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## INDEPENDENT



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## NEWS Brief

### WINTHROP WILL HONOR 911 VICTIMS AND POLICE

The Winthrop Republican Town Committee is organizing a stand out honoring 911 victims, the police, fire fighters and first responders who bravely risked their lives to protect us on September 11, and they continue to protect us everyday. The entire community is invited to participate in this common cause to honor victims and show appreciation to these brave men and women.

WRTC chair Paul Caruccio explains, "First Responders are the ordinary people doing extraordinary things who rush toward the dangers to protect us and save our lives. And the 911 victims should never be forgotten."

Additionally, Winthrop should not forget that we lost one of our own on 9/11; Kathleen Nicosia.

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The Mariners proudly display their Winthrop Little League championship trophies for the 2020 season. Front row, from left, are Michael Barron, Tony Bordonaro, mascot Nicky DiPrisco, Antonio Sullivan, and Noah Survilas. Middle row, from left, are Danny Connolly, Ricky Mackenzie, Louk Belghiti, Carmen DiPrisco, Stephen Barron, and Dax Sabin. Back row, from left, are coaches Dan Connolly, Victor DiPrisco, Jack Joyce and Greg Sullivan. Missing from photo: players Joe Dalton and Francesca Indrisano and coaches Jessica Sabin and Steve Indrisano. See story on Page 9.

## Progress reported in fight against COVID-19

Reminds residents to take advantage of free testing

Special to the Transcript

Town Manager Austin Faison and Public Health

Director Meredith Hurley reported that the Town of Winthrop has made progress in reducing the prevalence of COVID-19 in the community.

After reaching a high of 11.4 cases per 100,000 people on Aug. 19, Win-

throp saw that number drop to 8.34 cases per 100,000 last week. The decrease comes in the wake of increased testing in town through the Commonwealth's Stop the Spread testing initiative.

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health has notified the town of Winthrop of nine additional residents affected by COVID-19 since Friday September

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## Finance Committee receives good news from state

By Kate Anslinger

On Tuesday evening, the Finance Committee discussed some recent

news they received regarding state aid and Chapter 70 funds. According to Jim Letterie, Chair of the committee,

Winthrop will be receiving more than expected, and the amount of \$600,795.15 will be put back into the reserve.

"Since the pandemic hit, we really thought that

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## Local businesses endure pandemic

Community support makes it possible

By Kate Anslinger

Since the start of the coronavirus pandemic, local businesses everywhere have been struggling to survive. Many business owners are faced with fear due to the uncertain future and others have been bolstered by dedicated customers that have kept them on their feet.

Winthrop Pro Shop Owner, Jim Gillis, is concerned about the loss of school and youth sports going forward, but he is humbled by the support that he's received from residents.

"I'm so thankful for this community, I can't say that enough," said Gillis, who has owned the shop for 15 years. "From the time I was able to open the shop back up, I've seen a lot of people come in to buy t-shirts or apparel."

A good portion of the Pro Shop's sales stem from the embroidery and screen print part of the business, which Gillis

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## Meet the Commission for Diversity, Inclusion, and Community Relations

By Laura Plummer

A motion to form the Winthrop Commission on

Diversity, Inclusion, and Community Relations (CDICR) was passed by Council at its meeting on

July 21. At the Council meeting on Aug. 4, Pres. Phil Boncore announced that the team had been assembled. Each of the nine commissioners represents diverse educational, professional and personal backgrounds. They will serve staggered terms of one to three years.

Andrea Baez (Chair) is a longtime Winthrop resident and mother of two. During her time as Branch Executive of the Dorchester YMCA, she worked closely with the Boston Police Department on their Race and Social Justice taskforce.

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## Eva Kearney - Artist as Teacher/ Teacher as Artist

By Kate Anslinger

For nearly 40 years, Eva Kearney has dedicated her life to teaching art at the high school level, 28 of those years being spent at Winthrop High School. The combination of her love of art and her passion for teaching has made her career choice an easy one, and she has a long list of experience and memories within the hallways of WHS, that will follow her into her retirement.

"I have always loved art - every aspect of it! And I love teaching students. I knew, as far back as my own high school days that I wanted to put art and teaching together-



Eva Kearney, retires from her position as an art teacher after 28 years in the district.

er to make my career. I wanted to share and try to instill my own enthusiasm for art in my students."

Often wearing her love for art literally on

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## WINTHROP POLICE BLOTTER

*The following incident reports are among the calls to which the Winthrop Police Department responded on the listed dates:*

### MONDAY, AUG. 24

0900: A Revere St. business reported a breaking & entering (B&E) into a motor vehicle (MV). The officer will file a report.

1133: Another business on Revere St. reported vandalism and a B&E into a MV.

1516: A Temple St. resident reported the theft of a Fed Ex package.

2003: An officer responded to a parking complaint from a Tafts Ave. resident and issued two parking tickets.

2344: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) at Revere and Hutchinson Sts. for the civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI) of non-working tail lights. The officer issued a warning citation to the operator.

### TUESDAY, AUG. 25

0022: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) in the 500 block of Shirley St. for the civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI) of failing to obey a traffic control sign. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

0852: A caller reported an injured bird on Pebble Ave. The Animal Control Officer responded and returned the bird, a seagull, to the water.

1353: A resident came to the station to report being a victim of identity fraud. The officer will file a report.

1850: An officer responded to a parking complaint from a Maryland Ave. resident and issued three parking tickets to vehicles without resident stickers.

2349: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) at Bartlett Rd. and Pleasant St. for the civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI) of operating a MV with an expired reg-

istration. The operator was able to renew the registration.

### WEDNESDAY, AUG. 26

0014: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) at Cutler St. and Veterans Rd. for the civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI) of excessive window tint. The officer issued a warning citation to the operator.

0806: A Revere St. business owner reported a B&E into his premises. Windows were smashed and tools were taken.

0840: A caller reported that she had been bitten by a dog on Grovers Ave. The officer will file a report.

0900: A male party called to report that a female against whom he has a harassment prevention order pursuant to c. 258E has violated the order by contacting him. Officers arrested Robin Maria Cohen, 57, of 1 Burrill Terrace, for the criminal offense of violating a 258E order.

1009: A Revere St. resident reported that a MV was parked on the sidewalk and facing the wrong way. An officer spoke to the owner of the MV and gave him a verbal warning about his parking behavior and that if he does so again, the officer will issue a parking ticket.

1129: A caller reported that a pit bull was running loose on the Point. The Animal Control Officer (ACO) responded, but was unable to locate the dog.

1524: Officers executed a warrant at a George St. address and arrested Christopher Park Pfeiffer, 23, of 11 George St., for the criminal offenses of trafficking in more than 10 grams of fentanyl, illegal possession of Class B and Class E controlled narcotic substances, and illegal possession of Class B and Class E controlled narcotic substances with intent to distribute.

1922: An officer issued two parking tickets

for vehicles without resident stickers on Tafts Ave.

1933: A boat owner reported that two of his boat cushions had been stolen from his boat at the Crystal Cove Marina. The officer will file a report.

2337: An officer dispersed a group of persons in a MV from Hannaford Park.

### THURSDAY, AUG. 27

0022: An officer stopped a MV at Crest Ave. and Hutchinson St. for the criminal offense of operating with a registration revoked for insurance cancellation. The MV was towed.

0042: An officer issued a parking ticket to a MV without a resident sticker on Locust St.

1246: A caller reported a hit-and-run motor vehicle accident (MVA) in which a moving MV struck a parked MV in the 100 block of Shirley St. The offending MV then fled the scene toward Pt. Shirley. An officer spoke to witnesses and observed the damage to the parked MV.

1746: A resident came to the station to report that she was the victim of a fraudulent scheme in which she sent \$400 to someone whom she had thought was calling from Microsoft.

2249: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) at Trident Ave. and Shore Drive for a civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI). The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

2254: Officers directed a group of noisy youths walking on Lowell Rd. to keep it down.

### FRIDAY, AUG. 28

0105: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) at Main and Beal Sts. for the civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI) of speeding. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

0231: The repossession of a MV on Winthrop St. was reported by the repo company.

0642: A John Ave. resident reported a B&E into his MV overnight. The officer will file a report.

0734: A Beal St. resident reported that as he was backing out of his driveway, he accidental-

ly struck a MV that was partially obstructing access to his driveway. An officer issued a parking ticket to the parked MV that was blocking the driveway.

0901: An officer issued a number of parking tickets to vehicles on Fremont St. that were parked in a No Parking zone on a street-sweeping day.

1029: A Nevada St. resident reported that a neighbor's dog knocks over his trash barrels. The Animal Control Officer will investigate.

1036: An officer stopped a MV that had been reported stolen at Revere St. and Upland Rd. The MV was towed.

1339: A Centre business reported that two male shoplifters had taken about \$2000 worth of merchandise. The officer will file a report.

1638: A resident reported that she was scammed out of money from her bank account. An officer will file a report.

1653: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) at Bayview and Hale Aves. for the civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI) of an equipment violation. The officer gave ia verbal warning to the operator.

1817: A MV parked in the crosswalk on Hagman Rd. was towed when the officer discovered that the plates on the MV were registered to another MV.

2022: An officer assisted the operator of a disabled MV at Shirley and Beacon Sts. until the operator's father arrived.

2121: An officer dispersed a group of persons in a MV at Hannaford Park.

2227: An officer stopped a MV at Main St. and Amelia Ave. that was being operated by a person without a license. A passenger with a valid license took over operation of the MV and the original operator was issued a citation for the criminal offense of unlicensed operation of a MV.

2234: Officers directed a group of noisy party-goers in the 300 block of Winthrop St. to turn it down for the night.

### SATURDAY, AUG. 29

0004: An officer

stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Revere St. for the civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI) of a non-working plate light. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

0013: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) at Revere St. and Sagamore Ave. for the civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI) of an equipment violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

0020: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) at Revere St. and Crest Ave. for the civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI) of using a handheld mobile device while operating a MV. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

0048: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) at Revere St. and Crest Ave. for a civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI) and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

0917: An officer issued parking tickets to two vehicles without resident stickers on Hale Ave.

1435: A moped that had been reported stolen out of Roanoke, VA, was recovered on Veterans Rd. A male party came on the scene and explained that the moped belonged to his brother. The male party was advised that he can retrieve the moped from the tow lot if he has the proper paperwork.

1906: An officer responded to a report of a MV overhanging a driveway on River Rd. The officer spoke to the parties and the offending MV was moved.

2048: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) at Hermon and Main Sts. for the civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI) of failing to stop for a traffic control signal. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

2104: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Revere St. for the civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI) of a non-working plate light. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

2130: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Revere St. for the civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI) of

failing to stop for a stop sign. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

2148: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) at Pleasant and Main Sts. for a civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI). The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

2157: An officer directed a loud group of party-goers on Sagamore Ave. to cease for the evening.

### SUNDAY, AUG. 30

0121: An officer responded to a complaint of a loud house party on Cross St. and restored the peace.

0325: Officers returned to the loud house party on Cross St. and advised the party-goers that further action will be taken if they do not quiet down for the night.

1012: An officer advised persons doing construction work at Girdlestone and Tileston Rds. about the town ordinance regarding construction work on Sundays. The parties agreed to cease working for the day.

1206: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) at Hermon and Main Sts. for the civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI) of an obstructed plate. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1421: Officers responded to a MVA on Main St. at the Mobil station. Both vehicles were towed and one person was transported to the MGH.

1442: An officer assisted the Fire Dept. at a dumpster fire on Crest Ave.

1942: An officer stopped a minivan motor vehicle (MV) at Winthrop and Atlantic Sts. for the civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI) of operating with an open tailgate. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

2143: An officer directed a group of loud party-goers in the 800 block of Shirley St. to keep it down for the night.

2328: An officer responded to a report of loud music at a home in the 800 block of Shirley St. and restored the peace.

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INGREDIENTS:

¾ cup butter

2 ⅞ cups white sugar

3 large eggs

2 teaspoons vanilla extract

3 cups all-purpose flour

1 ½ teaspoons baking soda

¼ teaspoon salt

1 ½ cups buttermilk

2 teaspoons lemon juice

1 ½ cups mashed bananas

½ cup butter, softened

1 (8 ounce) package cream cheese, softened

3 ½ cups confectioners' sugar

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

DIRECTIONS:

**STEP 1:** Preheat oven to 275 degrees F (135 degrees C). Grease and flour a 9x13 inch pan. In a small bowl, mix mashed bananas with lemon juice, set aside. In a medium bowl, mix flour, baking soda and salt. Set aside.

**STEP 2:** In a large bowl, cream ¾ cup butter and 2 1/8 cups sugar until light and fluffy. Beat in the eggs one at a time, then stir in 2 teaspoons vanilla. Beat in the flour mixture alternately with the buttermilk. Stir in banana mixture. Pour batter into prepared pan.

**STEP 3:** Bake in preheated oven for 1 hour, or until a toothpick inserted into the center of the cake comes out clean. Remove from oven and place directly into freezer for 45 minutes. This will make the cake very moist.

**STEP 4:** For the frosting: In a large bowl, cream 1/2 cup butter and cream cheese until smooth. Beat in 1 teaspoon vanilla. Add confectioners sugar and beat on low speed until combined, then on high until frosting is smooth. Spread on cooled cake.

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## Finance // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

our state funds would get cut due to the loss of revenue to the state,” said Letterie, who worked with Town Manager, Austin Faison, proactive-

ly making changes to the town budget and reducing expenses that would prepare for the expected loss of funds to make up the difference.

The finance committee worked diligently and cut lines within department budgets including certain supplies, seminars and capital projects so they wouldn't have to reduce the school appropriation and cut out enterprise.

“When we found out that we'd be getting

\$600,795.15 we decided that the best thing to do was put that money back in the reserve because it shows the bonding agencies that we are serious about maintaining levels and it will potential prevent our rating from being lowered.”

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# Election Volunteer Highlight: Hannah Belcher

By Kate Anslinger

Long-time resident, Hannah Belcher, is stepping up and getting involved in the community. In addition to staying updated on town council meetings and her appointment to the Scholarship Committee, Belcher’s most recent effort has been taking on the role of Election Volunteer. In response to the need for extra volunteers due to COVID, she helped out with early voting, tabulating the early and mail-in votes the week before the State Primary Election and on election day she assisted with checking voters in, collecting ballots and making sure the voting environment was safe and sanitized.

