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NEWS Brief

MVES CONTINUES SERVICES TO OLDER ADULTS

While most have good mental health, many older adults are at risk of developing mental health conditions, such as depression, which is the most common ailment in this age group, as well as anxiety, grief and substance abuse. And rates of depression and stress have increased among this population since COVID-19 began. Social distancing, among other safety measures, have limited their interactions with caregivers and loved ones, which can lead to increased feelings of loneliness and anxiety, in addition to general feelings of uncertainty and fear due to the pandemic.

Among the range of MVES' home- and community-based services available to older adults enrolled in the home care

A HIGHLAND HALLOWEEN

Dan Dalo, of the Winthrop Art Association sets the scene outside the Highland Group's office with some fun Halloween decor. The Highland Group participated in the Winthrop Chamber of Commerce's recent Business Halloween Decorating contest. More photos on page 7.

Board of Health recommendations for safe Halloween celebrations

Since Winthrop is currently designated as a high-risk community for COVID-19 transmission by the Mass. Department of Public Health, the Board of Health would like to remind Winthrop residents to use precautions such as wearing a face covering, avoiding large gatherings, practicing social distancing and

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Beloved mailman Tom Vreeland is remembered by community

By Kate Anslinger

Tommy Vreeland.

forever remember his

fun-natured personality. For over 20 years, Vreeland worked as a utility carrier, delivering mail to every corner of Winthrop at one point or another, while building friendships along the way.

Close friend of 20 years, Rich Harkins has set up a GoFundMe to help Vreeland's mother with funeral expenses.

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Town confirms two case clusters

Special to the Transcript

Public Health Director Meredith Hurley, Town Manager Austin Faison and Police Chief Terence Delehanty are urging residents to get tested for COVID-19 after two case clusters were identified in town.

As of Saturday, Oct. 24, town officials can confirm that 22 new cases of the disease are tied to social events at the Winthrop Elks, 191 Washington Ave. and the Pleasant Park Yacht Club, 562 Pleasant St. Anyone who visited either place between Oct. 15-18 is asked to self-isolate and to get tested for COVID-19.

"It's vital that anyone who visited either establishment during that time period to get tested as soon as possible and stay home until you receive your results," Hurley said. "We take matters

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Officials urge continued vigilance as COVID-19 risk level stays high

Special to the Transcript

Town officials report that the Town of Winthrop has been designated a high risk community by the state

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Town gears up for Election Day

By Kate Anslinger

Winthrop volunteers and town employees are gearing up for election day, set for November 3, 2020. Since September 1st, 624 new voters have been added, and hundreds of voter registrations have had to be corrected. There are a total of 13,117 voters. Approximately 5700 early voting and absentee ballots have been sent out. These ballots must be returned by 8:00 pm on Nov. 3rd to be counted.

The early voting sessions were well attended, serving approximately 160 voters per day. In addition to new voting booths and plastic shields at all polling locations, the SOC supplied the town with personal protective equipment and items needed to ensure the safety of the poll workers and voters.

"We appreciate the high amount of civic engagement and turnout we've witnessed so far," said Town Manager Austin Faison. "We also are appreciative of the community's understanding of the unique position that we are in having a Presidential election during a pandemic. The rules that we put in place are for everyone's safety, and the public has done a great job with compliance."

Town employees are urging voters to be respectful to the volunteers who will be putting in countless hours to man the polls and serve the community. It is also expected that voters be well-informed prior to

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The exterior of Richie Bianchino's new Bah Bah Winthrop barbershop located at 51 Revere St.

Hair's To Richie B.

Bianchino opens new 'Bah bah' shop

By Cary Shuman

Richie Bianchino feels right at home and rightfully so.

The former Winthrop High School football and basketball player and assistant coach of the Vikings' 2011 state championship basketball team has opened a new barbershop at 51 Revere Street, his third shop in a growing success story.

Bianchino, always one to generate good cheer, has named his shop, Bah Bah Winthrop, making light of the illustrious Boston accent where the letter 'r' is sometimes a

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U.S. Attorney announces appointment of District Election Officer to monitor integrity of election polls

United States Attorney Andrew Lelling announced that Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) Eugenia Carris will lead the efforts of his Office in connection with the Justice Department’s nationwide Election Day Program for the upcoming Nov. 3, 2020, general election.

AUSA Carris has been appointed to serve as the District Election Officer (DEO) for the District of Massachusetts, and in that capacity is responsible for overseeing the District’s handling of complaints of election fraud and voting rights concerns in consultation with Justice Department Headquarters in Washington.

“Fair elections are the foundation of our democracy,” said U.S. Attorney Lelling. “Every citizen has the Constitutional right to cast his or her vote on election day free from intimidation, harassment and discrimination. The Department of Justice will do its part to ensure the integrity of the election process by enforcing federal laws that protect voters and investigating reports of fraud. We encourage the public to report concerns to us.”

The Department of Justice has an important role in deterring election fraud and discrimination at the polls, and combating these violations whenever and wherever they occur. The Department’s long-standing Election Day Program furthers these goals, and also seeks to ensure public confidence in the integrity of the election process by providing local points of contact within the Department for the public to report possible election fraud and voting rights violations while the polls are open through Election Day.

Federal law protects against such crimes as intimidating or bribing voters, buying and selling votes, impersonating voters, altering vote tallies, stuffing ballot boxes, and marking ballots for voters against their wishes or without their input. It also contains special protections for the rights of

voters, and provides that they can vote free from acts that intimidate or harass them. For example, actions of persons designed to interrupt or intimidate voters at polling places by questioning or challenging them, or by photographing or videotaping them, under the pretext that these are actions to uncover illegal voting may violate federal voting rights law.

The franchise is the cornerstone of American democracy. We all must ensure that those who are entitled to the franchise exercise it if they choose, and that those who seek to corrupt it are brought to justice.

In order to respond to complaints of election fraud or voting rights concerns during the voting period that ends on Nov. 3, 2020, and to ensure that such complaints are directed to the appropriate authorities, AUSA/DEO Carris will be on duty in Massachusetts while the polls are open and can be reached by the public at 617-748-3363.

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election day.

“We were lucky to have a few kind volunteers help with ballot labeling and stuffing, and some have helped out at Early Voting with line and door monitoring,” said Joanne DeMato, Acting Town Clerk. “I

would like to remind voters to kindly wear their masks, stand six feet apart, and to not use any hand sanitizer while handling the ballot as a wet ballot will jeopardize the voting machines. Happy voting and may the best candidate win.”

Voting Early in Winthrop

There is still time to vote early in Winthrop. Early voting is available at the Harvey Room in Town Hall (Hermon St. entrance) on Thursday (today), from 2-6 p.m. and on Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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“If you were lucky enough to call him a friend, you know what an amazing human being he was,” said Harkins, who described Vreeland as a quiet, kind soul to everyone. “If you needed anything, he was there without question. If you needed an extra person for softball, pool, fantasy football or anything else, Tommy would always be in. If you were having a fundraiser for your kid or any other cause, he would have his wallet

out before you could finish your sentence. Even in today’s cynical world, I never heard a bad word about anyone come out of his mouth and he always had a smile on his face, never taking himself too seriously. He loved his local sports teams and traveling with his friends to go watch them in other stadiums. He loved life and lived it as such.”

The many residents who knew Vreeland, remember him as someone who would always

say hello and keep tabs on how your family was doing. He was someone who would memorize your kids’ names and stop to play basketball with them.

“Tommy was the epitome of the friendly, caring, small town mail carrier,” said resident, Sue Griffiths. “He knew your name, your dog’s name and that your dad was “looking good” because he had just finished chatting with him about the Patriots. His smile will

Business Highlight: Championship Physical Therapy

By Kate Anslinger

Since August 2, 1992, the staff at Championship Physical Therapy have been helping patients from all ages overcome orthopedic injuries and achieve pain relief. Over the years, owner Bill Squires and his passionate staff have built a clientele while remaining invested in local charities and active at the Senior Center. Like many small businesses in town, the staff at Championship have enjoyed treating generation after generation, witnessing the growth and expansion of families over the years.

range of injuries that the staff deals with is widespread including: knee/hip replacements, work-related injuries, sports and auto injuries, hand and carpal tunnel syndrome, physical therapy for pre/post-partum and low-risk pregnancies, back surgeries, myofascial syndrome, post-surgical care, gait training/balance, foot pain, rotator cuff/shoulder surgery, neck and lower back pain.

Like all businesses, Championship Physical Therapy had to close down at the start of the pandemic, however; they re-opened on August 3,



Bill Squires, owner of Championship Physical Therapy has been treating Winthrop patients since August 2, 1992.

with all the safety protocols in place, readily

available to treat their patients in a safe environment.

“Fortunately, our clients remained loyal and returned to Championship PT when we re-opened for their physical therapy needs,” said Squires. “As always, our patients’ health, care and safety are our number one priority. We are extremely grateful for the continued support from the Winthrop community.”

Championship Physical Therapy is located at 57 Putnam Street

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Although the primary focus of every voter this year has been on the Presidential election, local voters should be aware that there are other candidates on the ballot.

Although House Speaker Bob DeLeo is not facing a Republican opponent this year, we urge every voter in his Revere and Winthrop district to give Bob a vote as an expression of thanks for the incredible job he has done not only as our State Representative, but also as the primary leader of our state government.

Massachusetts continues to rank at the top both in our nation and in the world in many respects -- education, the economy, and facing climate change -- and Bob DeLeo has been responsible more than any political leader on Beacon Hill over the past dozen years for making Massachusetts the envy of the rest of the country.

We are facing incredibly challenging times -- but there is no one who has a better understanding of what we need to get through them than Bob DeLeo.

We also urge voters in Winthrop and Revere to remember to cast a vote for Ed Markey for U.S. Senate. Ed Markey represented our communities in Washington for decades and did more for this district than any Congressman in our history.

He also has been the most vocal advocate in the U.S. Senate of meeting the challenge of climate change, which poses an existential threat to coastal communities such as Winthrop and Revere.

Ed Markey is needed in Washington more than ever -- and we urge every voter to be sure to give Ed a vote.

