





## WINTHROP POLICE BLOTTER

These are among the calls to which Winthrop police officers responded during the week of May 4-11.

### MONDAY, MAY 4

0808: An officer responded to a request from a resident who was having difficulty using her cash card at a local ATM. The officer provided assistance and resolved the problem.

0926: A Trident Ave. resident reported that he had lost his small brown dog (who apparently had decided to break out of lockdown). The resident called back 20 minutes later to report that the dog had returned home (and presumably now will be isolated for 14 days).

1119: An officer responded to Crystal Cove Ave. upon a report of a work van parked on the sidewalk. The officer directed the operator to move the van.

1216: An officer responded to a report of a dispute between neighbors on Hale Ave. The calling party was upset that his neighbor was going onto his property. The officer spoke to the neighbor and directed him to stay off his neighbor's property.

1317: A Belcher St. resident reported that a neighbor was playing loud music. This is an ongoing issue between the parties.

1319: An officer responded to a report of a parking issue in the 400 block of Shirley St. and directed the owner of the offending motor vehicle (MV) to park it legally.

1328: A River Rd. resident reported that one of their dogs had died, another was sickened, and that two dead rats were on the lawn. The caller said they sus-

pected possible poisoning. Police will do an investigation.

1439: A 78 year old Shore Drive resident reported being assaulted by a neighbor. The officer will file a report.

1502: A hit-and-run motor vehicle accident (MVA) was reported on Otis St. Neighbors have cameras that may assist in the investigation.

1526: A MVA involving a motorcycle and another MV on Grovers Ave. at Highland Ave. resulted in two persons being transported to the MGH.

1806: An officer responded to a report of two persons riding ATVs at Yirrell Beach. The officer located the two persons and advised them of the laws regarding operation of an ATV.

### TUESDAY, MAY 5

1038: A Circuit Rd. resident reported seeing a coyote in the area. The officer who responded spoke to another resident who also had seen the coyote earlier in the morning. However, Wile E. had left the scene by the time the officer arrived.

1530: An officer moved along four youths who were on their bikes in the skate park at Ingleside Park, which is closed because of the coronavirus.

1811: An officer issued a ticket to a MV that was parked illegally at Shirley St. and Ocean Ave.

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 6

0037: Officers responded to a call from a Shirley St. resident who reported that a MV had pulled into her driveway and that individuals were sitting in the MV

with the lights on. The officers who arrived noticed that there was damage to another MV. The officers arrested Willinton Mejia-Madrid, 42, of Revere, on a charge of operating a MV while under the influence of liquor.

0231: An officer responded to a report of persons sitting in a MV and playing music loudly on Shore Drive at Hawthorn Ave. A State Trooper who had arrived at the scene prior to the Winthrop officer directed the parties to go inside for the night.

0338: Officers responded to a report of fireworks at Short Beach. They did not locate any persons or fireworks.

1114: An officer responded to a minor MVA involving two MVs at Putnam and Pauline Sts. The officer will file a report.

1455: A caller reported that his motorcycle, which had been parked in a driveway on Read St., had been stolen two weeks previously. The owner originally had reported that the motorcycle was missing.

1619: An officer moved along a group of youths who were rollerblading in the skate park at Ingleside Park. The park is closed to the public because of the coronavirus.

1644: Traffic cameras on Main St. picked up a MV with a stolen plate.

2116: An officer stopped a MV on Nahant Ave. for a civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI). The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

### THURSDAY, MAY 7

1056: A Maryland Ave. resident reported that a squirrel in their backyard appeared to be injured. The officer who responded reported that Rocket J. appeared to be just fine.

1822: A Winthrop fire truck struck a sign on Fre-

mont St. while it was making the turn on the narrow street.

2057: An Overlook Drive resident reported that her dog broke out of lockdown and ran out the back door. However, the dog returned home before the officer arrived.

2225: An officer who responded to a report of persons playing music loudly in the 300 block of Main St. directed the persons to take it inside for the night.

### FRIDAY, MAY 8

0026: An officer responded to a report of loud music in the backyard of a residence on Marshall St. and directed the parties to go inside for the night.

0403: Officers responded to a report from a resident of 900 Governor's Drive of loud noise from the apartment above her. She was directed to take up the matter with the condo association.

1059: An officer responded to a report of a MVA on Irwin St. involving two MVs with property damage only. The operator of a parked MV reportedly flung open his door into the path of the oncoming MV. The officer assisted the parties with the exchange of papers.

1110: A resident at 900 Governor's Drive reported that her MV had been vandalized.

1128: A Boston cab operator reported dropping off two males on Douglas St., but not being paid his fare. The officer who responded resolved the situation and the driver was paid.

1824: An officer responded to a report of loud music being played in an apartment at 300 Governor's Drive. The officer reported that the music was not that loud, but the resident agreed to lower the volume.

1947: Numerous Myrtle Ave. residents reported that

music was blasting from a neighbor's backyard. The officer directed the party-goers to take it inside for the night.

2157: An officer directed the owner of a MV that was parked too close to the corner of Faun Bar Ave. and Prospect St. to move the MV.

### SATURDAY, MAY 9

1302: An officer stopped a MV that blew through the stop sign in the 300 block on Main St. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1351: A MV that had been reported stolen by Hertz was located on Shore Drive at Underhill St. The person who had been renting the MV removed his valuables prior to it being towed.

1506: Officers responded to a report from a 21 year-old female that a dog had bit her on the arm on Winthrop St. This was the same dog involved in an incident on April 1. The officer located the owner, who lives on Winthrop St.

1624: An officer directed persons who were washing their MV on Banks St. to turn down their radio.

1648: Officers responded to a report of a road-rage incident involving the failure to stop at a stop sign by a MV on Upland Rd. The officer spoke to both parties.

1802: A resident came into the station to report that the clerk at a convenience store had sold \$20 worth of vape pens to two youths who appeared to be 15 years old. When the officers arrived, they observed that the clerk was not wearing a mask and will cite him for that infraction.

1829: A caller from New York asked that officers perform a well-being check on her mother because her mom had not answered her phone in two days. The officers spoke to the mother, an

Irwin St. resident, through the door. She informed them that she had not been aware that her phone was off the hook.

### SUNDAY, MAY 10

1053: An officer assisted at the scene where a tree on Veterans Rd. had snapped and was leaning against the Temple and blocking Hadassah Way. The DPW responded and removed the tree.

1214: An officer responded to a report of an abandoned moped at Cliff and Grovers Ave. and ordered it towed.

1558: A resident reported that she had received a phone call from someone identifying themselves as being from her bank who told her that a fraud had been committed on her account. She gave her pin number to the caller. The resident was able to speak to someone in the bank's fraud unit, who told her that the call had not come from them.

1740: Officers made contact with the owner of a MV that was blocking traffic on Villa Ave. at Buckthorn Terrace and directed him to move his MV or it would be towed. The owner moved his MV.

1757: A Governor's Drive resident reported that there may have been a break into his apartment. However, the resident informed the officers that he had not realized that he had left his door open.

2053: An officer directed persons who were parked in a MV on Walden St. to turn off their music.

### MONDAY, MAY 11

0004: An officer responded to a Centre St. address upon a report of a person playing drums and singling loudly. The officer directed the musician/vocalist to cease for the night.

## Remote learning // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

forms, there is a process where parents are contacted by phone. Teachers have also started videotaping lessons and posting them so students can view them at their convenience.

"We are very mindful that students cannot engage equally at the same time every day and with parents working at home and utilizing the technology for work video conferencing, it can be challenging, especially for younger students who need parental support to engage in learning."

Howard said that a loss of learning in all or some of the students is anticipated due to the non-traditional learning modes. By the

time the new school year starts, students will have been out of the physical learning environment for nearly six months.

"It has been difficult for many students to switch to a different style of teaching where no one is corralling you back into your seat and asking you to finish an assignment and answer and clarify questions in the moment. The loss of immediate feedback has presented a difficult curve for students and teachers."

The new remote learning plan will be in place if it is needed and it can be tweaked going forward.

## Town Hall provides update on COVID-19 in Winthrop

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.

Since Friday, they have received notification from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) of one additional residents affected by COVID-19. As of May 19, three additional deaths have been reported, raising the total to 24 deceased, 223 confirmed cases, 151 recovered and 48 in isolation

children in your household. If your need is urgent, call the Emergency Operations Center at 617-539-5848.

The Food Bank accepts donations Monday-Thursday from 11am to 1pm at the Cummings Elementary School (front loop across from Fire Station). The Food Bank is in need of bread, and non-perishable items including tuna, rice, tomato sauce, soup, canned vegetables, and paper products. Items without an expiration date cannot be accepted.

### COVID-19 Emergency Operations Center

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 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://winthrop-publicsafety.com/covid-19-tip-hotline/> for those self-reporting or for a concerned member of the community.

### 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.

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.

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.

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sweeping would normally occur, sweeping is done a week early.

Town ordinance prohibits parking in a manner that impedes the street

sweeper. Violation of the street sweeping ordinance carries a \$40.00 fine, and your vehicle can be towed. Enforcement of the street sweeping regulations will

resume on May 18.

The remaining 2020 street sweeping dates are: May 18 to 22\* (week of the 18th) \*one week early due to the Memorial Day holiday on May 25 June 22-26 (week of the 22nd) July 27-31 (week of the 27th) Aug. 24-28 (week of the 24th) Sep. 21-25 (week of the 21st) Oct. 26-30 (week of the 26th).

