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NEWS Briefs

PICO AND DONOVANS BEACHES ARE NOW OPEN

Test results have returned to normal range. Donovans and Pico beaches have been re-opened.

Last week, Aug. 6, the beaches were closed due to high test results of Enterococci, which is an indicator of fecal pollution and possible enteric pathogens. When the level exceeds 104 MPN (most probable number)/100 mL, the Town of Winthrop closes the beach. High levels are usually due to heavy rainfall and usually return to normal levels after a retest.

The retest was conducted Aug. 8, and the beaches deemed safe to use once more.

MASS SCHEDULE

Holy Rosary Parish at Point Shirley has a new mass schedule as follows:

Saturday 5:30 p.m., Sunday, 11 a.m. and Monday, 9 a.m.

The Church is open for prayer weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. If you have questions please call: 617-846-7400.

CLARK SECURES CRITICAL AIRPLANE NOISE REDUCTION MEASURE

Highlighting the collaboration between the state and federal delegation, Representative Katherine Clark (MA-05), Massachusetts

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Tom Console retires this week after 48 years of being a barber, seven of which were in Winthrop.

THE LAST CUT

‘Good guy’ barber retires after 48 years

By Maxim Tamarov

It was a warm, sunny Tuesday in August as Thomas Console put on his mask, grabbed his hair cutting cape and welcomed Winthrop residents to John’s Barber Shop on one of his last days at the business.

Although the shop was named after John Cimino, “The Barber” of Winthrop, Console has kept up its reputation for the seven years he’s worked there. After 48 years of being a barber, he is laying down his scissors and clippers.

As customers came in and sat down for their final hair cut from the town legend, they commented on Console’s retirement and told him how much they would miss him.

“He’s a great guy, you

know what I mean?” said William Keith, a lifelong Winthrop resident. “I’m sad to see him go.”

Console started working as a barber with his grandfather, his father and his uncles at a barber shop in Brighton named after Mt. Etna. He never understood why if the family lived in East Boston, they were working in Brighton. But Console’s grandfather told him, “You go where it is.”

Eventually, Console was able to reconcile where “it”

Goodbye and Thanks

My barbering career began almost 50 years ago, first cutting hair in Brighton with my father and then here in Winthrop, where I’ve lived for the last 27 years.

The time has come for me to retire and enjoy life, which is what we all wish to do someday. I am leaving the profession that I’ve loved and I apologize for such short notice. This has been a difficult decision to make, one that took a long time to consider. I appreciate your understanding.

I want to thank everyone who’s hair I’ve had the privilege to cut. I always tried to make you look and feel better when leaving, than when you came in, and especially when the “boss” checked it over.

Thanks for all the many years of memories made here. Take care and hope to see you around town.

Tom, the Barber

was with where he lived — that’s how he ended up on Shirley Street in Winthrop. He lives a few blocks away

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Jessica Benton, nurse practitioner, remembered for always being humble and kind

By Kate Anslinger

To her family, Jessica Benton was a bright light, to her patients she was a source of strength and knowledge, and to her friends she was a generous supporter. In a life that ended far too soon, Jessica’s passing is a tragic loss for an array of people, but to never have known her and to never have loved her, is an even greater loss. As Jessica’s husband Adam endures immense heart-



Jessica Benton, nurse practitioner at Dr. Gary Pransky’s off, lost her battle with pancreatic cancer on June 28, 2020.

ache, he is comforted by the happy memories that

will be shared forever with her circle of family, friends, colleagues, patients and the support from the Winthrop community.

A natural born caretaker, Jessica always looked after her older brother, Michael Cloutier.

“She was always reminding Michael about Father’s Day and she’d even buy the

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Winthrop receives \$105,000 for parklets, cycle signs

By Laura Plummer

Winthrop was awarded \$105,000 from the Baker-Polito Administration’s Shared Streets & Spaces program, which will go toward installing parklets in the Center Business District (CBD) as well as improving bicycle safety.

Town Manager Austin Faison applied for the award on June 30 and clarified the vision over the following month.

DPW Director Steve Calla has been researching the cost of installing parklets in the CBD. A parklet is a mini-park that takes up the space of several parking spaces where the public can stop and rest while visiting a commercial area. It is a temporary structure that can be relocated when necessary.

Funding will also go toward signage for a town bicycle network. Signs and

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Viens takes the lead on educational outreach

By Kate Anslinger

Resident Diana Viens is being proactive about educating her two daughters this fall. The full-time working mom started a Facebook group dedicated to sharing educational resources amongst parents and educators. The group, “MA Parents Seeking Pods, Teachers, and Tutors,” was created to collaborate and connect like-minded parents who want to their children to learn in the same manner. With 4,000 group members in just three weeks, Viens has already

received a lot of positive feed-back.

“This is a private group for Massachusetts parents seeking to find educators to teach their children in the fall, learn about available resources, and form small groups/learning pods for educator-led learning grounded in the state’s curriculum/standards,” said Viens. “Whether you require virtual or in-person instruction or are simply seeking other parents from your city/town looking to start the discussion about what’s possible, I’m hoping

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Residents protest, show support at library read-in

By Kate Anslinger

Last Thursday evening, over 100 community members came together on the Winthrop Public Library’s front lawn, protesting the recent library furloughs. People of all ages gathered in a socially distant manner, displaying signs expressing frustration over the recent lack of library services and support of the employees. The goal of the read-in was to demand that the Town Manager hires the fur-

loughed employees back to ensure equitable library access for all town residents.

Town Council President Phil Boncore and Vice President Jim Letterie took the opportunity to listen to the concerns of residents.

“I was so impressed with the number of young families and community members that were able to come out and enjoy the evening,” said Letterie. “The library focuses on a wide range of

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YOGA IN THE PARK



Winthrop youth practice social distancing recently during yoga in the park.

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WINTHROP POLICE BLOTTER

The following incident reports are among the calls to which the Winthrop Police Department responded for the period of July 27 - August 3:

MONDAY, JULY 27

0827: A Court Rd. resident reported that his motor vehicle (MV) had been broken into and that a few items had been taken. He will check with a neighbor for possible video surveillance of the area.

1022: A resident reported that a fraudulent unemployment claim had been filed using her identifying information.

1127: The owner of a Golden Retriever on Lowell Rd. reported that the dog was missing. The Animal Control Officer was notified, but the owner reported finding the dog.

1621: A caller reported that a group of three persons were arguing with a golf club manager and that it appeared that the men had been drinking alcohol. The officer who responded learned that the men were arguing over a payment issue for the golf tournament. The officer advised all of the parties that this is a civil matter.

1707: An officer responded to a report of a parking violation on Girdlestone Rd. and issued a parking ticket to the vehicle in question for parking in a no-parking zone.

1710: A trespass tow was reported for a MV parked illegally at Governor's Drive.

2355: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) for a civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI) and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

TUESDAY, JULY 28

0837: A resident came into the station to report a breaking & entering (B&E) into her MV overnight. The officer will file a report.

0852: A Russell St. resident reported a B&E into her MV overnight while it was parked in her driveway. There was minor damage to a door, but nothing was reported missing.

1112: An officer issued a citation to a MV parked on Revere St. for the CMVI of having an expired inspection sticker. The MV also was placed on the 72-hour list.

1112: Parking tickets were issued to motor vehicles parked on Trident Ave. at Shirley St. for parking in a no-parking zone during street-sweeping day.

1239: Officers executing a warrant arrested Tyrrell Lee Williams, 26, of 20 Dix St., on charges of possession of ammunition without an FID card (subsequent offense), two counts of possession of a firearm without an FID card (subseq. offense), two counts of improper storage of a firearm, trafficking in more than 10 grams of fentanyl, illegal possession of a Class E controlled narcotic substance, and illegal possession with intent to distribute Class B, Class C, and Class D controlled narcotic substances.

1307: An officer issued a citation to a MV parked on Sea View Ave. for the CMVI of having an expired inspection sticker. The MV also was placed on the 72-hour list.

1310: An officer assisted the parties with the exchange of papers at a minor motor vehicle accident (MVA) at the Showcase Laundromat on Main St.

1413: A Quincy Ave. resident reported that her parked MV had been struck and damaged by a hit-and-run operator.

1722: A female who was discovered passed out in her parked MV in a parking lot behind a business in the Centre was transported to the MGH.

1850: An officer stopped a MV on Washington Ave. for a civil infraction. The officer discovered that the operator also had an issue with her license. The officer directed the operator to drive home forthwith and resolve the issue with the Registry before driving again.

2336: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) at Pleasant St. and Tileston Rd. for the civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI) of speeding and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

2347: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Main St. for the civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI) of a plate light violation and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

2357: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) at Shirley and Irwin Sts. for the civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI) of a stop sign violation and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29

0052: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) at Belcher and Hermon Sts. for the civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI) of a marked lanes violation and

gave a verbal warning to the operator.

0242: An officer issued four parking tickets to vehicles on Palmyra St. for not having residential parking stickers.

0311: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Main St. for the civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI) of a red light violation and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

0332: An officer issued four parking tickets to vehicles on Hutchinson St.

0606: An officer issued parking tickets to two vehicles that were parked on the sidewalk along Charles St.

0704: A Main St. resident reported that her MV had been struck and damaged while parked overnight by a hit-and-run operator. The officer will file a report.

0946: An officer retrieved two hypodermic syringes that were discovered at Coughlin Playground.

1407: An officer issued a parking ticket to a MV parked without a residential parking sticker on Bayview Ave.

1611: Officers escorted a male party from the premises of the Viking Gardens Housing and observed the property manager issue a No Trespass notice to the male party. Visitors are not allowed on the premises during the Covid-19 crisis.

1617: Officers responded to a dispute involving a former tenant in a Lincoln St. building. The officers kept the peace and informed the parties that this is a civil matter.

1701: Officers responded to a report of a disturbance involving neighbors on Golden Drive. The dispute revolved around one neighbor feeding birds outside of his window. The neighbor agreed to stop feeding the birds.

1712: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Revere St. for the civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI) of non-working rear lights and gave a verbal warning to the operator. The operator said he was unaware of the situation and was directed to drive home forthwith.

1723: A tow was ordered for a disabled MV on Crystal Cove Ave.

1728: An officer issued a parking ticket to a MV parked in a No Parking zone on Bowdoin St.

1939: Medford police reported recovering a MV that had been reported stolen out of Winthrop.

1954: A Morton St. res-

ident reported a B&E into his MV. The officer will file a report.

