the selectmen urged the parties to work out their differences. The Historical Commission wants to place a sign at the Deane Winthrop House stating that slavery was utilized at the farm where the Deane Winthrop House presently sits. However, the WIHA, which oversees the caretaking of the house, said that such a sign would distort history because it is not clear that slaves ever resided in the house.

“29 Days,” “Rules of Engagement,” and “The Road to El Dorado” are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

40 years ago April 16, 1980

The Advisory Committee has announced that if Town Meeting approves a budget of \$11,480,465 as recommended by the Advisory Committee, the tax rate will increase by \$4.50. According to Advisory Committee Secretary G. David Hubbard, the budget and appropriations will exceed the state-mandated cap of a four percent increase and thus will require a two-thirds vote of Town Meeting members. The School Department budget is the fastest growing of all town department budgets, with a 7.1 percent increase for the 1981 fiscal year.

A lack of funding for overtime for police and firefighters has set the stage for what promises to be a stormy meeting Thursday among the selectmen, Advisory Committee, and department heads. The purpose of the meeting is a request for a transfer from the Reserve Fund, which must be approved by the Advisory Committee. Both the police and fire departments have been racking up overtime illegally because there presently are no funds available to pay for it.

Townpeople are mourning the passing of Joe Barressi who owned and operated a cobbler's shop on Winthrop St. in the Wadsworth Block for 52 years.

John Ritter and Anne Archer star in “Hero at Large” at the Kincade Theatre.

50 years ago April 16, 1970

Two Winthrop police officers, Michael McManus and Arthur Floyd, were nearly run down by the operator of a stolen car. Off. Floyd fired several warning shots, but the car continued toward the officers, striking Floyd in the leg. The youth driving the car eventually escaped on foot.

Resident Jerome Falbo has warned all residents to be wary of any plans for Logan Airport expansion because it will mean more air traffic and more jet plane noise.

Winthrop police officers Mike McManus and Pat Staff, acting on a tip, arrested two youths for possession of LSD and marijuana.

A 10 year-old boy is in good condition at Mass. General Hospital after suffering burns when his pajamas caught fire in an early morning blaze at his home Wednesday.

Local realtor Morris Fogel will head up the Mass. Cancer Crusade in Winthrop.

“Oliver” is playing at the Winthrop Cinema.

60 years ago April 14, 1960

Eighteen merchants in the Beach section of town have requested that the selectmen increase police protection in the area in the wake of a rash of recent break-ins.

School Supt. Arthur Dallymple has announced that a self-supporting summer school will open in Winthrop this year. The program will be funded by the Parent Teachers Association Council and will serve both students who need extra help and those who wish to get ahead.

Health Officer Ralph Sirianni says that the town will take a vigorous approach to mosquito control this season, with spraying from the air. He also said that insecticide will be dropped into the town's catch basins.

John E. Mulone is the new Exalted Ruler of the local Elks.

Edward G. Robinson and Rod Steiger star in “Seven Thieves” at the Winthrop Theatre.

70 years ago April 13, 1950

Atty. Edward R. Thomas, vice chairman of the Winthrop Housing Authority, has questioned a proposal by colleagues for construction of 50 more units of veterans housing. Thomas said that the local need has been met and that non-resident veterans would move into the new units.

John H. Steele, 81, was struck and killed by an automobile on Washington Ave. near Shirley St. last Saturday night. Steele had been a resident of the town for 60 years and was a charter member of the local Knights of Columbus. He is the second pedestrian fatality here since 1942. The driver of the motor

vehicle, Glenn Hazelton, failed to stop after striking Steele, but was brought back to the scene by two Beach Taxi can operators who had chased him. Hazelton then was arrested by Off. Robert Crawford, who was off duty at the time. Hazelton has been charged with manslaughter, driving while under the influence of liquor, leaving the scene of an accident after causing personal injury, and driving without a valid license.

Rev. Joseph D. Daley has been named a new curate at St. John the Evangelist Church. He replaces Rev. Norman H. McInnis, who has been an assistant pastor at St. John's since 1932.

Gary Cooper stars in “The Westerner” at the Winthrop and State Theatres.

80 years ago April 13, 1940

The rolling stock and other equipment of the defunct Narrow Gauge Railroad, including the four ferries and three buses, have been sold to scrap dealer Samuel Gordon and Sons of Chelsea for \$118,756, the highest bid of the five received by the federal bankruptcy court. Mr. Gordon said he would junk most of the equipment and put up for sale some of the rails and electric engines. There is a rumor that there may be a purchaser for some of the equipment and the real estate who might try to reinstate the line using diesel engines.

Town Moderator John P. White Jr. has appointed a committee ordered by Town Meeting to look into the purchase of a new fire ladder truck. Fire Chief William A. Floyd and fellow Board of Fire Engineers members Harry Bangs and Fred J. Murphy will head the committee.

Spencer Tracy, Walter Brennan, and Robert Young star in “Northwest Passage” at the Winthrop and State theatres.

90 years ago April, 19, 1930

The selectmen laid out plans for “Tileston Road” which will run parallel with Girdlestone Rd. at their

meeting Monday.

The Park Commission is being commended for its fine job cleaning up the Pleasant St. beach at the head of Brookfield Rd.

100 years ago April 17, 1920

There is hope that the so-called missing link, the part of the boulevard needed to connect Revere Beach with Winthrop Beach, may receive funding from the legislature this year.

A fine birthday party was held Saturday afternoon for Miss Johanna Gilman, 11, of 20 Coral Ave., at which 28 of her young friends attended. The house was prettily decorated with red, white, and blue. Red and white roses decorated the table. In the center was a fine portrait of Abraham Lincoln. The children enjoyed the afternoon playing games and singing patriotic songs. Miss Gilman, who is very popular with her friends, received many fine presents.

There are not nearly enough apartments or houses in Winthrop to satisfy the demand and there is no new construction in sight. The situation rapidly is becoming desperate for many for whom rents are too high.

110 years ago April 16, 1910

The Miller Bros. Co., 143 Orange St., Chelsea, has received a permit to build five apartment houses on the corner of Revere and Almont Sts. for a cost of \$6000 each.

The pupils of the Revere and Winthrop high schools met in a prize declamation Monday in the Revere auditorium before a large crowd. Two boys and two girls represented each school with the Winthrop boys winning the gold medal and the Winthrop girls winning the silver.

Winthrop Republicans are demanding that one of their own be the Republican candidate for State Senate from the Chelsea, Revere, Winthrop district.