BE SURE TO VOTE

Okay -- this is it. The long presidential campaign has come to an end and it will all be over by the time this newspaper is published next week.

Although a record-breaking number of Americans already have taken advantage of the availability of early-voting and voting by mail, there still are many voters who have not cast their ballots.

So here's a reminder: -- Early voting in person is available in every city and town in Massachusetts through this Friday, October 30. Each town and city clerk will set its own hours each day for early voting, so every voter should check for their community's early-voting schedule.

-- Those who intend to vote by mail must have their ballot envelope postmarked by Election Day, November 3, AND it must be received by election officials by November 6.

-- For those who wish to vote the old-fashioned way on Election Day, Tuesday, November 3, the polls in every city and town across the state will be open from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM.

Our democracy only works if we make it work -- and that means getting out to vote.

IT'S US VS. THE VIRUS

The stunning announcement this week by Trump administration officials that they will be doing nothing to halt the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic has grave implications both for the health of every American and for the U.S. economy.

With an average of 1000 Americans dying every day and record-high levels of sickness overwhelming hospitals all across the country, no one is safe from contracting the virus.

What does this mean? First and foremost, both first and second-level responders -- police and firefighters are in the first category, hospital workers are in the second -- will be at huge risk for contracting the virus. COVID-19 already is the single-biggest cause of deaths among police officers this year and with the pandemic now completely out-of-control, the situation only will get worse.

Second, essential workers, such as teachers and certain retail employees, also will be at high risk for contracting the virus.

Third, senior citizens and those with pre-existing conditions basically will be confined to their homes until they receive a proven vaccine, which is not expected to be widely available until some time next in the late spring or early summer. Family gatherings for the holidays and other occasions simply are not safe for anybody, especially older Americans.

Fourth, the travel, entertainment, and hospitality industry will be all but finished without massive aid from the federal government. Small restaurants and businesses that were able to make it through the summer will face an impossible winter season.

Fifth, unemployment will remain exceedingly high and many Americans will struggle just to feed their families and pay their rent, mortgages, and car payments without massive government assistance.

Sixth, those who need urgent care for other health reasons -- such as heart attacks, cancer treatment, and accidents -- will be placed at risk because ICU and emergency rooms will be filled with COVID-19 patients.

Seventh, state and local governments will be facing huge deficits and will be unable to maintain essential services such as public transportation without massive federal aid.

President Trump has been saying at his rallies in recent days that we are "rounding the corner" in the battle against the virus, a phrase he has been using since last spring.

But at this point, we have rounded so many Trumpian corners, it is clear that we are just running in circles.

Forum



LETTER to the Editor

VOTE YES ON 2 – RANKED CHOICE VOTING

Dear Editor,

I have already voted Yes on Ballot Question 2 – Ranked Choice Voting, and I urge those who will be voting on Election Day, November 3rd, to do the same. Ranked Choice Voting in Massachusetts will ensure majority support, expand voter choice, promote diverse candidates, and encourage positive campaigns.

For twenty years, I served on the Board of Common Cause Massachusetts, a nonpartisan organization dedicated to protecting elections and holding government accountable. Common Cause MA has been a longtime advocate of Ranked Choice Voting (RCV) because it is a common-sense change in elections that will allow voters to rank candidates for a political office in the order they prefer them.

With Ranked Choice Voting, you can choose one candidate, like you always have, or you can

rank all (or just some) of the candidates in order of your preference. If a candidate gets a majority of first-choice votes, then he or she wins. If there is no majority, the last place candidate is eliminated, and the voters who picked that candidate as their first choice will have their votes counted for their second choice, if indicated. This process continues until a candidate wins with more than half of the votes (a majority).

With Ranked Choice Voting, you eliminate the concern about "spoiler" candidates, you vote for your favorite candidate and not the "lesser of two evils", and you encourage more candidates to run for office without fear of vote-splitting.

Yes on 2 has been endorsed by The Boston Globe and other newspapers across the state, the League of Women Voters, MassVOTE, Senator Elizabeth Warren, Senator Ed Markey, Attorney General Maura Healy, former Governor Bill Weld, 87 Members of the Massachusetts

State Legislature, the American Federation of Teachers MA, SEIU Local 888, and the Sierra Club of Massachusetts. The Boston Globe stated: "With Question 2, Bay State voters can make our government far more representative of the will of the people." Ranked Choice Voting ensures the winning candidate is the one with the broadest appeal to the majority of voters.

Bill Schmidt

ON VOTING

Dear Editor,

Concerning page 6, The Winthrop Transcript, Thursday, October 22.

I like the cartoon. I voted early and the cartoon looks like where I voted.

I voted on Tuesday, October 20 without the cartoon and the advice of Mr. Caruccio just below the cartoon. So I didn't have the opportunity to "think seriously about whether America would continue to be the shining city on the hill or another Socialist Oligarchy." However I never learned

that America was "the shining city on the hill" or what a socialist oligarchy is. I did think seriously before I voted.

Lee Fich

THANK YOU

Dear Editor,

The Braverman Family would like to thank all the teachers and administrators for their dedication, hard work and diligence in creating a virtual platform in which our children can learn.

I believe it is up to us, the parents, the extended family and all who are on the other side of this learning process to maintain their efforts in a positive manner with a "can do" spirit; we must, for the sake of the children.

I realize the stress, exhaustion and overwhelming angst the pandemic has brought upon us all. I believe our positivity will be felt by our children and can only aid in the tireless efforts of our educators.

Good luck, God bless and remember we can and will survive these times.

Cathy Braverman

GUEST OP-ED

Let your heart drive you to vote, but put your mind into it

By Glenn Mollette

Most of the time people marry because at that moment that's where their hearts have led them to be. For better or worse many people stay in marriages most of their lives because they have given their heart to their spouse.

We sometimes pur-

sue careers because we have a heart for the vocation. There is something about the vocation that inspires and motivates us. Because our heart is in the work, we stay with the occupation. Success is more likely to occur where the heart is centered.

We become very com-

petent with our hobbies because we love them so much. We enjoy musical instruments, baking, sewing, wood work, painting, fishing, sports and whatever your hobby might be. People are often ready to retire from

their jobs because they have hobbies, they love more.

The major emphasis of the greatest commandment is to love God with our hearts. Jesus knew

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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 942 - THE INTERSECTION OF CLIFF AND GROVERS AVENUES



Changes that have occurred during the past are interesting to observe and pictures provide an easy way to see how the appearance of a specific location has evolved overtime. Picture one was taken about 1895 looking down Cliff Avenue, toward the ocean, from Highland Avenue. The road is not yet paved and only a few sidewalks have been set in place. In about the center of the picture is a large rock which was located where the front steps of the Winthrop Arms Hotel are today. We have been asked if anyone knows where this rock is today and, knowing the effort that would have been required to move it, our guess would be that it may well still be there with the current steps built on and around it. The house beyond the rock is visible in all four pictures that are presented in this article. The last house on the right of Cliff Avenue, barely visible before the rock, was the Argyle House. This building was a hotel

built in 1885, operated by Hill and White, which in 1916 was enlarged into the Winthrop Arms of today. During this period there was also a tunnel that ran from the Arm's to the beach so that those staying at the hotel could go directly from the basement to the beach. When they returned they could take a salt water shower before going up to their rooms. Dave Goll and I found evidence of these showers in the basement. Rumor has it that during prohibition this same tunnel was used to bring liquor into the hotel from a boat along the shore. The second picture, taken from the porch of 144 Cliff Avenue again shows the house across from the Arms on the corner of Cliff and Grovers Avenues. Note the open space to the right of it. In the 1920's and 1930's there was a large golf putting green situated there for Hotel patrons to play on which also provided people dining at the Arms an unobstructed view of the ocean. In the early days of the Arms,

there was a promenade deck on the roof of the existing building where one could have a drink and also enjoy the view. Picture three, taken in the late 1950's as evidenced by the automobiles, depicts the same view but a second home now stands on the area where the putting green had been. This picture was a postcard which is evidenced by the title printed on it. Note also that the electric power poles seen in the earlier pictures have been artistically removed to enhance the postcard's appeal. Picture four is a the view from 2014 and several subtle changes are noticeable. The small mailbox on the corner that many of us remember as children has been replaced with the newer larger mailbox in the same location. The power poles have miraculously reappeared and part of the wrap around porch has been eliminated from the corner house. One can only imagine the changes that the next hundred years will bring.



THE MORE Things Change ...

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

10 years ago October 21, 2010

According to Winthrop Police records and data, vandalism crimes in Winthrop, including graffiti, are down over the last five years from a high of 329 in 2005-06 to 233 in 2009-10.

Eric Gaynor, executive director of the Winthrop Chamber of Commerce, said that chamber members support the construction of the East Boston Neighborhood Health Center's clinic that is being proposed for a site on Somerset Avenue. Gaynor offered the official support of the Winthrop business organization during a Planning Board meeting Monday night at Town Hall. The EBNHC's plan is to demolish the 10,000-square foot building on Somerset Avenue and build a brand new, one-story medical facility.

Secretariat, Saw 3D, and Paranormal Activity 2 are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

20 years ago October 19, 2000

The selectmen emerged from an executive session with Police Chief Charles Reynolds and announced that they have agreed to a three percent pay raise both for union personnel and management. The public meeting was held with Personnel Board members David O'Brien, Stephen Stoddard, Martin O'Brien, and Joe Ferrino, who agreed with the selectmen's recommendations.

Two residents and one police officer were sent to the hospital in the wake of a fire in Building 10 of the Golden Drive senior apartment complex on Friday morning. Three other persons also were injured. The cause of the blaze has been determined to be the result of a resident smoking a cigarette near his oxygen tank.

Bedazzled, Pay It Forward, and Meet the Parents are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

30 years ago October 17, 1990

The selectmen took Boston Gas to task this week for its failures in detecting leaky gas pipes that caused the powerful explosion on Pt. Shirley that destroyed three homes and heavily damaged four others. Selectman Robert E. Noonan also charged that the company is failing to deal in good faith with the victims of the explosion, many of whom lost their homes and all of their possessions.