2011: An officer installed a car seat for a resident of Harborview Ave.

2122: A caller reported that his MV had been struck by a hit-and-run operator at Pleasant St. and Brookfield Rd.

2226: An officer dispersed a group of cars from Hannaford Park.

2332: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Crest Ave. for the civil motor vehicle infractions (CMVI) of speeding and a red light violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

2333: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) at Highland and Crest Aves. for the civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI) of not having the headlights turned on. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

THURSDAY, JULY 30

0030: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Crest Ave. for the civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI) of not having the headlights turned on. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

0319: An officer issued a parking ticket to a MV on Bellevue Ave.

0338: An officer directed three youths playing basketball at the courts on Walden St. to take it home for the night.

0350: A Shirley St. resident reported that his son's bicycle had been stolen from the front entryway of his apartment building.

0629: The golf club reported vandalism overnight. The officer will file a report.

1013: An officer retrieved a hypodermic syringe from Coughlin Playground and brought it to the station for proper disposal.

1036: An officer retrieved another hypodermic syringe from Coughlin Playground and brought it to the station for proper disposal.

1356: An officer issued a parking ticket to a MV parked on the sidewalk in the 800 block of Shirley St.

1439: A Washington Ave. resident reported that the BMW logo from his MV had been stolen.

1515: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Main St. for the civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI) of unsafe operation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1526: A resident came

into the station to report that a fraudulent unemployment claim had been filed using his identifying information.

1538: Officers responded to an ongoing issue between neighbors at 900 Governor's Park involving a noise dispute. They were advised that this is an issue for the property management to resolve.

1857: Officers responded to a MVA on Main St. One MV was towed.

2008: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Oceanview Ave for the civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI) of a lane violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

2018: An officer directed the residents of a Hutchinson St. home to turn down their music for the night.

2335: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Revere St. for a civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI). The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

FRIDAY, JULY 31

0237: An officer issued two parking tickets to vehicles on Palmyra St.

0247: An officer issued a parking ticket to a vehicle on Hutchinson St.

0745: A caller reported that a small dog was walking alone on Pleasant St. The dog was reunited with its owner before the Animal Control Officer arrived.

1022: A resident came into the station to report being a victim of identity theft.

1213: An officer responded to a MVA on Putnam St. and will file a report.

1949: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Revere St. for the civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI) of excessive window tint. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

2004: An officer issued parking tickets to four vehicles parked on Grandview Ave. without resident parking stickers.

2014: An officer issued a citation to the owner of a MV on Nevada St. for the criminal charge of having a registration revoked for insurance cancellation. The MV was ordered towed.

2301: An officer dispersed a group of about 20 persons playing basketball at the Walden St. courts.

2332: An officer directed a loud group of party-goers at a Woodside Ave. residence to keep it down for the night.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1

0007: An officer direct-

ed the operator of a MV parked at Halford Beach to leave for the night.

0100: An officer returned to the Woodside Ave. residence upon a report that the party had resumed. The officer directed the party-goers to end it for the night.

1300: A MV parked in the crosswalk on Shore Drive at Myrtle Ave. was ordered to be towed.

1504: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity on Dolphin Ave. They arrested a 20 year-old Winthrop man on an outstanding warrant that had been issued by another jurisdiction.

1606: A Chester Ave. resident reported a B&E into two of his vehicles and that some items had been taken. The vehicles had been unlocked and were not damaged.

2019: A repossession company reported taking a motor vehicle on Locust St.

2310: An officer dispersed a MV with two occupants from Hannaford Park.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2

0003: An officer dispersed a MV with two occupants from the cemetery on Kennedy Rd.

1904: An officer responded to a landlord-tenant dispute on Nevada St. and restored the peace.

1914: A Circuit Rd. resident reported finding a lost dog with no collar. The caller was informed that the Animal Control Officer would be on duty on Monday. The dog was reunited with its owner.

2201: An officer responded to a report of a MV striking a dog on Main St. A witness stated that the dog was not on a leash and ran into the street. The dog showed no signs of injury.

2231: An officer dispersed a group that had been setting off fireworks on the beach behind the water tower.

2259: An officer directed homeowners on Bellevue Ave. to take their loud party inside for the night.

2318: An officer dispersed a group in a MV from Halford Beach.

MONDAY, AUGUST 3

0013: A repossession company reported taking a vehicle from Winthrop St.

0106: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Pauline St. for the civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI) of having improper equipment. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

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setts House Speaker Bob DeLeo, and State Senator Joe Boncore (First Suffolk & Middlesex) announced that the Federal Appropriations bill passed by the House of Representatives on July 31, 2020, included a mandate directing the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to update certain outdated airplane noise insulation installed in households over 27 years ago. Congresswoman Clark utilized her position on the Appropriations Committee to secure the inclusion of this noise mitigation measure after ongoing efforts from both the federal and state offices to work with residents concerned about aging noise insulation and the impact of aviation noise.

“Residents near Logan Airport have endured far too many sleepless nights due to the high level of aviation noise in their communities. They shouldn’t

be on the hook financially to replace outdated federally funded noise insulation when this equipment reaches the end of its useful life,” said Congresswoman Katherine Clark MA (MA-5). “Speaker DeLeo, Senator Boncore, and I regularly discuss ways we can collaboratively resolve local issues, and this legislative achievement is the latest in a series of steps we’ve taken together to address this pressing concern for residents who deal with airplane noise on a daily basis.”

“Our collaborative work with the Massachusetts congressional delegation produced results for local communities surrounding Logan Airport, including Winthrop and Revere, for those residents who live with the daily effects of airplane noise,” said House Speaker Robert A. DeLeo (D – Winthrop). “This is welcome relief to residents,

especially those in older homes, and I’m grateful to Congresswoman Clark for her leadership on this issue, and I thank Senator Boncore for his ongoing partnership.”

“Residents will now have the opportunity to obtain new windows that meet today’s standards for sound insulation,” said State Senator Joe Boncore (D-Winthrop). “When Congresswoman Clark asked how to best meet local needs, Speaker DeLeo and I agreed that ensuring residents are safe and comfortable in their homes was of utmost importance. Thank you also to the countless members of our community, led by the Airport Hazards Committee, who reached out directly to raise these issues and ensure awareness for environmental justice.”

Over the last several decades, residents in certain communities surrounding Logan Airport were provid-

SISTER JANE RECEIVES CITATION



Winthrop Catholic Woman's Club and Friends President Fannie Massa presents a citation from Speaker of House Robert DeLeo to Sister Jane.

ed federally funded noise mitigation insulation to reduce the impact of aviation noise pollution. That sound mitigation insulation is now aging. The Appropriations bill directs the FAA to consider noise reduction equipment installed prior to

1993 to be “unmitigated” and to permit all affected residences with old and obsolete mitigation measures to be eligible for new insulation. In 2018, the federal and state offices worked together to secure a mandate in the FY19 Omnibus Ap-

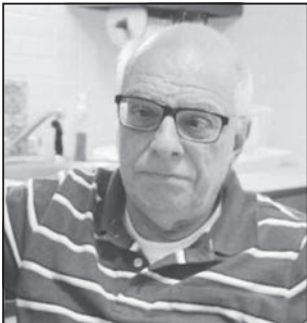
propriations bill requiring the FAA to study how to address aging airport noise mitigation insulation and fund an additional 8 field staff positions at the FAA dedicated to addressing aviation noise.

Town recognizes Gerry DiFranza for Disabilities Advocacy

By Kate Anslinger

During the last town council meeting on August 4, 2020, Gerry DiFranza was awarded a citation for his outstanding commitment to the Winthrop Commission on Disabilities, where he has served for 16 years, with advocacy work that goes back 50 years. Since Gerry has been on the board of the committee, various disabilities have been represented by different members of the committee. Always accompanied by his white cane, Gerry quickly became a well-known messenger in the community, continuously pushing important topics that ultimately bettered the lives of Winthrop residents with disabilities.

Gerry has become infamous for his white cane and he has been recognized for his work writing bills for different laws passed through state legislation for the Massachusetts’ White



Gerry DiFranza.

Cane Law, which states that all motorists and cyclists must come to a complete stop when they see a pedestrian using a dog guide or a white cane at a street crossing.

In addition to his advocacy in Winthrop, Gerry has been on the board of the American Foundation for the Blind and the Bay State Council for the Blind.

Having been born with a sight problem, Gerry was a much adored offspring to his parents and the equally beloved sibling to his twin sister, Geraldine. As time progressed, Gerry’s vision difficulties began to man-

ifest themselves in more dramatic fashion. It was within his family circle that Gerry received some very important lessons about life, attending the local public schools. He worked his way through high school assisting the cafeteria workers in the preparation of student meals, and in doing so became well-versed in the importance of nutritious meals for students. Gerry, who is now 80 years old, studied nutrition at Bunker Hill Community College and worked in that field for many years, until his passion for improving the lives of the blind and visually impaired beckoned him to become a fixture at the State House, where he continues to leave his mark.

“It’s really his calling to be doing something for those who are visually impaired,” said Susan Rowe, friend and fellow advocate. “He has dedicated his life to making life better for those who are impaired and we are grateful for him.”

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members will be able to find answers in the group. With so little time and so much uncertainty, this group was created specifically to enable Massachusetts parents to plan for alternative schooling and have an opportunity to assure a safe and con-sistent upcoming school year.”

Viens is currently in the process of forming a

first grade group for her six-year-old daughter and a fourth grade group for nine-year-old daughter, both which will start on the original school start date instead of the new delayed start date on September 16th. While both groups will be conducted remotely, she hopes to have social time once a week, following socially distant proto-

cols. The girls attended a variety of virtual camps all summer long, including cooking classes, games and community building, art camp, incredible inventors camp, and a short-film making course.

Opting out of the hybrid school schedule that is supposed to start this fall, Viens doesn’t feel like being in a classroom is worth the risk.

“I think schools are great places and I hope we will be back in the classroom again, but I need consistency and I don’t want my kids to get pulled out of school for two weeks if someone gets sick. It’s not worth the risk. It’s not like the institute is going away but I think we can have some lessons learned and we have to have structures in place. I really do have the most respect for educational institutions.”

For more information, go to the Facebook group ‘MA Parents Seeking Pods, Teachers, and Tutors.’

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street markings make cycling easier and safer for both drivers and cyclists. Supporting cycling infrastructure encourages more people to bike around town, which can improve individual health while also decreasing carbon emissions.

