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## NEWS Briefs

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## A little holiday light and joy

Special to the Transcript

One evening as the sun begins to set, pay a visit to Crest Avenue Park. Enjoy the simple pleasure of sitting on a bench under the holiday lights strung high in the trees, with a cup of hot tea or coffee from a nearby shop, and a friend or loved one by your side. Or if you're heading in or out of town, take a moment to enjoy the festive lights on the pine trees lining Main Street as you come over the bridge from East Boston. And there are plans for even

more holiday decorations at the entrance from Revere.

After nearly a year of hardship, illness, and challenge, we can be thankful for the sparkle, the lights in the trees, the small acts of kindness found on every corner in our town.

Thanks goes to the Board of the Winthrop Foundation, led by Chairman Russ Sanford and six other dedicated trustees who initiated the holiday lighting effort. Thanks also to the Winthrop Chamber of

Commerce led by President Vin Recchia and Executive Director Betsy Shane. The two organizations partnered to provide funding for the holiday lights at Crest Avenue Park, in their wish to create festivity and joy as 2020 comes to a close. The Winthrop Foundation provided the funding for the Main Street holiday lights, and special thanks go to Trustees Vinny Crossman and Vasili Mallios who put up the lights to make Main Street sparkle. Funds are

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## Tree lighting a success despite being virtual

By Kate Anslinger

Thanks to the help of WCAT Director, Mike Cabral and Executive Director of the Winthrop Chamber of Commerce, Betsy Shane, this year's virtual tree lighting was a success. The program, which is approximately one hour and fifteen minutes long, showcases

a long list of entertaining acts and holiday greetings.

Kicking off the virtual ceremony, were masked dance performances by students from Jessica Gordon School of Performing Arts. Paula Flaherty and her dog Benny did their best rendition of Holly Jolly Christmas, while the team at

East Boston Savings Bank and a group from Parks and Recreation took Jingle Bells to the next level. The Tennen Family invited viewers into their home to share their Hanukkah tradition. Several youngsters made their big screen debut as they doled out holiday

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## Faison presents local overview in annual Fall Forum

By Laura Plummer

On Tuesday, Nov. 24, Town Manager Austin Faison presented his annual Fall Forum to the Town Council where he touched on the major issues currently facing Winthrop.

The presentation covered five areas: COVID-19, finances, middle school site, water and sewer, and department updates.

### COVID-19

Winthrop's vulnerability to the virus lies in its proximity to hard-hit Lynn, Chelsea and Revere. Despite Town hall being closed to the public since March 16, it has continued to render services to the public without interruption. All municipal offices have been providing remote support and meeting virtually. As

a result, no cluster outbreaks have impacted town employees.

CARES Act funding has allowed the expansion of the Winthrop Public Health Dept., which was overstretched due to the pandemic. Future staffing and organization of the department will be optimized to tackle the issues of the day.

Town Hall will remain closed until Feb. 1 with all meetings continuing virtually. No-cost testing will be offered until the end of December. The town will continue networking with professionals around decision-making, and will expand its campaign of encouraging masks, social distancing, handwashing and, eventually, vaccination.

Faison cautioned that 2021 would be "another difficult year", with no

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## COVID dominates pre-holiday Town Council meeting

By Laura Plummer

The Winthrop Town Council met remotely on Nov. 24 for its final meeting before the Thanksgiving holiday, where COVID was the dominant theme of the evening.

Council President Phil Boncore opened on a somber note, calling for a moment of silence for Joseph Ferrino, father of Councilman Rich Ferrino, who died from COVID-19 on Nov. 22. Boncore called the elder Ferrino "a pillar in the Italian-American community."

"Just because we're in the Yellow Zone doesn't

mean we're not a high-risk community," he said. "Wear your mask. Be vigilant."

As of Nov. 24, Winthrop had 752 total cases, with 24 deceased (Ferrino was not yet included in the data), and 49 in isolation. Winthrop's incident rate appears to be slowing, dropping from 51 percent to 31 percent in recent weeks, but officials predicted another surge due to Thanksgiving gatherings.

The School Committee met Nov. 23 for a marathon meeting lasting three hours. It voted 5-2 to adopt the Board

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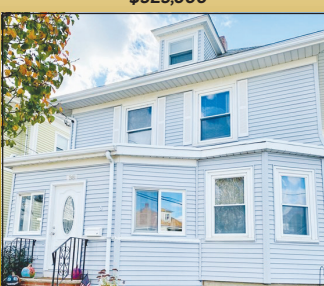
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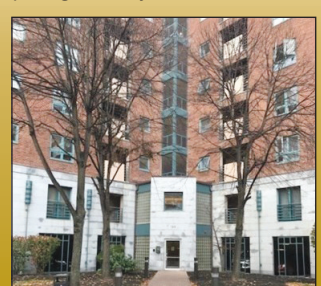
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WINTHROP POLICE BLOTTER

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

MONDAY, NOV. 16

0712: An officer responded to a report of a motor vehicle (MV) blocking a driveway on Banks St. The officer issued a parking ticket and the MV was moved.

0944: A Harbor View Ave. resident reported that a stroller had been stolen from in front of her home. The officer filed a report.

1323: A resident came into the station to report that his identity had been used in a fraudulent attempt to obtain unemployment benefits. The officer filed a report.

1407: An officer stopped a MV on Revere St. When the officer determined that the MV was unregistered, he issued a citation to the operator for the civil infraction of operating an unregistered MV. The officer followed the operator home so that he could park the MV on private property and then take care of the registration issue.

1410: A resident came into the station to report that his identity had been used in a fraudulent attempt to obtain unemployment benefits. The officer filed a report.

1436: An officer stopped a MV at Tafts Ave. and Otis St. When the officer determined that the MV was unregistered, he issued a citation to the operator for the civil infraction of operating an unregistered MV. The officer stayed with the operator while he renewed his registration on-line.

1450: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) at Main and Wilshire Sts. for the civil infraction of a red light violation and issued a citation to the operator.

1814: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) at Sea Foam Ave. and Shirley St. When the officer determined that the plates on the MV belonged to a different ve-

hicle, he ordered the MV to be towed and issued a citation to the operator for the criminal offense of attaching plates.

1855: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) at Wadsworth Ave. and Winthrop St. for the civil infraction of not having its lights on. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1922: A resident came into the station to report that her identity had been used in a fraudulent attempt to obtain unemployment benefits. The officer filed a report.

1924: A resident came into the station to report that his identity had been used in a fraudulent attempt to obtain unemployment benefits. The officer filed a report.

2214: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) at Main and Beal Sts. for the civil infraction of not having its lights on. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

2316: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) at Main and Hermon Sts. for the civil infraction of an equipment violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

2327: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) at Bellevue Ave. and Pleasant St. for the civil infraction of an equipment violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

2343: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Washington Ave. for the civil infraction of failing to use a directional signal. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

2350: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Belcher St. for the civil infraction of a marked lanes violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

TUESDAY, NOV. 17

0012: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) at Main and Pleasant Sts. and ordered the MV to be towed to private property.

1320: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) at Main and

Paine Sts. for the civil infraction of an expired registration. The officer stood by while the owner renewed the registration on-line.

1419: A resident came into the station to report being the victim of an identity fraud. The officer filed a report.

1502: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) at Main St. and Amelia Ave. for the civil infraction of a light violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1516: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Cross St. for a civil infraction and issued a citation to the operator.

1704: A resident came into the station to report that she had applied for a job through the web site Indeed. After she got the job, the company sent her two checks for her to buy “supplies.” The job is non-existent and the checks are fake. The officer filed a report.

1723: An officer issued a parking ticket to a MV that was blocking the police station driveway and preventing the cruiser from exiting.

1808: An officer responded to a minor motor vehicle accident (MVA) in the Cumberland Farms parking lot and assisted the parties with the exchange of papers.

1832: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Walden St. for a civil infraction and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1832: A Trident Ave. resident reported the larceny of \$850 cash from her apartment.

1851: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Main St. for an equipment violation. The officer arrested a 32 year-old Medford man on an outstanding warrant.

2110: A resident reported that his alcohol breath-testing equipment that had been issued through the Probation Dept. was not working. An officer checked with the Probation Dept. and the defendant came into the station on a bicycle to take a breath test on equipment in the police station. The defendant passed the breathalyzer test and the Probation Dept. was notified.

2314: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) at Revere St. and Deane Ave. for the civil infraction of an equip-

ment violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

2344: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) at Pleasant St. and Ingleside Ave. for the civil infraction of an equipment violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 18

0041: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) at Pleasant and Main Sts. for the civil infraction of an equipment violation (inoperable plate light). The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

0859: An officer responded to a minor MVA on Cliff Ave. and assisted the parties with the exchange of papers.

1219: A FedEx driver reported that he was chased and almost bitten by a dog in the 200 block of Pleasant St. The Animal Control Officer met with the owner of the dog.

1722: Officers responded to a report of a MVA involving a pedestrian on Paine St. The victim was transported to MGH.

1926: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) at Walden and Main Sts. for the civil infraction of not having its headlights on. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

2258: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Main St. for a civil infraction and issued a citation to the operator.

THURSDAY, NOV. 19

0005: A repossession company reported the repo of a MV on Walde-mar Ave.

1454: An officer issued a parking ticket to a MV parked at a fire hydrant on Locust St.

1504: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) at Winthrop and Atlantic Sts. for a civil infraction and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1803: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) at Tewksbury St. and Shore Drive for a civil infraction and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1955: An officer responded to a MVA on Shore Drive in which a MV struck two parked cars. The operator was bleeding from her nose. The matter was referred to the State Police.

2007: A Prospect Ave.

resident reported that his parked MV had been struck by a hit-and-run operator damaging his front quarter panel and front left bumper. The officer filed a report.

2312: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) at Revere and Taylor Sts. for a civil infraction and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

2324: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) at Edgehill Rd. and Pleasant St. for a civil infraction and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

FRIDAY, NOV. 20

0012: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) at Winthrop and Main Sts. for the civil infractions of speeding and an equipment violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

0028: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) at Walden and Short Sts. for the civil infractions of speeding and a marked lanes violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

0859: An officer issued a parking ticket for a MV partially blocking a driveway at Moore St. and Shore Drive.

1239: A Revere St. resident reported that a FedEx package that had been reported as delivered had been stolen from her steps. The officer filed a report.

1312: A local business reported a fraud involving bad checks used for the purchase of some items.

1509: An officer dispersed a group of about 10 older youths who were playing basketball without face masks at Coughlin Playground.

1925: An officer dispersed a group of youths from the Cummings School playground.

SATURDAY, NOV. 21

0941: A caller reported that his MV had been struck by a hit-and-run operator at the 7/11 on Revere St. The officer filed a report.

1018: An officer issued a parking ticket to a MV parked too closely to the corner and impeding a fire truck from making the turn at Shore Drive and Dolphin Ave.

1130: A resident came into the station to report being the victim of identity fraud. The officer filed a report.

1218: An officer responded to a local business parking lot and re-

stored the peace between two persons arguing about a parking issue.

1346: A resident came into the station to report being the victim of an identity fraud. The officer filed a report.

1417: A resident came into the station to report that her identity had been used to file a fraudulent unemployment claim. The officer filed a report.

1530: Officers responded to a dispute between neighbors on River Rd. involving a dog and a cat. The officers spoke to both parties and restored the peace.

1620: An officer responded to a call from a person who said that his MV had been struck while parked in East Boston and he followed the operator to Winthrop, where she was refusing to exchange papers. The officer assisted the parties with the exchange of papers.

1735: A resident came into the station to report that her identity had been used to file a fraudulent unemployment claim. The officer filed a report.

SUNDAY, NOV. 22

0115: Officers responded to a report of loud noise in an apartment in the 400 block of Shirley St. and restored the peace.

0235: A resident reported three youths wearing hoodies and carrying flashlights had just run through his property. An officer reported locating two of the suspects at Pleasant and Winthrop Sts. and obtaining their identification in the event that further follow-up is necessary.

1136: A resident came into the station to report that his identity had been used to file a fraudulent unemployment claim. The officer filed a report.