## What made you want to volunteer?

I’ve been wanting to become more engaged in the town and politics in general, and with the need for extra volunteers due to COVID this year,

it was the perfect opportunity to jump in!

## How will this year’s elections be different than in year’s past?

With COVID, there is an added challenge in getting people out to vote, which in itself is not a unique hurdle during election season. I think the increased availability of mail-in and early voting is going to be a huge help in combating those challenges. It is also a politically charged election season, and I’m glad that the town is doing all that they can to enable everyone to vote in the safest ways possible. The Town Clerk’s office has been working tirelessly to make sure everyone’s opinion can be heard, even during a pandemic.

Born and raised in Winthrop, Belcher is invested in the community and plans to continue her involvement.

“Winthrop means so much to me! It’s beautiful seaside views and small town atmosphere cultivate a true sense of



Election volunteer Hannah Belcher.

community that I hope everyone who lives here feels. It has so much to offer and is continually growing and evolving. There are so many wonderful small businesses in town, and it’s so exciting to see it progressing in that way. Seeing efforts by the town to improve and grow through projects like WIN2030 and efforts like the addition of the diversity committee have really reinvigorated my love for Winthrop. The town as a whole is striving to make involvement accessible, which is so wonderful. My family has a long history in town, which really makes me feel a strong connection to it. Winthrop will forever and always be home to me.”

## Kearney // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

her sleeve, through art-sy clothing and accessories, Kearney has been a unique blend of seriousness, humor, drama, positivity, discipline, study, experimentation, encouragement, mutual respect, example and guidance, for the many students that she has had the pleasure of teaching over the years.

“I have always tried to create an environment in my classroom that echoed my own sentiments and promoted art as a serious subject and a necessity for the well-rounded (20th and) 21st century student. I have always tried to help my students to open their eyes, their hearts and their souls to not only all forms of art and artists of past and present, but also to the beauty, design and potential in the world around them.”

In recent years Kearney has tried to show her students that artists are much like magicians - with the right tools, skills and ideas, they can make something from practically nothing; with sim-

ple supplies they can create something of interest, of worth, of expression and of meaning. According to Kearney, an artistic creation can capture or represent a favorite place, a treasured pet, an important personal item or a favorite food. The mundane or ordinary can become extraordinary.

During her time molding young artists in Winthrop, Kearney was also an active member of the Winthrop Art Association, she’s worked for seven superintendents, eight principals at the high School, and a myriad of School Committees.

“I have also worked alongside a cadre of wonderful colleagues, many of whom have become lifelong friends.”

As Kearney ventures off into retirement, she will continue her life as an artist and plans to spend time taking photographs, drawing, composing and perfecting her watercolors.

“I also love to travel, and I look forward to being able to do that again

soon. I also look forward to enjoying life at my own pace, with my husband, both here in Winthrop and in our small retreat in Florida.”

More than anything, Kearney will miss interacting with her students and guiding them into finding their own artistic voices, however; she will continue to stay in touch with former students who have grown into artists as adults.

“Hopefully, in the 21 years at Winthrop High School, and additionally in my years teaching before that, I have opened a few minds, helped formulate skills and encouraged ideas and dreams and instilled in my students the ability to see and use Art in any of those ways or more. I am grateful to have been able to spend the bulk of my career here in Winthrop. It is truly a unique and wonderful place to live and work. This school system enabled me to become the Art Teacher I always wanted to be.”

## Business // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

said is thanks to word of mouth. While he’s concerned about losing sports apparel purchases with a delayed school opening and a lack of team sports, he’s seen a rise in business purchases from Winthrop and other surrounding communities.

“I do a lot of company t-shirts and polos and our turnaround time is quick. Thanks to the word of mouth, it’s kept me busy enough, but if sports doesn’t come back for another year, that will be a big hit.”

With one-fifth of Massachusetts’ restaurants closing permanently as a result of the pandemic, it’s more important than ever for businesses to support one another. Antique Table recently announced the expansion of their takeout restaurant Piccolo Piatti, and Gillis will be creating the shirts for their staff members. Now offering breakfast, lunch

and dinner, Piccolo Piatti will have a brand new outdoor seating section.

In the heart of center, the Winthrop Book Depot has limited outdoor seating, however; they have continued to go strong thanks to the support of the community.

“The community has really showed up for us,” said Owner, Suzanne Martucci. “Thanks to their support, it hasn’t slowed down much at all for us.”

Some local businesses are use to seasonal shifts in business. Owner of Surf Cleaners, Marco Tieri, has always seen a decline in sales during the summer months, however; with less people needing to get dressed up for the office, that decline has been more prominent.

“For the most part, business is down compared to what we are normally at,” said Tieri. “People aren’t going into

the office so they don’t need dry cleaning as much, Tieri added”

According to Tieri, spring and fall is typically the busiest season for the dry cleaning business, and he depends on a boost in business in April and May for formals, proms, weddings and christenings, but now that people aren’t gathering for events, he’s seen a major reduction. After six weeks of being closed, Surf Cleaners opened back up on May 4 and Tieri saw an initial push, thanks to the help of offering different delivery options and a wash, dry and fold service, but since then it’s dropped again.

“We are surviving and trying our best to make it work. All businesses are in the same boat-people aren’t going out as much and without customers, businesses can not survive. The Chamber of Commerce has done a phenomenal job during

this challenging time and they’ve been there supporting us nonstop.”

Many local businesses have relied on one another for support. When Robin’s Nest Gift Shop was closed at the start of the pandemic, the Book Depot and Swett’s Liquors stepped up and allowed some of the gift store’s merchandise to be displayed in their stores. Since opening back up, Robin’s Nest has seen an increase in sales.

“We are extremely grateful for our social media followers, they are the customers who kept us going during the months we were forced to be closed,” said Owner, Robin Gerolamo. “We have been pleasantly surprised with the steady amount of foot traffic we have seen since re-opening. We have safety mea-

sures in place to ensure a safe and enjoyable shopping experience for our customers. We are blessed with amazingly supportive customers and our recent NorthShore Magazine win for Readers’ Choice Best Gift Shop has helped with new customers finding us. We send a heartfelt thank you to everyone for Shopping Local.”

While Robin’s Nest is the type of store where people like to shop in-person, Gerolamo is currently redesigning a website that will offer online shopping for those who can’t make it to the shop.

The pandemic has been the reason for many family and work life changes, and as a result, 40% of Inc.ubate Coworking members have had to shift gears whether it was due to a loss of

job, becoming the primary childcare giver, or someone not yet ready to be in public.

“Since then, we’ve seen many new members who are tired of working from home or simply don’t have a space to do so,” said Michael Lucerto, owner and founder of Winthrop’s only coworking space. “I’d say for every member we lost we have just about recovered with someone looking for a new and better way to work.”

Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, Betsy Shane is focused on keeping the businesses open.

“My main focus is keeping everyone open and with the help of marketing, outdoor seating, social media and working together creatively, I think we can accomplish that.”

## News Briefs // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Kathleen was the flight attendant aboard the American Airline flight which was the first to hit the Towers. Kathleen was a life long resident of Winthrop who was quiet, friendly, sophisticated and a loving person. Kathleen left behind a devoted husband (still

a Winthrop resident) and young daughter.


The event will be held to recognize the times the attacks occurred: 8:46 a.m. and 9:02 (Twin Towers), 9:37 Pentagon, 10:03 Flight 93 crashed. The details of the stand-out are on Friday September 11 from 8:30-

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## OUR Opinions

### DO NOT LITTER YOUR MASKS

For those of us who take note of the problem of litter (and who often bring along a bag to pick up litter when we are walking along a beach), we are accustomed to the plethora of styrofoam cups and single-use plastic bottles that have been discarded carelessly by our fellow citizens, some of whom seem to treat the environment as their personal trash bin.

But in the past few months we have noticed a new kind of litter that has become prevalent along our roads and on our beaches: Discarded face masks.

The masks that comprise most of the littering problem are the light-blue, layered masks with elastic bands for the ears. These are lightweight, single-use masks that blow easily in the wind and often end up along the shoreline and eventually in our waterways. If the stuff that comprises litter is representative of our disposable society, then it is a good thing to see that people are using face masks, an indication that we are heeding public health warnings about the best way to prevent the spread of Covid-19.

However, being a good citizen in that regard does not absolve mask-users of the obligation to dispose of their masks properly, let alone give them the right to toss them onto public property.

So please be sure to toss those masks into a trash-bin -- that's as simple as it gets.

### COLLEGE SPORTS HAS SERIOUS RISKS FOR ATHLETES

When President Trump was in New Hampshire for a campaign rally two weeks ago, he implored the Big 10 athletic directors to reconsider their recent decision to postpone their college football season from fall until the spring.

"Big Ten, get with it! Open up your season, Big Ten. These are young strong guys -- they're not gonna' be affected by the virus...These are big, strong guys. They will be just fine," Trump said.

However, as with so many comments made by Trump these past seven months concerning the coronavirus, the reality is the opposite of Trump's pronouncements.

At least 10 Big 10 football players have been diagnosed with myocarditis, a viral infection of the heart muscle caused by a Covid-19 infection. This is the same condition that has afflicted Red Sox star starting pitcher Eduardo Rodriguez, who contracted Covid-19 on August 1 and who now suffers from myocarditis, forcing him to end his season.

Rodriguez is 27 years old and was an otherwise healthy young man who won 19 games for the Sox in 2019. However, the virus invaded his heart, as it has with so many others who have contracted this dreaded disease, and forced him to rest and recuperate.

We are learning more and more every day about the damage that Covid-19 does to just about every human organ, but one thing that has become clear is that the heart muscle is a favorite site for it to attack. A recent study in Germany showed that of 100 otherwise-healthy persons under the age of 49, 76 percent suffered damage consistent with the effects of a heart attack.

Another study recently demonstrated that there are certain, long-stringed cells unique to the heart that the virus attacks, chopping them up into tiny pieces. It is not clear whether the heart can repair this damage or whether it is permanent.

Further, as to football players in particular, while it may be true, as Trump proclaimed, that as a group they are "big strong guys," many of them are, to put it bluntly, grossly obese, weighing upwards of 350 pounds if they are linemen.

One thing we definitely know about the virus is that the single-biggest risk factor for a serious outcome from Covid-19 is being overweight -- and that would seem to place many college football players at serious jeopardy if they contract the disease.

If college football can put into place procedures that isolate football players from their campuses (where Covid-19 has been running wild in some places since schools reopened), then perhaps football can be played without risk to the young athletes.

But to encourage them to play as things stand now is simply reckless behavior that places them in jeopardy of serious, lifelong consequences affecting their health.

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# Forum



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### LETTERS to the Editor

#### THANK YOU

Dear Editor,

I would like to thank all the people that stopped to help me when I had my bicycle accident on Sunday morning, July 26 at Short Beach in Beachmont. The Winthrop EMT's, Revere Fire Dept., Mr. Gill(of Gill Oil Co.) and Richie & Leighanne Strangie of Winthrop. Thanks for the many get well cards I have received since my accident. After Hospital & rehab I am now home and on the way to recovery.

Thank you; Jim  
"Gus" Foley & family

#### LOOKING AT THE DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY ELECTION

Dear Editor,

The Democratic Primary Election on Tuesday, September 1<sup>st</sup> produced some winners and losers among the candidates, and among their organizers.

First, Speaker Robert DeLeo was the top vote-getter in Winthrop as usual. However, he also was one of the key reasons that Senator Ed Markey did so well in Winthrop, gaining more than 58% of the vote over Joe Kennedy, surpassing his statewide average of 55%. When the Speaker talks, the people of Winthrop listen.

Second, State Senator Joseph Boncore was the second highest vote getter in the Town, about 60 votes behind DeLeo. However, he was unable to translate his popularity to Kennedy, who finished more than 700 votes behind Markey. This is the second Democratic Primary election in a row where the Senator backed a young, promising candidate who fizzled during the campaign. Two years ago, Boncore

backed Josh Zakim in his challenge to Secretary of State Bill Galvin. However, this will have no long term effect on Senator Boncore who is well liked and well respected at the State House and in his district. If he produces a Transportation Bond Bill that will benefit the state and his district before the end of the year, he will be a legislative champion.

Third, Alicia DelVento, Winthrop for Markey Campaign Organizer, did a terrific job for Senator Markey. Not only did she preside over a huge rally for Markey on the Town Hall Lawn last month, but she impressed volunteers and town residents with her intelligence, passion, gracious presence, and diligence. I would not be surprised if she is a candidate for public office in this community in the very near future.

Fourth, Valentino "Tino" Capobianco did not fare so well in his campaign efforts for Joe Kennedy. After hosting Kennedy at his house last year, the local effort died out as the campaign progressed this year. Capobianco has not had a great track record in recent years including backing Peter Koutoujian against Katherine Clark for Congress and Michael Sullivan against Marian Ryan for Middlesex District Attorney.

The big winner in the primary, of course, was Ed Markey, who was underestimated by Joe Kennedy and his campaign, and political pundits in the Commonwealth. But Markey is a visionary and a hard worker. The biggest decision that Ed Markey made that affected the election occurred on February 7, 2019 when he introduced the Green New Deal with Congresswoman Alex-

andria Ocasio-Cortez (AOC). This was six months before Kennedy contemplated challenging Markey. It was typical of Ed Markey to think big as a legislator, to challenge the status quo. He also hitched his wagon to the biggest rising star in progressive Democratic Party politics. Seventy-four year old Eddie Markey was suddenly "cool" on the environment the way Bernie Sanders was on Medicare for All.

Once word of Kennedy's potential challenge started to leak out, Ed Markey laced up his sneakers and lined up local endorsements from Senator Elizabeth Warren and five other Massachusetts Members of Congress, Mayor Marty Walsh and two dozen other mayors in the Commonwealth, Speaker DeLeo and one hundred other state representatives, and Senate President Karen Spilka and twenty three other state senators. He also won support from several labor unions and many progressive organizations. His campaign was on the move with financial support, favorable press coverage, terrific advertising and social media, and hordes of young political and environmental activists as well.