The Shared Streets & Spaces program supports quick-build projects that can be completed in one month from receipt of award. It has awarded \$46 million to cities and towns since it was launched in 2016. This fifth disbursement focuses on pedestrian and cyclist safety and out-



An example of a parklet in Vancouver.

door recreation. In total, \$689,000 was awarded to nine communities in Massachusetts. The others are Belchertown, Brookline, Cambridge, Dighton, Lynn, Salem Stoneham and Westborough.



Tom Console cuts the hair of Sean Fitzgerald on Tuesday. It is Console’s last week before he retires after 48 years of being a barber.

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on Winthrop Shore Drive.

Console has slicked back gray hair, wears a large gold cross on a gold chain and has a raspy, grating voice like Gilbert Gottfried. Over the years, he has developed a strong following. He is known for chatting with his patrons about everything from Joe Biden’s politics to Alice Cooper’s golf game.

The conversations, retired corrections officer Dan Daunais said, are part of Console’s charm.

“He’s knowledgeable on so many things,” Daunais said. “I have a hard time with conversation usually, but him, he just carries it.”

On Tuesday, Console and Daunais struck up a conversation about golf. Daunais had just come back from the course, and was telling the barber about it.

Console is a lifelong sports fan. He was a catcher for the Mets Double-A team and was an avid golfer for a long time, before developing an artery condition called spinal stenosis that forced him to stop playing. In his diffident way, Console said that there were many good athletes in Winthrop and East Boston. Growing up, he said, “our spare time was a ball and bat.”

There are plenty of old sports-related newspaper clippings hanging up in the shop, attesting to his fandom, along with tonic advertisements from the 1950s. He likes to keep the shop looking old-fashioned, he said.

Old-fashioned is also how he likes his haircuts. Console is a consummate hair cutter who uses scissors when he can.

“Any haircut you do has your name on it,” Console said. “It should have pride along with it.”

And his skill, much like his conversation, is greatly appreciated by his customers.

“Tom gives a great cut and can tell you everything you need to know about Winthrop,” wrote one reviewer on the shop’s Google page. “Tom is an awesome bar-

ber with a great personality,” wrote another.

“Awesome,” wrote a third.

According to Winthrop local Sean Fitzgerald, Console does what he is asked for and doesn’t try to push his own style on people who don’t want it.

“He does a good job. If he didn’t, I wouldn’t come,” Fitzgerald said. “Plus he’s a good guy.”

Daunais also attested to Console being a “good guy.” He recalled a time when he got so sick that he couldn’t walk. Console, he said, gave him his card and told him to call if he needed anything. Daunais couldn’t drive at the time, so Console offered to pick him up. “What barber does that?”

Daunais said. “I’ve only known him three years. It’s not like we go back a long time. That’s the type of guy he is.”

Console took two months off during the height of Covid-19, and acknowledged that retiring during a

pandemic is “strange.”

It remains unclear what will happen to the shop after he’s gone. His last day is Saturday, and there hasn’t been a decision on who will take the lease. Console hopes that another old-fashioned barber will take over once he’s gone. It is with this hope in mind that he is leaving the majority of the barber shop paraphernalia behind.

Yet even if another old-school barber takes over, Console said he will miss his post.

“I’ve made a lot of friends,” Console said. “It’s been very, very hard to say that I’m going to retire, because I really love what I do.”

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AMERICA IS CIRCLING THE DRAIN

On January 30 -- what seems like a lifetime ago -- the World Health Organization declared that COVID-19 was a world-wide pandemic. On that same fateful date, the United States' Centers for Disease Control issued a press release that stated as follows: "The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) today confirmed that the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) has spread between two people in the United States, representing the first instance of person-to-person spread with this new virus here."

One month later, on February 29, after the first confirmed coronavirus death in this country, President Donald J. Trump said as follows:

"We've taken the most aggressive actions to confront the coronavirus. They are the most aggressive taken by any country and we're the number one travel destination anywhere in the world, yet we have far fewer cases of the disease than even countries with much less travel or a much smaller population."

Given Trump's reassuring statement, who among us could have imagined that five months later, the United States would rank as the nation that has been the most-ravaged by the virus? With more than 160,000 of our fellow Americans victims of the virus -- and increasing by 1000 per day -- we have recorded 25 percent of the world's deaths, though we have just four percent of the world's population. And our five million confirmed cases -- an increase of one million in the past two weeks alone -- account for almost one-quarter of cases world-wide.

The daily life of every American has been affected by the virus, with no end in sight. Not only has the fabric of our society been shredded, but the very foundation of our democracy -- the ability to hold fair and free elections -- is in serious jeopardy.

The virus has reduced us to the status of a banana republic in every respect -- and we're continuing to spiral ever downward, day-by-day.

CAR REPOSSESSIONS ARE ON THE RISE

Although most of the attention of the financial crisis brought about by the coronavirus pandemic has focused on the evictions and foreclosures facing millions of out-of-work Americans, the number of repossessions of motor vehicles because of loan defaults is starting to increase dramatically.

With the expiration of a ban on debt collection actions having ended in Massachusetts on July 31, lenders have begun to repossess the motor vehicles whose owners have defaulted on their loans.

We are not taking issue with the lenders -- who only are seeking to protect the value of the motor vehicle for which they have the title -- but we are mentioning it to point out that this is yet another side effect of our nation's feeble national response to the pandemic.

The loss of an automobile will have catastrophic consequences for many families. But the sad reality is that some policymakers in Washington obviously do not care.

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LETTER to the Editor

THANK YOU, JULIA WALLERCE

Dear Editor,

I'm writing to publicly acknowledge the work that Chair Julia Wallerce and all members of the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) have done to improve the MBTA busing service here in Winthrop. Under Julia's leadership since 2016, Winthrop residents are now able to use their Charlie Cards on the 712 and 713 buses transferring at Orient Heights to the Blue Line or other "T" buses.

In addition, bus stop signs marking the route (712; 713) and destination have recently been created. If needed, sidewalks or curb extensions may take place. Julia explained that the TAC has recently been disbanded. Julia Wallerce will be joining the Winthrop Planning Board, but remaining TAC members will merge with the Traffic Safety Advisory Committee (TSAC). They will "continue to advocate for shelters, seating, maps, and other amenities" to make riding the Winthrop buses a good experience, Wallerce indicated.

Thank you, Julia Wallerce and the TAC for all the fine work you've done over the past 4 years. Special thanks to Julia, who is a knowledgeable and dedicated community leader who sets out to make "vision" a reality.

Donna Segreti Reilly

SUPPORT ED MARKEY

Dear Editor,

Massachusetts is facing a critical political opportunity in which to strengthen its negotiating power in Washington regarding a host of enormously important public policy issues, such as the Green New Deal which Ed Markey co-authored along with his legislative colleague and strong supporter Representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, assuring full health care for all Americans, and continuing to lead the fight for the economic and racial justice agendas.

Ed Markey, unlike his opponent, fully supports a Manhattan-type project to cope with the intense Alzheimer's disease tragedy which currently affects nearly six million Americans, predicted to increase to seven million by 2025.

I Believe the attached Boston Globe endorsement stated the case for Ed's re-election in many ways, stressing the real value

of his Senate seniority in achieving his true progressive agenda which would be lost to the state with a rookie candidate.

I urge you to study the Boston Globe editorial endorsement is support of Ed Markey's re-election, and cast your vote for Ed's re-election.

Thanks, John

ED MARKEY FOR U.S. SENATE

I am supporting Ed Markey for re-election to the U. S. Senate because he has been a leader in Washington and Massachusetts since his first election to Congress in 1976.

Ed Markey first made a name for himself as a young State Representative from Malden when he stood up to the state House leadership in a fight for critical judicial reform and won. For his efforts, he was removed from the Judiciary Committee and his desk was put out into the hallway.

In the campaign for Congress, Ed was one of a dozen candidates in the Democratic Primary, and he had one of the most memorable TV advertisements in our state's political history with the campaign slogan, "The bosses can tell me where to sit, but no one tells me where to stand." I was fortunate to work on his campaign as the issues coordinator and when Ed won, I was hired as a staff assistant in his District Office, and served for three years.

Ed Markey has always been a leader in the Congress and Senate, often ahead of his colleagues, on issues such as climate change, clean energy, safeguarding privacy, nuclear non-proliferation, investor protection or preserving an open Internet. With the current pandemic crisis, Markey has been fighting for legislation to aid vulnerable families who have lost jobs, businesses and health insurance. He is at his best when he challenges the status quo to think bigger in this moment rather than settle for incremental progress.

This year, Ed Markey is being challenged for re-election by Representative Joseph P. Kennedy III, who is a good man and also cares about progressive causes. He has that Kennedy name and the charisma that goes with it, but he has not made a compelling case for his candidacy.

The job of a United States Senator from Massachusetts is to be a leader on important issues in Wash-

ington and a fighter for the people in our home state. Let's look at the records of Markey and Kennedy since 2013 when Kennedy first entered Congress. According to a July article in The Nation, Kennedy has sponsored 60 pieces of legislation while Markey has sponsored 505 -- more than eight times as many. GovTrack.us, an independent open government transparency website has statistics on the records for Markey and Kennedy during the 115th Congress (2017 and 2018). Compared to all Senators, Markey was a leader in introducing and cosponsoring bills, and in supporting government transparency. Kennedy, on the other hand, compared to the other eight Members of Congress from Massachusetts, filed few bills on his own, and was not a leader on government transparency.

Ed Markey has also earned the wide support of leaders across the state because he does not forget where he comes from. He has been endorsed by Senator Elizabeth Warren and five of the eight other members of the Massachusetts Congressional Delegation. He has been endorsed by Boston Mayor Marty Walsh and twenty-four other mayors in the Commonwealth. He has been endorsed by Speaker of the House Robert DeLeo and 100 other State Representatives, and Senate President Karen Spilka and 23 other State Senators.

Markey has the support of labor unions like the Massachusetts Association of Teachers, the Communication Workers of America, SEIU, UNITE HERE, and AFSCME. He has the support of progressive groups on the environment, social justice and a woman's right to choose such as the Sierra Club, the League of Conservation Voters, the Coalition for Social Justice, Planned Parenthood and NARAL Pro-Choice.

Ed Markey has not merely been a progressive vote. He has been an extraordinary leader. He has always taken on big special interests, and he has won. In these urgent times, we need Ed Markey as our U.S. Senator.