The selectmen accepted the recommendation of Police Chief Angelo LaMonica and promoted patrolman Paul DeLeo to sergeant.

The Health Dept. has announced that it will begin a composting program for residents' yard waste starting Monday.

Residents of the Cross-Shirley-Crescent Sts. area complained to the selectmen about poor drainage in their part of town that led to the flooding of their basements over the weekend.

MWRA officials this week informed the selectmen of their plans for the water and gas lines that will cut through the town to service the new MWRA wastewater treatment plant on Deer Island.

Graveyard Shift, Goodfellas, and Memphis Belle are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

40 years ago October 15, 1980

The shadow of Proposition 2 and 1/2, the ballot question that would limit the ability of the state's cities and towns to raise taxes by more than 2.5 percent without the approval of local voters, hung heavily over the School Committee's meeting last week. School Supt. Michael Fortunato told the committee that if Prop. 2 and 1/2 becomes law, "We're not going to cut toenails, we're going to cut muscle."

The Winthrop Jaycees are looking for a location for their annual Haunt-

ed House for Halloween.

A Special Town Meeting will be held Monday to take up the issue of providing more housing for the town's elderly residents.

Richard Benjamin and Susan St. James star in How to Beat the High Cost of Living at the Kincade Theatre.

50 years ago October 21, 1970

The Rev. Albert Saltese, one of the members of the Massport Board of Directors, was the guest speaker at the weekly meeting of the Winthrop Rotary Club and informed the members that the proposed \$260 million expansion program at Logan Airport would be detrimental to the residents of Winthrop and East Boston. Saltese called for the construction of a second airport to serve the Boston area.

Winthrop police captured a suspected burglar who had climbed into a tree after a yard-to-yard chase during which warning shots were fired by the officers.

The Noddle Island Credit Union in East Boston is offering free Phil Esposito street hockey equipment for opening up an account of at least \$50.

The topic at the weekly breakfast meeting of the Ocean Lodge, B'nai B'rith Men's Group will be, "The Generation Gap: Fact or Fiction."

Beyond the Valley of the Dolls is playing at the Winthrop Cinema.

60 years ago October 20, 1960

Winthrop firefighters and Winthrop police are being credited with finding the key that helped state authorities unlock one of the biggest arson rings ever uncovered in the state. Six men, including a Winthrop resident, have been arrested for setting fires here and in Chelsea and Boston in order to fleece money from the insurance companies in order to pay off money owed to loan sharks by the owners of the properties.

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no one would have any commitment to God without the full commitment of the heart.

The heart will take you places and keep you places where the mind would never consider. Too often what the mind will not consider the heart will not give up or waver from.

We often forget about the mind. Jesus told us to love God with our minds. Reason, commonsense, inquiry, thinking and education are all important. Sometimes the heart may cause us to be blind. We may love blindly. Stay with negative relationships that are destructive. Hang on to a job or career pursuit that ends up being negative, a dead end and a waste of time. We have to involve our minds in our lives. Life cannot be lived merely by the heart. Heart will keep you someplace a long time. However, your

mind will help you to decipher whether it's the right thing to do.

Americans are at the polls voting. Love for the country, ideas, political parties and candidates have Americans voting in masses. While you may love the Democratic party or the Republican party or either candidate hopefully you are considering all the reasons why you are voting.

What do you want for America? Good paying jobs? More Government involvement in your life? The removal of guns from society? The freedom to have guns? Less police security? More police security? More taxes? Less taxes? More jobs coming back to America? More jobs going back to China? Health care that pays for nothing? A better health care for every American? What about our freedom? Freedom of speech? We love our freedom in

America. Freedom to try. Freedom to fail. Freedom to try again. Freedom to succeed. Freedom to pursue owning a house, car and living an independent life. Maybe, you feel that every American should have the same, be the same and that the Government should take care of all us equally?

This election, think about it. Think about what you want for you and your grandchildren. Let your heart drive you to vote but put your mind into your voting.

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Marie Diorio

Retired MGH Secretary

Marie G. Diorio of Coconut Creek, Florida and a lifetime resident of Winthrop passed away at the Broward Health North Hospice on October 25. She was 83 years old.

She was born in Winthrop, the beloved daughter of the late Carmelina (Santarpio) and Charles Accomando, she worked in reservations at Pan American Airlines and then went on to work as an executive secretary at the Massachusetts General Hospital.

She was the devoted wife of William Diorio and the loving mother of Joseph Diorio of Win-

throp, William Diorio, III of Naples, Florida and Nancy Diorio Maylor of Manchester, NH, dear sister of the late Charles Accomando and she is also survived by six grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Family and friends are cordially invited to attend the visitation from the Caggiano-O'Maley-Frazier Funeral Home, Winthrop on Sunday, November 1, from 4 to 8 p.m. The funeral will be conducted from the funeral home on Monday, November 2 at 9 a.m. followed by a Funeral Mass in St. John the Evangelist Church, 320 Winthrop St., Winthrop at 10 a.m. Services will conclude with interment in the Cross-Street section of Winthrop Cemetery.

Attendees must wear masks and maintain social distancing in the Funeral Home, Church and Cemetery

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

Ralph Panetta, Jr.

Member of Winthrop Elks, Pleasant Park Yacht Club, Beachmont VFW and Sons of Italy of East Boston

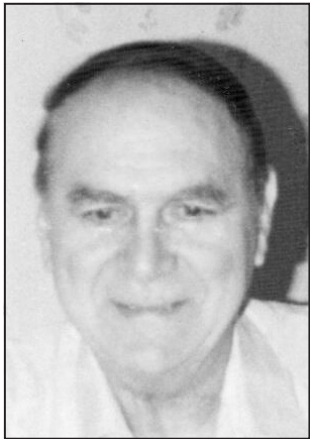


Ralph J. Panetta, Jr. of Winthrop passed away at home on October 24. He was 90 years old.

Born in Medford, the beloved son of the late Mary (Cericola) and Ralph J. Panetta, Sr., he was a graduate of Medford High School and then went on to attend the Dale Carnegie School. He enlisted in the United States Army reaching the rank of Corporal. After his honorable discharge he went on to become a Master Mechanic working at International Harvester. He was also the Manager of Customer Service for State Equipment. He was on the Board of Directors of US Realty Development, LLC. He held the highest rating hoisting engineer license in the State and was also an engineering consultant at the Fort Heath Apartments in Winthrop.

He could fix anything. He loved clocks and could take them apart and put them back together without any instructions.

He was a member of the Winthrop Lodge of Elks, the Pleasant Park Yacht Club, VFW Beachmont and the Sons of Ita-



ly in East Boston.

He was the devoted husband of Rita (Bomarsi) and the loving father of Ralph J. Panetta, III and his wife, Lynn and Mark S. Panetta and his wife, Debra, all of Saugus and Dr. Karen Panetta Heller and her husband, Jamie of Rockport; cherished grandfather of Christine Panetta, Mark Panetta, Jr., Sabrina Panetta and Benjamin Heller and the dear brother of Thomas Panetta and Anna Mae of Stoneham and the late Theresa Adelizzi and Jean McWilliams.

Services and interment are private. To sign the online guestbook, go to www.caggianofuneralhome.com.

Arrangements under the direction of the Caggiano-O'Maley-Frazier Funeral Home, Winthrop.

Margaret Dowd

Beloved mother and wife

Margaret "Peggy" (Doherty) Dowd of Lawrenceville, GA, formerly of Winthrop and Charlestown, passed away on October 24 at the age of 94.

Peggy was born and raised in Charlestown, graduated from Charlestown High School and went to work at First National Bank in Boston, where she worked until she married and became a devoted mother.

Peggy was married to the late Stephen T. "Butch" Dowd of Charlestown. She is survived by Meg Dowd and Duane Frega of Lawrenceville, GA and Maureen and Vince Castiglione of Morristown, NJ. Peggy spent most of her adult life living in Winthrop and most recently lived with Meg and Duane. She was the daughter of the late Edward and Margaret (Shannon) Doherty and the sister of the late Honey Chaisson and the late Daniel Doherty, both of Charlestown. She is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

Peggy was a kind and compassionate woman who was always there when someone needed her. She loved to crochet and was known for the beautiful afghans she made for the infirmed and newborn babies in the family. She was also a great baker and known for her family favorite chocolate chip cookies!

She loved the ocean and during the summer, she could be found with her extended family at either Winthrop Beach or Marshfield. Even after her children grew up and



moved out of Winthrop, Peggy spent a lot of time visiting and traveling with them.

Beginning on her 80th birthday, Peggy became an avid cruiser and enjoyed many cruises to the Caribbean and along the eastern seaboard with her daughters and other extended family members. For Peggy, happiness was being with family and listening to the sound of waves crashing under a setting sun. She now has a bird's eye view of both. "Rest in peace Peggy Dowd!"

Peggy's funeral will be from the Maurice W. Kirby Funeral Home, 210 Winthrop Street, Winthrop on Saturday, October 31 at 9 a.m. followed by a Funeral Mass in St. John the Evangelist Church, 320 Winthrop St. at 10 a.m. Relatives and friends are invited. Interment will follow at the Winthrop Cemetery.

Visiting hours will be held Friday, October 30, from 4 to 7 p.m.

Strict Board of Health pandemic guidelines will be followed.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to St. John the Evangelist Church-Winthrop. To view and sign her guestbook, please visit: www.mauricekirbyfh.com.

Winthrop Senior Center News

Website: town.winthrop.ma.us/council-aging

Email: COARception@town.winthrop.ma.us

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

Senior Phone Buddy Program: Senior Center volunteers are available to make friendly phone calls to homebound seniors. If you, or someone you know would like to receive a call, please contact the Senior Center at 617-846-8538, or email COARception@town.winthrop.ma.us.

Senior Programming on WCAT: The following programs are currently airing on WCAT channel 3:

- Exercise with Ernie Sarro: Weekdays at 10:30 a.m.
- Roger Tincknell's Fall and Halloween Songs: Thursday 10/29 at 1 p.m. and Saturday 10/31 at 10 a.m.
- Boston University Alzheimer's Webinar (presentation by Dr. Andrew Budson): Thursday 10/29 at 12 p.m.