A Suffolk University/Boston Globe poll on September 8, 2019 had Kennedy leading Markey by 14 points, 42 percent to 28 percent. By March 1, 2020, before the pandemic hit, Markey had cut Kennedy's lead to 6 points, 42 percent to 36 percent. On August 26, 2020, a week before the Democratic Primary, Markey was leading Kennedy by 10 points, 51 percent to 41 percent. Finally, when the votes were counted on Election Day, Markey beat Kennedy 55 percent to 45 percent. From that first poll a year before the election, Markey increased his support by 27 percent while Kennedy only increased his by 3

percent.

The big loser, of course, was Joe Kennedy, who underestimated the intelligence of the Democratic Primary voters. He never made a compelling case for his candidacy against Markey and stumbled in the early debates. His eight year record as a legislator in Congress was pretty thin and he tried to convince the electorate that the job of a U. S. Senator is to raise money for candidates across the country, and to spend a lot of time around the Commonwealth meeting constituents. When that did not work, he attacked Markey with negative ads on how many nights he stayed in Massachusetts and on perceived criticism of the Kennedy legacy. It was not a criticism of the legacy, but rather a criticism of "privilege". What Joe Kennedy found out on Election Day is that Democrats in Massachusetts expect their Senators to be leaders in our Nation's Capitol on important issues like Elizabeth Warren, John Kerry, Ted Kennedy, and yes, Ed Markey.

Joe Kennedy found his voice late in the campaign on the issue of racial justice. He was sincere and passionate. He campaigned hard in "Gateway Cities" across the Commonwealth which are predominately communities of color. His concession speech on Election Night was gracious, humble and uplifting. There is no doubt a future for Kennedy in politics if he waits for the right office at the right time. If he asked me, I would recommend that he utilize his Harvard Law School education to fight for criminal justice reform. Step away from the spotlight and do some good work for several years. Then, perhaps, an opportunity to run for Attorney General would open up where he could fight "for the people".

William Schmidt

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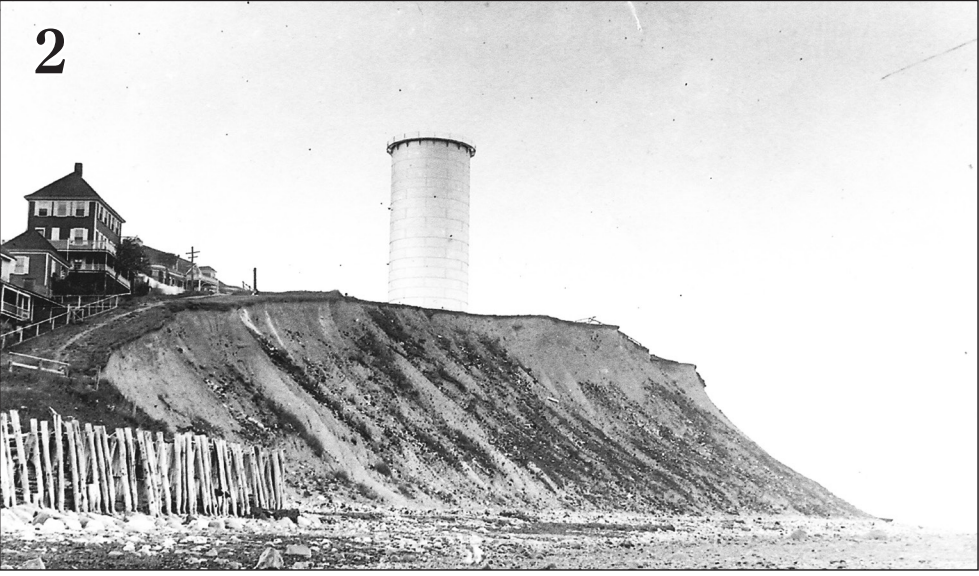
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# WINTHROP Then and Now

Winthrop Improvement and Historical Association

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

## ARTICLE 935 - 1910 CONSTRUCTION OF WATER TOWER



About a century ago a number of changes to our town were implemented most of which we plan to discuss from time to time in the near future. The first and most noticeable was the construction of our water tower on Cottage Hill. Water was first piped into Winthrop about 1870 by the city of Boston which ran a line from Orient Heights down Main Street to Shirley Street and then on out to Deer Island. Anyone living along the route was given permission to tap into the line and obtain water. Then in 1888 the Revere Water Company, a privately owned firm, came to Winthrop and began a business of distributing water to our homes. In 1905, the Town of Winthrop bought out the Revere Company after a great deal of political debate over the decision to have our own Water Department. Picture one de-

picts Cottage Hill prior to the building of the tower and also shows the ongoing construction of the seawall at Yirrell Beach. Note the forms being removed from the seawall. Our water tower stands on a base 102 feet above sea level and is itself 100 feet tall, see picture two taken from the same direction. It holds 940,000 gallons of water and the side plates at the top are a quarter of an inch thick while the ones at the bottom are one and a one sixteenth inch thick. The tower was constructed from the inside by means of a floating platform. Picture three shows the tower, after completion, when looking up Prospect Avenue. Total weight of the tower when filled with water is 5,000 tons. Believe it or not, with the top of the tower 202 feet above sea level, the water was initially able to be fed into it by gravity from Spot Pond

in Stoneham. It held the pressure up on Winthrop's several hills and on Deer Island until the MWRA built their own tower as part of the sewerage treatment facility. The water in our tower is drawn down during the daytime and then replenished at night. Today we have automatic regulators so that one can tell in the Water Department office just how much water is in the tower at any given time. Previously, as described by Louis Cobb an earlier Water Commissioner, two of them would periodically shut off the water at the Town line where it came in and climb to the top of the tower at midnight to check the water level. Picture four is an aerial view of Cottage Hill, taken before the tower cover was installed about 25 years ago, in which one can see the open top that they sat on for 3 hours and measured the water level every 10 minutes with a tape measure connected to a float. By this method they could determine the flow rate out of the tower to ascertain if there were any leaks in our system. Louis stated that it was quite a thrill to do this but his wife would not go to bed until he returned home in fear that he might fall in. The current regulators have eliminated this Water Commissioner duty. Although there was a report that that the tower was painted Red White and Blue for a celebration in 1910, it remained a solid color until about 33 years ago when the current Red White and Blue stripes were applied.



### 10 years ago September 3, 2010

Officials marked the beginning of the long-anticipated Short Beach project, spanning Revere and Winthrop, at a recent ceremony on the site of the \$3.5 million project. The improvement project includes widened sidewalks, new street lighting, and a new parking lot with improved access to the beach. The project also includes replacement beach ramps, new beach seating, showers and bike racks, as well as a new pathway connection to Belle Isle Marsh Reservation.

The town's Parks and Recreation Department has moved from its long-time headquarters at the E.B. Newton School to its new home at the Winthrop Middle School. Sean Driscoll, director of the Parks and Recreation Department, has welcomed the change and feels it's a great location, a sentiment also expressed by Town Manager James McKenna. The new spot provides a connection to the many Middle School students who participate in after-school programs hosted by Parks and Rec. Driscoll also likes having the idea of the new headquarters overlooking Ingleside Park and being adjacent to Larsen Rink.

The Town and Wall Street 2: Money Never Sleeps are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

### 20 years ago August 31, 2000

With the trial period of Shore Drive being one way for the summer now having ended, the MDC now must decide whether to make it a permanent change. Most residents have opposed the change and the Winthrop Fire Department has gone on record as opposing it if the proposed 18 foot sidewalk also is constructed because the fire trucks will be unable to make the turn from the side streets.

School bells will ring for local school children next Wednesday. Interim Superintendent of Schools Thomas Giancristiano said that the schools will focus on improving students' writing skills. However, despite the pleas of parents, funds are not available to reinstate the music program in the Middle School.

The construction of the new Ft. Banks school is on schedule and should be ready by next May.

Winthrop police officers have returned to their patrols on bicycles with the coming of summer weather in the past few weeks, which has been absent for most of the 2000 summer season with temperatures in the 60s and rain until recently.

Best in Show, Remember the Titans, and Almost Famous are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

### 30 years ago Aug. 29, 1990

The School Committee has approved an increase in the cost of school lunches from \$.90 to \$1.25.

The local Lodge of

# 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

Elks will hold its annual carnival to support muscular dystrophy to be held on the Elks' grounds.

Winthrop native Gary Blumsack continues to make his mark in Hollywood, including recent appearances on the popular TV show, L.A. Law.

The Parks and Rec. Dept. ended the 1990 summer playground season with Carnival Day at Ingleside Park, attended by more than 400 children and adults.

Wild at Heart, Darkman, and Taking Care of Business are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

### 40 years ago Aug. 27, 1980

Six property owners who owe the town more than \$100,000 in back taxes have until Sept. 10 to meet with Tax Collector Jim Corkhum or face court action that could result in the town taking their property. The bulk of the back taxes is owed by one property owner who owes the town \$75,000.

The Board of Health has named Bruce English of Wareham as the new Executive Director of the Health Department.

School bells will ring next Wednesday for local children in both the public and parochial schools.

Police Chief David Rice said he will implement a procedure to ensure that each officer will work a 40-hour week before he can be called in for overtime.

Robert Redford stars in Brubaker at the Kin-cade Theatre.

### 50 years ago Sept. 2, 1970

Winthrop and Hull town officials joined forces recently at a State House hearing to ask that the State Department of Public Health take action to stop the burning of garbage on barges in the outer Boston Harbor. Winthrop Selectman Richards Dimes and Sun-Transcript Publisher Andrew P. Quigley, who owns Middle Brewster Island, were among those who spoke at the hearing. The smoke from the burning barges often engulfs Winthrop and Hull depending on the direction of the wind.

Three boats capsized in heavy wind conditions during the final week of the sailing season in local waters.

Schools are set to open next Wednesday, Sept. 9.

Walter Van Dalinda has been named the local coordinator for the campaign of Boston Mayor Kevin H. White for the Democratic nomination for Governor.

Atty. Jerome Falbo, a charter member of the local Jaycees, has been elected to the Exec. Board of the State Jaycees.

William F. Miner has been chosen at a joint meeting of the selectmen and School Committee to fill the spot on the committee left vacant by the recent resignation of William DiMento, who is moving to Swampscott. Mrs. Helen Sweet also was a candidate for the post.

A midnight sail by a group of Winthrop res-

idents almost ended in tragedy when their 30-foot boat, skippered by Norman Siefert, was buffeted by the exhaust of low-flying jet aircraft near the Cottage Park Y.C. and nearly capsized. Their boat heeled nearly 90 degrees with the sails almost touching the water.

Thieves took nearly \$3000 in merchandise at a break into Kind's Dress Shop over the weekend.

The Holy Rosary Guild is hosting the choir from Boys Town in Memorial Auditorium on the weekend.

Z is playing at the Winthrop Cinema.

### 60 years ago Sept. 1, 1960

Ft. Dawes at the tip of Deer Island has been declared surplus property by the U.S. Department of the Army, Congressman Thomas J. Lane announced this week. The Army now will turn the property over to the General Services Administration for sale.

The champion Missilettes Drill Team of St. John the Evangelist Church, accompanied by sirens and blaring horns, marched victoriously through the streets of the town after returning with their first-place trophy in the season's final; CYO Music Circuit competition that was held in Amesbury.

A bid estimated to be \$3000 below what had been anticipated by state experts has been received for seawall construction at Pt. Shirley. The work will be done at Yirrell Beach, Shirley St. Extension, and Pebble Ave.

Mark next Tuesday evening on your calendars for the date to hear the world's best-loved music presented by the U.S. Army Field Band and the Soldiers Chorus in a concert at the Memorial Auditorium at Winthrop High.

A move is underway to have the federal government pay for the cost of a new fire station on the basis that the federal government no longer provides fire protection for its many facilities here, but instead relies on the local fire department.

Three big regattas are scheduled at Winthrop's yacht clubs this week, with the Pleasant Park, the Cottage Park, and the Winthrop taking turns hosting for one day each for the annual Labor Day weekend season finale of the Mass. Bay Yacht Clubs Association championship series.

Rock Hudson and Doris Day star in Pillow Talk at the Winthrop Theatre.

### 70 years ago Aug. 31, 1950

School bells will ring for approximately 3000 local public school children next Wednesday morning. The first grade class is expected to show a slight decrease because of the new, older age for entrance.

More than 200 boats and 600 yachtsmen will compete in the 23rd annual three-day regatta to close out the season of the Mass. Bay Yacht Clubs Assoc. over the Labor Day weekend, with the Winthrop Yacht Club acting as host.



# Winthrop Senior Center News

Website: [town.winthrop.ma.us/council-aging](http://town.winthrop.ma.us/council-aging)

Email: [COAReception@town.winthrop.ma.us](mailto:COAReception@town.winthrop.ma.us)

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.

**Senior Phone Buddy Program:** The Senior Center is looking for a few volunteers to make

friendly phone calls to homebound seniors. If you are interested in volunteering, or for more information please contact Kathy Dixon at 617-846-8538 or email [kdixon@town.winthrop.ma.us](mailto:kdixon@town.winthrop.ma.us).

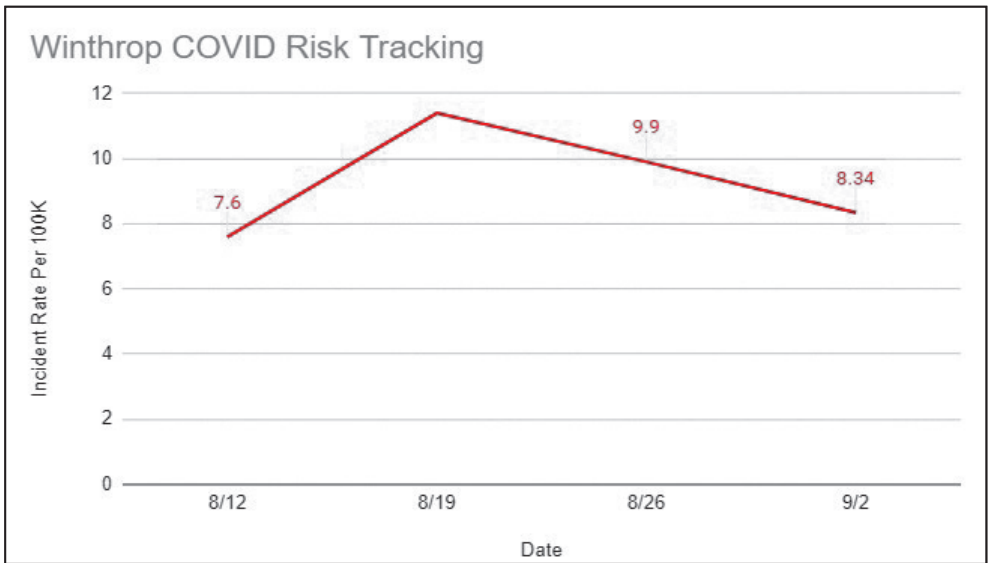
## COVID-19 // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

4. Winthrop’s total case breakdown is as follows 372 total cases: 24 deceased, 20 isolated and 328 recovered.

The Commonwealth continues to identify Winthrop as a "high risk" community because case rates remain above eight per 100,000 people. As a result, Winthrop officials continue to urge all members of the community to get tested at the E.B. Newton School testing site, which remains open six days a week.