120 years ago April 14, 1900

The new pastor at the Tewksbury Chapel, Rev.

Mr. Goodacre, is drawing large audiences for his earnest and to-the-point sermons. His sermonettes to the children are practical and interesting to the adults as well.

Former selectman O.E. Lewis spoke in favor of the petition of the Revere and Winthrop St. Railway Company at a hearing in Revere. Mr. Lewis said he believes that Winthrop and Revere should be united in this endeavor and that there is strong sentiment in Winthrop for the new railway plan. However, many in town are opposed to the plan, saying that the Narrow Gauge Railroad is meeting the town's transportation needs.

Two 12 year-old boys took off on their bicycles for parts unknown Thursday. It is believed that the runaways were headed for New York. However, after reaching Providence, they became discouraged and returned home.

130 years ago April 18, 1890

April 19 not only is a day remembered by Massachusetts as the date on which the Revolutionary War was begun, but it also is recalled as the date on which our militia marched through Baltimore carrying the American flag, despite a crowd hostile to the Stars and Stripes.

The work of connecting the metropolitan sewer to Deer Island through our town will be done in five sections.

Capt. MacDonald is about to set sail for Maine where he will load his vessel with ice for Philadelphia.

Mr. Vinal is fortunate to be alive after a wheel on his carriage collapsed, throwing him violently to the ground. He suffered only minor facial injuries. Thankfully, his spirited horse stood perfectly still after the wheel fell apart, so that neither his little daughter, two gentleman friends, nor his coachman were tossed from the carriage.

COVID-19 Update // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

tion will be confidential.

The COVID-19 Tip Hotline is available on the Winthrop Public Safety website at <https://winthrop-publicsafety.com/covid-19-tip-hotline/> for those self-reporting or for a concerned member of the community.

Federal and State Updates

The DCR has temporarily closed state coastal beach parking areas. For more information visit <https://www.mass.gov/doc/dcr-coastal-beach-reservation-list>

Public access and parking is restricted at Deer Island until further notice.

Vehicles displaying Town of Winthrop residential parking stickers are permitted to park along Winthrop Shore Drive. Residents can obtain a parking pass by calling (617) 539-5848 Monday through Friday to arrange for a parking pass to be dropped off.

The federal income tax filing due date has been automatically extended from April 15, 2020 to July 15, 2020.

Local Winthrop Updates

Municipal Services: Town Hall business offices remain closed to walk in foot traffic at this time. Residents can pay taxes, parking tickets and apply for resident parking stick-

ers on the town website at <https://www.town.winthrop.ma.us/> or by dropping payments and applications in the drop box located at the Town Hall front door.

Residents having difficulty completing a transaction online can email the following department's directly for further assistance.

- Assessor's Office - Assessing@town.winthrop.ma.us
- Building Department - Buildingdept@town.winthrop.ma.us
- Harbor Master - Harbormaster@town.winthrop.ma.us
- Library - Library@town.winthrop.ma.us
- Parks and Recreation - Parksandrecreation@town.winthrop.ma.us
- Town Clerk - Townclerk@town.winthrop.ma.us
- Tax Collector - Tax@town.winthrop.ma.us
- Town Manager - Townmanager@town.winthrop.ma.us

Residents can contact the DPW to report safety issues on the town website at www.town.winthrop.ma.us or by the “See Click Fix” app on your mobile smartphone.

Residents can request bulk permit trash stickers from the DPW Monday through Thursday from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. by calling (617) 846-1341. Trash stickers will be delivered to your household.

Mooring permits and waterway fees applications can be mailed to Town Hall or dropped in the mail slot by the front door to Town Hall.

- Boaters must ensure your boat is properly registered/documentated.
- Ensure boat excise tax is paid. (Include payment if needed.)
- Include payment of waterways fee: Residents pay \$200, Non-Residents pay \$250. If you were waiting for renewal forms but have not received them you can email the Town Tax Collector's Office or the Harbormaster at Harbormaster@town.winthrop.ma.us.

Please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope for stickers to be returned.

The following link contains a public safety message to the Winthrop community from municipal, public safety and education leaders to remind residents that local government continues to operate and support the community during the COVID-19 public health crisis. <https://vimeo.com/405927192>

CBD Project Update: Center Business District Infrastructure Project construction updates and safety plans are available by clicking on the “CBD Project” tab located at the top of the town website.

A curfew has been established for all non-essential workers/residents, visitors,

and businesses in the Town of Winthrop between the hours of 10:00 pm and 6:00 am.

All non-essential businesses are closed until May 4th.

All parks, playgrounds and beaches are closed.

No gatherings of any kind of more than 10 people at one time, in one place are allowed.

All bars and restaurants will only be able to serve takeout customers.

The Winthrop Community Food Bank will be distributing food by delivery only. There will be NO in-person pick-up at the Cummings Elementary School. If you are in need of food, please email: WinthropFoodBank@town.winthrop.ma.us. Please provide your name, address, phone number and the number of people in your household. If your need is urgent, please call the Emergency Operations Center at 617-539-5848.

The Food Bank will continue accepting donations Monday-Thursday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the FRONT loop of the Cummings School across from the Fire Station. The Food Bank is in need of non-perishable items such as cereals, canned goods, pasta, bread, peanut butter and jelly, toiletries and paper products. Items without an expiration date cannot be accepted.

Latest Health Guidance

As always, if anyone displays symptoms of COVID-19, including a fever, cough or shortness of breath, they should not go to work or school and are advised to contact their primary care physician.

The Town is also advising residents to practice social distancing by keeping six feet between people to prevent the spread of infection, which includes handshaking and hugging. Residents are also encouraged to avoid group activities and events.

Other Guidelines Include:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, including under your fingernails. Alcohol-based hand sanitizer (at least 60% alcohol content) can be used when soap and water are not available.
- Keep your hands away from your face.
- Cover your nose and mouth when sneezing and coughing with a tissue and discard it immediately. Cough into the sleeve over your elbow instead of your hand. Wash your hands often when coughing and sneezing.
- Stay away from people who are sick and stay home when you are sick.

