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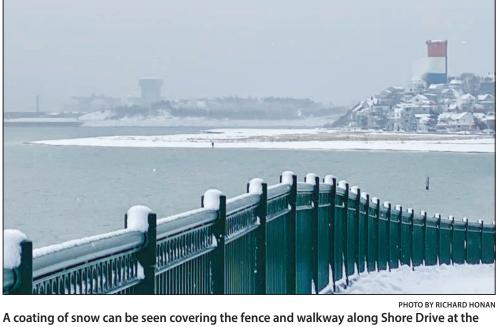
Police Chief Terence Delehanty and Fire Chief Paul Flanagan pleased to announce that the Winthrop Police and Fire Departments hosted a holiday toy drive that benefited over fifty families.

On Dec. 6, the drive began as Santa and his elves accepted donations, took photos and participated in holiday festivities at the Cummings School Loop in Winthrop. Donations were also accepted via drop-off at the Winthrop Police Station throughout December and consisted of both new and unwrapped toys and gift cards

Not only were the departments able to donate to 57 families, they also donated to numerous groups in the Winthrop and Greater Boston area, including Winthrop Public

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Highlands as seen during the Wednesday morning.

# Same-day delivery option is now at Winthrop Marketplace

By Kate Anslinger

Now offering a delivery option with same day service, the staff at the Winthrop Marketplace is making it more convenient for shoppers who prefer to stay home. One step ahead of everyone else, Store Manager, Chris Wallerce,

added the option last year, prior to the pandemic and before customers were shifting the majority of their shopping to delivery

Since then, grocery deliveries have expanded and the store does an average of 30 a week, enhancing the convenience for customers who prefer to stay home and those who simply cannot leave their houses.

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Delivery customers call the store's main number (617-846-6880) prior to 2 p.m., and put their order in with an employee.

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#### State Rep. Race Highlight: Looking at the Candidates

Capobianco sees civic engagement as path to being DeLeo successor

By Melissa Moore-Randall

Valentino Capobianco hopes his lifelong commitment to civic engagement will give him the boost needed to be elected to the 19th Suffolk District Representative seat of former Speaker Robert DeLeo.

A Winthrop resident



Valentino Capobianco.

and member of the Winthrop School Committee, Capobianco sees both his Winthrop roots as making him the man he is today and the influence of his parents and grandfather. "My experiences growing up in Winthrop definitely made me the man I am today. My mother, a registered nurse who specializes in substance abuse treatment, instilled in me compassion for people going through a difficult time in their lives and a will-

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**Celebrate Catholic Schools!** Check Out our Catholic **Schools Special Section** Pages 14 and 15

# **Town Council hears** Win2030 presentation, **COVID-19 updates**

By Laura Plummer

During its Jan. 19 meeting, the Winthrop Town Council viewed a presentation by Win2030 and received updates from town departments.

Council Pres. Phil Boncore opened the meeting with a moment of silence for resident Richard Dimes, who passed away on Jan. 13 at the age of 94. Dimes was a lifelong public servant in Winthrop, serving as both a selectman and Planning Board member.

#### Win2030 Presentation

The Metropolitan Area Planning Council deliv-

ered a presentation on a future vision for Winthrop. The presentation can be viewed on the WCAT YouTube channel.

"This is a big thing I've been talking about it since I came to Winthrop,' said Town Manager Austin Faison. "I hope people take the time to [review] it. It's something the community should be proud

#### COVID-19

As of Jan. 13, Winthrop had seen 1,641 total cases of COVID-19, with 34 deceased and 162 in isolation. Winthrop continues

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A GRAND ACHIEVEMENT: Winthrop High senior captain Maura Dorr goes up for a basket and her 1,000th career point in Tuesday's game versus Gloucester at the Chris Tsiotos Court.

# **SWINGING DORRS**

Maura scores her 1,000th point with an assist from her sister

By Cary Shuman

Who wrote this incredible script? Aaron Sorkin?

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Dorr scored her 1,000th career point at the end of a splendid "give-and-go" exchange with Jenna Dorr in the Vikings' 66-21 victory over Gloucester Tuesday night at the Chris Tsiotos Court in Winthrop.

With her parents, Jer-

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WINTHROP POLICE BLOTTER

# The following incident infraction of speeding.

reports are among the calls to which the Winthrop Police Department responded on the listed dates:

#### MONDAY, JAN. 11

A resident called the station to report that a person is leaving cat food outside in the neighborhood, but it instead is feeding the rats.

1216: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Revere St. for the civil infraction of an equipment violation and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1219: An officer assisted with traffic control on Almont St. where there was a report of a gas leak. 1615: An officer

stopped a motor vehicle (MV) at Washington and Bates Aves. for a civil infraction and gave a verbal warning to the operator. 2208: An officer issued

a citation to a MV parked on Crest Ave. for the civil infraction of not having a valid registration. The officer informed the owner that if the MV were not moved onto private property, it would be towed.

2223: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) at Revere and Bayou Sts. for a civil infraction and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

#### TUESDAY, JAN. 12

0120: An officer on directed patrol issued two parking tickets to vehicles on River Rd.

0131: An officer on directed patrol issued a parking ticket to a MV on Court Rd.

0936: An officer stopped a MV at Shore Drive and Dolphin Ave. for a civil infraction. The officer issued a citation to the operator for the crim-

to be a High Risk com-

appointment only at the

old middle school begin-

ning Jan. 29. Winthrop,

Chelsea and Revere have

begun vaccinating first re-

The Winthrop Public

Schools are continuing

with their hybrid learning

model and all buildings

have been equipped with

rapid test kits. So far there

has been no school-based

or athletics spreading of

the virus. Council Pres.

Boncore praised students

and athletes for following

**Council Committees** 

At its last meeting, the

sponders.

protocols.

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inal offense of operating a MV with a suspended license and for the civil

1007: The DPW reported that there was graffiti and vandalism to the Mary Kelley Gazebo in the marsh on Morton St.

1028: A Governor's Drive resident reported that his MV had been broken into overnight. A GPS and other items were tak-

1220: A resident came to the station to report that she has been scammed in connection with the purchase of a dog.