Residents should also take the necessary safety precautions to reduce the spread of the virus, such as wearing a face mask or covering when in public and maintaining a social distance of 6 feet from those outside your household.

While its average daily incidence rate remains relatively high, Winthrop has seen a decrease in both relative daily case counts and percent positivity rate. Nearly 2,000 COVID-19 tests have been provided to Winthrop residents over the



last two weeks.

In response to the recent designation by the state as a "high risk" community, Winthrop officials have partnered with state leaders to establish a "Stop the Spread" testing site six days a week at the E.B. Newton School, 45 Pauline St., as well as additional limited "pop-up" sites on a more limited basis. Testing is free for all at each testing site in Winthrop. The testing at the E.B. Newton School and the pop-up sites will continue through at least Sept. 12.

Testing is available at E.B. Newton School in Winthrop on the following days and times:

- Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 2-7 p.m. (drive-through)
- Tuesday and Thursday from 2-7 p.m. (walk-up)

Testing providers are able to provide information in English and Spanish.

Additional pop-up testing site details will be provided as soon as they are available.

"Continued testing is the only way to know

for sure just how prevalent COVID-19 is in our community, and we've seen a great response to the accessibility of testing in town already," Hurley said. "We're hopeful residents who already have been tested will continue to do so, and that those who have not will utilize this resource so that we can stop this virus in its tracks."

Winthrop residents are reminded to visit [WinthropCOVID19.com](http://WinthropCOVID19.com), which serves as a dedicated town resource for information on the pandemic.

## CDICR // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

She currently works in social justice and youth advocacy as the Senior Branch Executive for the Lynn YMCA. Baez will serve on the commission for a period of three

years.

**John Bentley** is a 30-year resident of Winthrop and local ironworker foreman. He was a prior diversity teacher for Hannaford Bros., and

has completed education on diversity in the workplace. Bentley will serve for a period of two years.

"I have seen diversity slowly increase. It has not always been em-

braced," he stated on his application. "My vision for Winthrop is a town of inclusion."

**Father Walter Connelly Jr. (Secretary)**, of St. John’s Episcopal Church has lived in Winthrop for 11 years and calls himself “an advocate for the inclusive rights of all.” He will serve a three-year term.

**Suzanne Martucci-Gallo** is a lifelong Winthrop resident and the owner of the Winthrop Book Depot & Café. A graduate of Winthrop High School and the New England Institute of Art, she currently lives with her wife in Boston. Martucci-Gallo will serve as commissioner for a two-year term.

**Nisarg Patel** was born and raised in India and has lived in Winthrop since he was a teenager. He is the owner of Quickfood Mart and Thompson’s Town Liquors. Patel will serve on the committee for three years.

**Lidia Llovera Ramos** is a longtime Winthrop resident and mother of two. Her career in public service has centered around education and nutrition. She currently works at ABCD Head Start. Ramos will serve for two years.

Also serving on the committee are Sid Belghiti, John Morgan and Anthony Williams. All will serve for a term of one year.

The Winthrop CDICR aims to encourage respect among residents, visitors and employees of the town by advocating for human and civil rights for all. It was founded on the belief that inclusion will make the town a better place for everyone.

## OBITUARIES

### Kevin Patrick O’Sullivan

Travel business retiree, long active in real estate and at the Irish Pastoral Center



Kevin Patrick O’Sullivan passed away On Thursday,

September 4, 2020 after a brief illness brought upon by a brave and lengthy battle against congestive heart failure. He was 73 years old and predeceased by his father, Edward O’Sullivan in 1992.

Kevin was born on November 5, 1946 to Edward and Nancy O’Sullivan on a small farm in Kenmare, County Kerry, Ireland; the eldest of thirteen children; eleven boys and two girls.

He moved to the United States in 1965, bravely volunteering to enlist in the US Air Force in 1966. He was honorably discharged in 1970, reaching the rank of Sergeant.

After his military career, he had very successful careers across several decades in the Travel Business, working for nationally renowned companies including Branniff Airlines, and Holiday Travel.

After retiring in 1998, he continued his career managing his real estate. Kevin was offering his time to the Irish Pastoral Center, volunteering for weekly gatherings and monthly masses.

He is survived by three children: Kevin, Brianna and Shane, and their mother, Martina. He is also survived by his mother, Nancy and by his brothers Sean, Noel, Owen, Eamon, Vincent, Jerry, Michael, Donal, Brendan and Ki-



eran (of Reading, MA), and sisters Helen (Conroy of Arlington, MA) and Martina, along with many nephews and nieces and friends here in the USA and in Ireland.

The Funeral will be conducted from the Caggiano-O’Maley-Frazier Funeral Home, Winthrop today, Thursday, September 10 at 10:30 a.m. followed by the Requiem Mass in St. John the Evangelist Church, 320 Winthrop St., Winthrop at 11:30 a.m. Burial will take place with military honors following Mass in the Forest Hill Cemetery, Forest Hill Avenue, Lynnfield.

For those unable to attend in person, Kevin’s service will be live streamed: <https://st-johnswinthrop.org/event/funeral-service-webcasts/>

\*Attendees must wear masks & maintain social distancing in the Funeral Home, Church and Cemetery.\*

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Irish Pastoral Center, 512 Gallivan Blvd., Dorchester MA 02124.

For directions or to sign the online guestbook, go to [www.caggianofuneralhome.com](http://www.caggianofuneralhome.com).

### Thomas Serra, Jr.

Worked for Eastern Airlines and Mass. Turnpike



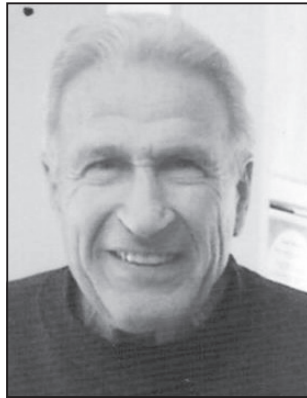
Thomas A. Serra, Jr. of St. Andrew Rd., East Boston

passed away at the West Roxbury, VA on Sept. 2. He was 80 years old.

Born in East Boston, the beloved son of the late Lillian (Quartarone) and Thomas A. Serra, Sr. and a resident of East Boston and Winthrop, he was a graduate of Boston English High School. He went on to serve in the United States Army during the Vietnam War, reaching the rank of SP4. After his honorable discharge, worked for Eastern Airlines for the fleet services department. He also worked at the Massachusetts Turnpike.

He was a standout football player in the East Boston Sandlot League and became Sandlot Player of the Year, a longtime member of the Winthrop Golf Club and a member of Survivors by the Sea.

The devoted husband of the late Norma (Ramirez), he was the loving father of Nadeen Moretti and her husband, Rich of Medford, Thom Serra and his wife, Kristen of Andover and Na-



talie Bayersdorfer and her husband, Brad of Winthrop; the dear brother of Marilyn Pacillo of Reading and the late Lorraine Bono and the cherished grandfather of Richie, Mia, Noah, Lily, Ryan and Elyse. He is also survived by many cousins, nieces, nephews and dear friends.

The funeral was conducted from the Caggiano-O’Maley-Frazier Funeral Home, Winthrop on Wednesday, September 9 followed by a Funeral Mass in St. John the Evangelist Church. Services concluded with interment with military honors in the Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett.

Memorial donations may be made to the New England Shelter for Homeless Veterans at [www.nechv.org](http://www.nechv.org) To sign the online guestbook, go to [www.caggianofuneralhome.com](http://www.caggianofuneralhome.com).



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## Joseph Pedoto

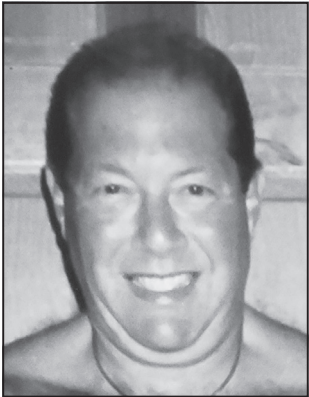
Loyal and devout family man

Joseph L. “Joe” Pedoto of Saugus passed away unexpectedly on September 3 at the age of 60.

Joe was a loyal friend and a devout family man. He was born and raised in the Highlands of Winthrop, a graduate of Winthrop High School, class of 1979. He has been employed in the energy industry for 40 years, recently with Perley Burrill Oil Company.

Joe was a car enthusiast and enjoyed reading about the history of Detroit, most notably, the muscle car era. He enjoyed local travel throughout New England and summers on the beach. Joe had a heart of gold and will be missed by all who knew him.

Born in Winthrop on March 18, 1960 to the late John M. Pedoto and Jeanette (Fagone) Pedoto, he was the cherished husband of 32 years to Lois Sacco of Saugus, devoted father of Joseph L. Pedoto II, dear brother of Charles Pedoto and the late John M. Pedoto Jr., adored son in law of Rose Sacco of Revere and the late Nicola Sac-



co, beloved brother in law of the late Geraldine Sacco of Chelsea and beloved uncle of Kristen (Pedoto) Macchiavelli and her husband, Anthony, Justine (Pedoto) Romanos and her husband, Nicholas, and Jaime Pedoto.

A Funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Anthony’s Church, Revere on Wednesday, September 9. Interment at Woodlawn Mausoleum. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to New England Center and Home for Veterans, 17 Court St., Boston MA 02108. Visit their website NECHV.ORG to specify how you would like your donation to enrich the life of our heroes. For guest book, please visit [www.buonfiglio.com](http://www.buonfiglio.com).

## Albana Mihali

Educator

Albana Mihali of Governors Drive, Winthrop passed away at the Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston on August 27. She was 48 years old.

Born in Albania, she was the beloved daughter of the late Krisavgji (Lala) and Loni Mino.

After earning her Bachelor’s Degree she went on to work as a school teacher in elementary schools.

She was the devoted wife of Chris Mihali and



the loving mother of Odyssey and Paris Mihali, both of Winthrop and the dear sister of Flori Mino and Sofjola Thomai, both of Winthrop.

A funeral service was held in the Caggiano-O’Maley-Frazier Funeral Home, Winthrop on Monday, August 31 and services concluded with interment in the Belle Isle section of Winthrop Cemetery.

To sign the online guestbook, go to [www.caggianoofuneralhome.com](http://www.caggianoofuneralhome.com).

## Phillip Connelly

Auto body technician, sports enthusiast and history buff

Phillip K. Connelly, 63, of Swampscott and formerly of Winthrop, died on Thursday, September 3 at North Shore Medical Center, Salem Hospital following a brief illness.

He was the devoted husband of Yvonne (Fisher) Connelly with whom he shared 37 years of marriage on August 28.

Born in Boston in 1957, the son of the late Arthur and Valerie (McLean) Connelly, he was raised and educated in Winthrop and graduated from Winthrop High School in 1975. Phillip worked as an auto body technician for Maaco for many years. A sports enthusiast at heart, he was an avid Boston sports fan and enjoyed collecting baseball cards and watching his favorite teams on TV. He was a history buff and enjoyed reading through his encyclopedia collection and novels.

In addition to his wife, Yvonne, Phillip is survived by his loving daughters: Jennifer Garcia and her husband, Enrique of La Mirada, CA, Denise Connelly of



Swampscott and Kristen Malik and her husband, Haas of Castro Valley, CA; his grandchildren: Nicholas Garcia and his wife, Sayaka, Antonio Garcia, Kaden Malik and Layla Malik and his great-grandchildren, Eren and Roman Garcia; his sister, Sheryl Calandra and her husband, Stephen of Winthrop; his nephew, Kevin Gorman and his wife, Karen; his niece, Michelle Robbins and her husband, Blake and his great-niece and great-nephew, Kaylin and Gavin Gorman.

Private funeral arrangements were entrusted to Solimine Funeral Homes, Lynn. Online guestbook for family and friends to offer condolences at [www.solimine.com](http://www.solimine.com).

## Michele Hayes

Longtime Woodside Hardware sales clerk

Michele Hayes of Atlantic St., Winthrop passed away at the Lighthouse Nursing Care Center in Revere on September 1. She was 71 years old.

She was the beloved daughter of the late Anna (Barry) and John Jackson. A lifelong resident of Winthrop, she worked as a sales clerk for Woodside Hardware for many years.

She was the devoted wife of Ronald Hayes and the loving mother of Brian Hayes and his wife, Julia of Wakefield and Megan Andy and her husband, Bob of Winthrop, the dear sister of Jackie Ann Bleakley of Bourne and the late Joe Jackson and Mary Lou Raffaele; cherished grandmother of Emily, Jackson, Charlie and Marin; sister in law of Brian and Terri Hayes and Dennis and De De Hayes and daughter in



law of the late Ronald and Barbara Hayes. She is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

The funeral was conducted from the Caggiano-O’Maley-Frazier Funeral Home, Winthrop on Tuesday, September 8, followed by a Funeral Mass in St. John the Evangelist Church. Services concluded with the interment in Winthrop Cemetery.

To sign the online guestbook, go to [www.caggianoofuneralhome.com](http://www.caggianoofuneralhome.com).

## Sheila McMahon

Community activist and former Director of the Chelsea Community Connections Coalition

Sheila (McNicholas) McMahon, community activist and former Director of Chelsea Community Connections Coalition, died peacefully in her sleep on Labor Day after a long illness.