1202: An officer directed contractors working on a residence on Undine Ave. to cease doing so for the day. The workers were unaware of the town by-law forbidding construction work on Sundays.

1301: An officer directed contractors working on a residence on Tilestone Rd. to cease doing so for the day. The workers were unaware of the town by-law forbidding construction work on Sundays.


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sented to credit unions for their outstanding social responsibility projects in their communities.

Metro received this award for its work last year surrounding Still She Rises, an event honoring Ersilia Cataldo Matarazzo, a beloved 20-year employee whose life was tragically cut short because of domestic vi-

olence. The event raised \$55,000, which was donated to three local organizations providing comprehensive services to people whose lives have been impacted by domestic violence.

“At Metro, we are committed in the fight against domestic violence, a heinous act that occurs all too frequently in our communities,”



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said Robert Cashman, CEO and president. “We are honored to continue that fight in Ersilia’s name and thank CUNA for recognizing us for our efforts.”

Recently, Metro has been recognized by other organizations for its commitment to giving back to the community. In June, Banking New England named Metro a “Credit Union Hero” for its work surrounding Still She Rises. In July, the Boston Business Journal included Metro on its list of the most charitable organizations in Massachusetts.

To learn more about Metro Credit Union, please visit [www.MetroCU.org](http://www.MetroCU.org), and connect with us on LinkedIn.



# School district due to receive BinaxNOW rapid testing

By Kate Anslinger

Winthrop will be one of several Massachusetts school districts to receive the Abbott BinaxNOW COVID-19 rapid diagnostic tests. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Defense recently announced the initiative to deliver 150

million tests to schools and other critical environments.

Over the course of the school year, Massachusetts will obtain approximately two million tests for use in priority settings including but not limited to public districts, charter schools, educational collaboratives, and ap-

proved special education schools.

Winthrop Public Schools has been selected to be part of Phase I of the test distribution, which is set to start in January 2021, in time for the hybrid start date of January 4. Similar to the PCR nasal swab test, the BinaxNOW rapid

test will require a swab in both of the patient's nasal passages. Following the swab, the Q-tip will be combined with an agent that determines the results in fifteen minutes.

The procedure will be administered by trained school nurses and medical nursing assistants on

students and staff members experiencing symptoms. Patients with positive test results will be urged to get a PCR test outside of the school for confirmation.

"The BinaxNOW testing will be a great addition to the PCR testing we currently have in our

community and helps to identify positive cases, allowing isolation and contact tracing to begin," said Tara Beuoy, Head School Nurse.

Before Phase I of the test distribution begins, the district will be required to take certain steps.

## Mass. Unemployment and job estimates for October

Town Manager Austin Faison and Health Director Meredith Hurley report that the Town of Winthrop has released a video PSA encouraging residents to receive their flu vaccination this year, and are urging residents to attend the town's upcoming free flu clinic.

The Winthrop Health Department will hold its next flu clinic on Saturday, Dec. 5 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Old Winthrop Middle School gym. The clinic is open to all residents age 2 and older.

"Right now is the ideal time to get your flu shot. This year, it's more important than ever to protect from any sort of respiratory illness given that COVID-19 is also a respiratory virus, and will strain healthcare re-



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sources throughout cold and flu season," Hurley said. "The flu shot is an additional layer of protection as we go into the winter, and will help alleviate some of the stress on healthcare providers. We definitely do not want to see a flu outbreak come our way while we're still working to get the COVID-19 pandemic under control."

According to the Centers for Disease Control

and Prevention (CDC), flu activity usually begins to increase in October and often peaks between December and February, but can last later into the spring. Because of COVID-19, reducing the spread of other respiratory illness is especially important this year.

Residents will be required to wear a face-covering or mask to attend the flu clinic. Residents are also asked to wear a short-sleeved shirt.

For information about scheduling, residents should call the Winthrop Health Department at 617-846-1740.

The latest information about the Town of Winthrop's response to the COVID-19 pandemic is available at [Winthrop-COVID19.com](https://www.winthrop-covid19.com).

## COVID-19 //CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

of Health's request to not open the schools for in-person learning prior to Jan. 4. Council Pres. Boncore said reopening was dependent on there not being another super-spreader event.

Once schools reopen, they will be equipped with COVID test kits for students who show symptoms. However, a recent survey of Winthrop school students showed that 25 percent will not return to in-person learning even when the schools do reopen. For this reason, full-time remote teachers will be available.

The School Committee also voted to allow students to return to athletic practice on Dec. 14, in a move Councilor Rob DeMarco said "sounds like we're putting athletics before academics."

During the public comment period, caller Colleen Murphy said that parents were "on the verge of tears" at the School Committee meeting, but added that

"they're not doing what they're supposed to be doing." She suggested that in order to get children back into schools, Winthrop may have to shut down again "so parents will be more mindful."

"If adults can't do what they're supposed to be doing, maybe we need to shut down again," she said. "Our children are suffering."

As always, Town Manager Austin Faison urged "personal responsibility" when it comes to getting the pandemic under control. He stated that the state or region was considering roll-backs in the reopening due to "a heightened level of alarm" and "scary trends."

"This is going to get harder in the coming weeks and months," he said. "It's troubling and disconcerting, but our efforts are not in vain."

Council Vice President James Letterie called Faison's recent decision to push back the reopen-

ing of Town Hall to Feb. 1 "totally unacceptable." He cited elderly people without internet access who are used to paying their bills in person.

"We've been given ample money from the CARES Act," he said. "Now we seem to be cutting everything back."

Faison defended his decision.

"We have not had a superspreader event in a municipal building because of how I'm managing," he said, adding that his priority is to provide services, not to have his employees sitting in their offices waiting for the rare drop-in visitor.

"This is not unique to Winthrop," he continued. "This is happening all over the country."

The town manager gave a more thorough overview of how COVID-19 is impacting the community during his Fall Forum presentation later in the evening (see separate article in this issue.)

## Tree lighting //CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

greetings and students of all ages from the Winthrop School of Performing Arts pulled off flawless dance numbers. Ben Houghton narrated *Snowmen at Christmas* and Jonathan LaMaster shared his musical talent with a rendition of Mele Kalikimaka. For Kids Only led a kid's craft and Cervizzi's Martial Arts demonstrated a variety of different techniques taught in the studio.

According to Shane, several residents shared positive reviews of the first-ever virtual tree lighting, which was also the 29<sup>th</sup> annual holiday event in the town.

Many local businesses and organizations shared in the festivities including: Cervizzi's Martial Arts For Kids Only Honan Sign company



Santa led the countdown in the first-ever virtual tree lighting, made possible by Winthrop Chamber of Commerce and WCAT

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projected end date to the COVID restrictions. The town's CARES Act funding expires on the last day of the year, with no additional federal funding lined up. He added that education and budget creation will continue to be of concern.

### FY21 Financial Update

COVID-19 has had significant impacts on the town's FY21 budget, and the town is updating its revenue projections monthly. Nearly 65 percent of the town's revenue comes from property taxes. Property values have outpaced property taxes. In FY20, Winthrop had the 65th lowest budget per capita of all 351 towns in the state. Departments are already preparing their FY22 budgets and a balanced budget document for FY22 should be available to the public by the spring. (For a more in-depth look at the town's finances, visit the town's [YouTube channel](#).)

### Middle School Site

The Win2030 survey asked the public how they would like to redevelop the old middle school site, which is largely empty and which the town currently pays insurance on. The site will need to be rezoned in order to develop it and the Joint Committee has been holding meetings to gather public input on the project.

### Water and Sewer

Community members have requested an audit of the water/sewer rate, prompting a deeper dive into the town's rate structure. A consultant will review the situation and public input will be solicited as needed. Rates are established by the town staff along with the MWRA assessment and debt-financed infrastructure work. Outside auditing occurs annually.

### Department Updates

The Police Department has been in communication with the Town Manager's office regarding the department's com-

pliance with the national #8Can'tWait campaign which developed eight strategies to reduce civilian deaths at the hands of police. The department is currently proactively reviewing its use-of-force policy with the town's attorney. Additionally, the WPD received almost \$30,000 in funding for new dashboard cameras and a new server.

Regarding the Center Business District, Public Works projected a water main improvement completion by Nov. 25. All sewer mains have been installed, with 70 percent of service installed. Seventy percent of storm drain improvements have been installed. Electrical ducts, street lighting, street and sidewalk improvements, and the remaining storm drain improvements will resume in spring of 2021.

The Transportation Safety Advisory Committee will hold public meetings on Dec. 9 and Dec. 16 to gather community opinion on the success of the Point Shirley parking pilot program.

## Light & Joy //CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

limited even for organizations like the Chamber and the Foundation, but by working together and making the most of what we have, we can make this season merry and bright.

The Winthrop Foundation was founded in May 2019 to administer a generous appropriation from

the Massachusetts Port Authority (Massport), with support from Speaker Robert A. DeLeo and Senator Joseph Boncore. Since then, the Foundation has awarded over \$160,000 in grants and assistance to local nonprofits, public programs, youth, vulnerable residents, food pantries and

the like. The Winthrop Chamber of Commerce fosters the economic enhancement of local businesses to help maintain long-term economic vitality and growth in town. Enjoy the lights, raise a glass, and Happy Holidays to All!

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OUR Opinions

'TIS THE SEASON FOR GIVING -- AND NEVER HAS THE NEED BEEN MORE URGENT

“It was the best of times; it was the worst of times.” -- Charles Dickens, A Tale of Two Cities.

With Christmas fast approaching, most of us will be rushing about -- either to the stores and malls or on-line --- to do our holiday shopping in hopes of finding that “perfect” gift for our family members and loved ones.

Despite the pandemic that has ravaged our nation in so many ways, most Americans actually are doing okay, if not extremely well. Sure, the pandemic has made life inconvenient and not as enjoyable as usual for everybody, but most of us are getting along just fine.

Those who are able to work from home have not suffered a loss of income. And for those among us who have any sort of investments, from real estate to the stock market to certain types of small businesses, the pandemic has been a boon.

However, the good economic news for the majority of Americans has not been shared by all. For a sizable minority of our fellow citizens, the effects of the pandemic represent an existential disaster.

Millions of Americans of all ages, in a percentage greater than at any time since the Great Depression, are struggling financially.

To put it in stark terms, more Americans, including families in our own communities, are going hungry than at any time in our history. The lines of cars that stretch for miles and miles in cities all across the country are the equivalent of the iconic photos of the bread lines and soup kitchens of the 1930s..

Far too many of our fellow citizens, including children, live either in shelters or in similar temporary housing arrangements -- or on the streets -- because the reality of our economy has left them out in the cold -- literally -- thanks to the pandemic.

The homeless always have been among us, but the scope and depth of the problem is far beyond anything that has been experienced in our lifetime. The vast discrepancy between the enormous wealth enjoyed by some Americans and the abject poverty being endured by others is similar to what has existed in major urban centers in South America and India -- but it now is happening right here in the U.S.A.

For these millions of Americans, the holiday season brings no joy.

Psychologists tell us that the Biblical directive, that we should give to those who are less fortunate, actually is the best gift that we can give to ourselves. Helping others activates regions of the brain associated with pleasure, social connection, and trust, creating the so-called “warm glow” effect.

Never in the lifetime of anybody reading this editorial has the need for donations to local food banks been more urgent. There will be ample opportunity to do so in the coming weeks to make the holidays brighter for those who are less fortunate -- and there is no excuse for failing to do so.

JUDGE FERRINO

The passing last week of Judge Joseph V. Ferrino marks the end of an era in the East Boston, Revere and Winthrop area.

It is fair to say that there is no person who has been more impactful and was more esteemed in the communities over the course of the past 50 years than Judge Ferrino.

He truly was a giant in so many respects and in so many varied ways.

Judge Ferrino, the son of Sicilian immigrants, was a veteran of World War II who went on to establish a remarkable legal career that culminated with his service as the First Justice of the East Boston District for 20 years from 1976 until his retirement in 1996.

He headed veterans groups and was the founder of patriotic organizations. He also was a leader in the Italian-American community and a volunteer for scores of causes both big and small.

Judge Ferrino epitomized the meaning of the term “community organizer” before it became fashionable.