Bill Schmidt

KENNEDY FOR MASSACHUSETTS

As the Sept. 1st primary approaches and vote by mail is underway, there is a very important statewide race that has been high-profile and has featured many

ads: The race for United States Senate. Let me start by saying that Ed Markey is a good man and has a dedicated and hardworking staff, however I believe that in this moment in time we cannot re-elect a candidate who has been a product of Washington since Jimmy Carter was our nation's President.

Joe Kennedy is a once in a generation inspirational candidate. He is a Democrat with a backbone that isn't afraid to say, "Black Lives Matter." He is a supporter of Medicare For All, abolishing the electoral college, and in favor of humane immigration policies. He believes that weapons of war have no place on our streets, and he will continue to stand up to the NRA.

According to a recent Boston Globe article in 2019, Senator Markey spent more nights out of Massachusetts than the entire Massachusetts Delegation including Senator Warren who was actively running for President. He even missed over 60% of Senate votes this year. Joe has been present in our community during this campaign. If elected he will continue to show up in his role as a Senator and not just as candidate during campaign season.

Joe has secured key endorsements such as the late Civil Rights icon Congressman John Lewis, and our own State Senator Joe Boncore, and Suffolk County Sheriff Steve Tompkins. Congressman Kennedy has also received endorsements from many labor organizations including IBEW 103, IBEW 2222, Teamsters Local 25, and the Professional Fire Fighters of Massachusetts.

In closing like Congressman Kennedy's grandfather Bobby and his two uncles; President Kennedy, and Senator Kennedy before him he is best suited to meet this moment in time and inspire the next generation of leaders. Washington is broken and we cannot vote for the same elected officials year after year. As Albert Einstein once said, "Insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting a different result."

Tino Capobianco Precinct 3

VOTE FOR ED MARKEY

Dear Editor,

I urge the voters of Winthrop to support the reelection of our longtime friend

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WINTHROP HISTORY WEBSITE: WIHAONLINE.ORG

WINTHROP Then and Now

Winthrop Improvement and Historical Association

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

ARTICLE 931 - BOLSTER’S SERVICE STATIONS



In the mid 2008 period, Then & Now featured two of the twenty plus Gasoline Service Stations that have operated in Winthrop since automobiles made their entry on the American scene. Believe it or not, there was a brief period of time where nineteen stations actually were in operation on our small peninsula at the same time. Two more of these stations have been selected to be the subject of this week’s article. Both were owned at various times by George W. Bolster who was kind enough to loan us some older pictures and provide information on them. George’s first station in Winthrop was located at the corner of Woodside Avenue and Pauline Street (see picture one) where he sold Texaco gasoline which is advertised on a pump sign at 30 cents a gallon.

Note also in this picture that as one looks across the back of the Gulf Station next door, you can see the sign for the John C. McMurray Buick dealership on the site of what was later McDonald’s fast food establishment that recently closed down and was replaced by Nick’s Place Restaurant. The Bolster’s operated this service station for six years before moving to the corner of Shirley and Revere Streets where a lumber company had previously existed. Picture two depicts this same view today and one can see the roof of McDonalds over the top of the car on the left hand side of the photo-graph. The building that housed the Texaco Station is still there but now has a third bay on it and is owned by Scott’s Auto Repair where Scott MacElree and Lenny Mariano both

service cars today. Note also the large roof that extends over the parking area in the front. Picture three was taken shortly after the move to Shirley Street, across from Fort Banks, where the barrack type buildings are visible in the background. Pictured in front of the Shell Station entrance, from left to right, are George Bolster Junior, Robert Smith, Richard Indresano, Jack Berry and the owner George Bolster Senior. Picture four shows the same view today but the facility is now a CITGO Station. In the background, where Fort Banks was located, is today some of Winthrop’s excellent Senior and Low Income housing. It is interesting to note that we now have less than five gasoline stations operating in Winthrop.



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 August 5, 2010

Though it took 10 years for the first ferries to begin sailing to Boston from Winthrop, it now is a reality owing to the tenacity and foresight of many individuals, most notably Congressman Edward Markey, who secured the funding for the ferry and who attended the launching ceremony Tuesday at the Town Landing.

Three councilors voiced their displeasure with the appointments process to the Ordinance Charter Review Committee, voting against the appointments made by Council President Jeffrey Turco to the nine-member committee. Councillors James Letterie and Jeanne Maggio voted “no” when the name of each appointee was announced during eight separate roll call votes, while Councillor Nicholas DelVento voted “present” each time.

The Sun-Transcript notes in an editorial that the athletic user fee at Winthrop High has increased over the past decade from \$75 10 years ago to a new total of \$250 today, an indication of the lack of funding for local government over the past 10 years thanks to the disastrous war in Iraq, tax cuts for the rich, and the Great Recession.

Eat, Pray, Love and The Other Guys are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

20 years ago August 3, 2000

The School Committee voted to accept the recommendation of Athletic Director John Lyons and raised the athletic user fee from \$50 to \$75. Lyons said that with the athletic department forced to cut \$20,000 from its budget, the fee hike was necessary

to avoid cutbacks in programs, especially at the Middle School.

Despite unseasonably cool weather and intermittent rain, the annual National Night Out festivities proved to be a huge success for those who attended.

A consulting firm informed the selectmen Monday night that ferry service from Winthrop to Boston was feasible.

The entire town of Winthrop will be sprayed for mosquitos on August 9.

Gov. A. Paul Cellucci, Boston Mayor Thomas Menino, and the legislature have hammered out a proposal to build a new Fenway Park.

Coyote Ugly, Me, Myself, and Irene, and Space Cowboys are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

30 years ago August 8, 1990

The Cottage Park Y.C. is set to host the North American Star class championships next weekend. Race Chairman Dan Mullane and Events Chairman Dave O’Brien said the regatta is expected to attract an international field.

Meredith Marks, a 13 year old Winthrop Middle School student, was crowned Miss Massachusetts Pre-Teen at the state pageant recently in Danvers. She will represent Mass. in the national pageant in Tampa in November.

The planting of sod recently in French Square has given the Centre a fresh new look.

A request by Robert DeGregorio for a variance to build a two-story addition to the rear of his current building on Hagman Ave. raised questions from the Town Design Review Board and from the Plan-

ning Board regarding parking issues.

The Two Jakes, Flatliners, and Mo’ Better Blues are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

40 years ago July 30, 1980

Town Accountant Lester Towlson told the selectmen that the town’s tax rate may not be able to be set until October because of the delay in implementing tax classification.

The battle to reduce jet noise at Logan Airport has turned into a fight between inner and outer Boston Harbor communities. “This is exactly what Massport wants, to see a citizens’ battle between neighboring communities,” charged former selectman Dick Dimes, the Chairman of the Airport Hazards Committee. Dimes and fellow committee member Ginny Noiles asserted that Pt. Shirley has been “bombed” with air noise this past month. A group of local citizens said they are planning to sue Massport over the noise situation at Logan.

Firefighters from Chelsea, Revere, and Boston helped local firefighters battle a smoky blaze in a two and one-half story building on Neptune Ave. Saturday night.

An 18 year old local youth has been arrested by state and local authorities on charges of planting a high explosive pipe bomb in the telephone booth at the BP service station on Washington Ave.

The Yankees defeated the Dodgers three games to two to capture the 1980 Winthrop Little League title. Mike McManus was the winning pitcher for the Yanks, who were 15-0

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Senator Ed Markey in the Sept. 1 Democratic primary. Ed’s record as our Congressman and Senator is outstanding. He has been in the forefront on such matters as internet access, climate change and Alzheimer’s research funding to name just a few. Meanwhile his opponent has yet to offer a coherent rationale for his candidacy. After many months we still don’t know why he is running against Ed Markey.

Beyond his work on national issues, the help Ed Markey has continually provided to Winthrop is a compelling reason for us to reelect him. From the outset of his tenure as a Congressman and continuing as Senator, Ed made it a priority to work with and on behalf with local governments. This has been especially true over and over in Winthrop. Whenever we needed support he has been there for us. For a list of his recent assistance to Winthrop go to Edmarkey.com and open the Markey Map.

A small portion of Ed Markey’s history with Winthrop over the years include:

At the height of the 1978 blizzard Ed was the first to provide us with assistance. After the storm he was of great help with our federal disaster relief.

When the federal property at Fort Dawes became surplus, Ed Markey succeeded in getting the land conveyed to the town for Hannaford Park.

Ed was responsible for the congressional appropriation to fund the Winthrop ferry.

Please vote to return to the Senate a proven leader

and even greater friend to Winthrop. Please vote for Ed Markey either by mail early in person or at the polls on September 1.

Tom Reilly

WE SUPPORT MARKEY

Dear Editor:

We are writing to express our enthusiastic support for Senator Ed Markey. Simply stated, Ed is one of the most effective legislators in Washington DC. His knack for passing progressive legislation even while Congress is completely at an impasse is extraordinary. Ed’s vision and in-depth knowledge of the inner workings of our Capitol have earned him another term in the Senate.

In while in College, we were selected as interns in Markey’s Washington D.C. office. We supported the Congressman’s staff on the Affordable Care Act, the nation’s response to the BP oil spill, as well as the recovery and reinvestment act which made possible long-term projects in Winthrop such as the improvements to the landing and the new pier.

As Ed worked on these projects he would frequently talk with leaders in Winthrop about the impact that these improvements would have in their communities. Each morning we would read the local newspapers, including the Winthrop Transcript and prepare daily briefings for the staff about what was happening back home.

We both recall him telling stories about the many 30+ year relationships he had with so many mem-

bers of our community. He knew when dads became grandparents, he would ask for phone numbers when loved ones died. He took these people and their stories with him every day in Congress.

Aside from his work on local issues he has proven to be an amazingly effective legislator throughout his career. His record on the environment is well documented, but beyond that he has many issues he has led and made progress on such as, internet freedom, medical research for cystic fibrosis and Alzheimer’s, consumer protection, homeland security to name a few.

While Ed is widely regarded as one of the most progressive members of Congress, when Republicans took over the House of Representatives, Ed shifted gears and worked on privacy legislation with one of the most conservative members of Congress on sweeping children’s privacy legislation to ensure that companies like YouTube could not track children watching cartoons on their site. He was challenging

Facebook and other social media sites on their policies long before it became a mainstream concern of our country.

In closing, we’d like to ask you to join us in voting for Ed Markey for Senate on September 1st. Ed is an amazingly effective legislator who keeps our community (even now as US Senator) and many like it close to his heart as he works.