Stay Informed

The Town encourages everyone to stay informed regarding COVID-19 by

accessing the following information:

- Town of Winthrop Official COVID-19 updates - <https://www.town.winthrop.ma.us/home/urgent-alerts/covid-19-public-health-updates>
- Winthrop Public Safety website - winthroppublicsafety.com/
- Winthrop COVID-19 Tip Hotline - winthroppublicsafety.com/covid-19-tip-hotline/
- MA Dept. of Public Health - www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-updates-and-information
- MA 2-1-1 general COVID-19 information - <https://mass211.org/> or dial 2-1-1 (24/7)
- MA COVID-19 text updates: Text "COVID-MA" to 888-777
- United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention - <https://www.cdc.gov/>
- MA resources for protecting identity and learning about employment rights and unemployment benefits: www.mass.gov/ma-financial-resources-for-covid-19
- Social distancing during COVID-19 leaves survivors of sexual and domestic violence particularly vulnerable. If you or someone you know in Massachusetts is at risk—you are not alone—help is still available. Please call 877-785-2020 or visit janedoe.org/find_help/

Uncertain Unemployment:

New claims face uncertainty, inconsistency and no answers

By Seth Daniel

Those filing new unemployment claims with the state Department of Unemployment Assistance (DUA) are facing great inconsistencies with their regular payment and the extra \$600 promised from the federal government as part of the CARES Act - and getting through to the state for answers to those questions is increasingly a fool's errand.

This at the same time

that the state is running through the Unemployment Trust Fund that pays out the claims at a faster rate than any state in the nation, according to the U.S. Treasury Department figures.

Most new claims began during the last week of March, and those new claims started getting their payments on April 7 for their first week of unemployment (for week ending April 4). Unilaterally, readers of the paper reported they got the \$600 federal

bonus in total on April 9 or 10 - two days later. Last week, however, things seemed to change without explanation. Some still got their regular unemployment payment on April 14, but never got the \$600 bonus. Those who did get it reported that taxes were taken out of it, making it \$510, and the understanding was it was tax-free money.

It has left a tremendous amount of questions - and some still haven't even gotten their first \$600 pay-

ment, with notes on their accounts saying they will get it on April 24.

The situation, most say, lacks any consistency or explanation. Those who have tried to call the DUA have gotten nowhere. Those who filled out online request for information/call forms also got no response.

What those frustrated folks did was flock to the Independent News Group's websites - particularly the Chelsea Record and Everett Independent where more than 350 original comments were registered under a story posted on April 9 about the initial procedures for signing up for unemployment - a story that was mostly made up of clear information relayed to the paper from state government. (A typical story on the paper's website would normally get two or three comments a week).

Most of the comments were related to the extra \$600 and why it was taxed one week and not the other, why it didn't arrive in one payment and why it came on random days. Many, many readers were upset about the inability to contact anyone.

"Thank you Chelsea Record and Everett Independent!" wrote reader Robin Vachon. "This is the only article I could find with issues related to receiving both Massachusetts state Unemployment Insurance (UI) and the additional \$600 FPUC. Like many here, I received no notification either by mail or on my UI account before \$600 was deposited to my regular UI prepaid debit account furnished by the state on Thursday, April 9. However I did not receive my next weekly \$600 boost which I assumed would hit my account by Thursday, April 16 or the 17 at the latest. As far as I could tell there is no updated information on any

glitches with payments on the DUA website, or anywhere else in the media. This is not only frustrating, but added stress at a time when we don't need it. The least Massachusetts officials could do is acknowledge the problem for people like us who might have families that rely on our financial support. Thank you again to any reporters who are working on finding some answers."

The newspaper did try to get questions answered about the unemployment issues, particularly because there were so many readers that responded to the stories. Reaching out to the Governor's Office, a spokesperson put the paper in touch with a spokesman for the Department of Labor, Charles Pearce.

He first referred that reporter to a general website, which offered no new information.

Then he denied the paper an opportunity for an interview, saying they would try to answer written questions on the matter. The e-mail exchange went like this.

"Information related to the CARES act and other COVID-19 related unemployment issues can be found at mass.gov/unemployment/covid-19," Pearce wrote.

"I understand that," the paper wrote back. "I've looked there. I was hoping to do an interview with someone whom I could ask questions of and write a story on. People would really appreciate that and it would go a long way in all of our papers for giving clarity. Let me know."

"If you could send along your questions I will work to get you responses as soon as possible," Pearce replied.

"Is there no one there that can speak to a reporter?" asked the paper.

"Not at this time," wrote Pearce.

The paper did submit a list of about 10 questions that were most frequently asked on its websites, but by press time, neither Pearce nor the Governor's Office had responded to any of the questions.

Pearce, however, did have time to grant an interview to the Wall Street Journal on Tuesday, and it appeared the answers were clearer as to the confusion. The issue seems to be because Massachusetts is running through its Unemployment Trust Fund at a faster rate than any state in the nation - likely needing to ask the federal government soon for a loan to cover future claims.

States typically pay regular benefits out of a trust fund that is supposed to be supplied to handle a one-year recession. However, more than 100,000 people apparently applied for unemployment two weeks ago, and since February, the state has used up nearly 55 percent of its trust fund for regular UI payments (not the extra \$600 though that is paid by the federal government). That was a much faster rate than any other state in the nation, with New York the closest in going through about 45 percent of its trust fund, according to the U.S. Treasury Department.

The only remedy for the state, according to the Wall Street Journal article, if it runs out of money in the trust fund is to seek a no-interest loan from the federal government to pay out claims.

Pearce told the Wall Street Journal on Tuesday the state "will continue to take any steps necessary to ensure the solvency of the trust fund, including seeking support from the federal government."



PHOTO COURTESY ROUTE 1 GRILL HOUSE

From left: Anthony Floramo, nephew to Route 1 Grill House owner Jeff Floramo, and Jeff Floramo, son to Route 1 Grill House owner Jeff Floramo.

Northeast Metro Tech partners with Grill House to provide hot meals to local students in need

Superintendent David DiBarri is pleased to share that a local restaurant has partnered with Northeast Metro Tech to prepare and deliver hot meals to students in need.

Northeast Metro Tech closed its facility in mid-March in an effort to prevent the spread of COVID-19, and all schools in Massachusetts have since been ordered by the state to remain closed through the month of April.

In an effort to provide hot meals to student families in need, Route 1 Grill House in Saugus is preparing a different, multi course

meal daily. Volunteer staff from Route 1 Grill House are delivering the meals, including owner Jeff Floramo, his son Jeff Floramo and his nephew Anthony Floramo.

"I'd like to thank Route 1 Grill House and the Northeast Metro Tech staff who have come together to make sure our students and their families have hot meals during this time, which has been incredibly difficult and life changing for many," Superintendent DiBarri said. "I think this effort is a testament to the caring nature of our school and our community."

