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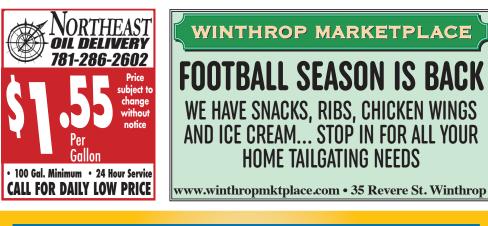
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#### WINARC SAILING **EVENT**

On Saturday, September 12th, WINARC participants, family members, and group-home staff set sail around Boston's inner harbor as part of the Piers Park Commu-nity Sailing Program. Under the direction of experienced sailing staff, the sailboats traveled past the airport, across the harbor toward the Boston skyline, and even-tually returned to Piers Park. The group enjoyed the exciting experience as they were blessed with beautiful sailing conditions: a sunny sky, temperature in the high 70's, and a fair wind. The event was jointly planned by Julie Mei, co-president of WINARC, and Alex DeFronzo, the Piers

Park sailing coordinator. Upcoming WINARC virtual events include: Bingo, arts and crafts, and a Halloween Cos-

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**SENTURY 2** 

REMEMBERING THE LOSS OF 9/11

Members of Winthrop's American Legion Post 146 at the stand out in observance of 9-11at the Belle Isle Bridge. They paid tribute to all of those Americans, young and and old, who were unmercifully killed on September 11, 2001. Never Forget.

## Town announces new location for free COVID-19 testing for residents

Special to the Transcript

Town Manager Austin Faison and Public Health Director Meredith Hurley announce the

free COVID-19 testing for residents will now be conducted six days a week at the McKenna Basketball Courts.

As of Tuesday, Win-

throp has 380 confirmed cases of COVID-19. Twenty four residents have died, 341 residents have recovered from the disease and 14 additional

residents are in isolation with suspected cases.

As of Wednesday, Sept. 9, the average case rate for Winthrop has been 8.7 cases per 100,00 residents in the last two weeks, an overall increase from the prior rate.

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## LaMonica loses Town pension

By Transcript staff

A three-judge panel of the Massachusetts Appeals Court has upheld the 2016 decision of the Winthrop Retirement Board that strips the pension of former Winthrop police chief Angelo La-Monica, who pled guilty in 1995 in federal court to charges of filing false tax returns.

The Appeals Court's decision reverses the judgments by a judge of the Boston Municipal Court and a judge of the Superior Court that had overturned the Winthrop Retirement Board's decision.

The board also is seeking to recoup the almost \$1 million of retirement payments that have been paid to LaMonica over the past 25 years since his retirement in 1995. However, the Appeals Court's decision orders that consideration of this issue be remanded "to the Boston Municipal Court (BMC) for consideration of any additional challenges LaMonica makes, including the constitutionality of the assessed penalty under the Eighth Amendment to the United States Constitution.

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## Boncore to Council: 'We are still in the red'

By Laura Plummer

The Winthrop Town Council met virtually on Sept. 8, where it heard updates on the pandemic, the school reopening and other matters impacting the community.

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Winthrop has seen

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a total of 372 positive coronavirus tests, with 24 deceased, 20 in isolation and 328 recovered. Gov. Baker has extended the Winthrop testing site to Sept. 30. Of the town's 18,000 residents, only 1,500 had been tested as of Sept. 8. Council President Phil Boncore urged all residents to get tested.

"We are still in the red, which is not good," he said. "The testing procedure is simple and free."

### **ELECTIONS**

Both Council President Boncore and Town Manager Austin Faison expressed their gratitude to the Clerk's Office for realizing a successful primary election on Sept. 1, which included a large number of mailin ballots. Faison noted that there is still a need for poll workers for the November election, in which twice as many residents are expected to vote. Individuals as young as 16 will be paid to staff the polls during the week leading up to Nov. 3.

#### **SCHOOL DEPARTMENT**

The schools are hard at work preparing both

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Jordan Griffiths and Julia Wallace, running partners since 2006 recently finished the 2020 Virtual Boston Marathon.

### Longtime running partnership leads to successful virtual marathon

By Kate Anslinger

On Sunday, September 14th, surrounded by family, friends and community members, Jordan Griffiths and Julia Wallace ran through the virtual

Boston Marathon finish line on Yirrell Beach. In the first of its kind, the event was a far cry from what the girls were anticipating to run in on

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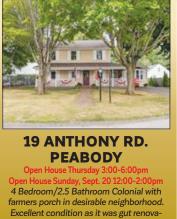
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WINTHROP POLICE BLOTTER

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

#### MONDAY, AUG. 31

1240: A person came to the station to report the theft of a registration plate from his motor vehicle (MV).

1443: An officer issued parking tickets to seven motor vehicles that did not have resident parking permits on Pt. Shirley.

1454: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) at Revere St. and Kennedy Rd. for the civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI) of operating with an expired registration. The operator parked the MV on private property and was advised to contact the Registry to renew the registration.

1613: Vandals broke windows and caused other damage to the building at 15-17 Revere St. The officer will file a re-

1809: An officer stopped a MV on Pleasant St. and issued a citation to the operator for the criminal offense of unlicensed operation of a MV.

officer 1818: An stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Main St. and issued a citation to the operator for the civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI) of speeding.

1920: Officers sponded to a motor vehicle accident (MVA) involving a pedestrian at Pleasant and Pauline Sts. The victim was transported to the hospital and the officers put a 24-hour hold on the MV pending an investigation.

2323: Officers responded to a report of a noisy party in a backyard on Sagamore Ave. The youthful party-goers dispersed when the officers arrived.

#### TUESDAY, SEPT. 1

1005: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) at Pauline and Fremont Sts. for the civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI) of failing to stop for a stop sign. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1900: A Myrtle Ave. resident who called the station regarding a neighbor who is taking up two parking spaces was informed that the parking area in question is on private property and

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tume Party. WINARC provides: athletic, social. educational, and cultural pro-grams for adults and children with disabilities living in the general Winthrop, Re-vere, East Boston, and Chelsea area. For further information about WINARC, log on to www.winarc.org.

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1924: A Taylor St. resident who came to the station to report a situation involving the Probate Court was informed that it is not a police matter.

2248: An officer issued a parking ticket to a MV at Hannaford Park after closing hours.

#### WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 2

0033: An officer directed persons playing music loudly in their MV to turn down the volume.

0715: An officer responded to a noise complaint from a resident in a building on Shirley Ave. and directed the offending party, who was using her Peloton, to turn down the volume on her TV.

0737: A report of a dead possum on Hutchinson St. was referred to the DPW. 1034: A hit-and-run

MVA with property dam-

age only was reported in the parking lot of a local business. 1233: An officer directed the owner of a motor

vehicle (MV) blocking a driveway on Lincoln St. to move the MV. 1301: An officer di-

rected the owner of a pick-up truck that was parked in a handicapped spot in the 400 block of Winthrop St. to move his truck.

1452: A resident reported being defrauded of \$2450 in connection with a supposed job offer. The officer will file a report.

1618: A resident reported that her parked MV had been struck overnight by a hit-andrun operator.

2007: A resident reported an assault & battery by a female party. The officer determined that the altercation revolved around a landlord-tenant dispute and will file a report.

#### THURSDAY, SEPT. 3

0022: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) at Main and Paine Sts. for the civil motor vehicle infraction of speeding and issued a citation to the operator.

0142: A repossession

company reported taking a MV on Bowdoin St.

0217: An officer directed persons who were moving into an apartment in the 400 block of Winthrop St. and using power tools to cease doing so until the morning.

0817: A resident reported that persons were taking photos of jets departing and landing at Logan Airport at the Belle Isle Bridge. The individuals were Melrose High students who produced valid identifi-

1119: A Shore Drive resident reported that her MV had been struck and damaged by a hit-andrun operator overnight. The matter was referred to the State Police.

1334: An Amelia Ave. resident reported a breaking & entering (B&E) into his motor vehicle (MV) overnight. The perpetrator rummaged through the MV, but the owner reported that nothing was taken.

1505: A Pleasant St. resident reported theft of \$100 from her wallet that she had left in her unlocked MV during the night.

1524: A resident reported receiving fraudulent phone bills in the mail at her home. The officer will file a report.

1639: An officer issued a parking ticket to a MV overhanging a driveway on Nevada St.

1655: A Beach Rd. resident reported that his MV had been egged three days previously.

1855: A Main St. resident reported a B&E into her MV overnight and that \$15.00 had been taken. The resident may have video of the incident. The officer will file a report.

#### FRIDAY, SEPT. 4

0941: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) at Crest Ave. and Hutchinson St. for the civil motor vehicle infraction of speeding (43 m.p.h. in a 30 m.p.h. zone) and issued a written warning to the oper-

officer 1032: An stopped the operator of

1992, a little more than a day after she left her

job as a ramp crew chief at Logan Airport to pick

up sandwiches for her co-workers. She never

returned to her Logan

shift or her home in Sau-

san's employer, North-

west Airlines, offered a

\$250,000 reward for in-

formation leading to an

After her murder, Su-

a moped at Shore Drive and Beach Rd for the civil motor vehicle infraction of not wearing a helmet. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1856: An officer issued parking tickets to motor vehicles on Grandview Ave. that did not have resident parking stickers.

2024: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) at Crest Ave. and Hutchinson St. for the civil motor vehicle infraction of failing to stop for a red light. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

2240: An officer dispersed two persons in a MV from the Short Beach parking lot. 2246: An officer dis-

persed a group of five persons in a MV from Hannaford Park.

2320: An officer stopped a scooter at Revere St. and Summit Ave. for the civil infraction of a headlight violation. The operator legally parked the scooter and he and his passenger walked home.

#### SATURDAY, SEPT. 5

An 0018: officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Shirley St. for the civil motor vehicle infraction of speeding and issued a citation to the operator.

0811: An officer issued a parking ticket to a MV parked too close to the corner in the No Parking zone at Shore Drive and Cutler St.

0817: A Shirley St. resident who had reported that his dog was missing was reunited with his dog, which was found on Hale Ave.

1450: A resident reported being the victim of identity theft. The officer will file a report.

1737: Officers responded to a MVA at Bartlett Rd. and Pleasant St. involving a Ford Explorer and a Mini Cooper. A four year-old child was transported to the Boston Medical Center.

2104: A group of persons loudly celebrating at a birthday party on Quincy Ave. agreed to shut down the party.

2152: officer

stopped a motor vehicle (MV) at Revere St. and Deane Ave. for the civil motor vehicle infraction of violating the handsfree cell phone law. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator. 2157: An officer dis-

persed a group from Short Beach on Revere 2204: An officer dis-

persed a group from Hannaford Park. 2233: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) at Main St. and

Amelia Ave. for the civil motor vehicle infraction of an equipment violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator. 2252: officer An stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Bellevue Ave.

The officer ordered the MV to be towed and will issue a summons to the operator for a criminal offense.

#### SUNDAY, SEPT. 6

0244: An officer directed a group of party-goers at an Upland Rd. residence to turn off their music for the evening.

1815: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Main St. for a civil motor vehicle infraction and gave a verbal warning to the oper-

2028: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) at Main and Wilshire Sts. for the civil motor vehicle infraction of not having its lights on. The officer gave a verbal warning to the op-

2049: An officer directed a loud group of party-goers on Bellevue Ave. to cease for the night.

### MONDAY, SEPT. 7

stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Walden St. for the civil motor vehicle infraction of not having its lights on. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

0724: An Orlando Ave. resident reported that his MV had been broken into overnight. A rear window was smashed, but no items were taken.

## After 28 years, MSP as determined as ever to bring Susan Taraskiewicz's killer or killers to justice

## \$250,000 reward is still in effect

Special to the Transcript

Twenty-eight ago this week, the body of Susan Taraskiewicz was found in the trunk of her car, which had been left outside an auto repair shop on Route 1A in Revere. So much time has passed since then. But the determination of the Massachusetts State Police and Revere Police to bring Susan's killer or killers to justice is as fierce today as it ever was. Detectives have not retreated one inch, and never will, from their desire to close this case and find justice for Susan and

Susan's body was

found early on Sept. 14,

her family.

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arrest. In 2008, Northwest was absorbed into Delta Airlines in a merger. Delta has informed Susan's family that it stands by that reward of-

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**Susan Taraskiewicz** 

have had not to come time for anyone who can forward thus far do not matter anymore. Time passes, people and motivations change. Things that didn't seem import-The ant suddenly do, and vice versa. Fears and worries shrink away, and pale in comparison to the realization of what is right

help this family, to bring some peace, and to do right by Susan, to step up and do just that. Massachusetts

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## **Business Highlight: Piccolo Piatti**

By Kate Anslinger

Last Wednesday, September 9th, Piccolo Piatti celebrated the opening of their extended patio and menu options. Located on 5 Crest Ave, the sister restaurant to Antique Table is now offering healthy breakfast and lunch options that can be ordered for takeout or enjoyed on the expanded patio that houses eight socially distant tables.

Breakfast, served from 7am to 12pm has a complete menu, including omelets, pancakes, Belgian waffles and several coffee flavors.

from 12pm to 8pm has an array of healthy sandwiches and create-your-own salad and rice bowl options. The healthy bowls include, beef,

"We have Columbian coffee used to make espressos and cappuccinos and will be adding more coffee options so you'll eventually be able to buy it by the bag," said Lisa LaMonica, Manager of Antique Table.

Lunch, which is served



Abraham Gallego shows off some lunch selections.

an array of healthy sand-wiches and create-your-own salad and rice bowl options. The healthy bowls include, beef, chicken, salmon, shrimp and many gluten free options. Fresh homemade chocolate chip cookies and brownies are also available.

Guests are invited to order takeout, dine inside or outside and be on the lookout for the online ordering option that will soon be up and running. Catering is available for up to 100 people and includes dishes from next door at the Antique Table, including the famous eggplant and chicken parmesan plates.

LaMonica said that she's seen the business pick up since the opening last week and she credits the support of the community.



Lisa Wayland, Leidy Peneda, Joao Dos Santos, Abraham Gallego, Pablo Vallejo, Manuel Querubin, Lisa LaMonica.