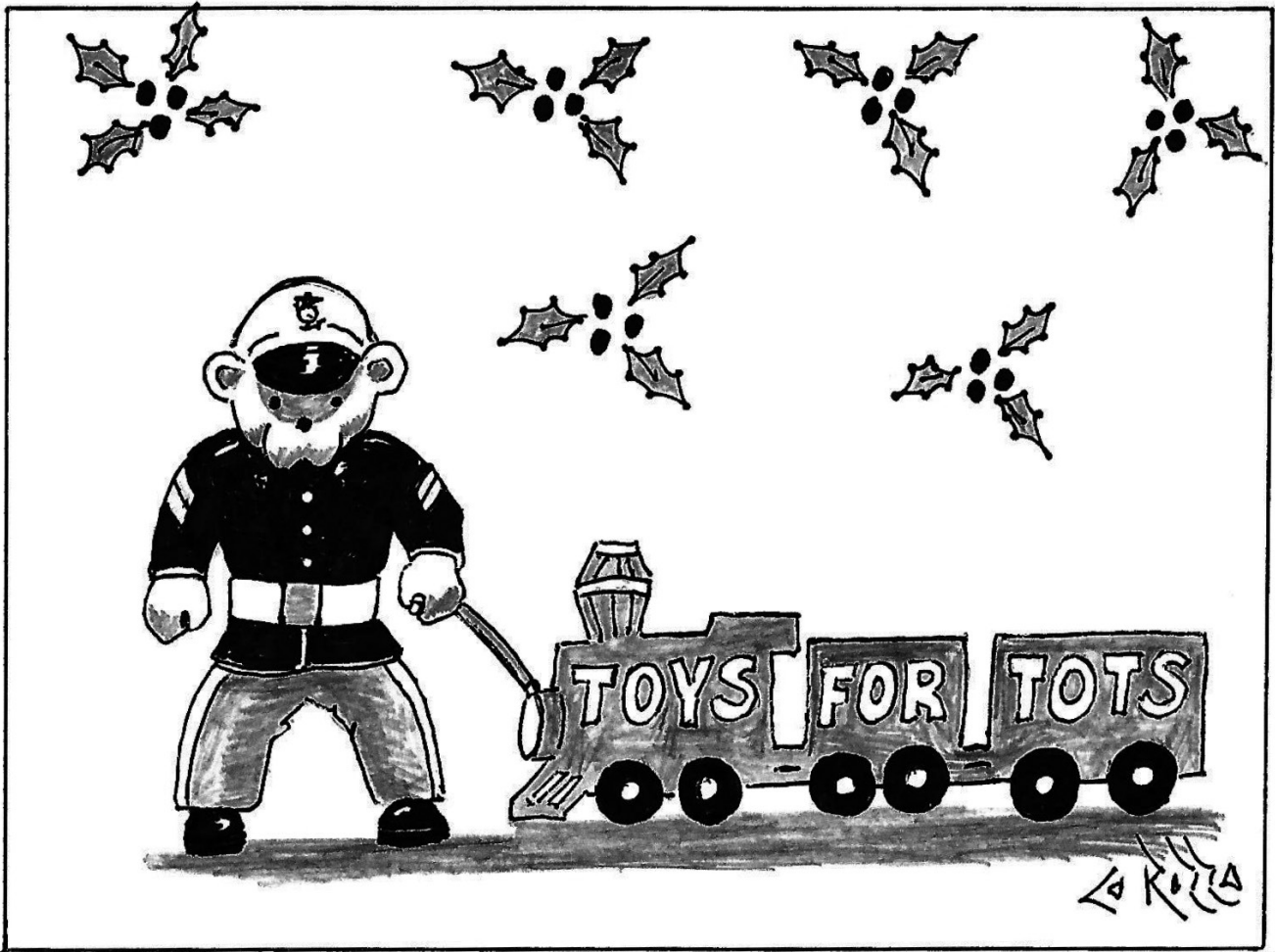
Yet despite all of his professional accomplishments and personal achievements, Judge Ferrino remained true to his roots. He always was approachable and humble, traits that made him a beloved figure among both the personnel of the East Boston District Court and those who came before him in the courtroom.

Speaker of the House Robert DeLeo summed up how so many of us feel about the loss of this great man:

“Today we honor the memory of Judge Joseph Ferrino, who served in the East Boston District Court for more than two decades. A World War II veteran, Judge Ferrino advocated tirelessly on behalf of veterans and the Boston community as a whole with his work on juvenile justice and his many contributions to the legal community. He was a pioneer of community courts, insisting that the court serve as a resource to people in need. He was a mentor and friend, and my thoughts are with his family and loved ones.”

We know we join with all of our readers in extending our condolences to the Ferrino family.  
May he rest in peace.

Forum



TIS THE SEASON, IF YOU PLEASE, CHOOSE YOUR FAVORITE CHARITIES

GUEST OP-ED

Together, we must stop MBTA service cuts

By Senator Sal DiDomenico

The MBTA Fiscal Management and Control Board recently released their “Forging Ahead Initiative,” a series of ill-conceived cuts to MBTA services that will have devastating (and likely long-lasting) impacts on those who rely on public transit to get to and from work. Our district in particular will be uniquely impacted by these cuts, as we are one of the most transit-dependent in the state. Not to mention, we have been some of the hardest hit by COVID, while also having one of the highest percentages of essential workers.

According to the MBTA’s Forging Ahead website, some of the main “proposals” impacting our community include:

- Subway: 20% Frequency Reductions Across All Lines; Service Stops after Midnight.
- Bus: 5% Frequency Reduction on Essential Routes & 20% Reduction on Non-Essential Routes; Service Stops after Midnight.
- Commuter Rail: Service Stops after 9 PM; Weekend Service Ends (as early as Jan. 2021); Decreased Peak and Midday Service.
- Ferry: All Ferry Service Will End; Charlestown Ferry Diverted to

the Rt.93 Bus.

•The Ride: Some trips may become premium and be able to be booked 40 minutes in advance, instead of the current 30 minutes.

Without question, components of the MBTA’s plan, such as stopping bus service at midnight, will disproportionately impact essential employees who don’t work regular hours and need to travel late at night. It especially hurts my Chelsea and Everett constituents who already don’t even have access to subway or commuter rail, and solely rely on the bus to connect them with their jobs and their community. Every part of my district will be impacted by these cuts, and we should all be concerned that these “temporary” changes could become permanent, impacting our transportation system for years or even decades to come.

Our region cannot recover from this pandemic and get moving again until, and unless, we redouble our efforts to build a transportation system that facilitates the movement of people, not just cars. Reducing public transit will severely limit access to these services for communities and residents that need it most, further exacerbating in-

equities that the pandemic has already brought to light. If we want to heal from this, we must invest more in our transit system, not take services away. We all recognize these are difficult fiscal times, particularly for the underfunded MBTA, but these unprecedented times underscore the need for further investment in our economic drivers, not less.

As for next steps and what we can do about this, please know I am already in talks with my Senate colleagues and leadership in the Legislature regarding action we can take in response to these cuts. I have also addressed my concerns and opposition to the “Forging Ahead Initiative” directly with the MBTA’s leadership team. Additionally, the MBTA has hosted several regional meetings regarding these proposals, where I have testified against these cuts.

While the public meetings for our district have already passed, you can still submit your feedback to the MBTA by emailing them at publicengagement@mbta.com. I encourage every-

one to do so; stopping these cuts will be a collective effort, one that requires advocacy from legislators like myself, but also grassroots opposition. The deadline for feedback is coming up soon on December 4th, so please do not delay in contacting the MBTA if you wish to register your concerns.

I have already heard from so many of my constituents on this, and many have indicated they will be contacting the MBTA as well. I am truly grateful for everyone’s advocacy on this issue. It is my sincere hope that, working together, we can stop these cuts from taking place and protect public transportation for generations to come.

*Sal N. DiDomenico is an Massachusetts State Senator legislator who has served in the Massachusetts Senate since May 2010 and as Assistant Majority Leader since 2018. He is a Democrat representing the Middlesex and Suffolk district, which includes his hometown of Everett as well as Chelsea, Allston, Brighton, Charlestown, and parts of Cambridge and Boston.*

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# LETTERS to the Editor

## GINA CASSETTA ON LEAVING THE WAHC

**Dear Editor:**

As a longtime Point Shirley resident, I began to notice a significant change in impacts over the recent years and I felt that Winthrop, specifically Point Shirley, needed a strong advocate as airport effects were significantly worsening, which is why I sought out the Winthrop Airport Hazards Committee (WAHC). I started attending monthly meeting for awhile and decided that I needed to join and contribute. During my early months on the WAHC, I made it my mission to educate myself on every issue imaginable from legal limits on noise levels, aircraft altitudes to AV-GAS (lead based fuel used in Prop planes) to learning how wind direction affected runway use, preferred runway configurations to learning what runways impacted not only Winthrop but surrounding communities. I made initial connections from Jerry Falbo, who is the Massport Community Advisory Committee (MCAC) representative for Winthrop. I quickly established deeper relationships through conversations, meetings and presentations that I was able to make to state legislators, MCAC committee and subcommittee members, the Winthrop Town Council, the Winthrop Board of Health, Massport's CEO, Massport's community liaison, Massport's Noise abatement department as well as Federal legislators including Congresswoman Katherine Clark's office. I continued to research and to learn by reading thousands of pages of environmental reports such as Massport's ESPR and EDR along with multiple other subjects such as noise levels and facts to be able to present such data-driven presentations that made for undeniable claims which ultimately led to a historical victory. This was the most recent language in the Federal appropriations bill deeming any home that had been soundproofed prior to 1993 to be considered "unmitigated". That language already accepted by the FAA, and passed in the U.S. House, is awaiting passage in the Senate, will lead to new windows for many homes in Winthrop, East Boston, Revere, and others who fall in the required 65DNL noise contour. For that I am so grateful to all!

Through further extensive data research, I found that Point Shirley was experiencing noise levels that were becoming debilitating to many residents on many levels such as air quality and noise pollution, especially for the many residents who did not participate in Massport's Residential Sound Insulation Program (RSIP). I dove in head first with further research and data collection that amounted to numerous hours every week. It became the equivalent of a full time job and was an exhausting labor of love, but I never gave up. Some of my most recent research and work are as follows: approximately

168 homes, specific to the Point Shirley neighborhood, have not received windows, doors and/or a quiet room of their choice along with air conditioning. Many elderly and lower income homeowners simply opted to not participate because they needed to pay out of pocket in order to bring the home or room up to a certain requirement before soundproofing could be done. That is not OK! No homeowner should have to pay any out of pocket expenses in order to participate in the RSIP. Due to the current era of Covid-19, while so many are working from home and children required to learn remotely, I decided that I needed to try to get Massport to put forth a new program immediately to mitigate the noise levels (73.9 DNL) these residents are having to endure. That list of homes was submitted to the Noise Abatement Department at Massport months ago. Adults and children who would normally leave their home to go to work and school, and were able to get away from the constant roaring of Jets over their homes, but this was no longer a daily option for many. I fear what will happen if the DNL rises to 75DNL that Point Shirley may become uninhabitable due to current laws on noise level compatibility of residential dwelling.

This summer, Dr. John Durant of Tufts University, reached out to me for the Air Quality study, being funded by the FAA, where he was looking for homes in Winthrop and Revere to participate in the study and host the air monitors at homes under flight paths. I was the direct source in establishing a home in Winthrop and Revere. I am hopeful and looking forward to any positive outcomes that residents may benefit from after the study concludes next year. Information about this study was a topic discussed months ago at a WAHC meeting and information about the study was submitted for public viewing on the Town's website.

Last summer I advocated for Winthrop to be included in a noise study conducted by Dr. Erica Walker of BU. The study was named BU PLANES, and it too is in its preliminary stages of reports. Seven residents from all areas of Winthrop, were able to voluntarily participate by hosting a noise monitor for seven days at their home. Some monitors were placed inside and outside homes under the flight path to determine how the effects of such noise affects sleep interruptions as well as any health impacts that could be links to such high levels of aircraft noise. An info-gram and preliminary data was shared at the WAHC meeting. Also, residents may visit the Town of Winthrop website, under Winthrop Airport Hazards Committee, to view the information.