Kevin Harris and Peter Christopher, Precinct 5 Councilor

SCENES FROM THE READ-IN AT THE WINTHROP PUBLIC LIBRARY



A group of children hold signs at the library entrance.



Eric Willisson and Alyssa True (library employee)



Alan and Annabelle Billing display signs of support on the library lawn.

Shown to the left, first grader, Ellen Gaynor shows off a homemade sign.



Patricia Kelly (statewide President of the MA Library Staff Association and reference librarian in Lynnfield), Domenic DeMasi (former employee), Ann Langone (Vice President of the Executive Board of the Boston Public Library Professional Staff Assn, MLSA/AFT LOCAL 4928), Rich Allen (former employee), Jennifer McGeorge (Asst .Director at Danvers Library), Elisa Birdseye (President of the Executive Board of the Boston Public Library Professional Staff Assn, MLSA/AFT LOCAL 492), and Katrina Donovan (former employee). See more photos on Page 6.



Julia and Maya Wallerice .

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populations with particular needs from our youngest citizens to our seniors. It is a great resource for people who are both new to our town and new to our country. Our library is not just for books anymore, it is an important community hub that offers incredible programs and hosts many events. During this very trying time it is imperative that we as a council and town do more to ensure that our citizens have better access to this free public space.” As of July 1st, eight employees were furloughed temporarily. Town Manager, Austin Faison said that they are still determining the dates for the different reopening phases of the plan for the library.

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Sean Driscoll features Summer Parks and Recreation teams

By Cary Shuman

STAYING COOL

Summer Parks and Recreation Director Sean Driscoll and his staff are making sure everyone in camp stays cool and hydrated in the extreme heat that arrived this week.

“A lot of shade, a lot of breaks, and a lot of water breaks,” said Driscoll. “We end our day at 12 noon, and it doesn’t get too hot much before noon. So we end at that time because we really don’t have an indoor facility to fit everyone in there.”

VOTES FOR JIMMY

Camp Program Coordinator Jimmy Carroll gets “The Favorite Staff” Award for this week. The Golden Girls cast a lot of votes for both “Jimmy” and “James” as “Favorite Staff” – and we found out that Jimmy and James are - or “is”, in fact, the same, dedicated member of the staff: Jimmy Carroll.

Camp Instructors Clare and Bella also received votes as “Favorite Staff,” so kudos to Clare and Bella as well.

MEET THE GOLDEN GIRLS

The “Girls” are having a great summer in the Winthrop Parks Program. They’re enjoying a number of camp activities such as playing in the playground, sports and games, arts and crafts, and making gimp.

There were some heart-warming responses in the “Favorite Thing About Winthrop” category. Two of the “Girls” said their “Favorite Thing About Winthrop” was living near each other and playing games together. Other campers had similar responses: Living close to my friends and living so close to my whole family.

Other upbeat answers about our town: Being a Viking! (with an exclamation point for emphasis); swim-

ming in my pool, and living around the corner from the Twist and Shake ice cream stand.

In the “Favorite Thing to Do With Family” category we liked the “Go bowling” response, although we hope it’s candlepin bowling, which we prefer over ten-pin bowling and duckpin bowling. We remember the candlepin bowling establishment in town that was located in the building that houses Peter Gobiel’s Winthrop Gymnastics Academy.

Other Favorite Family Things are: Friday Night Lights at Miller Field and we really hope there will be Friday Night Lights this fall - this camper surely hopes to be a future Viking, I’m sure – along with going to the beach, spending quality family time, sleepovers and painting with grandmother.

MEET THE ORANGE DEVILS

The Orange Devils are having a lot of fun at camp and based on their responses, it appears that this team is a close-knit group that likes to participate in camp activities together while also enjoying their “free time” together. Arts and crafts continued their streak of making the list of “Favorite Camp Activity” every week.

“Going to the Beach” was the clear-cut No. 1 response in the “Favorite Thing About Winthrop” and you’re right, it’s so great to have a beach right in town. Other campers like the fact that Winthrop is a small town and “everyone knows each other.”

There were varied responses from the Orange Devils in the “Favorite Things to Do With Family” category: spending time with them at the beach, being by the pool, movie nights with “The Fam or The Family” and going out to dinner at La Siesta or the Yacht Club.

We’ll see you next week.



The Golden Girls team is pictured at the Winthrop Summer Parks Program.



The Orange Devils team is pictured at the Winthrop Summer Parks Program.

WYF president Peter Caggiano

awaits word from state officials

Decision on season expected soon

By Cary Shuman

Winthrop Youth Football President Peter Caggiano is patiently awaiting a decision from the State Department of Education about whether the organization can go forth with its 2020 football season.

“We’re still waiting right now,” said Caggiano. “We were expecting a vote last week so hopefully we’ll know more this week.”

Winthrop youth football and cheerleading teams were supposed to begin practices Aug. 13. The season opener in the Cape Ann Youth Football League is usually the first weekend after Labor Day.

“We’ve had some sign-ups, but I think most of the people are just waiting to get an affirmative answer first from the state and then from us,” said Caggiano. “We’re in limbo right now, just like everybody else.”

Pop Warner youth football, which is played in area communities such as Revere and Everett, has canceled its 2020 season. There will be no Pop War-

ner football played in New England this fall.

“I don’t think their [Pop Warner] decision influences our decision,” said Caggiano. “We’re waiting for the directives that come down from Gov. Charlie Baker and the Department of Education.”

Caggiano did indicate that any decision made by state officials and the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA) about the 2020 high school fall sports season would influence Winthrop Youth Football’s decision. High school sports practices are set to begin Sept. 14.

“If Winthrop High sports aren’t played this fall, our organization wouldn’t go forward with our season,” said Caggiano.

There is a possibility that should the Cape Ann Youth Football League season be canceled, Winthrop Youth Football would hold a flag football [non-tackle] program at Miller Field or Ingleside Park.

“That [flag football] would be an in-house program in Winthrop and not involve any travel to other cities and towns,” said Caggiano.

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Rising third grader enters entrepreneur contest

By Kate Anslinger

Robbie Donovan is finding out what it takes to be



Eight-year-old, Robbie Donovan, dressed for success in his 90-second video showcasing Fun Brushes.

come an avid entrepreneur. The eight-year-old was recently entered into a statewide contest as part of a

product he invented at the 21st Century’s Entrepreneur Club this summer. During a Zoom interview alongside teachers Connie Grayson, Karen Mauro, Karen Bryant, and fellow students, Robbie had the opportunity to describe his product and share his excitement for the contest, which is part of the Massachusetts After School Program.

The product, known as “Fun Brushes,” was derived from Robbie’s dislike of brushing his teeth.

“We tried to spur an idea out of Robbie, so we asked him what is something he doesn’t like to do, and from there, he just hit the ground running,” said Karen Mauro. “He was such a good hard worker and a great candidate to work with. He knew what he wanted to create and he knew how to go about selling it.”

In a 90-second video, Robbie shares how his product works and his reasoning for inventing it. Dressed for success in a tux and top hat, Robbie takes the viewer step by step, demonstrating how to use

Fun Brushes. The packet, which is selling for \$9.99, comes with three reusable teeth molds, toothpaste, a rinse cup and soap for rinsing the molds.

“You put the toothpaste in the mold, then move it around to clean your teeth,” said Robbie, in a script that he wrote independently. “You can clean them and use them over and over again, and it’s great if you forget to brush your teeth. You can take them everywhere with you. It’s a quicker way to brush your teeth and you can choose colors and different types of toothpaste if you send in a request.”

On August 13th Robbie will find out the results of the contest. While he was the only one to submit out of Winthrop, his product will go up against thousands of young entrepreneurs from across the Commonwealth.

For more information on Fun Brushes, you can view the website that Robbie made as part of the project: www.funbrushes.com.



Plein Aire Artist Rich Honan (right) paints an outdoor scene during a previous Winthrop Art Association event at the Deane Winthrop House.

Winthrop Art Association to present ‘Museum Without Walls’ in French Square

Special to the Transcript

The ‘Museum Without Walls’ Street Art Exhibit by members of the Winthrop Art Association will be held on Sunday, August 23 (rain date August 30) from 9AM to 6PM at French Square in Winthrop Center. Artists will complete their art pieces on the street in the area created with the removal of French Square. The ‘Museum Without Walls’ will serve as a temporary enhancement of the total area.

The ‘Museum Without Walls’ Exhibit is the first phase of a prototype for a larger initiative to paint other spaces and walls in Town with the adaptation of Master Artworks from any period or source chosen by our member artists. The goal of this art initiative is to attract visitors and involve the artist community

as we develop Winthrop as a strong visible presence for residents and visitors.

This marks the second major art event for the Winthrop Art Association this summer. Local artists enjoyed a Plein Aire activity recently at the Deane Winthrop House. Plein Aire Art is also planned for later this summer at the public landing or park location. Demonstrations and Artists Presentations have also been posted on the Winthrop Art Association facebook page. For information about the exhibit and Winthrop Art Association, please email dawn6249@aol.com or by phone at 617.846.2644.

We look forward to a successful ‘Museum Without Walls’ art presentation and exhibit. Thank you for your support of the Winthrop Art Association. Have a safe and healthy summer.

Colarusso calls for School Choice as a matter of equity

Special to the Transcript

Fifth District Congressional candidate Caroline Colarusso is an ardent supporter of school choice as a matter of racial equity and parental choice.

Colarusso applauds the U.S Supreme Court’s recent decision in *Espinoza v. Montana*, saying, “the Court acted justly, ruling that a taxpayer-funded scholarship program available to students at private schools could not discriminate against students at private religious schools.” Colarusso noted that the program was based on a provision in the Montana constitution that bars government aid to any school controlled in whole or in part by any church. Massachusetts also has a 19th century Blaine Amendment which prohibits taxpayer assistance to primary or secondary schools operated by religious institutions that was enacted at a time when discrimination against migrants and Catholics was common. Congresswoman Clark is on the record opposing voucher programs that would help parents to send their kids to religious and private school.

Colarusso believes every parent in America can identify with Kendra Espinoza. “She is a mom fighting to choose the best education for her daughter,

not the one determined by her zip code. No one knows better than parents what educational setting is best for their child, especially in urban economically disadvantaged communities, or where English is a second language for students. School choice has become a racial equity issue because poorly performing government schools tend to be in minority communities, with disproportionate impacts on black and Hispanic students.”