"Everyone has been so kind; we've had a lot of regulars from Antique Table come next door to try it out and we've had a positive response."

Picollo Piatti is open 7am to 8pm Monday thru Sunday

Antique Table is open 4pm to 9pm Monday thru Friday and 12pm to 9pm Saturday and Sunday



The expanded patio that houses eight tables.

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(The Eighth Amendment states, "Excessive bail shall not be required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel and unusual punishments inflicted.")

The Appeals Court's decision lays out the long and, at this point, tortured history of the seemingly-endless saga involving LaMonica and the Winthrop Retirement Board. In sum, the background is as follows:

Angelo LaMonica was a popular, well-respected, and decorated police officer in Winthrop for 31 years, rising through the ranks from patrolman to sergeant to lieutenant before he became the chief in 1989.

However, LaMonica's long career of service and his six-year tenure as chief came to an abrupt end when he resigned from the department in 1995. The impetus for LaMonica's resignation was a probe by the FBI, reportedly with information provided by officers of the Winthrop P.D., into allegations that fraternal and social clubs in the town were being allowed to operate video poker machines and to make cash payouts to the winners.

Although the machines themselves were legal, cash payouts were not allowed at that time. Federal authorities charged in a multi-count indictment, spanning a six-year period, that La-Monica was receiving payoffs from the provider of the poker machines in order to allow these illegal gaming operations

to operate without police interference. He also was charged with income tax evasion for not reporting the bribe money he had received as income on his tax returns.

According to the Appeals Court's decision, the timeline and original charges were as follows: "On April 5, 1995, LaMonica was indicted on several Federal charges: (1) extortion under color of official right in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1951; (2) conspiracy to obstruct enforcement of State gambling laws in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1511; and (3) filing false income tax returns for the years 1988 through 1993 in violation of 26 U.S.C. § 7206.[4]"

LaMonica was indicted shortly after he left office and eventually pled guilty to the sole offense of filing a false tax return. An important aspect of LaMonica's eventual plea bargain is that government prosecutors dismissed the entirety of their initial indictment, thereby removing all of the counts involving the extortion and conspiracy allegations, and brought forward a new complaint consisting only of the single criminal offense of filing false tax returns, which was the lone charge that formed the basis for La-Monica's admission and eventual sentencing in federal court.

After admitting to filing a false tax return, La-Monica was ordered to serve 14 months in prison and pay a \$20,000

fine.

On two separate occasions, in 1996 and 2002, Winthrop Retirement Board considered whether LaMonica's admission to filing a false federal tax return was sufficient under state law to take away his pension. On both occasions, upon the advice of the board's then-counsel in those years (who were different attorneys), the board decided that inasmuch as LaMonica's guilty plea to a charge of filing a false tax return was not directly related to his duties as a police officer, the board did not have a legal basis to revoke his pension.

However, in 2016 an investigative report on a Boston TV channel raised anew the issue of whether LaMonica should be entitled to collect a pension. The Winthrop Retirement Board revisited the matter and concluded that although the filing of a false tax return is not related to the position of police chief, the underlying basis for LaMonica's admission on the tax charge stemmed from his acceptance of the bribes to allow the illegal video poker games to operate, which directly involved his obligation as police chief to enforce the laws of the Commonwealth.

In short, the Retirement Board concluded that there was a sufficient nexus between the filing of the false tax returns and LaMonica's acceptance of the bribes such

that he should forfeit his pension, a determination that was rejected by the judges of the BMC and Superior Court.

The Appeals Court summed up the issue before it as follows: "After press inquiries, the board gathered more information, conducted a hearing in 2016, and voted to order forfeiture of LaMonica's pension. The board concluded that the income LaMonica failed to report on his income tax returns was paid to him so that he, in his capacity as a police officer, would 'turn[] a blind eye to the illegal operation of video poker machines in certain private establishments in Winthrop.' This case thus requires us to consider whether, pursuant to G. L. c. 32, § 15 (4), LaMonica's convictions for filing false income tax returns for the years stated require forfeiture of his retirement pension."

The Appeals Court went on to conclude, "General Laws c. 32, § 15 (4), inserted by St. 1987, c. 697, § 47, provides that '[i]n no event shall any member [of the State employees' retirement system] after final conviction of a criminal offense involving violation of the laws applicable to his office or position, be entitled to receive a retirement allowance.'[3] Because there was a direct factual link between LaMonica's position as a public employee and his criminal conviction of filing false tax returns, he is ineligible to receive a retirement allowance."

Both the Retirement

and the Appeals relied upon the ntencing report by federal pross to the sentencedge as evidence nexus. The Ap-Court's opinion "The sentencing adopted the facdings in the presence report, though the recommended ce. As set forth in aport, 'First as [1] as a police officer. The board did not rely on the dismissed indictment. Rather, the board relied on a sentencing report that was adopted by the Federal judge and that made the direct factual link between LaMonica's position as a police officer and the illegal payments he received to cover up the video poker ma-

chines.

"We therefore conclude that the board's decision that there was a direct factual link between LaMonica's position as a police officer and the crimes to which he pleaded guilty was supported by substantial evidence, and that G. L.

§ 15 (4), and the case law interpreting it, mandate forfeiture."

LaMonica still has the available legal avenue of filing an application for further appellate review to the full Supreme Judicial Court within 21 days of the Appeals Court's decision.

Board and the Appeals Court relied upon the pre-sentencing offered by federal prosecutors to the sentencing judge as evidence of the nexus. The Appeals Court's opinion states, "The sentencing judge adopted the factual findings in the presentence report, though not the recommended sentence. As set forth in that report, 'First as [1] ieutenant, then as [c]hief of the Winthrop Police Department, [LaMonica] received illegal payments including an initial payment of \$1,000, then \$100 per week, for the next [fourteen] years from Raymond Magee, to cover-up the video poker machines in the town of Winthrop'."

the board to find the direct factual link between the payments by Magee to LaMonica that were the basis for the convictions of filing false income tax returns, as those payments were 'inextricably inter-

twined' with his position

The Appeals Court's

decision states in con-

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During this time, over 2,600 tests have been administered as well.

Due to this case rate, Commonwealth continues to identify Winthrop as a "high risk" community for COVID-19. In response to the designation by the state, Winthrop officials have partnered with state leaders to establish a "Stop the Spread" testing site six days a week at the McKenna Basketball Courts.

All community members are urged to take part in the free COVID-19 testing now available at the McKenna Basketball Courts, 5 Walden St. Previously, free testing was

being offered behind the E.B. Newton School.

Testing is available at this site 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.

"This testing will help provide us with an accurate picture of the prevalence of the virus in our community and allow us to formulate a plan to best stop the spread," Hurley said. "We strong-

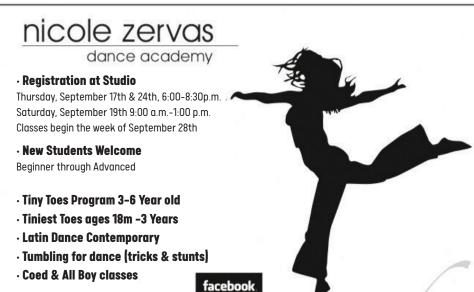
ly encourage all residents

to get tested if possible,

and thank you for your cooperation and understanding as we navigate through this challenging time."

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.

Winthrop residents are reminded to visit WinthropCOVID19.com, which serves as a dedicated town resource for information on the pan-



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## **OUR** Opinions

#### **APOCALYPSE -- NOW**

The photos of the wildfires in our western states that have incinerated entire communities and that have turned daytime skies to night by their heavy smoke have illustrated the dramatic effects of climate change upon the daily lives of millions of Americans.

Record heat has accelerated the effects of dry conditions, leading to the record-setting wildfires out

Yes, climate change undeniably is happening here and around the globe.

Last January, it was the bushfires in Australia that similarly wrought havoc and destruction in that part

of the world. An article in the New York Times on Monday began this way, "The effects of global warming in the Arctic are so severe that the region is shifting to a different climate, one characterized less by ice and

Monday." More ominously, that same article discussed the perils of climate change facing the world from another source, the melting of the Antarctic glaciers at the bottom of the world.

"Another study released Monday suggested that two Antarctic glaciers that have long been of concern to scientists over their potential to contribute to sea level rise may be in worse shape than previously thought."

From east to west and north to south, climate change is posing an existential threat to life as we know it.

There is still time for us to reverse, or at least halt, the impending doom that awaits us if we take immediate action to limit greenhouse gas emissions into the atmosphere.

But we need to act soon, because it will not be too long before it will be too late.

#### DONALD TRUMP IS NO WINSTON CHURCHILL

Rage, the new book by veteran journalist Bob Woodward about the presidency of Donald Trump, has revealed unequivocally that Trump deliberately has downplayed the lethality of the Covid-19 pandemic from the very beginning of the virus's detection in the United States.

Whether one wants to characterize Trump's mendacity as outright lying for political purposes, or merely as a benevolent effort by Trump to prevent social chaos, the bottom line is the same: Trump has not been straight with the American people.

But even if one accepts Trump's explanation for his deceit, the book makes clear that Trump treated the American people with disdain, as if we were children who needed to be shielded from the truth.

I don't want to jump up and down and start screaming, 'Death! Death!' because that's not what it's about," Trump said at a press conference last week, when asked about his months and months of

A few days later, at a campaign rally in Michigan, Trump asserted that his handling of the pandemic has been similar to how Winston Churchill addressed the people of England during the height of the Nazi bombing in WWII.

"As the British government advised the British people in the face of World War II, keep calm and carry on. That's what I did," said Trump, who then invoked the comparison of himself directly to Churchill.

Trump, by his own admission, reads nothing, so it is not surprising that Trump has no knowledge of what Churchill said and did during the epic Battle of Britain, when England's survival was at stake.

For if Trump knew even the slightest bit about Churchilll's tenure as Prime Minister, he would have known that from the outset, Churchill never sugarcoated the reality of the threat that was facing every British citizen.

In his very first speech, three days after he had become Great Britain's leader, Churchill laid out clearly and explicitly the difficult task that lay ahead:

"I have nothing to offer but blood, toil, tears and sweat," said Churchill. "We have before us an ordeal of the most grievous kind. We have before us many, many long months of struggle and of suffering."

The test of a true leader is to recognize the reality of a situation and face it head-on, not merely to play the role of a cheerleader.

As things stand now under Trump's presidency, American deaths from the pandemic now stand at just about 200,000, with another 200,000 Americans expected to die by the end of this year.

It is clear that Donald Trump is no Winston Churchill.

He's merely Donald Trump.

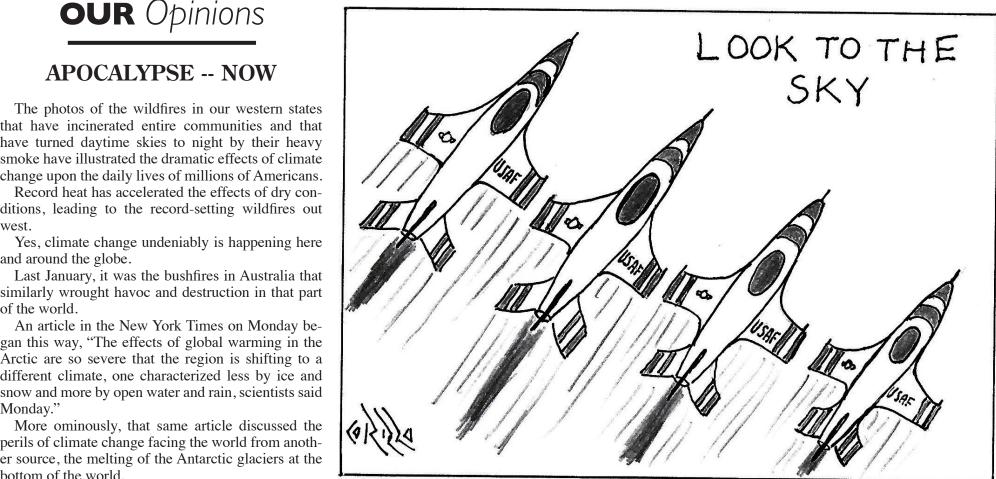
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### **LETTERS** to the Editor

#### WE MUST STAND AGAINST **IGNORANCE**

Dear Editor, It is with much dismay

that I came to Town Hall last Thursday to be greeted by an angry group of protesters without masks led by Diana Ploss, a member of Our Fellow America First Patriots and supporter of alt right groups. She and her followers occupied two corners of the four way stop intersection with a larger group of anti-racism protesters near their site. Diana Ploss may be remembered as the conservative WSMN radio talk show host and staunch backer of T in the White House, who lost her job a mere two days after posting a video of herself spewing racist comments at a group of predominantly Hispanic workers right outside her now-former workplace in Nashua, N.H. After receiving over 12,000 petition signatures, WSMN fired Ploss stating "We at WSMN value freedom of speech, freedom of expression and assembly," and "We will not tolerate discrimination, racism or

hatred." Ploss and her followers have decided to make Winthrop their home every Thursday from 2 - 4 p.m. at the Town Hall intersection after leaving a protest against Gov. Charlie Bakers at his home in Swampscott. This protest seems to be against the Covid-19 restrictions enacted to keep Massachusetts residents safe and healthy; a con-

cept alien to the alt-right. I am asking for a statement and show of support against this group by our town officials and residents. We must display a major show of support for the brave students, town residents and visitors who displayed signs, gave chants and clearly projected the message 'Hate Has No Home Here' while wearing masks and following social distancing guide-

lines. We ask that you

show up on Thursday to

clearly send the message that we reject racism and all of its ugly ramifications. Bring a sign and spread the word to citizens of Winthrop who clearly want to unify, not divide. Silence is complicity. We can do more, we will do more.

Sylvia & Maxwell Whiting

#### ON THE **DEMONSTRATION**

Dear Editor, Many residents witnessed Diana Ploss of Our Fellow America First Patriots at Metcalf Square (Town Hall) on Thursday, Sept. 3. She and her colleagues came, without masks and did not social distance, to spread their message hate. Winthrop Police intervention was needed to contain the Ploss group from physical engagement with the Winthrop Black Lives Matter

group. Ploss is the former far right radio talk host of WSMN, Nashua, NH, who video taped herself shouting at a group of primarily Hispanic landscapers telling them to speak English.

