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NEWS Briefs

WINTHROP CULTURAL COUNCIL SEEKS FUNDING PROPOSALS

Proposals for community-oriented arts, humanities, and science programs due November 16.

The Winthrop Cultural Council has set a November 16 deadline for organizations, schools, and individuals to apply for grants that support cultural activities in the community.

These grants can support a variety of artistic projects and activities in Winthrop -- including exhibits, festivals, field trips, short-term artist residencies, or performances in schools, workshops, and lectures.

The Winthrop Cultural Council is part of

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Hurley says weekend COVID spike 'concerning on many levels'

By Laura Plummer

The Winthrop Town Council met remotely Oct. 6 for its first meeting of the month where they heard updates about the pandemic that had

nine new cases over the weekend, school reopening and other issues facing the community were discussed.

COVID-19
Winthrop still finds it-

self in the Red Zone according to the governor's infection map.

As always, Dept. of Public Health (DPH) Director Meredith Hurley gave an update about the state of the pandemic in Winthrop. As of the time of the meeting, there had been 415 total cases, with 24 deceased, 21 in isolation and 370 recovered.

"We had nine new cases between Friday and Sunday, which is concerning on many levels," said Hurley. However, she noted that the majority of these were due to household spread rather than an outbreak.

Council President Phil Boncore gave his customary warning to residents.

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Officials Remind Residents of Outside Gathering Capacity Restrictions

Town Manager Austin Faison and Public Health Director Meredith Hurley wish to remind residents of capacity restrictions for outdoor gatherings due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Outdoor gatherings are limited to eight people per 1,000 square feet and should not exceed more than 50 people in areas of 6,250 square feet or more, according to state guidelines. For any gathering exceeding 10 people from more than one household, anyone over the age of 2 is required to wear a mask or face covering. Those under the age of 2 or are unable to do so due to a medical condition do not need to wear a face mask or covering.

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Board of Health announces single-use plastic bag ban

Special to the Transcript

Bill Schmidt, Chair, of the Winthrop Board of Health, would like to inform members of the public and town businesses that its Regulation for Reduction in Single-Use Plastic Checkout Bags will be effective as of November 1, 2020. This regulation, initially scheduled to take effect as of May 1, 2020, was delayed for six months due to the COVID-19 pandemic.



"As of November 1st, single-use plastic 'checkout bags' shall not be distributed, used or sold for checkout or other

purposes at any retail establishment within the Town of Winthrop," said Schmidt. "Retail establishments are strongly encouraged to make reusable checkout bags available for sale to customers at a reasonable price."

A retail establishment that provides any type of checkout bag, excluding prohibited single-use plastic checkout bags, shall sell them for no less than five cents (\$0.05) per bag. All

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BUSINESS HIGHLIGHT: NEWFED MORTGAGE



Al Petrilli, owner of NewFed Mortgage, in his office on 550 Pleasant Street, is grateful for the loyal customers he's had throughout this year and since his office in Winthrop opened in 2018. Read more about it on Page 3.

First flu clinic a success

By Kate Anslinger

Last Saturday morning, along with several other Winthrop residents, Councilor-At-Large, Tracey Honan, got her annual flu shot at the town-wide flu clinic. Located at the EB Newton School, the flu clinic was the first of many that will be provided this season. According to Honan, the process went smoothly thanks to the many volunteers who helped in keeping people socially

distant from one another.

"The Council on Aging handed out small bags of candy, which was a nice gesture for some of the kids that had a tough time with the shot," said Honan who gets her flu shot every year, alongside her husband, Matt. "We want to stay healthy and ensure our community stays healthy, as flu season approaches, and with the pandemic still in full swing."

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WINTHROP POLICE BLOTTER

MONDAY, SEPT. 21

0801: An officer responded to a report of a car parked at a hydrant on Forrest St. and issued a parking ticket.

1101: An officer responded to a report of two males fighting in the area of Lewis Lake. The officer determined that the pair were brothers who were having a loud argument that was verbal in nature only.

1113: An officer responded to a report of a minor motor vehicle accident (MVA) on Sunnyside Ave. There were no personal injuries and only minor damage to the two vehicles. The officer assisted the parties with the exchange of papers.

1424: A resident came into the station to report that his identity had been used fraudulently to apply for unemployment benefits. The officer will file a report.

1445: An officer responded to a report of a minor motor vehicle accident (MVA) on Lowell Rd. There were no personal injuries and only minor damage to the two vehicles. The officer assisted the parties with the exchange of papers.

1533: An officer responded to a report of a minor motor vehicle accident (MVA) on Revere St. There were no personal injuries and only minor damage to the two vehicles. The officer assisted the parties with the exchange of papers.

1549: A resident came into the station to report a possible fraud or scam.

1620: An officer responded to a report of a loud argument between co-workers at a job site on Shore Drive. One of the parties left the premises. The officer will file a report.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 22

0928: A tow company reported the trespass tow of a motor vehicle at the Ft. Heath apartments.

1532: An officer issued parking tickets to two vehicles parked in the Belle Isle conservation area on Morton St.

1539: An officer issued a parking ticket to a MV that was blocking the intersection at Bellevue Ave. and Pleasant St. and impeding emergency vehicles.

2235: An officer responded to a report of a male and female playing music loudly on the balcony of their residence on Highland Ave. The officer directed them to turn down their music and go in for the night.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 23

0128: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) at Main and Marshall Sts. for the civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI) of a headlight violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

0825: The tow company was called to remove a MV that had been driven into the trench at Williams and Adams St. The owner of the MV arrived and drove it away.

1440: An officer directed the owner of a MV parked facing the wrong way on Faun Bar Ave. to move his vehicle.

1743: An officer mediated a dispute between a tenant and landlord in the 400 block of Shirley St.

1807: An officer directed two persons who were visitors to Seal Harbor and who were fishing and talking loudly to take it in for the night.

2207: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) in Metcalf Sq. for a civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI) and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 24

0013: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) at Summit Ave. and Revere St. for the civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI) of a red light violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

0128: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) at Crest Ave. and Revere St. for the civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI) of a red light violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

0910: A caller reported finding a small black dog that was running loose in the 500 block of Shirley St. The caller was able to reunite the dog with its owner before the officer arrived.

1043: An officer executed an arrest warrant in Chelsea for a 24 year-old Chelsea resident. The defendant was brought to Winthrop for booking and was transported thereafter to the East Boston District Court.

1212: An officer served a Pitcairn St. resident with a notice from the Registry of Motor Vehicles revoking the resident's license forthwith for being an immediate threat.

1500: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) in the 200 block of Winthrop St. for the civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI) of failing to stop at a crosswalk for a pedestrian. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1828: A resident reported that her identity had been used to collect unemployment benefits. The officer will file a report.

2017: An officer moved along a group of four persons who had congregated at the gazebo on Morton St.

2305: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) at Nevada and Revere Sts. for a civil motor vehicle infraction (CMVI) and issued a citation to the operator.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 25

0950: A resident came into the station to report that his MV had been struck by a hit-and-run driver while parked on Winthrop St. the day before.

1004: A resident reported finding a small dog that was loose on Summit Ave. The dog was reunited with its owner.

1044: A resident reported being the victim of a potential scam involving her Social Security number. The officer will file a report.

1205: A Plummer Ave. resident reported that the resident's three month-old pit bull had been missing for over an hour. The puppy eventually was located on Woodside Ave. by the Animal Control Officer.

1648: An officer is-

sued a parking ticket to a MV that was blocking a driveway on Mayland Ave.

2235: An officer stopped a MV with cancelled registration plates at Main and Paine Sts. The MV was towed and the operator was issued a citation for the criminal offense of attaching plates.

2355: An officer stopped a MV at Pleasant St. and Somerset Ave. for a civil motor vehicle infraction. The operator only had his learner's permit. He contacted his parents and a licensed driver came to take the vehicle. The officer gave a verbal warning to the youth.

MV had been broken into overnight. A GPS and loose change were stolen.

1530: An officer was flagged down on Shore Drive by a person who stated that she had lost her dog. The dog was located swimming in the water and made it back to shore.

2019: An officer restored the peace upon responding to a report on Plummer Ave. of a disturbance between a male and female who were arguing over an animal that had been missing for a week.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 27

0006: Officers broke up a large and loud house party involving almost 100 persons on Argyle St.

0158: An officer directed a loud person outside the buildings at Golden Drive to quiet down.

0949: Officers restored the peace involving two tenants who were having a loud argument in the 1000 block of Shirley St.

1423: An officer restored the peace involving an argument between the manager of a short-term apartment building on Shirley St. and a tenant who had not been paying his monthly rent.

MONDAY, SEPT. 28

0613: An officer directed a person loading his trucks on Sea View Ave. to quiet down until 7:00 a.m.

0724: An officer issued a parking ticket to a vehicle that had been parked overnight in the 15-minute parking zone in the 200 block of Shirley St.

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a network of 329 Local Cultural Councils (LCC) serving all 351 cities and towns in the Commonwealth. The LCC Program is the largest grassroots cultural funding network in the nation, supporting thousands of community-based projects in the arts, sciences and humanities every year. The state legislature provides an annual appropriation to the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency, which then allocates funds to each community.

“Arts and cultural programming is such a vibrant part of our community, and these grants help to bring exhibits, performances, festivals and other artistic projects to Winthrop,” said House Speaker Robert A. DeLeo (D-Winthrop). “I am proud of the meaningful and ongoing work the Winthrop Cultural Council does on behalf of our residents and local cultural organizations.”

The Council is accepting online applications only, which will be available on October 1, 2020. Application forms and more information about the Local Cultural Council Program are available online at www.mass-culture.org. For local guidelines and complete information on the Winthrop Cultural Council, contact Joanne Hillman Chair at winthropculturecouncil@gmail.com.

MVES RECOMMENDS SIMPLE STEPS TO AVOID FALLS

One in four Americans aged 65+ falls each year, according to the National Council on Aging. Every 11 seconds, an older adult is treated in the emergency room for a fall; every 19 minutes, an older adult dies from a fall. Falls are the leading cause of fatal injury and the most common cause of nonfatal trauma-related hospital and nursing home admissions among older adults.

Although falls are prevalent in older adults, there could be many ways to help your loved one continue to live safely in their own home.