### CBD INFRASTRUCTURE NOTICE OF NIGHT WORK

Night work scheduled to begin on or about Monday May 18, 2020 is expected to be delayed until Monday May 25, 2020. Starting on or about Monday May 25,

2020 construction hour will transition to night work (8 PM to 4 AM, Sunday through Thursday night) to complete sewer main installation at the intersection of Somerset Ave., Woodside Ave., Bartlett Rd. and French Sq. Construction will take place on Woodside Ave between Somerset Ave. and Bartlett Rd. Temporary parking restrictions will be in place for portions of Woodside Ave. Residents should use the temporary parking lot at French Sq. during these times. Access to businesses will be maintained with parking access at the French Sq. temporary parking lot. An updated schedule and additional details will be provided in next weeks' notice.

WINTHROP MARKETPLACE

Stuck at home?

pass the time with new recipes!

KETO SMOTHERED CHICKEN THIGHS

INGREDIENTS:

DIRECTIONS:

pieces

4 (8 ounce) skin-on, bone-in chicken thighs

1 teaspoon paprika

1 pinch salt and pepper to taste

4 slices bacon, cut into 1/2 inch

1/2 cup low-sodium chicken broth

4 ounces sliced mushrooms

1/4 cup heavy whipping cream

2 eaches green onions, white and green parts separated and sliced

**STEP 1:** Preheat the oven to 400 degrees F (200 degrees C).

**STEP 2:** Season chicken thighs on all sides with paprika, salt, & pepper.

**STEP 3:** Cook bacon in a cast iron skillet or oven-safe pan over medium-high heat until browned, 4 to 5 minutes. Remove from skillet and drain on a paper towel-lined plate. Drain and discard excess grease from skillet.

**STEP 4:** Return skillet to medium heat and cook chicken thighs, skin-side down, for 3 to 4 minutes. Flip chicken over and place skillet in the preheated oven.

**STEP 5:** Bake until chicken thighs are no longer pink at the bone and juices run clear, about 30 minutes. An instant-read thermometer inserted near the bone should read 165 degrees F (74 degrees C). Remove chicken to a plate and cover with foil to keep warm. Remove all but 2 tablespoons drippings from skillet.

**STEP 6:** Return skillet to the stove over medium-high heat. Pour in chicken broth while whisking up brown bits from the bottom of the skillet. Add mush-rooms and cook until soft, about 3 to 4 minutes. Pour in heavy whipping cream and whisk together until lightly simmering, then reduce heat to medium-low. Season with salt and pepper, if necessary.

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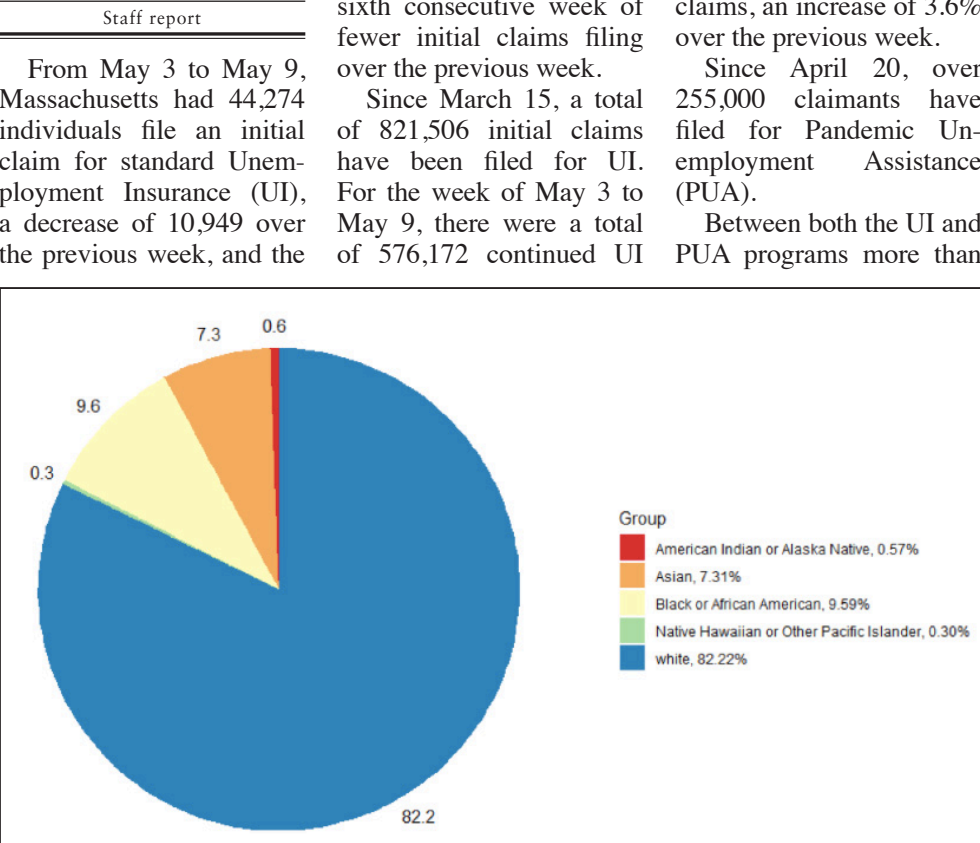
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# Massachusetts weekly unemployment claimant data



## Water rates // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

to \$19.90 per hundred cubic feet. In February of 2019, it jumped another three dollars from \$19.90 to \$22.90. The proposed increase would raise the cost to \$23.90.

Residents and councilors alike pushed back against the increase, citing the economic crisis the state now finds itself in due to COVID-19.

“Even at the current rate, I can’t walk my dog around the block without getting yelled at about water rates,” said Councilor Nick LoConte. “It’s worth exploring other options available besides raising the water rate.”

“I can’t believe a dollar would be considered,” said caller Karen Chavis. “At this time, a dollar increase is a lot to ask.”

“Like taxes, water rates never go down,” said caller Betty Dalton. “We should do everything we can to not raise the rate again.”

However, Town Manager Austin Faison explained that there was not much he could do to stave off the increase, which is equal to rate hikes in surrounding towns.

“This is not something we have much decision in,” he said. “There’s a bill we get from the [Massachusetts Water Resources Authority] and we need to pay.”

State mandates also come into play. Winthrop is required to replace a certain amount of lead water and sewer lines annually.

Councilor LoConte suggested that Faison look into the recently submitted FY21 budget to see where other expenses could be stripped in order to keep water and sewer rates the same.

“That’s \$430,000 you want me to cut from the budget,” said Faison. “I proposed a balanced budget. I’m not going to make cuts to stabilize water and sewer.”

Council Vice President James Letterie agreed.

“No one wants a rate increase,” he said, “but knowing the budget, it’s impossi-

ble for the Town Manager to be able to [make cuts].”

One caller named Diana said she was less concerned with the water rate hike and more concerned with property taxes increasing.

The Transcript reached out to Faison and members of the council to ask if it was possible to realize an educational campaign to help residents reduce their at-home water usage.

“The water rate is based on debt and the Town’s assessment from MWRA,” he responded in an email. “The assessment uses a three year average of usage, so any immediate decrease in usage will not be reflected in a user’s bill.”

However, Faison added that over time residents could see a reduction in their rate through practicing more responsible water usage at home. He invites residents to educate themselves by going to [mwra.com/comsupport/waterconservationmain.htm](http://mwra.com/comsupport/waterconservationmain.htm).

1 million unemployment claims have been filed in the Commonwealth.

Over the last month, the customer service staff at the Department of Unemployment Assistance (DUA) has grown from around 50 employees to over 1800. The remote customer service operation is now making over 32,000 individual contacts per day and DUA continues to host daily unemployment town halls – which have been held in English, Spanish, and Portuguese – and have been attended by over 240,000 constituents. Massachusetts was one of the first states to successfully launch the Pandemic Unemployment As-

sistance program. Due to DUA’s previous efforts to migrate their systems to the cloud, the first unemployment agency in the country to do so, the unemployment online platforms for both regular UI and PUA has maintained functionality throughout the surge in demand.

## Flaherty // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

took to him. The youth staff are part of the interviewing process at CASA, she explained.

“The kids seem to really like the skill set that he brings,” Eruzione said.

Flaherty was born in Stoneham and grew up in North Reading. He attended North Reading High School, where according to his mother Jane Flaherty, he was the town’s designated driver.

“He would put notices out on Facebook, ‘If you’re in trouble, if you need a ride, call me anytime,’ Jane Flaherty recalled.

After high school, Flaherty enrolled at Colby-Sawyer College, majoring in history and political science. On the side, he led a group that worked with local high school students on, inter alia, drug-related issues. The group, Flaherty said, was very similar to what he’s now trying to facilitate at CASA.

“Where I was in New Hampshire, there was a really big fentanyl problem,” Flaherty explained. “I saw some of these kids absolutely struggling.”

After graduating, Flaherty said he wasn’t sure what to do and so decided to “constructively procrastinate” by applying for the Peace Corps. He didn’t expect to get in, yet soon found himself in Dulles Airport, awaiting a plane to Ethiopia and chatting with the man that would become his closest friend there.

Flaherty’s taste in music was foundational for his friendship with Martin Keough. Both were into classic rock: Flaherty fondly recalled meeting Steven Tyler in college; he named a few of his Peace Corps blog posts after Grateful Dead songs; and he and Keough spent a lot of time discussing Phish shows that they had attended. Both Flaherty and Keough were avid guitar players. Both shared a “childish” sense of humor, which helped them bond during the four weeks they lived together at the start of their service.

“I can remember from the second day that I met Marc,” Keough said, “he was very specific and intentional in informing as many people as he could that the only Chipotle that sells a breakfast burrito is in Dulles Airport.”

Flaherty found himself in the Oromia region of Ethiopia, beside the Yayu Coffee Forest Biosphere Reserve, where monkeys were rumored to have once stolen a Peace Corps volunteer’s passport. Oromia is four hours from the South Sudan border and so far inland that, according to Flaherty, the concept of a boat was somewhat abstract to the locals. Electricity was unreliable in the region and every couple of weeks, he would go four or five days without power. The nearest Peace Corps volunteer, according to Flaherty’s blog, was a few towns away.