“Massachusetts still denies parents the opportunity and freedom to seek the education that is best for their children. Katherine Clark talks a good game, but her words are empty. As a member of Congress, Katherine Clark has a long history of vehemently opposing school choice and denying educational opportunities to those most vulnerable.

‘While Clark consistently virtue signals pretending to help people of color and minorities, her actions demonstrate she has no problem keeping poor blacks and minorities in underperforming public schools, relegating kids to a dozen years of “less than rigorous” education that narrows opportunities instead of creating them. Katherine Clark panders to the teacher’s unions while



Caroline Colarusso, 5th District Congressional candidate.

neglecting students in the 5th Congressional District. The families of black and minority students need school choice the most, especially in urban areas where public schools are failing to deliver high quality, rigorous education,” said Colarusso.

Colarusso notes that there are approximately 250,000 American students, many of whom are poor minorities, who receive private-school choice through the federal education tax credit.

Colarusso says, “the Supreme Court paved the way to make it possible for many more students to benefit from school choice. Three Cheers for Kendra Espinosa for taking on an

antiquated law rooted in bigotry. Students all over the United States will benefit from her courage.”

“Let taxpayer money follow the child,” Colarusso states. “Remove the stranglehold moneyed special interest groups have over the educational opportunities of children in America. As a member of Congress, I will support school choice legislation. My father and grandfather had nothing when they arrived in Massachusetts. Both spoke only Spanish - no English. They worked hard with their hands without an education. Unlike my opponent, I won’t be in the pocket of special interest groups. It will be easy for me to put the kids first.”

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Winthrop Senior Center News

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The Senior Center remains closed at this time. While lunch is not being served, Meals on Wheels continues to operate. Residents who are in need and are not currently on the list to receive meals through Meals on Wheels can call Mystic Valley Elder Services at 781-324-7705, with their name, phone number and address to be included in the program.

Exercise with Ernie Sarro: WCAT will present Exercise with Ernie Sarro Monday – Friday at 10:30am on Channel 3.

Summer BBQ: Join us on Wednesday, August 19 at 12 p.m. for our annual

Senior Center Summer BBQ, sponsored by the Winthrop Police & Fire Departments. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, food will be distributed to-go. Pick-up location: Winthrop High School rear parking lot/loading dock next to the baseball field.

To register, email COARception@town.winthrop.ma.us or call the Senior Center at 617-846-8538 by Sunday, August 16. Please provide your name, phone number and number of meals you are picking up. If you, or someone you know is homebound, let us know their address and we can deliver to them.

Harry Belafonte endorses Markey

Staff Report

Harry Belafonte, the celebrated singer, songwriter, and activist, today endorsed Ed Markey in his campaign for reelection to the United States Senate. The announcement comes as mail-in voting begins in the primary election, and the Markey campaign is building on its strong momentum.

“The soul of America is crying out for justice, and that’s exactly what Senator Markey prioritizes each and every day; he is a leader in the push for racial justice, climate justice, economic justice, health care justice, educational justice, and the list goes on,” said Harry Belafonte. “In a moment that requires steadfast leadership and experience, we need voices like Ed’s in the Senate. I’m proud to endorse him because he knows our fight is far from finished.”

“Harry Belafonte is an outspoken leader who has worked throughout his career to bring justice to communities across the country. I am inspired by his career, thrilled by his music, and honored to have his endorsement,” said Senator Ed Markey.

Born in Harlem to Caribbean parents, Harry Belafonte brought Caribbean musical styles to the mainstream in the 1950s with countless hits. His decades-long career as a singer and songwriter has led him to be one of the most successful Jamaican-American musicians in history. The Tony Award winner was at the forefront of the early civil rights movement and continues to champion human rights causes across the country and around the world.

Ed Markey has served in the United States Senate since winning the special election in 2013 and has amassed a deep record on environmental, racial justice, gun safety, and consumer protection issues. He founded the Congressional Alzheimer’s Task Force and authored the National Alzheimer’s Project Act, which mandates that the federal government put in place a plan to address Alzheimer’s disease by 2025. Raised in Malden, Ed Markey has always stood up for the priorities of Massachusetts.

Suzanne Dalton

Designed many of the flower pots and window baskets decorating Winthrop storefronts

Suzanne W. (Deroo) Dalton of Winthrop passed away on August 3. She was 76 years old.

The beloved wife of the late Edward J. Dalton, she was born in Winthrop, the cherished daughter of the late Abbott and Marion (Daly) Deroo.

Prior to her retirement, Suzanne was employed by in the data entry department at Massachusetts Eye and Ear. She was a member of the P.A.L.S. Club in Winthrop and also a member of the M.S.P.C.A. Suzanne enjoyed art and designed many of the flower pots and window baskets that are distributed to the businesses around Winthrop to decorate their store fronts.

Suzanne was the devoted mother of Edward S. Dalton and his wife, Phon of Winchester, Bridget Tavano and her husband, Peter of Manchester, NH, Heather Bucci and her husband, Joe of Winthrop and Ian Dalton and his wife, Christine of South Carolina. She was the adored grandmother of Kyle, Jared and Luke Dalton and Bobby McCarrick, Jake, Zachary and Noah Tavano, Sabrina, Faith, and Jonah Dalton



and Tyler and Dakota Bucci and great-grandmother of Mason and Cole Tavano. Suzanne was the dear sister of Richard Deroo of Florida, Linda Costantino and Janice Connor, both of Winthrop and Elizabeth “Wysty” Swenson of Hopkinton. She was also survived by several nieces and nephews.

Visiting hours will be held at the Maurice W. Kirby Funeral Home, 210 Winthrop St., Winthrop on Friday, August 14, following current Massachusetts health guidelines, from 4 to 6 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Northeast Animal Shelter, 347 Highland Ave., Salem, MA. 01970. For guestbook, please visit: www.mauricekirbyfh.com.

Jerard Torres

Bartender at Winthrop Lodge of Elks

Jerard A. ‘Jerry’ Torres of Winthrop Shore Drive, Winthrop passed away at the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston on August 8. He was 61 years old.

The beloved son of the late Rita (Belsito) and Anthony Torres, he was born in East Boston and resided there for many years before moving to Winthrop over 30 years ago. He was employed as a bartender at the Winthrop Lodge of Elks where he was also a member.

He was the loving companion of Eloise Palumbo of Winthrop.

Family and friends are cordially invited to attend



the visitation from the Caggiano-O’Maley-Frazier Funeral Home, 147 Winthrop St., Winthrop on Saturday, August 15 from 4 to 7 p.m.

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

James Bruce

Proprietor of Bill Ash’s Lounge on Revere Beach and retired State Police Sergeant



Family and friends are invited to attend a Funeral Mass on Thursday, August 13, at 12 noon in St. John the Evangelist Church, 320 Winthrop St., Winthrop for James R. Bruce, 83, who died unexpectedly on Friday, August 7 at Mass General Hospital, Boston.

Interment will follow in Winthrop Cemetery (Cross St. Section). In view of the ongoing pandemic, visiting hours are respectfully omitted. Attendees must wear masks and maintain social distancing.

Born on July 13, 1937 in Chelsea, he lived in Revere until marrying and moving to Winthrop in 1962. He attended Revere schools was a member of the Class of 1955 of Revere High School. In October of 1955, he joined the Marines during the Korean Conflict and served until October of 1958. He was a 25-year member of the Massachusetts State Police acquiring the rank of Sergeant. He retired in 1992. He was a member of the Retired Association of Metropolitan Police and also a member of the Winthrop Elks. In 1974, he became the proprietor of Bill Ash’s Lounge on Revere Beach which he owned until the time of his death.

The beloved husband of the late Carol M. (Pumphret) Bruce, he was the cherished father of Sgt. James R. Bruce, Jr. of the MA State Police and his wife, Kathleen Marley-Bruce of Lynnfield,



Christine M. Bruce, Robert A. Bruce and Jennifer E. Bruce-Capone and her husband, Gary, all of Winthrop; adoring grandfather to Carol Bruce of Winthrop, James R. Bruce, III and John E. “Jack” Bruce, both of Lynnfield and Francesca N. Capone and Hannah C. Capone, both of Winthrop; devoted brother of Eleanor “Sissy” Kelley and her late husband, Robert N. Kelley, Barbara A. Bruce-Meade and her late husband, Franklin D. “Frank” Meade of the US Navy and the US Marine Corps, all of Revere, Marilyn A. “Mal” Symmes of Winthrop and Revere and the late Walter M. Bruce. He is also lovingly survived by the Pumphret family and by many nieces, nephews, grandchildren and grandnephews.

In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Pl., Memphis, TN 38105-9959. Funeral Arrangements entrusted to the care and direction of the Vertuccio & Smith, Home for Funerals.

To send online condolences, please visit www.vertuccioandsmith.com.

Michael Patrick Moynahan

Longtime landscaper

Michael Moynahan of Lawrence, formerly of Winthrop, passed away on July 31 after a long illness. He was 48 years old.

Michael was a graduate of Winthrop High School, Class of 1990 and a longtime landscaper. He was well liked by those who used his services. When he’d come on a job with his fellow landscapers the clients always requested him for their special projects, often commenting that he was the only one who understood what they needed to have done. He always took pride in the work he was doing.

Mike loved sports. As a youth he played Little League baseball. He also played hockey in the Winthrop Youth Hockey program. He loved camping in the woods and mountains of New Hampshire and loved to go boating in Boston Harbor and visiting its many islands.

Michael is survived by his life time companion, Colleen Keefe and his mother and father, Betty and John Moynahan of Winthrop. He was the dear

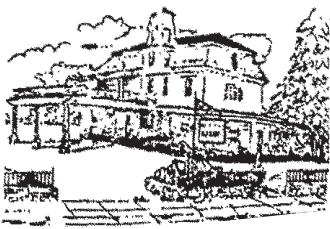


brother of Patricia Moynahan of Winthrop, Ann Moynahan of Laconia, NH, John Moynahan and his wife, Sandra of Sherman, Illinois, Kevin Moynahan and his companion, Deb Denning of Bristol, NH and James Moynahan and his late wife, Tara Eschbach of Revere and the cherished uncle of Corey Moynahan, Megan Moynahan, Oliver Demers, Emily Moynahan and the late Kyle Moynahan.

Services were private. Arrangements were under the direction of the Caggiano-O’Maley-Frazier Funeral Home, Winthrop. To sign the online guestbook, go to www.caggianofuneralhome.com.

