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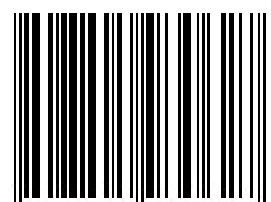
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NEWS Brief

MVES STARTS COVID-19 PANDEMIC EMERGENCY RESPONSE FUND

With the emergence of the COVID-19 virus, Mystic Valley Elder Services (MVES) continues to create contingency plans for service continuity and has established a COVID-19 Pandemic Emergency Response Fund so MVES

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The late Steve Honan (far right) is shown with James Ezekiel, Matt and Kevin Honan.

Memories of a life lived on the sea

By Kate Anslinger

Steve Honan passed away suddenly on March 31, 2020, leaving behind many memories that will be relived for years to come. The lifelong resident of Winthrop left his mark on the town much in the same way he lived his life...with gusto. Described as a gregarious, outspoken jokester who lived for the ocean, Steve will continue to take up space in the hearts of those who shared memories

with him.

Resident and childhood friend, Frank Costantino remembers Steve in his earlier years when the two attended Saint John's Elementary School together.

"Steve left us suddenly, quietly, but too soon. Despite these hazardous times, we've all suffered from the news, as it leaves a huge gap in the Honan-humor force field."

Costantino reflected on Steve's prankster personality, sharing that the jovial

man once convinced him that the Honan family was responsible for the breakers on Shore Drive, the five rocks representing their five letter name H-O-N-A-N.

Steve's wisecracks were balanced by his big, generous heart, that was responsible for a long list of volunteer work.

"He was always willing to volunteer, and loved to keep busy," remembers Costantino.

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Council confronts the 'new normal' of pandemic life

By Laura Plummer

The Winthrop Town Council met remotely on Tuesday, April 7, where it tackled community issues both related and unrelated to the COVID-19 outbreak.

Technical difficulties

The remote council session took place on the online conferencing platform Zoom and was broadcast live by Winthrop Community Access Television (WCAT). During the public comment period, residents could dial a number to be connected to Council Clerk Denise Quist, who then held the phone up to her computer speaker. Most of the callers could not be heard and their comments had to be paraphrased by the clerk. WCAT Executive Director Mike Cabral said he will be working with Quist to improve the audio quality for future meetings.

Financial assistance

Due to business closures, many Winthrop citizens are struggling financially. Faison reported that his office was receiving guidance from the state regarding municipal aid bills and also

looking into how tax extensions and mortgage delays could work. He said that the town is not trying to profit off of the crisis, adding that his own mother was laid off.

"The town is not going to bankrupt anyone," he said. "We won't shut anyone's water off."

Food security

Faison is also looking into ways to strengthen Winthrop's food security for the coming months, stating that the need for donations could extend into early summer. He reported that his office was "thinking outside the box" when it comes to ensuring that food is available to vulnerable residents and Winthrop students, including having a backup supplier on standby and working with Meals on Wheels. The food pantry is still seeking shelf-stable canned goods and nonperishable items.

School Department

The School Committee met remotely from their homes. Superintendent Lisa Howard is in daily contact

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State, Town Council tweaks parking order on Winthrop Beach

By John Lynds

In an effort to better promote social distancing and curb gathering of more than 10 people Gov. Charlie Baker issued an emergency order requiring all coastal beach reservation parking areas managed by the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) to close.

The order applied to parking Winthrop Shore Drive and caused some confusion for Precinct 6 residents that live and park along the beach. After the order was issued, State Police began towing cars that did not move after the order was handed down by the state to Winthrop residents.

While Gov. Baker said

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Winthrop Police Department offering survival kits to reduce overdose risk

Chief Terence M. DeLhanty and the Winthrop Police Department announce that they have partnered with the Police Assisted Addiction and Recovery Initiative (P.A.A.R.I.) to distribute survival kits meant to prevent overdoses and connect those in need with recovery resources.

The department, like countless others nationwide, has been forced to modify its day-to-day operations and alter its approach to serving the community in the face of the COVID-19 crisis. As part of its renewed approach, the Winthrop Po-

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Winthrop COVID-19 Update

79 total cases confirmed since March 15; two deceased, 24 recovered, 53 in isolation

Town Manager Austin Faison and Public Health Director Meredith Hurley would like to update Winthrop residents on the latest information involving the COVID-19 pandemic. The town has received notification from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) of one additional resident affected by COVID-19.

Street Sweeping This Week:

The Town of Winthrop will be conducting street sweeping operations this week between 7:00 AM and 4:00 PM on the day of a street's trash collection. Due to the current Covid-19 pandemic we realize that many people are

staying home, resulting in additional vehicles parked on the streets during the day. Sweeping will continue as scheduled in order to remove debris accumulated on roadways from the winter months, increase safety and sanitation, and help keep our storm drains clear. We are asking motorists who are able to remove

vehicles from the streets on their scheduled sweeping day to do so. But, due to the current public health concerns, tickets will not be issued for street sweeping violations at this time.

Municipal Services:

Town Hall business office

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New Balance repurposes factory to make masks, donates to EBNHC

By John Lynds

Boston based New Balance, the manufacturer of popular running sneakers

and other athletic footwear, recently repurposed its factories to produce a general-use face mask.

With an urgent demand

for personal protective equipment (PPE) that continues to intensify across the country, New Balance produced its first face mask prototype less than a week ago and donated some of these masks to the staff at the East Boston Neighborhood Health Center (EBNHC).

"By mid-April, our goal is to make up to 100,000 units weekly at our Lawrence, MA and Norridge-wock, ME factories combined," said New Balance

Owner and Chairman Jim Davis in a statement. "We are simultaneously advancing our current face mask design and materials specifications to ideally meet FDA requirements and achieve a product that can be confidently used by frontline medical staff who require those criteria."

EBNHC Vice President Steve Snyder said once he caught word that New Bal-

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EBNHC Vice President Steve Snyder wearing one of the newly created masks produced by Boston based New Balance. The sneaker company has repurposed its factories to produce masks for hospitals and clinics like the Health Center.

TRASH DELAY

Due to the Monday, April 20th, Patriot's Day Holiday, Trash will be delayed by one day.

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WINTHROP POLICE BLOTTER

Monday, 3/30

Barbara Moore, Female party on Shirley St., asking for an ambulance to come to her house to give her an IV for back pain and dehydration. Female party did not want to go to the hospital.

Truck blocking traffic about 5 cars at full stop. Truck was moved and traffic flowed. Clear

DPW found a syringe on walkway near a trash barrel. DPW will stand by for an officer. Syringe was disposed in the sharp container.

Hit and run on a Jeep Grand Cherokee on Putnam Street.

Caller reports getting threatening messages from her landlord’s wife. This has been an ongoing issue and would like to press charges. Party was advised to send victim/statement to my email to set up a hearing. Informed landlord to cease the calls.

Caller reports male party black sweatshirt, scruffy beard was walking in the area. When the unit turned around the party took off. Units checked the area. Unable to locate subject.

tion to report her vehicle had been stolen.

Caller states white female in black capris and black jacket with grey hair seems confused. Well being check requested. Unit checking the area.

Caller reports a few people in the tennis courts is concerned due to the health crisis. Advising parties the town’s website a bout the parks being closed. Party leaving.

Well being check, male called in by his cousin. Family has not heard from him in several days. Unit made contact with the male party and he will call his cousin.

Ongoing Civil dispute between family members regarding who is not allowed on the father’s property who is currently in a rehab facility. Caller was advised to apply for a Vacute/Stay Away order.

Well being check on patient stating their glucose was low. Physician has since been unable to contact this party. Fire and EMS enroute. 50-year-old female with diabetic issued was transported to MGH.