“There’s very few people that I know, including myself, that could’ve pulled that off,” Jane Flaherty said. She added that Flaherty, the youngest of her three sons, had the most wanderlust.

In Ethiopia, Flaherty continued his trend of helping facilitate youth engagement. With a female teacher at his school, Flaherty started a “Girls’ Club” where female students were encouraged to speak up and speak out.

“Society in Ethiopia is really male dominated,” Flaherty said. “In Ethiopia, girls are always told you’re

to stay home and keep the house.”

The club also organized a RUMPs program, where the female students learned how to make reusable menstrual pads. It was a chance for the girls in his class to ask questions that they normally would not be able to ask in Ethiopian society.

Soon after returning to the U.S., Flaherty started looking for his next position and applied to CASA.

Covid-19 not only altered Flaherty’s life path, it changed the entire way CASA operates. But CASA is still operating, according to Eruzione, moving to virtual programming and relying on the help of the partnerships they’ve established with the local police department and schools.

Flaherty has already begun helping the youth staff he works alongside organize the events and programs they want to run. CASA will be starting a virtual “Q Club,” for example, for discussing LGBTQ issues. The club runs from 3 to 4 p.m. on Wednesdays. There is also a middle school group that runs from 2 to 3 p.m. and a high school group from 3 to 4 p.m, on Tuesdays. Flaherty urged those interested to reach out to him via email: [mflaherty@winthropicasa.org](mailto:mflaherty@winthropicasa.org)

There is a certain wisdom that Flaherty carries with him from Ethiopia, although his stay there was cut short. He learned the language of Oromia, Afaan Oromoo, but also some Amharic, the official language of Ethiopia. And his favorite phrase in that language, he said, was, “ayzoh.”

It means, “Keep strength.”

## Town Council // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

have been 223 confirmed cases of COVID-19 since March, with 151 recovered. An additional 48 remain under self-quarantine in their homes or in area hospitals. To date, there have been 24 deaths. Hurley reported a slowing in the virus in the past five days, which she called “optimistic.” The department is continuing to investigate contact tracing while also helping the community to reopen safely. It is constantly conferencing with experts throughout the state to “ease businesses back in slowly with transparency and expectations.”

Police Chief Terence Delahanty said his department is working as a team to offer assistance to the businesses who are opening under Phase 1 of Baker’s reopening vision.

“We’re here to support these businesses and institutions to make sure they’re doing it right,” he said.

**Guest Speakers**

Winthrop Police Department Lt. Nancy Dalrymple read a letter to Council in which she asked that the mandatory retirement age of 65 be extended in her case to allow her to continue to work as a full-time police officer until 2023. Council moved the item to its next meeting on June 2.

Dick Hingston of Gius-ti, Hingston and Company gave an update on water and sewer projections for fiscal years 2020 and 2021, justifying the inevitable rate hike that the town is currently facing.

Students from Tufts University gave a powerpoint presentation about the benefits of creating a planning

department for the Town of Winthrop.

All three presentations will be described in greater detail by the Transcript.

**Council Committee Reports**

The Finance Commission met on May 14, where it reviewed the FY21 budget. It will be presenting its recommendations to the council at its next meeting on June 2.

The Committee on Appointment Commissions and Committees, consisting of three members of council, completed their employee evaluations and have sent the results to the full body. Town Manager Austin Faison received a 4 out of a possible 5 points, and Council Clerk Denise Quist earned a 4.5.

The Miller Field Committee met on May 12. The Field House is nearly complete, with work still to be done on fencing, storage, the dog park, tennis courts and sidewalks. The committee met with SBAC about how to spend the money leftover from the middle high school project. They came to an agreement about funding new technology, vans for athletics and special education and a dishwasher for the life skills department. They hope to move on those items right away. Still up for debate is the improvement of the tennis courts, sidewalks and parking.

**School Department Update**

The School Committee met on May 11 where it passed the contract for school nurses. Remote

learning continues in earnest with the aid of online platforms. Gov. Baker has ordered all schools remain closed until at least June 29, so summer programming is still in the planning stages. The scholarship presentation for the Class of ‘22 will be on June 3. The committee is exploring funding sources for COVID-19 relief.

A senior parade will be held for the graduating class of 2020 on May 22 at 3:30pm, in which faculty will drive by the homes of all the graduating seniors. Senior graduation will be held on Friday, June 5 at 6pm. The prom originally scheduled for June 2 is postponed until further notice.


All dates are tentative and subject to change.

**Upcoming Events**

The Town has not made a determination regarding the scheduling of Independence Day Events. Boston and other areas hard-hit by COVID-19 have been canceling all summer programming in the interest of public health.

A small memorial day gathering will be held by the veteran’s affairs office at a cemetery on May 25. Presenters and invitees will be observing norms of social distancing.

The Council is still seeking members for the Charter Review Committee. Interested individuals should email [towncouncil@town.winthrop.ma.us](mailto:towncouncil@town.winthrop.ma.us), call 617-846-1742 x 1034, or fill out an application on the town’s website.



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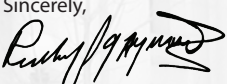
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## OUR Opinions

### MEMORIAL DAY, 2020

This will be a Memorial Day unlike any that Americans have known.

Ever since the official inception of the holiday on May 30, 1868, when the practice of decorating the graves of the fallen Union soldiers with flowers, wreaths, and flags officially became recognized by the order of General Logan at Arlington National Cemetery, Memorial Day (originally known as Decoration Day) has been a time for all Americans to come together to commemorate and honor those who made the Supreme Sacrifice to preserve our freedom.

When Memorial Day was moved to the fourth Monday of May starting in 1971, the three-day weekend also came to mark the official start of the summer season for Americans of all ages, who gathered for cookouts and other outdoor activities with friends and family.

But in this year of the coronavirus pandemic, all of the usual parades and festivities have been cancelled. With much of the nation still sheltering in place, gatherings of families and friends have been limited to the faux-reality of Zoom.

The pandemic also has brought another set of challenges to our nation, however. The stress we all are feeling, both from the threat of the virus itself and from the economic anxiety it has created, has brought into full view the many, deep fissures in our society which have been lurking beneath the surface for decades.

It is fair to say that America is as disunited as we ever have been since the end of the Civil War itself 155 years ago. This pandemic, rather than bringing us together to face and fight the common challenge of the coronavirus, is threatening to tear us apart and bring to an end the great American experiment.

In searching for appropriate words to capture this moment in which we find ourselves, the Gettysburg address that was delivered by President Abraham Lincoln on the site of the battlefield on November 19, 1863, rings most true, both in terms of honoring those who gave their lives in our nation's wars and for healing the wounds created by the current pandemic crisis.

We hope our readers take a moment to absorb Lincoln's words and reflect upon the meaning of Memorial Day in light of our current situation:

Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent, a new nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.

Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great battle-field of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field, as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this.

But, in a larger sense, we can not dedicate -- we can not consecrate -- we can not hallow -- this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us -- that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion -- that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain -- that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom -- and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.

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# Forum



## 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 May 13, 2010

Alert police work by Winthrop Police Lieutenant Frank Scarpa resulted in the arrest of a 44 year-old Shore Drive man whom Scarpa noticed was speeding and smoking from what appeared to be a drug pipe. After Scarpa stopped the motorist, he admitted that he had been smoking crack cocaine while driving around the town after work.

Winthrop residents may soon be able to avoid rush hour traffic by taking a ferry ride to and from Boston. Paul Rupp, consultant to the town for the ferry project, held a pre-bid meeting Wednesday to explain the process to potential ferry operators. The bidding process will continue to a tentative deadline of May 26, 2010.

WHS Principal Eva Kearney said this week that the accreditation process at the school, which is ongoing, will culminate with a four-day site visit evaluation by the accreditation team in October. Winthrop was last accredited in 2000 for a period of 10 years.

Shrek Forever After and Sex and the City 2 are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

#### 20 years ago May 11, 2000

A front-page story in the Sun Transcript questions what has happened with

the inflation adjustment funds from the MWRA mitigation package during the past three years. The money, which totaled \$1.4 million, did not go before Town Meeting for inclusion in the town's budget and was spent solely at the discretion of the selectmen. Most of the money appears to have been spent on the Community Development office, although that office supposedly has been self-funding through the grants that it receives.

The Advisory Committee has announced that its annual Redbook, which contains the committee's recommendations to Town Meeting on the various articles on the town warrant, will be ready this week.

Virginia Buckingham, CEO of Massport, will be the guest speaker at the Winthrop Senior Center next week.

Small Time Crooks, Dinosaur, and Road Trip are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

#### 30 years ago May 16, 1990

There still is no news regarding the investigation into alleged wrongdoing by DPW Director William Haight, who was fired by the selectmen on April 6.

Groundbreaking ceremonies for the \$457,000 renovation of Coughlin Park with MWRA grant funds took place last week.

Back to the Future III, Miami Blues, and Pretty Woman are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

#### 40 years ago May 14, 1980

Town officials fear that the town could be without bus service if the MBTA does not reinstate the \$521,000 in subsidies to the Rapid Transit Bus Co. The MBTA said that the subsidy will be eliminated July 1 because of cutbacks by the state in the T's budget.

Christine Karas, a first grade teacher here for 35 years, has announced her retirement.

Clint Eastwood stars in Every Which Way But Loose at the Kincaid Theatre

#### 50 years ago May 14, 1970

Police Chief Frank Perrone has announced that he will retire effective May 18. The selectmen have named three lieutenants, Thomas Trainor, John Van Dalinda, and David Rice, to serve as Acting Chief for 90 days each until a new chief is named. Perrone has served as chief since 1963 when he succeeded Henry Roberts.