The initiative began on Sunday, April 19, and is being paid for by the Northeast Student Benefit Fund.

The fund is overseen by Northeast Metro Tech Student Benefit Coordinator Tracey O'Brien, and more than \$2,000 has been donated to the fund by staff since Northeast Metro Tech closed in March.

As of Monday, 15 student families are receiving the daily deliveries.

Northeast Metro Tech aims to continue the deliveries in partnership with Route 1 Grill House until social distancing advisories are lifted.

Congressman Kennedy officially on Sept. ballot

Massachusetts Secretary of State William Galvin's office confirmed April 15 that Congressman Joe Kennedy III will appear on the ballot for U.S. Senate in September.

After months of collecting signatures across the Commonwealth, the Kennedy for MA campaign received final confirmation that they had reached the 10,000 signature requirement to get on the ballot. The campaign had submitted more than 15,000 signatures to local town and city clerks.

Kennedy signed the final nomination sheet from his home in Newton on Wednesday.



Congressman Joe Kennedy III signing the final nomination paper sheet on the porch of his home last week. He was notified he will appear on the September Primary Election ballot for U.S. Senate.

We want to see you.... at home!

Telemedicine allows health care professionals to evaluate, diagnose, and treat patients at a distance using telecommunications technology, such as a smart phone or computer. Telemedicine allows us to continue to provide high-quality care to our patients during the COVID-19 pandemic while minimizing exposures.

Telemedicine appointments are being scheduled in Pediatrics, Adult Medicine, Family Medicine, Women's Health (OB/GYN), Behavioral Health, Neighborhood PACE, and other departments. We use certified medical interpreters during telemedicine appointments for languages other than English.

Do you need to schedule a telemedicine appointment with your primary care provider? Did you miss an appointment that needs to be rescheduled? If so, call 617-569-5800 to schedule a telemedicine appointment. This is especially important if you have a chronic or a behavioral health condition. You should be treated if needed, especially during this public health crisis. We're here to keep you healthy!

www.ebnhc.org •

Parents of infants: You are focused on keeping your baby safe right now. We are too.

We know you are worried, but it is important to bring your baby to the health center for regular vaccines. Vaccines are more important now than ever, and without them, your baby is at risk for serious and sometimes fatal diseases. **We are safely seeing babies in a separate building that is only being used for healthy babies.** These visits are limited to one healthy infant and one healthy parent or caregiver. If you are unwell, please do not come to the health center yourself. If you have questions, please call us at 617-569-5800.

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FUTURE VIKINGS

Winthrop eighth-grade team wins two titles in three years

By Cary Shuman

There is a boys' basketball rebirth hitting Winthrop and coaches Nick Tsiotos and Dean Galuris are piloting the resurgence.

Winthrop's eighth-grade traveling team is on a roll, having captured North Shore Basketball League

titles in 2018 and 2019 and advancing deep in to the playoffs in the 2020 season.

Tsiotos, who teamed with his brother, Chris, to make Winthrop a powerhouse in early 1970s, and Galuris, a force in the Winthrop Rip-tide youth program, led their team to a 12-2 record this season.

In the two previous seasons, the Winthrop contingent powered through the North Shore to claim back-to-back championships. The '19 title clincher came in a thrilling, upset victory over an undefeated Beverly team before a packed house in Danvers. George Galuris hit a buzzer beater to give Winthrop a 47-45 win.

What makes the local team's success all the more inspiring is that Winthrop is one of the smallest communities in the North Shore Basketball League.

This season on December 15 Winthrop lost to Beverly by 23 points, but Winthrop regrouped and stunned Beverly in the rematch at the Winthrop Middle School gymnasium.

"It was an incredible victory," said Tsiotos. "It showed how much we had improved as a team over the course of the season."

Tsiotos said the team



The Winthrop boys basketball travel team, pictured adjacent to their 2019 North Shore Basketball League championship banner. Front row, from left, are Angelo Racenes, Alessio Marcoccio, Andrew Faretra, Jake Galuris, Ryan Cifuni, and George Galuris. Back row, from left, are head coach Chris Tsiotos, Ryan Harris, Evan Rockefeller, Vasili Tsiotos, Demetri Koutsouflakis, and Mark Johnson.

plays unselfish basketball, relying on balanced scoring and tenacious defense to gain the edge on opponents.

Winthrop employs a three-guard offense with George Galuris, Demetri Koutsouflakis, and Vasili Tsiotos running the show.

Tsiotos had a Sportscenter moment this season when he buried a three-pointer from the corner at the buzzer to give Winthrop a 45-42 victory over Georgetown in the Division 1 playoffs.

Winthrop's rotation of starting forwards includes Mark Johnson ("He can jump out of the gym," says Nick), Evan Rockefeller, and Alessio Marcoccio.

Other major contributors to the Winthrop are forward Ryan Harris, a very player good player according to Tsiotos, and guards Ryan Cifuni and Andrew Faretra, and Jake Galuris.

Tsiotos credits assistant coach Dean Galuris, a veteran of the U.S. Marines and a captain in the Mass-

port Fire Department, for laying the team's foundation through his leadership of the AAU basketball program in Winthrop.

"I think it's just been an incredible run," said Tsiotos. "Most of the players have been together since the fifth grade. The future looks very bright."

The good news for Winthrop basketball fans is that most, if not all of the players, will be attending Winthrop High School in the fall.

WHERE'S THE BALL?

A Winthrop basketball story from 1944

By Norman Hubley

It was the spring of 1944, and because America was at war, support for the USO (a charitable organization that supported active-duty service members) program was a great way for citizens to show patriotism. The Winthrop High School basketball team, made up of outstanding athletes like Ed Gingrich, Rick Wallace and others, had just completed an impressive season, dominating its opponents. It was suggested that a great way to raise money for the USO would be for the Winthrop High team to play a post-season game against another strong team, draw a big crowd, and donate all the admission money to the USO. The suggestion was unanimously accepted, and a special opponent was selected for a challenge basketball game scheduled to be played at the Winthrop Junior High School gymnasium (later called the Willis School gym). Fittingly, during this time of a national military effort, the high school team chose to compete against the US Army's 101st Quartermaster Corps basketball team made up of black American soldiers who were stationed in Boston.