I am suggesting not to show up for any Ploss Thursdays. She and her group continue to come to Metcalf Square. Do not provide the audience Ploss and her group so

Some of us thought that presenting 3-4 times the number of peaceful counter demonstrators bearing Hate Has No Home Here would send a message to Ploss to stay out of Winthrop. However, it appears she will be back.

It is my opinion to ignore any future Ploss staging to fan her flames of hate, racism, and di-Absence and vision. silence can be deafen-Winthrop Police are needed elsewhere to serve and protect.

If you have concerns about human rights in town call 617-846-

1852;1034 or email con-

tact person Denise Quist

dquist@town.win-

throp.ma.us

**Donna Segreti Reilly** 

#### NO ON MAIL IN **VOTING**

Dear Editor,

Mail in voting is a really bad idea. It opens the door for massive and easy ballot tampering. In spite of specious reassurances that mail in voting is simple and accurate the facts are far different.

-Franklin, Ma discovers 3000 uncounted votes that the Town Clerk locked in her vault this past week. Town Clerk resigns.

-Plymouth, MA: 800 ballots were mishandled in May

-Paterson, NJ: 3190 election ballots were rejected, about 19% of the of fear, division and mail-in ballots for the May 12 election in Pat-

> -Virginia: Half a million incorrect absentee ballot applications sent out In 2018

-Nevada: Election Officials announce that 63,000 names in its voter registration records were found to be "inactive"

-California reports it is trying to remove over 5 million inactive voters from its records.

-NY primary in June 2020 resulted in mas-

sive problems and it took months to count ballots. According to NY Democrat Suraj Patel, 30% of the mail-in votes were likely rejected.

-People are even reporting their pets or deceased relatives are receiving ballots

-Multiple criminal convictions for voter fraud including a man in NH just being arrested for voting twice in the same election; one time as a man and one time as a woman!

Now they are trying to desensitize us to the fact that we may not have results for weeks or months after Election Day! This is unacceptable! Election Day voting has worked pretty good for hundreds of years, and we know on election night who the

We are all now accustomed safely dealing with any presumed Covid concerns. Let's not pull this country farther apart by feuding over election logistics, ballot handling shenanigans and questionable election outcomes. No mail in voting assures free and fair elections!

winners and losers are.

Respectfully, Paul Caruccio-**Chairman WRTC** 

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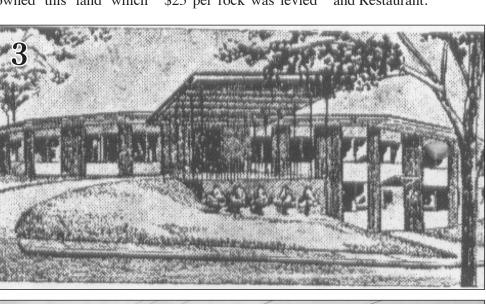


One of the most enjoyable aspects of writing these "Then & Now" articles is when the complete history of a particular site can be described from 1637 to date, and today's article does just that. While Winthrop began as a small farming village in the early 1600's, it developed slowly having only four or five farms and some minor businesses at Point Shirley up through the early 1800's. In 1844, there were only 25 buildings on our total peninsula. Most of the buildings in Winthrop have been built since 1870, when the resort business began to emerge, and these buildings continue to exist today, some with varying degrees of renovations. While there are several properties where the use has changed once or even perhaps a couple of times, very few have changed as much as the site being discussed in today's article. This site has seen a private home, a hotel, a nursing home and today three duplexes all of which have enjoyed a magnificent ocean view.

William In 1637, Pierce, who built the Deane Winthrop House, owned this land which

passed through several hands and finally became part of the City of Boston Farm in the 1850's through 1880's. In 1885, Mr. H. H. Hutchins acquired the lot at the corner of Cliff and Grovers Avenues and constructed his home as shown in Picture #1. Cliff Avenue was so called because it originally extended around Grovers Cliff (Fort Heath) and down along the water on what is today the low numbered section of Nahant Avenue. Grovers Avenue was named in honor of Deanne Winthrop's son in law of the Grover family. By 1896 the segment of Cliff Avenue, shown on the maps as going along the cliff was absorbed by the military installation at Fort Heath and the above home had been purchased by A.C. Pope who enlarged the building into the Cliff House Hotel, as depicted in the second picture. Many functions such as weddings and banquets were held here. Legend has it that the initial house was built with rocks taken from the beach and that, per a Town Ordinance designed to protect our beaches from becoming mud flats, a fine of \$25 per rock was levied

on the builder. This resulted in the owner electing to build the rest of the home of wood as a large cost saving factor. This ordinance has been confirmed by our previous Town Counsel, Joseph Harvey, and one should be aware that it is still in effect and the beaches are not to be used as a source of rocks for homes, gardens, fireplaces etc. Even today a number of people have had to pay this \$25 per rock charge when reported to the police and the neighborhood homeowners still monitor such activity. In 1963 the hotel was razed, and the Cliff House Nursing Home, shown in the third picture, was constructed which existed until 2002 Today the Nursing Home is gone and the site has since been developed into three duplex Town Houses, as shown in picture four. The center duplex building, which has been placed further toward the street from of the other two, in a small way depicts the earlier Cliff House with a turreted tower in the corner. This site is located diagonally across from the Winthrop Arms Hotel and Restaurant.







## THE MORE Things Change

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

10 years ago **September 10, 2010** 

The Winthrop Town Council approved President Jeffrey Turco's appointment of Christine Dow to the Conservation Commission despite vehement opposition to the selection process expressed by the Commission's long-time secretary, Marsha Allen. Dow gained a seat on the seven-member commission by receiving votes from Turco and Councillors Linda Calla, Paul Varone, Philip Boncore, and J. Larry Powers. Councillor Jeanne Maggio voted against Dow's appointment, while Councillor Nicholas DelVento voted present. Councillor Russell Sanford abstained from the voting due to being involved in an upcoming matter before the commission. Councillor James Letterie was absent from the meeting. Allen, who has been the commission's secretary since 1996, objected to the appointment process, saying that two regular members of the commission, Norman Hyett and J. Calvin Farrand, and an alternate member, John Crosby, had re-applied for appointment to the commission. Their terms had expired on June 30, 2010. "They had submitted their applications for re-appointment, but they did not receive any notification [about their applications]," Allen said in an interview Wednesday. "I'm not happy that these three members were bypassed in the appointment process. Based on their years of experience on the commission, they should have been reap-

The Winthrop Police Department has added

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

begins September 22 this

year. For every season

there is a change. Most of

us like the seasons espe-

cially if we can have four

I like the fall as the

weather seems more

stable in our part of the

country. For our neigh-

bors in California they

are desperate for any-

thing that will bring rain

and an end to the dev-

astating fires. This has

been a cruel, harsh time

that we pray passes by

and ends very quickly for

California.

of them.

Fall season officially

pointed."

as a domestic violence advocate for Winthrop residents, a move applauded by the Sun-Transcript in view of the recent increase in domestic violence incidents across the country. Legend of the Guard-

ians: The Owl of Ga Houle and Resident Evil: Afterlife are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

#### 20 years ago Sept. 7, 2000

Developer Dominic Pizzuti of the State Financial Services company met with the selectmen Thursday morning to walk them through the former Winthrop Hospital building on Lincoln St. and to present his plans for a residential complex of 83 units consisting of six townhouses, 25 lofts, and units ranging from studios to three bedrooms. The East Neighborhood Boston Health Center presently utilizes a small portion of the building, but reportedly has agreed to sell the property to State Financial Services.

Winthrop officials have joined with officials from nearby communities to form a group that seeks to open up Hanscom Field in Bedford to more jet traffic to alleviate some of the noise at Logan Airport.

The Winthrop Parks and Rec. Dept. completed a successful summer season, extending its season from six to eight weeks and attracting 400 children. Exec. Director Sean Driscoll and his department now are gearing up for the fall season.

State Rep. Robert De-Leo has announced that the town will receive state recycling grants for Lee Nugent to its office the coming fiscal year.

Elected officials in the Boston area have praised the opening of flights between Hanscom Field and LaGuardia Airport in New York City, expressing the hope that Hanscom's usage will increase in order to reduce the number of flights at Logan Airport.

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

#### 30 years ago Sept. 5, 1990

Civil Defense Director George Iorio announced this week that the Army Corps of Engineers has agreed to excavate the bunkers at Ft. Banks so that they can be used as a storage area for the town's Civil Defense equipment. The project is set to start Saturday. The excavation has been a long-held dream of Iorio's, who served as a member of the Coast Artillery in WWII and who also hopes to see a museum dedicated to the history of Ft. Banks. Twelve-inch mortars were in place at Ft. Banks for more than 50 years to defend Boston Harbor before they were dismantled in the 1950s when Hawk missiles, capable of carrying nuclear warheads, replaced the

Charles A. Benson Sr., Executive Director of the Winthrop Housing Authority, passed away this week. He was 74.

Local and environmental police arrested a number of men who were illegally digging for clams in the flats off Snake Island last week. The area has been closed to clammers because of

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years into where he

lives. He and his wife

are moving into a smaller

condominium. He loves

his beautiful yard but he

## GUEST OP-ED

## Turn the page

we are fortunate, aging occurs. Children grow up. Our vocational lives and dreams change, mature, flourish or become a distant memory. Our lives are like an interesting book. Your life is probably very interesting if you were able to write out the whole story. Maybe you should write about your life? Write it out for someone later to read about. If you decide to do so write about the hard times as well as what you want everyone else to know.

Whenever you read or write a book it requires turning the page or writing a new page. You can't finish the book if you stay on the same page. When our parents die, we have to turn the page. When we bury a spouse or loved one, we have to turn the page. When we change jobs or careers that require transition it's tough but we have to turn the page. When children grow up and move away or no longer have time to

has invested so many

*United States.* 

knows it's time to turn the page as their age and health have changed. The one difference between reading a book and life is that you may not finish reading the book but we all finish life. You either turn the pages of life or in time they are turned for you. The worst decisions we make are no decisions. We procrastinate. We delay paying into retirement. We delay a health test. We put

off what we dread and it doesn't make it better. Live a good life. Make decisions. Turn the page and keep going. Don't get stuck on the same page in the same chapter. Run your race. Finish your course. Turn the page. Glenn Mollette is the

publisher of Newburgh Press, Liberty Torch and various other publishing imprints; a national columnist – American Issues and Common Sense opinions, analysis, stories and features appear each week In over 500 newspapers, websites and blogs across the

On the east and gulf coast there is always an-

be with us then we must turn the page. A good friend is sell-

choice but to deal with the change. When snow comes, we adapt and enjoy the change.

sons - change comes. If

other looming hurricane this time of year. Flooding and devastation have already occurred in Louisiana with the potential

of more to come. Every season brings the possibilities of pleas-

ant weather but also severe weather. Very much like our lives every season brings change because we have no

ing his lovely home. I can see that's it a tough time emotionally as he Our lives are like sea-



Residents and members of the Winthrop Republican Town Committee stand out on Belle Isle Bridge on Sept. 11, to honor the memory of the victims of 9/11 and to show their support for Winthrop police, fire and first responders.

### Winthrop honors police, first responders, 9/11 victims

served a moment of si-Special to the Transcript lence signifying the first The Winthrop Repubplane to hit Tower one in lican Town Committee New York City. Followsponsored a rally on Seping this Winthrop resitember 11, to honor the dents Paul Caruccio and Police, Fire Personnel, Paul Reardon provided a first responders and the reading of every one of memory of 9/11 victims. the 206 Massachusetts The event was held at innocent victims of the the Belle Isle Bridge, and atrocious attack. This was part of a state wide included memorializing effort by the GOP coined, the loss tragic of Win-"MA Backs the Blue." throp's own Kathleen

Anne Nicosia.

Throughout the rally

attendees held signs sup-

porting the police and

confirmed the important

contribution police and

first responders make to

our town and country.

Additionally, there were

moments of silence ob-

served at 9:02 a.m. signi-

fying the Tower two hit,

9:37.a.m. signifying the

hit on the Pentagon and

10:02 a.m. signifying

Deacon Jim Leo from St. John the Evangelist Church began the event at 8:30 a.m. with a blessing of the event and a prayer for the almost 3000 victims of September 11, 2001. Next the large crowd was reminded of the significance of the event, the day, and the unselfish contribution provided by Police and first responders. At 8:46am the crowd obinto the fields.

Republican Committee Chairman Paul Caruccio stated, "It was a moving event, and it was fitting that we held the rally on the Belle Isle Bridge with airline jets roaring overhead. After all Boston is where the jets originated that hit the Towers. I was elated to have so many support this event including the large group of local veterans holding American Flags. The flashing blue strobe lights offered by a local police cruiser provided a sense of security for all in attendance. The day was a huge success."

the crash of the fourth jet

Go to Winthrop Republican Town Committee on Facebook to contact the committee or for more information about Republican activities.

## Election Volunteer Highlight: Stephen Hines

By Kate Anslinger

For resident Stephen Hines, community comes first. It is for this reason that he volunteered to work the election season, giving back to the Town that he loves so dearly. Stepping into the role of Precinct Warden for the State Primary Election on Tuesday, September 1st, Hines took his responsibility seriously. Relying heavily on his team of experienced volunteers, he was able to keep the day running smoothly, ensuring that everyone was executing their proper roles throughout the day. In what he considers a rewarding role, Hines was also responsible for maintaining communication with the Town Clerk's office in the event that anything out

In the interview below, Hines shares a bit about his history in Winthrop and what drove his decision to volunteer for the election.

of the ordinary occurred.

#### Is this your first time volunteering during the election season?

Yes. I have always considered volunteering, but never pulled the trigger. Right out of university, I actually interviewed with the City of Somerville to manage their elections office. I didn't get the job, but now's my chance for redemption!