Rev. William Bene and Rev. William Mackie met with the selectmen to discuss the proposed operation of Another Way at 218 Winthrop St. They explained that the program will deal principally with young

people who have a drug problem through the North Suffolk Mental Health Clinic. However, the organization also will assist unwed mothers and runaway children and provide draft counseling. The selectmen suggested that the political goals of Another Way should be divorced from the original stated goal of a drug assistance program.

The first touch-tone phone in Winthrop was introduced in the office of the Sun Transcript this week.

Boston Mayor Kevin White has announced plans for a \$1.4 million restoration of Faneuil Hall.

Jim Brown, George Kennedy, and Fredric March head an all star cast in The Dirty Dozen at the Winthrop Cinema.

#### 60 years ago May 12, 1960

Arthur Sullivan, the Chairman of the Board of Assessors, has announced a new tax rate of \$69.60, an increase of \$4.40.

Mrs. Thomas J. Walsh of 98 Grand View Ave. has been named the new President of the Massachusetts League of Catholic Women.

The Winthrop High band will host the high school band from Westerly, R.I., in an exchange concert this Saturday at Memorial Auditorium. The 79 mem-

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## DO YOU REMEMBER?



Temple Avenue residents raised \$1370 in support of the World Trade Center relief effort during the week of September 17, 2001.



# Baker-Polito administration releases phased reopening plan

By Lauren Bennett

Gov. Charlie Baker on Monday announced the phased reopening plan for Massachusetts, and urged residents to continue being vigilant to prevent further spread of COVID-19. The plan has been the task of the governor’s Reopening Advisory Board for the past several weeks, where it has met with leaders from many sectors and industries across the Commonwealth.

“Our collective success depends on everyone,” Baker said. “We cannot move forward until we commit to slowing the spread.”

Before getting into specifics of the plan, Baker said that it will progress through four phases, each lasting at least three weeks but could last longer “if the public health data doesn’t support moving forward.”

He also said that the plan lays out what businesses and individuals must do in order to be able to reopen during each phase. “The advisory board made every effort to be as clear and direct as possible,” Baker said. “This is something no one’s ever done before.”

In Phase One, called “start,” which began on May 18, places of worship

were allowed to open “with guidelines,” and “outdoor services are encouraged.” Additionally on May 18, essential businesses, manufacturing, and construction were allowed to operate.

Beginning on May 25, lab space, office space (except in Boston), limited personal services—hair salons, pet grooming, and car washes—and retail with remote fulfillment and curbside pickup are allowed to open. On June 1, office space can open again in Boston.

Last week, Baker announced a list of employers who have committed to continuing their work from home policies “for the foreseeable future,” including Wayfair, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts, Harvard Pilgrim Healthcare, Liberty Mutual, and several others. He encouraged employers to continue work from home policies where it’s possible to reduce the number of people coming into contact with each other.

On May 18, hospitals and community health centers were also permitted “upon attestation” to “provide high priority preventive care, pediatric care and treatment for high risk patients and conditions,”

and on May 25, additional health care providers will be permitted to do the same.

On May 25, beaches, parks, drive-in theaters, some athletic fields and courts, many outdoor adventure activities, most fishing, hunting, and boating, and outdoor gardens, zoos, reserves, and public installations will be permitted to open with specific guidelines.

Baker said that people are still to cover their noses and mouths when six feet of distance cannot be maintained, wash their hands and surfaces often, continue to social distance, and stay home if sick.

“Sticking with these critical tasks is everyone’s responsibility,” Baker said. “State and local governments will continue to step up testing capabilities alongside the community tracing program. Positive case rates are moving in the right direction,” he added.

Baker said that the steps taken in the first phase are for businesses that have “limited face-to-face and customer interactions.” He said that people are going to have to change their behaviors and things will not be the same as they were before the virus.

“At some point there will be treatments and a vaccine,” he said, but “for the foreseeable future, everyone needs to continue to do the same thing.”

This goes hand-in-hand with the Baker-Polito administration’s new “Safer At Home” advisory, which advises people to stay at home “unless going to a newly opened facility or activity,” he said. Those over the age of 65 and who are at high-risk for the virus should remain at home.

“The virus will be with us throughout the reopening process,” Baker said. “How well everyone does these things will determine how well we move into later phases.”

He also said that “we’d all prefer to believe that the virus is less serious now and that it’s behind us,” but “if we don’t keep up the fight and do things we know we have to do and can do we run the risk of creating a second spike in the fall.”

He thanked those who have been vigilant in playing their part to reduce the spread of the virus and asked that everyone continue everything they’ve been doing.

“This plan required a tremendous amount of thought, planning, and preparation by the board,”

said Lt. Governor Karyn Polito. “Our work would not have been possible without an extensive municipal engagement,” she added.

Polito said that things like campgrounds, community pools, playgrounds, restaurants and more, could resume in Phase Two with specific guidelines, and in Phase Three, arts and entertainment, gyms, and other activities “push us towards Phase Four of all resumption of activity,” in what will be called the “new normal.”

However, as the governor has said several times over the past few weeks, public health data will determine whether the state will enter a new phase, and he said it is possible to revert to a previous phase if necessary.

Polito said that a restaurant, accommodations, and tourism work group has met and will continue to have discussions with these industries about “industry specific protocols for meeting safety standards.”

She also said that the business community will continue to be supported “as they implement the mandatory workplace safety standards” that the administration announced last week. She added that businesses opening up in Phase One will be required to comply

with these standards before they are allowed to open.

“The administration will require businesses to self-certify,” Polito said, adding that they must develop a COVID-19 control plan and implement the safety standards.

The state has also created sector-specific guidance that “aim to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmissions in each industry.” Materials for these guidelines and safety standards are available on the Reopening Massachusetts section of the mass.gov website.

## CHILDCARE AND TRANSPORTATION

Polito also said that “key components” of beginning to reopen the state include childcare and public transportation.

In March, the administration created an emergency childcare system for children of essential workers and others on the frontlines of fighting the virus.

She said that the emergency childcare system already in place will be used to meet the needs of “people with no alternative for care” as people slowly return to work in Phase One. She also encouraged families to find alternatives to group care, and that currently, only 25 percent of emergency

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bers of the Westerly band and their chaperones will stay for two nights in local homes.

Frank Sinatra stars in A Hole in the Head at the Winthrop Theatre.

### 70 years ago May 11, 1950

Winthrop Water Department Manager John B. Kennedy has been named the Town Manager for the Town of Norwood.

Rapid Transit Bus Company drivers have accepted a pay raise of three cents per hour to a new rate of \$1.46 per hour. They had been seeking a raise of seven cents per hour.

Red Skelton and Gloria DeHaven star in Yellow Cabin Man at the Winthrop and State Theatres.

### 80 years ago May 11, 1940

Town officials are considering the purchase of the right of way of the defunct Narrow Gauge Railroad for the purpose of constructing a highway through the town. It is thought that over 1000 house lots could be added to the town, greatly increasing the tax revenue.

Thieves broke into the Homer Candy Shop at 205 Winthrop St., ransacking the store and stealing a large number of Mother’s

Day boxes.

Town Moderator John P. White has been named Executive Messenger by Gov. Leverett Saltonstall. Mr. White has been a page at the State House for the past five years.

The new addition to the Winthrop Cemetery on River Rd. is shaping up splendidly. Grass seed has been sown and the Chinese elm, Norway maple, and red maple trees have been planted.

Errol Flynn stars in Virginia City at the Winthrop and State Theatres.

### 110 years ago May 14, 1910

The Winthrop Singing Club will give a concert, its second of the season, at Assembly Hall in the high school this Wednesday evening. The club will present a statue of Abraham Lincoln to the School Committee for the Pauline St. School.

Demand for house lots on Pt. Shirley has increased dramatically since the selectmen approved the petition for a street railway line along Shirley St.

### 120 years ago May 12, 1900

Charles G. Grant will represent Winthrop Republicans at the 1900 GOP

national convention in Philadelphia next month. He was elected as an alternate delegate for the Ninth Congressional District.

Demand once again is increasing for a coaching parade to be held in the town. The last one was held three years ago and there is a general feeling that now is the time to revive this great tradition and festival.

Winthrop officials are trying to include Crystal Bay in the new plans for a deep draught channel for Boston Harbor.

### 130 years ago May 16, 1890

Many are saying that Winthrop never has looked more beautiful than at pres-

ent with the green fields and the blossoms of fruit trees, which make the town look like a big garden.

The prospect for a large increase in the number of new dwellings to be constructed in the town is better than ever.

An auction will take place this week of five Queen Ann homes, completely furnished, at Woodside Park, located on Woodside Ave., and proceeding to the waterfront, consisting of 87,000 square feet of land on which can be built another 11 homes. The area is a prime residential area in town, just a seven minute walk to Winthrop Center Depot.

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## By John Lynds

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By Dan Murphy

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## WHS SPORTS Roundup

### WHS SENIOR ATHLETES REFLECT ON THE LOST SEASON, LOOK AHEAD TO THEIR FUTURE

With the coronavirus pandemic forcing the closure of schools across the state for the remainder of the 2020 school year, the Winthrop High athletic season also was canceled, taking away from the members of the senior class the opportunity to compete for the last time in a Viking uniform.

The Sun-Transcript invited the coaches and members of the WHS spring sports teams from the Class of 2020 to reflect on the season that so abruptly was taken away from them in order to give these young athletes some of the recognition that they deserve.

We also asked that they provide some insight into what it means to be a Winthrop High varsity athlete and briefly to discuss their plans for the future.