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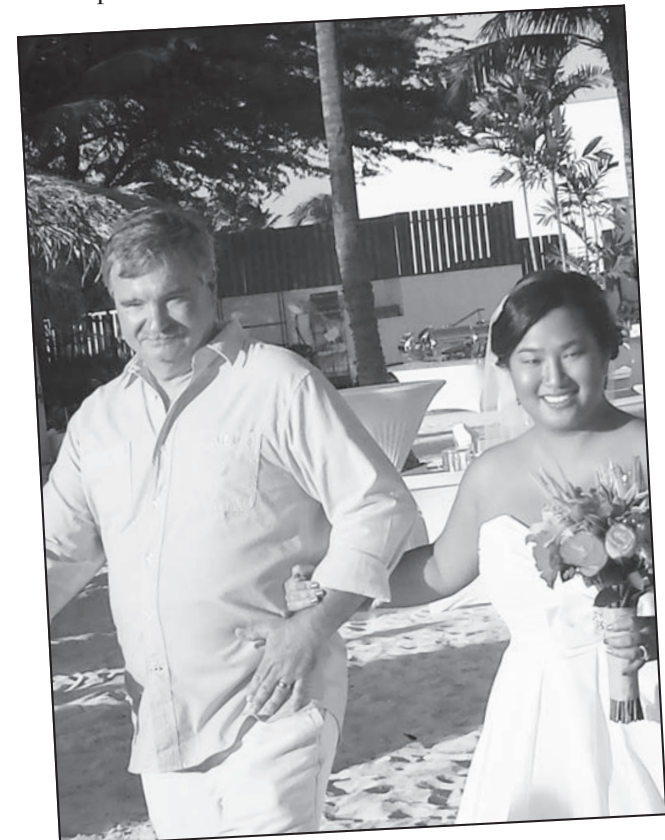
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card for him and make him write something meaningful inside it before he gave it to me,” said Jessica’s father, Paul Cloutier. “She kept the entire family on track, reminding us of important dates and keeping us organized.”

Family was everything to Jessica. Having grown up with 28 cousins, she never longed for friendship and learned the importance of generosity at a young age. On July 4, 2013, moments before she married Adam, it was her family that surprised her with a



Speaker DeLeo announces Hillman named Unsung Heroine of the Year

Staff report

House Speaker Robert A. DeLeo announced the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women awarded Winthrop resident and community leader Joanne Hillman with an Unsung Heroine of the Year honor. The award recognizes the work of women who make outstanding contributions to their Massachusetts communities.

“Joanne is a dedicated and passionate advocate for the cultural vitality of Winthrop,” said Speaker DeLeo (D – Winthrop). “I am grateful to her for her work to curate and cultivate rich cultural experiences for residents, visitors, and students alike while providing forums for artists to share their work. I congratulate her on this honor, and thank her for her decades of service to our community.”

An advocate for cultural activities in Winthrop for



Unsung Heroine of the Year, Joanne Hillman.

more than 27 years, Hillman served as the chair of the Winthrop Cultural Council and founded the Clock Tower Gallery at The E. B. Newton School & Cultural Center, a showcase for local and regional art.

Hillman also launched the Youth Art Show at Winthrop Public Schools and created the Winthrop Small Business Saturday Art Market and the Winthrop Holiday Art Market. She also is also a champion of mu-

sic, arts and crafts, as well as poetry events including Music on the Landing and Solstice Poetry Nights. She helped to launch the Winthrop Farmers Market and co-founded the Winthrop Community Chorus.

An artist in her own right, Joanne attended the New England School of Photography and currently photographs landscapes of Winthrop. She is working on a storybook: Beach Days – Exploring the Shore.

Amid uptick in cases, Baker puts the brakes on state’s reopening process

By Lauren Bennett

Governor Charlie Baker last Friday announced that Step Two of Phase Three of the state’s reopening plan is postponed “indefinitely,” after public health data showed an uptick in positive COVID-19 cases.

“We cannot say this enough—COVID-19 is highly contagious,” Baker said at his press conference on Friday, adding that some people in the state have been “a bit too relaxed.”

He cited several reports of big parties at various locations across the state, as well as illegal sports camps, private boat charters, and a 300 person wedding that is currently being investigated as a cluster and will “likely result in fines.”

Baker announced that new initiatives would be put in place to slow the spread of the virus, some statewide and others targeted towards specific communities that are currently experiencing an increase in cases.

“In some respects, we’re entering a new phase in our battle against COVID-19,” Baker said. He said that additional town data will be reported starting this Wednesday, and will be posted on a weekly basis.

“An uptick in cases and reports of people not adhering to the guidance means we cannot move forward at this time,” Baker said. He said that the state’s contact tracing teams have identified large pool parties, birthday parties, and other gatherings as having “contributed significantly to community spread and new COVID clusters.”

He said these gatherings are “too big, too crowded,” and “people are not being responsible.”

New guidelines statewide include reducing outdoor gatherings, on both public and private property, from a limit of 100 people to a limit of 50 people. Indoor gatherings remain at a limit of 25 people. People must remain six feet apart from one another and face coverings are required when “more than 10 people

from different households will be mixing,” the state said.

He also said that restaurant guidance now states that alcoholic beverages can only be served for on-premises consumption if food is also served as part of the order. He said that “bars masquerading as restaurants” will not be allowed to operate.

Secretary of Health and Human Services Marylou Sudders said on Friday that the state’s seven day average positive test rate was about 2.1 percent, about .4 percent higher than the past couple of weeks.

On August 11, Baker said that the most recent seven day positive test rate is now 1.8 percent, but an “uptick in various communities across Massachusetts” has been seen.

He said that there are about 33 communities in the state that have more than four cases per 100,000 people (a standard for measuring cases across several states) over the past few weeks.

“These communities require specific strategies,” he said. He said that “every community is different” and will require different enforcement measures, as well as additional testing, tracing, and isolation measures.

“The good news is that the vast majority of communities are experiencing low case numbers,” Baker said, adding that 318 communities have low numbers of new cases over the past two weeks.

He also said that a map with case counts for every town in the Commonwealth will be released and “will be updated on a regular basis going forward,” he said. It will include a color-coded ranking system of “typical traffic light colors:” red, yellow, and green to indicate concentration of cases in a particular area.

But Baker warned residents: “regardless of where your community sits, COVID is not going away.”

The Commonwealth’s Stop the Spread Initiative,

which includes free testing for communities that had a higher positive test rate as well as a lower overall test rate, began last month and has now expanded to 17 communities across the state. Sudders announced that the free testing for those communities will be expanded through September 12, and the administration is “prepared” to expand the program to other communities should they need it.

“Last week, Stop the Spread communities tested 56 percent more residents than the week prior,” Sudders said. “Some communities have experienced decreases in their positivity rates.”

Baker said on Tuesday that MassPort employees will “serve as ambassadors” to incoming travelers at places like Logan Airport to help them access the state’s traveler form and make them aware of the travel guidelines.

Baker also announced a new COVID Enforcement and Intervention Team, which will assist in statewide enforcement and “coordinating local intervention efforts at the local level in higher risk COVID-19 communities,” according to the state. “Communities will be designated as higher risk COVID-19 communities based on public health data, including but not limited to rising trends for new cases and the percentage of positive COVID tests.” Baker said on Tuesday that the team will help to provide resources in different communities as well as help towns access additional federal funds.

Some of the statewide enforcement will include road signs, PSAs, “potential restrictions or shutdowns for parks, playgrounds, businesses or other entities and locations believed to be contributing to the COVID-19 spread in higher risk COVID-19 communities,” other public health support resources, including tracing, testing, and quarantining, among others.

RMV expands drop-off registration and title services to seven total locations

Staff Report

The Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) on Monday, August 10th, expanded drop-off registration and title services to seven total Service Center locations, including Boston / Haymarket, Braintree, Chicopee, Haverhill, Milford, Taunton and Wilmington. These Registration Drop Off Centers are dedicated to performing a number of vehicle-based registration and title services for both commercial and individual customer transactions on a drop-off only basis. Customers choosing this option will be able to drop-off appropriate paperwork for processing within a few business days.

The RMV piloted this new service channel option at the Braintree Service Center the week of August 3rd, and during the first four days processed 402 drop-off registration transactions with an average turnaround time of two days. After observing results the initial week, the RMV advises customers to monitor and check their emails – including spam or junk folders – after they have dropped off their paperwork as some transactions may be completed earlier, and cannot be picked up until payment is completed online.

“The RMV is pleased with the overwhelming response and cooperation from the public to this pilot and is excited to expand and offer this new drop-off service for certain vehicle-based transactions to additional locations beginning next week,” said RMV Registrar Jamey Tesler. “Customers in need of one of these vehicle-based transactions can drop-off their paperwork and return to pick it up in just a few business days. This alternative service channel will help meet increased RMV service demands during a time when services are limited by appointment-only due to the need to enforce social-distancing to keep our customers and employees safe.”

Registration renewals will still be conducted exclusively online or by mail for individual customers. Customers will continue to be able to make appointments for certain vehicle-based registration and title services up to 14 days in advance.

How Does ‘Drop-Off’ Registration and Title Service Work?

Customers in need of one of the services listed below should compile and complete all appropriate paperwork and any supporting documents. This includes contacting your insurance

agent/company to obtain a completed Registration and Title Application (RTA). Customers must drop-off the required paperwork within 30 days of obtaining their RTA. Drop-offs with an incomplete or inaccurate RTA will not be processed.

Customers will be able to visit any Registration Drop Off Center between the hours of 9:00AM and 4:00PM to drop-off their transaction paperwork. An RMV door advocate will review the customer’s paperwork to determine if it’s correctly completed and ask customers to fill out a coversheet with their name, email and phone number. Customers will not be allowed to wait and should expect a phone call or email from the Service Center within a few days when their transaction is completed.

Transactions will be processed in the order received. Customers will receive a phone call or email when their transaction is completed and be instructed to pay for their transaction online. Customers are encouraged to check and monitor their emails – including spam or junk folders -- after they have dropped off their paperwork, as some transactions may be completed earlier and cannot be picked up until payment is completed online.

Customers will need to complete their payment online prior to returning to the Service Center to pick up their plates and/or registration.

Customers who are dropping-off or picking-up their paperwork will be served in the order of arrival and should anticipate a wait time for the intake and pick-up process, but will not have to wait for their transaction to be completed that same day.