#### What made you want to volunteer?

First and foremost, community is the most important thing in my life. The Town of Winthrop has given me so many opportunities, so many friends, and has been home to my family for generations. When COVID hit, and older residents were unable to participate in the same capacity as previous years, I knew now was the time to step up and do my part.

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

As you can imagine, the entire world is different than it was a few

The local Playmakers

will open their 1990-91

season with a musical re-

Good Fellas, Ghost,

and Funny About Love

are playing at the Revere

A blackout caused by

a defective cable in the

new power distribution

system left half of the

town in the dark for four

imal Control Officer to

the Girls Scouts has been

invited to the meeting

with the selectmen to set

in motion a town-wide

the Winthrop Art Asso-

ciation recently attended

the Picasso Retrospective

at the Museum of Mod-

ern Art in New York City.

Members and guests of

cleanup program.

Everyone from the An-

Showcase Cinemas.

40 years ago

Sept. 3, 1980

hours Saturday.

in Boston Harbor.

vue.

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Stephen Hines, Principal Sales Agent at Robert Paul Properties and election volunteer for the 2020 season.

months ago. Extreme sanitation and social distancing measures were implemented to keep everyone safe. Additionally, mail-in voting strategies were tapped nationwide to ensure everyone has a safe voting experience. While this added an enormous administrative burden on our small cities and towns, it is instrumental in protecting and encouraging participation in our democracy.

#### Are you involved with any other volunteer work/committees in town?

At this moment in time, I am completely focused on growing my real estate sales business, Robert Paul Properties. My team and I work relentlessly to keep our clients satisfied and this puts a huge time crunch on each of us. We do make it a point to give back to the community as often as we can. We hold annual beach clean-ups, raise money for families in need around town, and do our best to support small businesses by shopping and dining locally as often as we can. In the past, I co-founded the Transportation Advisory Committee with my dear friend Julia Wallerce and have been known to frequent town committee meetings like zoning, appeals, and Town Council hearings.

#### How long have you lived in Winthrop?

My family has been in Winthrop for several generations. great-grandparents lived on Point Shirley, and all of my grandparents still live here in Town. I was raised here on the weekends with my father and grandparents all my life and moved back fulltime right out of my undergraduate studies. You could say that I am a genuine Townie!

### What do you love

about this town? Winthrop has always been a special place to me. Living here on the weekends as a child gave me a unique perspective on the town and instilled a great appreciation for its uniqueness. I live on the Beach, and every morning I leave my house and smell briny air, hear crashing waves, and address all my neighbors on a first-name basis. When I grab groceries at the Winthrop Market Place I am stopped with "How's your mother? How's your father? How's Nana doing? How's business?" When I walk the beach in the morning I'm constantly waving at familiar faces, petting familiar dogs, and admiring impressive architecture. Winthrop has always been "home" for me, and while I have traveled the world, it always feels good to be right here.

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#### 50 years ago Sept. 9, 1970

The Sun-Transcript urges Republican voters in Winthrop to cast a

blank ballot in the gover-

the high pollution count nor's contest in the upcoming state primary in order to send a message to Gov. Francis A. Sargent, who is unopposed on the GOP ballot, that his administration needs to address the growing problem of jet noise at Logan Airport.

A big turnout in the primary is expected, despite the lack of a local contest for state representative, because of the four-way battle for the Democratic nomination for governor among Boston Mayor Kevin H. White, former Lieut. Gov. Francis X. Bellotti, Senate Pres. Maurice Donahue, and Kenneth O'Donnell, a former top aide to Pres. John F. Kennedy.

More than 40 local and MDC police officers were called in Saturday night to break up a fight involving more than 100 youths from Winthrop and East Boston gangs who were brawling on Tafts Ave. on Pt. Shirley. Rocks and bottles were thrown by the youths at

the police officers. A rally will be held at

the State House by area

residents to protest the noise conditions at Logan Airport.

U.S. Senator Edward Kennedy visited Winthrop Tuesday and was greeted by hundreds of local residents as he toured the town.

Sidney Poitier stars in They Call Me Mr. Tibbs at the Winthrop Cinema.

#### 60 years ago Sept. 8, 1960

The biggest-ever turnout for a primary election is predicted by town election officials for this Tuesday's primary, which features a three-way race for the Democratic nomination for State Representative among former State Rep. Francis Irwin, Selectman Walter A. Van Dalinda, and Selectmen Chairman Henry O'Connell. There also is a Democratic primary race for State Senate featuring incumbent Harold Canavan of Revere and six challengers, including former State Senator and Sun-Transcript Publisher Andrew P. Quigley, and a seven-way battle for the Democratic nomination for Governor.

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### **Eugene Francis LaRiviere III**

Of Winthrop

Eugene Francis (Jay) LaRiviere III, 60, of Winthrop, passed away unexpectedly on Aug. 28.

He is survived by his mother, Grace (Dolly) LaRiviere of Medford; sons Jayson LaRiviere of Lowell and Nicky LaRiviere of Winthrop; sister Jeninne and brother-in-law Danny Alexander of East Wareham and lifetime partner, Donna Baldassari of Winthrop; nieces and nephews:

Danny and Kelly Alexander of Millis, Kristyn Alexander of Sagamore Beach, Adam and Erin Alexander of West Wareham; great- nieces and nephew, Madelyn, Camden, Hadley, Delaney and Caylee Alexander, as well as many cousins and friends.

A Funeral Mass will be celebrated at St. Rapha-



el's Church, 512 High Street, West Medford on Saturday, Sept. 26 at 9:30 a.m. Due to COVID-19, a Celebration of Jay's Life will be held when it is safe to do so.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Jay LaRiviere's Go Fund Me Page to help with final expenses and Nicky's College Education.

Go Fund Me Link: gofundme.com/f/donations-for-eugene-lariv-

#### Joanne Silva

Longtime waitress at Jeveli's in East Boston

Joanne H. Silva, 83, of Gilmore Court, Jaffrey, NH died at her home on Sept. 3 after a period of declining health.

She was born in Lowell on June 14, 1937, a daughter of the late Patrick and Harriet (Boyd)

Joanne was raised and educated in Winthrop and was a graduate of Winthrop High School, Class of 1956. She worked for many years as a waitress for Jeveli's in East Boston and Nonie's in Peterborough, NH.

Joanne was predeceased by her loving parents and her late husband, Donald J. Silva in 2009 and her late sister and brothers: Mary Donnelly, Robert Molloy, Richard Molloy, John Molloy, Kevin Molly and Thomas Molloy.

Mrs. Silva is survived by her two daughters and sons-in-law, Teresa (Silva) and Richard Shell of Rindge, NH and Janine (Silva) and Jonathan Slocum of Pittsfield. She was the adored and loved "Nana" of Brianna (Shell) Stuart, Samantha Shell and Cheyanne



Slocum and also leaves her sisters, Patricia Wall and Jeanne Skobeleff of Winthrop and many nieces, nephews, cousins and close friends.

In accordance with her wishes, cremation has taken place and she will

be buried with her late husband, Donald, at the Massachusetts Veterans' Memorial Cemetery, Winchendon, MA on Friday September 18. A memorial service will be held immediately after at Gilmore Court, Jaffrey, NH. A family memorial service will be held at a later date in Winthrop.

To share a memory or offer her family a condolence, please visit her permanent online memorial page at www.cournoyerfh.com.

## **OBITUARIES**

#### William Minichiello

Retired U.S. Customs Inspector and past Exalted Ruler of Winthrop Elks #1078

Family and friends are invited to attend the funeral of William R. "Bill" Minichello today, Thursday, Sept. 17 at 10 a.m. in the Vertuccio & Smith, Home for Funerals, 773 Broadway (Rte. 107) Revere for William R. "Bill" Minichello, who passed unexpectedly on Friday, September 11at Boston's Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, 88 days following the unexpected death of his beloved wife, Frances M. "Fran" (Hickey) Minichello on June 15. His funeral will be followed by a

Funeral Mass in the Concep-Immaculate tion Church (Corner of Beach St. and Winthrop Ave.) Revere at 11 a.m. Interment at Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett will be private.

To remind all attendees to the funeral home and the church, due to the ongoing pandemic, all mandates issued by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the Archdiocese of Boston must be followed; Masks must be worn and social distancing maintained.

Bill was born in Revere and lived in East Boston until moving to Swampscott in 2012. He was a graduate of Sacred Heart High School in East Boston, Class of 1967. He attended Emerson College during his freshman year and then transferred to the University of MA, graduating in 1971. He entered the work force with Blue Cross Blue Shield in 1968, achieving the position of Medicare Manager. In 1992, he changed careers and entered the employ of U.S. Customs, first serving as an inspector and retiring as an Auditor in 2008.

For many years, both he and his late wife, "Fran" were active members of the Winthrop Lodge of Elks #1078 and both were Past Exalted Rulers of that lodge, creating a whole network of close relationships. Bill also served with the Mass State Elks Association as an organist. Both



Bill and Fran were also Past District Deputy Life Members. Their work and energy spent within the Elks Foundations is both immense and outstanding. The cherished father of

Boston Police Sergeant Andrew J. Minichello and his wife, Maria and the adoring "Nonno" to Matthew Daniel Minichello, all of East Boston, Bill was the dear brother to Edward T. Minichello and his late wife, Valerie A. (LeBlanc) of Winthrop, the special uncle of Ronald Moore of Revere and Stephanie Lane and her husband, Michael of Winthrop. He is also proudly and lovingly survived by Fran's family (The Hickey and Crotty Clan) and his extended family at Winthrop Elks

and U.S. Customs. In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to the Mass State Scholarship Fund, c/o Winthrop Lodge of Elks #1078, 191 Washington Ave., Winthrop, MA 02152. To send online condolences, please visit: www.vertuccioandsmith.

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## William Furey

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D. Furey, 90, of Winthrop passed away peacefully at the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston

William

on Thursday, Sept. 3. William served in the United States Marine Corps. from 1947 to 1951. In 1948, his platoon was deployed in Jerusalem at the Amer-

ican consulate as armed bodyguards. By 1951, William served as Command Sargent in the 2nd 155 Gun Battalion at Camp Lejeune until his discharge. He then married his sweetheart, Joan Oliver, and had three children.

William also served as a Winthrop Police Officer before he became an inspector for the Registry of Motor Vehicles.

In addition to serving in the military and law enforcement, William was a talented artist, musician and he always had a story to tell. A true patriot, he was actively involved in Veteran's Affairs and always enjoyed singing the national anthem at memorial services. He also gave praise to fellow men and women in uniform. William appreciated just how much they all have sacrificed for the freedom of our country.

He was the devoted husband of the late Joan, with whom he shared 65 years of marriage; the loving father of Sean W. Furey and his wife, Deborah of North Carolina, the late Kathleen



C. Nocton of Winthrop and Colin L. Furey and his wife, Patricia of Winthrop; cherished grandfather of Danielle Furey of California, Bryan Furey, Charlotte and William Nocton, Kevin, Kelley, and Kenneth Furey, all of Winthrop. William was also blessed with two great grandchildren, Kathleen and Sean Mc-Gillicuddy, also of Winthrop. He was the loving brother of Doris Cowart of Peabody.

Family and friends are cordially invited to attend the visitation from the Caggiano-O'Maley-Frazier Funeral Home, Winthrop on Tuesday, Sept. 22 from 9 to 11 a.m. followed by a Funeral Mass in St. John the Evangelist Church, 320 Winthrop St., Winthrop at 11:30 a.m. Services will conclude with military honors in the Cross Street section of Winthrop Cemetery.

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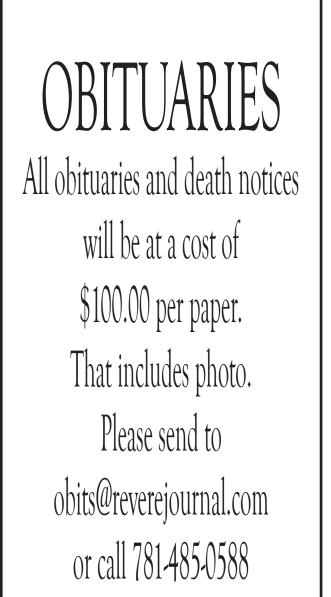
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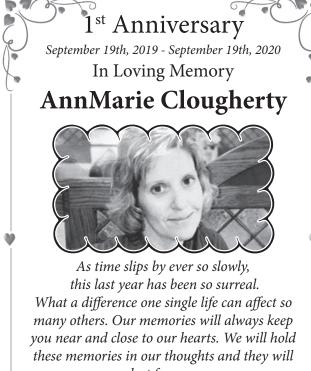


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## Center Business District infrastructure improvements construction updates

Staff report

The following is a summary of the work completed and the work P. Gioioso & Sons, Inc. (contractor) has scheduled for the next two weeks for the Center Business District Infrastucture project. Please note, the anticipated schedule may vary due to unforeseen site conditions, or other factors out of the contractor's control

#### Construction Updates and Schedule: Work completed through 9/11/20

- Continued construction of the new water main on Adams St., between Woodside Ave. and Williams St.
- Completed construction of the new water main on Williams St., between Adams St. and Pleasant St.
- Continued construction of the new storm drain on Hagman Rd., between Pauline St. and French Square. Install new drain manholes and 48" drainpipe.
- Completed installation of permanent water service connections to new water main for residences/businesses on Woodside Ave., between Pauline St. and Somerset Ave.
  - Removed 2" and 6"

temporary water bypass pipe on Woodside Ave., between Pauline St. and Somerset Ave.

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

## Anticipated Schedule to 9/25/20

- 1. September 14 to September 18, 2020
- Begin construction of the new sewer main on Somerset Ave., between Cottage Park Rd. and Pleasant St.
  Continue construc-
- tion of the new storm drain on Hagman Rd., between Pauline St. and French Square. Install new drain manholes and 48" drainpipe.

