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## NEWS Brief

### MVES OFFER VIRTUAL HEALTHY AGING WORKSHOPS

Mystic Valley Elder Services will present two FREE Virtual Healthy Aging workshop series beginning in February.

My Life; My Health, the chronic disease self-management workshop series, begins Wednesdays, February 3 to March 10, 2021 from 10:30 am – 12:00 pm. Chronic disease self-management course is for anyone living with an ongoing medical condition, such as arthritis, asthma, chronic back pain, chronic fatigue syndrome, cancer, COPD, diabetes, fibromyalgia, heart disease, high blood pressure, Parkinson's Disease or stroke. Topics will include managing and controlling pain, beginning (or improving) an exercise program, handling stress and learning to relax, increasing energy,

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Seventy-year-old Massachusetts House Speaker Robert DeLeo, who served for nearly 30 years in the House, and a dozen as Speaker, delivered his farewell remarks on December 29, at the House of Representatives Chamber at the State House.

## 2020 was a very mean year

By Kate Anslinger

The year 2020 is one that will undoubtedly be remembered by all. For most, the COVID-19 pandemic will come to mind when the memorable year is one day looked back upon. Parents will remember how they juggled working at home and learning the ins and outs of remote schooling as teachers will recall the challenges they faced when trying to adapt to molding young minds over Zoom. It will take a while for the class of 2020 to accept the fact that they missed out on the anticipated events that end their high school careers. Those same graduates were the first to enter college, armed with the new norm of mask-wearing and social distancing, and long breaks with remote classes.

While the year 2020 is one that tested educators, parents and students, it is also the year that Win-

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College student, Faith Hunt, holds a sign reiterating George Floyd's last words, during the Black Lives Matter March in June.

## It's Official

### DeLeo leaves as Speaker of House

By Cary Shuman

Robert A. DeLeo of Winthrop, who was elected to the House of Representatives in 1990 and went on to serve as Speaker of the House for 12 years, delivered his farewell address in the House Chambers at the Statehouse in Boston Tuesday afternoon.

The speech marked the end of a legendary political career for Winthrop's favorite son who served as a Winthrop Town Meeting member and a member of the Board of Selectmen before running successfully for a Winthrop-Revere seat in the House.

In a letter to House Clerk Steve T. James Monday, DeLeo wrote: "It has been an honor and privilege serving as a Member of this institution for almost 30 years. The faith and trust my colleagues placed in me by electing

me as their Speaker for a record 6 consecutive terms fills me with a profound sense of gratitude and appreciation. My pride in what we have collectively accomplished over the last 12 years will never be diminished."

DeLeo is beloved in Winthrop, where such honors as the naming of the senior center, the Robert A. DeLeo Senior Center, affirmed the respect and admiration townspeople had for the man many knew warmly as "Bob."

Some residents, like former WHS sports star Mike Vatalaro, remember DeLeo fondly as one of their Winthrop Little League coaches. And no matter how busy his statewide schedule of events, DeLeo always supported Winthrop teams and attended the biggest games, including the 2011 boys

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## More COVID cases reported

COVID-19 is still keeping a tight grip on the Town of Winthrop.

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health has notified the Town officials of sixty-eight (68) additional confirmed positive cases of the virus in Winthrop since Wednesday, December 23. These figures bring the local totals to 1,269 total cases: 32 deceased, 123 isolated and 1,114 recovered.

The holiday schedule for COVID testing at the McKenna Courts on

Walden Street are as follows:

Wednesday Dec. 30:  
9 AM – 1 PM  
Thursday December 31  
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Friday January 1  
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Residents are urged to remain vigilant against the spread of COVID-19 as the community remains at high risk for the disease. Residents are strongly encouraged to avoid high risk activities,

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I've been so fortunate to get to know and advocate for the people of Winthrop, where each and every individual means something special to me. You are family. From the time I was elected as a town meeting member in Winthrop, I've been so grateful to you for giving me the honor of representing you. I came from a town that played Revere on Thanksgiving, and the people of that city have always treated me like one of their own. My gratitude to the elected and appointed officials from Winthrop, past and present; and to Representative Vincent and Senator Boncore.

My deepest thanks.

  
~ Bob





# Bob DeLeo: A great man who never forgot his roots

By Stephen Quigley

The announcement on Tuesday by Bob DeLeo that he will be leaving the Massachusetts House, where he has served as the state representative for the district encompassing Winthrop and the Beachmont section of Revere for 30 years (and as Speaker of the House for the past dozen years) brings to a conclusion a lifetime of public service dedicated to the residents of our communities.

Prior to serving in the House, Bob began his remarkable political career as an elected Town Meeting member in Winthrop in the late 1970s and then was elected to three terms as a selectman, encompassing nine years from 1979-88.

When you add it all up, Bob DeLeo has devoted well more than half of his 70 years to public service in the town in which he vcalls home.

Bob's tenure as speaker is the longest-ever in the history of our state, which by itself is quite an achievement. But that is just a number. His speakership was bookended by the two greatest calamities

of our lifetime. He ascended to the office in January 2009, at the height of the Great Recession, and through his wealth of knowledge of local and state government finances, Bob brought a steadying influence that allowed Massachusetts to emerge from that cataclysmic economic event stronger than ever. His leadership during the past year of the COVID-19 pandemic, in which he has been a rock-solid partner with Governor Charlie Baker and public health officials, likewise has been a key reason why Massachusetts stands as leader in the United States for addressing this unprecedented event.

In between, and before, those two great calamities, Bob DeLeo, more than any person in state government, brought to fruition countless legislative achievements, ranging from gun control to protection for the environment to women's health to domestic violence to child welfare, among others, that will be of lasting benefit for future generations of Massachusetts residents.

But beyond his long list

of honors and accomplishments over the past 30 years, there are two things that stand out about Bob DeLeo.

The first is that he never forgot his roots.

Despite the great demands upon his time that came with the office of Speaker of the House, Bob DeLeo was first and foremost a local guy. Whether attending the Winthrop-Revere football game on Thanksgiving or being on hand for countless local events, Bob DeLeo made sure that his constituents always were in the forefront of his agenda.

The second is that Bob DeLeo served with a degree of humility and honesty that is unparalleled among those who attain such heights of public office.

If you were talking to him, you would never know that Bob DeLeo was regarded as the most powerful person in state politics. He never had an unkind word to say about anyone and worked well with both Democrats and Republicans. He showed a degree of respect for everyone, no matter their status.

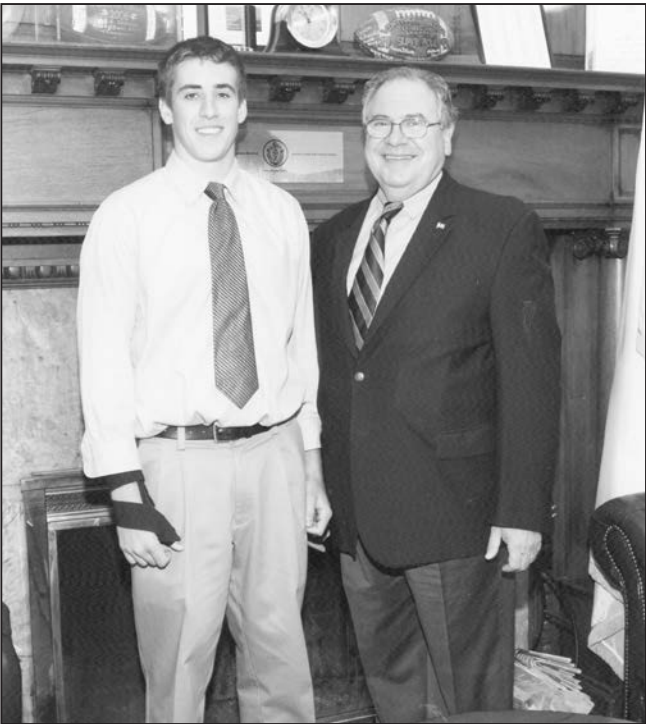
It's easy to take potshots at our political leaders. A Speaker of the House has to walk a fine line. If a speaker is laissez-faire, the House Chamber, which consists of 160 members, can become ungovernable. On the other hand, if a speaker is seen as too controlling, the House might be viewed as little more than a reflection of his own personality.

Bob DeLeo threaded that needle expertly thanks to his temperament, decency, and his core values which were instilled in him by his parents and his community. Bob DeLeo's 12 years as speaker has established a legacy that will serve as a blueprint for those who succeed him in that office.

Yes, the news of Bob's departure from political office was greeted by sadness by all of us who are his constituents. But change is an inevitable part of life. Every citizen of the Commonwealth owes Bob DeLeo a "Thank you" for his lifetime of service to making Massachusetts a better place and we wish him well in his future career at Northeastern University.



Bob DeLeo (center) meets with Winthrop officials Tom Reilly (left) and Russ Sanford (right)



Winthrop resident Brian LeBlanc is shown with Bob DeLeo after completing a summer internship.



Winthrop Collaborative of Save the Garbor/Save Bay are from left Sean Driscoll, John Suttich, Patti Foley, Speaker of the House Bob DeLeo, Bernda Bee, Rose Mazzachelli and Joe Newman.



Winthrop High School students Jenny Fuccillo and Lauren Macmullen visited with Speaker Bob DeLeo in honor of Student Government Day.

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basketball state championship contest when the Speaker sat courtside and rooted on Coach Dave Brown's Vikings to a 58-55 victory over Cohasset. He sponsored weekly team dinners for the football team and was a fixture at Miller Field for home games.

DeLeo also experienced the joy of seeing his children, Rob and Rachele, excel as scholar-athletes. Rob has gone on to become an accomplished long-distance runner.

DeLeo took particular pride in boasting to his colleagues across the state about the town's athletic successes, notably the Super Bowl teams coached by Bob DeFelice and Tony Fucillo, this being the hometown of Olympic hockey gold medalist and captain Mike Eruzione, and the national championship and All-American status earned by such superstars as Courtney Finn of Bentley and Nicole Gigaquinto of UMass Lowell.

Town Manager Austin Faison and Council President Phil Boncore praised DeLeo in a statement:

"As it is for many, the news that House Speaker DeLeo will be stepping down from his role to pursue a job at Northeastern University is bittersweet for us.

"Speaker DeLeo has been a dedicated public servant for the nearly 30 years, serving as a strong

advocate for the residents of Winthrop. He has had a big impact on the community and he has truly set a legacy for Winthrop. He will be missed.

"On behalf of the entire Town of Winthrop and the Town Council, we wish him all the best as he takes this next step in his career and thank him for his many years of service on behalf of our residents."

Following is the text of Speaker DeLeo address to the House of Representatives in the House Chambers:

I've spoken to you from this Chamber many times. This time is different for many reasons. While this isn't the farewell speech I've contemplated, I'm pleased to join you - even if remotely - because this format is a reflection of the way this Chamber has adjusted to COVID and accomplished so much this year. I'm proud of that.

And it's different because this is the last time I will speak to you as both a Member, and as Speaker, of this esteemed body.

As I begin, I'd like to recognize some very important people, the people who were behind me before I became Speaker and stood by me through both triumph and, well, less than triumphant times. As elected officials we all go through difficult moments. It's part of the job description, especially the Speaker's job description.

Our families, however, must also go through the difficult moments with us. Through my almost 30 years as member of this body and through every day of my almost 12 years as your Speaker, my family has been there in good and bad times. Words are inadequate to express my gratitude to my partner Vicki, my daughter Rachele, my son Rob, my sister Carol and of course my two granddaughters, Autumn and Anna. I love you more than you will ever know.

I can't be here without thinking of those who didn't get to see me become Speaker but who provided the foundation for so much that followed - my parents, Al and Anna, who taught me values like hard work and persistence, fairness and respect. My mother worked in the school cafeteria.

She was the type of lunch lady who could tell when a student was hungry. She made sure each kid was fed - whether or not they had money - and was treated with dignity. She taught me everyone deserves an equal shot in life. It's the job of legislators to make sure people get that.

I stand before you with great humility. Sitting in my office last night for one of the last times, I thought back to the night before I was elected as

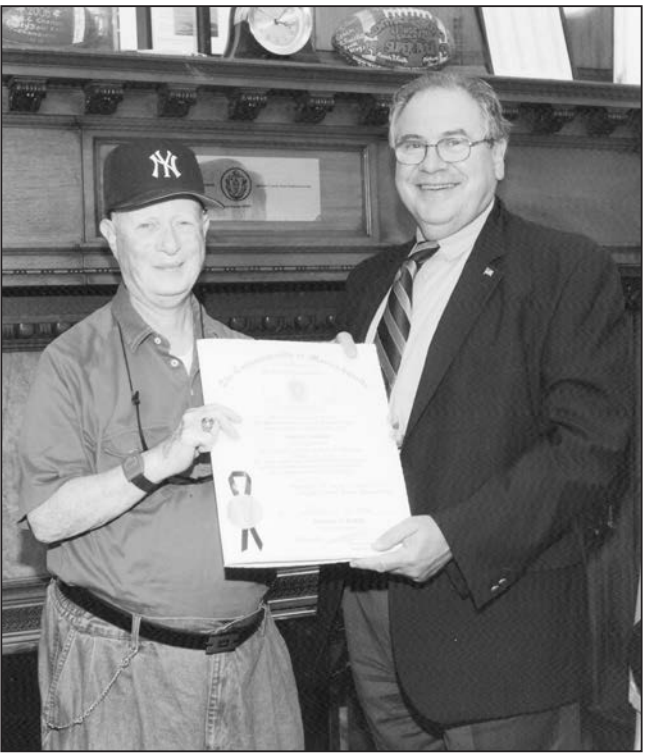
Speaker. I remember visiting the Chamber at dusk, thinking of it like one of the famous ballparks I like to visit, and feeling immense gratitude that I would be leading this esteemed institution; an institution I had revered my entire career.