Tuesday, 3/31

Woman came to the sta-

Wednesday, 4/01

Caller states her daughter

is out front with a dog that’s bleeding from the bottom. Police have the small dog and will meet up with animal control. Clear.

Report of a dog bite in parking lot of the middle school. Principle called in the dog bite.

Report of a house broken into. Contractors working on vacant house not suppose to go into house. Alpha 4 reports it is a vacant house, no one is living inside the house.

Party reports of a woman known to her came to her residence and started banging on her door and accusing her of past issues. Party left without further incidents. The caller wanted to have the incident logged into records.

Report of a cable wire ripped down by a tractor-trailer with Tennessee Trailer plate. No fire, no sparks. Unit spoke with the driver who was very cooperative. Driver provided his information and will be dealing with the damages directly with the homeowner.

Party called from out of state regarding an ongoing Civil dispute between her and her sister and brother. She was advised to consult

her attorney.

Call by an employee of Mobile Gas Station stating a male party drinking alcohol in front of the store/parking lot. Black male wearing a blue jacket and jeans. Party acting up, unit responding, sending EMS for evaluation.

Alarm sounded at Lucky Garden Restaurant. Owner of restaurant is on scene requesting a police walk through due to the alarm. Business owner was advised officer did a check the perimeter and there were not signs of forced entry. Clear

Multiple parties fighting over keys to scooter. One party has a stick. Units clear verbal argument over who owns the scooter. Advised parties civil matter and now is not the time for an argument.

Thursday, 4/2

Worker at 7/11 states a male party in the parking lot in a white Chevy is asleep and would like him removed. Units spoke to party. He works at Fed-Ex was tired after a long shift. Units will follow him home to make sure he gets home safe.

Friday, 4/3

Received a call from state police, Short Beach will be closed for about 1 hour due to flooding.

Whole light is hanging above street hanging from electric wires, almost about to fall. State police stated DCR would be dispatched.

Party came into police headquarters to report her 22-year-old son has been missing since Tuesday evening. Son is in good health. Missing person entry cancelled.

Received a call from Harbormaster. They were receiving calls for a sailboat that was out on Snake Island. Boat empty. The Harbormaster will send someone out after the storm to go and retrieve it.

Party called stating she was being harassed by her landlord’s girlfriend via social media. She stated she was emailing the screenshots to Officer, as he had been the officer who was assisting her with this.

Saturday, 4/4

Small 4-door car parked in the outside of Gorman Elementary School where teachers doing donuts in the parking lot. Units checked entire area. Nothing show-

ing upon arrival. Clear

White male, mid 30’s, is running around seems altered mental possibly. Last seen heading down Chamberlain Ave. Units clear. Male party is known and will be referred to Sierra 3.

10 kids or so down the park congregating. Units moved parties along.

Sunday, 4/5

Caller states her neighbor and that at said address there is loud music possibly a party going on. Units spoke to homeowners they will turn off the music for the night. Clear.

Caller states there is a raccoon on his neighbor’s roof. He’s concerned and would like an officer to notify the owner.

Caller reports that there are about 16 people in the parking lot hanging out, maybe bikers, ignoring social distance advisors.

Chocolate Lab only tags are dog license. Animal Control Officer is off duty and due to the current situation with the pandemic the dog isn’t being taken by officer. Party took the dog in and was advised that he could try to contact local shelters or kennels to take the dog.

Survival Kits //CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

lice Department is one of a handful of agencies to partner with P.A.A.R.I. to provide those in need with Survival Kits.

In an effort to reduce the risk of exposure to COVID-19, several corrections facilities in various parts of the country are releasing people from incarceration who do not pose a significant risk to the public and are vulnerable to COVID-19.

According to a 2016 report by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the fatal overdose rate among individuals recently released from incarceration is 120 times higher than it is for the rest of the population.

Those with substance use disorder may also be at a greater risk for serious complications from COVID-19, according to the National Institute on Drug Abuse, because the virus attacks the respiratory system. Those with opioid use disorder could also be put at a higher risk for a fatal overdose should they contract COVID-19 and suffer diminished lung capacity from the virus. Further, self-quarantine and other similar public health efforts may make it more difficult for those with opioid use disorder to access syringe services, medication and other critical support and programming, especially

if they are also experiencing homelessness. To learn more, click here.

The Survival Kits contain a variety of resources, including:

- 4mg nasal naloxone (NARCAN)
- Localized resources to facilitate referrals to detox, harm reduction services, medication for opioid use disorder, and recovery supports, with a focus on telephonic and virtual support
- Information to connect with Boston Medical Center’s Office Based Addiction Treatment Program telemedicine and prescribing hotline and local pharmacy partners
- COVID-19 safety in-

formation

- Fentanyl safety information and, in some cases, fentanyl test strips to help identify the deadly substance.

"The COVID-19 situation has the potential to disproportionately impact people who are already at-risk, and it requires us to reconsider some of the approaches we've taken to our outreach to these groups," Chief Delehanty said. "These kits, especially with nasal naloxone included, can have a lifesaving impact and we are grateful for the opportunity to be able to provide them to those in our community who need them."

To obtain a kit, call the Emergency Operations Center between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday at 617-539-5848 or email eoc@town.winthrop.

ma.us and ask for Sgt. Sarko Gergerian to call them back to speak confidentially about having a kit dropped off at their address.

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with the State Commissioner. The district continues to receive kits of educational materials in order to better educate students during the pandemic. The committee also presented its budget for Fiscal Year 2021, which amounted to just under \$24 million, a \$2.7 million increase over last year’s budget. Town Manager Faison is planning a budget presentation for the April 21 Council meeting with the help of WCAT.

OpenGov

Council voted to transfer \$35,400 from the Special Revenue Fund to renew the Town’s software agreement with OpenGov, an online storage solution for government budgeting, communications and reporting. It is an espe-

cially crucial tool during the coronavirus pandemic, as the Town can use it for crisis communications, hosting virtual meetings and moving Town Hall operations online.

The “new normal”

Winthrop Board of Health member Meredith Hurley predicted that the COVID-19 pandemic would forever change the way the community approaches public health and safety long after the immediate threat is over.

“Talking about pandemic and infectious disease safety is going to be our new normal,” she said. “We’re going to see a lot of safety protocols going into place. We’re going to be looking at the world differently.”

New Balance //CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

ance was producing masks he reached out to the company immediately and was sent thousands of masks.

“New Balance and in particular, the New Balance Foundation has been a strong supporter of the East Boston Neighborhood Health Center for several years,” said Snyder. “When I heard about them retooling their factory to make masks I contacted them right away and they gave us access to over a couple of thousand masks. We are really proud of the actions they are taking supporting health care providers during this crisis - they are a first class organization and true friends of EBNHC.”

New Balance is approaching distribution through a combination of direct medical facility coordination and communication at the Massachusetts and Maine state levels, where its factories are located, to help the company best understand where our current face mask design fits their supply and demand needs.

“This is not a commercial opportunity,” stressed

Davis. “NB is pursuing break-even pricing and/or donations for the face mask. This initiative has kept many of our associates proudly engaged during this economic and public health crisis while our traditional retail customers are closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.”

Davis said New Balance is also quickly responding to calls for other PPE including gowns and foot coverings, among other items, with its Sports Lab production teams. This includes working toward prototypes and exploring collaborative opportunities that optimize U.S.-based 3D printing capabilities.

“We are proud to combine the industrial research and development expertise and innovative thinking of our associates with our domestic manufacturing resources to work to solve new and extraordinary product challenges, reflecting our brand’s purpose-driven culture and leveraging our skilled American workers in our New England factories,” he said.