Falls and accidents sel-

dom “just happen.” Usually there are at least several contributing factors that lead to a fall. The danger in some of these factors can be eliminated or reduced by taking simple steps recommended by Mystic Valley Elder Services (MVES) to make an elder's home safer. Read more to find out a room-by-room breakdown of some of these steps:

Bathrooms: Place a rubber mat or rubber safety strips in the tub or shower. Install sturdy grab bars in the tub/shower area to provide support. Have a night light available to use after dark and in the middle of the night.

Bedrooms: Use night lights or bedside, remote-controlled light switches. Place the telephone in an area easy to get to and keep the cord out of walking pathways. Consider a cordless telephone.



Stairs and hallways: Put light switches conveniently at both the top and bottom of stairs. Make sure carpeting is not loose or buckling and use non-skid treads on stairs. Both sides of each stairway should have sturdy handrails running their entire lengths. Avoid waxing hardwood floors that could create a slippery surface.

Living areas: Secure and place electrical/telephone cords out of walking pathways. Remove throw rugs that might slide or attach non-skid strips to rug backings. Furniture should be arranged to allow for unobstructed walkways. It is important to keep floors clear of clutter.

Other tips to prevent falls:

- You should also be aware of clothing and behavior that can help create a safer environment. You should wear well-fitted, flat, rubber-soled shoes to prevent slipping.
- Do not walk or climb stairs with arms loaded—always leave a hand free for balance.
- Slowly get out of bed and slowly rise from sitting to avoid dizziness.

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Winthrop CLEAR Program receives grant, national recognition

By Laura Plummer

Since early March, the Winthrop Dept. of Health (DPH) has had its hands full, working around the clock to combat the spread of the COVID-19 novel coronavirus. With the town still squarely in the Red Zone according to the governor’s infection map, staff are now busier than ever.

With so much media coverage of the pandemic, it’s easy to forget that Massachusetts is still tackling an opioid crisis. In fact, some studies have shown that COVID-19 is making the crisis worse. But Winthrop DPH Director Meredith Hurley announced some exciting developments on

that front at the Sept. 22 meeting of the Winthrop Town Council.

The Winthrop Community and Law Enforcement Assisted Recovery (CLEAR) Program was founded in 2014 as an alliance between the Winthrop DPH and the Winthrop Police Department. Its aim is to address substance abuse through a peer mentorship recovery model, helping addicts to access treatment rather than throwing them in jail.

Recently, the CLEAR Program was recognized by the U.S. Dept. of Justice and was invited to act as mentors for its Peer Recovery Support Services Mentoring Initiative (PRSSMI). Win-

throp will be educating other towns in how to implement its recovery model.

The National Association of County and City Health Officers (NACCHO) and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) have created a blueprint for marrying law enforcement and health services when it comes to preventing opioid overdoses. It recently awarded the Winthrop CLEAR Program a \$40,000 grant in order to ensure its continued success.

As part of the grant, the CLEAR program will meet monthly with the CDC and biweekly with NACCHO in order to share information and best practices.

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“We’re in the red again for the eighth week in a row,” he said. “Please people, be conscientious, social distance, wear your mask, wash your hands. We’d like to get back to school.”

Free testing is available six days a week until the end of October at the McKenna Basketball Courts.

More information about how COVID-19 is impacting the town can be found at winthrop-covid19.com.

Schools

The School Committee met on Sept. 28. The Winthrop Public Schools have been operating remotely. The superintendent and school principals have received positive feedback from some parents regarding the distance learning model, as well as suggestions for how it could be improved upon.

The committee also received numerous public comments and letters urging the reopening of schools for in-person learning. However, across the country, schools that started in-person learning are quickly reverting to remote learning as students and staff test positive for coronavirus.

In Massachusetts, Gov. Charlie Baker encouraged the introduction of in-person learning in 16 towns that have so far

managed to control their COVID-19 rates. Needless to say, Winthrop was not one of them.

Flu Shots

The DPH held a successful flu clinic on Saturday, in which 157 vaccinations were administered. Hurley has ordered extra shots from the state this year. The clinic was the first in a series that will be held throughout November and December and is open to all residents over the age of two. Due to the strain already being experienced by healthcare workers, all residents are encouraged to get a flu shot.

Town Staff Return to Office

Town Manager Austin Faison announced that “a fair amount” of town staff have returned to municipal buildings such as the library and town hall on Oct. 5 as previously planned. All buildings have been retrofitted with germ shields and hand-sanitizing stations, and staff are required to fill out a symptom checklist before entering the office.

However, Faison noted that he is preparing his staff for the possibility of having to return to fully remote work in the future.

“My priority since March has been to keep

people safe and healthy,” he said.

White Cane Awareness Month

Oct. 15 is White Cane Awareness Day, a campaign to increase public sensitivity to blind people who walk with a cane or with a guide dog. In Massachusetts, vehicles must come to a complete stop when a person with a white cane or guide dog is crossing the street.

Bike Sharrows

The Winthrop Dept. of Public Works is about halfway done painting bike sharrows. Sharrows are road markings that make streets safer for cyclists by showing motorists how to safely pass people on bikes.

Outdoor Dining Ordinance

The Winthrop Board of Health met on Sept. 25, where it discussed possibly extending the town’s outdoor dining ordinance. Councilor Peter Christopher stated that the ordinance has been a success so far and would be in favor of making it permanent so that businesses can plan for the future.

Protests

A lot of the meeting was dedicated to a discussion about the recent protest presence at Town Hall (see separate article.)

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Outdoor gatherings must also be conducted in a manner that allows each participant to maintain a physical distance of at least 6 feet from all other attendees who live outside their household. To maintain this physical distance, each individual needs a space of 144 square feet.

“The average yard size in Winthrop is 2,800 square feet, meaning most residents cannot exceed more than 19 people in their backyard at one given time,” Hurley said. “Large gatherings have been found to be a leading cause in the spread of COVID-19. We ask that residents help to stop the spread and keep themselves and their community safe by limiting social gatherings.”

Residents who are found in violation of the state guidelines will be cited by the town and could face fines up to \$500.

For more information about COVID-19 prevention and symptoms, visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) website here and the Massachusetts Department of Public

Health website here.

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

BUSINESS HIGHLIGHT:

NewFed Mortgage

By Kate Anslinger

While some business owners have had to shift their way of working since the start of COVID-19, NewFed Branch Manager, Al Petrilli has kept the business going strong at his office on 550 Pleasant Street. Petrilli has been working alongside his son, Al Jr., Jonathan Shanahan and Nick Vitale, since the office opened in March of 2018, providing impeccable customer service for clients who are at varying stages of life.

“Since COVID, the mortgage industry is the best it has ever been because of interest rates being lower,”said Petrilli, who has been in the profession for over 20 years. “I have been fortunate in

many ways and I’m so grateful for that.”

Petrilli is a firm believer that giving always reciprocates. Having witnessed the community support him over the years, he has given back in ways that have positively impacted town residents and in turn has received the loyalty of his customers. From 2006 to 2011 Petrilli served as Chairman of the Board of the Viking Pride Foundation and spent several years dedicating countless hours to the foundation. He has also spent the last twenty-one years devoting his life to the Marie C. Petrilli Foundation, named after his wife Marie who passed in 1999. The foundation, which was created to help cancer patients and

their families navigate their way through trying times, receives tremendous support from NewFed.

“After 21 years in the mortgage industry, I still have loyal customers coming to me whether they are refinancing their home or referring their children to me when they buy their first homes. I’m grateful for the realtors who have continuously sent customers my way. And I’m grateful for this town for always supporting me. When you give, it always comes back.”

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Jonathan Shanahan, Al Petrilli, and Al Jr. (not pictured, Nick Vitale), employees at the Winthrop branch on 550 Pleasant Street

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moneys collected pursuant to this regulation shall be retained by the retail establishment. Thin-film single-use plastic bags used to contain dry cleaning, newspapers, baked goods, bulk goods, meats, seafood, produce, wet items and other similar merchandise is still permissible.

Customers are encouraged to utilize reusable

or biodegradable bags when shopping at retail establishments within the Town of Winthrop. “The Board of Health established this regulation to protect the Town’s environment, advance solid waste reduction, and reduce litter,” said Schmidt.

The Board of Health may grant a waiver to a retail establishment for

a period of up to six (6) months of the effective date of this regulation if it would cause an undue hardship. The retail establishment would have to apply for a waiver with information supporting the request. The Board of Health could approve the exemption request, in whole or part, with or without conditions.

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The arrival of Columbus Day means that the fall season squarely is upon us, the time of year that has special meaning for all of us in New England, even amidst a pandemic.

With the weatherman forecasting a beautiful weekend with warm temperatures and sunny skies, we hope that as many of our readers as possible will be able to partake of the simple pleasures of a hike in the woods or a long drive to enjoy the crisp, clean air and the autumn colors.

We realize that for each and every one of our fellow Americans, this is a time of high anxiety on so many levels, and that we have been living this way for the past seven months -- with more to come.

But each of us must find a way to deal with the stressful times in which we find ourselves. From our experience, enjoying the great outdoors with our friends and family is the best prescription for de-stressing in any situation.

We urge all of our readers to make the most of the long weekend while we have the chance to do so before the colder weather of winter sets in.

Take a long walk, preferably a hike, whether along the shore, or in the mountains, or even as nearby as the Blue Hills. We promise that just being outside and taking in the natural world in the crisp air, away from the noise of our daily lives, will do wonders for our emotional and physical well-being.

TWTWTW X 100

In the 1960s there was a TV show, That Was The Week That Was (also known as TW3), that took a satirical look at that week's news events.

Ever since Donald Trump was elected President 204 weeks ago, satire has been the way that most Americans have been able to make sense -- or at least endure -- the ongoing reality show that has become the norm in Washington.

However, this past week's events have moved from the realm of farce to dangerousness, both on an individual and collective level, for all Americans.

We are speaking of two comments made by President Trump in the past seven days.

The first occurred in the presidential debate when Trump squarely was asked if he would denounce white supremacist groups.

Trump did not do so, and instead told these far-right, extremist, hate groups to "Stand back and stand by," a virtual clarion call for them to sow disruption before and after the election.

The second took place a few days later when Trump was about to be released from the hospital after his treatment for the coronavirus and he made this incredible statement via Twitter:

"Don't be afraid of covid. Don't let it dominate your life" -- thereby completely ignoring the 210,000 Americans who already have lost their lives because of COVID-19 (with another 200,000 deaths predicted by the end of this year), not to mention the large number of the White House staff who have contracted the disease.