Sometimes it feels like those 12 years went by in an instant. Yet during that time Massachusetts has been led by two governors, from opposite parties, and four Senate Presidents.

And this House has passed major legislation with all of them. I send my thanks to Governor Baker and Senate President Spilka, the latter with whom I also served in the House.

Madam President - I am grateful for your leadership and friendship, particularly this session, as our two Chambers collaborated to meet the moment. Governor Baker - I know you'll continue to have a productive working relationship with the Legislature. I value our friendship and I'll miss talking North Shore sports with you.

I took office only days after President Obama was inaugurated, and now we stand on the eve of a new Administration. Our sports teams have exceeded my wildest expectations: during my time as Speaker we've seen 6 sports championships, three Super Bowls,



Charlie Fontainer (left) celebrated his 75th birthday at DeLeo's State House office.

two World Series, and a Stanley Cup, and those trophies have come to this Chamber. And don't forget the multiple Beanpots for Northeastern!

If there were a trophy for legislative achievements, each and every member of this House deserves it. And no one is prouder than I to call you my teammates. The laws we drafted, debated and worked to implement have become national models - such as our landmark gun safety and health care cost reform laws.

I highlight these laws because they speak to the power of what we can achieve when we approach policy making with open minds - leaving behind entrenched ideas - and a commitment to being a force for good. Mr. Leader - both of these nation-leading laws would not have been possible without your wisdom and negotiating skills. With your commonsense know-how and your understanding on how policies affect



# *Thank you, Speaker DeLeo*

For 30 years of public service



*From your colleagues, on behalf of  
the residents of the City of Revere,*

Mayor Brian M. Arrigo  
The Honorable City Council  
The Honorable School Committee  
Superintendent of Schools Dr. Dianne Kelly



OUR Opinions

HAVE A HAPPY -- AND SAFE  
-- NEW YEAR

The arrival of a new year marks a time for reflection, as to both the year that has passed and the year that lies ahead.

In the words of the poet Alfred Lord Tennyson:

*Ring out the old, ring in the new,  
Ring, happy bells, across the snow:  
The year is going, let him go;  
Ring out the false, ring in the true.*

To put it another way, we might ask ourselves, “Where have we been -- and where are we going?”

The latter question asks us to foresee the future, which by definition is an impossible task. Though we may make our best guess to predict what may lie ahead -- and to plan accordingly -- none of us has a crystal ball. The vicissitudes of life more often than not throw us curve balls that lay to waste even the best-laid of our plans for the year to come.

Who among us imagined on December 31, 2019, that 2020 would bring a world-wide pandemic that already has killed more than 330,000 of our fellow Americans, devastated our economy, and directly impacted the lives of each and every one of us?

As bad as 2020 has been, we dread to contemplate what 2021 might have in store for us. There is no certainty that 2021 will be any better.

However, the former question is equally as tricky. Answering it requires both introspection and self-awareness, two qualities that typically are in short supply, even during a pandemic when most of us are house-bound for more hours of every day than we ever have experienced.

But trying to figure out the, “Why?” of what we have done with our lives is essential if we are to meet the challenges of the future.

As the philosopher said, if we do not learn from our mistakes, we are condemned to repeat them.

We do not pretend to have all (or any) of the answers, but we do know that in the difficult days ahead one thing is true: Each of us must step up to do our part to ensure the safety of ourselves, our loved ones, and everyone around us.

We all have a role to play in combating COVID-19 (by wearing masks, not gathering in large groups, and maintaining a physical distance from others wherever we may be) AND in helping those who desperately are in need of assistance because of the devastating economic effects of the pandemic.

Although a New Year is here, our problems are not magically going away.

We wish all of our readers a happy, safe, and healthy New Year.

K.C. JONES ALWAYS  
WAS FIRST-CLASS

For those of us who are old enough to remember the great Boston Celtics teams of the 1960s, the passing this week of K.C. Jones, an integral member of that championship dynasty, is bittersweet.

K.C. Jones led an incredible life, rising from his dirt-poor childhood to the very heights of athletic accomplishment, becoming one of only a handful of athletes to be a member of NCAA, Olympic, and professional basketball championship teams.

One of the most amazing facts about K.C. Jones is that after graduating from the University of San Francisco (where he was a teammate with Bill Russell) in 1956, he entered the U.S. Army for a two-year hitch before embarking on his career with the Celtics (who had made him their second draft pick in 1956) in 1958.

K.C. Jones epitomized the concept of a team player -- he was a leader in assists and always drew the toughest defensive assignment from the opposing team. His willingness to do whatever it took for the good of the team was a character trait that he later imbued in the great Celtics teams that he coached in the 1980s.

K.C. Jones exuded a quiet confidence. He let his actions on the court, both as a player and as a coach, speak for themselves with no need for the sort of self-aggrandizement and hyperbole that is typical among athletes today.

We found it hard to believe that K.C. Jones was 88 years old at his passing -- it makes us realize the truth of the axiom, “Time flies.”

K.C. Jones will be remembered as a wonderful athlete, coach, and role-model. He was a first-class person in everything he did, both on and off the court.

May he rest in peace.

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GUEST OP-ED

Decisions for 2021

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

2021 is here, and will it be just another year? If it’s just another year then that won’t be bad at all because too many will not have another year. The opportunity and privilege to have another year is the gift of life. Being alive and living your life is about as good as it gets. Aim for being alive this time next year.

Make some decisions about 2021. Where do you want to be this time in 12 months? Would you like to be ten pounds heavier? Maybe you would like to be ten or twenty pounds lighter? If you cut back on your portions and get off the couch you can lose a pound a week on average. This is daunting but just think about where you can be the first of March if you start today? Don’t start tomorrow. Start right now. Today. This minute. Throw all that junk cake and pie in the trash. This is a tough decision because

we hate to say goodbye to all those holiday cookies and candies. Your body will thank you and you will feel so much better very soon.

Decide about financial habits. Millions of Americans carry credit card debt. Minimum payments on \$3,000 of credit card debt is like swimming up river. If you have missed a few payments your credit card company may be anxious to hear from you. Ask them if they will consider a settlement payoff. A friend of mine owed \$5,000 and his credit card company settled for a \$2800 payoff. Your company might or might not but it never hurts to negotiate. You might be able to sell some things in order to erase that back breaking high interest debt.

Make some money in 2021 - if you want to. Most Americans need to make money in 2021. Work on job applications. Peruse the newspaper. Search on-

line. Consider places you have heard about and call them, go see them. Knock on doors of opportunity. You get nowhere if you do not try. You might complete 20 or 30 applications to get one job interview. Complete the application thoroughly. Give them a reason to consider you. Put together a good biographical sketch, resume. Have a friend or two to review and edit because two heads are better than one. Have some good trusted references. Wherever you work do a good job because you want them to say a good word about you. A good word may seal the deal on your next job opportunity.

Jobs sometimes are scarce. Consider your personal knowledge and abilities and what might you do to make a dollar or two? What do you know that others need to know? What can you offer that others need or might want? Can you make something?

Can you fix things? How can you help others? Creating your own life and business might be the financial and mental sanity answer for you. If you create your own work and are good at what you do, you will not run out of something to do.

Our decisions determine our destiny. Whatever decision we make we have to put into action. Faith without works is dead. May your life be good, healthy and filled with wonderful love, family and friends in 2021. Let’s work together for a good year.

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To the Editor,  
Sending our heartfelt gratitude for your courageous service this past year.

Stay strong, HOPE is on the horizon!

Best wishes for a Happy and Healthy 2021!

*“With the new day comes new strength and new thoughts”- Eleanor Roosevelt*

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To the Editor,  
The Zonta Club of Chelsea and North Shore would like to publicly extend a special Thank You to Public Works Commissioner, Fidel Maltez, for the use of a city message board for Zonta International’s annual “Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women” campaign.

Due to the pandemic suspending traditional

fundraising efforts this year, Chelsea Zonta was faced with the challenge of creatively publicizing our annual advocacy crusade for the safety of women, and our ongoing support of HarborCOV which does that work so beautifully in this community.

Without hesitation Fidel graciously agreed to our request to provide the message board. The message, displayed in both English and Spanish, was strategically placed in Bellingham Square for the duration of the campaign providing an immeasurable and invaluable amount of publicity for this campaign and Zonta’s mission.

With the drastic spike in domestic violence being reported during this pandemic, never has it been more crucial to publicize the help available to women. With the unflinching support of Fidel and the City of Chelsea Public Works Department, we are certain we will be able to help many women finding themselves in domestic violence situations.

For that, we are extremely grateful.

Thank you,  
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# THE MORE Things Change ...

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## 10 years ago December 30, 2010

The first major snow-storm of the 2010-2011 season was met head-on by Winthrop public works crews and private contractors who began fighting the storm during the tail-end of the Christmas weekend last Sunday afternoon and finished up around midnight on Monday. According to Public Works Director Dave Hickey, the town installed a parking ban at 1 p.m. on Sunday and then started plowing and road salting operations at about 2 p.m. Hickey said there was also some surprising flooding in the area of Washington Avenue between Pico Beach and the Winthrop Lodge of Elks, as well as on Shirley Street from Delby's Corner (at the corner of Washington Ave.) to Deer Island. In addition, the snow was heavy and caused numerous branches and wires to fall. According to Hickey the town spent about \$7,000 on contractor plowing and approximately \$8,600 on road salt during the storm, which equates to about 200 tons of salt. Hickey also said the town used 380 man hours of overtime to staff plowing operations.

Winthrop resident and businessman James Mazzone has taken the spirit of the season to a whole new level this year, making \$1,000 donations to each of five different organizations with connections to town government, Winthrop Charities, The Viking Pride Foundation, Friends of the Council on Aging, The Winthrop Police Charities, and the Winthrop Fire Building Fund in an effort he said is aimed at setting an example for his fellow local businessman, while also helping the town through a tough financial time. Mazzone operates Highland Trust, a real estate firm, and Highland Construction, through which he focuses on local real estate development projects.

Marie Hamilton's RPM Fitness will enter 2011 in a spacious, new 5,000-square foot facility. Hamilton presided over an official ribbon-cutting ceremony Wednesday morning at the new location of the business, 120 Banks St., inside the former building occupied by Viking Oil. RPM is a training facility where indoor cycling, yoga, and Zumba (Latino rhythmic dance) classes are offered. There is also an area for weight training and cardiovascular training (treadmills, ellipticals, bicycles, and stepmills). Group training and athletic training are also available.

True Grit, Yogi Bear, and Tron: Legacy are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

## 20 years ago Dec. 28, 2000

The selectmen unanimously approved the selection of long-time lieutenant Mike McManus as the new Chief of Police. The action came

after Interim Police Chief Edward Reynolds of New Hampshire, who has served in an interim role since last May, told the board he would have to resign for personal reasons. The selection of McManus came at an emergency meeting of the selectmen Tuesday upon a motion by Selectwoman Marie Turner. The appointment of McManus brings to an end almost two years of controversy in the Police Department since the selectmen voted not to renew the contract of then-Police Chief Thoms Shamshak in March of 1999.

The Light Up Winthrop holiday contest raised more than \$2000 for the Winthrop Food Pantry. First-place winner was the home of Ron Vecchia and Linda Oliver, 187 Shore Drive.

The Emperor's New Groove, The Family Man, and Traffic are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

## 30 years ago Dec. 26, 1990

Winthrop students rank in the middle of the state based upon the 1990 results of the Mass. Educational Assessment Tests, which are conducted every two years.

Local resident William Hayes has graduated from the Mass. Firefighting Academy, according to Fire Chief David W. Higginbotham.

Marie Wolf, Pres. of the Winthrop Hospital League, presented a check for \$20,000 to REW Pres. Lou Rossetti to complete a three-year pledge by the League of \$75,000 to the Winthrop Hospital Capital Campaign.

The Russia House, Look Who's Talking Too, and Misery are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

## 40 years ago Dec. 31, 1980

An MDC official pledged to the selectmen Monday night that the MDC will keep local residents informed about sludge management plans for the waste treatment plant at Deer Island. The official said that the MDC still is considering the options of composting vs. incineration.

Local senior citizens enjoyed a holiday dinner last week sponsored by the local Elks.

Robert Adams and Kevin O'Connell were inducted as Eagle Scouts before a crowd of 250 persons at the hall of St. John the Evangelist Church.

Thieves tunneled through three walls to reach the steel safe in Rand's Jeweler's which they then pried open over the weekend.