Born in Chatham, NJ in 1941 to Henry P. and Ann McNicholas, she was a member of Phi Beta Kappa and graduated from Clark University in 1963 with a degree in Psychology.

She married John F. (Jack) McMahon in 1964. Together, they raised five children: Rachel Christopher of Revere, (Lawrence Christopher), Peter McMahon of Greenfield, Deirdre McMahon of Bala Cynwyd, PA, (Jason Mezey), David McMahon (Leah Kramer) and Siobhan McMahon (Philip Holland), all of Cambridge.

Sharp-witted and big-hearted, Sheila delighted in her children and grandchildren.

A long-time resident of Winthrop and more recently of Jamaica Plain, Sheila was heavily involved in her community, running multiple non-profit programs for families and children and volunteering widely in Chelsea, East Boston, Winthrop, and Revere. She advocated tirelessly for immigration rights, multicultural awareness, and literacy. She was also handy with power tools and thought most things



could be improved with more coffee. She loved to read. Even after she retired and while she was severely ill, she remained active, serving on committees and boards that protect elder rights and working locally in her senior living community to support residents’ independence and quality of life.

A fan of Scrabble, Cheez-Its, and progressive politics, she left the hospital against orders in 2016 to vote for Hillary Clinton. She really wanted to vote in 2020. She worked toward a better world for her grandchildren: Brendan, Erin, Norah, Paul, Danny, Sebastian, and Rosie. She is survived by her husband and family, who will miss her.

A memorial service will be held after it is safe to gather, but for now, the family requests that donations be made in her memory to ROCA (101 Park Street Chelsea, MA 02150) or to Chelsea Human Services Collaborative (318 Broadway, Chelsea, MA 02150).

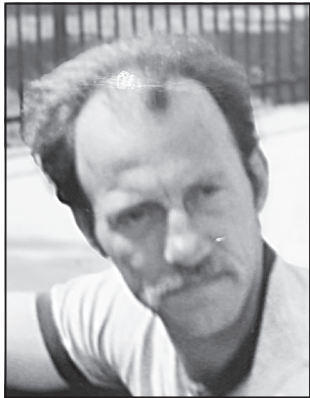
## Daniel Johnson

Lifelong East Boston resident

Daniel T. Johnson, 67, a lifelong resident of East Boston, passed away on August 8 after a brief illness.

He was the beloved son of the late Allen and Molly (Stornaieulo) Johnson, brother of Richard Johnson and his wife, Geraldine, Irene Costello and her husband, Edward, Cheryl Van Meter, Warren Johnson and the late Dorothea Greco, Allen Johnson and Anthony Stornaieulo. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

A Memorial Mass will be celebrated for Dan-



ny on Wednesday, September 16 at 10 a.m. at Sacred Heart Church, Brooks St, East Boston. Masks and social distancing protocols will be in accordance with church policies.

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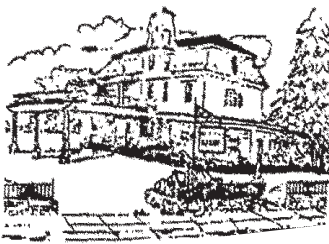
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The Nine of Us*





# Transportation Safety Advisory Committee: Lowering town speed limit “a no brainer”

By Laura Plummer

The Transportation Safety Advisory Committee (TSAC) met on Sept. 2 via Zoom, where it voted unanimously to reduce the town speed limit.

In attendance were committee members Police Chief Terence Delehanty, Fire Chief Paul Flanagan, DPW Director Steve Calla and Parking Hearing Officer Michael Diluio; Town Councilor Rich Ferrino; chair of

the former Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) Julia Wallerice; Admin. Asst. to the Town Manager Laurisa Wojcik and members of the public.

The Town Manager and the Town Council put items on the TSAC meeting agenda to allow the public to weigh in. TSAC then gives recommendations to the Town Manager to present to the Council.

On the agenda was a motion from the Town

Council to decrease the maximum speed in Winthrop from 30MPH to 25MPH in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Modernization Act.

“People are not slowing down,” said Councilor Ferrino, who introduced the motion. “They’re not adhering to the speed limit. It’s time we address this issue.”

Wallerice mentioned that TAC, which was absorbed by TSAC, made the same suggestion and

received strong community support.

“Speed kills, plain and simple,” she said. “I would love to see Winthrop embrace the state’s Vision Zero Coalition, and this is a small way to do that.”

The Massachusetts Vision Zero Coalition is a campaign aimed at minimizing traffic injuries and deaths across the state. Wallerice mentioned that street design was also critical in achieving this goal.

Caller Peter Gill supported the decrease and suggested that the new limit be posted at both town entrances.

Caller Heather Graziani said the new limit would make the town safer for her children and contribute to making Winthrop a more walkable and bikeable town.

Caller John Stanley expressed his support of the motion.

“I walk the town frequently and my safety is threatened,” he told the committee. “The [speeding] is horrendous coming down Shirley Street.

The speed limit is totally ignored.”

Chief Flanagan said lowering the maximum speed was “a no brainer”, but he first wanted to hear from the police department, since it would require more work on their part.

“If folks won’t go 30, they sure as heck don’t want to go 25,” he said.

Chief Delehanty also called the measure a “no brainer”, but added that electronic signs and initial enforcement would require additional funding.

Director Calla reported that all speed limit signs would need to be replaced, at a cost of about \$100 per sign. As an alternative to electronic speeding signs that require a power source, he suggested the more affordable solar-powered signs that flash a driver’s current rate of speed.

“I’m in favor of reducing the speed limit,” he said. “People are speeding everywhere.”

When the matter was brought to a vote, TSAC voted unanimously to decrease the maximum

speed on town roads and to petition the state to do the same on state-owned roads in Winthrop. It will submit the motion to the Town Council. TSAC will submit a second motion to Council to approve the necessary funding to realize the project.

Winthrop is not alone in its goal to minimize speeding. Since the start of the coronavirus pandemic, cities and towns across the state have reported a spike in traffic fatalities. This is attributed to empty roadways resulting from the almost overnight drop in Americans commuting to and from work.

At the Sept. 2 meeting, TSAC also voted to make the following recommendations to Council: implement 15-minute parking on Shirley St. in the vicinity of Shirley Hardware; amend the Resident Parking Sticker Program; eliminate parking on a portion of South Main St.; install a stop sign at Quincy/Cliff Ave.; and improve traffic and pedestrian safety on Almont, Cross & Locust St.

# Library directors provide update to Council

By Laura Plummer

The Winthrop Town Council met virtually on Sept. 8, where it heard a presentation by the Library Director Dianne Wallace and Asst. Director Mary Lou Osborne.

In attendance were members of the Town Council, Town Manager Austin Faison, Asst. Town Manager Anna Freedman, Asst. to the Town Manager Laurisa Wojcik and about 60 members of the public.

Wallace and Osborne presented an informative slideshow about current library operations with the help of Asst. Town Manager Freedman. The presentation was commissioned by Council at its previous meeting.

Prior to the start of the presentation, Town Manager Faison prefaced that the goal was not to engage the directors in a back-and-forth with the public, but rather to inform the council and the public about the library’s up-to-date situation and its future goals.

Wallace began by lamenting the library’s current state of affairs.

“This is not the model of service we want to see,” she said. “We are in the sharing business. We want to share our materials. It breaks our heart we can’t invite people in.”

While closed, the library has been continuing to provide services such as front door pickup and home delivery. Since March, it has circulated around 5,000 physical items and 7,000 digital items. In addition, the directors have ordered thousands of new materials to expand their catalogue and have removed obsolete or missing titles from their inventory. As the only two remaining library staff, Wallerice

and Osborne have responded to all email and phone messages.

During its closure, the library has adopted new health and safety measures in order to prepare for the eventual reopening. These include germ shields, touchless faucets, hand sanitizing stations, signage, and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for staff. High traffic areas will be sanitized regularly and the building will be disinfected by an electrostatic spray upon reopening.

In addition, the directors have developed procedures for safely handling materials and will be providing training for all returning staff. Personnel hours and duties may be altered in order to meet all health standards. To limit physical interaction, a self-service checkout station will be available.

The library intends to expand its hours for curbside pickup and to offer printing services. It would also like to offer technical assistance and reference materials by phone. Virtual programming will become more robust, with offerings from Chef Liz and Ted Reinstein. The directors will also bring on new staff members, such as a children’s librarian.

The directors concluded their presentation by stating that they “look forward to the day when all services return to normal.”

Councilor Rob DeMarco mentioned that charts had surfaced online comparing the Winthrop Library to other area libraries. Town Manager Faison urged caution when interpreting these graphs, saying data can often be presented in such a way as to re-

flect a specific agenda.

“Those materials are given out to individuals who support libraries,” he warned.

Caller Steve Dalton, who is a theological librarian, was incensed at the idea, saying that he had personally created the infographics.

“I compiled that data and I’m not affiliated with the union,” he said. “It’s an independent endeavour because I’m enthusiastic about the mission of the library.”

Dalton continued, stating that the Winthrop Library system is “months behind” other libraries in the region, and that his group will “continue agitating and fighting” until they achieve their objectives.

Town Manager Faison asked for patience, stating, “We are trying to keep our employees safe while providing at least some level of service.”

Faison is currently in negotiations with the union to hire a new children’s librarian and to come up with a date upon which library staff can safely return to work. The current plan is to recall all of the personnel that had been furloughed and laid off, possibly as soon as the first week of October. The library’s bookstore would open simultaneously. Faison will meet with the union on Sept. 15.

During the public comment and correspondence portion of the evening, numerous individuals shared their support for the reopening of the library.

Caller Erica Risti moved to Winthrop at the start of the pandemic.

“The way I know I belong somewhere is when I have a library card from that town,” she said.

# Center Business District Infrastructure Improvements Construction Updates

Special to the Transcript

The following is a summary of the work completed last week and the work P. Gioioso & Sons, Inc. has scheduled for upcoming weeks. Please note, the anticipated schedule may vary due to unforeseen site conditions, weather conditions, or other factors out of the contractor’s control.

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Continued construction of permanent sewer service connections to residences on Bartlett Rd., between Adams St. and Pleasant St.

Completed construction of the new water main on Bartlett Rd., between French Square and Pleasant St.

Began construction of the new water main on Adams St., between Bartlett Rd. and Williams St.

Continued construction of the new storm drain on Hagman Rd., between Pauline St. and French Square. Installed new catch basin, manhole, and 48” drain pipe.

Began installation of permanent water service connections to new water main for residences/businesses on Woodside Ave., between Pauline St. and Somerset Ave.

Installed temporary trench pavement for trenches excavated in French Square., Bartlett Rd., Adams St., Hagman Rd., and Woodside Ave.

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Install temporary trench pavement for trenches excavated on Adams St., Williams St., Bartlett Rd., Hagman Rd., Woodside Ave., and Somerset Ave.

2. September 14 to September 18, 2020

Begin construction of the new sewer main on Somerset Ave., between Cottage Park Rd. and Pleasant St.

Continue construction of the new storm drain on Hagman Rd., between Pauline St. and French Square. Install new catch basins structures and laterals.

Continue installation of permanent sewer service connections to new sewer main for residences/businesses on Woodside Ave., between French Square and Adams St.

Install temporary trench pavement for trenches excavated on Somerset Ave., Hagman Rd., and Woodside Ave.

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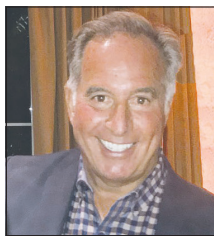
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## Cubs win Winthrop Little League Senior Championship

By Cary Shuman

Cubs Manager Bob Andy said after the Winthrop Senior Baseball League’s championship-deciding game Tuesday night that “My team just showed up to play every day and I can’t more proud of them.”

Anthony Indrisano saved one of the best pitching performances of the season for the biggest stage, tossing a two-hit, eight-strikeout, complete game to help the Cubs defeat the upstart Twins, 10-2, in Game 3 of the playoff finals and win the 2020 Winthrop Senior Baseball League championship at Ingleside Park.

“Anthony Indresano showed up tonight,” said Manager Andy. “He was in control the whole way.”

Indrisano and Zack Bogusz were the co-aces of the Cubs’ staff.

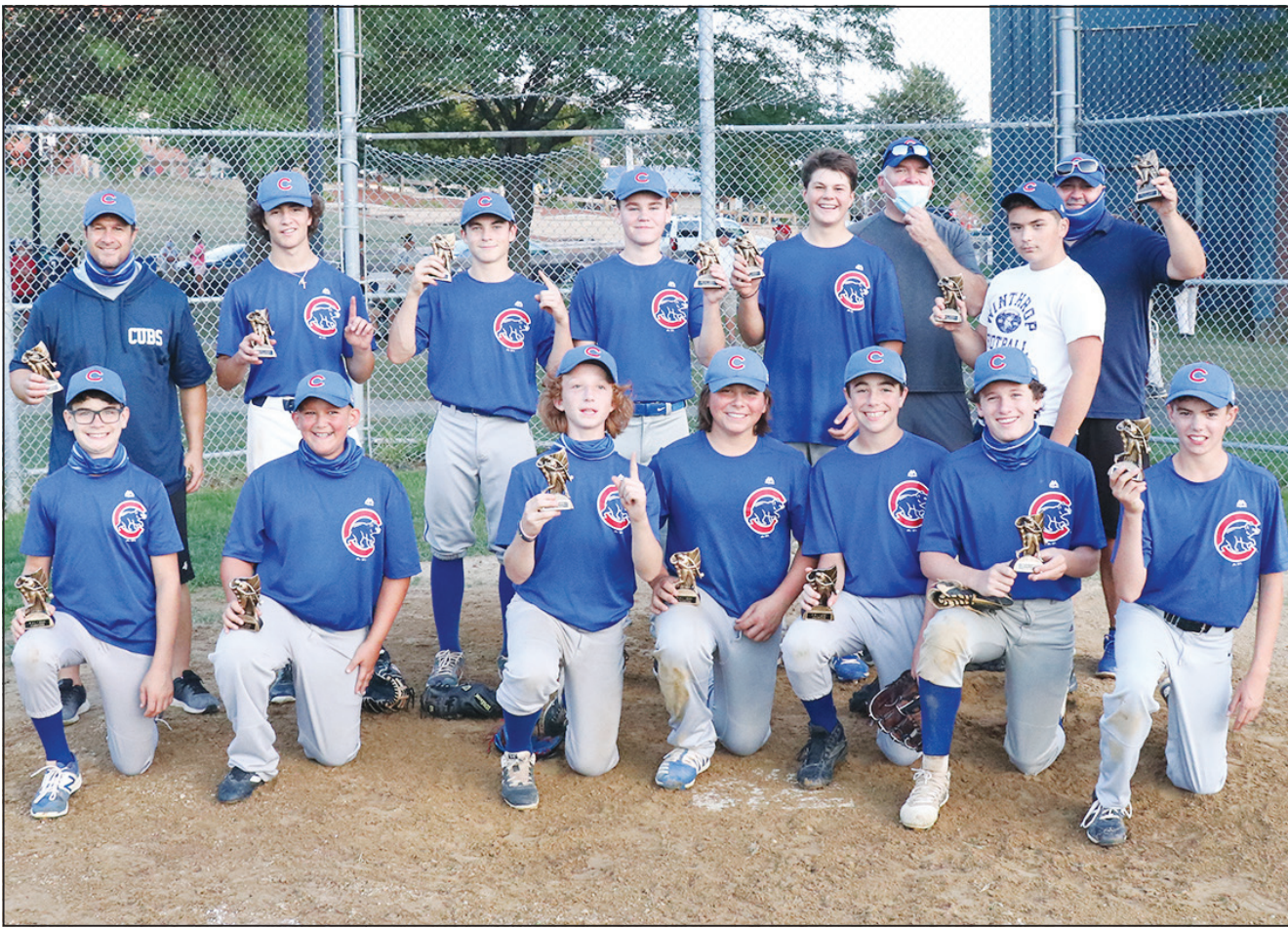
“We rode their arms the whole season,” said Manager Andy. “Without them, we’re not celebrating a championship tonight.”