In light of Trump's comments, we urge our readers to do two things:

First and foremost, always wear a mask and stay at least six feet apart from other people, even outdoors, to ensure the safety of yourself and others from COVID-19.

Second, be sure to register to vote. The deadline in Massachusetts is October 24 and is easily doable online (just type "Register to vote in Mass." into Google).

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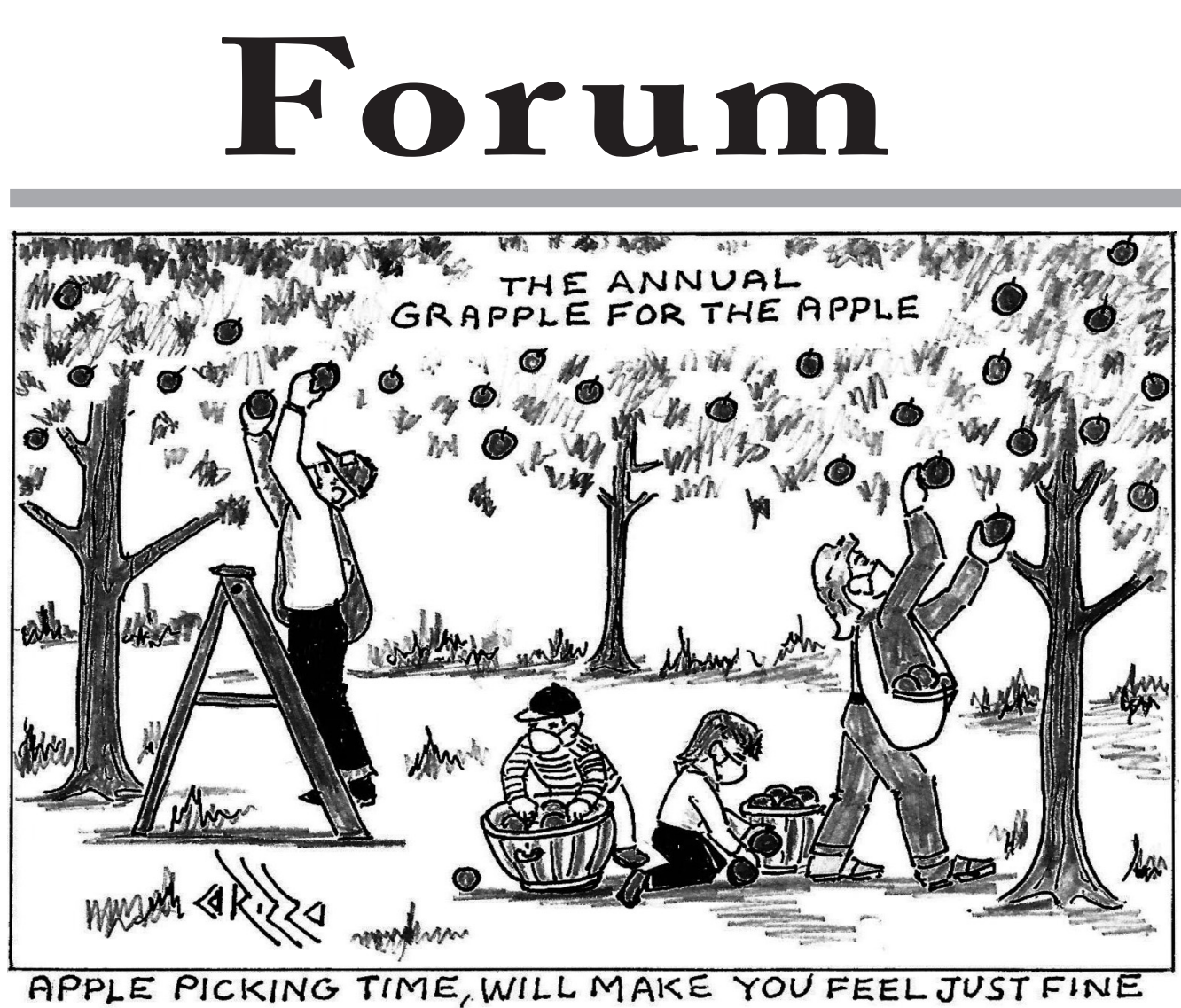
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LETTER to the Editor

NO - THE CHOICE IS NOT TRUMP OR BIDEN

Dear Editor,

This is surely the most significant and potentially transforming election in the history of our country. It is imperative that we all stop and recognize what it is that we are voting on. No, the choice is not Trump or Biden. The choice is Democracy or Marxism.

Only one of the candidates will promote success and elevate of this country's citizens. He will defend and advance those characteristics that makes this nation the economic engine that promotes U.S. and global success. Only one candidate will create an en-

vironment in which every demographic group again achieves the lowest unemployment rate in our nation's history. Only one candidate will support and fully fund our police and military. In short only one candidate will preserve Liberty, Capitalism and the Constitution as we know it, and only one candidate will insure this Nation continues to be the envy of the world.

The other candidate will institute fundamental change. He will defund our police. The other candidate guaranteed that he, "will raise everyone's taxes." The other candidate will eradicate the borders, bestow more rights to illegal immigrants than the legal

population, encourage rioting and violence in the streets, release violent criminals from prison, bankrupt the country with the \$93 trillion (over 10 years) Green New Deal.

The other candidate supports the Green New Deal which promises economic security for "those unwilling to work." In a Senate vote on March 26, 2019 (with 48 Democrats present) not a single Senator voted for the Green New Deal! The GND will eliminate air travel, interfere with the mechanics of the free market system, eliminate traditional energy sources resulting in vastly inadequate heating and power supplies for our homes. The

other candidate will usher in Anti-capitalist degrowth policies, bloated government, government control over every aspect of our lives.....That is Marxism. Pragmatically, Marxist=Socialism=Communism.

Understand on Nov 3, it is not a choice between two candidates. It is not a choice between two different personalities. It is not a choice of how much the next national budget will be.

On Nov. 3 the vote you cast will be for Democracy or Marxism/Socialism. Do NOT vote carelessly.

**Paul Caruccio-
Chairman Winthrop
Republican Town
Committee**

GUEST OP-ED

Something needs to be done about evictions

By Shane Fowler

Hundreds of thousands of Massachusetts residents are at risk of displacement and homelessness if evictions are allowed to continue unabated without any protections from the legislature. Massachusetts has deployed various strategies to mitigate the harms from the COVID-19 pandemic, but its most effective strategy, a state-wide moratorium on housing evictions, is set to expire on October 17. Last week, Governor Charlie Baker announced his unwillingness to extend the moratorium; in doing so, the Governor removed the crutch keeping the system upright. With evictions set to resume, the housing crisis that loomed over the state is now here. The next great public health crisis has arrived, and Massachusetts is unprepared.

Recent predictions suggest that 21 percent of renter-households in Massachusetts, representing close to half a million people, could

be at risk of eviction by the end of the year. Employment disruptions and lost income due to the pandemic have stymied renters' ability to keep up on payments. According to tabulations of the Census Bureau's Household Pulse Survey, 15 percent of Massachusetts renters, representing 348,000 people in 151,000 households, were behind on rent. Notably, due to persistent housing discrimination, Black and Latinx households are disproportionately affected.

An avalanche of evictions will overwhelm our legal system. The Boston Bar Association reported in 2019 that tenants are unrepresented in 91.3 percent of eviction cases. Anecdotal, at the Harvard Legal Aid Bureau, the second largest legal aid provider in Boston, we only have the capacity for about 60 individual housing cases at once. As a result, the bulk of tenants facing eviction will be forced to represent themselves. The inequities of this arrangement become blindly apparent

when pro-se defendants are forced to litigate against institutional landlord lawyers.

Further, housing courts will be expected to juggle an unprecedented amount of cases in unprecedented circumstances after the moratorium expires. Considering valid safety concerns, housing courts will need to rely on virtual hearings and trials at the expense of low-income tenants that may not have the requisite technology. The issues highlighted raise due process concerns, a core principle of our legal system, and likely will lead to miscarriages of housing justice.

Housing is a human right, but when we tolerate anything less there are societal consequences. Housing instability increases public costs. For example, a 2018 study found that unstable housing among families with children will cost the U.S. \$111 billion in avoidable health and education expenditures over the next 10 years. Housing instability is deeply intertwined with many social, economic, and health issues. It negatively affects an individual's ability to maintain a job, acquire a quality education, or routinely secure food. Housing instability leads to overcrowding and homelessness.

Overcrowded housing

is closely-related to elevated COVID-19 rates in communities. Homelessness is not only a moral tragedy, but also impacts the availability of healthcare resources, magnifies a community's reliance on police, and harms business and tourist attractions, particularly downtown. If we do nothing in this moment, we negligently contribute to our country's housing injustice.

For all these reasons, the Commonwealth needs to pass the Housing Stability Act. The Housing Stability Act -- Bill H.4874 - offers a systemic solution to prevent the ensuing flood of evictions. The Act guarantees housing stability during the COVID-19 crisis by banning evictions due to nonpayment of rent for any tenant unable to pay directly or indirectly because of the COVID-19 crisis. The eviction ban covers rent due at the start of the COVID-19 state of emergency through 12 months after the state of emergency has ended. The Act also protects homeowners and small landlords by banning foreclosures due to missed mortgage payments throughout the same period.

Finally, the Act establishes an Oversight and Advisory Board of members from the hard-

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WINTHROP Then and Now

Winthrop Improvement and Historical Association

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

ARTICLE 939 - WINTHROP STREET'S EXECUTIVE CORNER



During the 1950 to 1970 time period, the intersection of Wadsworth Avenue and Winthrop Street became the “Executive Corner” in town where two prominent town officials had their homes. Being across the street from Town Hall this was a convenient place to live for those who were actively involved in our government. Winthrop Street, along with Shirley, Main and Revere Streets was one of the first four roads laid out in town. It was at the current junction of Winthrop Street and Pauline Street that our first School (1805), our first church (1834) and our first Town Hall (1856) were built around the small triangular plot of land now known as Metcalf Square. Named after Doctor Benjamin Metcalf’s son, Richard, who died in service during WWI it was formerly called Columbia Square

and for a while had a bandstand on it where our local Richardson Band played concerts in the summer. Picture one is a mid 1950’s photograph of Ralph and Mary Sirianni’s home on the Northeast corner of this intersection, as shown in picture three, stands the former home of Melvin and Lillian Carver with their son Timothy on the front steps. Mel was a teacher in the Somerville School system and served as a Selectman for a couple of terms within this same time period. Picture four depicts this home as it appears today. Both of these gentlemen were always readily accessible to their fellow residents and one could often see passersby talking with them on their front lawn or porch. Ralph passed away on Memorial Day in 2010. His wife Mary still resides in their home at this “Executive Corner”.

representative to the General Court. Picture two depicts his home today still displaying the large windows and rooflines of its early days. On the Southeast Corner of this intersection, as shown in picture three, stands the former home of Melvin and Lillian Carver with their son Timothy on the front steps. Mel was a teacher in the Somerville School system and served as a Selectman for a couple of terms within this same time period. Picture four depicts this home as it appears today. Both of these gentlemen were always readily accessible to their fellow residents and one could often see passersby talking with them on their front lawn or porch. Ralph passed away on Memorial Day in 2010. His wife Mary still resides in their home at this “Executive Corner”.