At the time, I was in Junior High School, and on the 9th grade's basketball team. My ninth grade buddies and I played a preliminary game against the Winthrop Junior Varsity and then settled in to watch our local sports heroes take on the 101st Quartermaster Corps. The first half of their game was played well by both teams and ended up tied.

The second half would be a different story.

It began with the Captain of the army team picking up a loose ball on the floor and holding it out, offering it to the Winthrop player who was guarding him. When the Winthrop player reached for it, the ball disappeared! I looked around and saw that another one of the soldiers, a dozen feet away from the Captain, suddenly had the ball. The soldier dribbled it around in a circle and then made it disappear again!

My attention was then drawn to Winthrop High's Ed Gingrich, who I could see was frustrated by this influx of chicanery, and was now taking out his anger by dribbling the ball hard toward the basket with a "just try to stop me!" look on his face. When Ed was only a few steps from the basket, the army team

Captain reached down and plucked the ball away from him, then, laughing, gave it right back so Ed could put it in the basket, which he did. The whole gymnasium exploded with laughter and cheers. Gingrich laughed too. Everyone in the gym now realized that the visiting team Captain was Reece "Goose" Tatum of the Harlem Globetrotters, who was in Winthrop that day with the 101st Quartermaster Corps.

"Goose" and his exciting teammates spent the rest of the game entertaining the Winthrop crowd with world-famous Globetrotter antics. Winthrop lost the game, but everyone was a winner. Including the USO.

Winthrop Foundation

In response to the Covid--19 pandemic, the Winthrop Foundation is now accepting Emergency Grant applications from nonprofit organizations and fiscally--sponsored groups that serve the Winthrop community and that seek urgent funds for emergency needs.

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OBITUARIES

Naomi Poverman

Past president of Emeth Chapter B’nai Brith Women and past treasurer of former Temple B’nai Israel in Revere

Naomi J. Poverman of Auburn, ME, formerly of Winthrop, died Monday, April 20 at the Clover Manor in Auburn.

Born in Winthrop, the daughter of the late Barney and Esther Poverman, she was raised and educated in Winthrop and a graduate of Winthrop High School. She continued her education graduating from Bentley College and worked as an accountant.

She was Past President of the Emeth Chapter B’nai Brith Women and past treasurer of the former Temple B’nai Israel in Revere.


Naomi is survived by her nephews Michael Levy of San Francisco, CA, Steven Levy of Marlboro, Alan

Freehoff of Attleboro and her niece, Ellen Freehoff of Rumford, ME. She was the loving great aunt of Brittany, Shawn, Rebecca, Ashley, Tabitha, Christopher and Luke. She was predeceased by her sisters Ruth Freehoff and Frances Levy and her niece, Leona Sinclair.

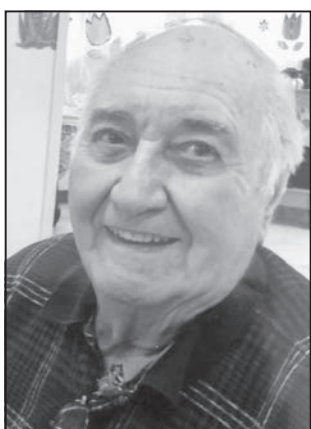
Private graveside services due to COVID-19 were held at Sharon Memorial Park, Sharon. Contributions in her memory may be made to the American Diabetes Assoc. 330 Congress St. 5 th Fl Boston, MA 02110. Arrangements through the Torf Funeral Service Chelsea, MA. For guest book, visit: www.torf-funeralservice.com.

Charles Santoianni

Avid Keno player and Suffolk Downs devotee

 Charles A. Santoianni of Winthrop, formerly of Revere and East Boston, passed away on April 18.

A US Marine veteran of the Korean Conflict, Charles was an avid Keno player at many establishments in Revere and was a frequent visitor at the Suffolk Downs Race track. May he rest in peace.



He was the beloved husband of the late Margaret (McBeth); companion of the late Katherine Gleason; loving father of Susan Giarratani and her husband, Robert of Winthrop and Tonimarie Hanton and her husband, Joseph of Methuen; dear brother of Robert Santoianni and his wife, Elaine of Peabody. He is also survived by four loving grandchildren: Samantha, Joseph, Robert Alexander and Jamie and one loving great grandchild, Michael James as well as many nieces and nephews.

In accordance with the CDC, Mass. Department of Public Health, Archdiocese of Boston guidelines and local restrictions on gatherings and congregations due to COVID-19, all services will be held for the immediate family privately. If you have any questions or would like to express your condolences please contact the funeral home during normal business hours or leave a message for the family on the Ruggiero Family Memorial Funeral Home tribute wall .

A memorial mass in celebration of his life will be scheduled for a later date.

Donations in Charles’ memory may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project by calling 1-855-448-3997 or by mail at support.woundedwarriorproject.org.

Adolph ‘Eddie’ Abate & Lucille Abate

Husband and wife taken by the COVID-19 Coronavirus



Services for Adolph E. “Eddie” Abate, 91, of Winthrop, formerly of Orient Heights East Boston were held privately with those for his wife, Lucille A. (Viola) Abate, 80, under the care and direction of the Vertuccio & Smith, Home for Funerals, Revere.

Eddie passed away on April 8 at the Massachusetts General Hospital, his wife Lucille, 80, passed one week later on April 15 at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center of Boston, both taken from the COVID – 19 Coronavirus.

The couple shared 35 years of marriage together. They lived in Orient Heights in East Boston for many years, before moving to Winthrop in 2007. During their retirement they enjoyed dining out and wintering in Florida. They always cherished being surrounded with family and friends.

Eddie was born and raised in East Boston and was educated in Boston Public Schools. He had two children, Candis and Thomas Abate. He was a

hardworking man who held several jobs throughout his life. He loved to swim and was very well known at the Boston Fish Pier where he worked for most of his life. Later in life, he worked as a shuttle bus driver for Budget Rent A Car.

He was the devoted husband of 35 years of Lucille A. (Viola) Abate; the loving father of Dr. Thomas Abate and his wife, Fengqun Luo of Revere and the late Candis A. Casaletto; beloved grandfather of Keith Abate of New Hampshire and Taylor Ciampa and her husband, Dennis of Salem; grandfather of Victoria, Nicole, Natalia, Grayson and Devon Ciampa; dear brother of the late Alfred, Alvino, Norma, Carl and Jennie Abate; cherished

uncle of Cheryl A. Vargus, Charles J. Green, Kenneth W. Green, all of Revere and the late David W. Green; grand uncle of Tiffany and Chloe Green, both of Revere and several other nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews.