I feel that under my leadership and initiatives, while having such a great group of members, we were able to keep motivated and elevated our meetings to become ex-

tremely informative to residents and also to become interactive with members and attendees. After all, the community engagement was important and it was equally important to allow them to be informed, participate and ask questions. Residents should seriously consider virtually attending

MCAC meetings (Massport Community Advisory Committee, that was created in 2014 by the Massachusetts Legislature in the amended 1956 Enabling Act that established Massport, to represent the interests of the communities impacted by Massport's operations) as that platform is incredibly important for your voice to be heard and make public comments. Information related to dates of those meeting can be found on their website at [www.massportcac.org](http://www.massportcac.org) During my time on the WAHC, I have been able to challenge many things via public comment and have mastered the art of interpreting reports on Block studies that affect flight paths as well as become knowledgeable enough to quickly spot numerous errors within the recently released Fly Quiet report and objections need to be made with regards to that report as discussed at the November 18th WAHC meeting.

Again, I am thankful to have served my community for the past few years and being the first woman to chair the Winthrop Airport Hazards Committee. It was truly a honor to work alongside with other members who were also volunteering their time. Of course, some were able to give more time than others but we all gave what we could and it was greatly appreciated! I would like to also put any misconceptions to rest as to why I resigned from the WAHC. I did not resign from the Winthrop Airport Hazards Committee due to having relocated to Salem, MA, as many are insinuating. That is simply not true.

In fact, my passion to make a difference only grew. I had absolutely no political career to advance, nor was I looking to elevate my professional career. Despite no longer being a current resident in Winthrop for the last year and a half, I never took my foot off the gas pedal even though I knew that I would not benefit personally from any of my hard work or accomplishments I was setting out to achieve for Winthrop residents. I had no side agenda except that I cared deeply for a community that I grew to love and that alone was worth it to me. Winthrop became the only home I knew after relocating in 1990 from Chicago. I am extremely humbled and thankful for the outpouring of emails and calls from many Winthrop residents and notably, Town Councilors Honan, Ruggiero and Ferrino for expressing their gratitude and appreciation for my efforts and hard work on this Committee.

Lastly, it has come to my attention that members of the community may wonder why so

many members all resigned on the same day. That's not quite true. I did not resign on November 18, 2020 as stated in a previous article in the Winthrop Transcript. My resignation was sent to the Town officials and to all Committee members on November 7. Others who resigned were all on different dates after that but all prior to November 18 and those resignations were shared with my Vice Chair as well as the Town Officials as they happened. Those members were offered to give a brief statement to the members of the community who were in attendance at that meeting and allowed a moment to accept gratitude by the Committee. The only member who formally resigned on November 18 was Valentino Capobianco. While he did mention to me that he was considering resigning, he did not include me, as the Chairwoman, like others did, in his official resignation to the Town ahead of the meeting. He selected to officially announce it during the November 18 monthly meeting, and I, along with other members of the Committee thanked him and wished him well in his future endeavors. After reading a brief interview he made in last week's Winthrop Transcript, I disagree with his opinion of the Committee having great coordination with the Council.

I will give my final thoughts. The purpose of the WAHC was to provide the Town Council and Manager with facts and data to advantageously position the Town when it comes to negotiating any future PILOT programs going to the Town or any Mitigation packages from Massport. The most recent Terminal E mitigation package went to the Winthrop Foundation (who recently granted \$100K to fund a dog park to be placed on Veterans Road. The Town contributed \$25K in addition.) As stated in a Winthrop Transcript article titled "Dog Park Supporters Push On" dated April 13, 2018 regarding a meeting with Dog park proponents and Town Council DPW subcommittee and DPW head Steve Calla, a location was being discussed for the dog park.

A quote by J. Hillman stating in part, "Coughlin Park was ruled out because of flight path of the airplanes". When I read that I could not help but think, oh the irony that it may be too loud or poor air quality not suitable for a dog park but perfectly fine for a children's playground is quite disturbing to say the least. Although the \$2.5 million Terminal E expansion mitigation fund was granted as a result of anticipated additional air traffic and impacts on residents, the funds were not designated by the Winthrop Foundation for any relief for the residents of Point Shirley who live under the flight path. The Committee expected something for those suffering under the flight path, like maybe air filters to be donated. Yet, the members of the Winthrop Foundation funded

a \$100,000 dog park.

It is clear that while the WAHC is simply an advisory committee to the Town Manager and Town Council, what good is all of the effort, hard work, dedication and countless hours spent on research and data if no one wants or takes any advice, let alone utilize it with the goal of an improved quality of life for Winthrop residents?

**Gina E. Cassetta**

## FATTA ON LEAVING THE WAHC

**Dear Editor:**

As of November 11, 2020, I submitted my resignation as a member of the Winthrop Airport Hazards Committee (WAHC). I joined this committee over a year ago after taking notice of the dedication and passion of Gina Cassetta, our former Chairperson, who resigned earlier in November. There is no connection between our resignations and that of Linda Cargill and Tino Capobianco. At the last WAHC meeting on November 18, I made a verbal statement about my departure as a courtesy, which is when most of the committee members were made aware of my resignation.

Even before Gina joined the WAHC a couple of years ago, I had the pleasure of witnessing her passion for protecting our Point Shirley neighborhood from the chronic negative impact of Logan Airport's activity. Perhaps Gina will share her story in her own statement, but – like many of us who live on the Point – we continue to endure ever-increasing over flights, creating a quality of life that is often times untenable. I can't tell you how many times over the last 25 years I drove to a different neighborhood to have a phone meeting because of planes taking off every 60-90 seconds. I'd like to add my home is well insulated and even with my newer windows shut tight, this unrelenting activity results in a chronic stress only fellow neighbors would understand. By joining the Committee, I put a stop to "doing nothing" and made a commitment to be part of a solution.

Joining the WAHC was an experience in education. Through the leadership of Gina especially, my eyes opened to the history of Winthrop's long relationship with Massport and how utterly ineffective we've been in positioning ourselves for receiving sufficient mitigation / PILOT funding over the years. Although the WAHC is "just" an advisory committee, I sadly saw first-hand the inattentiveness and uninterested nature of many town officials in their non-support of our measured progress.

The substantive inroads WAHC members made on certain initiatives (ie. a new soundproofing program} was/is perplexingly and in. My opinion undervalued and uncaptialized by those who govern this town. The sheer frustration of our Chairperson to be heard or acknowl-

edged for the tremendous value we infused into the Committee on behalf of all residents evolved into an awareness that the Committee is allegedly ultimately hamstrung by town government at the expense of the health of those that live here.

I would like thank all the other committee members past and present. It was a pleasure to work with all of you. I had no experience on any town committee prior to this and despite its disappointments, I gained valuable insights. I will continue to be active in supporting our residents in the fight for cleaner air, quieter days and a healthier and happier life.

**Josephine Fatta**

## CONGRATS!

**Dear Editor:**

I just want to congratulate the two Republican letter writers in the Nov. 19 issue of the Transcript! They proved that Joe Biden is the smartest man in America and will make a wonderful president!

Just imagine that he coordinated a massive voter fraud in six states! That would take a real genius!

**Steve Moran**

## MAIL-IN-VOTING

**Dear Editor:**

As predicted on these pages the massive mail in voting effort contributed to significant problems for our electoral process and our country. We still do not have a certified victor. What we have are multiple court challenges due to claims of egregious voting "irregularities." Added to this confusion is the fact that President Trump received 74 million votes. That is more votes anyone else in history, except perhaps Joe Biden. (80 million!??) Even former President Barack Obama could only muster 69 million votes??

Of course Biden did pioneer an effective campaigning method. Biden's strategy was to rally with dozen of supporters, hide inside his basement, claim novel methods to commit vote fraud, stumble over which office he was campaigning for, side-step questions about his role in Ukrainian energy deals, refuse to answer questions about relationships with communist China as learned from his son's laptop, shaming minorities (if you ain't voting for me, then you ain't black) etc.

So where this is this heading? Free and fair elections are the foundation of a democracy. Yet a large percentage of the population do not believe this election was free and fair.\* All citizens regardless of political affiliation must encourage our legal system to address the charges of voting irregularities in the present election, campaign our elected officials to correct our current voting shortcomings and eliminate mail in voting entirely.

**Respectfully,  
Paul Caruccio**

\*[www.electionupdates.caltech.edu](http://www.electionupdates.caltech.edu) - 39% of voters lacked confidence in election results



# Entertainer Jimmy Celona sings with his supper at the VFW Joseph L Mottola Post #4524

As we all know by now Covid-19 has taken a toll on all of us, it has forced a lot of us to take up new careers, get pets, or start new hobbies. Local entertainer Jimmy Celona was out most nights entertaining crowds with dinner shows and local entertainment venues, well we all know how the night club and large venues events has gone. This caused Celona to look back into his past, as a chef and offer his talents in cooking, along with his daughter, Meghan, who is an RHS graduate and also has a degree as a chef and is a licensed IV Nurse at the Beth Israel Hospital in Boston. Jimmy Celona was born in East Boston, and now resides in Revere with his wife Loreena and family.

Celona has been in the entertainment business for over 40 years, starting on Revere Beach and covering Las Vegas, Reno, and everything in between. He is now covering all local areas, Revere, East Boston, Topsfield, and all surrounding communities. His tribute shows feature all the greats, Sinatra, Engelbert Humperdink, Tom Jones, Roy Oberon and many more, all this being on hold caused Jimmy and Meghan to offer their services to Celona's other life. The other life is a US Army Veteran, who served in Germany and is a life member of the Revere VFW Mottola Post. Celona's service to his country, continues as service to help his comrades in arms. Jimmy and

Meghan's services are helping the post stay open for the members, why? Because of the state mandate that venues without full service of food can not be open. So here we are, two chefs who want to work and help veterans and a need to stay open for the post to survive for it's members, a perfect match. There is now a full menu of food offered to all that want to stop by. The Joseph L. Mottola Post/aka Casa Lucia at 61 Lucia Ave in Revere has opened its doors to all. Starting on Friday's at 3pm til 9pm, Saturdays from 11am - 5pm and Sundays from 1pm -6pm, and premade meals are offered during the week. It is a complete menu, featuring pork chops, tripe, seafood specials,

and a very popular sandwich called "the MEG", which is a chicken cutlet with mozzarella cheese red peppers on fresh Italian bread. Italian Wedding soup is freshly prepared and served piping hot. The menu includes the staples too, burgers, hot dogs, fries and other comfort foods for everyone's taste. The next step in the near future for Celona, is that his tribute shows will be at the Casa Lucia, featuring all your favorite hits from entertainers from the past, Neil Diamond and Elvis to name a few. These shows will be limited for social distancing purposes and your safety and will include a delicious buffett and dancing music by local DJ Mike DeloRusso. Check local listings in the coming months for a schedule as allowed or call Meg, 781-241-3301 for more information for shows and meals. Jimmy Celona and his daughter Meghan have taken the Corna Virus by the horns and turned it around for the good of our veterans, stepping up to make a difference with food and song. It's this kind of determination and American get up and go that makes a difference in all of our lives. Stop by 61 Lucia Avenue (member entrance , left of main doors) for a great lunch or supper, and who knows you might get a song or two for dessert.



Jimmy Celona is happily at work at the VFW Mottola Post. Preparing tripe and other delicious lunches for the hungry lunch crowd last Saturday afternoon. Celona is a life member of the post and a US Army veteran.



Coming Soon — hopefully, Celona is all set to bring you the best in tribute dinner shows, featuring the best in the business, brought to the stage by one of the greats in the music industry-Jimmy Celona. For information and possible show dates call Meghan 781-241-3301.



Chef Meghan Celona with her dad, entertainer and chef Jimmy are waiting to serve you the best in Italian style foods and other tasty treats at their new home at 61 Lucia Avenue, the member side (now open to the public) aka Casa Lucia. Service with matching smiles has no extra charge.

## MBTA Transit Police to offer facemasks to riders in effort to stop the spread

Staff report

nounced that Transit Police officers will be offering facemasks to transit

riders in need of a face covering. This effort is part of the T's Ride Saf-

er campaign to educate riders and shift behavior to the new way of riding

on the T during the pandemic.