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 year ago September 30, 2010

Winthrop police officers arrested three individuals for theft in two cases and opened a third investigation into damage done to a motor vehicle on Point Shirley. In one of the matters, off-duty officer Robert Jaworski arrested a 35 year-old Ocean View St. man for the theft of a 200-pound cast iron sewer cover which was stolen from Cliff Avenue at around 2:30 in the afternoon.

The contract mediation session between the teachers and the town has been moved up a few days in the hope that a resolution to the two-year stalemate can be achieved.

It’s been a busy year for new Winthrop residents Bill and Kelly Anderson who

recently won a \$50,000 renovation to their kitchen as part of the DIY (Do-It-Yourself) Network’s “Worst Kitchen in America” contest. Camera crews are at the home this week filming the transformation of their kitchen from old to new and it will be shown on national television on Tuesday.

Winthrop native son Andrew Flanagan, 25, has made an impressive jump from intern to top administrator and policy director. Flanagan recently took over as Director of Policy and Administration in the city of Newburyport after an 18-month stint at the Metropolitan Area Planning Council and three years working in the office of former Town Manager Rick White.

The Social Network, The Town, and Life As We Know It are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

20 years ago Sept. 28, 2000

A hectic meeting of the Planning Board is expected tonight for a public hearing on the proposal by developers of the former Winthrop Hospital building to convert it into a condominium project at which a large number of area residents are expected to express their opposition.

Selectman Matt Lanza affirmed his support for beleaguered Acting Police Chief Charles Reynolds, who has been under attack by officers of the Police Department who have charged that Reynolds, who lives in New Hampshire, is a no-show chief.

The Parks and Rec. Department will hold its 10th annual Fall Fair at Ingle-side Park Saturday.

Local residents assisted at the annual Coast Sweep cleanup of Winthrop Beach that was held Sat-

urday.

Meet the Parents, Billy Elliott, and The Contender are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

30 years ago Sept. 26, 1990

Four articles will comprise the warrant for the Special Town Meeting on October 1. The articles will address the disbursement to town departments of the \$677,000 in local aid which had been withheld by Gov. Michael Dukakis, whose action ultimately was determined to be illegal by the courts, resulting in the windfall for cities and towns.

The selectman’s executive session that reportedly was held to discuss alleged misconduct by a town employee has the town abuzz.

Local residents participated in the first annual Coastsweep clean up of local beaches Saturday.

The School Department has used a \$93,000 grant from the MWRA for the purchase of new computers for the schools’ computer labs.

Texasville, State of Grace, and Fantasia are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

40 years ago Sept. 24, 1980

Plans are in place for Operation Clean Sweep this week, a town-wide cleanup campaign that will see school children, the Jaycees, the Chamber of Commerce, and town employees work together in a week-long effort to make Winthrop clean.

Selectman Robert DeLeo said he will meet this week with MBTA Exec. Director Barry Locke to express the selectmen’s opposition to the reductions in service on the local bus line.

The School Committee has announced that it actively will oppose the so-called Proposition 2 and 1/2 ballot referendum question that will appear on state election ballots in November.

The Winthrop Yacht Club completed a second successful season of its youth summer sailing program.

Olivia Newton John stars in Xanadu at the Kincade Theatre.

50 years ago Sept. 30, 1970

Boston Mayor and Democratic candidate for Governor Kevin H. White said this week that incumbent Gov. Francis argent, his GOP opponent, actively should begin looking for a site for a second major airport to serve the Boston area.

The Board of Selectmen has announced that they are contemplating the filing of a civil lawsuit against the Mass. Port Authority because of the huge increase in

jet noise and air pollution from Logan Airport.

The local campaign for State Rep. heated up this week when Independent candidate Conal Foley challenged incumbent Ralph Sirianni, a Democrat, to a debate.

Winthrop will bid a fond farewell to the Rev. and Mrs. H. Leon Masovetsky, the beloved clergyman who has served for 43 years at Temple Tifereth Israel, this evening.

Jack Lemmon and Sandy Dennis star in The Out of Towners at the Winthrop Cinema.

60 years ago Sept. 29, 1960

The captain of the 1932 Winthrop High baseball team, Dick O’Connell, has been promoted from Business Manager of the Boston Red Sox to the new post of Executive Vice President in a major shakeup of the Red Sox front office by owner Tom Yawkey. O’Connell, whose brother Henry is the chairman of the Board of Selectmen, has been with the Red Sox organization for 12 years and now resides in Belmont.

A beautiful stained glass window was dedicated Sunday at St. John’s Episcopal Church in the memory of Charles Hagman, who served as Clerk of the Winthrop Board of Selectmen for 41 years. The window was the gift of his many friends in the town. The window was presented by Senior Warden John Nimblett and dedicated by Rev. Robert P. Barnes.

The value of fire prevention programs was evident this week when it was announced that fire insurance rates for all town-owned property will be reduced.

More than 300 supporters turned out for a rally for incumbent State Rep. Fred A. Baumeister, the Republican candidate. Local GOP Town Committee chairman Fred B. Smith announced the opening this week of local Republican campaign headquarters at the corner of Somerset Ave. and Cottage Park Rd.

Dean Martin and Judy Holliday star in When Bells are Ringing at the Winthrop Theatre.

70 years ago Sept. 28, 1950

George F. Chandler Jr. resigned as Civil Defense Director after the selectmen’s meeting Monday night when the board took no action on Selectman Peter Princi’s motion to place the budget for the Civil Defense Department before a Special Town Meeting.

Barnett Samuels, proprietor of the Center drug store that bears his name, will head the forthcoming Red Feather cam-

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est hit communities to make recommendations on how the COVID-19 Housing Stability and Recovery fund is administered.

The positive effects of the Housing Stability Act are obvious: more protections for tenants and homeowners; less

homelessness for adults and children; finally, less pain and despair in the Commonwealth. The novel coronavirus has upended our way of life. But we should not let it uproot folks from their homes. To stop the imminent housing crisis, please act by calling your

legislator in the Massachusetts State House and urge them to vote yes for Bill H.4878.

Shane Fowler is a third year law student at Harvard Law School. He is the Housing Co-Chair of the Harvard Legal Aid Bureau.

Flu clinic //CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Town Nurse, Meredith Hurley said that this was the first flu clinic for the season and more will be scheduled throughout October and November as soon as more of the vaccine arrives.

“We started the day with 140 Flu shots and 100 intranasal flu vaccine,” said Hurley. “We were out of the flu shots by noon and gave about 30 intranasal doses as well. I am currently awaiting the remainder of flu doses that I have ordered, which I hope to have in the next days. We will have an additional 750 doses available as we expect increased demand over past years.”

The flu clinics are held at the E.B. Newton School, 45 Pauline Street, in the rear parking lot off of School Street (drive-thru) and the Fremont Street Circle across from the Winthrop fire station, 40 Pauline Street (walk up).


Any homebound seniors in need of a flu shot can contact the Senior Center at coareception@town.winthrop.ma.us or 617-846-8538 to make arrangements.

The next clinic is expected to be held during the second week of October, and the exact day and time will be announced once that information is finalized.



Councilor-At-Large Tracey Honan gets her flu shot from Town Nurse, Meredith Hurley.

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THE WINTHROP SUN TRANSCRIPT

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Upcoming schedule of work in the Center Business District

The following work has been completed in the Center Business District project:

- Completed construction of the new sewer main on Somerset Ave., between Cottage Park Rd. and Pleasant St.
- Began installation of sewer service connections to new sewer main for residences on Somerset Ave., between Cottage Park Rd. and Pleasant St.
- Began construction of the new storm drain on Woodside Ave., between Pauline St. and Somerset Ave. Installed new drain manholes, catch basins and drain pipe.
- Began installation of water service connections to new water main for residences/businesses on Bartlett Rd., between French Square and Pleasant St.
- Installed temporary trench pavement for trenches excavated on Somerset Ave., Woodside Ave., and Bartlett Rd.

Anticipated Schedule through 10/16/20:

1. Oct. 5 to Oct. 9, 2020

- Begin construction of the new sewer main on Cottage Park Rd., between Somerset Ave. and Pleasant St.
- Continue construction of the new storm drain on Woodside Ave., between Pauline St. and Somerset Ave. Install new drain manholes,

catch basins and drain pipe.

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

2. Oct. 13 to Oct. 16, 2020

- No construction will occur on Monday, October 12th, in observation of the Columbus Day holiday.
- Continue construction of the new sewer main on Cottage Park Rd., between Somerset Ave. and Pleasant St.
- Begin installation of sewer service connections to new sewer main for residences/businesses on Woodside Ave., between Hagman Rd. and Pleasant St.
- Continue installation of sewer service connections to new sewer main for residences/businesses

on Bartlett Rd., between French Square and Pleasant St.; and on Adams St., between Woodside Ave. and Williams St.

- Continue installation of water service connections to new water main for residences/businesses on Bartlett Rd., between French Square and Pleasant St.; and on Adams St., between Woodside Ave. and Williams St.
- Install temporary trench pavement for trenches excavated on Cottage Park Rd., Woodside Ave., Bartlett Rd. and Adams St.

NOTICES:

1. NIGHT WORK: Beginning Monday, October 19th, construction of storm drain, water main, and water and sewer services on Woodside Ave. at French Square will be performed from 8 PM and 6 AM, Monday night through Thursday night. No construction is planned for Friday night, Saturday night, or Sunday night. When night work begins, construction activities will occur during normal work hours (7 AM to 3:30 PM) as well as night hours (8 PM to 6 AM). Night work is scheduled to be completed by 6 AM Friday, November 6th.