Lucille was 80 years old and was born and raised in East Boston. She was a graduate of East Boston High School, Class of 1957. Lucille worked for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in the Department of Revenue Division for over 25 years, first in Boston and later in Chelsea. An avid shopper, her family recounts that Lucille would enjoy shopping for anything, but especially clothing.

She was the devoted


wife of 35 years of the late Adolph E. “Eddie” Abate; the beloved daughter of the late Joseph and Phyllis (Delavora) Viola; dear stepmother of Dr. Thomas Abate and his wife, Fengqun Luo of Revere and the late Candis A. Casaletto; cherished sister of Philip J. Viola of Winthrop, Marie Graziano and her late husband, William of Revere and the late Jean R. Scarino and her late husband Raymond Scarino; adored aunt of Cheryl A. Vargus, Charles J. Green, Kenneth W. Green, all of Revere and the late David W. Green; grand aunt of Tiffany and Chloe Green, both of Revere.

Interment was in Winthrop Cemetery, Belle Isle section, Winthrop,

In lieu of flowers remembrances for Mr. and Mrs. Abate may be made to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 038105. To send online condolences, please visit www.vertuccioandamith.com.

Ernest Lessard

Long active in the Winthrop community

 Ernest A. Lessard of Winthrop passed away at the Eastpointe Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Chelsea on April 14, 2020. He was 90 years old.

Born in Boston, the beloved son of the late Martha and Armond Lessard, he was a lifelong resident of Winthrop and was employed with Massachusetts Electric for over 42 years. He was a life member of the Winthrop Lodge of Elks, a member of the Holy Name Society Bowling League, Eucharistic Minister at St. John the Evangelist Church, Winthrop Cemetery Commissioner, School Building Committee, Council Member and van driver for the Council of Aging and a member of the Winthrop Hospital Board.

Our father was a kind and loving man. He was a



friend to everyone he met. He was so in love with our mother until her last breath two years ago. Our family was blessed by God to have him as our father.

He was the devoted husband of the late Muriel (Fredericks) and the loving father of David and Karen Lessard, Mary and Charles McGrail, Richard and Jane Lessard, Kathryn and Robert Dixon, Nancy and Patrick Feeley, Linda and Mark Sirois and Donna and Chester Farland; dear brother of Jeanette Schultz and the late Robert Lessard, Cecile Tillinghast and Germaine Cunningham. He is also survived by 24 grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

Interment in Winthrop Cemetery was private. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Doris S. K. Murachver

Lifelong supporter of many liberal causes and first female MDC lifeguard

Doris “Dodo” S. (Kaplan) Murachver of Winthrop and Newton, entered into rest on April 17.

Dodo was a graduate of Winthrop High School and received a bachelor’s degree from Boston University. During World War II she became one of the first female lifeguards for the Metropolitan District Commission, walking Winthrop Beach with her whistle in hand. Dodo was a lifelong learner. She attended adult education classes throughout her life, was an avid reader and served numerous terms as a member of the Winthrop Public Library Board of Trustees. She especially enjoyed reading the New Yorker magazine. Dodo followed politics closely and was always happy to give you her opinion on current events. She was a supporter of the Planned Parenthood League of Massachusetts and gave her time as a volunteer there. She proudly supported many liberal causes throughout her life.

She was the beloved wife of the late Sidney A. Murachver, devoted mother of David and Ellen Murachver of Framingham, Joanne Murachver and Craig Leiding of Arlington,



ton, Virginia, and Roberta and Hillel Skoff of Brookline; sister of Leonard Kaplan of Peabody; cherished grandmother of Andrew and Kimberly Murachver of Westford, Russell and Lindsay Murachver of Charlestown and Molly and Hannah Skoff of Brookline and cherished great-grandmother of Liv and Miles.

Services and Shiva will be private due to the current shelter in place policy. Expressions of sympathy in Dodo’s memory may be donated to Planned Parenthood League of MA, www.plannedparenthood.org/planned-parent-hood-massachusetts, or to a COVID-19 related charity of your choice. Arrangements under the direction of Stanetsky Memorial Chapel, www.stanetskybrookline.com.

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OBITUARIES

Philip Cannata

Family was most important to him



Philip J. Cannata of Winthrop passed away at the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston on April 19. He was 95 years old. Born in Boston, the beloved son of the late Jennie (Rabita) and John Cannata.

A resident of Winthrop for over 60 years, he served proudly in the US Army during the Korean War reaching the rank of Staff Sergeant. After his honorable discharge, he went on to work as a sheet metal worker at C.P. Blouin.

He was one of the kindest men we ever knew, always so genuine in his interest in what you were doing, always offering a warm embrace and a loving smile. Family was the most important to him whether a small family gathering or a large Fourth of July party. For over 50 years, he and his wife would meet friends every Saturday night at Prince Pizza in Saugus.

He was the devoted husband for 63 years of Rose (Falzarano), the loving father of John P. Cannata and his wife, Deborah of Peabody and Philip C. Cannata and his partner, Marcio



Correia of Florida; dear brother of Jeanette Gillen of Winthrop and the late Mary Consolo, Vincenzina Ruggiero, Lucy LaMattina and Charles Cannata and the cherished grandfather of Matthew J. Cannata. He is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

Funeral services and interment in the Belle Isle section of Winthrop Cemetery are private. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you make an act of kindness in Philip's memory.

Please feel free to send a card to family members, mail a card to the funeral home for the family or send a message on our online guestbook. We do apologize for any inconvenience.

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

Antoinette Passaro

Retired proprietor of Betty's Beauty Shop in Winthrop

Antoinette Passaro of Revere, formerly of Winthrop, passed away at the Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston on April 18. She was 83 years old.

Born in Salerno, Italy, the beloved daughter of the late Ida (Giordano) and Luigi Cinelli, prior to her retirement, she was the proprietor of Betty's Beauty Salon in Winthrop.

She was the devoted wife of the late William C. Passaro and the loving mother of John Passaro of Florida and William Passaro and his wife, Deborah of Winthrop; dear sister of Elizabeth Marano of Somerville, Nick Cinelli of Florida and the late Carmella Migliore and Barbara Nese; cherished grandmother of Jillian, Mi-

chael, Gianna and Christian; great grandmother of Novalee and former mother in law of Mande Passaro. She is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

Services and interment in the Belle Isle section of Winthrop Cemetery were private.