1309: A Gov. Drive reported that her MV had been broken into overnight and that some items were taken. 1434: An officer re-

sponded to a minor motor vehicle accident (MVA) with no injuries in the 400 block of Shirley St. 1516: An officer directed a group of about 15

youths who were playing

football in the area at the

Gorman School to put on 1553: A resident reported that a person in a small boat off Deer Island was shooting a gun. It was determined that the person

was a duck hunter within

the legal limits. 1848: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) at Hermon and Main Sts. for the civil infraction of a marked lanes violation and gave a verbal warning to the opera-

An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) at Winthrop and Main Sts. for the civil infraction of speeding and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

2316: An officer responded to a noise complaint from a Gov. Drive resident and restored the

munity, with a 6.2 percent cussed the FY21 budget. prove traffic flow on Ter-

positive rate. Indoor test- Councilor Jim Letterie re- race Ave., create a four-

ing will be available by ported that all the depart- way stop at Grovers St.

ments are "doing a great

job" staying within their

budgets. The committee is

looking for ways to offset

the cost of the town's trash

contract, which increased

by \$300,000 in just one

year. It is also exploring a

water and sewer study to

"help us understand why

our bills are higher than

in other communities."

Finally, the committee is

looking into reimburse-

ment for the costs asso-

ciated with the upcoming

special elections for state

representatives - around

es Committee made three

The Rules & Ordinanc-

\$40,000.

Finance Committee dis- recommendations:

#### WEDNESDAY, JAN. 13

1148: A resident came into the station to report that his identity had been used to file a fraudulent unemployment claim and to open bank accounts.

1209: A caller reported that her elderly mother was the victim of a scam.

1353: An officer assisted with traffic control at the COVID testing site at the E.B. Newton School.

1457: An officer directed the operator of a van that was parked at a fire hydrant on Grovers Ave. to move his vehicle.

An

stopped a motor vehicle

officer

1821:

(MV) on Washington Ave. for the civil infractions of speeding and a tail lights violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator. 2056: An officer

stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Washington Ave. for the civil infractions of speeding and not having a driver's license in his possession. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

officer 2117: An stopped a motor vehicle (MV) at Pleasant St. and Brookfield Rd. for the civil infraction of having an obstructed registration plate. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator and told him to remove the plate obstruction.

officer 2143: An stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Shore Drive for the civil infraction of speeding. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

#### THURSDAY, JAN. 14

0043: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) at Pleasant and Main Sts. for the civil

and Highland Ave., and

add two parking spaces

on Beach Rd. The changes

were approved by council.

The council president

presented a citation to Su-

san Maguire, who is re-

signing from the Winthrop

Board of Health after a

long and dedicated career.

Pres. Boncore wished her

all the best in her future

Councilor Tracey Hon-

an delivered a statement

on behalf of herself and

Councilors Peter Christo-

pher and Stephen Ruggi-

ero condemning the vio-

endeavours.

**General Updates** 

infraction of speeding. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

0755: A resident reported that her wallet had been stolen from her motor vehicle overnight and a card had been used at a local convenience store. The officer will review the video footage.

1001: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) at Winthrop St. and Wadsworth Ave. for a civil infraction and gave a verbal warning to the opera-

officer An stopped a MV at Putnam Place and Putnam St. The MV had been reported as stolen out of Boston. The MV was towed.

1443: An officer following up on an investigation on Gov. Drive arrested Hamza Mahassine, 22, of Revere, on four outstanding warrants and for the criminal offenses of receiving stolen property under \$1200, breaking & entering into a vehicle in the nighttime with intent to commit a felony, two counts of receiving a stolen credit card, and two counts of credit card fraud under \$1200.

1621: A caller reported finding a hypodermic syringe on Bowdoin St. and remained on the scene until an officer came by to retrieve the needle and bring it back to the station for disposal.

1744: A Cross St. resident reported that her MV had been broken into overnight. The officer filed a report.

1908: officer An stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Washington Ave. for a civil infraction and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

#### FRIDAY, JAN. 15

0405: A Cross St. res-

lence in the U.S. Capitol

on Jan. 6. (See separate

article in this publication.)

progress on its solid waste

management program and

composting options. It

received a grant from the

Shared Streets program

and will start installing

parklets once locations

are decided. The easily

moveable structures will

increase outdoor seating

in the Center Business

openings on the following

committees: the Airport

Hazards Committee; the

Commission for Diversity,

**Inclusion and Community** 

Relations; and the Win-

throp Planning Board.

There are immediate

District.

The town is making

ident reported that his MV had been broken into overnight.

1258: A Beach Rd. resident reported that her MV had been broken into overnight and that several items had been taken.

1854: A Governor's Drive resident reported a B&E into his MV. The officer filed a report.

2010: Two callers reported a dead raccoon on the sidewalk in the 700 block of Shirley St. The matter was referred to the Animal Control Officer.

#### SATURDAY, JAN. 17

0143: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Main St. for the civil infraction of failing to stop for a traffic control sign. The officer issued a citation to the operator. 1311: A caller report-

ed a dead cat was on the side of the road in the 700 block of Shirley St. The Animal Control Officer responded and removed the dead cat. 1705: An officer direct-

ed the owner of a motor vehicle parked on the sidewalk on Belcher St. to move his vehicle.

#### SUNDAY, JAN. 18

1013: A caller reported finding a stray dog near the golf course. The caller held onto the dog until it was reunited with the owner.

1019: The Animal Control Officer (ACO) responded to a report of a dog bite on Buchanan St. in which a dog and its owner were bitten. The ACO assisted the parties with the exchange of information and they will be back in touch with the ACO after the injured dog is examined by a veterinarian.

1500: An officer responded to minor fender-bender MVA in the 100 block of Shirley St. and assisted the parties with the exchange of papers. 1710: Officers respond-

ed to a report of a group of

men arguing and fighting at the Executive Apartments on Veterans Rd. All of the parties declined medical attention. The officer advised the parties of their rights and filed a 1834: The owner of the

dog from the incident on Buchanan St. reported that her dog had died because of the attack from the other dog.

1912: The Everett police reported a hit-andrun MVA in their city and that the alleged offending operator had fled to Winthrop. The matter was referred to the State Police.

# 113 new COVID-19 cases in Town this past week

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health has notified Town officials of one-hundred and thirteen (113) additional confirmed positive cases of the virus in Winthrop since our last reporting on January 21.

These cases bring the total up to 1,754 confirmed positive cases with 34 deceased, 142 isolated and 1,579 recovered.