Recent statistics reveal that Massachusetts still leads the nation in auto thefts.

Goldie Hawn stars in Private Benjamin at the Kincade Theatre.

## 50 years ago Dec. 30, 1970

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has sched-

uled a public hearing for Feb. 10 to consider the application by the Mass. Port Authority to fill in the flats surrounding Logan Airport in order to expand Logan's runways.

Jim Lederman, who at 27 is one of the youngest candidates for public office in town history, has announced his candidacy for School Committee. Lederman is a 1960 grad of Winthrop High.

Sidvin Frank Tucker, tall and distinguished, acknowledged by all as the town's foremost historian, is still going strong at the age of 83. Tucker came here with his family from Plymouth, England, in 1899.

The Night They Raided Minsky's is playing at the Suffolk Downs Drive In.

The Mass. Emergency Finance Board has announced that it has authorized the town to borrow \$2.43 million to construct a new junior high school on the site of the former Winthrop High School on Pauline St., as well as a \$700,000 bond to make renovations to the present junior high school on Hermon St.

Senior citizens groups were entertained during the holidays by the Dorothy Kincade Dancers and the Winthrop Police Band.

The selectmen have scheduled January 4 at the day for registration of voters who will turn 19 by March 1 pursuant to the new state law, recently approved by a voter referendum, that reduces the voting age to 19.

Peter J. Martino was presented the award of Eagle Scout at a colorful ceremony attended by 100 persons at the Eagle Court of Honor at the local Knights of Columbus.

Dustin Hoffman and Mia Farrow star in John and Mary at the Revere Drive In.

## 60 years ago Dec. 29, 1960

State Senator Harold Canavan resigned his Senate seat from this district and then promptly was sworn in as a judge of the Boston Municipal Court. Canavan was named to the bench by outgoing Democratic Gov. Foster Furcolo. He has served as State Senator since 1957, succeeding former Senator and Sun-Transcript publisher Andrew P. Quigley, and previously had been a State Representative from Revere.

A sharp charge of "delay" against the School Building Committee and a quick retort of "insincerity" were exchanged this week by School Committee Chairman Edward C. Bryant and School Building Committee Chairman John L. Murphy Jr.

Police Chief William Pumphret urges all Winthrop citizens to celebrate the New Year safely and sanely.

A gala stage show at the Memorial Auditorium will kick off the 1961 March of Dimes drive in Winthrop.

Arthur A. McCarthy, a native of Winthrop now living in Florida,

## DO YOU REMEMBER?



The Winthrop Lodge of Elks being represented by Grand Knight Tony Barrasso (second from right) presented a doation to the Town of Winthrop in the 1978. Accepting the donation for the Town were (from left) Selectman Richard Dimes, Town Clerk Joseph Clark, Selectman Tom Reilly, Barrasso and Selectman James W. Reddy.

has been elected the new Commander of the Florida American Legion.

Doris Day and Rex Harrison star in Midnight Lace at the Winthrop Theatre.

## 70 years ago Dec. 28, 1950

A dispute between Rapid Transit Co. and one of its drivers, local resident Robert Carroll, over a \$12.00 pay claim, led to an abrupt walk-out by bus drivers last Thursday afternoon at 1:00. The work stoppage without warning lasted three hours and inconvenienced hundreds of local Christmas shoppers. A hearing on the matter before the State Board of Arbitration and Reconciliation is set for January 10.

Fourteen local merchants have banded together to shower gifts upon the first baby to be born in Winthrop in the New Year. Among the merchants participating in the program are Brill's Radio and Television, 467 Shirley St.; Shirley Hardware, 472 Shirley St.; W.H. Ruttle Florist at 9 Bartlett Rd.; Community Farms at 491 Shirley St.; John's Atlantic Service Station at Magee's Corner; and Kind's Dress Shop at 2 Bartlett Rd..

Seven year old Gerald Kramer was rescued from Lewis Lake when he was sledding down the hill near the lake and then fell through the thin ice.

Tyrone Power stars in Guerilla in the Philippines at the Winthrop and State Theaters.

## 80 years ago Dec. 26, 1940

Christmas in Winthrop once again brought joy to the hearts of young and old alike thanks to the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bennison, local funeral home director, whose estate at 170 Winthrop St. was decorated gaily for the holidays, with hundreds of trees adorned with thousands of colorful lights. There also was a beautiful Nativity scene on the grounds. Local residents also came to their doors and windows to see Santa Claus arrive here and trek through the town's streets before stopping at the Bennison home to greet children who had assembled there.

Doris Hamilton of Lynn, a former Winthrop resident, will wed Robert

S (Bob) Remer of Lewis Ave. on New Year's Eve.

Former selectman Ross Batchelder announced his candidacy for election to the board before a large gathering of friends pledging loyalty to his campaign.

The Philergian Bell Ringers of Braintree will give a concert at St. John's Episcopal Church Parish House on Monday evening, Dec. 30.

Tom Martinetti, former manager of a large chain grocery, has taken over the Pleasant Street Market located at the junction of Court Rd. and Pleasant St.

James Cagney and Ann Sheridan star in City for Conquest at the Winthrop and State Theatres.

## 90 years ago Dec. 27, 1930

Work on the widening of Revere St. by 10 feet will officially begin Monday, giving work to 75 local unemployed men. Unemployed men from Lynn, Revere, and other communities came to sign up for work, but Superintendent of Streets Timothy Mahaney made it clear that the work would go only to Winthrop men. Mahaney hired the men based on the following: world war veterans; then married men with children; married men; single men with dependents; and finally single men. Congressman C.L. Underhill was thanked by the selectmen for passage of the legislation in Washington that allowed the 10-foot strip of land along Ft. Banks to be deeded to the town for the widening of Revere St.

George F. "Babe" Murphy, a 13 year old junior high school student who resides at 52 Cottage St., is being hailed as a hero for saving four year-old Elwin Evans Jr. last week when the latter fell through thin ice at Crystal Cove. Although Murphy's weight likewise was too much for the thin ice and he too, fell into the chilly water, he managed to reach the young boy and keep his head above water until help arrived.

Gordon G. Fullerton reports a most-encouraging sales activity of the new Chevy models for 1931. The new cars first appeared in his showroom in November. He says spring deliveries are well ahead of last year.

Winthrop's 3400 homes for the most part

exhibited a fitting display of Christmas spirit, with lights, wreaths, and electric candles.

## 100 years ago Dec. 30, 1920

Santa Claus invited all boys and girls in town under 10 years of age to visit him at a Christmas party Saturday afternoon at the Cliff House.

The Winthrop Beach Citizens Assoc., a group dedicated to improving conditions at Winthrop Beach, held its first meeting at the home of Mrs. Edwin Leonard, 44 Irwin St., Thursday.

The Winthrop Arms will be the scene of the liveliest New Year's Eve party in town with 160 guests who will make merry with a surprise menu, gifts, and favors being offered by hotel managers Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gay.

The world is still not back to normal in the aftermath of the world war, with the European nations still beset with problems during their period of readjustment.

The Point Shirley Congregational Church welcomed its new pastor, Rev. Ralph J. Haughton, this week.

Charlie Chaplin stars in The Immigrant at the Winthrop Theatre.

## 110 years ago Dec. 31, 1910

Although Mayor Fitzgerald has ordered payment to the town for the tuition and transportation costs of the three children of Deer Island employees who attend Winthrop schools, the mayor said that inasmuch as Winthrop does not pay for any of the operating costs of Suffolk County, all of which are borne by the City of Boston, the town should not have been so rigid in its insistence that it be recompensed for the three children's education.

The local Post Office reported its largest volume of Christmas mail ever, but every letter was delivered by Christmas.

Judge Hitchcock in the equity session of the Superior Court has put over until Friday a request for an injunction by the Thompson family to enjoin the three boys of the neighboring Anderson family, ages 9, 7, and 6, from entering upon their property and making catcalls to the Thompsons' eight year-old son. The court action has caused an estrangement between the families.



# SHORE TO SHIP

## Winthrop’s Duke Doherty headed to Navy

By Cary Shuman

Duke Doherty went back to the place where his parents purchased his first football gear. And with his proud parents, Rob and Joanie Doherty, looking on at the Winthrop Pro Shop, Duke signed his letter of intent to attend the U.S. Naval Academy and compete in the Midshipmen’s Division 1 college football program. The All-Scholastic quarterback will enter the prestigious service academy next fall. “I’m really excited to be attending the Naval Academy,” said Duke. “I love the school. They have made me feel very welcomed. It’s like a brotherhood and they really preach that you become family and it’s more than just a game.”

**Sports career began in Winthrop**  
Duke said he wanted to

have his signing ceremony at Jimmy Gillis’ Winthrop Pro Shop because “I grew up here and the Pro Shop always had my sports stuff. It’s like family over here.” “We just wanted to be at the Pro Shop with Coach Gillis where it all began,” said Duke’s father, Rob Doherty, a former four-year Winthrop Viking football player who played in the Super Bowl at Miller Field in 1993. “Coach Gillis has been putting Duke in sports attire and uniforms since his first day of football and Little League.” Duke made his debut on the gridiron for the Winthrop Youth Football organization in second grade. His skills improved steadily in the program that was led by President and Coach Peter Caggiano. “I actually played running back and linebacker and a little bit at safety

when I first started in Winthrop football,” recalled Duke. “I remember my father was coaching the fifth-grade team and he brought me up from the second-grade team. I was taking some hard hits, but it helped me become a better player.” Duke moved to the QB position in seventh grade and helped pilot Winthrop to a berth in the Cape Ann Youth Football League Super Bowl. He also quarterbacked Team Massachusetts to victory in a U.S.A. national All-Star Game in Naples, Fla. Having transferred to Winthrop High in September, Duke said he can’t wait to take the field with his Winthrop High teammates, some of whom he competed with in Winthrop Youth Football. “Coach [Jon] Cadigan has created a close-knit bond with this team and I already feel like I’m a part of that,” said Doherty.



Winthrop High senior Duke Doherty, pictured at his United States Naval Academy letter-of-intent signing ceremony at the Winthrop Pro Shop with his parents, Rob and Joanie Doherty, his sister Lala, and his brother, CJ.

“We’re really excited obviously to have him on our team,” said Cadigan. “We’re excited to get back into the swing of things starting in February. It’s great that the winter sports are starting now and hopefully in late February we’re kicking the ball off and ready to go.”

**A star at EHS**  
Duke Doherty made his debut for the Everett High varsity football team as a freshman. He would lead the Crimson Tide to one Super Bowl title and three Greater Boston League championships. In the 2019 state playoffs, Duke’s EHS team fell to Central Catholic in a controversial 39-37 loss in overtime. During a crucial point in the game, the Red Raiders were given a “fifth-down” play after the officials lost track of the downs. One of the career leaders in touchdown passes and rushing yards for a quarterback at Everett High, Duke twice earned All-Scholastic recognition. One of his favorite

targets at wide receiver was Mikey Sainristil, who now plays football at Michigan. Duke’s passing and running exploits at Everett drew the attention of several college programs. The 5-foot-11-inch, 200-pound quarterback ultimately accepted an offer from the Naval Academy which is known for its run/pass option offense. Last season’s Navy quarterback, Malcolm Perry, is now playing for the Miami Dolphins. Former Navy quarterback Roger Staubach won the Heisman Trophy in 1963, three seasons after Winchester’s Joe Bellino, a Navy halfback, won the award in 1960. Duke watched this year’s Army-Navy game on television. Army won, 15-0, at Michie Stadium with President Donald J. Trump in attendance. Next year’s Army-Navy game will be played at MetLife Stadium in East Rutherford, N.J.

**Family tradition in service to the country**  
Duke noted Saturday

how proud he was of his father Rob’s service in the United States Marine Corps. “My father was in the Marine Corps so he definitely has that military background,” said Duke. “He thinks that Navy is a great decision for me and it will be a great place to grow and have a better future. My father has always been my coach and he’s taught me everything I know, so I’m very grateful to have him as my father. I just want to thank my parents and everybody who’s been there for me on this journey. I’m just ready for the next step.” “I couldn’t be prouder of Duke,” said Rob Doherty. “He’s worked really hard for it and he felt this was the best decision for him and we supported him.”



From left, Winthrop High head football coach Jon Cadigan, Rob Doherty, Jimmy Gillis, and Winthrop quarterback Duke Doherty, who will be continuing his football career at the U.S. Naval Academy.

## COVID-19 // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

especially indoor social or holiday gatherings, and all Massachusetts residents are under orders from the Governor to wear masks at all times while in public. According to the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH), residents should take the following precautions this holiday season:

**Limit in-person celebrations to household members only.**  
Postpone or cancel travel this holiday season. If you do choose to travel, be aware of and comply with Massachusetts travel order requirements. Note: Hawaii is currently the only state where people can travel from to Massachusetts without being required to fill out the state’s travel form and quarantine and/or produce a negative COVID-19 test result. Follow the current state gathering size limits and sector-specific workplace safety standards. Those who still choose to travel or host a small gathering are urged to consider lower risk alternatives and review the precautions they can take

to protect themselves and others from COVID-19.