BREAKDOWN OF SCHOOL DEPARTMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 BY SERIES

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	
	Sub-total		\$3,921,199.00

Sub-Totals	\$19,506,851.00	\$4,482,232.00	BUDGET TOTAL: \$23,989,083.00
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The Public Hearing presentation to the community will occur at 6:00 p.m. at the April 27, 2020 School Committee meeting. The location will be posted at a later date.

The proposed budget will also be posted on the School Department website.



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 7, 2010

There can be no doubt that the “talk of the town,” at least for those in attendance at Tuesday night’s Town Council meeting and those watching the events unfold live on WCAT, is what appeared to be an illegal executive session that was called by Council President Jeffrey Turco to discuss a matter with Town Manager James McKenna.

The Joint Committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies voted overwhelmingly to support Speaker Robert DeLeo’s gaming bill. East Boston State Senator Anthony Petrucci, who represents the district most likely to host a full-scale, resort-style casino at Suffolk Downs, was one of five senators who abstained from taking part in a vote by the key legislative committee.

Richard Honan and several other residents have combined efforts with the Boy Scouts, the Girl Scouts, several classes at the Gorman-Fort Banks School, the Emblem Club, and the Friends of Belle Isle Marsh to fill monthly care packages for soldiers serving in Afghanistan.

Winthrop residents Natalie Bono Bayersdorfer, Kelli Gaynor, Mark McClellan, and Ariane Seymour will star in The Winthrop Playmakers’ production of Anything Goes opening April 16.

“Clash of the Titans,” “Why Did I Get Married Too?,” and “Diary of a Wimpy Kid” are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

20 years ago April 6, 2000

WCAT has scheduled a series of candidates’ forums for the three candidates, Marie Turner, Albert C. Van Buskirk III, and Paul “Jesse” Perrier, who are running for the open selectman’s seat in the annual town election in May.

The WHS Drama Society won the award for Best Ensemble at the annual Massachusetts High School Drama Festival that was held this past Thursday at John Hancock Hall. The WHS troupe, under the direction of drama teacher Neil Shapiro, had advanced to the final round of 15 among the 100 Mass. high schools who entered the competition.

The MWRA is inviting Winthrop residents to take

a tour of the nearly-completed sewage treatment plant on Deer Island this Saturday.

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

40 years ago April 9, 1980

Incumbents took a big hit in the town election this past Monday. Former Police Lieut. John Van Dalinda pulled off a surprise, defeating 15-year incumbent Jim Reddy, 2477-1934, for the seat on the Board of Selectmen. Although veteran-an School Committeeman Donald Clayman retained his seat on that board, Beverly Brody Barisano defeated incumbent Alex Alexanian, 2133-2089. Noel Bolger knocked off another incumbent, Mort Buckley, 2326-1207, in the race for a seat on the Board of Assessors, while Robert Edwards topped another incumbent, Bernard Basch, 2326-1207, for the post on the Housing Authority. In another race of great interest, Jim Corkhum handily won the Tax Collector contest with 2635 votes to 1002 for Edward Santarpio and 837 for George Pulsifer.

Suffolk County District Atty. Newman Flanagan will be the guest speaker at

Monday’s weekly Rotary Club meeting.

Orson Welles stars in “The Late, Great Planet Earth” at the Kincade Theatre.

50 years ago April 9, 1970

Town Meeting completed its business for 1970, approving articles calling for a new skating rink and payraises for the police and fire departments.

Vietnam veterans met with more than 100 local residents to discuss what is like “over there” at a forum hosted by the Winthrop Peace Action Group that was moderated by Rev. Robert A. Mackie, pastor of St. John’s Episcopal Church. The veterans spoke of the dehumanizing effects of the military and of the rampant corruption in So. Vietnam caused by the American military presence. John F. Kerry Jr. of Waltham told of how he was ordered, as the commander of a PT boat on the Mekong River, to destroy everything along his path, even clearly civilian homes and sampans, as well as civilians themselves, if they were unlucky enough to be caught in the crossfire. Kerry said that every American should be in favor of ending the war to avoid the loss of

even one more life in this useless conflict.

Massport has proposed lengthening Runway 9L-27R, which will have the effect of increasing noise levels for Winthrop residents.

Robert Redford, Paul Newman, and Katharine Ross star in “Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid” at the Winthrop Cinema.

60 years ago April 7, 1960

The fourth and final session of the annual Town Meeting turned down requests by the Chamber of Commerce for the purchase of land for a parking lot in the Centre and for the use of town funds to supplement the Chamber’s Christmas lighting program. Town Meeting approved a 10-year lease for the Little League playing field, but turned down a request by the softball league for lights at Ingleside Park. The Advisory Committee is predicting a new tax rate of \$69.90, a jump of \$4.70 over last year’s rate. Property in town is estimated at a value of \$30,000,000.

Miss Vera Fussell was chosen as the Queen of the Winthrop High sophomore-junior prom Friday evening.

The police crackdown on

roving groups of teenage youths in cars netted another band of teens who were searched and found to have a knife in their possession.

Robert Taylor stars in “The Gazebo” at the Winthrop Theatre.

70 years ago April 6, 1950

The Winthrop Housing Authority has applied to the state for the construction of 48 more units of low-rent veterans housing to consist of 24 duplex-style homes. The town just recently completed construction of 73 units of veterans housing.

Gordon Connor has resigned as head football coach at Winthrop High and has been named the Director of Athletics for the school system. However, Connor will keep his duties as WHS basketball and baseball coach. Assistant football coach Ed MacFarland and junior high football coach Malcolm Stewart are considered the leading candidates to succeed Connor in the football post. Connor, who was a four-sport letterman at Winthrop High, had been head football coach since 1941.

Clark Gable and Loretta Young star in “Key to the City” at the Winthrop and State theatres.

COVID-19 Update //CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

es remain closed to walk in foot traffic at this time. Residents can pay taxes, parking tickets and apply for resident parking stickers 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 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 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 - Buidingdept@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 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.

1. Boaters must ensure

your boat is properly registered/documented.

2. Ensure boat excise tax is paid. (Include payment if needed.)

3. 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.

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

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 delivery, please contact the EOC at 617-539-5848 or COVID19info@town.winthrop.ma.us. All information will be confidential.

The COVID-19 Tip Hotline is available on the Winthrop Public Safety website at <https://winthroppublicsafety.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>

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.

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

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:

As construction progresses for the Center Business Infrastructure Project, we remain committed to continuous water service to

all homes and businesses. If any resident experiences discolored water, it is not harmful and will clear if you run your cold water in the bathtub for several minutes. This discoloration is simply iron that gets stirred up when water is diverted or flow direction is changed. We recommend the use of a bathtub so aerators in faucets aren’t affected. Construction updates can be found online www.town.winthrop.ma.us/winthrop-projects-plans-and-presentations/pages/cbd-2-week-look-ahead

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 public schools in Massachusetts are closed until at least May 4th.

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...>

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 “COVIDMA” to 888-777

United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention - <https://www.cdc.gov/>

COVID-19 symptom checker: www.mass.gov/how-to/check-your-symptoms-for-covid-19-online.

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 at https://janedoe.org/find_help/

Stay within solitary or small groups, and avoid gatherings of ten or more people;

Practice social distancing of at least six feet between individuals;

Participate in only non-contact recreational activities;

Practice healthy personal hygiene, such as handwashing for at least 20 seconds;

Stay home if ill, over 70, and/or part of a vulnerable population.

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the order was to further reduce large concentrations of people at beaches during the COVID-19 outbreak Winthrop Shore Drive residents and Precinct 6 Councilor Stephen Ruggiero argued that Winthrop Beach is much differently situated than many of the other beaches affected by the Governor’s order.