Subscribe to the Senior Center's monthly newsletter. You can now subscribe to receive the Senior Center newsletter via email. To sign up, go to www.town.winthrop.ma.us/subscribe, enter your email address and select "Senior Center Newsletter" from the options.

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frequently washing or sanitizing hands. Large gatherings and house parties are strongly discouraged and are subject to fines if they violate state gathering rules. Winthrop residents are also urged to follow the local Board of Health Emergency Orders to wear masks in public indoor spaces as well as on playgrounds, in public parks and when using athletic courts and fields, which are enforceable by a \$500 maximum fine.

The Board of Health unanimously voted on October 16, 2020 not to ban Trick-or-Treat activities in Winthrop. However, residents are strongly encouraged to take the following safety precautions:

- Residents participating in Trick-or-Treat activities should offer contact-free individually-wrapped goodie bags or treats that can be placed at the end of a driveway or the edge of a yard for children to take. Candy bowls should be avoided.
- Those residents who do not wish to participate in Trick-or-Treat are asked to shut off their outdoor lights as an indicator.
- While no curfew is imposed, residents and their families are advised to end Trick-or-Treat activities by 8 pm on October 31, 2020 and promptly return to their own homes.

Tips for a Safe and Healthy Halloween by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health should also be closely followed:

- A mask covering mouth and nose should be worn by all participants while engaging in

Trick-or-Treat activities, as described on the Mask Up MA webpage.

- Suggestions by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) regarding face masks:

- * Make your cloth mask part of your costume.

- * A costume mask is not a substitute for a cloth mask.

- * Do NOT wear a costume mask over a cloth mask. It can make breathing more difficult.

- * Masks should NOT be worn by children under the age of 2 or anyone who has trouble breathing

- Observe good hand hygiene, including hand washing and use of alcohol-based sanitizers with at least 60% alcohol. Carry hand sanitizer and use it frequently on yourself and your children, especially after coming into contact with frequently touched surfaces and before eating candy.
- Stay home and refrain from Halloween activities, including handing out Halloween treats if:

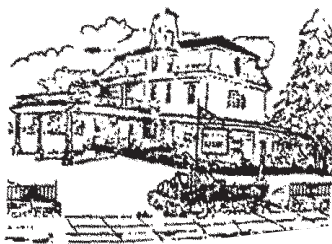
- * you feel unwell;
- * you have tested positive for COVID-19;
- * you have been exposed to someone with COVID-19; or
- * you have traveled to or from a state that is not classified as lower risk within the last 14 days.

For more information on lower risk states, please see the state's COVID-19 Travel Order webpage.

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HIGHLAND GROUP GETS INTO THE HALLOWEEN SPIRIT

Cuortesy photos

The Highland Group, a division of Compass Real Estate, entered the Winthrop Camber of Commerce Business Hallow-

een Decorating contest. Dawn Mahoney and Dan Dalo of the Winthrop Art Association created the decorations and placed them at my office. I just wanted to thank the Winthrop Chamber for sponsoring the event and Dawn, Dan and the Winthrop Art Association for their creativity and assistance in the decorations.



Shown above, Dan Dalo and Dawn Mahoney of the Winthrop Art Association with Elizabeth, James Jr. and Jim Polino, of the Highland Compass Group. Shown to the left, Elizabeth Polino and Sharon Tallent stand in front of one of the decorations hung outside the Highland Compass Group offices.

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program is the Mobile Mental Health Program for people experiencing mental or behavioral health issues who find it hard to leave their homes to get treatment. Clinical caseworkers provide outreach to older adults experiencing mental health conditions that impact their functioning and ability to meet life’s daily challenges.

Due to COVID-19, sessions are conducted over the phone or by other electronic devices if the consumer has the technology available.

Specific services and interventions provided include clinical care coordination and linkages to community resources, in home mental health therapy, in home medication evaluation and psychopharmacology, and other supports as needed to older adults who need direct intervention in their homes due to mental health challenges.

Unfortunately, mental health problems are under-identified by health-care professionals and older people themselves, and the stigma surround-

ing these conditions makes people reluctant to seek help.

Good mental health is essential if an individual is to age well and avoid the effects of depression, anxiety, and other forms of mental illness. The mental health of older Americans impacts overall physical and emotional health, and the ability to engage in life.

For more information on MVES’ Mobile Mental Health program, please call (781) 324-7705 or visitwww.mves.org.

Istanbul Diner Café brings a touch of the Mediterranean to Revere

By Cary Shuman

The Istanbul Diner Café is bringing a new specialty, Turkish and Mediterranean food, to the city’s dining community and the response has been off the charts.

Residents have been turning out in big numbers for the beautiful, new restaurant, located at 120 VFW Parkway. The Shish Kebab plates – Lamb, Chicken, Adana, and Iskender – all served with rice, hummus, grilled tomato and pepper – have proven to be among the most popular dinners on the menu.

The Falafel and Shawarma/Doner plate, Kofte meatballs, and Lahmacun/Turkish pizza, have also been in high demand. Plates range in price from \$8.95 to \$16.95.

Istanbul owner Bekir Senates and his business partners, executive chef and owner Sal Ozgan, and owner Selman Cayhan opened the restaurant on July 17, a date that was pushed back from March 1 due to the coronavirus.

“Everything is going very well,” said Senates, 40. “We’re very happy how the Revere community has responded to our new restaurant.”

Osgan highlighted some of the other foods on the menu include the Turkish-style chicken wings.

“We put a special sauce on the wings, marinate it overnight (12-24 hours), blend it, and we grill them nicely and perfectly on the grill and they come with

two kinds of rice, Turkish baldo and white rice, hummus, salad, grilled pepper and tomatoes, feta rolls – and it’s specially homemade,” said

Hamburgers, Greek salads, Shepherd salad, Caesar salads, cheese pizzas, and a kids’ menu are also bringing families through the door. The Istanbul Mixed Grill dinner of Shawarma, Chicken Shish Kebab, Kofte Kabab, and Lamb Shish Kebab allows diners to sample multiple specialties on one plate.

Diners will notice the spectacular city of Istanbul-influenced artwork on the wall by Bekir’s friend, who is an architect and artist, Muharam Olgun, along with the modern, interior design. “We remodeled the whole space,” said Sen-

ates proudly.

Many residents are finishing their meals with Istanbul’s wide selection of desserts - baklava, kunefe, trilece, rice pudding, Tzatzaki yogurt, and Vanuatu coffee.

The three owners, Senates, Ozgan, and Cayhan, previously owned a successful coffee shop in Providence. They are now hoping to build a wide following as the newest entry into the Revere restaurant scene.

“We are very excited to open a restaurant in Revere where I lived for many years,” said Senates. “We have many customers and we look forward to

(The Istanbul Diner Café is open seven days a week, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Takeout and delivery service are available.)



The istanbul Diner storefront, located at 120 VFW Parkway in Revere.



The woodwork decor in the establishment shows a scene of Istanbul.



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Richie Bianchino, with his wife, Marissa, and their two children, Richie Jr. and Mia, in front of the new Bah Bah Winthrop barber shop located at 51 Revere St.

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no-show.

Bianchino, 33, also owns and operates two shops in Boston: Bah Bah State Street and Bah Bah North Station. He opened his first shop 18 months ago.

The current COVID-19 pandemic affected business at his Boston shops. “It was going well with six people cutting hair in the first shop and we were really busy and then it all crashed,” Bianchino related in typical candor.

Still, he pressed on and when the owner of another Boston barber shop reached out to him and asked if he would be interested in acquiring the business, Bianchino negotiated a deal and he opened his second shop.

As a longtime resident of Winthrop, Bianchino knew that the vacant store on Revere Street had previously housed barber shops.

“I told the landlord that I would love to take it over and he gave me a great opportunity,” related Bianchino. “I talked it over with my wife [former Winthrop schoolteacher Marissa Bianchino] and we felt it would be a lot better for me to be closer to home with our two young kids [Richie Jr. and Mia], so we decided to open a barbershop in Winthrop.”

Arriving in Winthrop

The son of Barbara Hoey, Richie Bianchino grew up in East Boston and came to Winthrop at the age of 12.

A 2005 Winthrop High graduate, Bianchino played varsity football and basketball for the Vikings. The tough and tal-

ented 6-footer was a left tackle and defensive end for the Vikings when Anthony Fucillo was the star quarterback. Two years later, the sophomores on that team led Winthrop to an undefeated season and a Super Bowl title.

“Matt Murray, Jason Griffin, James Fucillo – I saw the greatness coming when they were sophomores,” said Bianchino. “I remember Matt Murray’s game versus Swampscott when he first got a big role in the offense. I blocked for him and Matt gained 205 yards running virtually all to the left – which was my side, and I still tease him about that.”

Bianchino later returned to the WHS basketball program as an assistant on his former coach Dave Brown’s staff. The Vikings won a state championship in 2011 at the Boston Garden. “We beat Cohasset in the state finals,” said Bianchino. “Joe D’Amore played great in the fourth quarter and Anthony Hatzisavas dominated the whole tournament.”

Bianchino would duplicate the feat as an assistant coach when Brown became the head coach at his alma mater, St. Mary’s High School, and the school won a state championship.

Bianchino said he is forever grateful to his football coach, Tony Fucillo, and his basketball coach, Dave Brown.

“I could talk about Coach Fucillo for days,” said Bianchino. “They’re going to name the field-house for him and I was happy to send a letter on

his behalf. They picked my letter to read my comments at a meeting and it goes to show how I really feel about that guy. He’s done a lot for me in my life. I wouldn’t be where I am if it weren’t for coach Fucillo and coach Brown. Those two guys changed my life.”

Opening a shop in Winthrop

At the age of 24, Bianchino received his barber’s license. He worked for six months at Top Quality Barber Shop at 51 Revere St.