DPH recommends several lower risk activities for celebrating the holidays this year, such as:

**Lower-Risk Celebrations and Activities:**  
Limit in-person holiday gatherings to only people you live with.  
Host a virtual holiday dinner with extended family or friends.  
Prepare foods for family and neighbors and deliver them in a contactless way.  
Virtually attend your traditional holiday activities, such as a visit with Santa.  
Consider virtual caroling or reciting. Provide a link to your virtual caroling for the people you want to sing to.  
View holiday lights from your car with those you live with.

**Higher-Risk Celebrations and Activities:**  
Any time you gather with others outside of your household, you increase the risk of contracting or spreading illness.

All residents are discouraged from gathering with those from outside their household. Gatherings in Massachusetts are subject to gathering size limits. You are risking your health and the health of others if you host or participate in any in-person festivities if you or anyone in your household: has been diagnosed with COVID-19 and has not completed the isolation period; has symptoms of COVID-19; is waiting for COVID-19 viral test results; may have been exposed to someone with COVID-19 in the last 14 days; or is at increased risk of severe illness from COVID-19, such as older adults or those with certain medical conditions. If in-person caroling or reciting, stay more than 25 feet from the people you are reciting or singing for and wear a mask. Remain outdoors while caroling. If you visit Santa Claus in person, wear a mask, stay six feet from Santa and others while in line, and make a reservation for your visit where available. If viewing holiday lights outdoors, take a one-way walk with those you live with and maintain distance from others.

**Recommendations and Guidance:**  
Always wear your mask and watch your distance. (Remove your mask only for eating and drinking.) Do not share food, drink, or any utensils, including serving utensils. Seat people with plenty of space (at least six feet) from one another while

dining. Consider seating people at smaller tables in multiple rooms instead of around a large family table. Improve ventilation by opening windows and doors. If setting up outdoor seating under a tent, ensure guests are still seated with physical distancing in mind. Enclosed four-wall tents will have less air circulation than open air tents and should be considered indoor spaces (also check fire codes for heating tents). If outdoor temperature or weather forces you to put down the tent sidewalls, consider leaving one or more sides open or rolling up the bottom 12 inches of each sidewall to enhance ventilation while still providing a wind break. More information about the state’s guidance for holiday celebrations can be found here.

**Additional Information**  
Residents are reminded to always take the following precautions to prevent further spread of COVID-19 in the community: Remember that an in-

fecting individual can spread COVID-19 before they have symptoms, which is why social distancing -- maintaining a minimum of 6 feet from others -- is critical. Those who must go out are urged to: Avoid gathering in groups Maintain 6 feet from people outside your household Do not shake hands or hug Wash your hands often Those who are at a high risk for COVID-19, including those over the age of 65 and with underlying health conditions, are advised to stay home and avoid non-essential tasks and errands Wear a mask in indoor and outdoor spaces at all times. Face coverings should: Cover the nose and mouth Fit snugly and comfortably against the side of the face Be secured with either ties or ear loops Permit breathing without difficulty Be able to be washed and machine dried without damage. Face masks should be washed regularly depending on the amount of use.

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

**Additional Information**  
Town officials encourages everyone to stay informed regarding COVID-19. The following websites are recommended for the most updated information:

Town of Winthrop COVID-19 resource page: WinthropCOVID19.com  
Town of Winthrop Official Website: www.town.winthrop.ma.us  
Massachusetts Department of Public Health: www.mass.gov/covid-19  
Massachusetts 2-1-1 general COVID-19 information: Click here or dial 2-1-1 (24/7)  
United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: www.cdc.gov

ALICIA DELVENTO

Dear Friends,

Wishing you and your loved ones a very happy and healthy 2021.

All the best,

Alicia

Massachusetts Democratic State Committeewoman - First Suffolk and Middlesex County

## DeVento commends DeLeo’s years of service in Winthrop

Democratic State Committeewoman Alicia DeVento, who is considering a run for state representative, issued the following statement praising the retiring Speaker Robert A. DeLeo for his many years of service in Winthrop and in the state legislature: "Seeing Speaker DeLeo step down from being our State Representative

is truly bittersweet. The Speaker’s service to our community long preceded his many years of service in the state legislature, and his legacy of bettering the Commonwealth for the people that call it home cannot be overstated. As our community of Winthrop and Revere celebrates Speaker DeLeo’s many years of service, I am

sure we all look forward to 2021 and are considering the opportunities it may bring. We may presently face many challenges, but I firmly believe that if we roll-up our sleeves, the future is bright for our community, and I look forward to talking more about my vision in the new year."



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## Local artist Ciampa helps McCourty twins in NFL's "My Cause, My Cleats"

By Cary Shuman

When Devin McCourty returned a blocked field

goal for a touchdown in the Patriots' 45-0 win over the Los Angeles Chargers on Dec. 6, most fans were



Winthrop artist Joanna Ciampa's design work on Jason McCourty's cleats for the NFL's "My Cause, My Cleats" campaign.



Winthrop artist Joanna Ciampa's design work on Devin McCourty's cleats for the NFL's "My Cause, My Cleats" campaign.

watching McCourty race into the end zone.

Winthrop's well-known artist and interior designer Joanna Ciampa likely had her sights on McCourty's footwork. It was Ciampa who had painted the Pats' defensive back's cleats as part of the National Football League's "My Cause, My Cleats" program.

Ciampa's artwork was also on display the next day in the Boston Herald who published a front-page photo of Devin sprinting into the end zone.

And yes, she was also responsible for the incredible artwork on Devin's twin brother Jason's cleats in the game.

A mutual friend of the McCourty twins had reached out to Ciampa for her expertise in art design.

Ciampa's elaborate artwork helped Devin McCourty promote the work of the TEARS Foundation which seeks to help families who have lost a

child by providing funds to assist with the cost of burial services. Jason McCourty's charitable effort honored the Boston Children's Hospital.

Ciampa said both pairs of cleats involved "free-hand painting."

"I only had a few days to get the cleats done and back to Jason and Devin," said Ciampa. "They are wonderful, polite, and kind and it was a true honor to be able to paint for them for such a meaningful cause."

Ciampa had previously collaborated professionally with other Patriots' players during her successful career as a "designer to the stars." She was the interior designer for the homes of Patriots' center Lonie Paxton and cornerback Shawn Springs and has worked with other celebrities in the sports, entertainment, and restaurant industries.



Winthrop artist Joanna Ciampa (pictured above) painted the football cleats of New England Patriots stars Jason McCourty and Devin McCourty as part of the NFL's "My Cause, My Cleats" campaign that helps charities promote their causes.

## WHS SPORTS ROUNDUP

### WHS GIRLS HOCKEY TEAM IS WORKING HARD

Coach Anthony Martucci and his Winthrop High girls hockey team have been working hard in anticipation of their season-opening contest that is set for Wednesday, January 13, when they will travel to Gloucester for the first of the 14 games of their pandemic-shortened 2021 campaign.

"Things have been going great," said Martucci. "The girls are adjusting well to all of the rules and regs they need to adhere to due to COVID. It has really helped bring them closer I think, as they are all going through the same thing."

"Right now I would say the key is our leadership. Our two captains (juniors Mia Martucci and Summer Tallent) are just incredible leaders," Martucci said. "They are both very passionate about hockey, and sports in general. They are both three-sport athletes and they put their heart and soul into whatever it is they are playing."

"You would not be able to tell what sport is their focus, because they give all of themselves to whatever sport they are playing in a particular season," Martucci continued. "Summer is a very driven person. She is our goalie, and does not like to be scored-on in practice -- she is that type of player. She expects herself to be elite at all times."

"Mia is the type of kid who believes in doing whatever she can to make the team successful," the coach said of his other captain. "She is a pass-first player and is always looking to make her teammates happy. She does a lot of cheering at practices and is very motivational. She also plays the game

with a ton of heart. She is not very big, but she plays like she is 6'-3", 225 lbs.

"I would say right now, those two have had a huge impact on the way this team has performed to this point," Martucci added.

Martucci has planned a busy week for his charges during the vacation.

"This week we have some good stuff in the works before we hit New Year's Eve," he said. "We will have an intrasquad scrimmage and be working on our systems. So it should be interesting to see how they respond."

The 14-game schedule for Martucci and his crew will consist of two contests each against all seven of their Northeastern Hockey League rivals: Gloucester, Peabody, Newburyport, Beverly, Masconomet, Medford, and Marblehead. Newburyport and Gloucester are new additions to the league.

### WHS BOYS BASKETBALL WORKING HARD IN PRE-SEASON

The Winthrop High boys basketball team has been working hard to get ready for its season-opening contest, which presently is scheduled for Friday, January 8, at Gloucester.

"We had a great week and I am amazed at how dialed-in the boys are on both the JV and the varsity levels," said first-year head coach Mike Triant. "We have been sharing the gym and it's a joy to see the effort they all have been giving."

"We spend about 30-45 minutes everyday practicing skills and drills and conditioning together. They are 'all in'," Triant continued. "I think that the opportunity for the younger guys to work with the varsity players

is a great thing for the growth of our program. Those relationships are so important in the long run. We really are stressing the 'greater good of the Winthrop basketball program' motto. There isn't one guy who is any more important than anyone else in this entire program. We all bring our hard hats and lunch pails and get to work every single day."

Triant recently announced his 2021 varsity

roster: Cam Conway (senior); Alijah Treble (senior); Tyler Rockefeller (senior); Tylor Sousa (senior); Chris Cappuccino (junior); Luca Zanelli (junior); Mikey Chaves (junior); Aiden Green (junior); Juan Guaque (junior); and Zach Bogus (sophomore).

Assisting Triant on the sidelines will be assistant coaches Anthony Hatzisavas, Kevin Adamson, Jason Griffin, Anthony

Griffin, and JV coach Joe D'Amore.

Triant mentioned that he has been receiving support and well-wishes from the extended "family" of WHS alums.

"It's crazy," Triant said. "Over the last couple of months I've heard from some amazing alumni. Lenny Riley (a captain and the leading scorer for the 1963 state championship team) reached out to wish us luck and a great

season. Dave Lynch from the '95 state championship team reached out from California to offer encouraging words and his support from afar. We have Anthony Hatzisavas and Joe D'Amore, who both won the 2011 state championship, on our staff."

The abbreviated 2021 season will consist of 14 games and extend from January 8 to February 12.

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# WHS SPORTS

## THROUGH THE YEARS

**10 years ago**  
**December 23, 2010**

The Winthrop High boys basketball team easily handled two Northeastern Conference South Division rivals this past week, defeating Swampscott Friday evening, 63-54, and then running past Danvers, 67-50, Tuesday evening. Friday's victory at Swampscott saw a well-balanced Winthrop scoring attack with four Vikings reaching double figures, led by Taj Generazzo with 16 points. J.P. Doherty and Mike Griffin both tallied 13 points. Quinton Dale added 11 points and also pulled down 14 rebounds. Joe D'Amore just missed the double figure mark with nine points. In the eventual rout of Danvers, which was a close 34-33 contest at the half, Griffin had an amazing shooting night, tingling the twine for 22 points and draining four three pointers. D'Amore was next on the point parade with 17 points and Dale once again scored 11.

The Winthrop Lady Bulldogs hockey team, an amalgam of girls from Winthrop, Lynn, and Saugus, shook off a tough 2-1 season-opening loss to Shrewsbury and powered their way to victories of 5-3 over Marblehead and 5-0 over Everett this past week. The highlight of the week was the performance by junior Mackenzie Clark of Lynn, who scored two goals and added an assist in the Everett contest to break the 100 point barrier for her career. Courtney McTague, one of the girls from Saugus, who are new to the Lady Bulldog program this season, also lit the lamp twice against Everett. Captain Taylor Brown

scored a goal as she closes in on 75 career points, which is quite a feat for a defenseman. The Lady Bulldogs' goalie, Lynn eighth-grader Katie Burt, already is demonstrating that she will be the best in the league this season. "Katie is amazing," lauded Martucci. "She is an incredible asset for the team. There is no one better."

Ashley Jurovich and Christina Russo grabbed first places for the Winthrop High girls track team in the Lady Vikings' season-opening meet last week against Marblehead. Jurovich captured the shot-put with a toss of 26-3.75, while Russo sped to victory in the 55-meter dash in 7.8 seconds. Also scoring points for Winthrop were Carly O'Keefe with a second place finish in the 30 in 50.9; Kaitlyn Hersey with a second in the two mile run in 13:54.5; Olivia Vener with a third place effort in the high jump with a leap of 4-2; Katie Cochrane with a third in the 55 meter hurdles in 10.1; and Amy Sena with a third in the 1000 in 3:51.9. On the boys' side, the lone point-scorer was David Heidrut with a second-place finish in the 300 in 42.1.

**20 years ago**  
**December 21, 2000**

The WHS boys basketball team opened its season with an exciting 79-74 comeback victory over Marblehead Sean Burgess pumped in 28 points for coach Peter Grimes's squad and senior captain James Arena poured in 24 points.

The Winthrop High hockey team skated to a pair of victories to open their season last week.