5 years of age to wear a face covering in public, including public transit, regardless of their distance from others.

Boston-based New Balance recently provided the MBTA with 100,000 of the athletic brand's general-use facemasks for riders.

The revised Executive Order authorizes Transit Police to enforce the order onboard MBTA vehicles and within the system by issuing a civil fine up to \$300 per violation.

"Transit Police are happy to have the resources available to assist passengers in need of a face covering," said MBTA Transit Police Chief Kenneth Green. "As our region enters a second phase of the pandemic, it is more important now to be properly wearing a face covering when you are outside the confines of your home, and especially while you are traveling on public transit."

Ride Safer consists of three components: providing face masks to riders in need at key stations during peak travel times; signage and messaging to promote the importance of keeping a safe distance and wearing face coverings while on the T; and the Ride Safer webpage at [mbta.com/RideSafer](https://www.mbta.com/RideSafer) that provides travel tips and a behind-the-scenes look at the MBTA's expanded efforts to clean and disinfect stations and vehicles.

"Wearing a face covering is one of the most effective ways to combat the virus, and we appreciate the help of Transit Police in offering face masks to our riders," said MBTA General Manager Steve Poftak. "I'd like to again thank New Balance for their contribution and promoting public health on transit. Ride Safer is a shared responsibility between the MBTA and our riding public, and we ask that riders do their part by wearing face coverings while within the MBTA system and distancing while on public transit."

Joining Transit Police in offering face masks to riders are Transit Ambassadors and MBTA Customer Service Agents. Facemasks are now available from 6:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. and 4 to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday at Charles/MGH, Downtown Crossing, Forest Hills, Hynes Convention Center, Maverick, Orient Heights, Park Street, and Quincy Center stations.

On Nov. 2, the Baker-Polito Administration strengthened its Executive Order requiring people to wear face coverings in public places to require anyone older than

For more information, visit [mbta.com/RideSafer](https://www.mbta.com/RideSafer) or connect with the T on Twitter [@MBTA](https://twitter.com/MBTA), Facebook [/TheMBTA](https://www.facebook.com/TheMBTA), or Instagram [@theMBTA](https://www.instagram.com/theMBTA).

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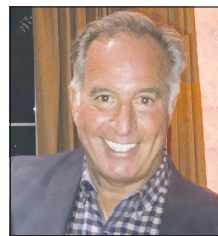
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## WHS SPORTS THROUGH THE YEARS

### 10 years ago December 2, 2010

For the first time since 2001, the Winthrop Vikings’ football season ended with a loss on the field after the Revere Patriots rallied in overtime to beat Winthrop, 28-22 in Revere on Thanksgiving Day. The ending overshadowed a stellar fourth quarter effort by the Vikings that saw them score twice to tie the game at 22-22 and force the overtime period. Winthrop opened the scoring at the beginning of the second quarter, when senior receiver James (JP) Doherty caught a 41-yard touchdown pass from junior quarterback James Barker. Senior tailback Nick McCarthy converted the two-point attempt and Winthrop had an 8-0 lead. That was the high point of the Vikings’ first half, as Revere senior running back Trae Weathers took over from there, scoring two touchdowns and a two-point conversion to give Revere a 14-8 halftime lead. After struggling some more through most of the third quarter as well, Winthrop fell behind 22-8 on the third touchdown run by Weathers. That’s when Winthrop’s leaders stepped up and took control of the game. Trailing 22-8 in the fourth quarter, McCarthy was the workhorse, moving the ball down the field and setting up Barker’s one-yard touchdown run to make the score 22-14. A failed two-point conversion left the score at 22-14 and then McCarthy stepped up big again. Kicking off after the touchdown, McCarthy successfully executed an on-side kick, which he also recovered, giving Winthrop the ball and a chance to tie the game. A few plays later, McCarthy scored on a five-yard touchdown run and then added the two-point conversion to make it 22-22 and force the overtime. McCarthy finished the game with 162 yards on 25 carries, one touchdown, and a pair of two-point conversions. Doherty added 108 receiving yards, including

the touchdown catch, and Doonan was a force on the defensive line in the fourth quarter, helping Winthrop climb back into the game by keeping Revere from scoring again.

### 20 years ago Nov. 30, 2000

Sophomore Lucas Guarino rushed for 131 yards on six carries and scored two touchdowns and junior Bobby Kneeland ran for 125 yards on 16 carries and also scored two TDs to lead the Winthrop High football team to its 11th straight win over Revere on Thanksgiving Day, 28-14, at Harry Della Russo Stadium. Winthrop overcame an early 14-7 deficit, but launched a long drive in the final two minutes of the first half to tie the score. The Winthrop defense was led by middle linebacker Mike Tear with 13 tackles and nose guard Ian Lochiatto with 11 tackles. James Logan was a perfect 4-fo- 4 on PATs. Coach Tony Fucillo’s squad ended the season at 7-4.

Winthrop’s Danielle Ferrara, head coach of the Curry College women’s soccer team, has been named the Commonwealth Coast Conference Coach of the Year.

### 30 years ago Nov. 28, 1990

A winless WHS football team concluded its season on a triumphant note with a 20-7 victory over Revere on Thanksgiving Day. Winthrop erased a 7-0 Revere lead with a drive late in the first half behind some fine quarterbacking by sophomore Mike Mason, who tossed a 10 yard pass for a TD to Capt. Bobby Nimblett. Winthrop then capitalized on Revere turnovers in the second half with Dave Tallent and Nimblett scoring the touchdowns. Coach Tony Fucillo’s Vikings ended the season at 1-9 and thwarted Revere’s hopes for achieving consecutive victories on the holiday for the first time since the early 1970s.

### 40 years ago Dec. 3, 1980

It was almost a foregone conclusion in Revere on Thanksgiving Day that the 7-1-1 Patriots would beat Winthrop, a 3-6 team and losers of six straight Northeastern Conference games (a first for a Bob DeFelice team) that was on its way to its first losing season since 1974. However, Winthrop continued its recent mastery over Revere for a sixth straight win on the holiday, 20-0. Viking halfback Chuck Sullivan rushed for 128 yards on 23 carries, including a nine-yard TD run. Senior fullback George Sennott scored a TD and gained 100 yards on 14 carries with a TD and 137 pound wingback Chris Ferrara ran for 33 yards on five carries, which included a 22 yard TD jaunt. Ferrara also was immense from his “monster back” position on defense

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## School sports back in session

By Kate Anslinger

As the year comes to a close, winter sports will be gearing up for a new season. Following the school committee’s vote to allow sports to start on December 14<sup>th</sup>, several athletes will be back in motion.

For the 2020-2021 winter season, the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA) approved basketball, hockey, gymnastics, and swimming to start practicing on December 14<sup>th</sup> and participating in games on January 8. Indoor track will be pushed back to the Fall II season, which will run from February to March. The season will look different compared to years’ prior, and athletics will be required to follow guidelines from several different agencies including the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA), the Department of Education, the Depart-

ment of Public Health, the MIAA, the NEC and local guidelines.

No spectators will be authorized at away events. During home events, each athlete will only be allowed two spectators. Coaches, athletes and spectators will be required to wear a mask at all times and the equipment will be sanitized before, during, and after play.

“There is a lot that impacts athletics and to ensure the safety and well-being of our athletes, coaches, and spectators we are working with our school nurses as well as our Director of Public Health & Clinical Services to make sure we have proper safety protocols in place,” said Matt Serino, Director of Athletics at Winthrop High School. “To think it has almost been 10 months

since our last high school athletic event back in February. Our athletes have been working hard since that time, in hopes that this day would come. I am excited for our athletes, families and community to get a little bit of normalcy back in their daily lives. I am thankful for our school committee and administration for allowing them this opportunity. The leaders of our school(s) have a thankless job, but we are extremely grateful to have Athletics back for our student-athletes.”



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# OBITUARIES

## George Costonis

Visionary, philanthropist and a true leader and friend to the Town of Winthrop

George C. Costonis passed away from cardiac arrest on November 24 in a long-term care facility in Jupiter, Florida at the age of 92. George was born in Winthrop where he continued to live , married, raised a family, and impacted the town and his friends through his philanthropy and businesses until much later in life when he moved to Lehigh Acres, Florida.

Upon graduating from Winthrop High School in 1946, George launched his extraordinary career as a person deeply committed to his family’s well being; a business man of extraordinary leadership and influence within the town of Winthrop; a philanthropist who was more than

willing to share his success and stories with others in the spirit of good citizenship and as a sportsman who enjoyed promoting and sponsoring events and causes with and for his business associates, friends and family.

George was predeceased by his parents, Arthur and Sylvia Costonis. He is survived by his children: Elizabeth St.Claire and her husband, Randy, Kevin Costonis, Chris Costonis, Stephanie Costonis and Maria Travis; his grandchildren: Monique St. Claire, Chantal St. Claire, KC Costonis, Jacklyn Costonis and Christina Costonis and beautiful greatgrandchildren. He is also survived by his siblings: Johann Lee, Sylvia Favaloro and her husband, Cosimo, Arthur Costonis and his wife, Ricki, Anthony Costonis and his wife, Dorothy and John Costonis and his wife, Susan. George will always be fondly remembered by his many nieces and nephews. George was predeceased by his sisters, Anne Fuccione and Lillian Costonis.

The family also wants to acknowledge George’s three Florida Angels, Caretakers: Joy Garofalo, AnnaRubio and Judy Gates.

George started his first entrepreneurial venture – selling fruits, vegetables and produce in an open backed produce truck called “George’s Fruit Bowl.” He then moved on to establish Modern Decorators, Inc. a firm engaged in retail,

commercial and industrial painting. The company grew to become one of the largest employers in the Town during the mid-50s to the late 1980’s. During this period George started a general construction company and devoted much of his activity to identify and fund several major real estate development projects in the Town of Winthrop and the surrounding area including apartment buildings, hotels, single community residences and RV Parks, to name but a few.

One of his major accomplishments was the introduction of the very first condominium building to be built in the Town of Winthrop and indeed, in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. As a ‘first mover’ . . . in the early 1950’s . . . when condominium law was first being developed, George’s vision was greeted with skepticism by the Town Fathers and in particular the Zoning Board. George had to make the case that condo living could make a huge difference to the community in terms of increased valuations of real estate property, accompanying new tax revenues within Winthrop as well as the stimulation of additional economic activity within the Town. It is a vision that became a reality --- and today the community of Winthrop has been a prime beneficiary of these efforts,

Even through this whirlwind of activity, George always made time and was quite willing to share his experiences within the community both in formal and informal ways. As a business owner and employer, George both inspired and encouraged several of his former employees to start their own businesses which helped to launch many successful careers.

As a “give back guy,” George mobilized friends, family and concerned citizens of the community to help fund many initiatives to improve the athletic programs in the Town including funding the start of the Winthrop High School Hockey Program as well as the initial construction of the Winthrop Little League Baseball field next to the golf course. As an avid sportsman, George sponsored several informal



fun trips and events including Stanley Cup trips to Montreal to root for the Boston Bruins; annual trips to the NFL Super Bowls complimented by a week of golf in Florida with several members of the Winthrop Golf Club. This tradition remains alive today. Red Sox tickets were always available for distribution. These were fantastic times and events which are fondly remembered by those of us who were lucky enough to participate.

Indeed, George will always be most remembered as a great friend, who spent a lifetime impacting the lives of all the people

who had a chance to get to know him. Everywhere he went, people were drawn to his candid attitude, quick wit, kindness, generosity, and willingness to talk for hours or have an intellectual debate on almost any topic.

Indeed, the Town of Winthrop lost a true leader and friend. We will all miss his presence in our daily lives.

Given the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, a private memorial service will be held by the family with a celebration of George’s life deferred for a future date in New England this summer.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in George’s name to Winthrop Charities, 28 Thornton Street, Winthrop, MA 02152 where the donations will be used by the Sylvia Costonis Charitable Trust to support local organizations and philanthropic events in the Town.