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

MassDOT Innovation Series Virtual Webinar set for Oct. 8

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) will be hosting a free virtual transportation webinar Thursday, Oct. 8. The webinar is part of a new Innovation Webinar Series being offered by MassDOT, with the support of the UMass Transportation Center at UMass Amherst, to highlight some of the latest innovations in transportation. The series includes a variety of top-ics related to technology and other innovations including cross-agency collaborations and partnerships.

The following transportation webinars will be offered this week:

- Universities Exploring Community Transportation - Thursday, Oct. 8, at 2 p.m. This panel will discuss three

recent collaborative efforts between academia and transportation that focus on how access to transportation affects the health and quality of life of older adults, people with disabilities, and low-income individuals. In addition, speakers will also highlight how COVID-19 has impacted the way in which they build relationships with communities with transportation needs and the organizations that assist them. The link to register for this webinar can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/Mdotwebinar>.

All transportation practitioners from federal, state, regional, and local transportation agencies, transit agencies, academia, and private industry are invited to attend these free sessions.



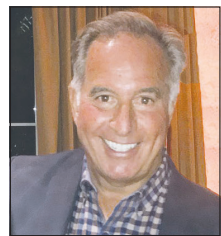
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First and Foremost MacPhail continues his impressive coaching and running careers

By Cary Shuman

Warren MacPhail is regarded one of the most respected runners and triathletes on the North Shore. He has been dedicated to long distance running since graduating from North Adams State College where played basketball and ran cross country.

MacPhail, 53, is still very active on the circuit. And importantly to the highly competitive athlete, he's still winning races. Last Sunday, MacPhail prevailed over 74 other competitors of all ages to win the Beat The Tide Road Race run along Nahant Beach. MacPhail covered the 3.2-mile course on the beach in 20:12.

It was MacPhail's second major win in three days. Last Thurs-

day night, MacPhail was first in the Nahant Beach Triathlon, completing a sweep of this summer's races.

"Warren's amazing," said Artie Gray of Winthrop, a friend and fellow long-distance runner. "He's also a great coach. He taught my kids in school and he was my daughter Aubrey's coach at Winthrop High and she went on to be a three-year captain at St. Joseph's College. He's the best. I met him at the Winthrop Hospital. I was the director of pharmacy there and he was working there as a youngster. I've known him for over 30 years. He's like the mayor of Winthrop. He's everybody's friend."

Triathlons now his specialty

MacPhail has been competing in national



Fisher College cross country and track coach Warren MacPhail, pictured with members of the Fisher College team, from left, Maurice Gayetay, Danny Morel, Tatiana Lopez, Samantha Nelson, and Ethan Menard, at the Beat The Tide Road Race in Nahant.

and world championship triathlons for three decades. In addition to his string of victories in Nahant, he has been a consistent top-tier finisher in his age group at regional events.

The handsome, 6-foot triathlete has also caught the attention of athletic attire companies, calling on him to compete under their company banner.

MacPhail's success has not gone unnoticed among his peers on the North Shore.

"Warren is very dedicated to the sport and I respect all his accomplishments in coaching, running, and triathlons," said Bob Levine, director of the Nahant Beach Triathlon.

Said Stephen Boudreau, former Saugus High assistant basketball

coach and long-distance runner, "He's just a great guy who personifies what sports is all about. He's dedicated and always helping out runners with his knowledge and experience. I remember I was coaching at Saugus and Warren hit a half-court shot at the buzzer to send the game into overtime. Today that would have been a game-winning three-pointer."

Building a program at Fisher College

MacPhail is currently the men's and women's cross country and track coach at Fisher College in Boston. The teams are running "virtual" meets this fall due to the coronavirus.

"I'm trying to build a program where runners on the North Shore and the South Shore, if they want to continue running at a small school on the Charles River, – the opportunity is there," said MacPhail.

Fisher College athletes, some of whom competed in Sunday's race in Nahant, said MacPhail is inspiring them through his coaching.

Samantha Nelson, a sophomore from Rye, N.Y., said, "He's encouraging, supportive, and pushes us to be better."

"He's awesome coach, he's motivating and always pushes you to do better," said Tatiana Lo-

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WHS SPORTS THROUGH THE YEARS

10 years ago October 6, 2010

The Winthrop High football team fell to 0-4 on the season after last Friday's 31-12 loss to Lynn Classical at Manning Field on a rainy and windy evening. Classical notched touchdowns on runs of 18, 55, 47 and 38 yards in the first three quarters.

Winthrop finally got on the board in the fourth period on a 12-yard run by senior fullback Joe Clougherty, who led the team in rushing with 10 carries for 53 yards and the TD. Sophomore Ruben Powell had the Vikings' only other score, a four yard run late as part of his 45 yards on four carries late in the game.

Among the sophomores who saw significant action in place of injured starters, and played tough physical games, were David Gallo playing for Anthony Hatzisavas, Tom Lund in place of Nick Doonan, and Brandon Gentile who played for Dan Feeley.

20 years ago Sept. 28, 2000

The WHS football team dropped its first game of the season in a 50-12 rout at the hands of Lynn Classical Friday night at the Manning Bowl. Bobby Kneeland scored both Winthrop TDs on runs of 47 and 12 yards.

Andrew Stefansiv scored two goals to lead coach Tara O'Neil's WHS

boys soccer team to a 5-3 win over Swampscott for the Vikings' first win of the season.

40 years ago Sept. 24, 1980

Although the WHS football team had com-

pleted only a so-so four weeks of pre-season training, everyone in the Northeastern Confer-

ence is asking, "What happened?" after Coach

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Bob DeFelice's Viking gridsters marched to a commanding 28-7 win over Saugus in the season-opener Saturday at Miller Field.

50 years ago Sept. 30, 1970

Although the WHS football team turned in a sorry effort Saturday in a 24-6 loss to Danvers under new head coach Bob DeFelice, the Vikings rate as the favorite this Saturday against Lynn Classical at Miller Field. DeFelice reportedly may start 138 pound sophomore Mike Eruzione at quarterback after Eruzione's fine effort in the

final quarter against Danvers.

60 years ago Sept. 29, 1960

Buoyed by their 20-0 win in the season opener against Methuen, the WHS football team will embark on a drive for an elusive Northeastern Conference title, last won by Winthrop in 1947, when they take on Amesbury this week.

70 years ago Sept. 28, 1950

After a 19-0 romp at Lexington in the season-opener, coach Ed MacFarland's Winthrop High football team will take on Amesbury Satur-



The 2008 Winthrop Youth Soccer coaches with their eighth-grade players.

day at Miller Field. Not since 1942, when Coach Gordon Connor's first team beat Woburn to snap a 17- game losing streak, has there been such interest in football at Winthrop High. Winthrop's 190-pound junior full-

back Steve Miles pulled two and three Lexington linemen with him as they tried to bring him down. Miles scored two of the Winthrop touchdowns on runs of 15 and 30 yards.

80 years ago Sept. 26, 1940

Brookline, the 1939 Class B titlists, whipped the WHS football team 14-0 in the season-opener.

All roads will lead to the Elks Hall Friday evening when the gala

Sports Nite sponsored by the Winthrop K of C will take place. Among those who will be on hand will be Red Sox star slugger Jimmy Foxx. MIT athletic coach Henry McCarthy will serve as master of ceremonies.

LOCAL STUDENTS EARN ACADEMIC HONORS

DUPLIN GRADUATES WITH CLASS OF 2020 AT STONEHILL COLLEGE VIRTUAL COMMENCEMENT

Julia Duplin, of Winthrop, graduated with the Class of 2020 during a virtual Commencement Ceremony this summer at Stonehill College.

Initially scheduled for Sunday, May 17 with a traditional in-person

format but knocked off course by COVID-19, Stonehill's 69th Commencement finally took place on Saturday, August 8 making history as the College's first virtual Commencement and the first ever held in August. Another big change this year was the presentation of candidates for master's degrees.

Live-streamed from Stonehill's McCarthy Auditorium in the

Thomas and Donna May School of Arts & Sciences building the ceremony addressed 630 undergraduates, 13 graduates, their families, and a wider audience of Stonehill faculty, staff, alumni, and friends.

In prerecorded remarks, Commencement speaker New England Patriots star Matthew Slater drew on his career as a three-time Super Bowl Champion to hail the Class of 2020 for their ability to endure, persevere and thrive in the face of adversity.

Stonehill is a Catholic college located near Boston on a beautiful 384-acre campus in Easton, Massachusetts. With a student-faculty ratio of 12:1, the College engages over 2,500 students in 80+ rigorous academic programs in the lib-

eral arts, sciences, and pre-professional fields. The Stonehill community helps students to develop the knowledge, skills, and character to meet their professional goals and to live lives of purpose and integrity.

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Sept. revenue collections total \$3.144 Billion

Staff report

Massachusetts Department of Revenue (DOR) Commissioner Geoffrey Snyder announced that September revenue collections totaled \$3.144 billion, \$46 million or 1.4 percent less than the actual collections in September 2019.

FY2021 year-to-date collections total approximately \$7.27 billion, which is \$69 million or 1.0 percent more than collections in the same period of FY2020. Not reflected in the total is approximately \$2.321 billion in deferred personal

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pez of Houston, Texas.

Fisher student Ethan Menard of Suffield Connecticut said MacPhail “really help me practice and run better.”

Maurice Gayetay of Providence said he learned of his coach's reputation as a superb triathlete and long-distance runner. “I know he's not only of the one of the greatest coaches but also one of the greatest coaches and he proves that every time he goes on the course,” said Gayetay. “I've learned so much from him. That's why I want to keep running – he's very inspiring and motivating. I want to compete at the highest level possible like he does. It's impressive what he's done.”

Danny Morel of the Bronx, N.Y, said, “He's an amazing coach. Last season was my first year running and he built me up to where I could win a meet.”

Interestingly, MacPhail's Fisher College teams are training two days a week at Deer Island in Winthrop.

Teaching and coaching in the Winthrop schools

MacPhail is a fourth grade teacher at the Arthur T. Cummings Elementary School. This is his 29th year in the profession in the Winthrop

school system.

“I like being in Winthrop,” said MacPhail. “I feel like everybody who leaves Winthrop as a teacher, when I talk to them, they tell me that they miss teaching here. You don't get that close got-your-back feel that you have here, I know my colleagues would do anything for me and I would do anything for them and you don't get that everywhere.”