Players and coaches of the 1977 Winthrop Pee Wee B team are shown above. Photograph is from the Winthrop Sun Transcript archives.

In a 5-3 win over Marblehead, Matt Driscoll, Jake Fidler, Rob DeLeo, Bobby Kneeland, and Dan Wilson lit the lamp for the Vikings. In a 3-0 blanking of Somerville, Kneeland scored two goals and Fidler added a third. WHS goalie Rob DeFreitas earned the shutout in net.

**30 years ago**  
**December 19, 1990**

Freshman goalie Anthony Palmer turned in a shutout performance to lead the WHS hockey team to a 3-0 win over Swampscott in the NEC opener at Larsen Rink. Mike DiMento, Dan Tamasanis, and Neil McDonogh scored the Viking goals.

After suffering a tough loss to perennial NEC powerhouse Salem, the WHS girls basketball team bounced back with a 59-16 rout of Gloucester. Sophomore Liz Doherty led the Lady Vikings with 20 points, while freshman Cheri Lee struck for 18

points and grabbed seven rebounds.

The WHS boys basketball team defeated Gloucester, 65-62, behind the 18 points of Bobby Nimblett. Earlier in the week, the Vikings proved no match for Salem, which was led by its all-scholastic guard, Eric Brunson, in an 88-47 loss.

**40 years ago**  
**December 24, 1980**

The WHS girls basketball team opened its season with a 55-38 victory over Revere. Junior Debbie Consoli and sophomore Maureen McManus led the way for the Lady Vikings with 12 points apiece. However, Winthrop came up short in its next contest against defending Division I state champ Salem, dropping a 74-41 decision.

**50 years ago**  
**December 23, 1970**

Steve Crombie and

Mike Eruzione scored the goals for the WHS hockey team to earn a 2-2 tie with Gloucester in the season-opener last week.

The WHS basketball team opened its season in impressive fashion with a 77-54 rout of Wakefield.

**60 years ago**  
**December 22, 1960**

The Winthrop High basketball team opened its season with a 40-24 victory over non-league foe Melrose Tuesday evening. Al DiPierro poured in 23 points for Winthrop, while Alan Stienberg hit for seven points and Jay Wolf and Bobby Van Dalinda added three points apiece. Winthrop will undertake its bid for a fifth straight Northeastern Conference title when the local squad hosts Marblehead Friday evening.

**70 years ago**  
**December 21, 1950**

Coach Gordon Con-

nor's WHS basketball team opened its season with an exciting 37-33 victory over Melrose before a packed house at the junior high gymnasium. Winthrop next defeated Wakefield, 43-36. Paul Connor, Winthrop's 6'-5" center, led the team in rebounds against Melrose and with 13 points against Wakefield. Winthrop, which is seeking a sixth Northeastern Conference title in seven years, will face a sterner foe tomorrow when the local team travels to Winchester for another non-league contest.

**80 years ago**  
**December 21, 1950**

Basketball will be the vogue at Winthrop High School for the next two months. WHS head coach Bob Perry is grooming his squad for their first action of the season when they take on an Alumni team on January 3.

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throp witnessed hardship and loss. In March, not long after the start of the pandemic, the Town was deemed as the first in the Commonwealth to have a death due to the Coronavirus.

The end of the year brought another loss when residents had to say a sudden goodbye to longtime ESP and kind-hearted volunteer, Amy Gallagher. As a shock to the community, the unexpected tragedy will leave the Town reeling well into the future.

Halfway through 2020, Winthrop residents stood their ground and showed love for the Black community at the Black Lives Matter march, organized by Kathryn Monahan. The march, which was set in motion after the tragic death of George Floyd, ran from Massa Park to the top of Shore Drive, where all participants got down on one knee for a moment of silence. Signs reiterating Floyd's last words and declarations of justice were held highly by masked marchers of all ages. College student, Faith Hunt, held a sign that read 'I can't breathe' in bold, black print against a white background, sharing the three words that Floyd said before he laid motionless on the ground in front of several police officers. Several Town officials, State Senator Joe Boncore and Speaker of the House Bob DeLeo were present for the peaceful walk.

As it turned out, the biggest political story of

the year in Winthrop hit during the final week of 2020.

Speaker Robert A. DeLeo, who has served as state representative for Winthrop since 1991, announced Monday that he would be resigning as Speaker of the House and state representative. He delivered his farewell address in the House Chambers Tuesday afternoon.

DeLeo had disclosed last Friday that he was in negotiations with Northeastern University, his alma mater, about a teaching position at the school. DeLeo is also a graduate of Suffolk University Law School. He graduated from Boston Latin, Class of 1967.

Speculation about DeLeo's announcement set off a whirlwind of activity about who would run for the seat that encompasses all of Winthrop and a sizable portion of Revere.

To-date, Winthrop residents Jeffrey Turco, Valentino Capobianco, and Alicia DelVento have emerged as candidates for state representative. Juan Pablo Jaramillo and Marc Silvestri are the Revere-based candidates at this time.

DeLeo was first elected Speaker of the House in 2009 and served 12 years in the powerful position as the leader of the 160-member House.

Quincy representative Ronald Mariano was expected to be elected Wednesday by his colleagues as the new Speaker of the House.



The Class of 2020 missed several senior events due to COVID



The community suffered a loss when Amy Gallagher passed away suddenly on November 30, 2020. Also pictured: Gina Massa and Roseann Spinale



Speaker of the House Bob DeLeo and State Senator Joe Boncore get down on one knee at the top of Shore Drive after the march, organized by Kathryn Monahan.



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## NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

### CHELSEA NURSE GETS COVID-19 VACCINE

CHELSEA - When Belza Betancur went into work last week, she had no idea she would make history as one of the first people in the country – and the first in the MGH system – to get the COVID-19 vaccine.

On Wednesday morning, as a priority health care workers in direct contact with COVID-19 patients for months, the Chelsea resident volunteered to be the first and got her first-round vaccination at the hospital during her shift. It was a moment for her that seemed long-awaited, but soon the historic nature of it began to dawn on her.

“At Mass General, they have a lot of diversity, so they wanted someone that represented the Latino population specifically because we’ve had probably 70 percent of our patients that are of Latin background,” she said. “I wasn’t expecting it at all, but I was humbled and thrilled...It was a big moment. I don’t know if I still understand the full impact yet of it being history, but I was honored because of all we’ve gone through. It is history. We’ve had pandemics before, but maybe not to this extent...I feel I now have a responsibility to make sure people do get vaccinated and give us a chance to end this. We all need to get back to a normal life. It was a historic moment, and I feel that way about it too.”

For Betancur and her co-workers at the Blake

12 ICU unit at Mass General’s main campus, the vaccine could not come soon enough as they have spent the last 10 months caring for COVID-19 patients to the best of their ability. The challenges were monumental, but it was something she said she signed up for.

“This is what we signed up for,” she said, noting that she also cared for several injured people in the aftermath of the Boston Marathon Bombing in 2014. “I care a lot about people’s health and doing my best for them. It has been very challenging... With me, since all this happened, I have a headache every day when I come home from work. It comes with the job and it’s okay because at the end you see patients recover and you hear good news and they send you pictures. It makes you encouraged and we feel it’s all worth it.”

Betancur came to Chelsea from Colombia, and got an Associates’ Degree in nursing from Northern Essex Community College. Then, while working at various medical facilities, she graduated from Franklin Pierce University in New Hampshire. After stints at Elliot Hospital in New Hampshire, and at Beth Israel Hospital, she began working in the ICU at Blake 12 in 2012.

When the pandemic hit last spring, Betancur said they often felt like they were in the bowels of the Titanic being thrown back and forth. She recalls April 11 as one of the most difficult days. On that day, they had to set up an ex-

panded, temporary ICU unit. All of the equipment was there, but it wasn’t the same and became very difficult to take care of the surge of patients. It was at that time they were no longer just taking care of one patient, but two at a time.

Or there was the time when a man from the community showed up early in the pandemic sick with COVID after having been required to go to work cleaning an office building.

“One of his co-workers had COVID-19 because they were cleaning buildings and he couldn’t miss work and then he got COVID-19,” she said. “He ended up in the (ICU). People had to go out there and go to work and no one knew about the protocols we know about now. I wish we had known the things we know now in the beginning of all this.”

And so it is why Betancur and all of her colleagues have been waiting for the day the vaccine arrived, and why she jumped at being the first person vaccinated. She said she is confused by the skepticism in Chelsea, and said people need to educate themselves about it and make an informed decision based on the science and not hearsay.

“I’m surprised by that and it makes me sad,” she said. “We were looking forward to this vaccine coming since it started. I feel like the more you know about the vaccine, the more at ease you feel about it. I was nervous at one point, but I educated myself on it and read three or four articles and un-

derstood what the science was behind it. I worried it was made so quickly, but now I understand it... They have been working on this type of vaccine for decades. It just so happens we are now using that technology for the virus.”

Betancur reiterated that she not only felt the history of the moment, but also feels the weight of convincing others in Chelsea to get the vaccine if they might be skeptical – or simply just to put them at ease.

She said she will get the second “booster” shot in about 21 days, and they say it takes three weeks to build up full immunity. Still, she will take the precautions that she has been taking for the past 10 months. Until about 70 to 80 percent of the population is fully vaccinated, it is suggested that people continue to wear masks and follow the safety protocols. She will do that, but said she looks forward to a day when people don’t have to wear masks in Chelsea – when you can go into a restaurant on Broadway at ease and without being six feet apart.

“Imagine the day we don’t have to wear masks?” she said. “It is the right thing to do right now. You have to protect yourself, and by doing that you’re protecting others too. In my case, I thought more about the community and protecting my patients as well.”

### ZONING CHANGES COMES TO COUNCIL

CHELSEA - A major zoning package with wide-ranging changes from Prattville to downtown Chelsea cleared the Planning Board last week, and will head to the City Council at the beginning of next year for consideration.

The package passed muster with the Planning Board last Tuesday, Dec. 15, except for one piece from the Administration which sought to create a parking district downtown.

One of the more heralded changes was proposed by Council President Roy Avellaneda to the zoning in Prattville on the Parkway. That zoning change seeks to alter the existing zoning, which is a residential district in what is mostly commercial businesses on the highway (Rt. 16).

Avellaneda said he sees his proposal as tidying up something that should have been done long ago.

### SANTA, AND MRS. CLAUS, VISIT CHELSEA



A big hello from Mrs. Claus during the annual Santa visit through Chelsea.

Because every commercial use there is non-conforming due to the residential zoning, everyone has to go through a process just to locate there.

Avellaneda said that leads to vacant buildings and unreasonable expectations.

“This is the third one I’ve done and the fourth zoning change I’ve proposed in four years,” he said. “this is the third rezone change I’ve advocated for in terms of business uses...The reasons behind this one is simple. The zoning doesn’t allow for what exists there. In a couple of corner storefronts, they are left vacant because they lost the ability to transfer a non-conforming use to another non-conforming use. By properly zoning this for what they have there – which is retail businesses – we’re allowing that to happen.”

He said the owners of the popular Tombo 22 Restaurant on the Parkway had troubles opening up because of this, and the old bottling plant cannot find a tenant and was just rejected by the Planning Board for a church.

“The zoning makes no sense,” he said. “No one down there will take down a convenience store and build and single-family home and live on Rt. 16. No one is going to knock down the rug store and build a two-family.”

City Manager Tom Ambrosino said he agrees with the change, but pointed out his administration

did not suggest it.

“I think it makes sense that area, which is commercial in nature, ought to have some commercial zone,” he said. “We’ve never pressed too hard in the past because of neighborhood concerns.”

Some of the other zoning changes offered by the administration are more far reaching.

•Two high-profile changes recommended by the Planning Board include allowing marijuana businesses to locate stores and delivery-only locations in more zoning areas – including the downtown business district. Delivery-only businesses would also be able to be an accessory use in any residential zone, and as a permitted use in several of the commercial zoning districts – including the Naval Hospital Residential and Commercial districts.

•In another land-use change – one that Avellaneda proposed in part several years ago – Ambrosino said they are looking to spur development on the waterfront area of the Chelsea Creek. There, they would replace the Waterfront Industrial Overlay District with a new Port District and Waterfront Upland District. The change would also create a Waterfront Improvement Trust Fund, and virtually institute a type of Master Plan for the entire area – including new landscaping requirements, new Special Permit criteria.

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ria and the principal uses for those areas – which mostly lie on the west side of Marginal Street.

•The changes would also increase density in the two largest residential districts, which many see as appropriate, both Ambrosino and Avellaneda said. These would decrease the minimum lot sizes in the Residential 1 district, and decrease the minimum lot size and the minimum useable open space requirement in the Residential 2 District (R2). The R2 district is one of the largest in the entire city, and includes the neighborhoods on Bellingham Hill, as well as the Orange/Addison areas.

•Finally, another change would include creating a new Mixed-Use Overlay District for the area at Everett Avenue, the railroad and the Everett City Line. This district allows for much taller buildings and is seen as an accommodation to allow the re-development of the Stop & Shop to file its project in Chelsea. That project was filed in Everett earlier this year and went through a tremendous amount of review there, and has now been fully approved.