Last week DCR amended the order to allow vehicles with Winthrop resident parking stickers to remain

parked on Winthrop Shore Drive.

“Through a collaboration between Precinct 6 residents, law enforcement, and local and state government leaders, I’m pleased to say that the Governor’s order has been adjusted so that vehicles displaying Winthrop resident parking stickers are permitted to park along Winthrop Shore Drive,” said Ruggiero. “Thank you to DCR for recognizing the unique

residential qualities of the Winthrop Beach area. Please keep in mind that the intention of last week’s order is to reduce congregation at beaches during the COVID-19 outbreak, and that message remains unchanged. According to health experts, it is still imperative to practice physical distancing to limit the spread of the virus.”

Ruggiero added Winthrop Shore Drive residents can obtain a parking sticker

by calling (617) 539-5848 Monday through Friday or emailing COVID19info@town.winthrop.ma.us.

Winthrop Beach will remain open and available to pedestrians for transitory use only, i.e. walking, jogging, biking, solitary fishing, etc.

Town Manager Austin Faison and Public Health Director Meredith Hurley have received notification from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) that as of Wednes-

day the number of Winthrop residents with positive cases of COVID-19 rose to 79 total cases with one more additional death.

Winthrop officials, Gov. Baker and the DCR continue to stress that if Winthrop Beach or other area parks are crowded, visitors should consider visiting a different location or returning at a later date or time. The Governor and DCR also advises visitors of state parks to:

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OUR Opinions

A LIGHT AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL?

The United States now is the official epicenter of the coronavirus pandemic.

We have more deaths and more cases of disease than anywhere else in the world.

However, this past weekend the experts began to give us a glimmer of hope that we are turning the tide against this dreaded foe and the possibility that our lives may return to some semblance of normality in incremental steps within 30-60 days.

We are the first to concede that there are many “ifs” to any discussion of ending the shutdown of the U.S. economy and the present lockdown mandates currently in place throughout most of the nation. A vast increase in testing in order to identify both virus carriers and those who may have immunity will be essential before we can begin to emerge meaningfully from our life of quarantine.

It also is clear that even with some sort easing of the lockdowns, life still will be far from normal: Schools most likely will remain closed for the rest of this school year, professional sports will not take place anytime soon, public gatherings of all kinds will be banned, and the travel industry will continue to be in a state of non-existence indefinitely.

But the experts’ insights about the possibility of some degree of easing of our current situation brought to mind the famous words of Winston Churchill amidst the worst days of World War II when Nazi Germany’s advance had been stopped by England with the defeat of Rommel at El Alamein:

“Now this is not the end. It is not even the beginning of the end. But it is, perhaps, the end of the beginning.”

Our war against the coronavirus still has a long way to go. But with the outbreaks and death toll dropping in many places around the world, including New York City, perhaps we can see a pinhole of light in the long, dark tunnel in which we find ourselves.

SO LET’S TALK ABOUT THE WEATHER

The weather this April has been full of irony. We had mild months for January, February, and March, with above-average temperatures (among the warmest on record) and few storms of any consequence.

However, April has been anything but spring-like. Temperatures have been below normal and two fierce storms, including this past Monday’s, left many of us without power.

So although April thus far has ranged from seasonably unpleasant to rather ferocious, weather-wise, at least it has provided us with a diversion from our preoccupation with the coronavirus.

Correction:

In the article “Center Business District construction remains on schedule” published on April 9, ambiguous language may have appeared to suggest that Councilor Richard Ferrino was against pausing construction in the CBD. In fact, Councilor Ferrino supports delaying the project.

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GUEST OP-ED

Easter is about being surprised by Joy, it’s also about sharing the good news and the joy

By Cardinal Seán Patrick O’Malley

There is a Franciscan tradition that the risen Christ appeared first of all to his mother. It would’ve been a very private, intimate setting, not documented in the Gospels. The Gospels do not record every incident in Jesus’s life. His encounter with Mary is a tradition supported by the logic of love and devotion. Hence in many Spanish-speaking countries the Easter procession is called the Encuentro, the meeting of Jesus and Mary. Typically, the men accompany the statue of the risen Christ and in another procession the women accompany the statue of the sorrowful mother. When the two processions meet the black mantle covering the sorrowful mother is removed and underneath Mary is wearing a beautiful white raiment that the betokens the joy of Easter. The same mystery, or event, the meeting of Jesus and Mary after the Resurrection is the sixth joyful mystery of the Franciscan rosary.

However, in the Gospels when they want to record Jesus first meeting, they chose to cast Mary Magdalene in that role. Jesus said he came to call sinners and so it is very fitting that the first apparition recorded in the gospel is to a woman who had been possessed by seven devils. Likewise, the last apparition of the risen Christ in the New Testament is to a sinner called to conversion, Saul. The risen Christ appears to the Pharisee Saul who is persecuting the Christians in Damascus. The risen Christ says to Saul who was later St. Paul the apostle, “, Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?” These words were an invitation to St. Paul to realize that when you persecute the church you are persecuting Christ, because the Church and Christ are one. Later on, Paul in his epistles describes the church is the body of Christ. Paul is converted by this encounter with the risen Christ, and because he has seen the risen Christ Paul becomes himself an apostle in a community of forgiven sinners.

Mary Magdalene is also been called an apostle because of her encounter with the risen Lord. When Peter and the apostles fled into the witness protection program, Mary Magdalene followed Jesus all the way to Calvary. It is interesting to note that so often when artist depict the crucifixion scene, they show the blessed mother standing on one side of the cross, John the beloved disciple standing on the other side of the cross, and in the center, kneeling clinging to Jesus’s feet is the figure of Mary Magdalene. When Lazarus sister Mary sat at Jesus feet listening to his words while Martha prepared the meal.

Martha complained but Jesus said Mary has chosen the best part it will not be taken away from her. The best part for the disciple is to be at the feet of the master, always learning, always attentive, always near.

Today’s gospel begins with Mary Magdalene setting out before dawn to visit the tomb of Jesus. She had to wait until the Sabbath was over to be able to walk that distance. When she gets there she discovers that the tomb has been opened and the body is gone. She is distressed, surely thinking that the tomb has been desecrated by enemies of Jesus. Overcome with grief she runs to the city to tell Peter and John what she has found. I hate to say this, but I don’t think Peter and John would’ve gone to the tomb on Easter Sunday had they not been shamed into it by Mary Magdalene and her report that the tomb was empty. They were too busy practicing social distancing and were so frightened of the possibility of being discovered that I’m sure they would gladly have worn facemasks.

The three of them rush back to the tomb. It was a journey of faith for the three of them. When they saw the borrowed tomb where Joseph of Arimathea had buried Jesus, they were experiencing the first signs of the Resurrection that come with the new light of day as they move out of darkness and unbelief. We see Peter and John entering the tomb with Mary Magdalene. In my office I have a photograph of the holy sepulcher, that very same tomb where I celebrated mass with the group a Boston priest, packed in there like sardines. It was a thrilling experience to enter the empty tomb and know that our Redeemer lives. He has conquered sin and death. In the photograph you can see that the tomb is crowded with joyful disciples because the master is risen and is alive.

Today’s Gospel says that when John saw the burial cloth and the cloth that covered Jesus’s head folded in a separate place, he begins to believe, even though the disciples did not yet understand the Scripture that Christ had to rise from the dead. After this, the gospel records that John and Peter returned to the city where later that same day, the risen Lord will seek them out with the other apostles in their hiding place.