Bianchino then took a job in Everett and continued in the hairstyling profession in downtown Boston. He is now putting the finishing touches on his new shop in Winthrop.

“It’s great to be home and I’m excited for it,” said Bianchino. “I live in the town and I’ll be walking to work. It’s great to be close to home. It’s a new challenge, though. I have to build a new clientele. Most of my current clientele is based out of Boston.”

Bianchino said he will be doing a lot of marketing, including advertising and social media.

Bianchino said he came to Winthrop as a young boy “and I fell in love with the town.”

“It’s a great town and I hope to live here the rest of my life,” he said. “Right now we’re renting an apartment but the goal is one day to buy a house here. I love it here. It’s a great place to raise a family. It’s close to Boston. Winthrop is a hidden gem.”

Survivors by the Sea still going strong

By Kate Anslinger

Survivors by the Sea, founded in 2006, is still going strong, even in times of uncertainty and economic strife. Recently the organization broadened their mission, adding community-based giving to reciprocate the Town of Winthrop’s generosity over the years.

While many fundraisers have been interrupted due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Survivors by the Sea volunteers are doing what they can to continue making a difference in the lives of cancer patients and their families and community members as a whole.

Recently, the non-profit organization has been very active with the survivor bag program which was designed with the cancer patient in mind.

“The survivor bag was created when we all sat around a table and made a list of essential items needed when going back and forth to treatment,” said Survivors by the Sea member, Linda Calla.

The bags, which are given to new patients just starting to undergo treatment, contain the following items: a blanket, a water bottle, Chapstick,

lemon drops and ginger, cream for radiation, a small cuddle pillow, a neck warmer, a sleep cap, and a personalized “Dammit Doll” that was made and sealed with good survivor energy.

In addition, the dedicated group has been actively helping with cleaning and laundry services, assisting with personal needs such as meals, transportation, and providing furniture.

Every year the group hosts two celebrations to honor those they’ve lost and to take care of the patients who are currently undergoing treatments. A bench ceremony is hosted every September at Deer Island, where families and Survivors by the Sea volunteers gather to remember those who’ve passed.

During the holiday season the organization hosts a “Taking Care of Us” evening, where Mai Nuyen closes Star Nails Salon donating the space so cancer patients can enjoy a night of pampering.

Going beyond cancer support, Survivors by the Sea has expanded into community support, giving back to the community that has supported them over the past 14

years.

The group has proved that their mission outweighs the limited options they have to help in today’s COVID world, and they have coordinated two rounds of senior wellness calls for residents who are over 80-years old. Partnering with Matt Rodes from the Council on Aging, the Medical Reserve Corps and volunteers from Natalie Bayersdorfer’s Cal-zone crew, the group reached almost 1000 seniors and made some new friends along the way. In addition, they worked at Town Hall stuffing mail-in ballots for the election season.

During last holiday season, the group ran Cookies for Comfort, donating hundreds of cookies to shut ins, elder homes, patients, shelters and the fire and police dept.

“We couldn’t have done it without volunteers from Amy Gallagher’s WMS Student Council, and volunteers from the Cal-zone and MRC,” said Calla. “The Student Council Volunteers and WPD were also on delivery duty. It will be added to our annual events once it is safe again.”



WMS students and staff help out with Cookies for Comfort.



SBTS members at the 2019 Bob DeLeo Women's Health Forum.



SBTS partners with the Winthrop Police Department to deliver cookies to patients.

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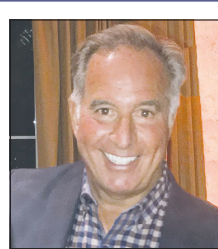
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Robert M. DeCarlo Golf Tournament a success

Vatalaro, O'Leary lead team to the title

By Cary Shuman

When Jake Rand lit up the Winthrop Golf Course for a record-breaking 62, Mike Vatalaro was a member of the foursome

and his score was not 62. But you can't contain a great athlete for long. The former Salem State starting shortstop was on top of his golf game in the second annual Robert M.

DeCarlo Memorial Golf Tournament and the Vatalaro-led foursome won the championship at the Winthrop Golf Course.

"Robert DeCarlo was a good friend of mine and a high school classmate," said Vatalaro. "He was a great guy who died unexpectedly from complications of asthma in January, 2019, at the age of 35. This is the second year we've held this tournament and the proceeds go to the American Lung Association."

More than 80 golfers, including many of Robert DeCarlo's family and friends, participated in the three-day tournament.

"[Winthrop Golf Course Head Professional] Eddie Montone was tremendous as the host

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ON THE RUNNING TRAIL WITH MACPHAIL



Shown above, Beat the Tide Race champion Warren MacPhail (far left) is pictured with fellow competitors Gina Gallo, Artie Gray, Paul Caruccio, and Ana Martin, following the race at Nahant Beach. MacPhail covered the 3.2-mile course along the beach in 20:11 to finish first in a field of 75 runners. Shown left, Winthrop resident and schoolteacher Warren MacPhail is pictured moments after he crossed the finish line as the winner of the Beat The Tide Road Race at Nahant Beach.

WHS SPORTS THROUGH THE YEARS

10 years ago
October 28, 2010
WHS senior Johnna Fisher has been offered a full scholarship to Central Connecticut State University for basketball. Central Connecticut is a Division 1 NCAA basketball program.

The Winthrop High girls cross country team capped a perfect 5-0 season in the South Division of the Northeastern Conference to capture the 2010 South Division championship with a shutout victory over Saugus Monday on the course at Deer Island. "Eight of the girls set personal records in the meet," said WHS head coach Warren MacPhail, whose squad took the first five places and eight of the top 10 against Saugus. "They are the division champions and have a lot to be proud of." Jordan Griffiths set the pace for the field, capturing first place in a time of 17:59. Kaitlyn Hersey was next in 18:42, followed by Carly O'Keefe in 19:32, Michaela McCarthy in 20:06, and Cory Charvis in 20:15 to round out the top five scoring places for the

Lady Vikings. Also coming across the line with strong finishes were Julia Wallace in sixth in 20:41, Lucy Floyd in eighth in 22:02, and Erica Mazzone in 10th in 22:45. Abbey Evans (23:56), Lauren Kostegan (25:34), and Jenn Colligan (27:07) also competed for Winthrop. On the boys' side, Nick Floyd was the top Viking with a clocking of 17:05, good for sixth place. Brian Manning was seventh in 17:18, followed by Mike Gennaco in ninth in 17:35, Jerry Driscoll in 12th in 18:12, and Joey Bosco in 16th in 19:22 to complete the top five for Winthrop. Leo Haskell (20:13), Mario Mazzone (20:31), and Frank Mazuchelli (24:17) also ran for the Vikings.

20 years ago
October 19, 2000
The Winthrop High football team improved to 4-2 on the season with a 33-0 thrashing of Marblehead. Viking running back Bobby Kneeland led the way on offense and now has 10 touchdowns on

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By Cary Shuman

Cindy Carrigan, co-owner and lifelong resident of Winthrop, and Joe Carrigan, co-owner and president, and their son, Brendan Carrigan, co-manager and co-owner, celebrated the grand opening with Newton Mayor Ruthann Fuller at a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Oct. 19 at the new state-of-the-art Trio complex at the corner of Washington and Walnut

The business had been in operation at another location in Newton for 72 years. Joe had worked at the store for 30 years as a buyer and general manager. The Carrigans acquired ownership of the store five years ago.

The store has been an institution in Newton.

"It's that type of store where families and generations shop for men's, women's, and children's shoes," said Cindy. "We also sell accessories and tens of thousands of pairs of socks. We're a great source for winter boots, hiking boots, and work boots. We have all the

They have identical twin sons, Brendan, the aforementioned Barn's co-manager who attended Bentley and has a law

"We're a very service-oriented store like how Publix was, where you get the personal attention and you know the salespeople and they have years of experience in the shoe business," said Cindy. "We're excited to start this new chapter in our lives."

“Casey OLeary is a superb golfer,” lauded Vatalaro. “We all played

coaches of his 'A' Division Indians team were his father Frank Vatalaro and Robert A. DeLeo, the current Speaker of the Mass. House of

Representatives. Mr. DeLeo's son, Robbie, was the catcher on that team while Mike was a pitcher and shortstop.

The Winthrop front line repulsed the Watertown ground attack, but the Watertown passing game proved disastrous, as Watertown connected for three touchdowns through the air en route

Winthrop and Marblehead played to a 6-6 tie last Tuesday. Winthrop scored a touchdown in the final five minutes thanks to some wonderful playing by quarterback Kelly. This past Saturday, Winthrop put up a strong showing against a visiting Peabody team, but came up just short by a score of 7-6 at Ingle-side Park. The field was packed with spectators, with the baseball bleachers on the west side filled with fans. Automobiles containing fans of all ages lined the sidelines.

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CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Upcoming schedule of work in the Center Business District

Staff report

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

of sewer service connections to new sewer main for residences/businesses on Woodside Ave., between Hagman Rd. and Pleasant St.; on Adams St., between Woodside Ave. and Bartlett Rd.; and on Bartlett Rd., between French Square and Adams St. This work will be completed during normal working hours (7 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.).

- Begin construction of the new storm drain on Woodside Ave., between Somerset Ave. and Hagman Rd. Install new drain manholes and drain pipe. This work will be completed during night working hours (Monday – Thursday, 8 p.m. – 6 a.m.). See notice below regarding night work.

- Continue construction of the new storm drain on Woodside Ave., between Pauline St. and Somerset Ave. Install new catch basins and laterals. This work will be completed during night working hours (Monday – Thursday, 8 p.m. – 6 a.m.). See notice below regarding night work.

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

2. November 2 to November 6

- Continue construction of the new water main on Somerset Ave., between Cottage Park Rd. and Pleasant St. This work will be completed during normal working hours (7 AM – 3:30 PM).

- Continue installation of sewer service connections to new sewer main for residences/businesses on Woodside Ave., between

tween Hagman Rd. and Pleasant St. This work will be completed during normal working hours (7 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.).