MacPhail's two children, Corman and Fiona, are both graduates of Winthrop High School. Cormac, an outstanding runner himself and a future WHS Hall of Famer, is a student at the University of New Hampshire. Fiona, also a versatile track athlete at WHS, is a freshman at New York University.

“I have to say coaching my children has to be the best experience of my career,” said MacPhail.

MacPhail was an assistant coach on Peter Grimes's staff for the 1995 state championship boys basketball team. “A lot of my coaching techniques comes from Peter,” said MacPhail. “I also learned a lot from Coach Pat McGee. She was so competitive, it was win or nothing. She would knock down a lot to beat you. And then as a

young guy I got to watch Tony Fucillo coach every day and run his practices. Tony Fucillo is just an amazing coach. He's a teacher-coach so I got to see him do it right. I was lucky. I got to see some really good people.”

MacPhail has advanced the careers of several Winthrop High, notably Nicole Guaquinto who went to be an All-American runner at UMass Lowell, Jenny Fucillo, who competed at Division 1 Notre Dame, Jackie Costonis, a New England champion in the high jump, and Danyelle Dillard, a record holder in the 200 meters at Westfield State, Mia Lewis, a record holder in the triple jump at Salem State, along with such stars as Maria Gambale, Colleen Lally, and Elizabeth Doherty.

MacPhail's teams won 12 NEC titles as the smallest school in the conference.

The son of Nancy Paulson of Winthrop said he's looking forward to continuing his teaching, coaching, and competitive running and triathlon careers for many years to come.

“I hope to keep doing what I've been doing for a long time,” said MacPhail.

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income tax payments and refunds processed in July and August. Such payments and refunds have been recorded in FY2020 pursuant to legislation and are not shown in FY2021 year-to-date collections.

“The decline in September revenues is mostly due to decreases in withholding, non-withheld income tax, meals tax, and ‘All Other’ tax. Those decreases were partly offset by increases in regular sales tax, motor vehicle sales tax, and corporate and business taxes,” said Commissioner Snyder. “Individual estimated payments declined slightly, and corporate estimated payments showed a small increase in September, and we note that estimated payment revenues tend to fluctuate over time and within each fiscal year. DOR will continue to monitor these revenue categories closely.”

September is a significant month for revenue collection because the third installments of both individual and corporate estimated payments are due. September generally produces about 10 percent of annual revenue, making September the third or fourth largest revenue month of the year.

This September is expected to be different. Although the month is still expected to be a significant month for revenues because of individual and corporate estimated payments, it will also reflect the impact of the filing and payment due date extensions for regular sales, meals, and room occupancy taxes. The due date for these tax types has been extended several times this year for certain businesses. The

most recent extension was announced on Sept. 15. Returns and payments of these taxes for certain small businesses otherwise due during the period beginning March 2020 through April 2021 will instead be due in May 2021.[1] Note that September revenues will also continue to reflect the impact of COVID-19 on the tax base. Consequently, the September monthly and year-to-date figures should be interpreted with caution.

Details:
Preliminary September Revenue Collections
•Income tax collections for September were \$1.712 billion, \$28 million or 1.6% less than September 2019.

•Withholding tax collections for September totaled \$1.076 billion, \$20 million less than September 2019.

•Income tax estimated payments totaled \$598 million for September, \$25 million less than September 2019.

•Income tax returns and bills totaled \$77 million for September, \$26 million more than September 2019.

•Income tax cash refunds in September totaled \$39 million in outflows, \$9 million more in outflow than September 2019.

•Sales and use tax collections for September totaled \$603 million, \$14 million more than September 2019.

•Corporate and business tax collections, including corporate estimated payments, for September totaled \$619 million, \$31 million more than September 2019.

•“Other tax” collections for September totaled \$210 million, \$63 million less than September 2019.

U.S. PIRG promotes national ‘Week of Mourning’

Staff report

U.S. PIRG (Public Interest Research Groups) is partnering with Marked by COVID for a national Week of Mourning, Oct. 4-11. Virtual vigils and social media actions will commemorate the more than 200,000 Americans who have lost their lives to COVID-19. People interested in participating can track and sign up for activities here.

“Our hearts go out to those who have lost family members, friends and coworkers to this deadly virus. Perhaps the most heartbreaking part is the knowledge that so many of these deaths were preventable if our federal and state leaders had taken quicker and more decisive action,” said Matt Wellington, the director of U.S. PIRG’s public health campaigns.

For months, health experts have laid out how to contain this virus and save lives. Nearly 1,400 health professionals signed a letter calling on decision makers at all levels of government to lower the number of virus cases by closing non-essential businesses and to only reopen once states have built robust testing capacity. Some of the nation’s top economists joined the call to make clear that rushing to reopen before squash-

ing the virus would backfire and prolong economic damage.

While a handful of states have the virus under control, it continues to spread unchecked in much of the United States.

“As we approach the holidays, many families will have an empty seat at the table. We cannot forget the pain and suffering this virus has caused. And we should turn that pain into action to save lives,” said Wellington.

Experts at the Harvard Global Health Institute and Brown School of Public Health released a new analysis Thursday of the amount of testing each state needs to do to effectively suppress COVID-19. The new targets show that most states still have a long way to go to build up testing, while a handful of states are leading by example.

“There’s no silver bullet to get us out of this mess, but widespread testing could certainly give us some pieces of our lives back. The federal government has taken small steps forward, but it’s up to state governors to make this happen now. Too much time and too many lives have been wasted already,” said Wellington.

Natalie Campbell
Of Winthrop

Natalie (Mazzie) Campbell of Winthrop passed away on October 2.

The devoted mother of Carl Campbell and his wife, Frances of Malden and Elaine Campbell of Winthrop, she was predeceased by three sisters and three brothers. She was the loving grand-mother of Rachelle Leon and her husband, Max of Maine, Carl Campbell Jr. and his wife, Rhonda, Nicole Zimmerman and her husband, Michael and the late Sean Campbell and his surviving wife, Michelle and the adored great grandmother of seven great grandchildren. She is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

Family and friends will honor Natalie’s life by gathering at St. John the Evangelist Church, 320 Winthrop Street, Winthrop for a memorial mass on Saturday, Oct. 10 at 10 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to National MS Society, P.O. Box 91891 Washington DC 20090-1891, or <https://www.nationalmssociety.org/Donate>.



All services will be held in accordance with Phase-3 of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts phased reopening plan due to COVID-19. Face coverings are required to be worn in the funeral home and social distancing measures are encouraged.

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David Allen Mulligan
Of East Boston, formerly of Winthrop

David Allen Mulligan of East Boston, formerly of Winthrop and Somerville, passed away unexpectedly on Sept. 27.

The loving son of Donald Mulligan and his longtime partner, Debra Hardy and the late Diane (Clarke) Mulligan, he was the devoted father of Adyana Barbarisi and long time partner of Melanie Barba-risi, cherished brother of Donnie Mulli-gan, Jessica Bowen, Jammie, Janette, Joshua, John, Jeff Hardy and the late Christine Mulligan and Jennie Hardy. He is also survived by many loving aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.



Family and friends honored David’s life by gathering at the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home, East Boston on Monday, Oct. 5 and all other services were private. For more information or to leave an online condolence. please visit www.ruggieromh.com.

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NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

CHELSEA STILL IN RED ZONE

CHELSEA - When much of the rest of the state moved on to the next phase of Gov. Charlie Baker's re-opening plan on Oct. 5, Chelsea and other 'red' or 'high-risk' communities were left behind - and as City Manager Tom Ambrosino has said concerns him, perhaps unfairly.

Want to try on a pair of pants at the boutique?

One will be able to sa-shay into some tight-fittin' jeans at a store in Malden, but not Chelsea.

Looking to have a big indoor or outdoor concert?

Go to Melrose and one can hear the music, but not in Chelsea.

Those and many other things would still not be allowed in the City on Oct. 5 despite having case numbers relatively under control, averaging about six new cases a day recently and even registering zero cases this Monday. Add that the Census numbers being used to calculate the rates are likely far too low and it makes for what seems to be an unfair situation for undercounted, dense urban areas in a system that seems to favor the wealthier suburbs.

Last week, Gov. Baker announced that effective Monday, October 5, lower risk communities will be permitted to move into Step II of Phase III of the Commonwealth's reopening plan. All other communities will remain in Phase III, Step I. Gov. Baker also issued a revised gatherings order on Tuesday, and will issue industry-specific guidance and protocols for a range of Phase I, II, and

III businesses will also be updated.

On May 18, the Baker-Polito Administration released a four-phased plan to reopen the economy based on sustained improvements in public health data.

Last month, the Administration began releasing data on the average daily COVID cases per 100,000 residents, average percent positivity, and total case counts, for all 351 Massachusetts cities and towns.

Lower risk communities are defined as cities and towns that have not been a "red" community in any of the last three weekly Department of Public Health (DPH) weekly reports.

Effective October 5, a limited number of sectors will be eligible to reopen, with restrictions, in Step II of Phase III for lower risk communities only:

- Indoor performance venues will be permitted to open with 50% capacity with a maximum of 250 people.

- Outdoor performance venue capacity will increase to 50% with a max of 250 people.

- For arcades and indoor and outdoor recreation businesses, additional Step II activities like trampolines, obstacle courses, roller rinks and laser tag will also be permitted to open and capacity will increase to 50%.

- Fitting rooms will be permitted to open in all types of retail stores.

- Gyms, museums, libraries and driving and flight schools will also be permitted to increase their capacity to 50%.

Revised Gatherings

Order:

- The limit for indoor gatherings remains at a maximum of 25 people for all communities.

- Outdoor gatherings at private residences and in private backyards will remain at a maximum of 50 people for all communities.

- Outdoor gatherings at event venues and in public settings will have a limit of 50 people in Step I communities, and a limit of 100 people in lower risk, Step II communities.

CHELSEA ROTARY HELPS OBTAIN SERVICE DOG

CHELSEA - When Angelica Bachour looked for a solution to help her son, Gabriel, to learn socializing skills and other coping mechanisms, she was often brought to tears when running into so many roadblocks.

In a recent online Rotary Club meeting, Bachour was brought to tears once again - but this time tears of joy as Gabriel, 9, was all smiles in announcing that through the efforts of Chelsea Rotary, he had been matched with a service dog specially trained to help kids with Autism. "I have good news," said Gabriel to the Zoom audience of Chelsea and Marblehead Rotarians. "I got matched and the dog's name is Casey. She's a black Lab and was born in January 2019."