#### Winthrop Stop the Spread **Testing Information**

Indoor Testing is now available by appointment anly at 51 Pauline St.; located in the old Middle School Gymnasium next to Larsen Rink.

Testing Hours can be found on https://app.beacontesting.com/login.

Please register online at https://app.beacontesting. com/login to see available appointment slots. (617) 741-7310

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#### **Outdoor Testing** through January 29 McKenna Basketball

Courts: Next to 5 Walden

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Tuesday, Thursday: Walk-up only

#### **COVID-19 Vaccine Information** Individuals age 75 and

- older are eligible beginning February 1, 2021. • On Wednesday, Janu-
- ary 27, individuals 75 or

older can begin making appointments for dates February 1 or later.

- Currently the vaccine supply is very limited and dependent of federal allocations.
- The Winthrop Health department does not have vaccine available and do not expect vaccines for at least 3-4 weeks (also dependent on how many doses the state receives)
- All appointments made online for state-sponsored sites.
- If you are looking for a vaccine appointment, we suggest two things.
- Contact your primary care provider; because of the limited supply they may not be doing distributions currently.
- Look at state-sponsored sites that may have vaccine doses available. Not all sites will have appointments because of the limited supply.
- For the most up to date information on vaccines in Massachusetts, go to

https://www.mass.gov/ info-details/covid-19-vaccine-frequently-asked-

#### **Stay Informed!** The Town encourages

everyone to stay informed COVID-19. regarding The following websites are recommended for the most updated information:

Town of Winthrop Official Website: www.town. winthrop.ma.us Massachusetts Depart-

ment of Public Health: www.mass.gov/covid-19

# pass the time with new recipes/

WINTHROP MARKETPLACE

# CHINESE ROASTED CHICKEN

#### INGREDIENTS: 1 (4 pound) fresh or thawed

whole roasting chicken 2 tablespoons Kikkoman Lite Soy Sauce 2 teaspoons dry sherry

1 teaspoon vegetable oil 1 large clove garlic, pressed ½ teaspoon fennel seed, crushed ½ teaspoon ground ginger

¼ teaspoon sugar 1/4 teaspoon ground cloves

# DIRECTIONS:

Remove and discard giblets and neck from chicken. Rinse chicken under cold running water; drain well and pat dry with paper towels. Pierce chicken thoroughly with fork. Place chicken, breast side up, in shallow, foil-lined roasting pan. Combine lite soy sauce, sherry, oil, garlic, fennel, ginger, sugar

and cloves. Brush cavity and skin thoroughly with sauce mixture. Roast in 325 degrees F. oven 1 hour and 45 minutes, or until

meat thermometer inserted into thigh registers 180, brushing

#### chicken occasionally with remaining sauce mixture during

last 40 minutes of roasting time. STEP 4 Remove chicken from oven and let stand 10 minutes before

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# Councilors condemn "armed insurrection" at U.S. Capitol

On Jan. 19, the Winthrop Town Council met for the first time since the Jan. 6 terrorist attack on the U.S. Capitol Building.

On the agenda was a joint statement by Councilors Peter Christopher, Tracy Honan and Stephen Ruggiero about the inci-

Council President Philip Boncore prefaced the item by saying that the council has always avoided political rhetoric, but acknowledged that councilors are entitled to freedom of speech. Councilwoman Honan read the statement:

"As elected municipal officials in the Town of Winthrop, we think it is important to address recent events in our nation's Capital. We want to commit to the people of Winthrop that we take the situation very seriously and we want to assure you, as municipal leaders, that we will carry on our duties without fail, and always try to do our best for our town and our country.

"As you are all aware there was a violent attack on our Capitol building on January 6th that included the desecration of the inside and outside of the building, looting and ransacking of offices, looting and ransacking of House and Senate chambers, and the deaths of 5 people including the murder of a Capitol policeman. We would like to condemn what is now clearly understood to be an armed insurrection seeking to prevent the peaceful transfer of power from the outgoing President to the president elect.

"Make no mistake, this attack was against the United States of America and its people. It has now been learned that this mob not only intended to prevent the certification of electoral college votes, but also to cause grievous bodily harm to elected members of Congress, and the Vice President of the United States.

"The attack was the result of a sitting president and his congressional enablers seeking to overturn legitimate election results in order to maintain power. As verified by the Attorney General, Republican Secretaries of State, and more than 60 court cases, there was no evidence of widespread fraud in the 2020 Presidential election.

"Please know that as members of your municipal government, we state unequivocally that we believe in our election results. This year in particular, we saw in our small Town of Winthrop, the tremendous effort, planning, logistics, and dedication that went into making our election process proceed smoothly, lawfully, and safely.

"We would like to thank

those members of the

indeed every Winthrop

Town Clerk's office, the countless numbers of election volunteers, and the public safety officers that made this year's election,

election, free and fair, as our constitution intended.

"While we must move forward as a nation, there must also be consequences. For such a violent and seditious act towards our United States, we must not allow this act to go unpunished. Calling this anything other than what it is, and what our Joint Chiefs of Staff are now calling a seditious insurrection, and refusing to prosecute to the greatest extent of our laws, would only serve to embolden those who attacked our Capitol, as well as those who incited it.

"To impede an election in any way, be it by voter suppression, voter intimidation, gerrymandering, perpetuation of false narratives, or attempting to throw out lawfully cast votes by American voters, all tactics which have long been demonstrated to have happened throughout certain parts of this nation, is plainly un-American.

"In closing, we would again like to thank those members of Winthrop's

Town government, election volunteers, public safety officers, and most importantly, you the vot-

ers, for ensuring that our democracy remains of the people, for the people, and by the people." Residents phoned in

to thank the councilors for addressing the issue. Julia Wallerce called the statement "heartfelt" and "bold". "It means a lot to hear

from our local representatives, to know that our democracy here is respected and upheld," she said. "In these unprecedented circumstances, it makes a difference." Suzanne Martucci-Gal-

lo is a member of the Commission on Diversity, **Inclusion and Community** Relations. She called the declaration "well-stated."

"I just want to say how important it was to make that statement," she said. The Council Clerk also

received written correspondence supporting the declaration.

"Thank you, Councilors

Honan, Christopher and Ruggiero for your public statement to the people of Winthrop," wrote Donna Segretti-Reilly. She emphasized the importance of "publicly denouncing

the insurgency." Diane Sands of Precinct 5 did not share her neighbors' enthusiasm, writing in ahead of the meeting to

oppose the agenda item.