But Mary Magdalene who followed Jesus through the way of the cross, who clung to the foot of the cross on Calvary, who participated in his burial, who was the first to arrive on Easter morning at the tomb, she did not leave. She was not going anywhere. It was then that the risen Christ appeared to her, to Mary Magdalene, his first official apparition

on Easter Sunday. He called her by name, and immediately she threw herself at his feet and cling to his feet, just as she had done at Calvary. Always the posture of the faithful disciple. But having seen the risen Christ and heard his words, she becomes his apostle sent to take the good news to the other apostles that the tomb is empty because Jesus is alive, risen from the dead. No one stole His body.

The power of the Resurrection changes one’s perspective and how we see life. We no longer need to fear death. Knowing the Resurrection means receiving a mission to live the life of the Resurrection and witness to the world that Christ lives, he loves us, he forgives us, he redeems us. The church exists to witness this great truth of Easter. Without Easter there is no church.

Easter is the most important event in the history of the world. Other events are marked by annual observances, both civic and religious. Hence, once a year we celebrate Christmas, once a year we celebrate Fourth of July, our Independence Day. But Easter is different, we have a weekly observance, we celebrate the Lord’s Resurrection each Sunday as a reminder that it is the most important event in our history and in our lives. If the whole Bible were lost but the Easter Gospel were saved, we would still have the Good News. We might ask ourselves how 12 uneducated fishermen did this. A tax collector and peasants from backwater villages in a conquered country, without smartphones, they established a religion that embrace billions of people, one third of the inhabitants of the world. The answer is the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. His Resurrection has changed everything. The Resurrection has divided history, not just our calendar into BC and AD.

On Easter, the Lord is inviting us to emerge from the tomb to walk in the light to know that the world can never be the same because he has conquered sin and death for all of us. In our own lives no matter how far we are from the Lord, Easter is an invitation, to draw near to gaze into the empty tomb, to put our fingers in the place of the nails, to renew our baptismal vows and know that we are part of Christ’s family. Easter is an invitation to new life, to a new beginning, Easter means that life and love are forever, nothing else matters.

When the risen Lord meets anyone in the Gospels they are given a task, the task is to join the announcement, to be witnesses to the new life that is offered by Jesus Christ, even when persecuted the Church bears

witness in its joy, overcoming fear in worship, in the midst of war, in famine, and during a pandemic. In Haiti, after the earthquake I was so moved by the faith of those thousands of Haitians living in refugee camps where for hours into the night the people could be heard singing God’s praises and lifting their voice in prayer because in the face of death and destruction their faith in the risen Lord gave them hope and joy.

At Easter we celebrate that new life that Jesus gives us. We witness to it when we insist that money isn’t our ruler, that self-promotion isn’t our King, that pleasure isn’t a fulfilling aim and that the ruthless individualism of our age can never bring happiness. The new life of Christ is broken into our world, it cannot be contained, nor restricted nor managed.

In Goethe’s book Faust there is a dramatic scene where Faust is overcome with depression and sadness, he is contemplating suicide when suddenly he hears the Easter bells, the community of faith celebrating the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. The sound pulls him back from the edge and gives him hope. Today in Massachusetts all of the Christian churches are ringing their bells as a sign of the hope and joy that Easter brings us.

Today as we hear the Easter bells as a call to solidarity among all the members of our community so that in the face of the pandemic, we might respond to witness to the power of the Resurrection, the power of love that is stronger than death, and faith in a provident God who can always bring good out of evil.

To know the risen Lord, is to know his love, and his invitation to lead a better life, to treat each other with greater respect and concern. To know Jesus’ Resurrection is to begin to understand that we too are going to live forever. In the light of the Resurrection, our lives must change. We must move beyond the materialism and individualism of our culture and embrace our mission to witness to the good news and make God’s kingdom more visible by the way that we love, forgive, care for each other and serve one another especially those who are sick and suffering. The Resurrection assures us that there is life beyond the cross, there is meaning to suffering, that love is stronger than death. If Easter is about being surprised by Joy, it’s also about sharing the good news and the joy that our Redeemer lives. Mary Magdalene ran to tell the people, let’s stop dragging our feet, we must share the good news.

Cardinal Seán Patrick O’Malley is the Archbishop of Boston.

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Alongside his wife Pixie, Steve was a fixture at events associated with the Winthrop Improvement and Historical Association (WIHA) and the Cottage Park Yacht Club (CPYC). Those that knew Steve well, credit his smile for bringing joy to their lives. As a long-time board mem-

ber of WIHA, Steve seldom let the board get through a meeting without dispensing a few jokes that always resulted in laughter. To James Ezekiel, Steve was a father-figure, and that relationship evolved further when Ezekiel had his own son. “When my son Jasper

was born, Steve turned to his wife Pixie and told her that he was ready to be a grandfather, and from that moment on they did everything together. Although Stevie may not have been his blood grandad, I really can’t imagine anyone being better at it than him.”

Like many longtime Winthrop residents, Steve kept his grade-school friends throughout life, often blending those friendships with the new ones that he made along the way. Sailing was a passion of Steve’s and his love of the water was evident in the memories that his fellow sailors have of him.

Friend, Lou Gaurino, remembers sailing with him on the family boat while listening to stories from long ago.

“He always told stories about sailing as a young kid,” said Guarino. “He would terrorize the Winthrop Yacht Club with his mast assault on their third floor bar when the tide was high enough to navigate the area.”

From long ago friends to immediate family members, Steve’s life was book-marked with sailing stories.

“Growing up with my dad meant lots of time on the ocean,” said Matthew Honan. “He was a great sailor and truly loved being on the water. We were always on the water and we spent many days sailing all around the harbor islands, exploring the old forts, ruins and battlements.”

Matthew has a vivid memory of sailing to Little Calf Island with his parents and brother, Kevin. Unbeknownst to the brothers, their parents used the trip to teach them about the “Birds and the Bees,” while camping in the foundation of an

old mansion.

When Matthew thinks of his father, stories about life on the sea are what come to mind. From discovering remnants of the military fort on the many islands they sailed to as a family, to the regular sayings that echoed from his father’s lips, Matthew will always see his dad in the reflection of the ocean water.

“On the way home to Winthrop, depending on the tide, my father might yell, ‘get your feet up out of the water’ as we passed Deer Island Light. The Deer Island Sewerage treatment plant used a tidal drainage, which meant that they held the sewage from Boston for the day and would let it all go at the outgoing tide. Giant plumes of brown, treated muck would bubble up during these times, which



Steve and Rich Honan.

was always amusing to young boys.”

Resident and friend, Joe Wallace, will never forget when he went sailing with Honan for the first time. As most 12-year-old boys would do, Wallace asked where they were going. With a stoic look on his face, Steve responded...

“We’re there.”

*May the road
rise
up to meet you.
May the wind be
always at your back.
May the sun shine
warm upon your face;
the rains fall soft
upon your fields and
until we meet again,
May God hold you in
the palm of His hand.*



Pixie, Jasper and Steve at Grandparents day at BC High.



Steve would spend several hours a week helping his brother Rich build his boat

Winthrop Foundation

**In response to the Covid-19 pandemic,
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**Please visit www.winthropfoundation.us for the
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CASA to receive grant for job skills initiative

By Kate Anslinger

CASA (Community Action for Safe Alternatives) is on the receiving end of a \$32,500 grant dedicated to a job skills initiative they have called Youthworks. These assets will come from the ‘Shannon Grant,’ which funds anti-gang and youth violence prevention efforts undertaken by law enforcement, community-based organizations, and government agencies in communities throughout the Commonwealth.

Youthworks will be a collaborative initiative that includes a partnership between CASA, the Win-

throp Public Schools, and the Winthrop Chamber of Commerce. The focus will be on identifying students who are having difficulty in identifying long-term career goals, and to present these students with opportunities within the community.