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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 p.m. and 6 a.m., Monday night through Thursday night. No construction is planned for Friday night, Saturday night, or Sunday night.

day night. When night work begins, construction activities will occur during normal work hours (7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.) as well as night hours (8 p.m. to 6 a.m.) Night work is scheduled to be completed by 6 a.m. Friday, November 13. Temporary parking restrictions will be required for portions of the parking lot in French Square during night-hours; notices will be posted in these locations with restricted hours/dates.

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

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

Occasionally, residents and businesses may experience discolored tap water because of construction activities. Construction

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

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Fall 2020 Commuter Rail changes take effect Nov. 2

Staff report

The MBTA is reminding customers of upcoming schedule changes coming to the Commuter Rail network this fall effective Monday, Nov. 2. These updates are being made in response to changing ridership patterns on the Commuter Rail as a result of the pandemic.

The goal of these schedule changes is to accommodate traditional ridership while also adapting service where commutes have changed (to accommodate new staggered work start times, for example) and where the Commuter Rail may become a new option for some customers. These schedules aim to level out service consistently over the course of the day and eliminate gaps in mid-day service, providing more options to riders that promote social distancing.

More Information on Fall Changes Effective November 2:

Full schedules effective Nov. 2 are available at mbta.com. Train counts will increase on weekdays from 505 in fall 2019 to 544 in this fall 2020, utilizing the same number of train sets and crews as October 2019. Thirty-two of the 39 new trains (82 percent) will serve either Fairmount, Brockton, or Lynn:

•Fairmont service:

This fall, mid-day service will operate every 45 minutes (fall 2019 mid-day service operated every 60 minutes).

•Brockton service: This fall, mid-day service will operate every sixty to 70 minutes (fall 2019 mid-day service ranged 90 to 120 minutes).

•Lynn service: This fall, mid-day service will operate every 30 minutes (fall 2019 service ranged from 30 to n90 minutes).

Other key service changes include:

•Providence service: Service will be more evenly distributed throughout the day with consistent, all-day service and 60-minute headways.

•Worcester service: Better commute options will be offered with the reintroduction of Express trains. The Heart to Hub service on the Worcester Line will also resume, operating at more convenient times and also serving Framingham.

Commuter Rail Service Pilot Updates:

In an effort to fairly assess current Commuter Rail service pilots that have been affected by the pandemic and current ridership counts, changes to some Commuter Rail service pilots will be in effect beginning Nov. 2. The criteria for evaluating these service pilots will also be updated to account for lower ridership and new budget realities.



•The late-night South Shore schedule change pilot that began in fall 2019 will be paused. This pilot will be considered in the future when ridership and large events in Boston return.

•The Foxboro Weekday Service pilot that began in fall 2019 will be temporarily suspended. This pilot is scheduled to restart in spring 2021.

•The Fairmount Line Weekday Service pilot that added eight additional trips to the Line in June 2020 will continue and be expanded in the fall 2020 schedules. Two more trips will be added in order to provide trains at a regular 45-minute interval.

Commuter Rail Fare Pilot Updates:

The Lynn Zone 1A pilot remains in effect through Dec. 31, 2020. This pilot provides additional travel options for North Shore customers, eases crowding on nearby bus routes, and allows the MBTA to collect ridership data related to the effects of temporary fare changes on relieving crowding.

The Five-Day Flex Pass pilot will be extended to Dec. 31, 2020. The Five-Day Flex Pass on mTicket is a bundled fare good for any five days of travel within a 30-day period.

The Youth Pass is currently valid on all Commuter Rail Zones with this pilot extended to Dec. 31, 2020. The Youth Pass Program is a partnership between the MBTA and participating cities and towns that offers young adults with low incomes roughly 50 percent reduced one-way fares or \$30 monthly LinkPasses and was previously only available on bus and subway.

The Foxboro Reverse Commute Fare pilot will end on Oct. 30, 2020. This fare pilot offered a fare equal to that of an interzone 4 fare to commuters who traveled from Zone 1A stations on the Franklin and Fairmount Lines to Foxboro in the morning and returned to Boston in the evening.

For more info, visit mbta.com or connect with the T on Twitter @MBTA, Facebook / TheMBTA, or Instagram@theMBTA.

Trump administration sending 2 million state of the art BinaxNOW tests

State plans to prioritize schools for rapid testing

As part of the Trump Administration’s comprehensive national effort to fight the COVID-19 pandemic, and to assist the nation’s Governors in doing so, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is sending 2,070,000 state-of-the-art Abbott BinaxNOW COVID-19 point of care antigen tests to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

The rapid point of care tests, which can diagnose coronavirus infection in as little as 15 minutes, will be distributed at the discretion of Gov. Charlie Baker to support testing K-12 students, teachers, nursing home patients and staff, higher education, critical infrastructure, first responders, and other priorities as he deems fit.

The Trump Administration has shipped over 167,000 COVID-19 rapid tests directly to congregate care settings such as Massachusetts nursing homes and assisted living facilities. As of Oct. 26, over 552,000 BinaxNOW tests have been shipped to Massachusetts.

“To facilitate the continued re-opening of Massachusetts schools, businesses and economy, the Trump Administration has prioritized scaling up the state’s point of care testing capacity by making this \$760 million national investment in BinaxNOW tests,” said Assistant Secretary for Health Admiral Brett Giroir, MD. “Distributing these rapid tests directly to states is consistent with the Trump Administration’s successful, on-going approach of testing the right person, with the right test at the right time, is working and the effort will continue until the pandemic is under control.”

In preliminary feedback, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts has shared their plan to use BinaxNOW tests to support K-12 schools. The Massachusetts Department of Public Health is also working to conduct side-by-side testing utilizing a PCR assay and BinaxNOW tests to help inform their future deployment of tests.

Giroir pointed out that testing does not substitute for avoiding crowded indoor spaces, washing one’s hands, or wearing a mask when not able to physically distance.

“Combining personal

responsibility with smart testing is a foundational pillar of the Administration’s national testing strategy,” he said

The Federal government purchased Abbott BinaxNOW diagnostic tests on August 27, to ensure equitable distribution of the first 150 million units – one day after an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) was issued by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) – to ensure they would be expeditiously distributed to vulnerable populations as quickly as possible. Now that initial distribution of these tests to all 50 states and the District of Columbia is well underway, it ensures the nation’s governors will not have to compete for the initial BinaxNOW shipments, or waste precious time to set up individual purchasing contracts with the manufacturer.

HHS has also provided all CLIA-certified nursing homes over 11 million rapid point of care tests, this includes Abbott BinaxNOW FDA-authorized antigen diagnostic tests and either a Quidel Sofia 2 or Becton, Dickinson and Company (BD) Veritor™ Plus System instrument(s) with associated tests.

GBFB, Citizens and BMC team up to ‘Stop Hunger Now’

Staff report

Proceeds from a new Massachusetts charity license plate now available at www.stophungerma.org will benefit the Greater Boston Food Bank, and Boston Medical Center. The plate, sponsored in part by Citizens, features an image of a stop light – formed from healthy fruits and vegetables - which is designed to highlight the hundreds of children and families who go hungry every day.

Charity license plates can be pre-ordered online at www.stophungerma.org.

“The “Stop Hunger Now” license plate will provide essential support to BMC’s food and nutrition programs at a time when the COVID-19 pandemic is causing even more families to struggle with hunger,” said Kate Walsh, President and CEO of Boston Medical Center Health System. “BMC started the first hospital-based food pantry in the nation two de-

CADES ago because many of our patients needed food as much as medical care to stay healthy. Thanks to our partnership with the Greater Boston Food Bank, we can focus on ways to improve health and eliminate hunger.”

Revenue from the plate will be split evenly between the two organizations. A charity plate costs an additional \$40 above the standard registration fee. Of the initial \$40 fee, \$28 will be retained by the charities, with the remaining \$12 going to the RMV. When the plate is renewed, the entire plate fee goes to the charities.

“The launch of the ‘Stop Hunger Now’ license plate is extremely timely,” said GBFB President Catherine D’Amato. “Because of the economic impact of COVID-19, the need has never been greater. With winter approaching and the crisis lingering on, we hope that people will

consider purchasing a plate to not only support our collective efforts, but as a way to remind others that hunger is an ongoing, urgent problem in our state.”

Though its Citizens Helping Citizens community engagement platform, Citizens continues its support to end hunger and drive awareness of the urgent need for food security for all our neighbors.

“Working with the team at Boston Medical Center and The Greater Boston Food Bank was a natural progression of the collaborative work to fight hunger that we embarked on together many years ago,” said Jerry Sargent, President of Citizens in Massachusetts, “By association, this stop light image will remind drivers of families who go hungry every day, and hopefully encourage them to act, and give, and join us in the fight, so that one day we beat this.”



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1 summer squash, sliced

1/4-inch thick, or more to taste

4 pinches dried Italian seasoning, or to taste

salt and ground black pepper to taste

1 teaspoon chopped fresh basil, or to taste

DIRECTIONS:

STEP 1: Heat olive oil over medium heat in a medium-sized skillet, about 1 minute. Add scallions and garlic; saute in the hot oil until tender, 2 to 3 minutes. Add zucchini and squash; season with Italian seasoning, salt, and pepper. Saute until squash is tender, 8 to 12 minutes.

STEP 7: Divide mixture evenly among plates. Garnish with basil.

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EBNHC to celebrate 50th Anniversary with virtual celebration

By John Lynds

A half-century ago, the late Dr. James Taylor’s compassionate work with the elderly population on aging issues like hypertension, heart disease and diabetes brought him to East Boston. Dr. Taylor found that many of his patients in Eastie had little or no access to quality healthcare due to the neighborhood’s geographic isolation from the rest of Boston. Neighbors were living with untreated conditions, pregnant women weren’t getting prenatal care early enough, and important health screenings were unavailable.

With only a medical relief station on Gove Street to care for the population, Dr. Taylor knew it was time for a full-fledged community health center in the neighborhood.

So in the late 1960s, Dr. Taylor worked with a group of Eastie mothers, and successfully lobbied city and state officials to dedicate funds for a bold expansion of the relief station to the full service East Boston Neighborhood Health Center (EBNHC) we know today.