"I am very concerned that a statement is being given regarding the Capital riot. I don't think this needs to be addressed at our small town meeting,' she wrote. "I do not think this is an appropriate time to address this and potentially start a bigger issue and more division in this town. I hope you reconsider this waste of taxpay-

Sands went on to state that the relatively new councilwoman was using the event as a publicity stunt to "introduce herself to the town."

er time."

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Schools, Winthrop Community and Law Enforcement Assisted Recovery (CLEAR) team, St. John the Evangelist Church, East Boston Neighborhood Health Center, Suffolk County Children's Advocacy Center and the Harbor Cove Domestic Violence Shelter.

"This year we are extremely grateful for the response that we had from the community and members of the department who participated," Chief Delehanty said. "This is what community is all about, taking care of one another during difficult and trying times."

"We are lucky to have such a supportive, giving community who continues to turn out for those in need each year," Chief

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Flanagan said. "Thank you to everyone who helped to make a difference this holiday season."

Winthrop Police and Fire hope to continue to grow the annual toy drive in the years to come.

#### **MVES OFFERS** FREE TRANSPORT **SERVICES TO COVID-19 VACCINE** SITES FOR ADULTS **60 YEARS AND OLDER**

Mystic Valley Elder Services (MVES) is offering free transportation services via one of MVES' transportation providers to adults 60 years and older to COVID-19 vaccine sites near your home. MVES understands that older adults are more susceptible to the pandemic and feels it is important to help all older residents in its 11 communities served get vaccinated. So if you live in Chelsea, Everett, Malden, Medford, Melrose, North Reading, Reading, Revere, Stoneham, Wakefield or Winthrop, give us a call!

To make it simple, there are only three eligibility guidelines to get approved for your two roundtrips: be 60 years of age or older; don't have other means to get to a vaccination site; or don't have access to the vaccines at the building complex where you live. When taking your trips, masks will be required. Make sure to call us in plenty of time so you can plan the most convenient

travel time for yourself. Visit the State's website at www.mass.gov for the latest information on the COVID-19 vaccine and what phase you fall under according to

#### MASS. NATIONAL **GUARD SELECTED** TO PROVIDE **ADDITIONAL** ASSISTANCE IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

At the request of federal authorities, members of the Massachusetts National Guard, alongside National Guard members from other states, will provide additional assistance in Washington, D.C., to support the

United States Secret Ser-

vice beginning this week. Gov. Charlie Baker today signed an order approving up to 700 Massachusetts Air and Army National Guard personnel for the mission, which was requested by the Department of Defense, National Guard Bureau, and Secret Service. These guard members will be traveling to Washington in the coming days and are expected to return to the Commonwealth on February 23.

This mission is separate from the 500 personnel who served last week in DC in support of inauguration events and returned home to Massachusetts over the weekend.

The Massachusetts National Guard will ensure all appropriate force health protection measures are implemented leading up to, and throughout, the mission. This includes pre-departure screenings, COVID-19 testing, and mandatory mask wear. Additionally, Soldiers and Airmen will have individual rooms while deployed to the D.C. area to further reduce risks during

this pandemic. Today's activation will not interfere with the Massachusetts **National**  Guard's ability to respond to and assist in emergencies

within the Commonwealth. The Massachusetts National Guard trains regularly with military, law enforcement, and civilian agencies to provide a broad spectrum of services in support of security, logistics, disaster relief, and other missions. The Guard has a proven track record of success supporting civilian authorities and their frequent side-by-side training with state and local first responders makes them

well-suited for this mission.

# Consultation Session

Massport will host a virtual consultation session on the Boston Logan International Airport 2018/2019 Environmental Data Report (2018/2019 EDR). A representative from the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act (MEPA) Office will participate. The meeting will be streamed in English and Spanish.

The virtual Consultation Session for the 2018/2019 Logan EDR is scheduled for:

- Thursday, February 4, 2021 at 6:00 PM
- To register for this meeting, please visit http://www.massport.com/massport/about-massport/ project-environmental-filings/logan-airport

Please note that an electronic copy of the 2018/2019 EDR is available on Massport's website at http://www.massport. com/massport/about-massport/project-environmental-filings/ logan-airport/. Additional copies of the 2018/2019 EDR may be obtained by calling Brad Washburn at (617) 568-3546 or emailing bwashburn@massport.com during the public comment period.

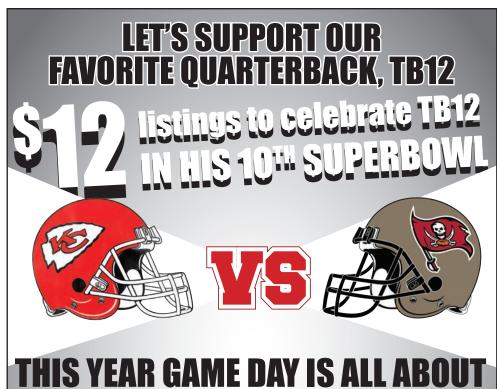
Massport has requested an extension of the public comment period, which began on January 6, 2021, the publication date of the MEPA Environmental Monitor, and will end on March 12, 2021.

Written comments may be submitted by March 12, 2021 to the following address:

The Honorable Kathleen A. Theoharides, Secretary Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs Attn: MEPA Office EEA #3247 100 Cambridge Street, Suite 900 Boston, Massachusetts 02114

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#### Successful first round of COVID-19 vaccine at the Parc at Harbor View

The Winthrop Sun Transcript • Thursday, January 28, 2021

By Kate Anslinger

The residents at the Parc at Harbor View are witnessing history firsthand. Last Thursday, 68 residents, between the ages of 74 and 98, received the first round of the COVID-19 vaccine. The senior living community partnered with CVS Pharmacy and Pfizer to coordinate and administer the vaccine.

Marketing Director, Amy Ordway, was grateful for the partnership and impressed with the effortless execution of the vaccine distribution.

"The whole team pulled together in what was an effortless routine and process. It was fast and painless and the residents were left feeling happy and safe after they had been so eager to receive the vac-



Bob Austin receives his COVID-19 vaccination.



Jean-Phillippe Wheeler was one of the first Winthrop residents to receive the COVID-19 vaccine

Residents reported to the activities room between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. for their first dose of the shot.