“Our hope is to shed more light on opportunities for young people and to connect them to meaningful career possibilities,” said CASA Director LeighAnn Eruzione. “We want the end goal to be an apprenticeship or even a job for these students.”

As part of the new initiative, CASA hired Jennifer Reth as the Youthworks

Coordinator. Reth will be responsible for researching what programs are available to the community and meeting directly with youth. A big part of her job will be to teach resume and interviewing skills, as well as tools to enhance professionalism and work ethic. Reth will follow a career development program to ensure job applicants are on track.

“In school students receive a lot of college readiness support but not all students fall under that track,” said Reth. “Helping students identify where their passions lie is key to helping prepare them for future jobs and correlates

to success in school whether it’s the rest of their high school experience or beyond. Research has shown that students feel more engaged in school and their future when they are able to see the connection between their studies and real-world applications, connecting students to real-world experiences and soft skills training will be a driving force behind this program. CASA’s defining principals for this project is coaching and mentoring. Participants will gain a uniquely meaningful experience, exposing them to new ways of envisioning their academic and professional careers, helping them develop the skills to realize



Executive Director of CASA, LeighAnn Eruzione with Jennifer Reth, the newly hired Job Skills Initiative Coordinator.

their vision is possible.”

If Winthrop businesses want to learn about how they can get involved, please contact Betsy Shane, Executive Director of the

Winthrop Chamber of Commerce: betsy@winthropchamber.com or Jennifer Reth: jreth@winthrocasa.org.

RMV announces additional licensure extensions; introduces online CDL option

The Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) continues to thoroughly review its licensing protocols and credential requirements to identify additional measures that can be implemented to reduce non-essential travel, reduce the need for customers to visit RMV Service Centers, and ensure proper “social-distancing” can take place under Governor Charlie Baker’s declaration of a State of Emergency the week of March 9.

The following new changes to service delivery and organizational protocols are now or are about to be in place as follows:

- Professional credentials for School Bus Certificates, School Pupil Transport Licenses (7D), Inspector Licenses, Driving Instructor Licenses and Driving School Licenses that have expired or are expiring, between March 10 and April 30, will be extended for 90 days after the State of Emergency is lifted. These

credentials should all be considered “active” as the RMV implements the system changes to reflect that status in the near future.

- Commercial Driver’s License (CDL) holders are now able to renew their licenses online if they are self-certified in the Non-Excepted Interstate (NI) category for medical certification.

- All passenger and motorcycle road tests (Class D and Class M) have been cancelled through Monday, May 4, 2020.

Reminders About Other Previously Announced Changes:

- Driver’s licenses, ID cards, and Learner’s Permits, including Commercial Driver’s Licenses & Permits (CDL/CLP), that have expired or are expiring between March 1, 2020, and April 30, 2020, have had a 60-day extension applied to the current expiration date and do not need to be renewed at this time. Customers holding a license or ID marked “Limited-Term” that expired between March 1 to April 30 should visit Mass.gov/RMV for more information and to check the validity of their credential. CDL Medical Certificates that expire on or after March 1 until April 30 will be extended until June 30 to prevent license downgrades and elective medical visits, as well as alleviate demand on medical providers.

- Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, the RMV has implemented a strict no walk-in policy at a limited number of Service Centers that remain open to the general public. Service for necessary in-person transactions are available by appointment only. Customers should visit Mass.gov/RMV to make a reservation at an open Service Center or find information on over 40 transactions that can be conducted online, by phone, or by mail.

- Non-Classroom Drivers Education – through a temporary policy, the RMV is allowing driving schools to offer online driver education training and written testing during this emergency period only. The RMV will continuously monitor the current emergency and will keep you informed about the timeframe in which driving schools can offer alternative training.

- Effective April 1, 2020, all of the passenger plate registrations that have expired in March or will be expiring in April have been extended for 60 days. Registrations that expired in March have been extended until May 31 and registrations that expire in April have been extended until June 30. Registration renewals can continue to be performed online at Mass.gov/RMV during this time. Customers seeking to do so in-person will not be able to make an appointment and should delay their visit to a Service Center at this time.

- The annual motor vehicle safety and emissions inspection stickers that expire on March 31 and April 30 have been extended 60 days and all motorcycles with inspection stickers originally set to expire on May 31 must be inspected by June 30. The RMV is also extending the time during which newly registered vehicles must be inspected based on the purchase date.

- Class D and M Learner’s Permits knowledge exams have been suspended through May 4. Commercial Learner’s Permit tests are available to be taken at the Milford and Wilmington RMV Service Centers during normal business hours and commercial road tests continue to be conducted by the Massachusetts State Police.

- Massachusetts State Police are still conducting road tests for Commercial Driver’s Licenses (CDLs), but require anyone taking

these road tests to bring and wear a mask or face covering for the entirety of the test.

- The National Safety Council (NSC) and the RMV have previously announced the cancellation, through May 4, of the following Massachusetts in-person classroom driver safety classes: 8-hour Driver Retraining Program, 4-hour Driver Attitudinal Retraining Program and the 4-hour State Courts Against Road Rage (SCARR) Program. The RMV has temporarily approved an alternative way to deliver the statutorily required content in the form of an online course. For a limited time, participation in the online course will fulfill the in-person class requirement. Additional information is available at <http://drive.nsc.org> and impacted customers can expect to receive specific instructions directly from NSC.

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consumers will continue receiving critical assistance such as food, personal care and other essential items on either a short-term or one-time basis.

“Donations to this fund will help provide essential support so that we will have the immediate and substantial resources needed to adjust and continue to operate during these incredibly difficult times for so many,” says Daniel O’Leary, CEO of MVES.

MVES would like to thank the following organizations for their recent generous donations to the fund.

The Boston Foundation presented a \$25,000 general operating support grant to help provide support for MVES’ efforts to support older adults with home meal deliveries and other vital programs such as home care and medication services.

Harvard Pilgrim Health

Care Foundation gave a generous gift of \$10,000 towards this emergency fund. Their funds will make certain MVES has funding needed to provide Meals on Wheels and meet food security needs for more of our vulnerable older adults during the pandemic.

The Savings Bank of Wakefield and Winchester Savings Bank donated gifts of \$3,000 each that will be used towards the MVES’ Money Management Program. This program provides financial assistance to nearly 100 consumers who are living in our 11 community service area helping them with bill paying, budgeting and banking tasks. Seventy-nine Money Management volunteers service these consumers by helping them with their financial tasks.

Donated goods are also coming in and welcomed. Short Path Distillery in Ev-

erett donated 50 bottles of hand sanitizer to MVES for front-line employees.

Generosity to the COVID-19 Pandemic Emergency Response Fund will provide the funding MVES needs to cover the costs of urgently needed, unbudgeted resources, including the surge in demand for home-delivered meals and added costs of preparation and delivery, and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) including masks, gloves, and hand sanitizers.

To support the Mystic Valley Elder Services COVID-19 Pandemic Emergency Response Fund, you can donate online by visiting mves.org or by sending a check to the attention of Mystic Valley Elder Services, 300 Commercial St, #19, Malden, MA 02148. For more information on the fund, please email development@mves.org



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A VIEW INTO THE HALL

Finn had a first-hand look at the greatness of Barbara Stevens

By Cary Shuman

Barbara Stevens has more than 1,000 victories in her legendary coaching career, but the 35 that she and the Bentley women's basketball team earned in the 2013-14 season were the highlight.

Winthrop's Courtney Finn was an All-American player on that Bentley team that went 35-0 and captured the NCAA Division 2 national championship. Finn was legendary herself

in the national championship game, hitting 12-of-12 from the free throw line as Bentley rallied to defeat West Texas A&M, 73-65, at Erie Insurance Arena. Finn was a graduate student that season after being red-shirted as a freshman due to an injury.