Ryan Nolen, Jay Fotiades, Jack Andy, Robert Rich, and Zack Bogusz all made big contributions to the Cubs’ offense in the deciding game of the best-of-three series.

“Everyone 1 through

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### WINTHROP SENIOR LEAGUE BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME



Shown above, Head Coach Bob Andy with his Asst. Coaches, Steve Indrisano and Tom Bailey celebrate with their boys, the Cubs, the 2020 Winthrop Senior league Baseball Champions. Shown to the left, Heading to the plate for the Cubs, Jake McManus. Shown below, catcher for the Twins, Colin Kinsella at bat in the early innings.

## WINTHROP LITTLE LEAGUE Mariners see their way to the championship

Special to The Transcript

Back in early March, Winthrop Little League was about to wrap up a very positive, well done Friday night baseball clinic. League president Joe Murphy and the Little League board of directors had coordinated with Mark DiGregorio and Mike DeFelice to have some of the high school players coach groups of about 70 Little Leaguers, ages ranging from 7-12 in the old middle school gym. It was a very successful program, and the youngsters really enjoyed learning from the big kids. As they approached the final Friday, COVID-19 struck and the board regretfully canceled the final week.

At that point, hopes were for a quick end to the quarantine and a typical Little League season, but COVID-19 had other plans, and for a while it seemed there would not be a baseball season. But The board (Mary Spinale, Kim Griffin, Danielle McLaughlin, Eric Matthieu, Chris Previte, Chris Evans, Greg Buchman, Greg Sullivan, Joe Murray and Joe Murphy) worked to keep abreast of state and town guidelines and kept in contact with each other. When it looked like an opportunity to put a season together, they needed to act quickly. They determined that in order to have any season, and to keep the children and families safe, it would take considerable effort, attention, cooperation, and management. With that in mind, they made the difficult decision to cancel the T-ball, C Division, and B Division, and only offer A Division (ages 10-12), and, for the

first time in 15 years, Senior League (13-16).

The board members and a large group of volunteers spent most of a Saturday tending to the A field, pulling the weeds that had taken over, hanging the padding and windscreens, and leveling the infield. Soon after that teams were drafted and schedules were made, and once the State approved practices, teams began working out.

“We really had no idea what we had for a team,” said Mariners manager Greg Sullivan. “We drafted back on June 14<sup>th</sup>; I think it was. It seems like a lifetime ago. I knew we had a few strong ballplayers in Joe Dalton and Francesca Indrisano, because I had them last year in B-division. And I knew Danny Connolly because he had absolutely punished us the last couple of years, so I was excited to have him on our side this time! And my son Antonio was coming off a very good 8 year-old season in B division, but beyond that, I wasn’t familiar with many of these kids as baseball players.”

The Mariners lost the season opener 9-4 on July 6th. “It was close for a while, but we made some mistakes on the bases and in the field, and we let them snowball.” explained coach Jack Joyce. “One bad throw turned into three bad throws, and next thing we knew it had gotten away from us. The Angels are a good team, and we can’t make mistakes like that with them.” Six straight hits by Nate Previte, Mark D’Ambrosio, Paul Ferrara, Nikita Rossi, JJ

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# Cubs win // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 9

11 contributed tonight,” said Andy. “It was a total win. It was our chance to finish it off and we finished strong.”

Bogusz also played very well defensively at first base. Rich was the Jackie Bradley Jr. of the league’s outfielders, covering a lot of ground in centerfield. Andy, son of the Cubs’ manager, was the dependable No. 1 catcher while Indrisano and Jake McManus were excellent shortstops.

“We had solid defense – I never had to worry about my ‘D’,” said Andy.

The Twins, coached by Jason Rockefeller and Mike Gagnon and with a talented cast including Colin Kinsella and Company, were the No. 3 seed in the playoffs but defeated the No. 2 seeded Angels in the semi-finals and then took the No. 1-seeded Cubs in to a decisive third game of the finals.

“The Twins were gamers,” said Andy. “As a coach, I came down to watch the other series and they were tenacious. They trailed in every game against the Angels but they fought back. We respected the Twins and they fought us tooth and nail. Those guys should be very proud of how well they played in this series.”



On the mound for the Cubs, Anthony Indrisano with the classic windup stance.

Bob Andy thanked League Commissioner Mark DiGregorio for re-launching the league and giving Winthrop players an opportunity to enjoy some spirited baseball competition during difficult times due to the coronavirus.

“Mark did a phenomenal job from Day 1,” said Andy. “He worked tirelessly. I can’t say enough good things about him.

“It’s good to see this league back in this town,”

continued Andy, who played baseball in the old Winthrop Senior (Pony) League and at Winthrop High for Coaches Barry Rosen and Vinnie Eruzone (“My favorite coach I ever played for.”). “I hope this is a springboard. I hope we get more players next year and we can have more teams. The kids had a great time. I heard them saying, ‘This is fun. This is good baseball.’”



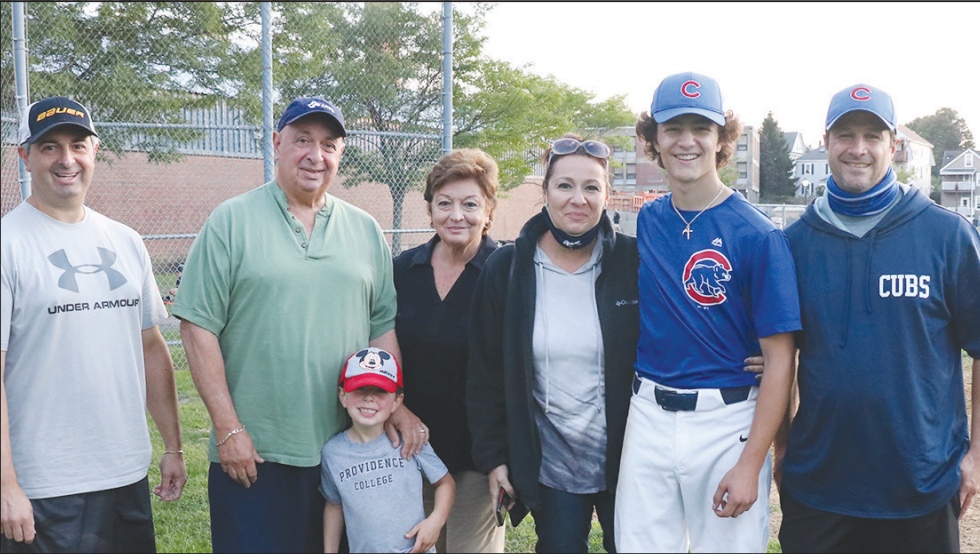
Zach Bogusz celebrates with his family, Tom and Zoey Bogusz and Julie Wasson.



Shown above, winning pitcher, Anthony Indrisano (center) closing the game after 7 complete innings, throwing the maximum allowed pitches of 95 gets swarmed by his team mates after winning the championship last Tuesday night at Ingleside Park.



Twin trophies for the Cubs, Asst. Coach Steve Indrisano and his son Anthony collect their championship trophies after the game last Tuesday evening in Winthrop.



Anthony Indrisano with the Poto and Indrisano families.



Shown above, Twin’s First Baseman, Mark Johnson stretches to make the play for the out. Shown left, On deck for the Cubs, Petey Silverman



Starting for the Twins, Evan Rockefeller.



Behind the plate for the Cubs, Jack Andy, checking with the umpire on the last pitch.

## COVID-19 has changed everything.

Connect with our readers of **The Revere Journal**, **The Winthrop Sun Transcript**, **The East Boston Times Free Press**, **Chelsea Record**, **Everett Independent**, and **Lynn Journal** who are looking for options in light of the current crisis in our September editions:

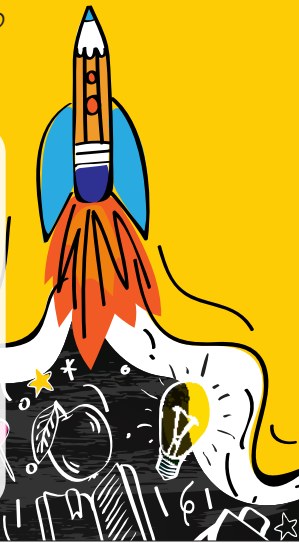
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NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

KENNEDY TAKES CHELSEA

CHELSEA - Congressman Joe Kennedy III scored a rare win in Chelsea on Tuesday night, Sept. 1, in a Democratic Primary that was all about his opponent, U.S. Senator Ed Markey – who took the statewide vote decidedly.

In Chelsea, Kennedy got 2,097 votes (52 percent) to Markey’s 1,903 votes (47 percent), built on a campaign that came to Chelsea numerous times and especially in August when he dropped by Golden Cannoli and came last Saturday campaigning with New York Congressman Adriano Espaillat.

Kennedy also had the support of Councilor Judith Garcia, who had joined the campaign staff during the summer. Council President Roy Avellaneda was also very strongly in the Kennedy camp as well.

Kennedy’s win in Chelsea follows a clear trend where he did very well in Latino and Span-

ish-speaking communities. In Everett, the race went to Markey, but was much closer than expected for a Senator who grew up the next city over and had huge institutional support.

In Revere and Lynn, where there are huge Latino communities, Kennedy also won over Markey. That was also true in Boston, where areas of that city which are heavily Spanish-speaking bucked the trend and voted for Kennedy. That was likely due to the fact that Kennedy frequently spoke fluent Spanish when he showed up to events where Spanish-speakers were present.

In Boston overall and everywhere else, however, Markey cleaned Kennedy’s clock in a decisive win that was over very quickly in the evening.

Markey pulled out the statewide win with 55 percent of the vote to Kennedy’s 44.6 percent of the vote. In Boston, it was even more lopsided as Markey collected

59 percent of the vote (77,518) to Kennedy’s 40 percent (52,485).

Markey enjoyed strong support in western Massachusetts, and also on Cape Ann. Kennedy showed strength in southeast Massachusetts and central Massachusetts.

Kennedy jumped out to a fast start more than a year ago, and as time went on, few gave Markey a chance as Kennedy seemed to have the rising star. However, one should never count Ed Markey out of the picture. Markey’s campaign came alive down the stretch with the ‘Leads and Delivers’ bus tour, and grabbed a key endorsement from local leaders like State Sen. Sal DiDomenico.

In Kennedy’s concession speech Tuesday night, he said his coalition will continue.

“The Senator is a good man,” he said of Markey. “You’ve never heard me say otherwise. I know it was difficult between us at times -- good elections

OPENING DAY STARTS AT EAST BOSTON CENTRAL CATHOLIC



The East Boston Central Catholic School (EBCCS) has opened their doors for the 2020-2021 school year. Shown above, EBCCS teacher Sharon Rozzi teaches in her classroom. EBCCS plans to start the school year with some students learning ‘in-person’ while others learning ‘remotely’.

get heated -- but I am grateful for our debates, for his commitment to this Commonwealth, and for the energy and enthusiasm that he brought to this race. Obviously, these results are not the ones we were hoping for...We built a campaign for the people that our politics too often locks out and leaves behind. We built a campaign for Lawrence and Chelsea and New Bedford and Roxbury and Brockton and Springfield and Lowell and Worcester. We built a campaign for working folks -- of every color and creed -- who carry the economic injustice of this country on their backs. This campaign’s coalition will endure.”

• OTHER UNCONTESTED RACES

In other races voted on in Chelsea Tuesday that weren’t contested, the following were the results:

Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley – 3,378 votes

State Sen. Sal DiDomenico – 3,323 votes

Register of Probate Felix Arroyo beat Kerby Roberson 2,932 votes to 637 votes.

Governor’s Councillor Terrence Kennedy beat Helina Fontes, 2,222 votes to 1,365 votes.

• REPUBLICAN BALLOT

There was one contested race on the Republican ballot, but a lot of action in the write-in category it has been said.

In the U.S. Senate race on the Republican side, Kevin O’Connor beat Siva Ayyadurai, 201 to 192.

ST. STANISLAUS PARISH CLOSES

CHELSEA - The long-standing St. Stanislaus Polish Catholic Church on Chestnut Street held its last public Masses after 115 years of perseverance – surviving two conflagrations – in serving the faithful in the Polish language.