   Begin installation of
- permanent water service connections to new water main for residences/businesses on Somerset Ave., between Woodside Ave. and Cottage Park Rd.
- Continue installation of permanent sewer service connections to new sewer main for residences/businesses on Bartlett Rd., between French Square and Adams St.
- Install temporary trench pavement for trenches excavated on Somerset Ave., Hagman Rd., and Bartlett Rd.
- 2. September 21 to

September 25, 2020

- Continue 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 Bartlett Rd., between French Square and Adams St.
- Begin installation of permanent water service connections to new water main for residences/businesses on Bartlett Rd., between French Square and Pleasant St.
- Install temporary trench pavement for trenches excavated on Somerset Ave., Hagman Rd., and Bartlett Rd.

#### **NOTICES:**

1. Hagman Rd. and Citizens Bank Drive Thru: Hagman Road will be closed to vehicle traffic during work hours at French Sq. Citizens Bank Drive Thru window can be accessed from Putnam Street during this time. Police Details and detour signs will be in place.

Residents and businesses with temporary water service connec-

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

Occasionally, residents and businesses may experience discolored tap water because of construction activities. Construction may disrupt sediment in water pipes and cause it to become suspended in the water. Discolored water is not a health threat and is the result of low levels of naturally occurring iron in water. If you are experiencing water dis-

coloration, flush your water from a faucet that does not have a screen (like the bathtub or outside spigot) until you get clear water. If your water is still discolored after several minutes of flushing, you may need to wait a few hours for the sediment to settle and

the water in the main to clear. Additionally, residents and businesses may also experience warm tap water due to the sun heating the temporary water mains. Similarly, please flush your water for several minutes until it has cooled.

# Fraud Alert: Scammers claiming to be with DOJ preying on elderly

Staff Report

The Department of Justice has received reports that individuals claiming to represent the Department of Justice are calling members of the public as part of an impostor scam. The Department strongly encourages the public to remain vigilant and not to provide personal information during these calls, which appear to target the elderly.

Reports to the National Elder Fraud Hotline indicate these scammers falsely represent themselves as Department of Justice investigators or employees and attempt to obtain personal information from the call recipient, or they leave a voicemail with a return phone number. The return phone number directs users to a recorded menu that matches the recorded menu for the Department's main phone number. Eventually, the user reaches an "operator" who steers the user to someone claiming to be an investigator. That "investigator" then attempts to gain the user's personal information.

"Especially with so much of the elderly population isolated at home by COVID, phone scams are an intrusive, calculated effort to target the vulnerable," said United

States Attorney Andrew E. Lelling. "This scam is especially obnoxious because the perpetrators pose as employees of the Justice Department, and so manipulate the public's trust in the Department. Anyone who receives a potentially fraudulent call as part of this scam should report it immediately. My office would be happy to investigate and prosecute those involved."

Those who receive these calls are encouraged not to provide personal information and to report these scams to the FTC via their website at https://www.ftc. gov/slideshow-items/ report-scam or by call-877-FTC-HELP (877-382-4357). Fraud can also be reported to the FBI for law enforcement action at https:// www.justice.gov/criminal-fraud/report-fraud.

The National Elder Fraud Hotline is a resource created by OVC for people to report fraud against anyone age 60 or older. Reporting certain financial losses due to fraud as soon as possible, and within the first twothree days, can increase the likelihood of recovering losses. The hotline is open seven days a week. For more information about the hotline, please https://stopeldervisit fraud.ovc.ojp.gov/.

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teachers and students for the fully remote curriculum slated to begin this week. An indoor air quality assessment is being realized in all the school buildings. Teachers who do not want to return to the classroom are able to take advantage of sick leave, parental leave, family medical leave, maternity leave and other

#### PARKING PROGRAM

The Parking Program on Point Shirley expired on Sept. 7. According to a spokesperson for the Transportation Safety Advisory Committee (TSAC), the program was a success and should be adapted as a "permanent and predictable policy" for the summer season. In addition, it recommended handing out additional visitor parking passes.

Council President Boncore floated the idea of extending the program until the end of the month, given pleasant weather conditions that may continue to draw beachgoers. Councilor Rob DeMarco said he could get on board with an extension as long as the data bore out such a need. Parking Hearing Officer Mike Diluiso said he would examine the data and report back.

Caller Gerry Wardwell weighed in on the program.

"People think it's a success. It's a night-mare," he commented. "Enforcement has to be better. Someone has to take a look at what's going on down there. No one cares."

#### TRANSPORTATION

The Council heard a number of recommendations from The Transportation Safety Advisory Committee: 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. These recommendations were moved to the Committee on Rules and Ordinances for closer examination.

#### LIBRARY

Library Director Dianne Wallace and Asst. Director Mary Lou Osborne gave a presentation about current library operations. See full article on winthroptranscript. com.

# MassDOT Advisory: Statewide Exit Renumbering Project

Statewide Exit Renumbering Projec meeting set for September 24

Staff Report

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) is announcing an upcoming virtual Public Information Meeting for Mass-DOT's Statewide Exit Renumbering Project on Thursday, Sept. 24, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. This project is converting all existing exit numbers on freeways to a milepost-based numbering system, per Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) requirements.

The public meeting will cover information about the project, the construction schedule, and the project team will be there to answer questions.

Construction is scheduled to begin on this project in mid-October of this year and is anticipated to end in the summer of 2021. This is a state-

wide project; however, this public meeting will be focused on the scope and schedule of the fol-

- lowing corridors:
  - •State Route 3
    •State Route 24
  - •State Route 24 •State Route 25
  - •State Route 128 •State Route 140
  - •U.S. Route 3
  - •U.S. Route 6 •Interstate 93
  - •Interstate 95
  - •Interstate 195

•Interstate 295

Additional virtual public meetings will be scheduled throughout the Fall to cover the rest of the impacted corridors. Project updates and corridor-specific construction schedules will be posted regularly on the project's website. To learn more about the project, sign up for updates, and ask the project team questions, visit www.newmassexits. com.





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## Indrisano delivered with the 2020 title being on the line

By Cary Shuman

Anthony Indrisano brought his 'A' game to the most important game of the Winthrop Senior League playoffs and the result was the 2020 championship for Bob Andy and his No. 1-seeed Cubs.

With Indrisano excelling on the hill, the Cubs took home the title in a season that marked the long-awaited return of Senior Division baseball in Winthrop, thanks to the leadership of Commissioner Mark DiGregorio and Little League President Joe Murphy.

Indrisano had pitched in two previous appearances in the finals. Zack Bogusz, the other ace on the staff, picked up the 8-5 win in Game 1. Robert Rich pitched well but the Cubs fell short, 11-10, in Game 2.

But when showdown time arrived in the third and deciding game, Indrisano delivered the best pitching performance of the playoffs, allowing three hits, striking out eight batters and walking only one in a complete-game 10-2 victory.

"The real Anthony Indrisano showed up tonight," Cubs Coach Bob

Andy said after the game. It was the 16-year-old righthander's final game in the Senior League. Anthony plays varsity football, hockey, and baseball for the Winthrop High Vikings. With the high school baseball season canceled this spring due to the coronavirus, Indrisano and the other players in the league were returning to competitive baseball after a long hiatus.

#### **Proud family sports** heritage

Indrisano and Poto families had a front row seat for Anthony's pitching gem, looking on from behind the backstop at Ingleside Park. His father, Steve Indrisano, was a coach of the Cubs. He played hockey at Northeast Regional for Coach Frank Musi, who built a dynasty at the Wakefield school in the 1980s and

"I got to play in the Boston Garden in 1990 and 1991 state finals," recalled Indrisano. "Unfortunately, we lost to Westwood in both games."

Anthony Indrisano's uncle, the great Anthony Poto, did leave high school athletics with a state championship. Poto was the dynamic playmaking guard alongside backcourt partner James Bono for the 1995 state champion Winthrop High School boys basketball team. It was Poto's perfect pass at the Boston Garden that set up Todd Doherty for an incredibly clutch three-pointer from the corner that led to the Vikings' unforgettable triple-overtime victory over Cohasset in the state semifinals. Winthrop, directed by head coach Peter Grimes and assistant coach Phil Lundberg, went on to defeat Sutton in the state championship game.

Though Anthony was unable to attend his nephew's clutch pitching performance (he was at his daughter's soccer game) the Poto family was well represented by Anthony Indrisano's grandparents, John and Lorraine Poto, his mother, Marisa Poto Indrisano, and his uncle, John Poto III. Steve Indrisano's mother, June McKinnon, also enjoyed her grandson's triumph.

Anthony Indrisano was not the only baseball title-holder in the family this summer. His sister, Francesca, was a member of Coach Greg Sullivan's Mariners, who won the 2020 Winthrop Little League championship. Unfortunately, the talented sixth grader broke her

See INDRISANO Page 10



Anthony Indrisano at the pitchers mound.

## Marathon //CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Monday April 20, 2020, however; they were bolstered by the cheers of Winthrop residents along their route leading to a successful first marathon. Having a longtime

running history together that dates back to 2006, the girls were thrilled to discover that they were both accepted to run the marathon for their chosen charities, Griffiths for the MGH Institute of Health Professions IM-PACT Center and Wallace for the Brigham and Women's Gillian Reny Stepping Strong Center for Trauma Innovation. Since December the two have been training side by side, and worked together to plan out their virtual marathon, using their smart phones to record their distance and time. Following a socially distant breakfast outside Griffiths' house on Sunday, the girls set out on the 26.2 mile run, pumped up by Wallace's brother Joe and friend Matt Honan who made signs for their route and



Wallace and Griffiths cross the finish line at Yirrell Beach.

cheered them on along the way.

"Along Revere beach we saw two others participating in the virtual Boston Marathon, which was really fun," said Griffiths, who hopes to

one day run the in-person marathon when it's safe to do so. "Through this process we learned that 'if you want to go fast, go alone, if you want to go far, go together." The girls credit the

successful virtual marathon to their strong running partnership and to a supportive community.

"The Winthrop community went above and beyond to ensure that we had an amazing virtual marathon experience," said Wallace. "We are so grateful to all of our family, friends, and community members that came together to cheer us on. Out of the 26.2 miles the one and only mile at our favorite local spot, we did not see any spec-

tators was mile 24 (the back half of Deer Island) People we had never met were tracking our progress and cheering us on along the route. They offered us water, Gatorade, snacks, bathrooms, and so many laughs. Two local runners who heard of our story even delivered us post-race care packages and traveled along our route with costume changes to make our day more special! Matt Honan, owner of Honan Signs, donated so many amazing and creative signs. We got to cross our marathon finish line

Yirrell beach!"



Griffiths and Wallace take a post-run dip.

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#### **WHS SPORTS** THROUGH THE YEARS

#### 10 years ago **September 10, 2010**

The WHS football team will open its season this Friday evening under the lights at Salem's Bertram Field. Coach Sean Driscoll's 2010 Vikings will be led on offense by junior quarterback Jimmy Barker and senior co-captain Nick McCarthy. This year's Viking squad will feature several returning starters, while also having a bevy of strong underclassmen, who forced competition at most spots during camp and will provide depth during the season. Joining Barker and Mc-Carthy at the offensive skill positions are senior receivers J.P. Doherty and Jake Adelstein, with Chris Strangie, Joe Clougherty, Rich Ferrino, and sophomore Mitchell Paulson Jr. providing running back depth. Anchoring the offensive and defensive lines will be co-captain Nick Doonan and fellow tackle Anthony Hatsisavas, with senior Nick Beaudry starting for the second straight year at offensive

er will be the mainstay at linebacker and McCarthy projects once again to be one of the best safeties in the Northeastern Conference. Joining them will be a trio of sophomore defensive linemen, Daniel Feely, Paul Correale, and Brandon Gentile, who are all able to play multiple positions and spell other two-way starters such as Hatsisavas and Doonan. Free safety Michael Caputo and cornerbacks Strangie, Ferrino, and Paulson will also give the team depth.

#### 20 years ago Sept. 7, 2000

Coach Tony Fucillo's 2000 edition of the WHS football team will open its season Saturday when the Vikings meet non-conference rival Bishop Fenwick. Nine starters are returning from last year's defensive unit, led by tackles Bobby Breau, Pat Rogowicz, and Jonatas Silva and linebacker Michael Tear. Junior halfback Bobby Kneeland, who led the WHS offense in a 41-6 drubbing of Revere on Thanksgiving, will



Brothers Nick and Chris Tsiotos shown during their careers playing basketball for Suffolk University in the 1970s.

be the prime offensive threat behind new WHS quarterback, junior Matt Emanuelson. Winthrop will be seeking to improve on last year's 4-7 mark under Fucillo, who is in his 14th year at the helm of the Viking football program.

The WHS boys soccer team has high hopes for a successful season under head coach Tara O'Neil. The Vikings will be led by a trio of captains, Mark O'Brien, Mike Moran, and James Arena, who is the team's lone senior.

The annual five-mile Pt. Shirley Road Race is set for this Saturday.

#### 40 years ago Sept. 3, 1980

Although head coach DeFelice Bob pleased with his team's progress during week of pre-season practice at Camp Nellie Huckins, an ankle injury to starting halfback

Chuck Sullivan closed the camp on a down note.

#### 50 years ago Sept. 9, 1970

Matt Gunn has been chosen as the captain of the 1970 Winthrop High football team on the eve of the departure of new WHS head coach Bob DeFelice's squad from their summer training camp at Camp Forest Hills in Groton, N.H.

Former WHS head football coach Ed Mac-Farland, who was replaced by DeFelice after the School Committee refused to renew Mac-Farland's contract, has taken a position as an assistant coach at Beverly High. MacFarland was the head coach of the WHS football program from 1950-69.

Durward Knowles of Nassau, Bahamas, edged Winthrop skipper Joe Duplin to capture the 1970 No. American Star Class championship held off Rockport recently.

#### 60 years ago Sept. 8, 1960

The Boston Patriots of the newly-formed American Football League open their first season, hosting the Denver Broncos this Friday evening at the beautiful Boston University football field on which the Patriots spent more than \$20,000 for renovations. The contest marks the return of pro football to Boston after an absence of 12 years.

The only winner of all three of his races in the annual Labor Day weekend regatta, which attracted 470 boats to Winthrop waters, was John Lally of the Cottage Park Yacht Club in the Turnabout class.