The matter moves from the Planning Board to the City Council for a final vote into law, but Avellaneda said he didn't expect a vote until early February – noting there is a great deal to discuss when it comes to some of the changes.

## CHANGES TO CHARTER APPROVED

EVERETT - Ending more than a year of discussion, the City Council voted 9-2 to make a Charter Change that would change how Ward councilors and School Committee Ward representatives are voted into office – making their seats be a vote of the ward only and not of the entire city.

Councilors John Hanlon and Fred Capone voted against the matter. The matter now advances to the State House as a Home Rule Petition for further review and potential approval.

Right now, in one of the few communities to have such a system, Everett ward councilors and Committee members are elected by a citywide vote instead of a ward-only vote. That means a candidate can actually win the vote of the ward, but lose the election. The Council and the City has been moving to make that change since receiving notice from the Lawyers for Civil Rights Boston that the system is likely a violation of the federal Voting Rights Act as it could dilute the vote of communities of color. They have indicated to the newspaper several times they are watching Everett's moves on the matter, and are prepared to file a lawsuit if necessary to force the change.

They won a similar lawsuit in Lowell some years ago after a long and expensive fight in court.

The proposal in Everett had been voted down at the Dec. 7 meeting, surprisingly, but was called for Reconsideration by former Councilor Peter Napolitano, who has since resigned to pursue a City job. On Monday night, it was finally brought back to the body, where it was approved after about an hour of discussion.

City Solicitor Colleen

Mejia said her reading is that the Council needed to make the change with a Charter Commission, but she also said that would likely lead to a lawsuit being filed. She said there are other opinions that support the idea of it being a legal change as a Home Rule as well. In the end, she said there's no easy answer.

"I think you guys are between a rock and a hard place," she said. "Either way you decide to act, the outcome is going to be the same. Either way would also be a valid way in the eyes of the state."

Councilor Wayne Matewsky was the lead sponsor on the change, and said it's long past time to take action on making this change.

"I think it's the right thing now," he said. "The truth of the matter is there are many people here that are open to this change. It's the fair thing to do. If a candidate gets 1,000 votes in the district, and the other candidate gets 100 votes in the district, but wins on the citywide vote, that's not how it should work."

Capone said he has no problem with the premise, but feels any Charter Change needs to be in the hands of the voters.

"I understand where everyone is coming from, but for me the Charter is akin to our Constitution," he said. "If we start chipping away at it, I don't think we have the authority to change it...When you get to larger things, you have to be careful with it... Different lawyers have different opinions, but the statute reads changing of manner of election is not allowed. My reading is it's a violation of the law and a violation of the public trust. Major changes to the Charter I will always vote 'no' because I believe it belongs in the hands of the people."

Councilor Gerly Adrien said she understands the desire to let the people vote on the matter, but said the City risks a lawsuit for a violation of the Federal Voting Rights Act. She said there are at least two wards in the City that aren't properly represented.

"We have wards in our city where there are communities of color, particularly Haitian – which I am proud to be of – and Latinos," she said. "We do not have the right number of representation in our city to reflect the whole city, which is why this is illegal. For some of my councilors who do not understand, we are violating a federal right. We need to make sure we do this right from the beginning. I understand the Charter Commission formed this, but they were wrong. We need to change this or we will get sued like the other city."

Councilor Anthony DiPierro said the former Charter Commission was too political, and this was a result of that. He said it's time to vote.

"I personally think this change makes us more accountable as ward representatives," he said. "There's not a whole city to hide it. You need to be accountable in that ward and make sure things are done. It makes us better representatives. It's simple...This is the right thing to do. We've been talking about it over a year and I'm tired of talking about it...You want to talk about a Charter Commission, I don't even want to go there. The last Charter

Commission was as political as it could be."

Councilor Michael McLaughlin said it's time to take a tough vote, and noted he had talked to hundreds of people about this and other recent Charter changes.

"If we're going to get sued, I don't want to send our City down a foxhole," he said. "If we vote on this tonight, we're not harming the City or the people. We're asking the state to look at it...If they tell us we're wrong, we go back. It's time for us to stand up as big men and women and take votes...If we don't do that tonight, we are doing a disservice to the men and women of Everett and we don't deserve our paychecks at the end of the month."

Hanlon said Everett is diverse across the board, and he doesn't think there are any particular "pockets" of people who are being disenfranchised. He said the change needed to happen with a Charter Commission.

"Maybe they went into Lowell and found whole areas of that city that are Latino, so they had to change it," he said. "Where do you find that in Everett? Where are these pockets of people? I see Haitians all over the city. I see Italians all over the city. I see Irish people all over the city. I see Latinos all over the city. So the point is where are these pockets that deserve this representation? I don't find it bad that we want to change the charter, but we should be looking into electing a Charter Commission."

The matter will be forwarded to the State House, and it will likely be scheduled for a hearing in the Joint Committee of the House and Senate.

## OFFICIAL START ON SENIOR HOUSING PROJECT

East Boston - Last week Mayor Martin Walsh joined virtually with the East Boston Community Development Corporation (CDC) and Affirmative Investments to officially break ground on the Eastie project that will create a 42 unit residential building serving low-income seniors.

Construction began in late October on the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) approved project. The Grace Apartments located on Sumner Street adjacent to the Maverick MBTA station will be 100 percent affordable for seniors and builds on Walsh's commitment to creating more affordable housing for older Bostonians.

"We're excited to mark the start of construction on the Grace Apartments project, which will create new affordable housing opportunities for Boston's older adults," said Walsh. "I made a commitment in my housing plan to increase the number of housing units available to older Bostonians so that they can remain in the city that they know and love. I want to thank the East Boston CDC, their development consultant Affirmative Investments, and all those involved in making this opportunity possible. It will make a positive difference in the lives of those who call East Boston home."

The new senior residences, located at 187 Sumner St., will be built adjacent to the historic Woodbury Apartments. The project will also ren-

ovate 17 income-restricted units at the site's existing building. Once construction is completed current Grace Apartment residents will have the option to move into the new building. As part of a long-term plan, the completion of Grace Apartments will allow for future renovations to the Woodbury Building for workforce housing.

"The need for affordable senior housing is always growing. I am proud to have supported this project and thank the administration and the East Boston CDC for helping to make it a reality," said City Councilor Lydia Edwards. "I look forward to its completion and will continue fighting to make sure everyone has access to housing."

The project was approved at the BPDA's board meeting in January, 2019. BPDA officials said the approval of the 42 income-restricted senior units at 187 Sumner St. makes progress towards Mayor Walsh's goal of increasing affordable housing to support not only a strong middle-class, but also area seniors. Mayor Walsh has updated the City's housing targets to support the creation of new affordable housing, increase access to homeownership opportunities, and prevent displacement of the neighborhood's most vulnerable residents.

"MassHousing is excited to be part of a project that is going to create 42 brand-new apartment homes for lower-income elderly residents in the heart of East Boston," said MassHousing Executive Director Chrystal Kornegay. "We were pleased to collaborate with the East Boston Community Development Corporation, Affirmative Investments, the City of Boston, and our state partners, to provide this new housing for Boston seniors, who will be able to live affordably in the city for many years to come."

According to plans approved by the BPDA, the CDC project involves the construction of a new 39,067 square foot, 42-unit seven-story building and the renovation of an existing 26,800 square foot building currently on the same site in Maverick Square.

The new building will include all low-income elderly housing. The existing building, which includes 17 elderly/disabled subsidized units as well as approximately 3,000 square feet of ground floor commercial, will be converted to workforce housing units, including two affordable units.

The property consists of a 16,266-square foot parcel of land with 26,800-square foot of mixed use, residential and commercial building.

There will be no changes to the footprint of the existing building and the proposed new building will be situated behind the existing building.

The 3,798 square foot first floor will consist of a community room, kitchen, lobby, mailroom, office, and mechanical space. The lot size will accommodate five parking spaces, one of which will be handicapped accessible.

The second through seventh floors will have seven units per floor, for a total of 42 units.

The CDC has controlled the project site since the late 1970s. The property consists of an irregular shaped 16,266 square foot

parcel of land behind the existing 26,800 square foot mixed use, residential and commercial building.

The CDC sought to develop the land back in 1975 and received approvals by the then Boston Redevelopment Authority but those approvals have since expired.

The CDC held a BPDA-sponsored meeting back in September 2019 as part of the Article 80 review process and there was little to no opposition to the plans.

"We are very grateful to Mayor Walsh, the City of Boston, MassHousing, and our partners at the State for working with us to make this project a reality," said President of the East Boston CDC Al Caldarelli. "We are proud to have worked creatively with DiMella Shaffer Architects and Affirmative Investments to make use of the land we already owned and turn it into 42 much needed affordable apartments for low-income seniors in our community."

## CUSTOMER LEAVES \$500 TIP

East Boston - With the first round of citizens being vaccinated for the COVID-19 virus this very tough year seems to be ending with a glimmer of hope.

While everyone can't wait to put this year behind us, there was a bright spot in 2020 for the staff at the Cunard Tavern in Jeffries Point.

On Saturday an anonymous customer spread a little Holiday Cheer and left a \$500 tip on a \$36.38 bill. Cunard's Executive Chef Anthony Pino posted a photo of the bill on his Instagram account with the caption, "Someone tipped the service staff \$500 on a \$36 tab. Suddenly, the end of 2020 is hell of a lot better for them. Very grateful for the generosity of a lot of the guests here over the last year."

It's been a hard year for everyone but the local restaurant industry has been hit particularly hard by the pandemic and the Cunard was no exception.

At the start of the pandemic the popular Jeffries Point destination was forced to close and reevaluate how to move forward. The restaurants reopened in the spring for take out and delivery, allowed indoor dining when it was safe to do so and opened an outdoor sidewalk patio throughout the summer and fall as part of the City's Public Space program.

However, the restaurant was forced to close briefly in November out of an abundance of caution after a customer tested positive for COVID.

Since the Public Space program expired earlier this month the Cunard has refocused on socially distanced indoor dining as well as takeout and delivery.

Chef Pino recently introduced the restaurant's first ever "Holiday Cook-At-Home" meals.

"These prepped meals complete with instructions and easy cleanup are just what your Christmas Eve/Day needs to be stress-free," said Pino.

Last week, Mayor Martin Walsh addressed both public concerns about indoor dining as well as the concerns of restaurant owners that need to stay afloat. .

"There are concerns about the possibility of viral transmission," said

Walsh. "There are concerns about the ability of restaurants to survive closures and restrictions. I hear both of these concerns and we are responding to both of those concerns. Our approach is to follow the Phase 2 guidance, with additional restrictions. We're restricting bar seating to special approvals, as I mentioned. And we are increasing enforcement of all the guidelines, for all licensed businesses. We will have an emergency Licensing Board meeting every Monday to address violations."

The Mayor also appealed to restaurant patrons and small business customers to be part of the solution.

"The City has heard from owners that it can be very difficult to police customers who keep their masks off or ignore distancing guidelines," said Walsh who asked everyone who dines in a restaurant or visits a store to do their part and follow the guidelines, and whenever possible, use take-out and delivery services.

The Mayor also issued a reminder that The Reopen Boston Fund is still accepting applications to help small businesses with debt-free grant support.

## FOUR LYNN GROUPS RECEIVE GRANTS

LYNN - Lynn Museum/Lynn Arts and Creative Collective, Raw Art Works, and artist/collaborators Tara Argaba and Estrella Diaz, and Cinda Danh and Michael Aghahowa have received grants from the The New England Foundation for the Arts (NEFA). The grants are awarded to Massachusetts-based artists and collaborators to imagine and create public art that fosters more just, vibrant, and welcoming public spaces.

Lynn Museum/Lynn Arts and Creative Collective and artists Agaba and Diaz were the recipients of Collective Imagination for Spatial Justice (CISJ) grants that support teams of artists, creatives, culture bearers, cultural organizers, and community-based collaborators to do the important work of imagining public art that fosters and contributes to more just futures for our public spaces and public culture. The grants range from \$2,000-\$5,000.

Raw Art Works, a youth arts organizations based at 37 Central Square ("Love Letters to Lynn" and artists Danh and Aghahowa ("Food for Thought") were the recipients of

Public Art for Spatial Justice (PASJ) grants that support artists and artistic collaborations to create public art in Massachusetts that fosters public imagination and contributes to more just futures for our public spaces and public culture. The grants range from \$5,000-\$10,000.

Following are the descriptions of the projects:

Grant Recipient Details  
CINDY DANH AND  
MICHAEL AGHA-HOWA  
GRANT AMOUNT  
\$10,000

Cinda Danh and Michael Aghahowa are artists and activists, born and raised in Lynn, MA. Cinda and Michael are working in collaboration with Ernie's Harvest Time, a mid-sized grocery in downtown Lynn and youth from The Food Project (www.



## OBITUARIES

### Kathy Kiley

A warm, thoughtful and kind friend and sister, known for her empathy and compassion

Kathy Kiley of Peabody, 63, died after a short illness on December 26 in Beverly Hospital.

Kathy was born in Winthrop to Anna and Paul Kiley. She graduated from Winthrop High School, class of 1975, and the Burdett School and had a lifelong career in the medical field, most recently employed by Lahey Home Health Care where she worked for the past 14 years.