Gabriel is a Chelsea Public School fourth grader and his mother said she began to feel that he was delayed in his early years. However, that wasn't confirmed until he attended the Early Learning Center (ELC)

CITY HALL IN EVERETT OPENS TO PUBLIC FOR FIRST TIME SINCE MARCH



After closing down in March to the general public, Everett City Hall opened on a limited basis Sept. 28. There are strict precautions to enter the Hall and residents are encouraged to access City services online if at all possible.

and a very astute teacher agreed. Gabriel was able to get services for Autism very early and it has helped him tremendously in being able to go to school and excel.

However, Angelica said he has always struggled with making friends, anxiety and disagreeing peacefully with others.

"He had a lot of anxiety and couldn't deal with people when they disagreed with him; he was so frustrated," she said. "That's when I said I needed to look into getting a dog to help Gabriel. I was so heartbroken because I realized anything I do is just not enough. That's when we started looking for options to support him. We didn't want just any dog because I was afraid of a dog attacking him. I was able to get him on a list and they agreed a service dog could help support him in all the areas he needed strength in and the areas a therapist couldn't help him with. The beginning of relationships are so hard for him."

That's where the Chelsea Rotary stepped in and was able to help raise money and do advocacy to get Gabriel his service dog. Working with the

NEADS Social Dog Program, they were able to raise the money to help pay for the service dog once he was approved by NEAD.

NEAD is one of the oldest service dog organizations in the country and provide specially trained dogs for a variety of tasks - helping those that are disabled, have hearing loss, veterans, and for those with Autism. They match about 50 people per year with service dogs, said Katy Ostroff. The dogs are trained over about 18 months for their tasks, with a lot of that training being done by prisoners in a jail setting - which is a win-win for the organization and the incarcerated, she said. She said they have been trained in all kinds of environments as well by other trainers, including stressful places like subways and City streets.

In Gabriel's case, Casey will be able to help him with confidence, understanding body language and social queues and keeping calm - among other things.

She said after an interview in February, they felt Gabriel would benefit greatly from a dog, and they were able to

find a match. Next up is a 10-day training on the campus of NEAD to get both accustomed to one another.

Chelsea Rotary President Todd Taylor said it was a great way to help locally in a time when many feel like they are helpless.

"It's great to be able to help someone locally who needs it and so something meaningful in this age of COVID-19 when so many of us feel helpless and challenged to get out and fulfill our Rotary mission," he said.

LOOKING AT POSSIBLE CHANGE IN WARD ELECTIONS

EVERETT - City Clerk Sergio Cornelio presented a proposed Charter Change to the City Council for the body to seriously begin considering a potential change to the way ward councilors are elected - changing from a city-wide vote to a ward-only vote for those six seats.

There would be no change to the at-large Council system, but there would also be a similar

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Real Estate Transfers

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Karas, John	Hansen, Phillip	38 Almont St	\$465,000
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NOTICE is hereby given that in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 131, Section 40, Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and Winthrop Town By-Laws, a public hearing will be held on October 14, 2020, at 7:00 P.M. VIA ZOOM on the Request of Determination of Applicability from Shannon & Jonathan Poulos 131 Terrace Ave. Winthrop, MA 02152 pertaining to building a retaining wall.
NOTE: A copy may be obtained from the Conservation Office via email (dquist@town.winthrop.ma.us) or calling 617-846-1742 x1034
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LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT DEPARTMENT Essex Probate and Family Court 36 Federal Street Salem, MA 01970 DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING
Docket No. ES200630DR
Roden Agalliu Plaintiff vs. Silvi Nexhipi Defendant

To the Defendant:
The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for irretrievable breakdown. The Complaint is on file at the Court.
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Anila Mele, Esq. Law Office of Anila Mele, 5 Essex Green Drive, Suite 26, Peabody, MA 01960 your answer, if any, on or before 11/11/2020. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the

Register of this Court.
WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
Date: September 21, 2020
Pamela Casey O'Brien Register of Probate
10/8/20 W

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT Suffolk Division INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION
NOTICE
Docket No. SU20P1076EA
Estate of: Lucille A. Abate
Date of Death: April 15, 2020
To all persons interested in the above captioned estate by Petition of Petitioner Philip J. Viola of Winthrop, MA.

Philip J. Viola of Winthrop, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.
The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting

the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.
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LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT Suffolk Probate And Family Court 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 (617)788-8300
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Docket No. SU19C0642CA
In the matter of: Downtown Maybach Essanous
A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been

filed by Downtown Maybach Essanous of Winthrop, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: Downtown Maybach
Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Suffolk Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 10/22/2020. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.
WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
Date: September 21, 2020
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate
10/08/20 W

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change to the six Ward School Committee seats that would mimic the change to the ward council seats.

The issue has come up time and again at the Council over the past years, and it has been underscored by the threat of a federal Voting Rights Act lawsuit from the Lawyers for Civil Rights Boston (LCR) group. On Monday, Councilor Wayne Matewsky brought the matter back to the floor so that Cornelio could present the proposed changes. The current system of city-wide voting for ward council seats is a bit unique, and was brought in only a few years ago under the new City Charter. But LCR contends it dilutes the minority vote and discourages potential minority candidates from running.

Matewsky said it is time to seriously consider the matter, and change to a ward-only vote for the six ward council seats.

“I think it’s only fair,” he said. “to get 10 percent of the vote in your ward and be the councilman there strikes me as unfair. The City of Lowell was sued by this Civil Rights group and I think it cost them \$1 million...I really believe a ward councilor should be elected from the ward...We’re trying to right what’s wrong.”

Councilor Michael McLaughlin said he would vote for it reluctantly.

“It’s not my sugges-

tion; I like it the way it is and it gives us a better understanding of the whole City and how it’s running...I don’t like this, but I understand it and I’ll support it reluctantly.”

Others like Councilor Peter Napolitano and Councilor Fred Capone were not in favor of the change.

Napolitano, more than anyone else, talked for years about fundamentally changing the Charter – and invested time and money into getting the change made and before the voters. The voters approved the current Charter by nearly a 90 percent vote a little less than 10 years ago. He said it wouldn’t be fair to change something at the Council that the voters wanted.

“The voters set up the charter the way it is,” he said. “They made the decision to vote us city-wide...This isn’t Boston where you have racially insulated neighborhoods like Roslindale, JP, South Boston or Roxbury. Everett is not a place where you have ethnicities or race in just one neighborhood...I invested a lot on getting people educated on the need for change. Voters set it up like that. Now to make a change without them doesn’t seem right. I’m not comfortable with it.”

Said Capone, “This body should not decide the charter. The voters should decide. It should be up to the voters.”

Councilor Anthony DiPierro said it was time to make a decision one way or the other. The time to talk, he said, is over.

“I think we should be ready to take action,” he said. “We’ve spoke about it for hours over several years. We don’t need a long history on the Charter...I’m tired of talking about it quite honestly. Let’s take this into con-

sideration and be ready to vote in the future.”

School Committee-man Frank Parker, who represents Ward 3, said he would be in favor of returning to a system with ward-only voting for School Committee.

“I’m a product of the bicameral system and it was a Ward race and position that allowed me to serve this community both as a Common

Councilor and then on the School Committee,” he said. “I look forward to running as a Ward candidate again.”

The proposal would change only the ward council seats and the School Committee ward seats. It would also change the numbers of signature one needs to get on the ballot. While at-large seats would stay at 250 signatures, a ward

seat would require just 150 signatures to get on the ballot. Similarly, a final change to the Charter would be that to recall a ward councilor, there would need to be a petition signed by 20 percent of the voters in the ward only rather than city-wide.

LCR Boston attorney Oren Sellstrom said on

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Tuesday they continue to watch and monitor the efforts to change the system in Everett – as they did in their winning battle against the City of Lowell. He said they are encouraged Everett has come up with a proposal and are seriously considering it. However, he said they are ready to use the courts if need be.

“We are encouraged to hear that the Everett City Council is considering a voluntary change to the City’s electoral system, as it appears that the City’s current system illegally dilutes the vote of Everett’s communities of color,” he said. “Maintaining the current system would open the City up to a lawsuit under the federal Voting Rights Act...If the Everett City Council were to affirmatively reject a proposal for voluntary change, that would only strengthen any voting rights claim. LCR and Everett’s communities of color continue to closely monitor the City’s actions and will explore all available legal options to ensure equal voting opportunity for all.”

The Council is looking to bring the matter back to the floor potentially in two weeks.

DEVELOPMENT
TAKING SHAPE ON
BROADWAY

EVERETT - One of the most watched developments in Everett is taking shape at the top of the hill in the 600th block – the City’s first apartment building in that area in decades, and the first citywide in some time to

have no parking. Developer Greg Antonelli, of GTA Inc., started construction on the 18-unit building last year and has worked successfully for most of the COVID-19 timespan. He said he’s ready to deliver a fine product in October 2021 – what many are calling a real pioneering development in that part of the city.

“This will be a four story building and it will be workforce housing,” he said. “That’s what I’m committed to building in Everett. There are a lot of pockets in the City like this that haven’t had new construction for a long time...Moving forward in Everett, more residential units are needed. There are 4,000 vacant apartments in Boston since COVID-19. People are leaving the city because of the prices and some still don’t feel comfortable there. The rental market has taken a 10 to 15 percent dip in prices across the Board. I definitely took a chance here.”

Others have permitted projects in the general area, but few have put the financing in place and gotten the equipment arranged to be able to start construction.

The 603 Broadway project for Antonelli is challenging as the City asked him not to put in parking, but rather to opt for a ground floor retail establishment to activate the streetscape. Originally, Antonelli had parking, but he said the City nixed that as it wanted more activation in the area.

Now the no-parking building on Broadway

has become a focal point for planners and builders on either side of the car vs. no-car debate. Antonelli, despite building the project, may not be as much of a fan of the no parking as one might expect.

“The no parking is a challenging condition the City keeps imposing on these developments,” he said. “The City wants and encourages development, but it’s an obstacle because people do have cars. Where are they going to park? That’s not to say they need two spots per unit, which is the requirement now, but they do have cars.”

That said, he is excited about the retail offering that will activate the street, which he said would be a “mom and pop” operation. He said it will likely be a coffee shop or a food establishment with 25 indoor seats and 15 outdoor seats.

Antonelli has set the standard high for construction in the area, and he doesn’t credit that to granite countertops or other frills. Instead, it’s the large hole he built for the foundation and the anchor he gave to the building.