"I thought it was very well set up," said resident, Millicent Aronson. "The people were there to check your questionnaires and they were very nice and polite. They gave a great shot. After the shot, we

of skilled labor, we need

more of our young adults

to pursue a career in the

trades. To help meet this

challenge, we have estab-

lished the Hines Group

Tradespersons Scholar-

ship. Each June we will

award one deserving

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\$1,000 to help them along

their chosen vocational

path. This is our first go

at setting up a scholarship

for Winthrop graduates, so

we are so excited to see

**Interested** 

applicants must:

Be a current resident of Winthrop, Massachusetts

Have graduated or will graduate from a public / private / homeschooled high school program or

equivalent credential such

as the G.E.D in the year the scholarship is granted.

in a trades program (electrical, plumbing, carpen-

try, police academy, fire academy, etc.), enlisted as an active military service member, or accepted or

enrolled in an expedited

computer programming

**Application Documents:** 

institution.

Be accepted, enrolled, or hired as an apprentice

how this evolves."

had a little rest and got a bottle of water with a pretty blue ribbon tied around it. I didn't have any problems or soreness immediately after receiving the shot or even the following day."

The staff at the Parc at Harbor View planned to monitor residents for any side effects. The second round of the shot is sched-



one seemed very happy

with it," said resident, El-

View is a senior living

community that provides

exceptional person-cen-

tered holistic care to res-

idents. If your loved one

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to get the vaccine."

len Leary. "We were all so grateful that we were able Millicent Aronson was The Parc at Harbor

team effort

impressed with the smooth

ing, Assisted Living, or specialized Memory Care services, our community is excited to help.

# Hines Group launches alternative scholarship

By Kate Anslinger The realtors at the Hines Group at Robert Paul Properties are preparing for the future and they are helping a few ambitious students in the process. Principal Sales Agent, Stephen Hines, has spearheaded an annual Tradespersons Scholarship, designed to benefit students who are launching careers in a trades program, enlisting in the active duty military, or enrolling in an expedited computer programming institution.

Recognizing the need for these fields, Hines drew the interest of his colleagues, and the \$1000 alternative scholarship will be funded by realtors and awarded to one student at the end of June every year. While unregulated, the suggested use of the funds are for living expenses, groceries, books, courses, tuition, or anything else that will help the student succeed on their chosen path.

"For decades, the traditional path for most of our students was to attend a four-year university," said tion. The application for Hines. "With a global panthe scholarship can be downloaded here: demic raging, a nationhttps://www.hgscholal housing shortage, and an even larger shortage

arship.com/requirements-application access to a printer or computer is an issue, please call us at 978-394-9030 or contact the Winthrop Public Library for assistance.

Proof of graduation/ achievement. A document from one of the abovementioned institutions or achievement of an equivalent credential such as the G.E.D. A letter from an employer, a high school diploma, or equivalent proof is acceptable.

Proof of residence. Can be in the form of a Massachusetts state I.D., a letter



Principal Sales Agent, Stephen Hines, Meg Grady, and Gui Moreira.

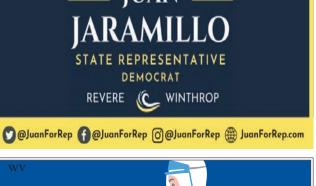
from a parent or teacher, or really anything else that tells us you live right here in Winthrop.

All applications should be submitted by June 15 via email to: stephen@ robertpaul.com

#### Hines confirmed that factors such as housing, immigration, or economic status will not impact the team's recipient selection.

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#### WINTHROP'S PARK AND RECREATION TRAVELING BASKETBALL PROGRAM CONTINUES TO PROVIDE TEAM SPIRIT AND ATHLETICS DURING A TOUGH TIME FOR EVERYONE



ianna Cappuccio. Back row: Head Coach Eric Ferguson, Amina Barry, Bailey Ferguson, Jenna Whitehead, Josie Barry, Majra Shehu, Poli Tsiotos and Asst. Coach Nick Tsiotos.



Bailey Ferguson was a force to reckon with on offense and defense.



Amina Barry setting a play into motion with a deep pass to her teammate.

The Winthrop Parks and Recreation Basketball Program is two weeks into the season and going strong. The first goal is to keep everyone safe and then teach team play and encourage good sportsmanship. Local athletes from 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grade, both boys and girls are eligible. Games are on both Saturday's and Sunday's from noon to around 6pm. Spectators are allowed

to watch, keeping social distancing and only one parent per player. Visitors and players are checked in by Director Sean Driscoll, and masks must be worn by players and visitors alike.

The 7th Grade Girls Traveling Team are the 2019 Division 3 North Shore Champions and are now holding and undefeated record of 3-0.



**Asst. Coach Nick Tsiotos has** a few words with referee and Head Coach of Chelsea Girls Basketball, Gena Restiano.













# EDUCATION IS THE GREAT EQUALIZER

Regardless of your background, your socioeconomic group or your place of birth, education creates opportunity and hope. I realized early on in my life that a caring teacher can make all the difference in a child's life. While at the McKinley School in Revere, I needed what is called "speech therapy" today. The dedication and care my teachers showed follows me to this day. When in court arguing a case or speaking in public, I think back on the teachers that showed me anything was possible. We must do everything we can to ensure our schools, our teachers and our children have all the resources they need to succeed. "

- JEFFREY R. TURCO DEMOCRAT FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE

VOTE TUESDAY, MARCH 2ND

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# **OUR** Opinions

#### THE DAYS ARE GETTING **LONGER**

Amidst our winter of discontent, there is some good news on the horizon (literally): The days are getting lon-

As this is being written, we will have passed the first

full month of the astronomical winter (which starts on December 21 and ends on March 21) and we will have completed almost two months of the meteorological winter season, which is defined as December, January, and February.

On December 14, the sun set at 4:13 in the afternoon and on December 21 (the start of astronomical winter) the total amount of daylight was just nine hours and eight minutes. But on this Friday, January 29, the sun will be setting at 4:56 in the afternoon and we will have nine hours and 56 minutes of daylight.

The longer days, combined with the positive news on COVID-19 vaccines, signal hope for the future that sunnier days lie ahead.

#### LAWSUITS WILL BRING OUT THE TRUTH

The announcement this past week that Dominion Voting Systems Inc., the company that manufactures voting machines that are used widely across the United States, has filed a \$1.3 billion lawsuit against Rudy Giuliani for his deliberately defamatory statements about the company, is the perfect antidote to the disinformation campaign that was spread by Donald Trump and his minions in their attempt to subvert the results of the November election.