## Thomas Lally

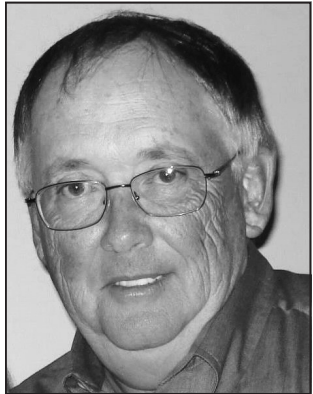
Member of Winthrop Golf Club, Winthrop Elks and Winthrop Yacht Club

Thomas R. Lally, 73, of Winthrop and Delray Beach, FL, passed away on November 24.

Thomas was a U. S. Air Force Veteran serving from 1964 to 1968. Prior to his retirement, he was the Director of Information Systems for the UniFirst Corporation. Thomas was a member of the Winthrop Golf Club, Life Member of the Winthrop Lodge of Elks #1078 and the Winthrop Yacht Club.

Thomas was the beloved husband of Alice A. (Daly) Lally. Born in Woburn, he was the cherished son of the late Patrick J. and Jean (Sullivan) Lally, the devoted father of Christopher T. Lally of Winthrop and Patrick J. Lally of Athens, GA. He was the dear brother of Patricia Beane and her husband, Ron of Woburn, William Lally and his wife, Jeanne of Woburn, Joyce Gray and her

Husband, Kevin of Woburn, Joseph Lally and his wife, Maureen of Nashua, NH, John Lally and his wife, Joan of



Woburn, Susan Ginivan and her husband, Paul of Woburn and the late Michael Lally of Woburn. Thomas is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Funeral arrangements were by the Maurice W. Kirby Funeral Home, 210 Winthrop St. Winthrop. A Funeral Mass was celebrated on Monday, November 30, in St. John the Evangelist Church-Winthrop. Interment was in Winthrop Cemetery (Belle Isle Section). Donations in his memory can be made to the Dana

Farber Cancer Institute/Jimmy Fund, 450 Brookline Ave., Boston, MA. 02215. To sign his guestbook, please visit our website at [www.mauricekirbyfh.com](http://www.mauricekirbyfh.com)

## Dorothy Duyon

Devout Catholic and longtime worshiper at St. John the Evangelist Church

Dorothy (Sullivan) Duyon, 92, passed away on November 30 at the North End

Rehabilitation & Healthcare Center in Boston. Dorothy was born in Chelsea and was a graduate of St. Rose High School. Before her retirement, Dorothy worked for many years at the Telephone Workers’ Cooperative Bank in Boston. After retirement she enjoyed travelling and spending time with her family.

Dorothy was a devout Catholic and a longtime worshiper at St. John the Evangelist Church in Winthrop. She lived in Winthrop for most of her married life and loved the beach and her wonderful friends and neighbors here.

She was predeceased in 2016 by the love of her life, George, after 65 years of marriage as well as her siblings: Daniel Sullivan, Timothy Sullivan, Mary Toomey, and Helen Hawthorne.

Dorothy was the devoted mother of Kevin Duyon and his wife, Paula of Londonderry, NH, Mary Bitetti and her late husband, Sam of East Falmouth and



Jack Duyon and his wife, Lisa of Winthrop; adored grandmother of Rory, Hayley and Mackenzie Duyon, Sara, Sam and Susan Bitetti and Ryan and Timothy Duyon and the loving great-grandmother of Will, Brooke, Kevin, Madelyn, George, and Sophie.

At the request of the family, Dorothy’s funeral services will be private. Funeral arrangements are by the Maurice W. Kirby Funeral Home, 210 Winthrop St. Winthrop. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to St. John the Evangelist Church, 320 Winthrop St., Winthrop, MA 02152 or the Winthrop Council on Aging, Winthrop Town Hall, 1 Metcalf Square, Winthrop, MA 02152. To sign her guestbook, please visit our website at [www.mauricekirbyfh.com](http://www.mauricekirbyfh.com)

## Joseph McCarthy

US Airways retiree

Joseph M. McCarthy of Winthrop passed away at home on November 28. He was 85 years old.

Born in Tralee, County Kerry, Ireland, the beloved son of the late Ellen McCarthy, after completing school, he worked for years at a pub in Listowel before making the trip to America. He first settled in Philadelphia where he began working for US Airways (then Allegheny Airlines), and eventually made his way to Winthrop. At U.S. Airways, he made innumerable, lifelong friends and retired after a distinguished career.

He was devoted not just to his own family, but to his friends and their families, many of whom knew him affectionately as “Uncle Joe.” He also had unwavering loves for Ireland, travel, and photography. From Spain, to Japan, to the shores and towns of his beloved Ireland, he trekked around the world and skillfully catalogued his travels in photograph.

He was the devoted brother of the late Maureen McDonagh (McCarthy) and her former husband, Michael James McDonagh; loving uncle



and godfather of Martine McDonagh, Michael Joseph McDonagh and Myles McDonagh; dear friend to many, including his best friend, Paul Whelan.

Family and friends are cordially invited to attend the visitation on Friday, December 4 from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Caggiano-O’Maley-Frazier Funeral Home, 147 Winthrop St., Winthrop followed by a Funeral Mass in St. John the Evangelist Church, 320 Winthrop St., Winthrop at 11:30 a.m. Committal will be private.

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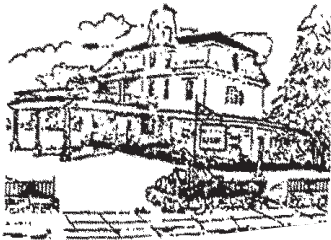
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# OBITUARIES

## Estelle Anne Johnson

She brought great joy to her family friends and everyone she touched

Estelle Anne Johnson, 92, of Winthrop died on December 1.

After graduating from Winthrop High School in 1944, she spent most of her career working as an insurance underwriter at Commercial Union Insurance Company in Boston. She brought great joy to, and will be greatly missed by, her family, friends, and everyone whom she touched.

She was the daughter of the late Estelle Marie (Casey) Copeman and John W. Copeman of East Boston, beloved wife of the late Edward Conant Johnson, beloved sister of the late John W. Copeman, Jr., loving mother of Thomas E. Johnson and his wife, Deborah, Nancy A. DeGregorio and her husband, Mark and Kevin P. Johnson. She is also survived by her three loving grandchildren: Meredith Johnson, Mark DeGregorio

Jr. and Jessica Johnson and her two great grandchildren, Giuliana and Dominic DeGregorio. In addition, Estelle is survived by many nieces and nephews.

A private interment will be held at Winthrop Cemetery Monday, December 7. A Celebration of Life Service at St. John the Evangelist Church, Winthrop will occur in 2021 at a date to be determined.

In lieu of flowers, a donation in Estelle’s name to the organization is preferred to Mass Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (MSPCA) @ www.mspca.org/donate-now/.

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

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

## Connie Fahey

Avid traveler, loved Winthrop Beach and family gatherings

Connie J. Fahey, 70, of Winthrop passed away suddenly at home on November 27.

Born in Chelsea, the cherished daughter of the late George E. and Genevieve G. “Gen” (Guiney) Fahey Sr., Connie was an avid traveler. She enjoyed many cruises and traveling to different destinations across the world. Connie loved the beach and enjoyed her summers at the Winthrop Beach. Most importantly was gathering with family and friends, especially with her nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

Connie was the dear sister of George E. Fahey Jr. and his wife, Helen and Patricia A. Burke and her husband, Joseph, all of Saugus; loving aunt of George Fahey

III and his wife, Aimee, Michael Fahey and his wife, Jen, Colleen and Brian Fahey,

Kathleen Bondi and



her husband, Joseph and Joseph Burke Jr. and his wife, Allison

and great-aunt of Maggie, Robbie, Kyle, Molly, Cameron, Ada, Maisie and Isla.

Funeral Services for Connie will be private. Donations in her memory can be made

to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital 501 St. Jude Place Memphis, TN. 38105

or to the Shriners Hospital for Children 51 Blossom St. Boston, MA. 02114.

## LEGAL NOTICES

### LEGAL NOTICE

#### ADVERTISEMENT

The Winthrop Housing Authority, the Awarding Authority, invites sealed bids for Contractors for the Shingle Roof Replacement at Golden Drive 667-02 Elderly Housing Development for the Winthrop Housing Authority in Winthrop, Massachusetts, in accordance with the documents prepared by Raymond T. Guertin, Architect.

The Project consists of: Shingle roof replacement at 14 separate Type A & B Buildings at the Golden Drive 667-02 Elderly Housing Development including all related work as shown on the Drawings and Project Manual.

Alternate No 1 - Shingle roof replacement at one additional Type A Building (Building 20 - Type A2) at the Golden Drive 667-02 Elderly Housing Development including all related work as shown on the Drawings and Project Manual.

Alternate No 2 - Shingle roof replacement at one additional Type B Building (Building 16-18 - Type B1) at the Golden Drive 667-02 Elderly Housing Development including all related work as shown on the Drawings and Project Manual.

Alternate No 3 - Replacement of all existing aluminum cladding at all fascia and rake boards at all Type A & B Buildings at the Golden Drive 667-02 Elderly Housing Development as shown on the Drawings and Project Manual.

The work is estimated to cost \$510,800.00 (Base Bid: \$376,400.00 - Alternates: \$134,400.00) Bids are subject to M.G.L. c.149 §44A-J & to minimum wage rates as required by M.G.L. c.149 §826 to 27H inclusive.

General bidders must be certified by the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (DCAMM) in the category of ROOFING. General Bids will be

received until 2:00 p.m., Thursday, December 10, 2020 and publicly opened, forthwith. This project is being Electronically Bid (E-Bid). All bids shall be prepared and submitted online at www.Projectdog.com and received no later than the date & time specified above. Hard copy bids will not be accepted by the Awarding Authority. For E-Bid Tutorial and Instructions, click here to download the Supplemental Instructions To Bidders for Electronic Bid Projects from www.Projectdog.com. For assistance, contact Projectdog, Inc. at 978.499.9014

General bids shall be accompanied by a bid deposit that is not less than five (5%) of the greatest possible bid amount (considering all alternates) and made payable to the Winthrop Housing Authority. Bid forms and contract documents will be available or for purchase at www.Projectdog.com Project Code 840696.

Additional sets may be purchased online at www.Projectdog.com. CD-ROMs are available upon request. Bidders requesting Contract Documents to be mailed to them shall include a separate check for \$35.00 per set, payable to Projectdog, Inc., to cover mail handling costs.

General bidders must agree to contract with minority and women business enterprises as certified by the Supplier Diversity Office (SDO), formerly known as SOMWBA. The combined participation goal reserved for such enterprises shall not be less than 13% percent of the final contract price including accepted alternates. Request for waivers must be sent to DHCD (david.mcclave@mass.gov) 5 calendar days prior to the General Bid date. NO WAIVERS WILL BE GRANTED AFTER THE GENERAL BIDS ARE OPENED.

Some scope of the project requires interior access. Full or portions of the project may be impacted by the pandemic. The Notice to Proceed for this project may be issued as much as 90 days from the date DHCD approves the construction contract. PRE-BID CONFERENCE / SITE VISIT:

Date and Time: Wednesday, December 2, 2020 at 10 AM Address: 9 Golden Drive, Winthrop, MA 02152 Instructions:

Site briefing to follow Center for Disease Control and Prevention & State COVID-19 guidelines & recommendations for social distancing. All attendees must wear a mask. SITE VISIT BY APPOINTMENT: For an appointment call Peg Tiernan Lyons, Executive Director at 617-846-7100.

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### LEGAL NOTICE

#### PUBLIC HEARINGS

The Transportation Safety Advisory Committee will be holding two public hearings to gather public input on the Point Shirley resident parking pilot that took place over the summer. All Winthrop residents are encouraged to attend and provide input on the merits or issues with the pilot. These hearings will be held via Zoom on Wednesday, December 9, 2020 at 7:00 PM, and on Wednesday, December 16, 2020 at 8:00 AM. Information on connecting to the Zoom webinars will be posted on the official bulletin board at Town Hall, and on the town website at www.town.winthrop.ma.us

Anyone who is unable to attend but would like to submit input may do so by email to tsac@town.winthrop.ma.us or by mail to Town Hall, Attn: TSAC, 1 Metcalf Sq, Winthrop, MA 02152.