Fifty years later EBNHC is going strong



EBNHC staff celebrates a birthday at the Health Center’s PACE program that helps elderly patients age at home.

and has emerged as a national model for Community Health Centers across the country—providing easily accessible, high-quality health care to all who live and work in Eastie and the surrounding communities of Chelsea, Revere, Everett, and Winthrop. Since that launch in 1970, the Health Center has operated 24 hours a day, seven days a week and is the only health center in New England, and one of the few in the country, to provide continuous care.

On Thursday, Oct 29 EBNHC will hold a virtual celebration to mark the Health Center’s 50th Anniversary. The event



Former EBNHC President and CEO Jack Cradock, who in 1978 oversaw the growth and expansion of the Health Center into a nationally recognized institution alongside the late Dr. James Taylor, one of the founding physicians of EBNHC who served as the Health Centers Chief Medical Officer for decades.

will be live streamed on Youtube, Facebook and Twitter.

“It’s definitely a challenging time to celebrate with all that is going on with the COVID-19 pandemic,” said EBNHC President and CEO Manny Lopes, who began his career at the Health Center in his teens. “But we felt there was still an opportunity virtually to recognize all the hard work the Health Center has done over these past 50 years and continues to do for this community and the surrounding communities we serve.”

Lopes said over the past 50 years the EBNHC has been a leader and trailblazer in community health and a model for how high-quality healthcare and other programs can be delivered regardless of a patient’s ability to pay, immigration status, religion or cultural background.

“For me standing on the shoulders of the giants that started our mission 50 years ago is an honor,” said Lopes. “From the mothers that worked with Dr. Taylor in the 1960’s and first advocated for the relief station to be a com-

munity health center to the original and current board members like Rita Sorrento who dedicated their time to our mission for decades and to people like our former President and CEO Jack Cradock who, in 1978, helped to begin an era of growth that helped us emerge as a nationally recognized institution—it is really an honor and privilege to continue their work at EBNHC.”

Lopes said on the local level, the community sometimes forgets how EBNHC’s national presence and recognition has helped improve the delivery of healthcare across the country.

“We set the standard in many ways and were the first community health center in the nation to implement electronic medical records through EPIC, the first to implement a PACE program that help elderly patients age safely at home and the first and only community health center to have a 24 hour emergency department that is one of the largest in the country,” said Lopes. “The key to our success over the years has been our focus on the needs of the

Maria Valentini-Brito

Maria Valentini-Brito is currently the HRIS/ Benefits Manager at East Boston Neighborhood Health Center. Valentini has worked nearly three decades at the Health Center and began her career in 1989 serving as an Executive Secretary.

“Throughout my tenure at EBNHC, I have seen so many changes and growth, both within the organization, as well as the communities we serve. The one constant, however, is our team of dedicated, compassionate, diverse and caring staff. From the CEO’s office, to the clinical departments, the office workers, maintenance and our custodial staff – each EBNHC hero is valued and appreciated – and this is what makes this organization special and why I have worked here for this long.”



Deirdre A. Alba

Deirdre A. Alba is currently the Facilities Manager at East Boston Neighborhood Health Center. Alba has worked over 41 years at the Health Center and began her career in 1979 serving as a Medical Records Clerk on Gove Street.

“East Boston is my hometown and even though I do not live here anymore, when asked where I live the answer is always, “I’m from East Boston originally”. Growing up here the sense of family and community was so very strong and tight knit. That unbreakable bond, which was instilled in me growing up is what has kept me here at EBNHC for over 40 years. No matter how EBNHC grew, one constant is family and community.”



Jeanne Sinatra

Jeanne Sinatra is currently a Program Manager at East Boston Neighborhood Health Center but began her career at the Health Center 30 years ago in 1980 when she started as an Administrative Secretary.

“EBNHC has truly been a special place to work since my first day. I have had the pleasure of interacting with so many caring, compassionate and truly dedicated professionals over the years who have enriched my life in many ways. I take pride in supporting EBNHC’s mission to provide excellent health care to East Boston and area residents in a way that is welcoming to all who seek our help. I am privileged to have had the opportunity to work with both Past and Present Leadership and am proud to have contributed to EBNHC’s growth and accomplishments in the last 50 years. I’m truly looking forward to the next chapter at EBNHC.”



For half a century EBNHC has added programs, evolved and adapted to the needs of its patients.



For 50 years the Health Center has addressed the needs of the community of all ages.



The groundbreaking of the EBNHC five decades ago. The Health Center replaced the old East Boston Relief Station on Gove Street.



Caring for children with multiple disabilities requires a high level of communication and coordination among care providers, medical specialists, social services, schools, local agencies, care centers, and families. EBNHC’s successful CATCH program manages each child’s care among all these specialists, keeping families informed and involved every step of the way.

MassDevelopment announces Leadership Transition for the upcoming year

Staff report

MassDevelopment announced that after three years as President and CEO, Lauren A. Liss would step down from

this position at the end of the calendar year. Housing and Economic Development Secretary Mike Kennealy, who serves as chairman of the Board of Directors of MassDe-

velopment, will lead the search for the next head of the state's finance and development agency.

"Lauren has been an incredible partner and leader as she has put MassDevelopment's many programs and resources to work creating jobs for our residents, increasing investment in our communities, and spurring economic growth statewide," said Housing and Economic Development Secretary Mike Kennealy. "From providing critical financing to growing businesses to supporting the construction of new housing units, Lauren and the MassDevelopment team

have played an essential role in our administration's work on countless projects and initiatives."

Gov. Charlie Baker appointed and the Board approved Liss to lead MassDevelopment (formally the Massachusetts Development Finance Agency) in 2017, where she first served under former Board Chair Jay Ash and current Chair, Secretary Kennealy. Prior to joining MassDevelopment, Liss held leadership positions in both the private and public sectors, including Commissioner of the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection and a partner in a Boston law firm.

"It has been an honor and a privilege to return to public service to lead MassDevelopment during a period of such tremendous growth," said Liss. "I have thoroughly enjoyed my tenure, working with the Baker-Polito Administration, the MassDevelopment Board, and all our dedicated colleagues and staff to spur economic development across the Commonwealth, particularly in our underserved communities."

In fiscal year 2020, MassDevelopment financed or managed 341 projects generating investment of more than \$2.69 billion in the Massachusetts economy. These projects are estimated to create or support 10,871 jobs and build or preserve 1,787 housing units. As president and CEO, Liss expanded its work in Gateway Cities through an array of finance programs and real estate services – such as the

Transformative Development Initiative (TDI) and Commonwealth Places program – and oversaw tremendous growth at Devens, MassDevelopment's iconic mixed-use redevelopment of the former Fort Devens.

This year, under Liss' leadership and in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, MassDevelopment pivoted programs and tools to support small businesses in some of the state's hardest-hit communities and aid in economic recovery. These efforts helped to stabilize businesses in TDI districts, and created crowdfunding opportunities for community partners to prepare public spaces and commercial districts to safely serve residents and visitors.

MassDevelopment, the state's finance and development agency, works with businesses, nonprofits, banks, and communities to stimulate economic growth across the Commonwealth.

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MWRA’s COVID Resurgence Study sees alarming trend

By John Lynds

Not everyone gets tested for COVID-19 but everyone goes to the bathroom and scientists studying the recent data at the MWRA’s Deer Island’s waste treatment facility in Winthrop are seeing an alarming trend.

In June, the MWRA Board of Directors approved the award of a \$200,000 contract with Biobot Analytics, Inc. for a six-month pilot study of wastewater at the Deer Island Treatment Plant as an early warning system tracking trends and potentially predicting a second wave of COVID-19.

The Deer Island plant treats wastewater from 43 communities in eastern Massachusetts, including Boston, which have been representing 40 to 50 percent of the COVID cases in Massachusetts.

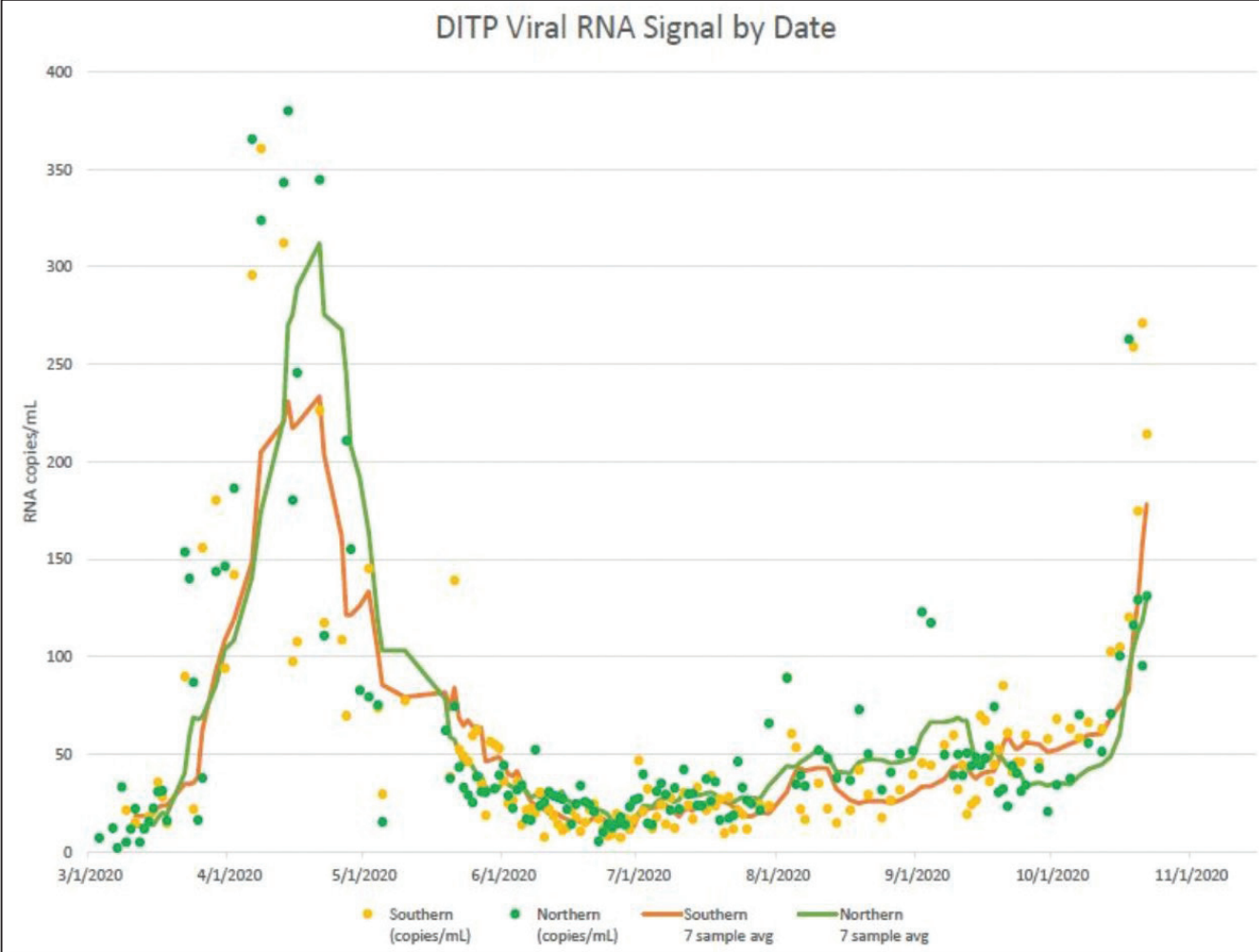
Infectious disease experts like Ashish Jha are seeing a dramatic spike in traces of the COVID-19 virus in wastewater at the Deer Island plant, num-