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Arrangements under the direction of the Caggiano-O'Maley-Frazier Funeral Home, Winthrop.

David Morretti

Of Winthrop

David A. Moretti of Winthrop died on April 20,

He was the beloved son of the late Nello and Antonetta (Marmorale) Moretti, loving brother of the late Therese Moretti and is sur-

vived by an uncle, Marcello Moretti and many cousins.

Services are private and are being handled by the DeVito Funeral Home of Watertown.

Suffolk County Sheriff details containment measures

Staff Report

With the inevitable arrival of the first cases of COVID-19 to its facilities, the Suffolk County Sheriff's Department has engaged in a rigorous containment and spread-prevention strategy aimed at limiting the effect of the global pandemic within its facilities.

Presently, as of April 17, there have been six positive tests for COVID-19 among those in Department care and custody – all within the detainee population at the Suffolk County Jail – and eight staff members who tested positive for COVID-19 (seven officers and one medical contractor). One detainee testing positive was hospitalized at Boston Medical Center overnight, and discharged back to Department facilities the following day. All six detainees have been transferred to a special quarantine unit at the House of Correction and positive staff members went into mandated quarantine. An additional two residents of the Jail are currently being housed separately at the House of Correction while awaiting test results.

In the instance of a positive test for officers, the Department conducts a review of on-duty contacts (staff/detainee/inmate) that an officer may have had. Typically, an officer does not fall within the CDC guidance of "close contact" with inmates, unless they have had physical contact through a "use of force" action or an assignment that put him or her in an enclosed area for a prolonged period of time. The Department also reviews staff contacts and assignments. Certain staff contacts have led to mandated quarantine, others, self-quarantine, and still others no quarantine, depending on the review and level of contact.

Consistent with the Department's enhanced sanitization and decontamination protocols, the Jail units in which the individuals who tested positive lived pre-test, underwent deep cleaning and decontamination. Sanitization efforts continue in those units on an accelerated pace, in addition to the cleaning and sanitizing protocols enforced

multiple times throughout the day throughout both facilities.

The use of masks for all personnel has been mandated, and anyone entering Department facilities is screened for symptoms and administered a temperature test. Custody and medical staff have been assigned personal protective equipment (PPE), and all staff, detainees and inmates have been given masks, which are replaced as needed.

"The arrival of COVID-19 in our facilities is something that we have been preparing for since the outset of the pandemic," said Sheriff Tompkins, stressing the Department's readiness. "As many of the health organizations and infectious disease experts have stated, the introduction of the COVID-19 virus in prison settings is inevitable, and we are all a microcosm of what is happening on our streets and in our communities."

"The key for us is in the implementation of our plans and the consistency in their operation," Sheriff Tompkins continued. "As I said, we are prepared for this unfortunate but inevitable situation, and we will do everything in our power to limit the incidence of the virus in our facilities and mitigate its effects by quarantining people who test positive, those who may have been in close contact with them, continuing our rigorous sanitizing and decontamination procedures, and following and updating the protocols that we've already implemented, as needed."

The Department has also enlisted the expertise of Infectious Disease Specialist Dr. Alysse Wurcel of Tufts Medical Center to bolster the practical and strategic planning of its COVID-19 response.

In addition to the protection and mitigation protocols, the Department has also been working with the courts to reduce the population within its facilities in compliance with the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court (SJC) Order 12926. To date, 31 detainees, meeting specific criteria identified by the SJC, have been released from Department custody.

State announces distribution of PPE to all Massachusetts emergency responders

Gov. Charlie Baker on April 17 announced the distribution of approximately 200,000 respirator masks for all local law enforcement officers and firefighters to ensure they have the protective equipment during the COVID-19 crisis.

These FDA-approved respirator masks will be distributed to all local law enforcement officers, including sheriffs and college and university police, and firefighters starting today through a coordinated effort by the COVID-19 Response Command Center and the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA). Emergency Medical Service (EMS) providers are continuing to receive these types of masks and other PPE.

To facilitate quick distribution of these masks, MEMA is employing a regional point of distribution (POD) model where communities can pick up their supply of masks at their designated MEMA POD. These POD sites are open and have already distributed tens of thousands of

masks to first responders.

This new distribution will ensure that local law enforcement and firefighters will have five respirator masks each, equivalent to a one month's supply. Including conservation methods currently being used by some organizations, this will provide each individual a mask per week and spare, allowing the mask to dry overnight and reuse for up to one week.

The Baker-Polito Administration and its COVID-19 Response Command Center continue to prioritize the procurement and distribution of personal protective equipment for front-line workers during the COVID-19 pandemic. As of yesterday, the Commonwealth has delivered over four million pieces of PPE statewide. This includes over 2.3 million gloves, over 370,000 masks from the "AirKraft" shipment, almost 190,000 gowns and 380 ventilators.

The following PPE distributions as of April 17 went to municipalities of facilities in the area, including those below.

Breakdown of all PPE, ventilators to local agencies, homes, facilities

MUNICIPALITIES

•March 24 – Revere: 200 Masks, 100 Gowns.
•March 27 – Chelsea: 500 Masks, 3,600 Gloves, 4 Shields.
•April 1 – Boston: 5,600 Gloves.
•April 5 – Chelsea: 600 Masks, 200 Gowns.
•April 5 – Boston: 4,500 Masks (Kraft), 10,000 Masks, 35,500 Gloves, 200 Goggles.
•April 6 – Chelsea Board of Health: 1,500 Masks.
•April 7 – Winthrop: 5,000 Gloves, 300 Gowns.
•April 11 – Chelsea Welsh Funeral Home: 10 Masks, 10 Shields.
•April 11 – Boston: 4,000 Masks, 16,600 Gloves, 2,950 Gowns, 2,946 Shields.
•April 13 – Chelsea: 200 Shields.
•April 13 – Winthrop: 300 Masks, 300 Shields.
•April 14 – Chelsea: 200 Shields.
•April 16 – Chelsea/Revere Quality Inn Shelter: 200 Masks, 500 Gloves, 200 Gowns.
•April 16 – Everett: 4,400 Masks, 100 Gowns, 125 Goggles.

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•March 29 – Chelsea Jewish Life Care (CJLC): 120 Masks (Kraft), 90 Gowns.
•March 30 – Chelsea Leonard Florence: 30 Gowns, 90 Shields.
•March 30 – Chelsea Katzman Family Center: 60 Gowns, 192 Shields.
•April 3 – CHA Everett Hospital: 300 Gowns.
•April 4 – East Boston Neighborhood Health Center: 120 KN95 Masks, 1,500 Masks, 2,000

Gloves, 120 Gowns, 314 Shields.