We are certain that our readers will be as impressed as we were with these outstanding young men and women and join us in wishing them the best in their future endeavors:

The Sun-Transcript will continue to publish additional comments from the athletes and coaches as we receive them.

#### WHS SOFTBALL COACH DAVE GUFFEY

The 2020 Winthrop High School softball season had high expectations. The league had a new alignment and we thought we were at the top of the league with Lynn Classical and Saugus.

We had almost everyone back from last year with the core consisting of eight juniors, one sophomore, and our one senior, Ashley McGonagle.

Ashley was a quiet leader who always was willing to do whatever had been

asked of her. She played for three years and played at third, second, catcher, and all three outfield positions, and proved to be a steady and very reliable left fielder.

I feel for the entire team and the loss of the season. High school is such a limited time and for most people they will not have the opportunity to play again. The memories and friendships that these young athletes form will last a lifetime.

The players' lives both personally and athletically were put on pause as we all have to deal with something that no one ever could have expected.

I am relieved that as far as I know, everyone in our softball family is healthy and virus-free and hopefully we will be able to come back strong and ready to go next year.

I have had the honor of coaching at Winthrop High School for most of my adult life (24 years) and the time away from the team and the school has reaffirmed how much I love coaching in Winthrop -- what an exceptional group of people there are in Winthrop!

I know that when this is over we will be stronger and more resilient and ready to go. We as a team want to wish Ashley well and hope that she will come visit next season and stay close to us all.

"I consider this team family"



**ASHLEY MCGONAGLE**  
**SOFTBALL CAPTAIN**  
Being an athlete at Win-

throp High School has been very rewarding for me. I've been a part of many different sports over the years such as volleyball, basketball, and cheerleading.

But the sport that was most fulfilling for me has been softball, which I have played for the last three years. Unfortunately, due to the pandemic, I was unable to play my final varsity season as this year's captain. I consider this team family. I will really miss the camaraderie we shared and all the laughs.

I am also very thankful to Coach Guff and Jayna who really pushed me to work harder and to work beyond my comfort zone. It was because of them that I really learned to appreciate the game and set goals for myself to become a better athlete.

I was devastated to learn that this season would be cancelled. I was looking forward to playing my final year with this great group of girls and the tradition of Senior Night and running around the bases one last time. I will take with me all the great memories as I continue on to Salem State University -- always a Viking!!!

"I let hope for my future ignite me, rather than scare me"



**PATRICK HASKELL**  
**CAPT. BOYS TRACK**  
Being a student at Winthrop High School has been

an amazing experience, and being an athlete has made it all the more special. I have been a part of the cross country, indoor track, and outdoor track teams since my freshman year and had the honor of serving as senior captain of the teams.

The relationships I have formed with my teammates and coaches have shaped me into the person I am today and I will cherish all of the memories that have been made.

With my final spring track season being cancelled, I was very heartbroken. It felt as if I had been writing a book since my first practice on the cross country team in my freshman year, but now I am not able to write the final chapter.

I let hope for my future ignite me, rather than scare me, which is why I hope to continue running at the University of Miami in the fall. Whether it is on the team, club, or running on my own, I plan on rewriting my story with a new ending.

"Coach D'Amico taught me life lessons that'll stay with me forever"



**BILL HUBERT,**  
**CAPT. BOYS TRACK**  
I've been on the WHS spring track team for five years, since I was an eighth grader. This was to be my year to be a captain in spring track. I loved doing shot put and discus and

enjoyed the meets. I met a few of the same opponents I versed in football.

Spring track was to be an amazing season this year. The virus took that away from all of us. I will be furthering my education at Framingham State University and will officially become a Ram. I doubt I will ever experience the dedication and persistence I got from Coach Mark D'Amico, but I hope to.

He not only taught me track and field, he taught me life lessons that'll stay with me forever.

"I always will be a Viking for life"



#### VICTOR DA GAMA, BOYS TRACK

Being an athlete for Winthrop High School has been one of the best experiences for the past four years. I can't explain how grateful I am for playing for this school and with my best friends.

First, I would like to say thanks to all my coaches, who taught me more than just how to get into a three-point stance or how to throw a shot-put. They would help me out more than just with sports.

Secondly, I would like to thank my teammates, who were there for me these past four years and who always believed in me.

Finally, when I found out that our track season was canceled, it was difficult to accept that I would not get

to play with my teammates or see my coaches ever again.

Now I'm getting ready to go off to college in September. I will be going to Bunker Hill Community where I will major in computer science. I have to focus on myself and be ready for what the future has for me.

I always will be a Viking for life.

"The things I've learned will be with me for the rest of my life"



#### PATRICK TEIXEIRA

Being an athlete at Winthrop High School for the past four years meant the world to me because I represented the community where I've lived for my entire life.

When I found out my last track season was cancelled, I was upset that I wouldn't be able to play with my teammates and for my coaches ever again. However, I am fortunate enough to have had the experience of playing sports for Winthrop High School because of all the amazing people I have met during that time.

My future plans are studying Fire Science at Anna Maria College, playing football there as well.

Even though my time at Winthrop High School is over, the things I learned from there will be with me for the rest of my life.

Once a Viking, Always A Viking!

## MOVING DAY

### Ed Montone returns to hometown course as club pro

By Cary Shuman

Golfers arriving at the Winthrop Golf Club this season will be welcomed to the course by a new head professional.

After a delayed start to the season due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Ed Montone began in his new position at the WGC on May 8.

Montone will oversee all golfing operations and the newly renovated pro shop following his three years working as an assistant golf professional at Tedesco Country Club under Head Golf Professional Bob Green.

"Bob Green is the best mentor I could've asked for," said Montone. "He was head professional at Tedesco for 40 years. He played in US Senior Opens and golfed with Arnold

Palmer and all the legends and he's a real pro's pro. He set the bar high for us. My time there really got me ready for this."

#### Playing golf for the Vikings

While Montone prepped for the prestigious designation of "Head Professional" at Tedesco in nearby Marblehead, he is a Winthrop resident and has been a golfing enthusiast from a very young age.

Ed is the 28-year-old son of Andy Montone and Debbie Montone, the youngest of four children. His sister, Alexandria Montone, was a superlative shortstop in Dave Guffey's WHS softball program. He also has a sister, Adrienne Montone and a brother, Matteo Montone.

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# Residents team up to form Community Food Bank

By Kate Anslinger

Over the past several weeks, the Town of Winthrop has seen a surge of people coming forward to help ease the difficulties that have accrued from the COVID-19 pandemic. One of the many challenges that the Town has faced is an increase in food insecurity. Thanks to a collaboration of volunteers, a food bank has been set up to ensure

that residents can receive assistance. Assistant Director and Outreach Coordinator of the Council on Aging, Matt Rhodes, teamed up with Sean Driscoll, Amy Gallagher, and Ellen Baxter to form a Community Food Bank, that was elected by Town Manager Austin Faison. The plan was quickly put into place and the first food drive was held on March 20<sup>th</sup>. The team

currently delivers food to approximately 200 households each week, totaling between 500-600 individuals. “We are grateful for our volunteers who, during this extraordinary time, have stepped up to help serve their community,” said Rhodes. “We also depend on the help of Mi Amore, the Winthrop Community Food Pantry at St. John’s Episcopal Church, and the Veterans Food Bank.”

The Food Bank relies on donations from Winthrop residents and businesses, who have been incredibly generous in donating both food and money to support the efforts. The all-volunteer food bank is comprised of Winthrop residents, members of the Medical Reserve Corp, Harbor City Church, and many others. The volunteers accept and sort donations, and also pack and deliver food to residents in need five days a week. For more information, please contact Matt Rhodes at: mrodes@town.winthrop.ma.us



Volunteers load up the senior center van for deliveries.



Volunteer, Amy Gallagher, is happy to help.

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A 2009 Winthrop High School graduate, Ed played four seasons on the golf team headed by Coach Peter Lyons. He competed in the No. 2 position on the team’s ladder during his three seasons on the varsity, captaining the Vikings in his senior year.

### Pursuing a career in the golfing industry

Ed Montone enrolled in a two-year program at the Professional Golfers Career College (PGCC) in Orlando, Florida. He received his degree in Professional Golf Management from the highly regarded, specialized golf school.

While living in Orlando, Montone made it a point to attend the annual PGA Merchandise Show, the nation’s leading expo for PGA professionals and golf industry professionals.

“That’s one of the best golf shows I’ve ever been a part of,” said Montone. “At Orange County National Course, they do the demo day and all the companies just set up their tents and you walk around the whole driving range and see some pretty cool, new equipment for the upcoming year.”

In 2011, he began working at The Clubhouse Golf and Entertainment, an indoor facility in Middleton. “It was one of the first indoor places in the area that had a golf simulator,” said Montone.

There he impressed golfers with the depth of his knowledge and his teaching abilities. He was recommended by a Tedesco employee for an assistant’s position at the club which is located near Vinnin Square.

### A finalist at the Mass Open

It didn’t take long for Tedesco members to take notice of Montone’s golf game and his willingness to help others advance their love of the sport.

He shot a sizzling 71 to qualify for the Mass Open, an achievement that attracted the attention of Tedesco members and the North Shore golfing community.

“It was good because I was the third assistant and none of the members knew



Ed Montone, new Winthrop Golf Club head professional, is pictured with his fiancée, Tina Wyatt, and their son, Andrew.

who I was – usually third assistants don’t teach at all and I’ve always been passionate about teaching,” he related, “But after I qualified for the Mass Open, my name got around and I started getting a lot of requests for golfing lessons. I gave a lot of golfing lessons at Tedesco and had a nice little following.”

### Coming home to the WGC

This winter, Montone was offered the job as head golfing professional at the Winthrop Golf Club.