“The difference between this and a lot of other projects is I dug the hole,” he said. “I dug the hole. We dug deep to have a real cellar. That will become storage for the retail and the tenants. That’s different than most buildings like this. The typical construction is podium – just jack it up.”

By Christmas, he said, they will have buttoned up the outside of the de-

velopment and will begin working exclusively inside. It will be a mix of larger one-bedroom and two-bedroom units.

“My ideal unit is a two bedroom now because people want to share the rent and share the apartment,” he said. “One year ago people wanted to live by themselves and they wanted made more money. Now, they want to share the rent and they don’t want to live alone.”

The building is part of a momentum of development for Antonelli.

On the other side of the City, at 120 Tremont St., he is just finishing a re-hab of 48 micro-units in an old industrial building that abuts the Northern Strand Bike Path and the RiverGreen Park. He said he expects to finish those on Nov. 1 and have them occupied by Dec. 1.

Meanwhile, he has just finished and sold smaller condo projects at 15 Morris St. and 128 Waverly St.

ARTIST TAKES
PART IN PAINTING
UTILITY BOXES

EAST BOSTON - On October 2, the Downtown Boston Business Improvement District (BID) unveiled “Tasteful Boston,” an outdoor public art installation in which a dozen regional artists transform 12 BID-area utility boxes into striking works of art that celebrate iconic elements of the city’s storied culinary history.

One of those artists is East Boston’s Stephanie Martinez whose proposal was chosen by a panel of judges from nearly 50 applicants.

Martinez will paint the utility boxes over the next few weeks, serving up slices of Boston food history.

Martinez’s vividly colored rendering of Boston’s Chinatown Gate depicts a diverse group of residents enjoying an equally diverse array of iconic Boston dishes.

The entire outdoor art project will focus on famous coffee and candy companies, the foods of diverse cultures, indelible food locations across the city, and some of Boston’s best-known dishes.

“Tasteful Boston” locations are centered in and around Downtown Crossing, spanning from Chinatown to Government Center to the heart of the Financial District.

Artists participating in “Tasteful Boston” are diverse in discipline and background, drawing on personal and family food memories as well as historical subjects.

Other artists featured in “Tasteful Boston” include the South End’s Carolyn Depot, Medford’s Rebecca Rose Greene, Charlestown-based Jasmine Lee, Hyde Park-based Khyle Parke, Elliot Portman of Brighton, Ellie MacQueen of Quincy, and Allston-based Aisling Wilson.

“These beautiful, whimsical and surprising ‘Tasteful Boston’ installations remind us that our art, our neighborhood, and our city’s rich culinary traditions are alive and ready to bounce back,” says Downtown Boston BID President and CEO Rosemarie Sansone. “Public art is

one of the many ways the BID activates Boston’s resilient business district. As shoppers, diners, workers, and art lovers are ready to come back, we’ll be ready to welcome them.”

The Downtown Boston Business Improvement District (BID) was created by property owners committed to achieving the district’s full potential as a premier and vibrant destination. Its mission is to significantly improve the experience of all who live, work, visit, go to school or shop in the Downtown Boston BID by: providing supplemental services to keep the streets and sidewalks clean, upgrade the aesthetic appearance of the district, and make people feel welcomed and safe; promoting and fostering an energetic and thriving business climate in the area; and serving as the voice and advocate for the district.

COVID RATE STILL
CONTINUES TO
CLIMB

EAST BOSTON - After recently seeing a week over week decline in East Boston’s COVID-19 positive test rates, the number now seems to be climbing once again in the neighborhood. Eastie experienced an all time high with an 11.8 percent positive test rate back in August, but efforts by the city and health officials brought that number down to 5.1 percent last month. However, two weeks ago the positive test rate number climbed to 6.1 percent and last Friday jumped to 8.8 percent.

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paign in Winthrop.

Three Winthrop boys in Korea have been listed on the casualty list by the War Department. They are PFC Lawrence Paul Murray, RCT Willie E. Sapp, and Pvt. Eugene L. “Nipper” Kelly.

James Stewart and Debra Paget star in Broken Arrow at the Winthrop and State Theatres.

80 years ago
Sept. 26, 1940

Five articles will be acted upon at the Special Town Meeting Monday night to deal with the issues of street extensions, land purchases, and a municipal lighting plant.

An enthusiastic group of local citizens met Tuesday to consider forming a local camera club.

Shirley Temple and Jack Oakie star in Young People at the Winthrop and State Theaters.

90 years ago
Sept. 27, 1930

With its organization practically all in place, the Winthrop Community Hospital will begin an intensive period of fund-raising for the campaign to complete its new hospital building on Lincoln St. The campaign has a goal of \$75,000.

Richardson’s Radio Shop at 2 Somerset Ave. is taking part in the national promotion by the Kent Radio Manufacturing Co. for the celebration of its four millionth radio produced this week. Ronald Coleman stars in Raffles at the Winthrop and State Theaters

100 years ago
Sept. 30, 1920

Proprietor Fred. L.

Hall and manager John A. Reardon of the Winthrop Arms Hotel are rejoicing over procuring a carpet 45 x 20 feet for the game of indoor golf for the pleasure of their patrons this winter season.

A demonstration of the marking of a Presidential ballot followed by a political quiz will be held for all new women voters in Pilgrim Hall in Boston Friday morning by women political leaders, including Mrs. Grace W. Carnuth of Winthrop who was a delegate to the Republican convention.

Rev. Ralph J. Haughton has resigned his post as pastor of the Union Congregational Church after a one-year pastorate.

An old-fashioned barn dance will be held at the Winthrop Highlands Yacht Club Thursday evening.

110 years ago
Oct. 1, 1910

Winthrop’s Edward B. Newton defeated a candidate from Chelsea to win the Republican nomination for State Senate. Alfred E. Tewksbury was the winner in the contest for the Republican nomination for State Representative. Tewksbury made good use of automobiles to bring voters to the polls.

The latest Census puts our town’s population at 10,132, an increase of 4074 residents since 1900.

120 years ago
Sept. 29, 1900

The local Republican caucus, with 597 voters participating, was

the largest-ever held in Winthrop. They chose George T. Sleeper as their party’s nominee for State Representative by a margin of 100 votes for his slate of delegates.

They say that it does not pay to “throw mud,” and several local politicians found that out this week.

John J. Donovan, 18, died in his family’s home on Crest Ave. after he was taken ill with appendicitis. He had been afflicted for more than a week and underwent an operation, but to no avail.

130 years ago
Oct. 3, 1890

Mrs. Wells will open a school conducted according to the kindergarten system in her home. She has engaged Miss Eleanor Higginbotham of Waltham to be the teacher.

An issue debated in the letters to the editor column is the question of whether the nation should institute a tariff to protect American workers from cheap foreign imports.

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Girl Scouts to hold open registration for new members

Staff report

Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts (GSEMA) opens registration for new members with a mix of programming that features virtual and in-person meetings and activities.

Girl Scouts offers a place where girls can find community, solidarity, leadership opportunities, and fun, despite the challenging moment we are all collectively living through. Right now, girls are facing unprecedented challenges of hybrid education, the isolation that comes with social distancing, and some are feeling their families' financial stress as jobs are interrupted or terminated. Moreover, girls are grappling with racial injustice and learning to navigate their role in the future of social equality.

"As a non-profit, youth-serving organiza-

tion, the opportunities we provide girls and their families is critical to the future of girls' leadership," said Caitriona Taylor, CEO, GSEMA. "Girl Scouts is, as it always has been, the organization best positioned to help girls develop the competencies they need to become the next generation of leaders that will change the world in big and small ways. We are a diverse organization that stands for empowering ALL girls—in every community, from every background and every ability, and in every economic circumstance—to create the change they want to see in the world."

In particular, Girl Scouts impacts girls' abilities to step outside their comfort zones, manage healthy relationships, and be civically engaged in their communities. Research shows that Girl Scouts across age levels

fare better than non-Girl Scouts with regard to five leadership outcomes—all of critical importance in our current reality. Girl Scouts helps girls:

- Develop a strong sense of self
- Display positive values
- Seek challenges and learn from setbacks
- Form and maintain healthy relationships
- Learn to identify and solve problems in their community

New Girl Scout troops are forming now, meeting online and in-person, and spending lots of time exploring the outdoors. Girl Scout membership dues are \$40 per girl (financial aid is available). In-person troop meetings and activities follow current CDC and GSEMA guidelines. To learn more about joining, call 844-306-4736, email customercare@gsema.org, or visit gsema.org/join.

CITY PAWS

Fall cleaning for pets

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

The tradition of house-cleaning for the change of season applies to the furry members of our families too. It's a great time of year to review your animal's supplies, equipment, toys, and medications. While you're at it, think about what you might need for colder weather and winter emergencies.

What Has to Go!

The first step in your furry cleanout is to take action on items that are ready for the trash. That might include a collar or leash showing signs of wear, toys that have given their all to chomping and pouncing, bedding that has seen better days, and any medications or emergency supplies near or past their expiration dates.

However, before you toss items you might need in an emergency, buy replacements. And, while you're making a shopping list, check your furry friend's first aid kit and add any items that are running low.

First Aid and Emergency Kits

Many first aid items like blood stop, gauze pads, eyewash, Benadryl, and chlorhexidine disinfectant/antiseptic wash, can be used on both people and pets. However, animal guardians also need a supply of vet wrap self-adhering bandage, ear wash, a tick remover, a rectal thermometer, a



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soft muzzle, and pet nail clippers. We keep Poppy's supplies in a standard toiletry bag that we use at home and when traveling.

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Winter Supplies

If your dog has been with you for a few Northeast winters, you may already have coats, sweaters, or t-shirts to keep her clean and dry. Check those for fit and wear. A slim, short-haired dog, like a greyhound, needs a coat with layers to protect him from the cold and wet.

Paws take a beating from chemical ice melts in winter. Be sure to purchase a paw-safe option if that is your responsibility. You can also ask your building management or

snow removal service to use only paw-safe ice melt.

If you are someone who adopted a new puppy or rescue dog in the past few months, you might add boots to your shopping list. Having them on hand soon will let you practice putting boots on your dog and let you dole out treats as he adapts to them.

We always keep an extra supply of Poppy's food, medication, and puppy pads on hand in winter. Fortunately for us, Poppy is trained to use a pad inside or relieve herself outside. That means we don't have to take her out in severe weather.

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