How Long is the ‘Drop-Off’ Turnaround Time?

While the RMV asks for its customers’ patience during the initial days of this service offering, anticipated turnaround time for completion of drop-off transactions is within four (4) business days.

Customers are encouraged to monitor and check their emails – including spam or junk folders – after they have dropped off their paperwork as some transactions may be completed earlier, and cannot be picked up until payment is completed online.

However, customers may expect additional wait times if their transaction paperwork is incomplete, inaccurate or requires additional review. Drop-offs with an incomplete or inaccurate RTA (see above) will not be processed.

What If I Don’t Want to ‘Drop-Off’ My Transaction or Wait Up to 4 Business Days?

Customers may alternatively continue to book an appointment-only reservation for these services. Appointments are available online up to 14 days in advance.

What Type of Transactions Can I ‘Drop-Off’ for Service?

The following types of transactions can be dropped off by both commercial and individual customers, including casual sales, campers, trailers and motorcycles. Registration renewals will still be conducted exclusively online or by mail for individual customers.

- Register and title a vehicle
- Transfer plate to a new vehicle
- Reinstate a registration
- Apply for a registration only
- Transfer a plate between two vehicles
- Register previously titled vehicle
- Transfer vehicle to surviving spouse
- Registration amendments
- Plate cancellations

Where is My Nearest Registration ‘Drop-Off’ Center and When Can I Visit?

Drop-off hours will be between 9:00AM-4:00PM. The following locations will all be performing drop-off registration and title services effective Monday, August 10th.

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Why is the RMV Offering Certain ‘Drop-Off’ Services?

The RMV is introducing this service channel alternative in light of the COVID-19 public health emergency to encourage ‘social-distancing’ in its Service Centers and prioritize other essential in-person needs by appointment-only. All RMV customers are encouraged to visit www.Mass.Gov/RMV to complete one of over 40 other transactions available online, by mail, or by phone.

For additional information on RMV service offerings during the COVID-19 pandemic, please visit www.mass.gov/rmv or <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/rmv-covid-19-information>.

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MassDevelopment announces \$310,000 in available funding for real estate technical assistance

Staff report

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feasibility studies to master planning efforts.

“Through MassDevelopment’s Real Estate Technical Assistance program, we deploy our in-house expertise and partnerships with top consultants to help cities and towns across the Commonwealth tackle their planning and development projects,” said MassDevelopment President and CEO Lauren Liss. “We encourage our local partners to apply for this targeted assistance as they pursue plans to leverage assets, build housing, create jobs, and more.”

The full Request for Proposals is available at massdevelopment.com/technicalassistance. Responses are due by September 4.

Created in 2017, MassDevelopment’s Real Estate Technical Assistance program has awarded \$942,000 to help 26 communities advance their economic development goals through 27 projects.

MassDevelopment, the state’s finance and development agency, works with businesses, nonprofits, banks, and communities to stimulate economic growth. During FY2019, MassDevelopment financed or managed 316 projects generating investment of more than \$2 billion in the Massachusetts economy. These projects are estimated to create or support 9,743 jobs and build or preserve 1,992 housing units.

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ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING
Docket No. SU20W1005WD
Jay T. Hogan, Jr. vs. Emily M. Quint
Upon motion of plaintiff(s) for an order directing the defendant(s), to appear, plead, or answer, in accordance with Mass.R.Civ.P./Mass.R.Dom.Rel.P. Rule 4, it appearing to the court that this is an action for Custody/Support/Parenting Time filed on July 23, 2020. Defendant(s)/Respondent(s) cannot be found within

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BERAKA JUICE HOLDS GRAND OPENING

One of Winthrop’s newest businesses, Beraka Juice, located at 46 Woodside Ave., held their grand opening and ribbon cutting on Friday, Aug. 7.

Beraka Juice is a smoothie and juice bar specializing in organic, unpasteurized, cold-pressed juices, smoothies and Açaí Bowls.



Celebrating the official opening from left to right are Sami, and Vanessa and Cedric Mukania.



A couple of residents check out the variety of beverages Beraka Juice keeps in stock.



Vanessa Mukania (center) cuts the ribbon, officially opening Beraka Juice, surrounded by friends and family. From left to right, Mukania’s partner, Sylvestre, Betsy Shane, Executive Director of the Winthrop Chamber of Commerce, Godpreneur, Sami, Mukania’s friend, Benine, her brother, Cedric and Pastor Jackie, her brother Rudy and friend Chrystelle. Not pictured is Jordy Mukania.



Vanessa Mukania, smiling wide, welcomes everyone to Beraka Juice following the ribbon cutting.

Town provides update on COVID-19

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health has notified the town of Winthrop of two additional residents affected by COVID-19. This brings the total to 322 cases; 24 deceased, 21 isolated and 277 recovered.

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ering in public to slow the spread of COVID-19 and help keep MA headed in the right direction. www.mass.gov/news/mask-up-ma

COVID-19 Tip Hotline
COVID-19 Tip Hotline available on the Winthrop Public Safety website for those self-reporting or for

a concerned member of the community. The hotline can be accessed here.

There now is a new form for people to use to report COVID19 safe practices concern: <https://www.mass.gov/forms/covid-safe-practices-concern-form>.

Center Business District update

The following work was completed for the Center Business District updat last week.

1. Continued construction of the new sewer main on Bartlett Rd., between French Square and Pleasant St.
2. Continued construction of the new storm drain. Installed drain manhole and double catch basin at intersection of Pauline St. and Woodside Ave., and continued installation of 48-inch drain.
3. Disinfected and sampled 12-inch water main on Woodside Ave. between Pauline St. and Somerset Ave., and 8-inch water main on Somerset Ave., between Woodside Ave. and Cottage Park Rd.
4. Installed temporary trench pavement over all trenches on Bartlett Ave., Pauline St., and Larsen Skating Rink Lot.

Two-week

Anticipated Schedule (8/10/20 to 8/21/20):

1. August 10 to 14

Continue construction of the new sewer main on Bartlett Rd., between Adams St. and Pleasant St.

Continue construction of the new storm drain. Continue construction of 48-inch drain on Pauline St. Install new drain manhole at

the intersection of Walden St. and Pauline St.

Install temporary trench pavement for trenches excavated on Bartlett Rd. and Pauline St.

2. August 17 to 21

Continue construction of the new sewer main on Adams St., between Bartlett Rd. and Williams St.

Begin construction of the new sewer main on Williams St., between Adams St. and Pleasant St.

Continue construction of the new 48-inch storm drain on Pauline St., at the intersection of Walden St.

Begin construction of the new storm drain onto Hagman Rd.

Install temporary trench pavement for trenches excavated on Adams St., Williams St., Pauline St., and Hagman Rd.

NOTICES:

Residents and businesses with temporary water service connections (blue hoses) are requested not to move these hoses or shut off the outside faucet the hoses are connected to. The hoses provide your property with water service during construction. If the outside faucet is closed, it will interrupt your water service. If the hose is moved it can create a trip hazard where

the temporary water service crosses the sidewalk. Please do not move these hoses to perform yard work. If you have landscaping services at your property, please inform your landscaper not to move these hoses or shut off the outside faucet. Running over these hoses with a lawn mower cut the hoses and interrupt water service until the hose can be replaced. If you see a trip hazard, please contact Frank Fruci (P. Gioioso & Sons, Inc.) at (617) 592-3784 immediately to report the hazard.

Occasionally, residents and businesses may experience discolored tap water because of construction activities. Construction may disrupt sediment in water pipes and cause it to become suspended in the water. Discolored water is not a health threat and is the result of low levels of naturally occurring iron in water. If you are experiencing water discoloration, flush your water from a faucet that does not have a screen (like the bathtub or outside spigot) until you get clear water. If your water is still discolored after several minutes of flushing, you may need to wait a few hours for the sediment to settle and the water in the main to clear.

Markey campaign surpasses 100K Twitter followers, outpaces Kennedy campaign

Staff Report

On Monday, Sen. Ed Markey’s campaign announced that the campaign account surpassed 100,000 Twitter followers, outpaced Joe Kennedy’s campaign on the platform, and released a long-awaited video of Senator Markey saying “That’s no malarkey, I’m Ed Markey.”

On March 12, the campaign pledged to release the clip when it surpassed 100,000 Twitter followers. At that time, it had only 34,846 followers. Ed Markey’s Twitter gained over 5,000 followers Monday alone after responding to a tweet by Senator Ted Cruz that dismissed the severity of the coronavirus crisis.

The online energy and enthusiasm around the Markey campaign was documented in a recent article in the Harvard Political Review, which covered the grassroots origins of the online movement to re-elect Ed Markey to the U.S. Senate.

“The excitement for our campaign online is a direct reflection of the offline momentum that is driving

us towards victory on September 1. As our Twitter following grew, so did the number of volunteers, ID’d voters, ballots requested at edmarkey.com/vote, individual contributions to our campaign, and calls made to voters across Massachusetts -- 361,000 in just three days,” said Paul Bologna, the campaign’s creative and digital communications director. “The community we’ve built online is centered around the issues that Ed stands for, and the issues that matter most to Massachusetts voters including the Green New Deal, Medicare For All, and social, racial, and economic justice. Our social media growth is a reflection of how Ed Markey’s message is engaging and inspiring online activists to support the movement to send Ed back to the U.S. Senate.”

In the last 28 days, Ed Markey’s Twitter has earned 34.7 million impressions. The campaign’s engagement rate, which reflects interactions including link clicks, retweets, likes, and replies to the campaign’s posts, has grown from 3.5 percent in May to 4.7 percent in June, 4 per-

cent in July, and 5.1 percent in August.

Over the last four months, the campaign’s Twitter link clicks have surged, from 9,200 in April to 21,600 in July. In its posts, Ed Markey’s Twitter links to donation, volunteer, and other pages where supporters can take actions to help the campaign. The online enthusiasm for Ed Markey is driving real world actions that are key to the campaign’s organizing strategy.

In the last 30 days, Ed Markey’s Twitter grew by more than 10,000 followers, while the Kennedy campaign’s Twitter dropped by 3,000. Ed Markey’s Twitter account saw 725,000 interactions. The Kennedy campaign account only had 74,000.

Ed Markey has served in the United States Senate since winning the special election in 2013 and has amassed a deep record on issues that are important to the voters in Massachusetts, including climate action, racial justice, and preventing gun violence. Raised in Malden, Ed Markey has always stood up for the priorities of Massachusetts.



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