#### 70 years ago Sept. 7, 1950

Richard T. "Dick" Mc-Quillan of Emerson Rd. waited 14 years to win his second championship at the Winthrop Golf Club. He did it on Labor Day weekend when he staged a gallant comeback to edge Steve White in an extra-hole match before a hushed gallery of 150 persons.

## IKEA Retail U.S returns \$1.4 million in unemployment payments that will fund work skills training

Staff Report

guard. On defense, Bark-

IKEA Retail U.S. will return to Massachusetts \$1,393,437 million used to pay unemployment benefits of previously furloughed employees, which will fund skill development and workforce training for both adults and youth to further assist the Commonwealth's economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Massachusetts is one of 27 states to which IKEA is planning to provide funds through its new national fund designed to return unemployment benefits that IKEA employees received when stores closed during the pandemic. In addition to the U.S., IKEA is coordinating repayment plans with Belgium, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Ireland, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Spain and the United Kingdom.

"Massachusetts grateful to have responsible businesses like IKEA that work in partnership with us, ensuring that we can take urgent care of people whose livelihoods were impacted by the coronavirus outbreak while strategically planning for our recovery in the months and years ahead," said Gov. Charlie Baker.

"We are appreciative of the ongoing support from the state of Massachusetts, including the unemployment funds paid to our co-workers who were furloughed in the early weeks of the pandemic, said Javier Quiñones, IKEA Retail U.S. president. "People are the heart of our business, and the state unemployment benefits helped IKEA US co-workers during a difficult time. We now have a better understanding of the impact of COVID-19 on our

business, and we've decided to "pay it forward" to support the ongoing COVID recovery efforts in our local communities."

The returned benefits will be deposited into the Commonwealth Corporation Foundation, the 501(c)(3) created to act as a fiscal conduit for grants, contracts, corporate funds and other funding that supports Commonwealth Corpo-Massachusetts' ration, quasi-public workforce development agency.

"Unemployment insurance and workforce development create a virtuous circle. Workers trained using UI funds help businesses across Massachusetts grow and thrive," said Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito. "As those businesses succeed and paid wages grow, businesses pay it forward through growing UI contributions, which assist

more workers gain the skills to succeed in a rapidly changing economy. This cycle lays a strong foundation to support Commonwealth's businesses, workers and families through both difficult and prosperous economic times."

Workforce development is lifelong education: affordable, highly effective, and efficient in delivering the skills that businesses seek in Commonemployees. wealth Corporation administers Massachusetts' workforce development programs on behalf of the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development by investing in innovative partnerships with industry, education and workforce organizations.

Those partnerships prepare youth and unemployed workers for jobs in demand that lead to higher rates of employment through the Workforce Competitiveness Trust Fund, upskill underemployed workers to meet specific employer skill demands leading to job retention, upgrades and wage gains through the Workforce Training Fund Program, and increase the share of youth engaged in education and employment pathways preparing them for post-secondary education and careers through its YouthWorks program.

"Massachusetts has worked tirelessly over the last five months to make sure that every person entitled to benefits during this global emergency has received what they need to support themselves and their families," said Secretary of Labor and Workforce Development Rosalin Acosta. "Now, we must focus on preparing workers for a drastically changed economy so that

we can meet the challenges ahead caused by

this crisis. "The nature of work is changing, and we run the risk of leaving behind workers who do not have the means to work from home, or who worked in industries heavily impacted by COVID-19," said Commonwealth Christine Corporation Abrams. "Our grantees have done remarkable work in the face of this crisis, from transitioning their factories to personal protective equipment production, to adapting current training programs designed for hard-hit industries to now target industries that are still hiring. Our YouthWorks program has created virtual opportunities for youth across Massachusetts. We are grateful to IKEA for helping us con-

tinue this critical work."

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### **DIRECTIONS:**

**STEP 1:** Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Lightly grease a small baking dish. STEP 2: Place the bacon in a large, deep skillet. Cook over

medium-high heat until the grease has mostly rendered, but the bacon is still very soft, about 3 minutes. Remove, and pat dry with paper towels; set aside.

pepper, garlic powder, salt, and pepper in a bowl until combined. Divide this mixture onto each chicken breast. Fold the breasts in half, and wrap with 2 slices of bacon. Secure with toothpicks as needed. Place into the prepared baking dish.

**STEP 3:** Stir together the cream cheese, green onions, bell

**STEP 4:** Bake in the preheated oven until the chicken is no longer pink in the thickest part, 30 to 35 minutes. Remove

the toothpicks before serving.

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Anthony Indrisano with the Poto and Indrisano families.

#### Indrisano //continued from Page 9 ed sixth grader broke her virus. But its eventual

arm and was unable to take the field for the title run. Steve Indrisano was an assistant coach of the Mariners as well.

The Senior Baseball

League season was de-

layed due to the corona-

A memorable season

return was welcomed enthusiastically by the players and coaches. "Just a fantastic job

gave these kids an oppor-

overall by Mark DiGregorio, who put in many hours helping to get the field ready," said Steve Indrisano. "His work

tunity to play baseball. It was really a nice effort considering Senior Baseball had basically disappeared in Winthrop for a long time. To put it back in existence this year, field three teams and have the fun that we had, it was a really nice job by Mark to do that."

#### WINTHROP CATHOLIC WOMAN'S CLUB HOLDS $9^{ m TH}$ ANNUAL EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP LOTTERY

The Winthrop Catholic Woman's Club (WCWC) has been a part of the Winthrop Community for 100 years and has been offering a scholarship for 5 applicants for the past 9 years. Money for the five, 500 dollar scholarships comes from their annual dues and the club's account.

Any member in good standing can offer up a qualified applicant, with a signed application and a letter of acceptance from a qualified institution of higher learning, teacher training schools, community colleges and institutes of technology. The applicant or sponsor must also be in attendance at the drawing. This year's drawing took place on Monday evening, September 14, at 530pm at 30 Ocean View Street. Five lucky applicants out of the 27 that were entered.

The WCWC is looking forward to a new beginning for 2021, with plans to continue their good work in the community and offering scholarships for more students. For information on joining or making a donation to the scholarship fund please call President, Fannie Massa 617-846-0506.



Volunteers from the Winthrop Catholic Woman's Club that helped with the raffle. None of these ladies sponsored anyone in the drawing. From left: Event Chairperson Barbara Survilas, Heather Martin, Maureen Ford, Patricia Sullivan, Anita Marcoccio, President Fannie Massa and Christine Haskell.



President Fannie Massa (left) and Chairperson Barbara Survilas (right) and volunteer Heaher Martin (rear) are shown with the 5 winning sponsors: Judith O'Keefe for Meghan Goffredo going to Plymouth State, Pauline Frati for Molly Frati going to Grand Canyon University, Maryellen Honan for Christopher Rodriguez going to U Mass Amherst, Alice Haskell for Patrick Haskell going to University of Maine, and Norma Casella for Emma O'Regan going to University of Rhode Island.



President of the Winthrop Catholic Woman's Club, Fannie Massa prepares the numbers for the lottery of the 27 applicant.

## DUA disburses final lost wages assistance benefits to unemployment claimants

Staff Report

The Massachusetts Department of Unemployment Assistance (DUA) has disbursed the sixth and final Lost Wages Assistance (LWA) \$300 supplemental benefit to unemployment claimants in the Commonwealth. The application for these federal supplemental

unemployment benefits was submitted by the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA), in coordination with the Department of Unemployment Assistance (DUA).

der the federal LWA pro- LWA during that time- beyond the six weeks al-

gram went to all eligible claimants for the weeks ending Aug. 1 through Sept. 5. Approximately 461,000 standard unemployment insurance (UI) beneficiaries and 234,000 Pandemic Un-The limited additional employment Assistance weekly unemployment (PUA) beneficiaries were benefit to claimants un- determined eligible for

frame. The total amount disbursed to eligible claimants was over \$1.3 billion. This program was administered and funded by the Federal **Emergency Management** Agency (FEMA). FEMA has informed DUA that no additional LWA payments will be available

ready allotted.

All LWA-eligible unemployment claimants in both the UI and PUA programs should receive the supplemental funding by Sept. 15. If a claimant has questions about eligibility or their payment status they can call the Department of Unemployment Assistance call unemployment.

center at 877-626-6800. The call center is open from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday, and 8 a.m.-noon on Saturdays. Multilingual call agents are available. More information about unemployment tance in Massachusetts can be found at mass.gov/





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#### **NEWS FROM AROUND** THE REGION

#### BUILDING **MOMENTUM ON** SECOND STREET

CHELSEA - The gas station on Second Street in Chelsea Square is now slated for development as the long-time owner looks to retire and has an option to sell the property to Broadway Capital, which has proposed to develop the property into a new residential build-

Reggie's Service at 31 Second St. is now being slated for 24 units of housing, with 20 percent of it being affordable units. The project was presented by Broadway Capital's Mike Vienneau on Tuesday at the Planning Board and is making its way through the review process.

It will include 36 parking spots, all underground, he said.

Vienneau said they are very open to making the units condos for sale, rather than rental apartments. Right now, they are just finishing up the former nursing home

at 932 Broadway, and if sales go as well as they hope there, then Vienneau said they would use the same formula on Second Street – if approved.

"The nursing home is kind of our test site for homeownership here and if it works - which we believe it will, we'll plug in the same formula for Second Street," said Vienneau.

The project will move to the Zoning Board in the coming weeks for additional reviews and potential approvals.

#### **LUXURY HOUSING** ON BROADWAY

CHELSEA - The fortress of a building that was once a nursing home at 932 Broadway seemed like an insurmountable task to transform into luxury housing earlier this year when Broadway Capital started construction on the project.

Yet, a transformation is exactly what has happened at the home through the COVID-19

pandemic and now a very unique home ownership opportunity is about ready to be delivered to the market in November.

"We're at about 80 construction percent completion," said Mike Vienneau of Broadway Capital. "The goal is to finish things up in the next few months and have it ready for occupancy by November... One thing we really focused on is the owner-occupancy and the affordability. Ownership is a huge thing the City wanted. Because Chelsea has such a high percental of rental properties, they're looking for more owner-occupancy projects."

That is exactly what will be delivered, with 33 condos for sale, and six of them affordable to 80 percent AMI (two of them two-bedrooms and four one-bedrooms).

Listing agents Jeff Bowen and Robert Ricardo of RealWay said the for sale units offer a great opportunity to live and work in Chelsea - with prices start-

## It's time to start

Students and staff prepare to enter the e-Learning Center at the Parlin – a rather odd and unique first day in the times of COVID-19.







Supt. Priya Tahiliani (photo left) celebrated her first, First Day of School at Everett Public Schools Tuesday morning at the Parlin e-Learning Center by giving a socially distanced elbow bump to second grader Ashley Ramos. Meanwhile, later in the morning, Supt. Tahiliani (photo right) said hello to teacher Audrey Agnetta's remote class at the Keverian. The first day of 2020 marked a number of different learning and teaching configurations due to COVID-19's ongoing stranglehold on life – including e-Learning Centers, all-remote learning, teaching from home and teaching from empty classrooms.



#### 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 toweling/beach 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.



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

Face covering is required to be worn. Face

covering requirement for public, Order 31

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Face covering is required to be worn.

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Are you outdoors less than

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

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Massachusetts Workplace Safety Standards, Order 33 All workers in such spaces at that same

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property also includes an 1,800 sq. ft. roof deck with wood flooring, a dog run, Italian cabinets, in-unit washer/dryer and a Bosch appliance package. There will be management on site too, and Broadway Capital and RealWay intend to open offices in the retail portion of the project on the ground floor. There are also 33 park-

ing in the mid-\$300,000

range and going up. The

ing spots and one spot deeded to each owner.

Bowen said it is a milestone development as well, because it is the first significant ownership building put on the market since Mill Creek in 2004.

Ricardo, who has lived in Chelsea all his life after immigrating from Colombia as a child, said he is really excited to bring premiere ownership opportunities to Chelsea whether it's existing residents wanting to move into a new building or people coming into the city looking for a diverse community away from Boston or Cambridge.

"I'm excited to be part of this and to really boost the opportunities in Chelsea," said Ricardo. "Overall, I think the City of Chelsea is on a path to recovery and moving forward in the right direction without losing that urban blue-collar feel... When I was a kid I used to go up on the roof and see how close we were to Boston. I always wondered why more people didn't come to Chelsea. Now, I'm part of seeing Chelsea become what I thought it could always become...Chelsea is becoming the go-to place. It has its challenges – like pass them."

sea so we can increase

tax revenues and have

any city - but it can surbers. Longtime activists like Bowen added that the home-ownership rate in Chelsea is at 17 percent, which is the 5th lowest in the nation behind New-

ark, NJ. He said that's why this project is so im-"We're trying to bring affordable home-ownership to the City of Chel-

flight path.

Chelsea provide better schools and infrastructure and change the perception Chelsea is a passthrough community," he said.

#### **MIXED USE** DEVELOPMENT **PLANNED**

EAST BOSTON - A developer filed a Letter of Intent with the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) to create a 190-unit, mixed use development on Bennington Street near Wood Island MBTA station.

According to the letter filed with the BPDA the developer, named only as Redgate, is looking to transform a 50,000 square foot lot at 355 Bennington St. into a six-story building conapproximately taining 190 multifamily dwelling units, ground floor retail, accessory parking, and amenities and services for building residents.

The site, that currently houses a single-story commercial business and paved lot, is bounded by Bremen Street, Bennington Street, the Martin A. Coughlin Bypass Road, and Excel Academy Charter School.

Redgate plans to demolish the existing building and construct the new six-story building.

"We anticipate submitting a Project Notification Form within the next 30 days, and we look forward to working with your staff, elected officials, community members, and the Impact Advisory Group that will review the Project," wrote Redgate's attorney, Matthew Kiefer. The project has already

received some backlash from community mem-

Mary Berninger pointed out that when Massport built the passive park on Neptune Road just across the street from the proposed Bennington St. project, they told the community that benches and other amenities could not be included due to the park's location

under Runway 15/32's

"Six stories directly near the approach to a runway?," said Berninger. "The community couldn't even get permission for a couple of benches at the Neptune Road Buffer Park because "points of public assembly" are forbidden

in that area." Also, the Boston Zoning Board of Appeals recently rejected a similar large-scale project on Bremen Street just down the street from Redgate's proposal.