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which helped him earn the 28th annual Irving P. Alexander Memorial Trophy from the Rotary Club. Ferrara followed in the footsteps of his dad, Frank “Buster” Ferrara, who won the coveted trophy in 1957.

### 50 years ago

#### Dec. 2, 1970

Revere edged Winthrop, 28-26, on Thanksgiving Day in a thrilling contest that went down to the wire. The game set a record for total points scored by the two teams in their rivalry. Revere took a 21-0 lead at the half and appeared to be in full control with a TD early in the third frame for a 28-0 advantage. However, the Vikings stormed back, scoring on a 59-yard pass play from quarterback Pat DeGregorio to Kevin Dowd, though a successful two point run was nullified by a penalty, a flag that would come back to haunt the Vikings. A 33-yard pass from DeGregorio to sophomore Mike DeMarco, who made a sensational grab, cut the lead to 28-12. A bad snap from center on a Revere punt attempt with five minutes to play gave Winthrop the ball at the Revere 14 and three plays later DeMarco scored from the six, and with the successful two point conversion, the score was 28-20. Winthrop’s on-side kick, which all 3000 people at the field knew was coming, was successful, with Mike Eruzi-

one pouncing on the ball at the Revere 49. On a fourth and 10, DeGregorio hit Dowd with a pass to the Revere four and Mark DeGregorio ran it in from there to make it 28-26 with 2:40 to play. However, the two-point conversion was stopped by Revere, which then ran out the clock when the ensuing onside kick by Winthrop was unsuccessful. Although Winthrop finished the year at 1-8, first-year head coach Bob DeFelice was ecstatic with his team’s effort. Dowd was the recipient of the Irving P. Alexander Trophy from the Rotary Club at its luncheon meeting on the Monday after the game.

### 60 years ago

#### Dec. 1, 1960

Winthrop concluded a 3-6 season on a losing note with a 14-6 loss to Danvers on Thanksgiving Day. George Ciampa set up the Winthrop score with a 64-yard kickoff return to the Danvers 24. Doug Milne tossed a 13-yard pass to Billy Adamson for the TD, tying the score at that time. However, Danvers scores the winning TD just before the end of the half thanks to a Winthrop fumble at its own 24. Adamson was awarded the Irving P. Alexander Trophy from the Rotary Club and Carlton Gray Jr. and Edward J. Ziegler were elected co-captains for next year’s edition of Coach Ed MacFarland’s team.

### 70 years ago

#### Nov. 30, 1950

Winthrop lost the holiday finale to Danvers, 12-6, on Thanksgiving, to finish at 1-8 on the season. Sophomore halfback Joe Duplin sparked the lone Winthrop touchdown and ran for 70 yards on 11 carries to receive the Winthrop Transcript Trophy for the outstanding Winthrop player of the game. The Winthrop TD came via a three-yard pass from Tommy Trainor to senior Billy Castro. Looking ahead to next year, head coach Ed MacFarland will have a talented group returning, led by fullback Steve Miles, Billy Lockyer, Phil Derring, Warren Baker, Warren White, Fran Lanza, Arnold Noyes, Trainer, and Duplin. Departing seniors from this year’s squad are co-captains Alan Abrams and Lou Racca, Mike Finamore, Paul Connor, Angelo Ruggiero, Carmen Merlino, Jerry Vickeron, Joe Ciampa, and Billy Castro.

### 80 years ago

#### Nov. 28, 1940

Revere High football captain John “Bunny” Morelli, gliding over an ice-coated gridiron at Miller Field in Sonja Henie-fashion thanks to eight inches of snow that fell earlier in the week, scored the lone touchdown on a bitterly-cold Thanksgiving morning to furnish the RHS 11 with a tasty 6-0 victory over Winthrop before the usual Turkey Day banner crowd of 4000 fans. All agreed that the teams played in the most-hazardous field conditions of their 23-game rivalry.

The winless Winthrop squad was trying for its first victory of the season against Revere, which itself had only two wins coming into the game. It seems that it was not long ago that great things had been predicted for this year’s Winthrop team, but the tip-off for what was to follow came on Labor Day when a stunned gathering at In-

gleside Park saw brothers Dick and Phil Chardon lay prone after one of the weirdest baseball accidents of all time when the duo collided while chasing a fly ball. Though both boys recovered miraculously, captain-elect Dick Chardon still wears a specially padded helmet. After that, chunky 150-pound halfback Kenny Oliver, from whom much was expected this season, bowed out with a fractured ankle.

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# WINTHROP Then and Now

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## ARTICLE 947 - ONE OF THE COURT PARK INTERSECTIONS



In the 1637 Grand Al-  
lotment of Pullen Point  
(Winthrop), our peninsu-  
la was divided into seven-  
teen parcels of land that  
were granted as home-  
steads to fifteen promi-  
nent men of Boston with  
the provision that within  
two years each parcel  
was to have some sort  
of livable quarters estab-  
lished on it. A portion of  
the area, now known as  
Court Park, was a part of  
the parcel granted origi-  
nally to Valentyne Hill.  
Later Joseph Bill ac-  
quired this parcel of land  
and built a home in the  
mid 1600's along what  
is now Johnson Avenue  
somewhere between Sar-  
gent Street and Bellevue  
Avenue. This house later  
became the home of Jo-  
seph Tewksbury and was  
razed about 1840. The  
entire Court Park area

became the estates of  
Judge Loring and George  
Emerson in 1847. In the  
1890's the Loring's and  
Emerson's were gone  
and the area, for a brief  
period, became first a  
horseback riding trail  
and then a nine hole golf  
course. Pictures of La-  
dies riding side saddle  
among the trees and men  
playing golf in the open  
areas exist and will be  
the subject of a future  
article. The two homes  
featured in today's arti-  
cle were both built about  
1900 and among the first  
16 homes to appear in  
the general Court Park  
area. Picture one depicts  
the 185 Circuit Road  
current home of Richard  
and Marie Lawton as it  
appeared about 110 years  
ago shortly after it was  
built for Ervine Strout.  
Picture two shows the

house currently. Notice  
the half moon arches in  
the porch foundation in  
both pictures. Today  
there is also a roof over  
the entire porch. Picture  
three depicts the 103 Sar-  
gent Street current home  
of Frank and Rosemarie  
DeMarco also about 100  
years ago shortly after  
it was built for John R.  
Neal. While in picture  
four, the rooftop wid-  
ows walk is gone but  
the many small dormer  
windows remain. The  
left hand portion of the  
porch has been enclosed  
while the several sets of  
dual posts supporting the  
porch roof still exist. In  
both cases, great care  
was taken to preserve the  
early general architectur-  
al appearance and charm  
of these two homes as  
renovations were made.



### 10 years ago December 2, 2010

The Winthrop Town Council has named the five finalists for the po-  
sition of clerk to the  
council. Carolann Buch-  
man, Leighanne Strang-  
ie, Joanna Darcy, Bettie  
Dalton, and Georgeanne  
DaCosta will be inter-  
viewed by the council-  
ors at a special meet-  
ing. Eleven candidates  
applied for the position  
that previously was held  
by Town Clerk Carla  
Vitale. The clerk to the  
town council position is  
a separate role from Vi-  
tale's responsibilities as  
town clerk. The part-time  
position has a stipend of  
\$5,200 per year.

Winthrop Town Man-  
ager James McKenna  
was one of a number of  
local leaders from across  
the state who met with  
Secretary Mary Beth  
Heffernan of the Ex-  
ecutive Office of Pub-  
lic Safety at the State  
House to discuss ways  
to snuff out the violence  
and drug trafficking that  
causes it.

The King's Speech,  
Black Swan, and Tangled  
are playing at the Revere  
Showcase Cinemas.

### 20 years ago Nov. 30, 2000

Winthrop schools' MCAS scores improved  
slightly, according to  
Interim School Supt.  
Thomas Giancristiano.  
Winthrop ranked 142 out  
of 175 school districts  
statewide.

The new elevator at  
Town Hall for individ-  
uals with disabilities,  
which was just complet-  
ed at a cost of \$750,000,  
was dedicated in the  
memory of the late Rich-  
ard "Dick" Kennedy, the  
town's long-time Veter-  
an's Agent.

Rugrats in Paris, How  
the Grinch Stole Christ-  
mas, and 102 Dalmatians  
are playing at the Revere  
Showcase Cinemas.

### 30 years ago Nov. 28, 1990

Angry residents of Al-  
mont St. and other parts  
of the town vented their  
anger at the MWRA of-  
ficials on hand Thursday  
night at a public meeting  
called to inform residents  
of the MWRA's plans for  
a gas pipeline through  
the town to Deer Island.

The Advantage Bank  
has begun its annual Toys  
for Tots program.

The Cottage Park  
Yacht Club recently was  
named "Yacht Club of  
the Year" at the recent  
meeting of the Yacht  
Racing Union of Mas-  
sachusetts. The CPYC  
hosted three major cham-  
pionship regattas this  
year, the Snipes, N-10s,  
and Stars.

The selectmen heard  
plans for construction of  
a new police station on  
the site of the former Post  
Office in Metcalf Sq.  
The new station will be  
built with funds from the  
MWRA mitigation mon-  
ey. The Post Office build-  
ing itself is the site of the  
old Winthrop Town Hall.

Misery, The Rescuers  
Down Under, and Ghost  
are playing at the Revere  
Showcase Cinemas.

### 40 years ago Dec. 3, 1980

The selectmen sent a

# THE MORE Things Change ...

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

letter to all department  
heads Monday apprising  
them of the cuts that will  
have to be made because  
of the passage by the vot-  
ers of Prop. 2 and 1/2.  
Advisory Board Secre-  
tary David Hubbard said  
that all departments will  
be required to make 20  
percent reductions.

A melee at a rock con-  
cert involving 200 youths  
at the Elks Hall resulted  
in five arrests and in-  
juries to two officers.  
Excessive drinking was  
blamed for the near riot.

The North Shore  
Council of B'nai B'rith  
honored local resident  
Sam Corwin upon the oc-  
casion of his 104th birth-  
day last week.

Although the tax rate  
has decreased from  
\$36.60 to \$35.40, many  
local residents received a  
bigger tax bill because of  
the increase in the assess-  
ments of their homes.  
Town Accountant Lester  
Towilson explained that  
the state law requiring  
100 percent valuation  
resulted in the higher as-  
sessments.

Gena Rowlands stars  
in Gloria at the Kincade  
Theatre.

### 50 years ago Dec. 2, 1970

The selectmen have  
taken under advisement  
a request by Gerald Feld-  
man of Prospect Ave. to  
construct a modern bil-  
liard parlor at 48 Revere  
St., the former site of  
Peterson Motors. Seven  
residents spoke in favor  
of the petition, but 13  
were against it. In anoth-  
er matter, there was no  
opposition to a request  
by Alfred Wallace, own-  
er of the Winthrop Arms  
Hotel, for a full liquor  
license, which was the  
result of a recent ballot  
question approved by  
Winthrop voters.

The Mass. Port Au-  
thority will outline  
plans for a new runway  
at Logan Airport to be  
constructed on the East  
Boston/Winthrop side  
of the airport at a public  
meeting December 22.  
Although hundreds of  
Winthrop residents are  
expected to attend the  
meeting, local officials  
are protesting the timing  
of the meeting, which  
is just three days before  
Christmas.

Chamber of Com-  
merce members Pres.  
Anthony Abatessa, Treas-  
urer Irving Ectman, Sec-  
retary Pat McGee, and  
members Byron Wasson,  
Michael Caruccio, Lou-  
is Rossetti, and Murray  
Fogel participated in the  
annual Tree Lighting cer-  
emony in French Square  
Friday. The Chamber  
is conducting a contest  
for the Best Decorated  
Homes in the town and  
will award \$50 gift cer-  
tificates.

Air Force First Lieut.  
Steven E. MacLeod, son  
of Mrs. Doris MacLeod  
of Sunnyside Ave., has re-  
ceived the Bronze Medal  
for meritorious service in  
Thailand where he distin-  
guished himself as a tac-  
tical weapons director for  
the Thai Royal Air Force.