It was one thing for Trump, Giuliani, and others to spout their ridiculous claims, in general terms, about a stolen election, but it is quite another when their patently-false statements negatively affect the reputation and business interests of individuals and companies.

Just as this newspaper cannot publish false and defamatory information, neither can major media outlets nor individuals such as Rudy Giuliani. We would note that an employee of Dominion has filed a separate suit against a number of media outlets, as well as the Trump campaign, for their defamatory and injurious statements about him.

A few years ago, a web site named Gawker Media posted a video of the former wrestling star Hulk Hogan that was the basis for an invasion of privacy suit filed by Hogan that ultimately resulted in a \$140 million judgment against Gawker, which put Gawker out of business.

We predict that the lawsuits filed by Dominion (they previously sued another of Trump's lawyers) will have far-reaching consequences, particularly if Dominion names others who, similar to Giuliani, have made defamatory statements about Dominion.

Rudy Giuliani now is facing financial ruin, all of which he brought on himself because of his antics, a very fitting and appropriate ending for a man who tried to subvert a free and fair election, the most basic element of our Constitution.

#### HANK AARON WAS A WONDERFUL MAN

Boston baseball fans never got to experience firsthand the greatness of Hank Aaron. The Boston Braves left for Milwaukee in 1953 and Aaron joined the Braves

With Aaron leading the way, the Braves then embarked on a run of great seasons, culminating in the 1957 World Series championship.

Although the Braves descended into mediocrity in the 1960s, Hank Aaron continued to perform at a high level, year after year, for more than two decades. When all was said and done, Aaron not only had broken Babe Ruth's career home run record, but he also set career marks for RBI and total bases (the latter by a wide margin) that still stand today.

Hank Aaron was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame, but it was his achievements off the field that have earned him everlasting fame. He was a pioneer in the civil rights movement who was among a handful of Black athletes who helped to bring to an end the dark era of segregation and discrimination that existed in the

On a personal level, Hank Aaron was admired and respected by all who knew him. He was one of those very few people who never had an unkind word to say about anybody, and vice-versa.

Hank Aaron was not the most-outspoken of persons, but he literally and figuratively epitomized the meaning of the phrase, "Speak softly and carry a big stick." He will be missed.

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# Forum



GUEST OP-ED

#### The Next Generation Roadmap for Massachusetts Climate Policy has been refiled

By Carol Walker

"An Act Creating a Next-Generation Roadmap for Massachusetts Climate Policy" passed hours before the end of the last legislative session with the result of the strongest climate legislation passed in over a decade. Environmentalists,

including myself and quite a number of people were very disappointed that Governor Baker vetoed it but with Speaker Mariano and key legislative support, it has already been refiled with no changes as S. 9, and could possibly get a floor vote this Thursday or probably next week at the latest. The governor will have ten days to decide on it but there seems to be enough votes to override another veto. To define, this bill rais-

es the 2050 emissions goal from an 80% reduction in emissions (relative to 1990 levels) to "net zero." Net Zero means not just that carbon emissions will be reduced but that any re-

sidual emissions are offset by practices like expanding and protecting forests or developing new carbon capture technology. There are also also mandates for 10 year statewide missions targets and a directive for the Governor to set interim 5-year targets from

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#### **LETTERS** to the Editor

#### THANK YOU, **WINTHROP**

Dear Editor,

The following letter addressed to Richard Honan has been received by the Transcript for publication. Mr. Honan,

Thank you and the community of Winthrop, MA for sending such an awesome package!

The generosity of all of you to sacrifice your time, energy and money to send core packages to service members is humbling. The photos from your time in the service were really cool to see. Thank you for your service and thank you for sharing with me and my family. My mom was in the post office in Winthrop because she was visiting, my sister is enlisted in the USCG in Boston, one brother is in the Army Intelligence currently on recruiter duty in St. Louis. My older brother just finished company command in the 82<sup>nd</sup> ABN and is now doing a staff job close to D.C. I am in the USAF stationed at a base in the U.K. We will be here for another 18 months and then hopefully get stationed in the U.S. Prior to his assignment we were stationed in Japan and have not been back to the states in a while due to COVID, so it was great to have a package to remind us of home. I will share with members of my

God Bless & Merry Christmas & Happy New

squadron!

**Dan Smith** 

#### **SUPPORTS TINO** Dear Editor,

As a 48 year resident of Winthrop in the 19th Suffolk District, I know that Valentino Capobianco is the right person to fill Speaker DeLeo's vacant seat in the March 2nd election. Tino is caring, competent, and commit-

more than fifteen years

I've known Tino for

through numerous campaigns, Democratic Town and State Committee, and as an aide to Speaker Bob DeLeo. I've seen up close and personal his over ten years of public service, especially with marginalized people--the homeless, the disabled, the poor.

I will never forget the time Tino asked me to accompany him to the home of a mutual, disabled friend who was dying of cancer, as Tino needed support in this difficult situation. Tino is decidedly

However, Tino has over 10 years of public service as aide to DeLeo and as Chief of Staff to Senator Paul Feeney. In addition, he's served on the Winthrop School Committee for the past 5 years, twice as Chairperson. He was also a valuable member of Winthrop Air Hazards Committee for 4 years. He's been an elected member of the State Democratic Committee for 1st Suffolk and Middlesex District since 2008. Tino is decidedly competent, versed in the workings of both town and state government.

Finally, Tino Capobianco is committed to fair and strong representation of our 19th Suffolk District. Tino has the vision and practical experience to address important issues like improvement of our



na Segreti Reilly.

**CHAMPION** Dear Editor,

public schools, helping our small businesses and working families rebuild during and after this terrible pandemic, preserving our environment, and ensuring human rights for all citizens.

Please join me in voting for Tino Capobianco on Tuesday, March 2, for State Representative for Winthrop and the 19th District of Revere. Thank

**Donna Segreti Reilly** 

#### **SUPPORTS DELVENTO**

Dear Editor,

I am enthusiastically supporting Alicia DelVento's candidacy for State Representative in the upcoming special election. During my twelve years on the Winthrop School Committee and four years on the Winthrop Town Council, I learned first hand the importance of listening to and collaborating with others. A deliberative body, such as the state legislature, by definition must deliberate, and effective deliberation demands listening and collaborative skills, skills which Alicia brings to everything that she does. Make no mistake; Alicia is no pushover. She is a fighter for what she believes in. Those of us who have watched her in action know that she will go to the mat for the people and the issues important to her and the district. Alicia is passionate about Winthrop and Revere. We the people will be well served by her passion, her intelligence, her caring and her experience. Alicia will hit the ground running from day one.