Citing a lack of greenspace coupled with the size and scope of the project, the ZBA unanimously rejected the proposed project at 282-302 Bremen St. that would have brought 145 additional units to Eastie.

#### EAST BOSTON'S **MOTHERS OUT** FRONT RECEIVES CITY GRANT

EAST BOSTON - The East Boston chapter of the national Mothers Out Front movement received a Love Your Block mini-grant from the City of Boston. The grant provides funding for neighborhoods throughout Boston to organize clean-ups and beautification projects.

Mothers Out Front, a movement that encourages mothers across the nation to fight for meaningful environmental mitigation to ensure a liveable climate for children, will use the funds to build a community living wall for its residents. According to Mothers

Out Front's (MOF) Sonja Tengblad the community living wall will help educate the residents about the need for good air quality as the current air quality is poor due to the proximity of Logan Airport.

Tengblad said community living wall is Inspired by London's carbon sequestering moss walls. "Mothers Out Front

East Boston designed a community art build to both empower and edu-

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cate East Boston about air pollution," said Tengblad. "Designed by MOF member Danielle Marie Emond, this Green Living Wall will spell the word "Aire" (air) using peat moss cups adhered to a chain link fence. It will be in Spanish not only to represent the neighborhood, but to illustrate how unfairly burdened people of color are by air pollution, and will include multilingual signage educating passersby about our air quality."

Eastie artist Sury Chavez will design a sidewalk art project alongside the wall, giving families and community members more opportunities to participate. MOF volunteers will then host school groups and other visitors over a three-week period once it is up, facilitating discussions about air pollution, health, and climate change."

Tengblad said a special unveiling is planned for Mother's Day weekend 2021. With Eastie being an

Environmental Justice Community, Tengblad said MOF's Clean Air Force group has repeatedly pointed out the health inequities in the community. "African-American

children have the highest prevalence of asthma and 68 percent of Latinos live in areas that do not meet federal air quality standards compared to 58 percent of whites," she said. "More than 1.81 million Latinos nationwide live within one half mile of existing oil and gas facilities and African-Americans 75 percent more likely than others to live near facilities that produce hazardous waste. Latinos on average breathe in 63 percent more of the pollution than they make. African-Americans the figure is 56 percent. Non-Latino whites on average are exposed to 17 percent less air pollution than they make according to recent studies released this year."

Mayor Martin Walsh said these grants go a long way to help bring residents and communities together to beautify even more of our neighborhoods and call attention to environmental issues in Boston.

Your Block program, we are encouraging residents of Boston to show their love for their neighborhoods, one block at a time,' he said. The city's Director of

"Through the Love

Office of Public Service Kaira Fox added, "Our City is going through a trying time and I am happy that programs like Love Your Block exist to bring residents not only hope but a physical change that positively impacts their surroundings. Beautification is of COVID-19."

#### healing to these communities and our 2020-2021 winners will create bright spots for their residents amid the adverse effects

**POLITICAL** EVERETT - While some are saying the removal of long-time Zoning Board member Mike

REMOVAL WAS NOT

bution, Mayor Carlo De-Maria this week said that couldn't be further from the truth and is actually a move over several years to diversify Boards in the

Last week, Dantone confirmed that he had been removed from the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) after 15 years of service. A letter from the mayor dated Aug. 27 indicated his last day of service was to be Aug.

Dantone said he goes to nearly every meeting, makes site visits, and has had to be involved in legal issues related to the Board a number of times over the years. He said he takes the job very seriously, but did not know why specifically he was removed.

Mayor DeMaria told the Independent any talk of political retribution is totally false. "There was no politics

in it at all," he said. "I've been asking board members the last two years to step off if they've been on a Board for too long...I could care less who held a sign for Mike. Antonio Amaya is on a Board and he held a sign for Mike and I didn't rescind him. People are welcome to vote for whomever they want and hold signs if they want."

He said the effort is all about diversifying the Boards to reflect the current population and make sure no one is serving too long and making decisions inconsistent with the times.

"Everyone else has been ok with it," he said. "I do not want someone on a Board for 20 years. We had Joe DeSisto on the ZBA far too long and he ran it like it was his...We really need to increase the diversity on that Board. I don't want people on that Board who have friendships with developers.' He said the ZBA has

recently elected a new chair in Mary Gerace, and he said he will have her run the ZBA for a few years and then ask her to step off the Board and onto another Board if she wishes. 'That's all I'm doing

here," he said. To that end, he said

he has nominated Le Cao to replace Dantone as part of his initiative to increase diversity and nominate Everett residents that haven't ever served on a Board. He said he put out the request for applications and was impressed with Cao in the interview. "I thought he was very

interesting and had some good ideas about how developers can contribute, like adding to a public Wi-Fi network," said the mayor.

### REMOTE LEARNING AT NSCC

LYNN - When North Shore Community College's 56th academic year began, classes and learning continued, but in a very different format. To prioritize the health and environment.

safety of NSCC's entire community, the vast majority of NSCC students began the fall semester in a predominantly virtual "I think it is safe to say that this is the beginning of the most unprecedent-

ed semester NSCC has

ever faced," said Dr. Nate

Bryant, NSCC Interim President. "Six months following the coronavirus pandemic outbreak, we still find ourselves in its throes. We have spent significant time and resources over the summer preparing for our utmost goal of keeping our students and staff safe and healthy. "Only about five per-

cent of our classes will be offered in person on campus, most of which are those that require face-to-face labs and simulations. Students and faculty will continue to adapt to an online learning environment, while those employees who can effectively perform their work from home will continue to do so. I extend my sincere thanks and admiration for the efforts of so many who have worked diligently to prepare for what promises to be an auspicious year," Dr. Bryant noted.

the conversion to online learning in March when the college moved away from face-to-face learning due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Now, Dr. Bryant says, NSCC is poised deliver an online learning experience that is equal in quality to the face-to-face experience. Our full-time faculty and adjunct faculty have been training all summer to prepare for the new school year and I'm delighted with the progress they made. Students this fall will receive an exceptional online learning experience. Dr. Karen Hynick,

NSCC started planning

Vice President of Academic Affairs, said, "Thanks to the hard work and ability of NSCC faculty to quickly pivot to a new educational reality, our students will continue to receive an exceptionally high-quality educational experience at NSCC, albeit in different formats. We have only 29 sections of faceto-face courses for the fall semester, mostly in health professions, aviation and other areas that require hands-on experiences where the equipment can't be replicated at home or through virtual means. Our faculty and Center for Teaching, Learning and Innovation (CTLI) staff have spent countless hours preparing for the fall semester, enhancing over 300 sections of online, 250 sections of hybrid and 250 sections of video conference courses."

NSCC has made a considerable investment to ensure high academic standards continued across all academic programs in the new virtual modality. Over \$700,000 was spent on training full-time and adjunct faculty to develop online, hybrid and videoconference courses and labs. The college also dedicated significant resources to ensure that students had what they needed to succeed - Chromebooks, Hot Spots, virtual resource access and emergency loans if needed.

In addition, NSCC student affairs staff have worked tirelessly since the spring to address anticipated enrollment shortfalls. Work has included lots of virtual

weekend registration and

orientation events, and

shifting student supports to virtual delivery such advising, tutoring, counseling, and more. Countless hours were spent to drive down what started out as a significant double-digit decline, which is now much closer to original projections. "All of us at NSCC

remain steadfast in our commitment to the health and safety of our students and staff and to student success. We will continue to adjust and adapt to the changes brought forth by the COVID pandemic," Dr. Bryant said. "We maintain social distancing, wear facemasks, and are getting used to a new way of life in the hopes of keeping our families and communities safe and limiting the spread of the coronavirus."

#### **CAMPAIGN** UNDERWAY TO FIGHT COVID-19

REVERE - The Baker-Polito Administration stepped up its targeted initiative to help stop the spread of COVID-19 in communities across the Commonwealth with the highest number of positive cases. This initiative brings even greater focus to the top five highcommunities est-risk with regular neighborhood-level assessments and a comprehensive multi-lingual public messaging campaign.

The initiative focuses efforts on Chelsea, Everett, Lawrence, Lynn and Revere. The Commonwealth's COVID-19 Enforcement and Intervention Team (CEIT), in partnership with local community officials, is leading this effort. This targeted initiative includes regular meetings with local leadership to understand residential and business activities contributing to trends, an even greater level of state focus to stop the spread and a new public messaging campaign.

The goal of the public messaging campaign is to ensure residents know they live in a high-risk community and reiterate the importance of wearing a mask and other best practices to stop the spread. Built around a message of, "You have the power to save a life.' the comprehensive campaign will encourage the use of masks and social distancing and will run in English, Portuguese, Spanish, Haitian Creole, Vietnamese, Arabic and other languages common to these communities. The campaign includes: A new online re-

source at Mass.gov/Stop-COVID19 (Spanish: Mass.Gov/ DetenCOVID19)

(Portuguese: Mass. Gov/PareCOVID19) (Additional multilin-

gual online resources will be available soon) Advertising on billboards, digital and social

- media • Downloadable materials in multiple languag-
- Multi-lingual field teams deployed in the communities
- Phone and text communications • Outreach to local
- community groups This new web-

Mass.gov/Stopsite COVID19 provides residents and local business owners with information on how to stop the spread, state restrictions on gathering sizes, testing locations and materials that can be printed for display in apartment complexes, restaurants and community areas. The campaign's advertising will run on hundreds of displays,

message boards, signs, billboards and other channels in these top 5 communities through paid partnerships and via state-owned resources, such as at MBTA stations, on MassDOT signs and much more. During Labor Day weekend, the field teams will be active at approximately 15 locations in these top 5 communities. All aspects of this campaign will expand throughout the fall. In early August, the Administration estab-

lished CEIT through the COVID-19 Command Center. CEIT is a cross-agency response which includes unit, representatives from the Community Tracing Collaborative, Department of Public Health, Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission, Massachusetts State Police, Department of Labor Standards and other agencies. Since it was launched,

this team has worked

closely with all higher-risk communities to help stop the spread of COVID-19 in areas that are persistently above the state average. CEIT partnered with local elected and community officials, including municipal leadership, police chiefs and local health departments, to assess trends and most effectively utilize resources. Collectively, these teams have enforced gathering size restrictions and shared with municipalities additional state support, such as testing and contact tracing information. Over the last two

erage daily incidence rate is 4.2 cases per 100,000 people, while Chelsea is 29.4, Revere is 20.9, Lynn is 12.1, Everett is 15.9 and Lawrence is 14.9. As new community data is reported, CEIT will adjust as cities and towns move into or out of higher-risk categories. Throughout September, the campaign will expand beyond the top 5 communities. Mayor Brian Arrigo's

weeks the statewide av-

remarks during the press conference were as fol-"Thank you Undersec-

retary Thorpe and Thank you Governor and Secretary Sudders for having me and for the support you continue to provide to the City of Revere in our COVID-19 response. In the month of Au-

gust, the City of Revere averaged 12.6 new cases of covid-19 per day - up from an average of 6 daily new cases in July. For the 6th consecu-

tive week, our positive test rate has remained at more than three times the state average, this week at 5.75%. With data as our guide throughout this crisis, we have suspended all city events and programming until further notice, and all of our students will start the school year remotely on September 16. Our City shares many of the same characteris-

tics as our neighbors in

East Boston, Chelsea,

Everett and Lynn who

are facing the same chal-

lenges we are --

We are a city of essential and frontline workers, many of whom rely on public transportation to continue to report to Many of our residents

live in densely populated

areas, and in multigenerational and multifamily households. We continue to see clusters of cases emerge at single address-Half of our population is comprised of immigrants and communities of color. We know that this virus impacts Black

and Brown communities

we are seeing those im-

disproportionately

pacts firsthand in Revere. And, finally, we know many of our residents are tired. Of hearing from us. Of restrictions. And of the sacrifices they continue to make to protect themselves and loved ones. I certainly understand where they

are coming from. It's been a long seven months and it would be easy to throw up our hands and give up.

But, instead We have to do more.

We have to think of new ways to communicate with our residents, bring awareness to the current risk levels and implement new policies to encourage greater compliance with public health guidelines.

We are grateful for the continued support the Governor and his team are providing to us- in the form of expertise, manpower and autonomy to make the decisions that are right for our city and residents.

Since the launch of the Governor's enforcement and intervention team we've bolstered our education and enforcement efforts in the city of Re-

We are hiring multilingual ambassadors to engage directly with residents in their neighborhoods, distribute masks and connect them with other resources. We have begun issu-

ing citations for private gatherings that violate the Governor's revised gatherings order. Since we announced this enforcement mechanism we have seen greater compliance. We will be monitoring for gatherings closely as we head into this holiday weekend.

We have tightened capacity limits at our grocery and big box stores.

We have ramped up our business inspections and are hiring additional inspectors to reach hundreds of businesses on an ongoing basis. We've received additional support from the

ABCC at licensed establishments and private We have begun closing

parks and playgrounds where large gatherings have persisted without mask wearing or social distancing. Every weekend we reach every one of our city owned parks playgrounds and have distributed hundreds of masks. And since rolling out

two free testing sites as part of the Stop the Spread initiative, we are administering more than 2,000 tests a week for Revere residents, quadrupling the number of our residents being tested since mid-July.