The WGC also hired a new course superintendent, Sam Hasak, son of legendary Tedesco course and grounds superintendent Sam Hasak.

“Sam honestly saved the greens here (WGC) – there was a 50-50 chance that the greens weren’t going to come back and sure enough, they did,” credited Montone. “The greens are now the best they’ve ever been. It’s a real treat to play here now.”

Montone said having a golf course in his hometown laid the foundation to his eventual career.

“If it weren’t for this place, I wouldn’t be in the golf industry because there was no other course around and there was always the convenience factor,” said Montone.

He is well known in the Winthrop community and familiar with the membership at the WGC whose president is former WHS quarterback Rob Noonan.

Some of the well-known regulars include Council President Phil Boncore and his perennial playing partner, Bob Katz, former owner of Nu-Tread Tire, East Boston. Olympic hockey captain and gold medalist Mike Eruzione is an honorary member.

“I’m just the face of it bringing in new energy to the club,” said Montone. “The members and whole board have been unbelievable. I’m just so appreciative of everything they’ve done. It’s a dream come true being here. This is home to me and membership is family.”

Montone said there have been numerous inquiries about memberships after the course reopened last week. The course is closed to the public during Phase 1 of the state’s reopening of businesses but open to members who must observe state guidelines.

Montone lives on Main Street, which is about a John Daly drive away from the course. He and his fiancée, Tina Wyatt, have a son, Andrew Montone, who is named after Ed’s father.

“My dad [Andy Montone] has been a huge help this whole time,” credited Montone. “He’s keeping calm and collected through all this because it’s a whole new world for me running my own golf operation.”

Montone is being assisted at the WGC by Jackson Allard of Nahant and Andrew Dove of Swampscott, who are both former Tedesco employees.



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## OBITUARIES

### Leila Celona

Retired seamstress

Leila (Marabello) Celona, a lifelong resident of East Boston, died on May, 15 at the age of 100.

Leila was employed as a seamstress in the clothing industry for Philips Sportswear in East Boston before her retirement in 1982.

The devoted wife of the late Stephen “Steve” Celona Sr., with whom she shared 64 years of marriage, she was the loving mother of Nunzio “Nunny” Celona and his wife, Geraldine of Wakefield, Josephine Pullo and her husband, Dave of Tewksbury and Stephen Celona Jr. of Winthrop, cherished grandmother of four and great grandmother of six.

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Pandemic, services will be held private for the imitate family. Messages of condolence can be placed on our memory wall.

Interment will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett, MA. For online guestbook, visit:

www.vazzafunerals.com.

### Ann Metivier

Of Winthrop and East Cambridge

Ann M. Metivier, 67, of East Cambridge and Winthrop, died peacefully at home on May 9 after a long illness.

Ann was born in East Cambridge on July 5, 1952, the beloved daughter of the late Joseph G. Metivier, Sr. and Eleanor (Field) Metivier. Left to cherish her memory are her sister, Kathryn Metivier Dines, her husband William of East Cambridge, their son, Will Eliot Dines, Will’s wife, Fannie Lau Dines and their children, Lincoln and Eva of Malden; her brothers, Joseph G. Metivier, Jr. and his wife, Paula (Shute) of Medford and their children Nancy, Nancy’s husband, Tony Falco and their children, Cecilia, Joey and

Jack of Hanover, Michael Metivier, Michael’s husband, Kevin Luczkow and their daughter, Madeline Eleanor Luczkow of Hingham, Daniel Metivier of East Cambridge, Thomas Metivier and his wife, Dorothy Wedge Metivier and their daughter, Brooke Metivier of Somerville and her devoted sister and best friend Bonnie Tieuli of Winthrop. Some people come into our lives and quietly go, some people come and leave footprints on our hearts and we are never the same because of it. Given these extraordinary times, services were held privately. For guest book please visit donovanaufierofuneralhome.com.

### Betty Ruth Schresky

She could light up a room with her smile

Betty Ruth (Beal) Schresky, 94, passed away on Monday, May 18 due to complications of the Covid-19 virus.

She was a lifelong resident of Winthrop where she met and married the love of her life, the late Bernie Schresky. They spent 72 years together and were always known as “Betty & Bernie” wherever they went.

She had many interests such as needlepoint, mahjong, knitting and bingo at Temple Tifereth Israel in Winthrop for many years. She enjoyed socializing with her friends in town and at the Fort Heath Apts., where she spent her later years.

She was a loving mother to Ruth (Schresky) Mickelson and Debra Schresky Hallahan as well as her sons-in-law, the late David Mickelson and Michael Hallahan. She especially adored her grandchildren, Richard Hallahan, James



Hallahan and the late Aileen Hallahan. They were the light of her life. She also leaves behind a sister, Doris Greenstein and many nieces and nephews.

Betty could light up a room with her smile and she will be sorely missed by all.

Funeral services are entrusted to the care of Torf Funeral Service, Chelsea. A private burial service will take place. Contributions in Betty’s memory may be made to the Laboratory Institute of Merchandising Fashion Education Foundation- <http://www.limfef.org/donate-now>. Please visit [www.torffuneralservice.com](http://www.torffuneralservice.com) for guestbook.

### Cara Huberman

An incredibly talented woman who lived life to the fullest

Cara T. Huberman, 53, of Winthrop, formerly of Saugus, after a long battle with COVID 19, she succumbed to the virus and entered into eternal rest on May 9.

Cara graduated from Saugus High School in 1985, went on to earn her B.S. in fashion design from the Philadelphia College of Textiles & Science and an M.A. in Journalism from Northeastern University. She was incredibly talented at everything she did.

Cara loved traveling, the arts, cooking, rock concerts and, of course, her friends and family.

She lived life to the fullest. May she be free from suffering and rest in peace and take comfort in knowing how loved Sam will be.

She was the beloved mother of Sam McSweeney, the dear daughter of Susan (Cohen) and Allan Huberman, loving sister of Dana Huberman (Grace Induni) and Nina Huberman (Howard Stein); adoring



aunt of Annabella, Brady and Robyn; devoted partner of Fran Sweeney and former daughter-in-law of Linda and Bill McSweeney. She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Libbie and Samuel Huberman and Lillian and Edward Rosenwald.

Due to Social Distancing restrictions, services will be private. In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be made to The Samuel McSweeney College Fund at Citizens Bank, 35 Putnam Street, Winthrop, MA 02152.

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childcare is occupied. “The system we established has capacity for 10,000 children statewide,” Polito said.

“Summer camps serve an important purpose,” Polito added, saying that additional health and safety standards are being reviewed in preparation for the opening of summer camps. She said that these health guidelines could be implemented in over 1400 camps across Massachusetts, and “pending public health data,” camps could open in Phase Two “with limitations and standards in line with CDC guidance.”

On the transportation front, “the MBTA has been and will continue to implement measures to prevent the spread,” Polito said. “We cannot significantly reduce transmission” without the support of everyone in the state.

She said that riders of the MBTA are required to wear face coverings, and employers should implement work from home practices and stagger the workday to “reduce demand on rush hours.”

Polito said that in Phase One, the MBTA will “support the transit needs of essential workers and those returning” by continuing with limited service. By Phase Three, there will be a modified version of full

service, and the MBTA will continue to provide protective supplies to workers and clean stations and vehicles often, as well as “actively communicate public health guidance in stations, online, and over social media,” Polito said.

“Today, as we move forward in implementing this plan for reopening, I am confident in everyone’s ability to play their role,” Polito said. “Everyone must do their part.”

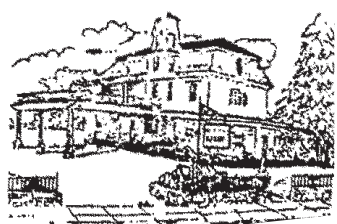
She said that the “next few weeks are really important,” and by helping businesses incorporate workplace safety standards and making sure everyone follows guidelines, “the Commonwealth can stay ahead of this virus,” Polito said.

“As we balance the shared goals of activating economy and public safety...our roadmap provides us with a plan and a direction point to get started,” Polito said. “The people of Massachusetts are strong; we’re resilient, we’ve come through tough times before and we will come through this tough time again.”

To download the full Reopening MA report with details about which industries fit into which phase, visit <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/reopening-massachusetts>.

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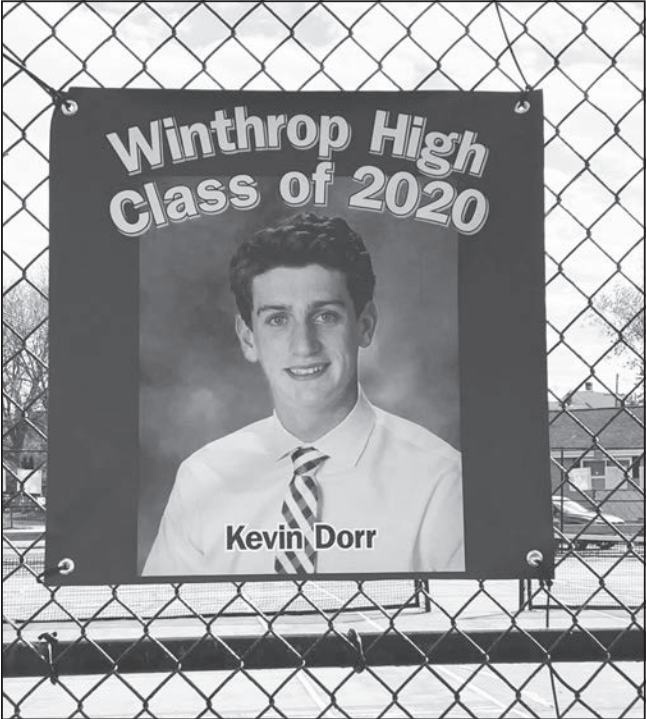
SENIORS DON'T LET CORONAVIRUS STAND IN THE WAY OF TRADITION

Courtesy photos

The current COVID-19 situation didn't stop Winthrop High School seniors from placing their traditional signs on the tennis courts. This year, they just did it in a social distant manner while donning fashionable masks. Last Saturday, seniors met in small groups to leave their mark on the tennis courts.