Richard D. Gill

#### **SENATOR BONCORE:** A **LEGISLATIVE**

In September, I wrote a

Letter to the Editor stating, among other things, that if State Senator Joe Boncore produced a Transportation Bond Bill before the state legislative session ended in 2020, he would be a

"legislative champion". Well, Senator Boncore got the bill passed in the State Senate, negotiated its passage with the State House of Representatives, and saw it approved, with some modifications, by Governor Baker.

The Transportation Bond Bill is a \$16 billion investment to develop necessary transporta-tion infrastructure projects statewide. The bill will help modernize the Commonwealth's transportation system for residents, businesses and communi-

In addition, as Chair of the Senate Committee on Transportation, Senator Boncore was able to include an additional \$7 million for local projects in his State Senate District, which includes Winthrop.

With the departure of Speaker Robert DeLeo from the House of Representatives, Win-throp's interests will increasingly be dependent upon the leadership of the wellliked and well-respected Senator Boncore.

The successor to Bob DeLeo in the House of Representatives will be chosen in March, but that person will be the least senior member of the 160-member legislative

While a Democratic State Senator generally becomes a Committee Chair as soon as he or she takes office, a Democratic State Representative must often wait several years before an opportunity for a Committee Chair becomes available.

For instance, Bob De-Leo was first elected as a state representative in

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Maria Tracy doing the shopping for a customer at Winthrop MarketPlace.

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If an item can't be found, the employee contacts the customer and stays on the phone with them until they find an acceptable substitute. "We try to maintain a

relationship with the customer, and we accommodate where we can," said Wallerce.

After the shopping

items are checked off, the employee charges the customer's credit card, which includes an eight dollar fee for Winthrop Taxi, who then picks up the groceries and delivers them to the front door of the residence.

"Some customers request that the driver leave the bags at the front door and others ask for them to be brought into the house."

Wallerce recommends

that the customer leave a three dollar tip for the driver, taking the total delivery fee to an average of \$11. While competitors are charging a hefty fee, Wallerce is hoping to avoid adding a shopping fee onto the driving fee; however, with the rising costs of goods and minimum wage increasing, he may have to require a shopping fee but he hopes to keep it minimal. He is currently working on getting the Marketplace on Instacart so customers can order their goods online.

"With the limited ca-

pacity due to COVID, it's nice to give people another option. We try to make it as efficient as possible and we typically turn everything over in one to three hours. It works well because we have limited storage space so we need to get the items out the door and delivered as soon as possible."

start of the pandemic brought on an influx of panic buyers, making it hard to keep up with the demand of goods, but since then the store is back to its routine and he hopes they will be able to keep up with their quick turnaround time.

To request a grocery

delivery, please call 617-846-6880 before 2 p.m.

The Winthrop Marketplace is located at 35 Revere St, vWinthrop, MA 02152.

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1991, but his big break came 14 years later when he was named Chair of the powerful Ways and Means Committee.

Voters in the upcoming

election might want to consider which candidate is best suited for the long haul as Winthrop's State Representative.

William Schmidt

William Schmidt

#### WHY WE SUPPORT ALICIA DELVENTO FOR STATE REP

We are writing to express our support for Alicia DelVento for state representative. Alicia will work tirelessly for policies that improve the lives of everyone in Winthrop and Revere.

Alicia is focused on policy and understands the importance of good government, transparency and the highest ethical standards for our elected officials. She will make decisions based on what's best for everyone and not be influenced by special interests. She understands that what is important is not endorsements from the connected. She does not feel entitled to the position because she has been running for it for the past 10 years. In making decisions, she will be guided

by facts, science, and ex-

pert analysis. As recent

events show, now more than ever we need elected officials at all levels who base their decisions on the truth, not political expediency.

She will be an advo-

cate for working families, seniors, veterans, the disabled, and those with health challenges. She will fight for economic, social and racial justice.

Finally, there is no issue more urgent than climate change--for Winthrop and Revere, as seaside communities, but also for the Commonwealth, the country and the entire planet. As the lead organizer in Winthrop for the U.S. Senate's strongest climate champion, Senator Markey, Alicia clearly understands this urgency and will be a strong advocate for policies that protect the environment and transition the Commonwealth to a clean energy economy, creating jobs in the process.

Please join us in voting for Alicia on March 2.

Joseph Aiello
Carina Campobasso
Barbara Flockhart
Daniela Foley
Erica Foley
Suzanne HitchcockBryan
Tracey Honan
Mary Mitchell
Linda Roy

**Gary Skomro** 

#### AN APPRECIATION

# Richard "Dick" Dimes - A Civic Man

By Frank M Costantino

Dick Dimes has left his town of residence a better place for his being in Winthrop. From what was in the Transcript over the last couple of weeks, residents learned of his energetic commitment to town affairs, and also his sailing prowess and teaching it to young sailors at the Cottage Park Yacht Club, as well as his personal interests that encompassed many areas. He leaves his dear sweetheart Margaret, his wife for 73!! years (of whom I never heard him call her "Marge"; though that was how most folks called her). He also leaves his two sons, Rick and Jon, and his devoted daughter Debbie; as well as his grandchildren, with whom he shared his many interests.

It's fair to say Dick was a man of dimensions, even though his profession as a structural engineer would qualify him for that description. His was a slight, almost wiry build, but with a very hearty laugh for a person his size. He was a structural engineer, designing and specifying steel framing for various size buildings. He would often be working nights in his home office to verify some key math for properly sizing beams. He also would visit the fabricators all over New England to make sure they were producing the steel to proper specs. No doubt, his home office was where he also worked on numerous town affairs too.

Dick was a Town Meeting Member until its dissolution, and served on numerous committees for more than four decades, eventually becoming Selectman for better directing the Town's affairs. He and his many neighbors and friends supported his efforts in so many areas in making Winthrop a better place. Dick's lengthy public service was an invaluable resource when advising officials on the formulation of the New Town Charter. After which, he was a regular visitor to Town Hall providing insights and background to ongoing affairs that helped new officials and department heads, as well as attending numerous Town Council meetings, where he was never shy to speak his mind - sometimes pretty forcefully.