Dantone is political retri-

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residential/institutional; business and industrial uses, as listed in the table of use regulations on the same lot, arranged vertically in multiple stories of a structure or horizontally adjacent to one another in one or more buildings." See § 17.12.040. A mixed-use development is not allowed as a matter or right in the BA zone,

therefore relief from the

Winthrop Board of Appeals would need to be obtained. See §17.12.130

The maximum height allowed in the BA zone is 40 feet. The proposed building height is 48 feet, therefore requiring a height variance. See §17.16.020. Off-street parking proposed is for 22 spaces. Parking requirements are for a minimum of 40 parking spaces 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

Darren Baird, Chairman Joanne M. DeMato, Clerk Winthrop Board of Appeals September 10, 2020

September 17, 2020

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TOWN OF WINTHROP **LEGAL NOTICE** 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 Paul D. Leavy, Sixty Five Main, LLC., 65 Main St., Winthrop, MA 02152. You are invited to a Zoom webinar. When: Sept 24, 2020 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada) Topic: Winthrop Board of **Appeals Meeting** When: Sep 24, 2020 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada) Topic: Board of Appeals Please click the link below to join the webinar: https://us02web.zoom. us/j/89967577024 Or iPhone one-tap: US: +16465588656

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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

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To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Anthony Ricupero of Holliston, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Anthony Ricupero of Holliston, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an unsupervised administration. IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain

a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 10/13/2020. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you. UNSUPERVISED ADMIN-ISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM

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distribution of assets and expenses of administration. WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Date: September 01, 2020 Felix D. Arroyo

Register of Probate



Sen. Ed Markey calls for \$100 billion in federal funding for community health centers and hospitals Sunday at EBNHC.

## Markey outlines priorities for the next round of coronavirus relief

On Sunday, flanked by East Boston Neighborhood Health CEO Manny Lopes, Councilor Lydia Edwards and Mattapan Community Health Center CEO Guale Valdez, U.S. Senator Ed Markey laid out priorities for the next round of coronavirus relief and called for \$100 billion to be included for hospitals and community health centers in the next package outside the Health Center's Maverick Square location.

"We have a crisis in our country that is continuing," said Sen. Markey Sunday. "It is here that Manny and Guale and the medical personnel in East Boston and in Mattapan are fighting this disease on a daily basis. Community health centers are the lifeblood of thousands of neighborhoods, cities, and towns across the United States. They care for our most vulnerable communities, and they do so tirelessly, with compassion, creativity, and grace. This crisis is far from over, and our hospitals and health centers need more relief to continue testing, treating and controlling this disease."

Markey pointed out that Eastie and Mattapan's community health centers have been at the center of the communities' response to the coronavirus pandemic, converting into testing and treatment centers overnight, launching mobile testing sites across the city, and distributing Wifi devices to residents to continue telehealth services throughout the crisis.

"The Coronavirus is largely affecting communities of color and it is these communities that are exposed to the disease in greater numbers as compared to the general public," said Markey. "East Boston and Mattapan are the heart essential workers who can not 'ZOOM' to work and run the risk of catching the disease and bringing it home to their families. This combined with the fact that they are in close proximity to pollution that causes higher rates of asthma that put them at higher risk of catching COVID and more vulnerable to respi-

ratory illness." Since Markey has led efforts in the Senate in calling for protections for frontline workers during the coronavirus pandemic, demanding the Trump administration provide essential workers the personal protective equipment (PPE) they need. He is a co-sponsor of legislation to eliminate all out-of-pocket health expenses for every person in the United States during the pandemic. In

the CARES Act, Senator Markey fought to include \$150 billion for hospitals and community centers

across the country. "For the last fifty years, EBNHC has served East Boston and surrounding communities - this year has been one of the most difficult in our history. Our patient population continues to be disproportionately affected by this pandemic," said Lopes. "EBNHC and community health centers have been at the forefront of this battle, fighting for Commonwealth's most at-risk. Health centers have been leading the way on testing, contact tracing, addressing food access, providing behavioral health support for our community members - oftentimes virtually, and distributing relevant educational materials... all while providing high-quality care for our patients who need it. Senator Markey has been a longtime friend and supporter of East Boston Neighborhood Health Center. Back in March, as the pandemic began to take hold, Senator Markey stepped up to call on Congress to prioritize CHC funding and support. We cannot thank him enough for fighting for us, our patients, and the communities we

## Residents urged to check unclaimed property list

Staff Report

During these unprecedented times, there are not many chances for a simple slam dunk. But recently, as the Boston Celtics continue in the playoffs, Massachusetts State Treasurer Deborah Goldberg has announced the latest grouping of names added to the state's list of unclaimed property owners.

Over 51,000 properties worth millions of dollars belong to individuals and businesses throughout the Commonwealth. Folks who have unclaimed property include Celtic's owners Wyc Grousbeck and Steve Pagliuca, Head Coach Brad Stevens, and the Boston Celtics' orga-

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nization itself. "It is time to block

the Unclaimed Property team assist you," said Treasurer Deborah Goldberg. "During uncertain times, this opportunity to rebound can really help. One in ten Massachusetts residents are owed money. So, call our office today to begin the give-and-go."

Unclaimed property includes forgotten savings and checking accounts, un-cashed checks, insurance policy proceeds, stocks, dividends, and the contents of unattended safe deposit boxes. These accounts have had too much hang time and are turned over to the state after three years of inactivity.

Last year, Treasury processed over 110,000 claims of over \$130 million in property to its

rightful owners. This newly released list includes only individ-

uals and businesses with unclaimed property over \$100. To view www.findmassmoney.com or call our live call center at 888-344-MASS (6277). The update of all new individuals and businesses added to the unclaimed property list will be published in the Boston Herald on Sept. 20. In addition, the names will be published in over 30 regional and local papers. The Treasury releases an updated list of unclaimed property assets every six months as the new accounts are turned over to the Commonwealth. There is no buzzer beater needed for a person to claim this property and, in many cases, claimants will receive interest accumulated. Don't miss

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## Mass. PRIM collaborates with MIT Sloan on new initiative to improve measurement of sustainable investing

State Treasurer Deborah Goldberg and the Massachusetts sion Reserves Investment Management Board (Mass. PRIM) formally began a collaborative project last week to improve measurement of Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) data in the investment and financial sector.

The collaboration with MIT's Sloan School of Management – called the Aggregate Confusion Project - aims to build on research by scholars at MIT Sloan's Sustainability Initiative to improve the quality of ESG measurement. MIT Sloan and Mass. PRIM announced the collaboration in a Sept. 8 news release. It was formally unveiled at the Mass. PRIM Board of Trustees meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 9.

Recently, certain ESG elements have become top of mind, including a company's contingency planning, the work environment, and how management engages with its workforce and the community.

"We believe companies that operate with consideration to ESG issues are higher quality investments that make

community and yield better performance over the long term," said Treasurer Goldberg, who is Chair of the Mass. PRIM Board. "This collaboration will improve Mass PRIM's ability to rate a company's ESG impact by providing us with the most current research and enhanced methods for measuring ESG factors when evaluating investments."

There are approximately \$30 trillion of assets worldwide that rely on environmental, social and governance (ESG) data. But measurement and divergent ratings on ESG performance from different rating agencies are a challenge and can dampen the ambition of companies to improve their ESG profiles.

Pension funds have a unique vantage point on the challenges of integrating ESG into the investment process, and the importance of solving the measurement problem.

Mass. PRIM will help inform research questions and methodology for the MIT research team, and be a testing ground for innovative approaches.

"We believe we can do better in evaluating companies' ESG performance, and through this

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## Parents prepare for a less than ideal school year

This week marks the first week of what will be a unique school year for most. The district, along with many neighboring communities, will be kicking off the year with remote learning. While it's not ideal for most, parents, teachers and students are learning to adapt and are approaching the start of the school year with creative ways to learn.

For resident Julia Wallerce, living in a bubble is not an option. The full-time working mom of first grader Maya, has opted for a combination of in-home schooling and utilizing the local after school program, For

Kids Only (FKO). "I felt this was the right decision for my family as we have never had the option to live in a bubble due to my husband's job in a grocery store. As an only child, I want my daughter to be able to socialize and learn with other kids, not spend her days largely being ignored by me as I try to keep up with my own full-time job, which involves a LOT of Zoom meetings. This arrangement also bears an enormous burden and sense of guilt on me as I feel I am failing both my child and my job- and quite frankly failing my child has never been something I'm willing to do, so my job took a hit when we did this last spring. I've taken to waking early and starting work hours before anyone wakes up to give myself leeway throughout the day to spend with her."

To make the in-home portion of learning fun for Maya, Julia found a little antique desk at a New Hampshire craft shop that was a relic from an old turn of the century schoolhouse, complete with an ink feather pen holder. The desk is set up beside Julia's workstation, offering an interesting blend of work and school time for the mother-daughter duo.

Like other parents nationwide, Julia is keeping an open-mind and hoping for a safe future for her family. "It's not ideal and I

don't really know how it's going to work but we're going to try. Mostly she will be at the group learning program in small groups at FKO. My biggest concern is her ability to engage and actually learn in this digital, remote manner....it just feels so unnatural, in every way...but so it goes. Experimenting with our children's' educations was not something any of us planned on when choosing to raise families, but this is out of our control. We have to do the best we can do given the options that we have. This is the option that I am hoping will work for us as long as we are un-

For resident Katrina Donovan, this school year will involve a lot of routine changes. While the start of a normal school year takes some getting used to for her nine-year-old son Robbie, Katrina has learned that it's nearly impossible to prepare him for what she predicts will

**COVID-19** has changed everything.

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Chelsea Record, Everett Independent, and Lynn Journal who are looking for options in light of the current crisis in our Septemer editions:

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be a slightly unsteady school year.

"My son struggles with transitioning from vacation breaks to returning to school during normal times. The first two weeks of school usually come with anxiety, nightmares, and extra defiance. Then, he gets into a comfortable groove. But, this year, it feels like we are all just winging it and changing the game every other week. How is my kid ever going to settle into a routine if everything is constantly being adjusted and tweaked?"

One of the ways that Katrina attempted to prepare Robbie for the upcoming school year was to set him up in a learning pod in July, however; the change from hybrid to all remote shifted everything, and that led to the dissolution of the pod

Hoping to give Robbie an atmosphere similar to the elementary classrooms, Katrina has set up distinct learning areas in her home. A math center with a mini-desk, a wiggle seat and his math manipulatives are in one section of the house. A space for ELA takes up another area, complete with a desk, paper, penschool-provided reading books and a Pilates ball seat. A third space dedicated to social studies and science holds maps and room for experiments.

"We are hoping that providing him with distinct centers similar to ones in elementary classrooms will help him stay organized and engaged all day long."



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#### FRESH & LOCAL

## Kitchen safety rules

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

With many new cooks and many more distractions and stresses for experienced cooks, kitchen rules are important. Here are topics to think about as you decide what is important to you.

#### **Safety First**

One very important rule can save both lives and property. Call 911 first if you start a fire or have a scary injury. You can call off 911 if you gain control of the situation, but always follow that first instinct to call for help. With fires or bleeding minutes count!

Even if you put out a fire or stop the bleeding, first responders are better qualified to determine if the fire might have extended into interior spaces, if the area needs to be ventilated, if smoke inhalation may be a danger, or if that cut or burn needs more than first aid.

#### **Fire Prevention**

Massachusetts Department of Fire Services (DFS) confirms, "Cooking fires are the leading cause of home fires and home fire injuries." Good habits can prevent kitchen fires in your home or help you deal with them safely should they occur. DFS has lots of recommendations on its webpage and we have a few.

Be sure combustible items like dish towels or pot holders are not within reach of a burner. Keep a large cover near the stove when you're cooking. Don't try to move a burning pan. Instead, cover it as the first step in controlling the fire.

Have a kitchen fire extinguisher near your kitchen exit to grab after you call 911. If the fire is in the oven or microwave, turn it off but DON'T open the door.

Finally, don't leave your pans unattended. Don't walk away from a pan that is preheating or something that is frying. Don't leave the house when something is simmering away on a burner or in the oven.

#### **Prevent Burns and** Cuts

for cooking. Dress Chef's jackets long sleeves and many cooks wear kitchen clogs. Sleeves help prevent burns from spatter, oven racks, hot pans, and spills. Kitchen clog soles are designed to be nonslip on wet floors and are thick enough to protect from a dropped knife, grease spills, or other foot dangers.

Place pan handles out of the way to prevent burns and spills. If a pan is in the oven, you not only need a potholder to grab it, but also to place over the handles when it

comes out of the oven. That warns off anyone from touching it while it can still burn.

Steam can produce a very bad burn. Remove a cover of a pan or a dish in the microwave in a way that the cover will shield you from the stream.

Most cuts can be prevented by learning good knife skills. Sharp knives slide through food without pressure. Dull knives require force which is dangerous. In our kitchen, knives live on a magnetic wall rack and are cleaned immediately after use. They are never put in a sink full of soapy water or left on a counter where they might cut a hand reaching for some-

thing else. You might also prepare a kitchen first aid kit with some quick clot or blood stop in addition to bandages. Working smoke alarms and a fire extinguisher are both important. But it is the habits you develop dayto-day and the rules you set for those around you (including pets, children, and people who reach for something you're cutting) that make a difference. In reality, a big dose of common sense can make your kitchen a much safer place.

Do you have a question or topic for Fresh & Local? Send an email to Penny@BostonZest.com with your suggestion.

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### Northeast Metro Tech changes reopening plan

District changes direction amid high numbers of positive local cases

Superintendent David DiBarri reports that Northeast Metro Tech is changing course to follow its fully remote learning plan amid high numbers positive COVID-19 cases in Revere. The district had initially

planned to hold a week of remote learning this week, and to transition to a hybrid learning model on Monday, Sept. 21. "The last thing we

wanted to do was to change our plan so close and staff for their cooperation and patience."

The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) has advised regional school districts to use a key municipality - the city or town where the majority of its students reside - as an indicator of whether or not classes should be held remotely or through a hybrid model. The majority of North-

east Metro Tech's students reside in Revere, which has been experiencing a high risk of transmission rates for COVID-19 recently. District officials have maintained in close contact with local public health officials to continuously monitor the situation.

Each Wednesday, the Massachusetts Department of Public Health shares the number of active cases in each town and city statewide, and

weeks, there have been

students, families, faculty and staff as new information is available and as any decisions are made regarding changes to the district's learning model this school year. For the latest updates, visit the district's website cases per 100,000 people. on Twitter @NEMetro-Over the past two Tech, and the District's

Facebook.

to the first day of school," Superintendent DiBarri said. "However, this is the reality our community faces and nothing matters more than keeping students, faculty and staff safe. The data surrounding this pandemic is ever-changing and we have been closely monitoring the situation in Revere. Ultimately, we feel this color-codes communities is the best decision for based on rates of positive our District at this time,

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