The B'nai B'rith  
Ocean Lodge honored  
two members, Milton  
Solomon and Albert  
Aronofsky, at its Sunday  
morning breakfast.

The Winthrop Em-

blem Club Drill Team  
won second place in the  
National Military Drill  
competition recently in  
Las Vegas.

Barbara Streisand and  
Yves Montand star in On  
A Clear Day You Can  
See Forever at the Win-  
throp Cinema.

### 60 years ago Dec. 1, 1960

With many of the  
town's departments hav-  
ing run out of money  
before the end of the cur-  
rent year, a special town  
meeting has been called  
for December 12 by the  
selectmen to appropriate  
funds through December  
31. Another article on  
the warrant calls for cre-  
ation of a committee to  
study the construction of  
a new central fire station.  
The Beach fire station  
has been closed since the  
summer when it was con-  
demned by Building In-  
spector Wilfred Bennett  
and the present central  
station also has received  
an unfavorable report  
from Bennett.

The Knights of Pyth-  
ias will present its annu-  
al free Kiddie Party at  
the Odd Fellows Hall on  
Pauline St. this Sunday  
afternoon.

Four generations gath-  
ered at the home of Mr.  
and Mrs. Eben T. Colby  
on Chester Ave. to cele-  
brate Thanksgiving.

Former Selectman  
and Town Counsel Peter  
Princi has been named  
vice president of the  
Northeastern Alumni  
Association. Princi is a  
1938 grad of Northeast-  
ern's former law school.

Santa Claus will visit  
St. John the Evangelist  
School this Tuesday.

Alan Ladd and Don  
Murray star in One Foot  
in Hell and Richard Bur-  
ton stars in Look Back in  
Anger at the Winthrop  
Theatre.

### 70 years ago Nov. 30, 1950

After a two and one-  
half hour hearing, Suffolk  
Superior Court Judge  
John E. Swift has ruled  
that Thomas B. Smith is  
the duly-appointed Chief  
Engineer of the Win-  
throp Fire Dept. and has  
awarded Smith back pay.  
Swift tossed aside the  
contention that Smith's  
appointment as Chief  
Engineer was illegal be-  
cause the selectmen had  
failed to notify the Board  
of Fire Engineers, who  
are appointed by the se-  
lectmen, of the time and  
place of the appointment,  
as was argued by the 10  
taxpayers who brought  
the lawsuit seeking to  
have Smith removed  
from that position.

Slashing winds,  
pounding surf, and heavy  
rain combined to litter  
streets with sand and  
rocks and flood cellars in  
the Beach and Highland  
areas, causing thousands  
of dollars of damage over  
the weekend. The storm,  
which at times reached  
hurricane strength, also  
disrupted telephone ser-  
vice and heating and  
lighting systems, darken-  
ing many areas of town.  
The Winthrop Golf Club  
suffered its worst dam-  
age in its history with  
the fairways and greens  
inundated with seawater.



# Northeast Metro Tech Superintendent shares safety video ahead of return to hybrid-learning Dec. 2

Staff report

Superintendent David DiBarri has announced the creation of a video by Northeast Metro Tech highlighting the various COVID-19 safety precautions the district has taken to prepare for hybrid learning.

The video features Superintendent David DiBarri, Principal Carla Scuzzarella, Assistant Principal John O'Brien, School Nurse Paula Boivin, School Nurse Amanda Santarpio, Culinary Instructor Elizabeth Beals and Bilingual School Adjustment Counselor Maira Mejia.

Northeast Metro Tech will transition to its hybrid learning schedule on Wednesday, Dec. 2, following updated guidance for learning amid COVID-19 from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. To learn more about the district's decision, visit [northeast-metrotech.com](http://northeast-metrotech.com). To view the video, go to 'vimeo.com/485649678'.

"We have worked tremendously hard over the past few months to prepare for this moment, and we're excited to be able to welcome students and staff back into the building safely," Superintendent DiBarri said. "The benefits of learning in-person are undeniable, and I know in particular



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Superintendent David DiBarri is one of several speakers in a video sharing the district's safety precautions for hybrid learning amid COVID-19.

students have missed taking their career and technical classes in-person as well as seeing their classmates and teachers."

The district has made numerous changes to its facility to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all students and staff, including signage to support social distancing and direct traffic, signs reminding everyone to wear masks, hand sanitizing stations, air purifiers have been placed in each classroom, shop spaces have been expanded to facilitate social distancing, the cafeteria has been converted into additional classroom space, and the district has purchased a UV-C high power disinfection system that disinfects rooms daily.

The district has additionally implemented a rigorous cleaning schedule and high touch surfaces are disinfected multiple times throughout the school day.

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## House passes balanced budget for Fiscal Year 2021

Special to the Journal

House Speaker Robert A. DeLeo along with his colleagues in the Massachusetts House of Representatives passed its Fiscal Year 2021 (FY21) budget, which invests in programs and services across the Commonwealth. Funded at \$46 billion, the House budget aims to address the sweeping effects of the global pandemic by making targeted investments in housing, food security, substance use addiction services, and domestic violence, sexual assault treatment and prevention programs. The budget also invests in programs that provide COVID-related supports for students and increases funding for developmental services.

“Amid this unprecedented global pandemic, the House passed a budget that helps protect those most vulnerable among us as a result of the widespread effects of COVID-19, with significant investments in housing, substance addiction programs, food security, and economic development,” said Speaker DeLeo (D-Winthrop). “I am proud that this budget also furthers the House’s ongoing efforts to help survivors of domestic and sexual assault, safeguard women’s reproductive rights, protect the environment, and support high-quality early education and care. I thank Chair Michlewitz for his thoughtful work, and my colleagues in the House who played a critical role in this process including Vice Chair Garlick and Representative Malia.”

“Given the challenges the Commonwealth has faced in Fiscal Year 2021 in light of the COVID pandemic, I am proud that the House passed a responsible, yet robust budget that will place targeted investments in critical areas,” said Representative RoseLee Vincent (D-Revere). “I want to thank Speaker DeLeo and Chairman Michlewitz for their leadership in delivering this budget to the House, and am grateful for the commitment the House has shown to funding these valuable programs and investments.”

“This budget is the product of tireless work over the past few months that

focuses on the challenges our constituents face in the midst of this difficult time, while avoiding any drastic cuts, something that was unthinkable back in the Spring,” said Representative Aaron Michlewitz, Chair of the House Committee on Ways & Means (D-Boston). “In times of need, people rely on the services that government provides. Vital areas like housing stability, food security, education funding, and combating the growing concerns surrounding domestic violence and substance addiction, are all areas we prioritize in this budget. I would like to thank Speaker DeLeo for his guidance during this process, as well as Vice-Chair Garlick, Representative Malia, and all the members of the House for their support during these difficult circumstances.”

“I join with my colleagues in passing a state budget that stabilizes our communities and sustains valuable services for Massachusetts to be strong now and resilient in the future,” said Representative Denise Garlick, Vice Chair of the House Committee on Ways & Means (D-Needham). “This budget holds true to the promise of education resources and local aid while protecting the hungry, the homeless, and those hurt by illness or economic hardship. We appreciate the leadership, experience and steady hand of Speaker DeLeo, and we are grateful to Chair Michlewitz for his extraordinary engagement in understanding and meeting the needs of our constituents and Commonwealth.”

The House continues to further its commitment to cities and towns by investing \$1.1 billion Unrestricted General Government Aid (UGGA) and providing \$5.3 billion in Chapter 70 education funding. The House budget education allocations include:

- \$53 million in COVID-related student supports;
- \$340 million for Circuit Breaker Special Education reimbursement;
- \$117 million for Charter School Reimbursement; and
- \$82 million for Regional School Transportation reimbursement.

Due to the pandemic, access to safe and affordable housing for many families across the Commonwealth is threatened. The House budget represents its ongoing commitment to housing and homelessness funding. This year, the House makes targeted investments into rental and housing assistance to combat the eviction crisis by providing:

- \$50 million for the Residential Assistance for Families in Transition Program (RAFT);
- \$135 million for the Massachusetts Rental Voucher Program (MRVP);
- \$80 million for public housing subsidies;
- \$56 million for homeless individual shelters;
- \$13 million for homeless student transportation;
- \$11 million for Department of Mental Health Rental Subsidy Program; and
- \$8 million for unaccompanied homeless youth.

Keeping in mind the widespread economic effects of the COVID pandemic, the House makes specific investments in

labor and economic development programs that provide opportunities for the Commonwealth’s workers and its businesses. The House maintains its support for the Massachusetts Manufacturing Partnership with an investment of \$2 million – funding which has helped many Massachusetts manufactures retrofit their businesses into the PPE market. Other investments include:

- \$50 million for economic development including;
- \$15 million for local Paycheck Protection Program (PPP)
- \$15 million for community development financial institutions
- \$10 million for matching grants for capital investments by small businesses
- \$6 million for small business technical assistance grants
- \$46 million for Adult Basic Education Services;
- \$19 million for summer jobs for at-risk youth;
- \$7 million Workforce Competitiveness Trust Fund;
- \$2.5 million in Urban Agenda Grants; and
- \$1.4 million for small business development.

The House budget continues its ongoing commitment to high-quality early education and care (EEC) and supporting the EEC workforce. The budget invests in those who work with children by increasing rates for early education providers by \$20 million and supporting continuing education opportunities with community colleges. The House budget also includes the following EEC investments and initiatives:

- \$15 million for Head Start grants;
- \$10 million for sliding fee scale reserve for childcare subsidies;
- \$10 million for EEC Workforce Higher Education Opportunities;
- \$2.5 million in early childhood mental health grants;
- \$11 million for child care resource and referral agencies; and
- Establishes the Early Education and care Economic review commission to review childcare funding and make recommendations on policy changes to expand access.

The House budget continues to dedication substantial resources toward supporting public higher education and increases scholarship funding for students. These investments include:

- \$284 million for state universities;
- \$305 million for community colleges;
- \$560 million for the University of Massachusetts system;
- \$120 million in scholarship funding; and
- \$4.8 million for the STEM Starter Academy, to support underrepresented students in STEM fields at community colleges.

This fiscal year funded at \$19 billion, MassHealth is the largest investment the Commonwealth makes in its most vulnerable residents including the working poor and the homeless. In response to the threats to reproductive rights for

women on the national level, House also voted to remove barriers to women’s reproductive health options and protect the concepts enshrined in Roe v. Wade. The budget also invests in critical health and human services agencies and providers including:

- \$307 million for the Department of Children and Families for social workers, family support and stabilization, and foster care and adopted fee waivers;
- \$30 million in emergency food assistance; and
- \$13 million for the Healthy Incentives Program.

Keeping in mind those affected by domestic violence, the House budget establishes a grant program to provide domestic violence advocate services across the state to connect survivors with essential services.

In order to support programs for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, the House budget increases funding for developmental services to \$2.1 billion and includes \$264 million for community day and work programs across the Commonwealth. The House budget also includes the following investments:

- \$236 million for state-operated residential services
- \$78 million for family respite services; and
- \$39 million for autism omnibus services.

The budget furthers the House’s ongoing commitment to fight the opioid epidemic. To provide assistance to those who are battling substance addiction, the budget increased funding for the Bureau of Substance Addiction Services to \$162 million while offering continued support for step-down recovery services, jail diversion programs, and expansion of access to life-saving medication.

The House budget includes funding for the judiciary and ongoing criminal justice reform, including a \$761 million investment in the trial court and \$20 million for criminal just reform implementation. The budget also includes:

- \$24 million for civil legal aid to provide representation for low-income individuals via the Massachusetts Legal Assistance Corporation;
- \$9.6 million for a new community-based re-entry program; and
- \$4 million for a pre and post-release services grant program.

The House calls for \$302 million in spending for environmental programs, which aim protect the Commonwealth’s natural resources. These investments include:

- \$50 million for state parks and recreation;
- \$40 million for the Department of Environmental Protection;
- \$16 million for fisheries and wildlife protection;
- \$8.1 million for agricultural resources;
- \$2.1 million for ecological restoration; and
- \$500,000 for the Commonwealth’s endangered specials program.

The budget is now with the Senate.



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