Parishioners held a bittersweet remembrance of all the history and hard work put into the Parish over the decades – particularly thanking Pastor Andrew Grelak, a Polish priest who came to the Parish in 1996 and has served tirelessly with time, devotion and his own money.

“It is with the same

Bóg zapłać that I turn to you, the most faithful parishioners,” read a letter spoken aloud during the last Mass. “You maintained the Parish spiritually with your regular participation in the Holy Mass as well as financially paying your dues and contributing your hard-earned money to various renovation projects over the years. For you this was simply a holy obligation that will never be forgotten.

“Today, the long and glorious history of St. Stanislaus Parish in Chelsea come to and end,” it continued. “The doors to our church will be closed forever. Among those of us for whom this church was a place of prayer in our native language and a bastion of Polish culture, this awakens in us deep anguish. Leaving this church for the last time, we will fondly recall what a unique place this truly was. But, we must also carry with us the disappointment that we were unable to fulfill the promises of our forefathers and maintain this Parish longer.”

It was as sad an ending as it was joyous in its beginning.

St. Stan’s, as it is affectionately known in Chelsea, began in 1903 when Polish immigrants settled in Chelsea and wanted respite from their long hours of manual labor by being able to go to a Polish church. When asked at the time by the Archdiocese of Boston if they wanted their own church and would bore the costs of maintenance, records show they said, “We want God in this country, in the Polish language and tradition...”

Over the next two years, Polish families in Chelsea contributed 25 cents a week for the Parish Fund. They finally purchased the former Congregational Church on Chestnut Street and consecrated it as a Polish Roman Catholic Church on July 2, 1905. In 1908, the Great Chelsea Fire hit the building and burnt it down. One year later, the church had been rebuilt.

It’s height came in the 1930s when the Parish had assets of what would today be \$4 million and a thriving religious community. They added a convent to the campus, and also built a school.

A big part of the last services was thanking Pastor Andrew, who in a phone call with the

Record, declined to comment on the matter – clearly sad to see the community dissolve.

“Father Andrew, we are thankful for your tireless service at the altar of Christ, for our sick and for our deceased over the past 24 years,” the wrote. “You prepared us for the jubilee year that was the 100th anniversary of the parish in 2005 and have been with us in good as well as in difficult times.”

About eight years ago, St. Stan’s sold the school, which was developed into housing and is now operated by TND in Chelsea for housing units.

It is uncertain right now what will happen with the church building but that will likely be discussed in the near future. Parishioners seeking Polish language Masses are being directed to a Parish in South Boston.

TIPPING COW ICE CREAM TOPS LIST


EVERETT - There were a few key priorities for David Lindsey and his wife, Everett Councilor Gerly Adrien, when they took over Somerville’s Tipping Cow Ice Cream in 2018.

They promised to be all-natural, nut- and allergen-free, create a welcoming place for people to visit, and – as the cherry on top of that creation – to win the Best of Boston award for ice cream.

This month, they checked off the top of the list with Boston Magazine naming the shop the best ice cream in Boston – a major feather in the cap for the business that Lindsey and Adrien have been steadily growing for the last three summers.

“In 2018, we said we wanted to get that Best of Boston designation, but knew it would take a lot of work,” said Lindsey last Friday, amidst mixing up a new batch of ice cream at his shop. “I said if we do things right and stay consistent, good things will come. We’ve creating a welcoming environment and treat people that come in with care and respect. We feel like we sell pints of love and happiness. That’s what’s important – giving people a good quality product made from scratch.”

Lindsey had never really been in the ice cream business before, but he said he knew he wanted to own his own business. He was familiar with making home-made ice



### TOWN OF WINTHROP BOARD OF HEALTH

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#### Safety Rules for Use of Municipal Beaches

(applies to Yirrell Beach, Pico Beach, Donovan’s Beach and Halford’s Beach)

##### Face Coverings and Masks

All beach visitors shall comply with *COVID-19 Order 31: Order Requiring Face Coverings in Public Places Where Social Distancing is Not Possible*. The order requires any person over the age of 2, whether indoors or outdoors, to **wear a face covering or mask when they cannot maintain 6 feet of distance between themselves and others**, unless they have a medical condition preventing them from doing so (see further guidance here: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-state-of-emergency>). Masks are not required to be worn while swimming.

##### Group Size


No groups larger than 10 are allowed to gather. (<https://www.mass.gov/doc/march-31-2020-assemblage-guidance/download>)

##### Safety Rules

- Beach visitors are required to maintain **social distancing of at least 6 feet or more** at all times and visitors should maintain at least 12 ft minimum distance between towel/ing/blanket areas.
- Organized ball games are not allowed.
- A minimum distance of 6 feet shall be maintained between lifeguards and between the public and lifeguard stands unless in the case of an emergency.
- Wash your hands or use hand sanitizer frequently.
- If you are feeling sick, stay home!

##### Trash Disposal

While lidless no-touch trash disposal receptacles at beaches may be available at the discretion of the Town of Winthrop, visitors should adhere to a “carry in, carry out” policy and take waste with them whenever possible.



### COVID-19 Face Covering Decision Guide

**Are you leaving home?**

Face covering is required to be worn when you cannot maintain six feet of social distance to another person who does not live in your household. A person who cannot wear a face covering for medical reasons is not required to provide documentation. [Face covering requirement for public, Order 31](#)

**Are you outdoors less than 6 feet away from someone who doesn't live with you?**

Face covering is required to be worn. [Face covering requirement for public, Order 31](#)

**Are you an employee or customer of grocery, pharmacy, retail, or shared transit, even if you will be more than 6 feet away from others?**

Face covering is required to be worn. A business may deny service to a person who refuses to wear a mask for nonmedical reasons. [Face covering requirement for public, Order 31](#)

**Are you at any indoor business or organization, less than 6 feet away from someone who doesn't live with you?**

Face covering is required to be worn. [Massachusetts Workplace Safety Standards, Order 33](#)

**Minimize the use of confined spaces, elevators, control rooms, and vehicles, by more than one individual at a time.**

All workers in such spaces at that same time are required to wear face coverings. [Massachusetts Workplace Safety Standards, Order 33](#)

**Are you alone in an elevator, inside an indoor shared common area, or other indoor enclosed area?**

Face covering is recommended.

**Questions? Email: [safepublicworkplacemailbox@mass.gov](mailto:safepublicworkplacemailbox@mass.gov) or visit: [mass.gov/dols](https://mass.gov/dols)**



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cream with his family growing up in Missouri, and he also had a lot of first-hand experience with culinary principles from working in fine dining. However, running an ice cream shop was new territory.

“I used to make ice cream with my grandparents used the old-style churns,” he said. “You earned that ice cream. In college I worked with pastry chefs and they showed me things. Coupled with that was the experience in my own family and my own creativity and experimentation.”

They kept the name of the show, Tipping Cow on Medford Street in Somerville, when they purchased it, but Lindsey said they were quite clear from day one they were taking it to a higher level. Starting with 12 core flavors, they experimented, researched and brainstormed until they have a huge variety of different tastes and gourmet offerings.

“We’ve created over 100 different flavors that we rotate in and out,” he said. “We even have things like roasted honey fig, and I’m working now on a fig and goat cheese flavor. We make all our ice cream without the ego...Part of making ice cream is instinctive, but part of it is other aspects of understanding culinary arts and how foods work together...We say we’re trying to bring a piece of gourmet down to Earth in a fun and friendly environment.”

One of the more interesting flavors he came up with is Vanilla Plum Cardinal.

“We’ve only made it four times ever,” said Lindsey. “That’s because we have to find the right plums.”

Though he has nine different chocolate ice creams, Lindsey said he really never liked any kind of chocolate ice cream until he experimented with a Triple Chocolate. Now, out of all the choices on hand, he said that has become his favorite flavor.

For the shop, which has now been open in phases over the last two months after the COVID-19 lockdowns, the most popular summer flavors have been Sweet Corn, Teddie Berry Cherry and Key Lime Pie.

And they do it all in a way that’s safe for people who have allergies, or who require dairy-free offerings (they have 30 dairy-free flavors).

Right now, they are also expanding their pint sales in gourmet shopping markets, and they have recently won the ability to feature their ice cream at Earl of Sandwich on the Boston Common – getting rave reviews so far.

Yet, at the same time, all of the fun listed above cannot be a success unless there is consistency, said Lindsey. It’s something Tipping Cow has achieved with many hours of work – sometimes as many as 80 to 90 hours put into the business in a week.

“The biggest thing with any business, especially food and food service, is consistency – providing a product that consistently tastes the same,” he said. “That requires a lot of care and attention to detail...We’ve been consistent since we first opened. We’ve con-

tinued to build on it.”

For Lindsey, despite the long hours and constant brainstorming about creative ideas, it is rewarding and worth it – something that was shown in the Best of Boston designation.

“It’s fun and it’s rewarding,” he said. “You get an opportunity to do something that people love and really like. Being able to make people happy is cool. I don’t miss putting on a shirt and tie and running to the Orange Line from Everett to fight to get downtown. It was chaotic, but that’s not to say I didn’t enjoy it. However, it’s a whole different thing being able to come in and create something people love.”

Tipping Cow is located at 415 Medford St. in Somerville, and Lindsey said they frequently find folks from Everett making their way over to the shop.

## WALSH ADDRESSES COVID-19 CRISIS IN EASTIE

EAST BOSTON - At his daily press briefing, Mayor Martin Walsh addressed the ongoing COVID-19 crisis unfolding in East Boston, saying his administration remains committed to monitoring and sharing neighborhood data and race and ethnicity data, and responding to any anticipated or emerging disparities.

Over the past month, Eastie has reemerged as a COVID-19 ‘hotspot’ in the city after a relatively quiet few months where positive test rates and infection rates remained stable.

Eastie now leads the city in infection rates and positive test rates by leaps and bounds with the positive infection rate here at nearly 11 percent last week against a city-wide average of 2.3 percent.

Mayor Walsh said these numbers are concerning and the City is addressing the sharp rise through a multipronged approach.

Mayor Walsh has deployed a mobile testing site, in partnership with the East Boston Neighborhood Health Center (EBNHC), to Central Square through Saturday (see Eastie COVID Update story).

The city is also working with the State to identify temporary isolation housing, so that people can quarantine away from their families if they test positive.

“We are working collaboratively on strategies and solutions with East Boston elected officials; cross-departmental City teams; medical and social service providers in the neighborhood; union leaders who represent East Boston residents and workers; and clergy who have been helping to share messages at services,” said Walsh. “The Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) has mobilized teams to provide safety materials and education to residents and businesses in multiple languages, including English, Spanish, and Arabic. They have been out at MBTA stations and key intersections, and will be expanding into neighborhood parks at

times when people gather and play sports. They are distributing COVID care kits, sharing information about safety precautions, and answering questions that people may have about COVID-19. We are making clear that anyone can get tested, regardless of immigration status. No information about your status will be asked. And we are making clear that residents can file a confidential complaint with the BPHC if employers or businesses aren’t following safety guidelines.”

In addition, business outreach in Eastie began last week in multiple languages, to make sure management and staff know COVID regulations; have access to PPE, signage, and prevention efforts like social distancing and hygiene; and know that they need to report to BPHC when they have an employee test positive.

The Mayor said that if case numbers don’t come down, the City will look at tightening regulations around gatherings and public spaces, but he hopes that it doesn’t come to that.

“The City will prioritize working collaboratively with residents to get the message out that COVID-19 is still with us and all the precautions we’ve been taking are still necessary,” he said.

The Mayor pointed out that economic conditions impact COVID numbers, and that Eastie has high rates of multi-generational housing, overcrowded housing, and breadwinners who can only work outside the home. He said bringing resources to those families and supporting them when workers need to stay home is a big part of the solution.

The Mayor concluded with a reflection on the ongoing psychological impact of COVID-19:

“Let’s remember what people are going through,” said Walsh. “People are experiencing illness in themselves and loved ones; fear of COVID that many have anxiety around; financial stress around lost income, struggling small businesses, and people in fear of losing their home. And then there’s the toll of systemic racism. Many residents experience it personally and they also see continual footage of violence against Black and Brown people on social media. All of it together is taking a tremendous toll. It’s showing up in mental health concerns and physical health concerns. It’s playing a role in domestic violence and street violence. And people are struggling with substance use. For anyone in recovery or interested in recovery, recovery meetings are online and now some meetings are happening in person, outdoors. You can reach out to AA or NA to find a meeting, or contact our Office of Recovery Services by calling 311.”

Walsh reminded the public that these are not normal times and a tendency toward conflict will not serve us well in every situation right now.

“I ask everyone to work together in a spirit of unity and I urge everyone to be kind to yourself and others,” he said. “Let’s take it a day at a time.”

## REVERE SCHOOL AND TEACHERS ENTER INTO MOA

REVERE - At an emergency Revere School Committee meeting called on August 28, Revere Public School Superintendent Dr. Dianne Kelly said RPS and the Revere Teachers Association (RTA) have entered into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) to safely restart the school year.

The MOA, that was unanimously adopted by the School Committee, addresses some the concerns RTA members had

over Revere’s school reopening plan.

While the School Committee voted earlier this month to start with a ‘remote’ learning model instead of a ‘hybrid’ learning model due to an increase in COVID positive test rates, RTA members still had concerns over the safety of the plan.

Major concerns from the RTA included the fact that teachers would have to teach remotely from their classrooms and high-risk students like ELA and special education students would

be coming to Revere’s school buildings for in-person learning despite the remote phase.

Under the MOA adopted by the School Committee teachers will provide remote learning three days a week from classrooms and two days a week from home. During shortened four day holiday weeks teachers will do two days from their classroom and two days from their home. Dr. Kelly said all teachers have the option to teach from their classroom five days a week if they so choose.

# Real Estate Transfers

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### TOWN OF WINTHROP LEGAL NOTICE

# 011-2020 Notice is hereby given in accordance with Chapter 40A of the Massachusetts General Laws and Chapter 17 of the Code of the Town of Winthrop that the Winthrop Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing Thursday, September 24, 2020 on Zoom.com at or after 7:00 p.m. upon the application of Michael Carney, 12-16 Realty Trust, 12-16 Revere St., Winthrop, MA 02152. You are invited to a Zoom webinar.