bers that have not been seen since the pandemic began in March.

“Every day, I stare at this wastewater data from Massachusetts and get more and more concerned,” said Jha on Twitter this week. Jha is dean of the Brown University School of Public Health, “This is not about testing or cases. This is about how much infection there is in the community. In March, we could be excused for being blindsided. What's our excuse for inaction now?”

MWRA’s COVID Resurgence Study consists of analyzing wastewater samples from flows coming into Deer Island from the north and south of the service area. Samples are collected three times a week with rapid analysis followed by upstream samples in order to inform public health officials if an increased signal for the virus that causes COVID-19 is detected.

Analysis of waste-



The graph released by the MWRA as part of its COVID Resurgence Study at the Deer Island plant shows a dramatic spike in COVID-19 viral RNA in tested wastewater.

water for the genetic signal (viral RNA) of the SARS-CoV-2 that causes COVID-19 is proving to be a cost-effective approach to providing population-level screening for outbreaks of COVID-19. The first published report of this approach came from the Netherlands, where the analysis of wastewater

was able to detect the genetic signal in advance of any known cases of COVID-19 in two cities.

Biobot Analytics released the first demonstration of this approach in the United States, using data from courtesy samples provided by MWRA in early March 2020. Subsequent studies from locations around

the world have demonstrated the effectiveness of wastewater analyses to provide an early warning of COVID-19 outbreaks by up to seven days in advance of confirmed cases showing up in the public health data.

This pilot program will take this approach a step further by continuing the regular analyses of the

wastewater and trending of the signal from the MWRA service area through the end of the year. MWRA will likely use the lessons learned from this pilot program to establish a long-term program for 2021 and beyond for as long as COVID-19 continues to be a public health threat.

DA Rollins welcomes new Assistant District Attorneys

Special to the Transcript

During a virtual ceremony attended by leaders from across Suffolk County, District Attorney Rachael Rollins last week administered the oath of office to a diverse and accomplished class of 22 new Assistant District Attorneys who will serve the people of Suffolk County.

“I am deeply committed to prioritizing policy as a pillar of reform. Policy begins with people; not just the people in the communities we serve but also with the people on our team and the people we welcome to our team today,” District Attorney Rollins told attendees of the ceremony, which was held Thursday over Zoom. “I am so honored to have such a talented and compassionate team.”

The new ADAs will represent the Commonwealth in Chelsea District Court and the eight divisions of the Boston Municipal Court. Of the new ADAs joining the Suffolk County District Attorney’s Office, six speak a second or third language, increasing the Office’s capacity to communicate with victims, witnesses and community members in their primary language. In addition, a quarter of the new staff members are people of color, 13 live in Suffolk County as part of communities they serve, and one identifies as LGBTQI. We are also incredibly proud to have an ADA in this class that served our country’s armed forces with distinction and was awarded a Purple Heart medal. This ADA will have a

vital role in the Veteran’s Specialty Court in BMC Central. This new class brings with them a wide range of professional backgrounds and lived experiences that will help inform their work in court and in the community.

In addition, District Attorney Rollins administered the oath of office to a Special Assistant District Attorney, Ying Wang, who joined the Suffolk County District Attorney’s Office as a fellow through a partnership with the Public Rights Project. Special ADA Wang will work with DA Rollins’ Integrity Review Bureau (IRB). In this role, ADA Wang will work within an innovative unit that proactively evaluates the substantive and procedural realities of prosecutions during seminal events, and of convictions when there are claims of actual innocence, wrongful conviction, prosecutorial misconduct, police misconduct, and unjust sentences or outcomes.

As part of this office’s extensive training program, the new prosecutors heard from panels of community service providers, survivors of violent crimes and returning citizens to ensure their understanding of the impact of their work on the individuals who come in contact with the criminal legal system and the community as a whole. In addition, they took a virtual tour of the Nashua Street Jail and heard from panels of defense attorneys and District and Municipal Court judges. All of this is to work on cultural competence and to have a better

understanding of our role in the community and the criminal legal system.

In taking the oath of office as prosecutors, each of the new ADAs committed to serving the communities of Suffolk County with integrity, dignity and fairness.

“You came here because you didn’t just want to be a prosecutor. You wanted to be a SCDAO prosecutor,” District Attorney Rollins told the new ADAs during the ceremony. “That means you weren’t okay with simply ensuring just prosecution. You wanted to be a part of a trauma-informed, public-health-focused, data-driven effort to make people’s lives better.

“This job is hard. Embrace the challenge. It’s what the people of Suffolk County deserve.”

Suffolk County District Attorney Rachael Rollins’ office serves the communities of Boston, Chelsea, Revere, and Winthrop, Mass. The office handles over 25,000 cases a year. More than 160 attorneys in the office practice in nine district and municipal courts, Suffolk Superior Court, the Massachusetts Appeals Court, the Supreme Judicial Court, and the Boston Juvenile Courts. The office employs some 300 people and offers a wide range of services and programs to serve anyone who comes in contact with the criminal justice system. This office is committed to educating the public about the services we provide, our commitment to crime prevention, and our dedication to keeping the residents of Suffolk County safe.

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WIHA's "Hope" Ornament for 2020 goes on sale Nov. 1

Special to the Transcript

The Winthrop Improvement & Historical Association (WIHA) has announced that the design of this year's Holiday ornament will depart from the usual theme of a well-known Winthrop landmark.

According to WIHA President Michael Herbert, "In this year of Covid, all we can do is take care of one another and Hope. Hope that everyone is safe; Hope that there will be a vaccine soon; Hope that our lives will return to normal. Our ornament represents all those sentiments."

WIHA enlisted the creativity of artist Susan Saulnier in crafting the design, a lighted candle in a holiday motif. Susan is now based in Florida, but she grew up on Shirley Street, right next door to the historic Deane Winthrop House.

The price per ornament is \$10 and will be available for purchase on November 1. To buy your ornament, please



The 2020 WIHA ornament showcases a message of hope this year instead of the usual theme of a Winthrop landmark.

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Swett's Liquors, and Salon Luxo. On Sunday, November 15th, the ornaments will be available for sale at Winthrop Marketplace from 10am-1pm.

For more information, please visit the official Winthrop Improvement & Historical Association Facebook page or phone (617) 846-0074.

Clark, state officials urge FAA to reevaluate proposals to reduce Airport overflight noise

Special to the Transcript

Congresswoman Katherine Clark (MA-05), along with Senators Elizabeth Warren (D-MA), Edward J. Markey (D-MA), and representatives Ayanna Pressley (MA-07) and Stephen F. Lynch (MA-08) sent a letter to the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) New England Regional Administrator, urging the reconsideration of 8 different community proposals to reduce overflight noise stemming from Boston Logan Airport's Area Navigation (RNAV) system, and requesting further explanation for the outright dismissal of these noise reduction proposals.

Each of these community proposals to limit overhead flight noise were meticulously developed over a four year period by representatives from local communities impacted by airplane noise in conjunction with the Massachusetts Port Authority (Massport) and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology

(MIT). These proposals and their assessment is the result of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the FAA, Massport, and impacted communities signed in October, 2016 to "identify specific proposed ideas to reduce overflight noise from RNAV concentration."

"Although we appreciate your willingness to provide this early assessment, it is deeply disappointing that after four years of work to address the issue of overflight airplane noise caused by RNAV, the assembled stakeholders would reject all eight proposals as not needing "further evaluation," the lawmakers wrote. "We respectfully ask that the FAA recommit to the MOU's first stated objective to "identify specific proposed ideas to reduce overflight noise from RNAV concentration," and work in partnership with the Massport Community Advisory Committee (CAC) to identify and present proposals for

evaluation."

A copy of the letter can be viewed at <https://tinyurl.com/Kclarkletter>.

Overflight airplane noise affecting communities in the Greater Boston area has skyrocketed in recent years after the FAA implemented the new RNAV GPS flight routing system at Boston Logan Airport. Throughout her tenure in Congress, Congresswoman Clark has worked to ensure that airplane-related noise problems affecting local communities surrounding Logan Airport are swiftly addressed. Most recently, Congresswoman Clark worked with Massachusetts House Speaker Bob DeLeo and State Senator Joe Boncore to secure a mandate in the Federal Appropriations bill passed by the House of Representatives on July 31, 2020 requiring the FAA to update outdated airplane noise mitigation systems that were installed in Massachusetts households over 27 years ago.

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