Finn, who is the assistant director of financial operations for the Bentley Athletic Department (that is led by AD Bob DeFelice of Winthrop) has congratulated her now-colleague,

Barbara Stevens, on the incredible honor of having been selected to the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame. Stevens joins NBA greats Kobe Bryant, Kevin Garnett, and Tim Duncan and others in the 2020 class of inductees.

"Barbara Stevens is not only an unbelievable coach but she's just an unbelievable person," lauded Finn. "She really helped us as players not only grow on the basketball court but as people, too. And I think that makes a huge impact on your game.

"She's been around the game for a long time and knows a lot of Xs and Os," continued Finn. "But it was pretty much everything outside of that, which really got us to jell and bond as a team and really play as one."

The Falcons' national championship season was memorable from start to finish, with the team rising up from being a perennial national contender to a national champion.

"That season was like the perfect storm – we had some players in grad

school, seven seniors, so the seven of us got to play together for a long time, it was the perfect mix," said Finn.

The Winthrop great recalled that Stevens and the current associate head coach, C White, personally recruited her. Finn, Winthrop's all-time leading scorer with 1,749 points, had considered Division 1 programs such as BU, Providence, and Maine and other schools, but she accepted Bentley's scholarship offer.

"I'm very happy I chose Bentley," said Finn. "I was

around Bentley since when I was young, going to the basketball camps there. I think from a young age I had always wanted to play there. When I got that offer, I jumped right on it."

Courtney concluded her personal tribute to Barbara Stevens, saying, "It was an honor playing for her in the program. She made me grow in to not only a great basketball player but an even better person. She really helped me take steps in life and be where I am now, to still be able to work with her and still have a very close relationship with her now – it means a lot to me."

Courtney is the daughter of Winthrop schoolteacher and tennis coach Marie Finn and former Superintendent of Schools Peter Finn. Her twin brother, Paul, is a graduate of WPI and works as a program manager at Raytheon. Their older sister, Kristen (Finn) McDonnell, is a graduate of Bates College and an otolaryngology physician assistant at Mass Eye and Ear.

Interestingly, another Winthrop High all-time, multiple-sport great, Lisa Monteleone Ferrara, also starred on Barbara Stevens-coached Bentley teams in the 1980s.



Bentley University women's basketball head coach Barbara Stevens, with the seniors on the 2013-14 NCAA Division 2 national championship team. From left, are Chrystal Guarin, Caleigh Crowell, Tyler Parker Kimball, Head Coach Barbara Stevens, Lauren Battista, Courtney Finn, Jacqui Brugliera, and Christiana Bakolas.

WINTHROP STUDENT EARN ACADEMIC HONORS

ARRIA INDUCTED INTO THE HONOR SOCIETY OF PHI KAPPA PHI

Sean Arria of Winthrop, was recently initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective all-discipline collegiate honor society. Arria was initiated at University of Massachusetts.

Arria is among approximately 30,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni to be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi each year. Membership is by invitation only and requires nomination and approval by a chapter. Only the top 10 percent of seniors and 7.5 percent of juniors are eligible for membership. Graduate students in the top 10 percent of the number of candidates for graduate degrees may also qualify, as do faculty, professional staff and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction.

Phi Kappa Phi was founded in 1897 under the leadership of undergraduate student Marcus L. Urann

who had a desire to create a different kind of honor society: one that recognized excellence in all academic disciplines. Today, the Society has chapters on more than 300 campuses in the United States and the Philippines. Its mission is "To recognize and promote academic excellence in all fields of higher education and to engage the community of scholars in service to others."

Since its founding, more than 1.5 million members have been initiated into Phi Kappa Phi. Some of the organization's notable members include former President Jimmy Carter, NASA astronaut Wendy Lawrence, novelist John Grisham and YouTube co-founder Chad Hurley. Each year, Phi Kappa Phi awards nearly \$1 million to outstanding students and members through graduate and dissertation fellowships, undergraduate study abroad grants, funding for post-baccalaureate development, and grants for local, national and international literacy initiatives. For more information about Phi Kappa Phi, visit www.phikappaphi.org.

Hope springs eternal: MIAA plans for shortened season

The Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA) last week announced plans for a shortened spring athletic season in the event that Gov. Charlie Baker allows schools to go back into session on May 4.

The MIAA's plans compress the 2020 spring season into a regular season of 8-12 games and then an abbreviated post-season that would feature only sec-

tional playoff tournaments. There would be no state tournaments.

School presumably would play only other schools within their own conferences, a move that would necessitate a reconfiguration of the existing schedules for every school.

If schools do in fact reopen on May 4, the MIAA also established guidelines for the pre-season for each sport. The pre-season, in-

cluding tryouts, would be shortened to a week for most sports. Rugby programs would be required to have a nine-day pre-season, though spring golf programs would be required to have only a three-day pre-season.

Of course, the MIAA's plans are predicated on a big "if," that being whether schools are allowed to reopen on May 4, which is an increasingly-unlikely scenario.

With the COVID-19 pandemic still rampaging through the state, the chances of schools being reopened -- which would expose students, teachers, coaches, and all of their families to infection -- appears to be remote.

The MIAA Board of Directors met Monday to discuss further plans and options, but no announcements have been forthcoming as of press time.

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EAST BOSTON NEIGHBORHOOD HEALTH CENTER ON THE FRONTLINES FIGHTING COVID-19

With East Boston having one of the highest COVID-19 infection rates in the City of Boston the doctors, nurses and staff at the East Boston Neighborhood Health Center have been working around the clock on the frontlines combating the viral outbreak. These photos are a glimpse into how much our world has changed in the past few weeks as doctors, nurses and staff at the Health Center risk their health each day to provide topnotch healthcare to Eastie’s vulnerable residents.



A EBNHC doctor inside the emergency room prepares to examine a patient.



Nurses and healthcare workers are covered head to toe in protective gear inside the Health Center’s Gove Street emergency room.



The COVID-19 virus affects the body’s respiratory system and can lead to pneumonia, or worse, Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome or ARDS. Here a healthcare worker at the Health Center checks on lung x rays.



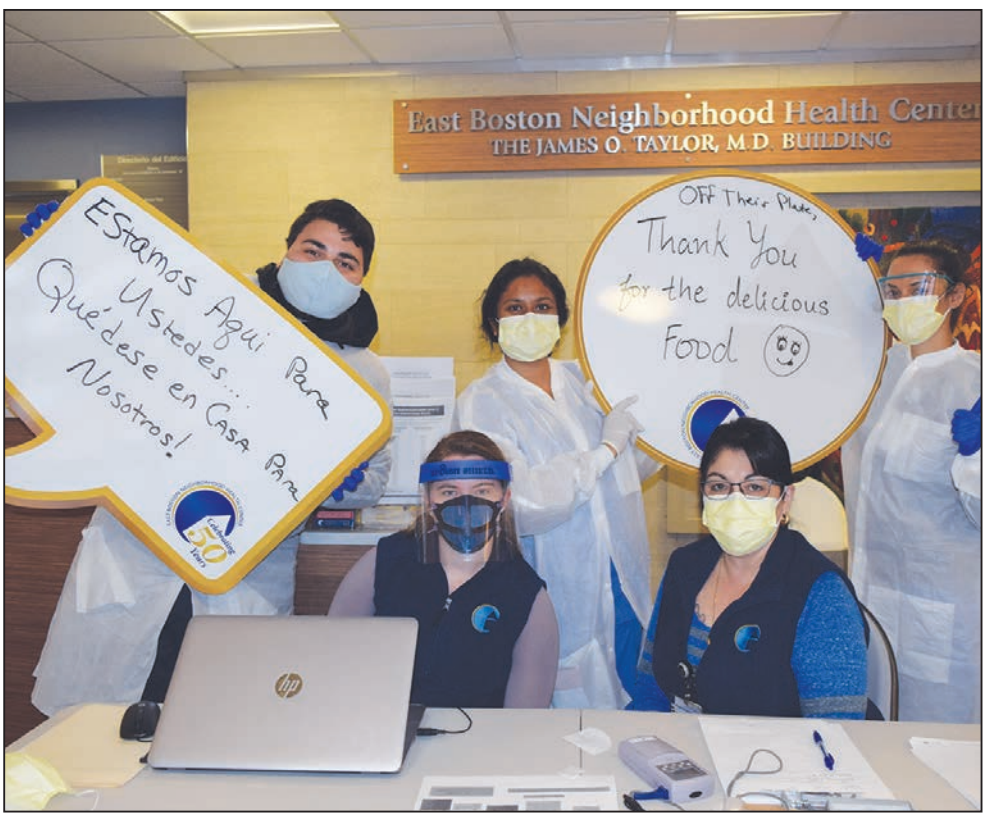
Taking no chances, the staff working inside EBNHC’s emergency room practice every precaution to avoid catching COVID-19.