Zara Powell, posing with a clever shirt that reads “Worst Senior Prank Ever!”



One of the many senior signs that covered the courts.



Graduation seniors and Class Officers (left to right): Ryan Parker (Class President), Christopher Rodriguez (Class Marshall), Devon Barry (Treasurer), Sage D’amelio (Videographer), Jillian Johnson (Vice President), Olivia Driscoll (Secretary)



Seniors, Charlotte Hurley, Colby Bosse, and Jillian Kelley, stand six feet apart after they autograph the tennis courts.

Saint John the Evangelist will convene for Mass on Saturday

By Cary Shuman

The Rev. Chris O’Connor, pastor of Saint John the Evangelist Church on Winthrop Street, said he is “overjoyed” at Governor Charlie Baker’s decision to reopen churches across the state following a closure due to the COVID-19 pandemic. “I’ve been taking walks through the neighborhood pretty regularly and people are just eager to get back and I’m eager to have them back,” said the Rev. O’Con-

nor. “We are a faith community and you worship together as a community and praise God together as a community and now we’re going to back together.” The Rev. O’Connor will conduct the first Mass at the church this Saturday at 4 p.m. “We have all sorts of procedures and guidelines from the Archdiocese and I have a great team working with me – we will have benches marked off, hand sanitizers, signs regarding face masks, so we are real-

ly moving ahead,” said the church’s spiritual leader. He noted that the church at its capacity seats 750 people. “We’re planning on about 300 attendees at our first Mass,” said the Rev. O’Connor. To accommodate other parishioners on Saturday, the church has scheduled an additional Mass at 5:15 p.m. On Sunday, there will be Masses at 8 a.m., 10 a.m., and 12 p.m. (noon). “It will be as streamlined a Mass as possible because we have to ster-

ilize the church between each Mass,” said the Rev. O’Connor, adding that each Mass will be approximately 35-40 minutes long. The Rev. O’Connor, who has been pastor at St. John for one year, will be delivering a sermon at each Mass. His message: “In Jesus We Trust.” “A coronavirus is a very sad thing and we’re going to be praying for all of those people who have been ill and the caregivers,” said the Rev. O’Connor. The church leader ex-

pressed his gratitude to Police Chief Terence Delehanty for helping to coordinate the reopening of the church. “The Winthrop Police have been phenomenal in helping us get opened in terms of procedures and practices,” said the Rev. O’Connor. “I can’t thank Chief Delehanty enough.” The Rev. O’Connor said he has heard from some parishioners who have told him they have some anxiety about returning to church because of their health conditions.

“What they’ll be doing is watching the livestream broadcast on Sunday at 8 a.m.,” said the Rev. O’Connor. The Rev. Walter Connelly, pastor at Saint John’s Episcopal Church on Bowdoin Street, said the church will not resume in-person services until July 1. “Even though the Governor has permitted worship to return, we have to follow the Bishop Alan Bates’ (of the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts) directives and he has set July 1 as the moving target,” said the Rev. Connelly. The Rev. Thomas DiLorenzo of Holy Rosary Church said Wednesday that no schedule has been announced for the resumption of services. An attempt to reach officials at Temple Tifereth Israel, a Jewish house of worship on Veterans Road, was unsuccessful.



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• Each phase will last a minimum of three weeks and could last longer before moving to the next phase				
• If public health data trends are negative, specific industries, regions, and/or the entire Commonwealth may need to return to an earlier phase				
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## WHS SPORTS Through the Years

**10 years ago**  
**May 13, 2010**  
Jenny Fucillo still has not met her match this season against Northeastern Conference opponents, as the Lady Viking “rocket” (the description applied to her by an opposing coach) won three events in both of the last two meets for the Winthrop High girls track team. Jenny captured the 400 low hurdles, the 110 high hurdles, and the long jump against Marblehead and Danvers in the past week to pace Coach Warren MacPhail’s squad. Her clocking of 65.5 in the low

hurdles marked a personal record (PR) for the Lady Viking star. Teammate Christina Russo also was a force to be reckoned with, as she sped to first place in both the 100 meter and 200 meter dashes in both meets. Her times of 13.2 in the 100 and 27.2 in the 200 against Marblehead were PRs for Christina.  
Another rival....another victory. So it goes for Jake Connors and every opponent he has faced this season in the Northeastern Conference, as the high-leaping Viking once again took first place in

the high jump in Monday’s meet with Marblehead with a top jump of 6’-4”. Connors, who set the Winthrop High School record with a 6’-6” jump two weeks ago, also added a triumph in the triple jump with a landing of 37’-10”. Jake now has won both of those events in every meet this season.  
A 1-0 loss at Salem for the WHS baseball team saw a brilliant pitching effort by Viking hurler Anthony Hatzisavas go without a “W” as Winthrop was unable to muster an offensive attack and Salem pushed across a run in the bottom

of the final inning on an infield hit to come away with the victory. Three days earlier, the Vikings dropped a true heartbreaker in a 4-3 loss to Lynn Classical in extra innings that saw Classical score the tying run in the seventh and the winning tally in the eighth. Robert Swanson hurled all eight frames for Winthrop, allowing just five hits while striking out 10 enemy hitters and walking only two.

**20 years ago**  
**May 11, 2000**  
The WHS baseball team stands at 3-7 after a loss to Marblehead and faces an

uphill battle in its bid to qualify for the state tourney. James Coffey pitched well into the late innings against Marblehead, allowing just four runs, but the Vikings provided no offensive support. Mike Vatalaro tripled home Bobby Kneeland for one run and Chris Summa delivered Vatalaro for the other Winthrop run of the contest.  
The WHS softball team dropped a pair of games this week by one run. Senior Bobbi Finocchio pitched well in a 3-2 loss to Marblehead.  
The contingent of Winthrop High girls track fresh-

men and sophomores took second place in the annual Northeastern Conference Freshman/Sophomore Meet. The Lady Vikings were led by Danyelle Dillard, who took first places in the long jump with a leap of 16’-4” and in the 400 meter dash in 63.0 Liz Doherty took first in the 100 hurdles in 17.1 and Kim Lally won the 300 hurdles in 51.2.

**30 years ago**  
**May 16, 1990**  
Despite fine pitching efforts by Mike Cocca and Patrick Thomas, the WHS

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## LOCAL STUDENTS EARN ACADEMIC HONORS

### UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE ANNOUNCES MAY 2020 GRADUATES

The following students graduated from the University of New Hampshire in Durham Saturday, May 16, 2020, during a virtual celebration. Students who received the honor of summa cum laude graduated with a GPA of 3.85-4.0; students who received the honor of magna cum laude graduated with a GPA of 3.65-3.84; and students who received the honor of cum laude graduated with a GPA of 3.50-3.64. Students are only graduated after the Registrar’s Office has certified that all degree requirements have been successfully completed. A traditional, in-person commencement ceremony will be scheduled at a future date yet to be determined.

- Michael Norris graduated with a BS degree in BusAdm:Finance.
- Brianna Bocchio graduated with a BS degree in Nursing.
- Holly Benson graduated Magna Cum Laude with a BS degree in HumanDevelopment&Family Studies.
- Alissa Shea graduated with a BSENC degree in EnSci:Ecosystems.
- Alexandra Scarfo graduated with a BS degree in Health Management & Policy.
- Tiana DiBenedetto graduated Magna Cum Laude with a BS degree in

Nutr:Dietetics.

The University of New Hampshire, founded in 1866, is a world-class public research university with the feel of a New England liberal arts college. A land, sea, and space-grant university, UNH is the state’s flagship public institution, enrolling 13,000 undergraduate and 2,500 graduate students.

### JAMES FORSTER III GRADUATES FROM NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY

James J. Forster III graduated Magna Cum Laude from Northeastern University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Chemical Engineering. During his time at Northeastern James completed the cop portion of his education working at Voyager Therapeutics in Cambridge, MA and Entegris Incorporated in Billerica, MA. He will be attending the University of Massachusetts at Amherst in the fall where he will be continuing his education working toward his Masters Degree and PHD in the field of chemical engineering. James is a 2016 graduate of Winthrop High School where he was the class valedictorian. He is the brother of Julie Forster (WHS Class of 2020), nephew of Christine and Christopher Berg and the son of Jim and Diane Forster.

## Social engagement program to be launched by MVES

Special to the Transcript

Social isolation, also known as the Loneliness Epidemic, is a prevalent concern for the nearly 290,000 older adults living in the state of Massachusetts. A 2020 report from the US Department of Health and Human Services states that 28 percent of elders live alone in the community. Now, with the coronavirus pandemic changing people’s day-to-day lives and the ways in which they interact with others, our society must realize that isolation among residents ages 65 and up is at an all-time high.

In their many interactions with seniors, Mystic Valley Elder Services (MVES) care managers and nurses, along with Meals on Wheels drivers have discovered that loneliness and isolation is a prevalent condition. The recent report mentioned above states that loneliness can increase inflammation, heart disease, memory disorders, mental health conditions and higher death rates. Factors that add to isolation include the inevitable losses of spouse, family members, and friends over time. In addition, physical limitations and a lack of transportation reduce seniors’ mobility outside the home.