Kathy was devoted to her family and friends and was known for her empathy and compassion. She was named godmother many times throughout her life and there was no child, dog or cat who she did not adore. She was a warm, kind and thoughtful friend and sister. She was also the first person her nieces called for any significant milestone – from career news to family accomplishments and from life’s disappointments to everyday happenings. She was viewed by her family as a second mother and grandmother and was loved dearly. Her laugh, her interest in others and her complete all-encompassing love, particularly for her nieces and nephew and their children, will be sorely missed.

Kathy was preceded in death by her parents, her sister, Patricia and her brother, Paul. She is sur-



vived by her sister, Ellen Kiley Raposa, her brother-in-law, Charles Randall, her nieces, Michelle Randall Burrows, Julie Randall Chachus, Jennifer Randall Crosby, Krisann Kiley and Lauren Raposa along with her nephew, Rob Michael Raposa. She is also survived by her great nephews, Josh and Jacob Crosby, Zachary and Benjamin Chachus, Connor Burrows, her great niece, Meagan Burrows, and her lifelong friends, Val Spinale and her family and Ruth Earley.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in Kathy’s name to the Northeast Animal Shelter, Salem MA. Due to COVID restrictions, a memorial for Kathy will be held sometime in the spring or summer.

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

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### Victoria Ellen Lyons

Mass Medical Society retiree

Victoria Ellen (Delaney) Lyons, 93, of Winthrop, passed away peacefully on December 23rd.

Born and raised on Leyden Street, Orient Heights, East Boston, “Vicki” was the beloved daughter of Virginia (Lagomarsino) and James Delaney, beloved wife of the late Paul A. Lyons, Sr., devoted mother of sons: Paul A. Lyons, Jr. and his wife, Kerry of Palm Beach Gardens, FL, the late Leonard M. Lyons of Winthrop, Steven W. Lyons and his wife, Karen of Hanson, Dennis P. Lyons and his wife, Terry of Tarpon Springs, FL, Richard A. Lyons and his wife, April Mae of Tarpon Springs, FL, Jeffrey W. Lyons and his wife, Holly of Somerville, and her daughter, Patricia A. (Lyons) Donoghue and her husband James of Foxboro.

A graduate of Girl’s High School in Boston, Vicki was employed in many office roles in downtown Boston. After marrying and once her children were grown, she became a “working mom” and held a position with the Massachusetts Medical Society, Post Graduate Medical Institute, coordinating continuing education for many of Boston’s finest physicians.

Vicki was part of a family of 14 brothers and sisters and many, many nieces and nephews and their children with whom she always kept in close contact - keeping up to date on the events of their lives, sharing their joys as well as their sorrows.

Our family home, always neat and clean, was often the gathering place for all the aunts, uncles and cousins and we have many wonderful memories of our times together. There was always a pot of coffee on for chats, tears or laughs and she taught each of her children the importance of making friends and family feel welcome.

An avid reader, she read many books about American and European history and read the Boston Globe from cover to end every day. She travelled to the Italian Riviera to visit her mother and grandmother’s



hometown, the village of Lagomarsino and nearby Genoa, Portofino and Rapallo. She also visited the British Virgin Islands in the Caribbean, tour guided by her sea captain son, Paul.

Vicki adored her grandchildren and great grandchildren who were a constant source of pride and happiness to her. She loved their visits and hearing all about what was happening in their lives – always ready to tell a great story and share lots of advice and wisdom.

Her children loved growing up in Winthrop By The Sea and with many happy memories we will cherish the sights, sounds and colors of the ocean as we know she did.

Given these uncertain times with the pandemic, our family would like to be sure everyone stays safe. A formal service will not be held but the family will plan a Celebration of Life gathering in the Spring. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Victoria’s memory to Boston Children’s Hospital or Care Dimensions Hospice Care, Danvers, MA.

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### Adelaide Gallo

Retired Winthrop

Public School Teacher’s Aide

Adelaide R. (Mastrangelo) Gallo of Winthrop, formerly of East Boston, passed away on December 21. She was 82 years old.

The beloved wife of the late James G. Gallo, she was born in East Boston, the cherished daughter of the late Rocco and Philomena (Manfredonia) Mastangelo.

Prior to her retirement, Adelaide worked as a teacher’s aide in the Winthrop Public School System.

Adelaide was the devoted mother of Margie Hughes and her husband, Peter of Braintree, Karen Donnelly and her late husband, John of East Boston, Christine Gallo, Jim Gallo and his wife, Kathy, David Gallo, Diane Romano and her husband, Anthony, all of Winthrop, and Andrew Gallo and his wife, Michelle of Franklin; adored grandmother of Amanda, Shauna, David, Bridget, Andy, Joseph, Matthew, Anthony, Nicholas, James, Frank, and Christopher;



dear sister of John Mastangelo

and his wife, Bernice of Lynnfield and the late Mary Lou Gaeta and her late

husband, Louis of East Boston. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Her Funeral Mass was celebrated on Monday, December 28, in St. John the Evangelist Church, Winthrop. Interment was in Winthrop Cemetery (Belle Isle Section). Funeral arrangements were by the Maurice W. Kirby Funeral Home, 210 Winthrop St., Winthrop. To sign her guestbook, please visit: [www.mauricekirby-fh.com](http://www.mauricekirby-fh.com)

## LEGAL NOTICES

#### LEGAL NOTICE

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Trial Court of the Commonwealth Superior Court Department Civil Docket No. 2084CV02711F Crystal Cove Marina, Inc., PLAINTIFF(S), v.

Raymond Mukler a/k/a Johan Fruif, DEFENDANT(S), and George Mey (Party-in-Interest) SUMMONS THIS SUMMONS IS DIRECTED TO Raymond Mukler a/k/a Johan Fruif. (Defendant’s name)

You are being sued. The Plaintiff(s) named above has started a lawsuit against you. A copy of the Plaintiff’s Complaint filed against you is attached to this summons and the original complaint has been filed in the Suffolk County Superior Court. YOU MUST ACT PROMPTLY TO PROTECT YOUR RIGHTS.

1. You must respond to this lawsuit in writing within 20 days. If you do not respond, the court may decide the case against you and award the Plaintiff everything asked for in the complaint. You will also lose the opportunity to tell your side of the story. You must respond to this lawsuit in writing even if you expect to resolve this matter with the Plaintiff. If you need more time to respond, you may request an extension of time in writing from the Court. 2. How to Respond. To respond to this lawsuit, you must file a written response with the court

and mail a copy to the Plaintiff’s Attorney (or the Plaintiff, if unrepresented). You can do this by:

a. Filing your signed original response with the Clerk’s Office for Civil Business, Suffolk County Superior Court, 3 Pemberton Square, 12th Floor, Boston, MA 02108 (address), by mail or in person, AND b. Delivering or mailing a copy of your response to the Plaintiff’s Attorney/Plaintiff at the following address: Morello & Associates, P.C. 220 Broadway, Unit 402, Lynnfield, MA 01940.

3. What to include in your response. An “Answer” is one type of response to a Complaint. Your Answer must state whether you agree or disagree with the fact(s) alleged in each paragraph of the Complaint. Some defenses, called affirmative defenses, must be stated in your Answer or you may lose your right to use them in court. If you have any claims against the Plaintiff (referred to as counterclaims) that are based on the same facts or transaction described in the Complaint, then you must include those claims in your Answer. Otherwise, you may lose your right to sue the Plaintiff about anything related to this lawsuit. If you want to have your case heard by a jury, you must specifically request a jury trial in your Answer or in a written demand for a jury trial that you must send to the other side and file with the court no more than 10

days after sending your Answer. You can also respond to a Complaint by filing a “Motion to Dismiss,” if you believe that the complaint is legally invalid or legally insufficient. A Motion to Dismiss must be based on one of the legal deficiencies or reasons listed under Mass. R. Civ. P. 12. If you are filing a Motion to Dismiss, you must also comply with the filing procedures for “Civil Motions” described in the rules of the Court in which the complaint was filed, available at [www.mass.gov/courts/case-legal-res/rulesofcourt](http://www.mass.gov/courts/case-legal-res/rulesofcourt).

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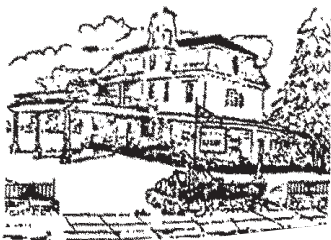
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thefoodproject.org) to create a wraparound mural at Ernie’s that celebrates voices from within the Lynn community who are doing the important work of imagining, dreaming and growing a more resilient food system. In a moment when rapid development and displacement is happening in Lynn, this mural aims to center the stories of the people who have been here, are still here, and hopefully will be here for the future of Lynn.

Grant Recipient Details:  
RAW ARTS WORKS  
LOCATION  
Lynn, MA  
PROJECT TITLE  
Love Letters to Lynn  
FISCAL YEAR  
AWARDED  
2021  
GRANT OR PROGRAM  
Public Art for Spatial Justice  
GRANT AMOUNT  
\$10,000

Tapping the Lynn Museum, Faces of Lynn Magazine and Harvard artist/researcher Raquel Jimenez, Raw Art Works’ public arts group for high school womxn, WAMX, led by art therapist Laura Smith, will create Love Letters to Lynn, an interdisciplinary public art testimonial to the voices of womxn in Lynn, Massachusetts. Following the model of participatory action research and seeking to create uplifting art “for the people, by the people,” eight high school WAMX artists will interview their adult counterparts by exchanging letters with them, then convert the knowledge gained into a public display of original art at the Lynn Museum and in Lynn shops that have closed as a result of COVID-19.

Grant Recipient Details:  
LYNN MUSEUM/  
LYNN ARTS AND CREATIVE COLLECTIVE  
Location:  
Lynn, MA  
PROJECT TITLE  
N/A  
FISCAL YEAR  
AWARDED  
2021  
GRANT OR PROGRAM  
Collective Imagination for Spatial Justice  
GRANT AMOUNT  
\$5,000

BIPOC artists in Lynn are integral to the social fabric of our city. Currently, barriers to collaboration exist between BIPOC artists and municipal and organizational leaders who are the stewards of funding, visibility and permissions. BIPOC artists, in collaboration with the Lynn Museum/Lynn Arts and Creative Collective, will examine these barriers and reimagine opportunities to foster trust and accountability with municipal and organizational leaders. By centering the voices of BIPOC artists from Lynn, this collective imagination journey aims to envision ways for diverse artistic and cultural expression to not only exist, but to truly thrive in Lynn.

Grant Recipient Details:  
TARA AGABA AND ESTRELLA DIAZ  
LOCATION  
Lynn, MA  
PROJECT TITLE  
N/A  
FISCAL YEAR  
AWARDED  
2021  
GRANT OR PROGRAM  
Collective Imagination for Spatial Justice  
GRANT AMOUNT  
\$5,000

Tara and Estrella are exploring concepts of rest as a communal practice of healing. How does rest intersect with public space? How are public spaces designed for rest? Who is allowed to rest in public? Who’s rest is policed in public? How might we question these social norms, and come together, reclaim our time, drink tea, rest, and heal together? Exploring radical and communal self-care could be a path to our liberation. Together we are exploring the use of art and digital media for healing and organizing for rest and world-building.

“In the midst of the global health pandemic, economic downturn, and continued racial injustice that 2020 has made more apparent, we are reminded that public spaces are not neutral and public art made in public spaces is not neutral either. As we reckon with complex histories and continued legacies of racism and white supremacy culture, we refocused our public art grantmaking towards spatial justice.” said Kim Szeto, NEFA public art program director, “Public art has the ability and responsibility to creatively engage important and timely conversations, bring healing to space and place, and foster public imagination for a more just version of what is possible.”

## SHOWCASE CINEMAS HOLDS MANY MEMORIES

REVERE - The Revere Journal asked Ward 6 Councilor Richard Serino – the councilor for the ward in which Showcase Cinemas is located – for his thoughts on the closing of the famed movie theater complex at 565 Squire Road, Revere, and the future plans for a new Amazon distribution center for the site.

Councilor Serino wrote the following comments: “With the closing of Showcase Cinemas, it’s a sad end for a long chapter of Hollywood in Linden Square. From a drive-in to a movie theater where my parents took me to see my very first movie to seeing ‘The Adventures of Pinocchio’ and ‘George of the Jungle,’ with my mom to now the ‘new’ Showcase that was built in 2000 where I saw all the Harry Potter movies and where I would take my younger cousins to see the LEGO movies, I will certainly miss Showcase Cinemas.

Sadly, in the age of COVID and streaming services, the reality is that the movie theater industry is going away. Just this month, Warner Brothers announced all its 2021 movies will be going to stream on HBO Max instead of to movie theater chains. With Netflix, Amazon Prime, HBO Max, Disney Plus, Hulu and Peacock, it is just easier to get a movie straight on your TV from the comfort of your own home. It’s unfortunate, but that is the reality.

Even myself, I think the last time I physically went to the movies was probably four years ago to see Disney’s ‘Beauty and the Beast.’