•April 4 – Rehab and Nursing of Everett: 1,000 Masks, 120 Gowns.
•April 4 – Chelsea Jewish Life Care: 1,000 Masks (Kraft).
•April 4 – CHA Everett Hospital: 1,000 Masks (Kraft).
•April 4 – East Boston Neighborhood Health: 1,000 Masks (Kraft).
•April 5 – Boston EMS: 5,000 Masks (Kraft).
•April 5 – Chelsea Katzman Family Center: 1,000 Masks (Kraft).
•April 5 – Chelsea Leonard Florence: 1,000 Masks (Kraft).
•April 7 – Chelsea Katzman Family Center: 120 Gowns.
•April 9 – South Boston Convention Center Hospital: 420 KN95 Masks, 4,500 Masks, 25,000 Gloves, 10,002 Gowns.
•April 13 – CHA Everett Hospital: 1,000 Coveralls, 300 Gowns.
•April 15 – Chelsea Katzman Family Center: 480 KN95 Masks, 1,000 Masks, 12 Coveralls, 60 Gowns.
•April 17 – Chelsea Eastpointe Home: 2,000 Masks, 100 Coveralls, 420 Shields.

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A Will has been admitted to informal probate. Joseph Frazier, Jr. of Mansfield, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond. The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the

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that the Winthrop Town Council will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday May 5, 2020 at on or after 7:00 p.m. in a Zoom Remote Webinar (detailed information found on Town of Winthrop Website) on the proposed operating Budget of Fiscal Year 2021 as submitted by the Town Manager. Information pertaining to this budget can be requested by calling 617-846-1742 x1034 for a hard copy, emailing at dquist@town.winthrop.ma.us or can be found online on the Town of Winthrop Website. Denise Quist Town Council Clerk 4-22-20 W

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By Seth Daniel

“Many have had end-of-life discussions already and that part is good but there are less confident instructions at times, but thank-

Nearly four weeks ago, CHA Everett converted an anesthesiology recovery room into an overflow ICU department, and since that time it has not emptied. The same has happened at the

The new treatment being studied at CHA Everett under Dr. Lai-Becker is also gaining momentum – that treatment being to give the antidote for Tylenol poisoning to patients who seem to be having a huge immune system response to COVID-19, so much so that it is tearing them down instead of helping them. The

“Frankly that’s been a comfort for patients and families and also the staff,” she said. “I’ll be honest; I

As the pandemic has advanced, there are now great suspicions that COVID-19 was present and spreading quickly in Boston as early as January.

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Research sample company looking for COVID-19 blood samples

By Seth Daniel

A biological specimen company is calling out to all those who have COVID-19 or have recovered from the virus to donate blood immediately to help wage a scientific war on beating the virus.

Biological Specialty Company (BSC) typically collects samples of several different diseases and sicknesses for the research community, including those in pharmacology, academia and the government. In normal times, one might go to one of their collection labs, such as in Medford, or at a health center. However, the company is responding to the immediate crisis, and huge request from researchers for COVID-19 samples, by changing its business model to collect blood samples from patients at their homes in a mobile collection unit.

“We need real diverse samples from diverse populations and in diverse stages of fighting the virus,” said

Lori Ball, chief operating officer of BSC. “We really need to spread the word as fast as we can because this is a pandemic and we have a pocket of time where this is really valuable information...This is the time right now to collect this and get the information while it’s in process within the body.”

Ball said their company collects samples, and then distributes them to the research community. Right now demand is at a tremendous high for them to get researchers valid and diverse samples so they can learn about the virus and try to develop a way to fight it.

Any samples collected will be used to develop diagnostics, or to learn about what COVID-19 is. They could also be used to study anti-bodies in the blood, which are immune system responses to fighting the disease. Researchers want to learn why some fight off the disease and others have trouble with it. Finally, they will use it to try to develop a vaccine so that no one ever

gets COVID-19 again.

The only way to get to those important answers is to get samples of the virus from people who have it, thus the need to gather samples at their homes and to put out a public appeal for volunteers.

“Because of the nature of COVID, we realized that if there were those who wanted to donate, they might have a fever or might be in quarantine and might not be able to get out or don’t feel well enough to get out,” said Ball. “We changed our business model to include a mobile collection program so we could go to the home of COVID-19 patients. Our researchers were having trouble getting access to the research samples. That’s what we do, get them samples, and we felt we needed to be able to go to any zip code where people have been diagnosed.”

Because COVID-19 is a global pandemic, and there are few answers now, donating to research has become very popular because

The time is now to help scientists find vaccines, treatments

it is a humanitarian gesture to try to beat the virus. However, being able to get those samples at the right time was difficult given how sick people were who had the virus.

“Some people who have been diagnosed with COVID definitely want to participate in research and many of them are first-time donors,” she said. “This is allowing them to connect with the research community right now. We are the conduit.”

Patients who are sick with COVID-19 and quarantined can now donate blood from the comfort of their home via a BSC mobile donation unit.

- When patients contact BSC, they will be asked some qualifying questions to confirm their eligibility to participate.
- BSC is seeking blood donors who are over the age of 18 with COVID-19 positive test results confirmed by nasal swab or sera (blood test).
- Patients’ personal information will be kept confidential and only health-related data will accompany their blood sample.
- They will be asked to provide demographic information such as age, race, gender, medications taken, co-morbidities, and smoking status in addition to answering questions about their illness such as symptoms and date of onset.
- For their time, patients will be compensated \$10 for each tube of blood collected.

DONATING BLOOD IN QUARANTINE

After a COVID-19 patient makes a blood donation appointment, a BSC phlebotomist, dressed in full personal protective equipment (PPE), will arrive at their home, explain the informed consent and collection process, and collect the blood sample. Then, they will send the sample to

BSC’s lab for processing and distribution.

DONATING BLOOD POST RECOVERY

People who have recovered from COVID-19 and have had no symptoms for at least 28 days, and have had no close contact exposure to a person with confirmed COVID-19 for 28 days, can elect to either donate via the mobile service or make an appointment to visit a BSC blood donor center.

BSC is a critical service supplying more than 30,000 pharma, biotech, diagnostic and government researchers with human blood products for scientific research.

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