“Seniors are at a huge risk for social isolation,” says Susan Doherty, RN from MVES. “There can be many reasons for social isolation and not just during this pandemic. Some older adults might not have family, might be estranged from their family, might not be as technologically savvy as younger folks, and might rely on transportation or Adult Day Health in order to socialize, both of which are not running at this time.”

Social isolation can affect everything from mental health, nutrition, and mobility. Doherty points out. “I was with a daughter of a consumer who has been self-quarantining from her father due to COVID-19 exposure. However, because of the self-quarantining and her father’s social isolation, her father’s health has declined and

would have declined further without the help of the MVES services that have been put in place such as personal care for the consumer in providing respite for the family,” she says.

MVES Intake Care Manager Annie Dodge recently spoke with a consumer, a Veteran, who receives home-delivered meals from MVES and he expressed to her how wonderful MVES is. According to Dodge, he has stated many times that MVES is something to be proud of and is appreciative that she has checked in with him so many times to keep tabs on his status. The consumer is also very happy with his Meals on Wheels driver and his commitment to bringing meals as well as his smiling face adding to his day.

“He expressed that the check-ins have made him feel important and not alone. He said he feels like he is in jail because there are two people in his building who have tested positive for COVID-19 and he does not want to leave his apartment. But, the daily delivery and a friendly voice on the phone have made a positive impact,” says Dodge.

While there are a number of resources for family caregivers impacted by the pandemic, the various crises being faced by family caregivers and their loved ones dramatically varies. This pandemic has put much more stress on caregivers who now need to shift gears to provide services and take care of loved ones in different ways, such as telephone calls, “drive-way visits”, visits where the individuals are divided by a window, or using telehealth instead of home visits.

“The impact social distancing has had on the ways people memorialize their loved ones and friends is tough. Gatherings are limited or nonexistent and families coping with a loss might be feeling an added layer of grief at not being able to celebrate the life of their loved one as they could have in a pre-pandemic world,” explains MVES Caregiver Support Coordinator Kathy Learned. MVES

nurse Linda Kalogeris’, RN, mother was also a consumer living in Kalogeris’ home before going to Prospect House Assisted Living & Memory Care in Revere for respite care following a fall and broken bone.

“With the onset of the pandemic, my mother has been on lockdown in her room for several weeks and unable to receive visiting nurse services or go to routine doctors’ appointments,” explains Kalogeris. “I am worried about my mother’s growing depression and isolation. I often stand outside my mother’s facility to wave through the window.”

“It has become very evident about the high occurrence of loneliness that many older adults experience in their daily lives, and has been magnified with COVID-19’s social and physical distancing,” says Patricia Hansen, RN, from MVES. “The majority of seniors and those living with disabilities are estranged from their family and friends, or have no family or friends to speak to or interact with. Most of the time their only connection to someone who cares about them is through MVES. A caring voice on the other end of the phone or a smile and wave from a Meals on Wheels driver are critical.”

To address this issue, MVES will launch a new service in early summer for its consumers called the Social Engagement Program, which will provide focused intervention on the poor health and wellness outcomes linked to loneliness and social isolation, a problem that is impacting older adults in epidemic proportions.

“After hearing from volunteers and staff in the field, our community partners, and from consumers themselves, we discovered that older adults are feeling increasingly disconnected and in need of more social support. We decided to take steps to address this problem,” says Lauren Reid, Director of Community Programs.

The Social Engagement Program will connect to MVES

consumers through supports that could include the following: the Friendly Visitor Program, in which the consumer receives home visits that focus on in-person socialization and companionship (this will only be done safely and carefully in this time of the pandemic); the Telephone Reassurance Program where a volunteer calls the isolated individual and provides a social contact and friendly conversation; and/or an Email Correspondence for online engagement with others via technology.

“This social engagement intervention will supplement the consumer’ home care services resulting in a comprehensive care plan that supports an improved quality of life and a safe independence,” explains Reid. Trained and carefully screened volunteers will provide the visits, calls and emails.

MVES is playing an important role in the community to combat the effects of social isolation in those valued clients we serve. From increased well-being calls to ongoing home delivered meals to providing resources for family caregivers now worrying about their elderly loved ones from afar, MVES prides itself on remaining a consistent presence in the lives of those we are privileged to serve.

About Mystic Valley Elder Services

Celebrating 45 Years of giving older adults their independence, Mystic Valley Elder Services is a non-profit agency located in Malden, Mass., that provides essential home- and community-based care and resources to older adults, adults living with disabilities, and caregivers who reside in Chelsea, Everett, Malden, Medford, Melrose, North Reading, Reading, Revere, Stoneham, Wakefield and Winthrop, regardless of their income level. Agency services include coordination of home care, transportation, Meals on Wheels, and information and referrals. For more information, please call (781) 324-7705 or visit [www.mves.org](http://www.mves.org).

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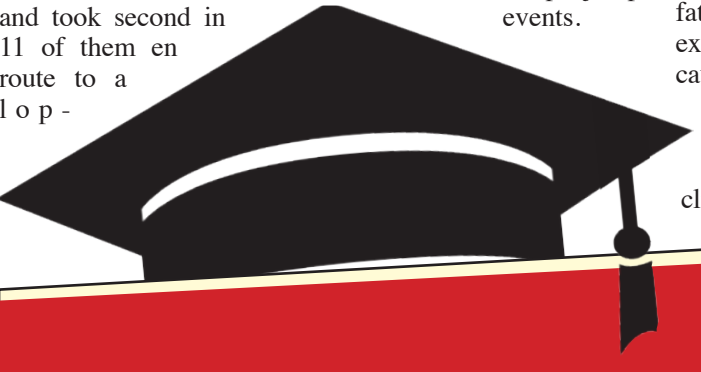
baseball team dropped decisions of 3-2 and 4-1 to Marblehead and Swampscott respectively.

Lisa Magnasco tossed a three-hitter and Maureen Gillis, Jodie Palange, and Magnasco each banged out three hits en route to a 16-1 win by the WHS softball team over Swampscott.

The WHS girls track team won all 14 events and took second in 11 of them en route to a

sided win over Saugus.

The undefeated WHS boys track team is one win away from repeating as NEC champs under Coach Pat McGee. Steve Luongo won the shotput and discus events to pace the Vikings to wins over Salem and Saugus, while Bill Perella and Mark Picirillo dominated the high jump, hurdles, and triple jump events.



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# Memorial Day Services

Due to the Coronavirus, the following private Memorial Day Ceremony by Town of Winthrop officials will be held on Monday, May 25th. Residents will be able to view the following lineup on WCAT at a later date.

The schedule is as follows:

**Pledge of Allegiance | National Anthem by Sgt. Bill Furey, USMC**  
**Remarks by Speaker of the House Bob DeLeo | Remarks by Senator Joe Boncore**  
**Principal Speaker Suzanne Carson | Logan's Order by Linda Calla**

# Memorial Day is lived 365 days a year for some

By Kate Anslinger

On Memorial Day, most will take a moment to remember those whose lives were lost in battle. Flags will be placed upon graves, the sound of taps will be played during ceremonies across the country, and reminders of those who made the ultimate sacrifice will be spread on news outlets everywhere. For resident and veteran, Don Sullivan, memories of those he lost in battle bleed into his everyday life, spilling into the remaining 364 days of the year.

Sullivan, a Vietnam veteran, recalls a vivid account of his time in battle, when he witnessed several of his closest comrades die. The incident occurred over fifty years ago, however; the memories replay themselves in Sullivan's head every day.

Like most Army lieutenants, Sullivan had been looking forward to proving himself in combat, so when his platoon was ordered to attack Hamburger Hill on May 14, 1969, he briefed his platoon sergeant and squad leaders and set out. "While we weren't shooting or being direct-

ly shot at, the whole scene was an overwhelming cacophony of explosions, rifle fire, and choppers," said Sullivan. "Suddenly the trees above us erupted in explosions followed by screams, groans and shouts of 'medic.'"

The noise was the result of rocket propelled grenades (RPG's) being fired by an unseen enemy, leaving ten wounded, including Sullivan, who had shrapnel in his left hand and left foot.

His medic told Sullivan that one of his men was so badly wounded that he would die without immediate treatment, so the remaining five unwounded soldiers of the platoon formed a stretcher out of tree limbs and ponchos and carried the wounded man as they pulled out. As Sullivan monitored the progress of the stretcher party, he noticed his squad leader heading to an open area, which he had been told to avoid.

"I started screaming at him to stop but there was still an unending and overwhelming cacophony of sound surrounding us so I took off with the radio on my back to divert them around the open area. Before I got there, I was tripped by one of my men



Lt. Sullivan, during Vietnam.

(an accident that would later save my life) and I went headfirst just as another RPG hit the side of the stretcher killing all six men and knocking me briefly unconscious."

Compared to his fellow comrades, Sullivan recovered quickly, but would go on to face a lifetime of tragic memories. In his

horrific recounting of what took only minutes to play out, Sullivan recalled seeing body parts hanging by slender pieces of skin and shrapnel protruding from the forehead of a dead soldier. The names of the deceased ricochet in his mind on a daily basis; Michael Milner, George LaMothe, Buck Dufresne, Luther



Don Sullivan, today.

Morgan, as do the lyrics "Swing low sweet chariot, coming for to carry me home," which DuFresne was singing softly as he lay dying.

Years later, Sullivan spoke to Buck Dufresne's sister.

"She told me that he had been learning guitar and that was one of the songs

he sang. His wife was about six months along in her pregnancy on May 14th."

The length of this deplorable incident was only six hours, but the names and flashes of recollection penetrate Sullivan's mind every single day, making Memorial Day an anniversary that is everlasting throughout his daily life.

**Veterans** are a symbol of what makes our nation great, and we must never forget all they have done to **ensure our freedom.**

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