With regard to the future of the site, I am thrilled that it will remain a commercial property, and one that will bring jobs and revenue to the City of Revere. Further, I am relieved that it will not be more residential apartments. One of the main

concerns I have heard so far about the prospect of Amazon coming to Ward Six is increased traffic. However, preliminary traffic studies are showing that the Amazon site will actually have less of an impact on traffic than even the current movie theater. Think about it - when a popular movie would let out on a Saturday afternoon, you would get approximately 100 cars exiting at once. Amazon staggers the exit and entrance times of their delivery vans to the site, as well as conducts its deliveries outside commuter peaks.

Nonetheless, I have already begun advocating that Amazon be upfront in addressing concerns about traffic impacts, particularly to Copeland Circle and Squire Road. I made

clear that Amazon must minimize effects felt on surrounding neighborhoods from tractor trailers entering/departing the site during overnight hours. I have made them aware that traffic sounds from Route 60/Route 1 tend to carry/reverberate in the neighborhoods off of Squire Road and Washington Avenue, and that we have to make sure the traffic patterns for their deliveries are such that there will not be a strain on our quality of life.

Further, I have explained to their traffic point person that during the evening rush hour and on weekends, the queue for the on-ramp to Route 1 north backs up sometimes past the Four Points Sheraton, and that their operations must not contribute to those types of back-

ups we already see in our area. Rest assured, I as well as other city officials are working to ensure that the traffic impacts of this project are minimal, and know there will be a Traffic Management Plan that will be issued to ensure this.

Also, I have been pleasantly surprised to learn that Northbridge and Amazon are committing to cleaning the wetlands area that surrounds the property. This includes the portion of the Town Line Brook that is adjacent to the property. Finally, I am cognizant that the Showcase Cinema property is, in a sense, the gateway to Revere – it is the first thing people see entering our city when they get off Route 1 from points north. I do not want people looking down from

the Route 1 offramp to just see a vast parking lot with vans. I am elated that from preliminaries, it appears that Northbridge Partners, which owns the property, and Amazon, who they are teaming up with, are looking to add greenery to the site. From an aesthetics perspective, this should be a significant improvement from what you currently see on the highway. I understand that this project is being met with mixed emotions and there is a certain nostalgia to the fact that there has always been an entertainment venue in this location. However, the more we learn about the planned upgrades for the site, I think this is going to be a positive and become an asset to our neighborhood and community.”



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people, you have provided inordinate value to the House of Representatives.

You are a tremendous friend and a wise counselor. Perhaps most importantly, in our three decades serving together, I have witnessed you mentor many Members -- the House is better off because of your openness to the relationships that make the House what it is, at its best. Thank you.

I came to this Chamber in 1991 as the representative from Winthrop and Revere. I had been active in town meeting and a selectman, and I arrived with a strong desire to represent my district -- so much so that my colleagues liked to say "Bob, you're not a selectman any longer."

In the ensuing years, I would come to learn that central to the role of Speaker is recognizing that each and every Member, regardless of their political persuasion, is sent to Beacon Hill with the exact same mandate: To ably represent their 40,000 constituents. Throughout my tenure, I strove to listen deeply to my colleagues, keep an open mind, and identify solutions that work for the Commonwealth -- from the Berkshires to Boston.

As Speaker, I've been fortunate to have a unique vantage point into each Member's district. During much of my tenure here, I sat near Ellen Story who represented Amherst. She was a proud progressive from an academic and rural community, and I was an urban centrist. We didn't seem to have much in common.

But we talked and debated and, became friends; she ultimately became a member of our leadership team. While just one example, that relationship demonstrated to me the incredible value of listening, exchanging ideas and crafting workable solutions that serve the Commonwealth . . . as a whole.

And while our solutions may not always receive accolades with those who want us to move faster; or win the blessing of political pundits, our legislation fulfills the exact mandate I spoke of earlier. Our deliberative process results in laws that are representative of the diverse perspectives and needs of this great Commonwealth's constituents. As such they carry "the moral force that the American political system can summon when it acts as one," to paraphrase President Lyndon B. Johnson.

Contemplating the distinct needs of your communities has showed me how to balance my responsibilities as the representative from the 19th Suffolk District with those as Speaker.

With that, let me take one moment to give you a piece of advice: If you are invited to your colleagues' districts, go. Go humbly, and listen. Listen to each other. You will learn more than you could imagine.

But I learned this lesson the hard way -- dress appropriately! You don't need a suit and tie on a farm.

It may be out of fashion -- though I hope it will come back into vogue with President-Elect Biden -- my experience as Speaker has underlined the importance of valuing differing perspectives and

learning from people. This is something I have done so often with my friend, the Minority Leader, and more broadly, our friends across the aisle. Mr. Leader, thank you.

I always like to say politics is about people. Simply put -- I refuse to bow to cynics. I will always believe the role of state Representative is a force for good. During my years as Speaker, the most impactful meetings I've had have been with young folks and families facing hardships, often in situations I couldn't relate to. In the early part of my legislative career, it was listening to families who faced cuts to special education. I understood we had to stand up for the children that needed those services. More than once, these conversations have resulted in landmark legislation:

- Protections for transgender individuals. There are many Members, past and present, I have to thank here, but would like to especially recognize the Gentledady from Provincetown.
- A series of Economic Development packages that placed a premium on students and our youngest innovators. I must recognize my friend from Chicopee for his unyielding work to spur growth and create a more resilient economy.
- The creation of the nation's first autonomous Early Education and Care Department. There are so many here to recognize as we continue to advocate for meaningful funding, but I must single out the Gentledady from Somerset.
- Criminal justice reform, and more recently, police reform. My sincerest gratitude to the Gentledady from Easton for her guidance and friendship.
- Funding for high-quality education to students across the state, regardless of zip code or income level. I will be forever grateful to the Gentledady from Wellesley for her intellect, insight and dogged dedication.

As I look back, I can see the faces of the young people I've spoken to, their passion and their pain, and know that this House made a difference.

In each way these bills have been the product of the relationships the members of this Chamber enjoy. I treasure my friendships with each of you. It is from you that I have learned so much. Thank you.

And, even now, thanks to video conferences and conference calls, I've been able to continue to learn. While I have to admit I prefer in person meetings, I felt fortunate to be able to hear from folks, via conference calls and Zoom, on issues like police reform and reproductive rights this year. Yes, we had to remake our storied traditions and create a new way of holding session due to COVID-19, but our work product has been more vital than ever.

Key to our consistency and success has been sound budgeting. Aided by the Committee on Ways & Means, we've built up the rainy day fund and prompted rating agencies to give Massachusetts the highest bond rating in our history.

With Chairman Dempsey, we reformed municipal health insurance, saving the cities and towns of the Commonwealth \$500 million a year. And Chairman Sanchez showed me how EEC providers, like the folks at Nurtury, make a lasting difference in the lives of children.

But I have to single out the Gentleman from the North End for his extraordinary efforts this challenging and entirely unique session. He has been a superior chair of Ways & Means, and I thank him. Moreover, he has been a true friend. He is a special person in every sense of the word, whose relatively short tenure has been marked by values of listening to his colleagues and learning from them. In turn, he has become a trusted confidant who I always know I can trust -- whether it is for political advice, policy input, or who should hit clean up for the Red Sox.

I wish I could take the time here to single out each and every Member of leadership and our outstanding chairs. The Gentlemen from Medford, Brighton and Stoughton; The Gentledadies from Gloucester and Stow: Your contributions to the House, to the team and to me as a friend are too many to list. Thank you.

I have to recognize the members of my staff for their work. First two people who were with me long ago and meant so much to this Speakership: Jim Eisenberg  
Toby Morelli  
My longtime friend, Lenny Mirasolo.

House Counsel Jim Kennedy  
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I also want to send a special thanks to the staff of the Committee on Ways and Means. As a former chair I know firsthand the dedication you have and the hours you invest. I also want to acknowledge all the committee staff, researches, staff directors and legislative aides who work tirelessly on behalf of this House and its Members. Thank you all.

I've been so lucky to get to know and advocate for the people of Winthrop and the City of Revere. These are two distinct places, where each and every individual means something special to me. From the time I was elected as a town meet-

ing member in Winthrop, I've been so grateful to the people of my district for giving me the honor of representing them. I came from a town that played Revere on Thanksgiving, and the people of that city have always treated me like one of their own. My gratitude to the elected and appointed officials from both Winthrop and Revere, past and present; and to Representative Vin-

cent and Senator Boncore.

I'm grateful too for the knowledge that my work has afforded me the opportunity to help folks from not only my district, but from around the Commonwealth. It will always be the privilege of my life to know that I made a difference when and where I could.

Finally, as I close, thank you. It's so hard to say goodbye to this place

and to people with whom I've worked so closely and love.

I know Massachusetts faces as great a challenge now with the pandemic.

But I have unyielding faith in this institution, its people and its leadership. The House will rise to the occasion, and our great state will continue to lead the nation.

Thank you, my friends.  
Thank you.

## Committee discusses highlights for schools

By Kate Anslinger

At the last meeting of the year on Dec. 21, the Winthrop School Committee discussed a few highlights listed below:

According to High School Athletic Director, Matt Serino, the coaches and students have been adapting well and complying to the safety protocols. There are 121 student athletes registered for the winter sports season in the following sports: boys varsity and junior varsity basketball, girls varsity and

junior varsity basketball, boys hockey, girls varsity hockey and varsity gymnastics. The winter games schedule will be released the week of December 28th and will be available on the athletics home page. Per MIAA rules, no family will be permitted to attend away games and each student athlete will be allowed to have two family members in attendance at home games.

The district is waiting for the Binax testing kits to be delivered. The testing will be in place

in January and will allow symptomatic staff and students to get tested during school hours. The test will take 15 minutes, and if it is a positive result, the patient will be directed to get a PCR test to receive a more definitive result.

The first flu clinic was held last Friday. All students are required to have a flu shot as of December 31st. Please contact the nurse at your child's school to find out if you are eligible for an exemption.

## First Night Boston announces full broadcast schedule

First Night® Boston, New England's longest-running New Year's Eve celebration, announced its full performance schedule for its New Year's Eve broadcast, and features an array of performers from Boston and beyond across all genres of music.

Beginning at 6:00 p.m. and continuing until 2:00 a.m., a stream of musical and artistic performances will showcase a diverse range of talents for audiences celebrating from home as the Covid-19 pandemic continues to disrupt everyday life. Held every year since 1975, First Night Boston is an annual celebration of the city's arts, culture, and people. Since 2015, the event has culminated with lights, fireworks, ice sculptures, and music in Copley Square.

"First Night Boston has been a cherished tradition for more than four decades, and a celebration of this size simply doesn't just cancel," said Dusty Rhodes, event director. "This city is packed with brilliant artists and rising stars who depend on events like First Night to showcase their talents, and we're thrilled to move part of the show online and to the air." In addition to the online stream, a special First Night Boston broadcast will air on NBC10 Boston from 7:00 p.m. -- 8:00 p.m., and on

NECN and NBC Sports Boston from 11:00 p.m. -- 12:01 a.m.

The show kicks off at 6:00 p.m., and the first hour will feature performances from the Greater Boston Chinese Cultural Association (GBCCA), jazz from the Makanda Project, a booming organ performance from the Church of Christian Science, and a dance set by North Shore's Guardians of Isadora.

From 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., it's the Boston Youth Chamber giving way to highly acclaimed pianist Yelena Beriyeva, while Boston Gay Men's Chorus closes out the hour after additional performances by GBCCA and Makanda Project.

The Skating Club of Boston kicks off the 8:00 p.m. hour with a lineup of figure skating routines from Olympic hopefuls. Hyde Park's Sweet Harmony performs their first of two upbeat sets before vocalist Maddi Ryan takes the stage, and East Boston's Veronica Robles represents Boston's first all-female mariachi band.

The countdown continues with rising star Alli Haber kicking off the 9:00 p.m. hour, before giving way to the African and Caribbean beats of Zili Misik. The all-men quintet On the Outside performs a short set before the local Dempsey Sisters and Mandi Crimmins rock

the house.

The fifth hour features segments from Lori McKenna and Kemp Harris shot at Boston's Boch Center, while Boston hip-hopper Nancia drops some beats with local scenes. Performances from rockers Sons of Levin and soulful Of Sea and Stone bring us to the 11:00 p.m. hour, when NECN and NBC Sports Boston pick up the final countdown.

The online stream will resume after midnight with some of the evening's most popular performances re-airing until 2:00 a.m. The latest stream schedule is attached to this release, and available at [www.firstnightboston.org](http://www.firstnightboston.org).

In a normal year, hundreds of thousands of guests visit Copley Square and the surrounding area on New Year's Eve. The event showcases Boston's beauty in a night of light, music, and First Night Boston is supported entirely by contributions from the corporate community and the general public. Event sponsors for 2021 include the City of Boston, Xfinity, Conventions, The Boston Foundation, The Greater Boston Visitors and Convention Bureau, Strega Entertainment, and NBC Boston. Donations can be made to help support the event at the event website, [www.firstnightboston.org](http://www.firstnightboston.org).

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