A patient being wheeled out to an awaiting ambulance after being stabilized by EBNHC’s medical staff.



Like many emergency rooms across the country the staff at EBNHC is asking residents to stay home to protect not only the public but healthcare workers.



EBNHC staff thank donors that recently contributed food for the emergency room staff.



Working the front desk at the Health Center’s emergency room has its own risks and staff are still vulnerable to the quick spreading virus.



Medical staff go over a report on a patient’s condition and symptoms.

Governor Baker expands priority COVID-19 to grocery store workers

On Friday, April 10, Gov. Charlie Baker issued further public health guidance, expanded resources for critical workers and increased Massachusetts National Guard activation to support its ongoing response to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. A new Department of Public Health advisory, consistent with CDC guidance, recommends that all residents wear a mask or face covering in public when social distancing is not possible. In addition, the Executive Branch issued similar guidance to state employees recommending when masks or face coverings should be utilized while working. The administration has also expanded access to the free priority COVID-19 testing sites for first responders located at Gillette Stadium to include grocery store workers. Additionally, Governor Charlie Baker authorized the activation of an additional 3,000 more military personnel of the Massachusetts National Guard.

•Face Coverings and Cloth Masks Advisory: The Administration today issued guidance to residents

and Executive Branch employees recommending the use of a face covering or cloth mask when in situations where maintaining proper social distancing measures are not possible to prevent the spread of COVID-19, such as in a grocery store. A face covering may include anything that covers your nose and mouth, including a mask, scarf or bandana. Health care masks, such as N95 masks, should not be used and should be preserved for health care workers and first responders. Cloth masks should not be worn by young children under the age of two, persons with difficulty breathing, or those who are unconscious, incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance.

•Grocery Store Worker Priority Testing: The Administration and the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security expanded access to the free, priority COVID-19 testing sites for first responders to now include grocery store and supermarket workers. As of Saturday, April 11, the men and women who provide critical access to food

and other necessities could schedule an appointment to receive COVID-19 testing at the sites located at Gillette Stadium in Foxboro. All appointments must be made in advance by the worker’s supervisor or manager, and personnel do not need to be symptomatic to be eligible.

•Massachusetts National Guard Activation: Gov. Baker authorized the activation of an additional 3,000 military personnel of the Massachusetts National Guard to support the Commonwealth’s COVID-19 response. This order raises the total authorization to up to 5,000 members statewide, who may be tasked with supporting requests from state agencies for equipment, logistics, warehousing and related duties. Local cities, towns and state agencies should submit requests for support through the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency. The activation reflects Governor Baker’s statutory authority to activate the Massachusetts National Guard under state active duty to provide necessary assistance to state and municipal civilian authorities.

WINTHROP MARKETPLACE

CHICKEN BREASTS PIERRE

INGREDIENTS:

6 skinless, boneless chicken breast halves

¼ cup all-purpose flour

½ teaspoon salt

1 pinch ground black pepper

3 tablespoons butter

1 (14.5 ounce) can stewed tomatoes, with liquid

½ cup water

2 tablespoons brown sugar

2 tablespoons distilled white vinegar

2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce

1 teaspoon salt

2 teaspoons chili powder

1 teaspoon mustard powder

½ teaspoon celery seed

1 clove garlic, minced

⅛ teaspoon hot pepper sauce

DIRECTIONS:

STEP 1: In a shallow dish or bowl, combine flour, 1/2 teaspoon salt and ground black pepper. Coat chicken breasts with flour mixture. Melt butter in a large skillet over medium heat, and brown chicken on all sides. Remove from skillet, and drain on paper towels.

STEP 2: In the same skillet, combine the tomatoes, water, brown sugar, vinegar and Worcestershire sauce. Season with salt, chili powder, mustard, celery seed, garlic and hot pepper sauce. Bring to a boil; reduce heat, and return chicken to skillet. Cover, and simmer for 35 to 40 minutes, or until chicken is tender, no longer pink and juices run clear.

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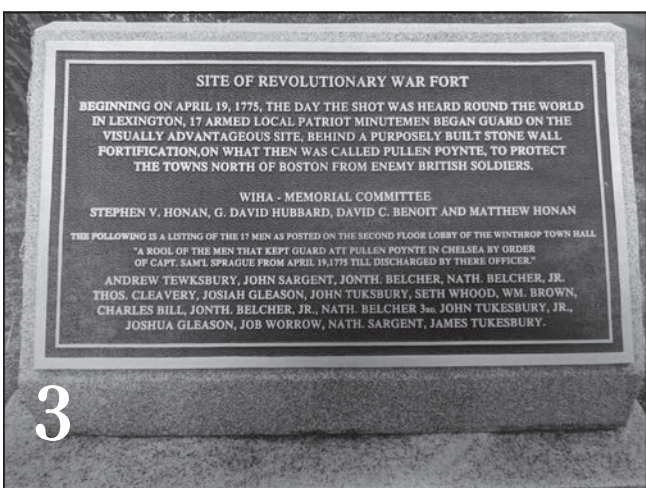
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A black and white photograph showing a coastal scene. In the foreground, there is a rough, uneven ground with a low, irregular stone wall or barrier. Behind the wall, there are several buildings, including a large barn-like structure on the left and a smaller building on the right. Bare trees are visible in the background. The sky is overcast.

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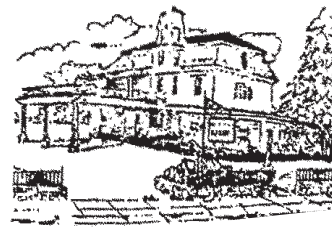
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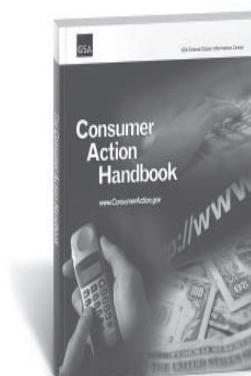
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or after 7:00 p.m. in the Joseph Harvey Hearing Room, Town Hall, Winthrop, Massachusetts, 02152 or remotely via Zoom.com conferencing upon the application of Winthrop Hospitality, LLC seeking a Special Permit to allow for a conversion

of the existing 30-room hotel to a 30-unit apartment building located at 312-318 Shirley St., Winthrop, MA 02152 in accordance with By-laws Chapter Section 17.20.050. The Property is located within the Business A (BA)

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