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vs. the 22 provided, thereby necessitating a parking variance from the Board of Appeals. See §17.20.060. Copies of the aforementioned application and plans are on file and available for inspection at the Office of the Town Clerk, Town Hall, Monday through Thursday during the normal business hours.  
Darren Baird, Chairman  
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zoom.us/u/kb2tEKzu4a The property contains two accessory buildings constructed in the form of one greenhouse and one storage shed. These buildings are within the rear setbacks required in the Business A (BA) zoning district and therefore currently exist as pre-existing, non-conforming structures. The owner plans to demolish the existing single story shed with a footprint of 18'x30' and a greenhouse with a footprint of 17'x30' and construct a two story building with a footprint of 20'x50' and a greenhouse structure with a footprint of 20'x30'. The two-story storage building will be built in the same location as the existing shed and the proposed greenhouse will be constructed in the same location as the existing greenhouse. Each structure will include a rear yard setback of two (2) feet. The total lot coverage with the existing hardware store proposed storage building and proposed greenhouse will be 28%. Removal of the nonconforming structure extinguishes the protections provided by G.L. c. 40A& 6. Building permit is denied as the new structures will not comply with the rear yard setback, 24' or one-fifth the depth of the lot, whichever is less, in the BA zone. Therefore, the owner must apply to the Winthrop Board of Appeals for a variance from the rear yard setback pursuant to the provisions of Section 17.16.030. Further, as the property is located within the jurisdiction of the Winthrop Conservation Commission, the owner must, prior to obtaining a building permit, receive and Order of Conditions from the Conservation Commission. Copies of the aforementioned application and plans are on file and available for inspection at the Office of the Town Clerk, Town Hall, Monday through Thursday during the normal business hours.  
Darren Baird, Chairman  
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# EBNHC announces Greg Wilmot as new SVP, COO

By John Lynds

Last week the East Boston Neighborhood Health Center (EBNHC) announced that Greg Wilmot has been promoted to the role of senior vice president (SVP) and chief operating officer (COO). Wilmot most recently served as vice president and executive director of Neighborhood PACE, part of the national Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly network that provides comprehensive care and support for adults 55 and older with specific needs and preferences. In this new capacity, Wilmot will continue to oversee the PACE program while also playing a key role in the development of EBNHC’s 2025 strategic plan.

“This year the East Boston Neighborhood Health Center celebrates its 50th anniversary providing easily accessible, high-quality health care to some of our most vulnerable populations,” said Wilmot. “No patient is ever turned away and it is a privilege to be a part of an organization that has made such a tremendous impact on the local community. As we chart a course for the Health Center’s future, I’m looking forward to helping shape its strate-

gic planning efforts.” This week the East Boston Times conducted a ‘virtual’ interview with Wilmot.

**East Boston Times:** How has running PACE prepared you for your new role as SVP, COO?

**Greg Wilmot:** After nearly two decades working in the health-care industry, in 2017, I joined EBNHC to help develop and execute a multi-year strategic plan for the PACE program. That plan intended to grow our PACE program and improve the program’s overall operational performance, financial performance, clinical quality, and patient experience. I am proud to say that our team made tremendous progress on all of these fronts. As SVP, COO, with an expanded focus, working across the health center, I have a similar charge and alongside our tremendous leadership team and dedicated staff, have great confidence in what we’ll accomplish.

**EBT:** COVID has had a huge impact on Eastie and surrounding areas. What do you think are the most challenging issues with COVID and how can the EBNHC help solve these issues?

**GW:** I have three major

concerns about COVID. First, it is a deadly and highly infectious disease that is disproportionality affected black and brown communities – this is concerning for East Boston. It is imperative that EBNHC continue to provide access to treatment for persons who are ill, access to testing for persons with symptoms or at-risk of infection, and information and other resources to ensure our residents are well-informed on how to protect themselves and their families. EBNHC will continue to be proactive and innovative in this fight against COVID and in partnership with the East Boston community, we’ll get through it.

**EBT:** Forbes just named EBNHC one of the best places to work. How does the EBNHC staff impress you day in and day out?

**GW:** I have long been impressed with the staff of EBNHC, including EBNHC’s leadership team and CEO, Manny Lopes. In my tenure with the organization, the staff at EBNHC have always shown tremendous dedication and amidst the COVID crisis, the dedication of the EBNHC staff has been all full display. During this crisis, members of the EBNHC

family have given everything they have to ensure that our patients and members of the Eastie community have access to high-quality, affordable, and safe health care services.

**EBT:** What are some of the things during this pandemic that EBNHC has done that has made you proud to be part of the team?

**GW:** Like so many, the EBNHC team has been working at full speed to ensure our doors remain open. As a health care provider and critical resource in our community, EBNHC has been laser-focused on ensuring access to care, access to testing, and access to information and resources. The list of things is fairly extensive. By example, this year alone, EBNHC implemented new COVID testing sites – doing thousands of tests per week, we implemented telehealth visits, expanded meals distribution, virtualized significant portions of our workforce, and completed a historic/first of its kind merger with the South End Community Health Center. EBNHC continues to be an innovator and unlike any health care provider in the state and I am so proud to be a part of the

EBNHC family.

**EBT:** Is there anything else you would like to add?

**GW:** I’d like to extend a special thanks to the EBNHC board of directors and board chair Rita Sorrento and the EBNHC executive leadership team and our CEO and President Manny Lopes. It’s truly a privilege to serve alongside such a committed group of leaders.

Wilmot brings more than 20 years of experience in the healthcare field to his new role. Prior to joining EBNHC in 2017, Wilmot worked at AllWays Health Partners, a member of Mass General Brigham, where he led the organization’s MassHealth Accountable Care Organization strategy and operations. Additionally, Wilmot previously served as Boston Medical Center’s director of business development, where he partnered with clinical and administrative leaders at the hospital and across key partners to create new opportunities for growth and expand clinical services and quality goals. Wilmot also worked for former Massachusetts Governor Deval Patrick’s Executive Office of Health and Human Services as se-



Greg Wilmot was appointed Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer at EBNHC last week.

nior advisor and director of strategy and performance management and held various operational and management roles at Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts.

“Greg’s appointment comes at an important time for EBNHC and the communities we serve as the health center continues to grow and expand,” said Manny Lopes, CEO, EBNHC. “As COO, he will play a key role in integrating the PACE program into the overall health center, which will improve patient care and organizational efficiency, as well as the development of EBNHC’s strategic planning.”

Wilmot holds a BA in Psychology from Boston College, and an MBA from Northeastern University. Wilmot resides in Framingham with his wife Romina and their two daughters.

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# State agencies, 13 communities find ways to cut construction costs on mobility

Staff Report

The MBTA, the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC), the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT), Massport, the City of Boston, the City of Cambridge, the City of Somerville, the Town of Brookline, the City of Everett, the Town of Watertown, the City of Quincy, the City of Chelsea, the City of Revere, the City of Medford, the City of Malden, the Town of Arlington, and the City of Lynn last week announced a new collective purchasing agreement for bus and bike lane road markings in order accelerate multimodal infrastructure throughout the metropolitan area.

This collective procurement effort will allow public transportation agencies to cooperate and achieve a greater economy of scale in building projects, ultimately bringing costs down.

“This is another example of the region working together to move everyone forward. Increasingly, we all need to collaborate in new ways to better serve our riders and constituents,” said General Manager Steve Poftak. “This agreement will ensure that public agencies like the MBTA will be using their funds as cost effectively as possible, especially throughout the current public health and economic crisis.”

“Establishing more

bus and bike lanes is critical for the region as we continue to re-open the economy during this pandemic,” said MAPC Transportation Director Eric Bourassa. “By reducing costs for the MBTA as well as cities and towns, we can stretch our public dollars further to make public transit and cycling better and safer.”

The winning bid from construction firm K5 – \$4.70 per square foot for red bus lane material – is very competitive and will aid an unprecedented expansion in multimodal projects at a critical time. Previous costs ranged from \$7 to \$12 per square foot, depending on the municipality.

Combined, the participating municipalities represent more than one-fifth of the Commonwealth’s total population and account for most major regional transit corridors in the metropolitan region. Based on past construction costs across the region and projected project budgets, the MBTA estimates that this joint procurement effort could save taxpayers over \$2 million next year, or about 10 percent of what the MBTA plans to spend on the Rapid Response Bus Lanes Program. Additional savings are expected if the procurement is renewed for future years and potentially expanded to more municipalities.

The MAPC has led collective purchasing efforts in the past to pro-

cure often expensive equipment like emergency vehicles and parking meters for cities and towns. As Massachusetts municipalities have implemented more quick-build design solutions like bus and bike lanes through road markings, flexposts, and signage in recent years, costs have remained a barrier for some localities.

The MBTA is partnering with many of these cities and towns over the next year to advance projects that make re-

gional roadways more reliable for tens of thousands of daily bus riders. The MBTA and the Cities of Boston, Somerville, Everett, and Chelsea previously announced several projects to be implemented by spring 2021, adding up to fourteen new miles of bus-only infrastructure for routes with some of the highest ridership since the pandemic began. For many projects that include transit priority measures, the MBTA provides funding for design costs and for

bus lanes’ red paint while the municipality pays for other multimodal corridor improvements.

The MAPC is the regional planning agency serving the people who live and work in the 101 cities and towns of Metropolitan Boston. The MAPC works toward sound municipal management, sustainable land use, protection of natural resources, efficient and affordable transportation, a diverse housing stock, public safety, economic development, clean energy, healthy communi-

ties, an informed public, and equity and opportunity among people of all backgrounds.

The MBTA Transit Priority Group was created in 2019 with support from the Barr Foundation to further bus priority projects around the region. Since its creation last year, the group has partnered with municipalities to implement nearly four miles of dedicated bus lanes, alongside transit signal priority and other speed and reliability improvements.

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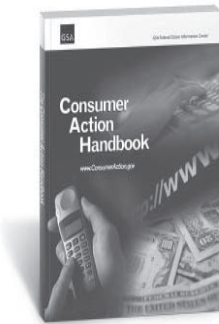
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Why Does My Dog ...?

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

Does your dog do zoomies? These are also known as FRAPs or Frenetic Random Activity Periods. This is one of many behaviors that sets people to wondering, “Why does my dog do that?”

Zoomies and Tail Chasing

Marc Bekoff, Ph.D., is professor emeritus of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology at the University of Colorado, Boulder, and co-founder with Jane Goodall of Ethologists for the Ethical Treatment of Animals. Writing for Psychology Today, he describes zoomies as, “... high-energy bursts of activity in which a dog looks like s/he is possessed, after which they often lie down exhausted as if they’ve run a marathon or played to their

heart’s content and need a break.”

Bekoff considers these a safe way for a dog to expel energy and get some stress out of their system. He recommends that guardians be sure this is happening in a safe place, remain alert, and stay with the dog when it occurs.

Barking at TV

This is an issue with our Westie Poppy. She will bark at a dog photo on a computer screen. She races across the condo and does a barking dance when she hears music from a TV commercial that she remembers contains a dog.

The higher frame per second rate on newer televisions created the problem. Now your dog has a clear, moving view of another animal in their home and reacts. Once upon a time, that screen may have looked like a

flip-book to canines.

Eating Grass, Etc.

You may have heard that dogs eat grass to induce vomiting or because they’re not feeling well. Researchers have concluded that eating grass is normal dog behavior. The Bark Magazine reported, “... researchers who compared the grass-eating behaviors of dogs with mild gastrointestinal disturbances to those without concluded that a healthy dog was more likely to eat grass than one with an upset stomach.”

Your job with grass is to be sure it hasn’t been treated with chemicals and is free of animal or bird waste before you let your dog dine on it.

Sticks are another matter. AKC Chief Veterinary Officer Dr. Jerry Klein, an emergency veterinarian for 36 years, warns of the dangers

of sticks. “Many times people would bring their dogs into the emergency clinic because they were at the park and a stick literally impaled the dog at the back of its mouth.” What’s more, swallowed bits of wood can cause intestinal blockages.

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People often forget that many dog breeds were created by man to perform specific tasks. Today, when a dog’s main job is “human companion,” some people are dismayed when their canine acts like a working dog of their breed.

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Zooming can be contagious in an off-leash spot with one dog joining in another’s fun as with this pair of frolickers!

lian Shepherd try to herd people, bikes, or other dogs. Keeping the herd together is an intentional behavior of their breed.

In the case of retrievers, both the instinct to bring something (be it a dead bird or a ball) back to you is inbred. What’s more, their ancestors were selected because

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Northeast Metro Tech shares update on school building project

Special to the Journal

Superintendent David DiBarri wishes to provide a progress update on Northeast Metro Tech’s School Building Project.

Over the last year, the Northeast Metro Tech project team has been working to develop options that would solve the space, capital and maintenance issues of the more than 50-year-old building.

In August, the project team submitted six different construction options to the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) for consideration for the Preliminary Design Proposal. This is the first of six design packages that will be submitted to the MSBA. The goal is to create plans that would allow for the range of student enrollment to be anywhere from 1,250 (the current enrollment) to 1,722, as well as potentially creating a new access road to the campus.

The options were grouped into four categories:

- Performing a base repair of the existing building.
- Building additions or renovating the current school building. Two different options (B1 and B2 on the map above) were presented for this option.
- Constructing new buildings within the current school site. Three different options (C1, C2, and C3 on the map above) were submitted for this option.
- Acquiring additional land and constructing new school buildings. Three different options (C2A, D1 and D2 on the map above) were considered for this option.

Based on the options presented, the project team will now create Preferred Schematic Report to further evaluate four plans -- B2, C1, C2 and C3, which would allow for enrollment potential of 1,400 to 1,722

students. These findings will be submitted to the MSBA in Jan. 2021, and the final preferred option will be identified by school building committee and ultimately approved by the MSBA in Feb. 2021.

Once the Preferred Schematic Report phase is complete, the project team will then begin drawing up schematics of the chosen option, which will be submitted for consideration to the MSBA in June 2021. At that time, the project will also work to set a budget and apply for grant funding from the MSBA to offset some of the overall cost.

“Each of these options presented will go a long way toward helping us

better meet the learning needs of our students and further allow us to provide them with the best technical education possible,” Superintendent DiBarri said. “We have worked diligently to fully explore these different options in order to determine which will be the best choice, and will continue to share regular updates as we continue through the design process.”

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