Such persistent efforts and expertise brought eventual large results with the completion of the DPW garage, named in his honor a number of years ago. This project was special to him, since he personally knew all the separate Department heads, their operations and equipment, which all had to be combined in one efficient facility. But he was also instrumental in the eventual conversion of the old Winthrop Hospital, where he had served as a director. That remarkable conversion, which resulted in the Arbors assisted-living building (now PARC), being a process which took about ten years, and which is now such a boon to so many of our elder citizens, and a huge asset for the community.

He was also concerned, many decades ago, about getting a combined facilrecommended me with four other residents to prepare for port Town Meeting. That study did not make it further than that meeting however. But the idea is now again on the table; for which project we can again be thankful to Dick's sustained

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a long-time resident on Johnson Ave., had many close friends and neighbors in the Center, and he couldn't have been closer to the Cottage Park Yacht Club, where he finally became a life member. But he could be seen enjoying many a Friday night dinner and its sweeping harbor views with Marge, and their close friends David and Claire Hubbard, among others. Dick enjoyed sharing his sailing skills with many a CPYC member and youth sailor, and attended numerous affairs at the club. Dick also supported Margaret in her civic interests, especially when she served with me and others on the Beautification Committee for over 15 years; with handson plantings, and she was frequently the host for our meetings, always ended with her delectable homebaked goodies.

Dick's friendships were many and enduring; such that for a time he attended early breakfasts with his buddies - first at Brothers restaurant, and then at other spots in town. He also enjoyed splendid threemile walks around Deer Island with Dave Hubbard and a few other friends. Some of his era-buddies would call him by the nickname "Red". I was curious about that whether Dick was a sandy-haired guy in younger days; or his face was reddened by many hours sailing the coves and harbors from the CPYC; or that when forcefully making his points at meetings, scarlet complexion matched his vigor.

In addition, Dick was devoted to the Winthrop Improvement and Historical Association - WIHA. After a number of years in other positions, he had served as President, as well as long-time Chairman of Building and Grounds. He was a guiding light to WIHA for over forty years. The Deane Winthrop House, our first period national treasure of a lived-in residence, was always given Dick's closest scrutiny to oversee its necessary repairs and upkeep. He and Marge faithfully attended the monthly dinners, sharing a table with other close couples and friends. He also worked with Dave Hubbard, our Town Historian, on finding the right piece of history for WIHA; or the town for that matter. Dick and David had always planned an addition for the barn, for which I had joined their design eftown boards."

"...Dick and Marge were so helpful and gracious. That was just the being of multiple committees we work together on. I discovered if I listened to Dick, my road became so easy, especially in WIHA."

"...Dick ...was an honest, dedicated person. He and I would differ on political issues, but he was reasonable and I held him in the highest respect."

"... Dick Dimes was always associated with civic pride, community involvement, a big smile and enthusiastic wave."

"...Dick as an engaged citizen and avid participant in the Winthrop's planning process. His attendance at our planning board meetings always included thoughtful comments on how best to move Winthrop forward. His love for the Town was inspiring and his presence will be missed."

"He brought so, so much to this community. Every time he shopped at my store he would take the time to tell me a little more about our town. Always trying to make this the best place to live, never about himself, he put our town first."

"...so privileged to have known Dick and... worked with him on so many issues. I often thought that Dick forgot more than some of us ever learned. Certainly one of the finest guys I've ever known. Winthrop has lost one of our most influential founding fathers."

"I get to look out my window at The Richard Dimes Public Works Department and Say, I know the Gentleman that brought this building to light a visionary..."

For such folk that knew him, they and so many others, would hope that Dick dimes' brand of civic commitment and generosity would somehow effuse into the Town's residents (younger or older or newer), with the realization that the efforts for our community welfare brings its own rewards and satisfaction. Dick did so for a better life here, and we have all benefitted.

"This world would certainly be a better place if more people cared like Dick. I hope that the powers to be cycle Dick back to earth fast to do some good for the generations ahead."

The Dimes Family has

said Goodbye to its Patriarch. Dick was an ever-energetic and engaging man, who not only always held the larger community of Winthrop in mind, but also directed his talents and energy to a broad variety of worthy and needed tasks. He gave so much of himself to civic affairs, always with the Town's betterment his imperative. He always made time for his family affairs, but somehow found (or made) the time to serve at Town Hall, on various committees, and at events that endeared him to so many people, young or old. Everyone who knew Dick won't forget this wonderful man. A special mold now lies empty since Dick has left us.

Winthrop resident and local artist.

Frank Costantino is a

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mental in the preparations for WIHA's annual Strawberry Festival, arranging for the tables, chairs, cream, strawberries, shortcakes, etc., as well as coordinating the set-up and take-down of the event. Dick could help with anything needed to keep the long lines moving during the servings. Marge, ever-smiling and pleasant to guests, was always a most generous short-cake server, even as late as the last event in 2019 before Covid shut things down. For WIHA's famous Barn Sales, Dick would also garner help from many members to pick up and lug donations of all kinds from all over Town, which bi-annual event helped in raising ever-needed funds for the House upkeep.

His example and legacy at WIHA endures, for current Board and members, from his keen level of responsibility for keeping WIHA's 400 year-old treasure in the best possible shape

Whenever Dick ran his

Whenever Dick ran his errands at the Center, he would often drop into my studio on Pauline St, just to have a chat, or ask a question or seek my opinion about some current issue that he was keeping an eye on. We shared a lot about design and construction, and he was always interested in whatever architectural projects I happened to be working on.

Even though Dick was somewhat unassuming, you knew right away that he had the know-how and capacities to get things done, and strong ideas about how to do them. And so he did, in so many ways, for so many projects.

Although he would be the last one to seek praise for his hard work, Dick was given many awards for his civic work. He received honors from the Jaycees; the Rotary; from the Town Council; probably a citation from the State House, and the Chamber of Commerce, with its Community Service Award, among others.

Other of our neigh-

Other of our neighbors had very high praise and opinions about Dick – "He was a man of his word and a true legend that always cared and put others 'first' - his incredible focus, drive and passion in everything that he did - sailing, civic work,

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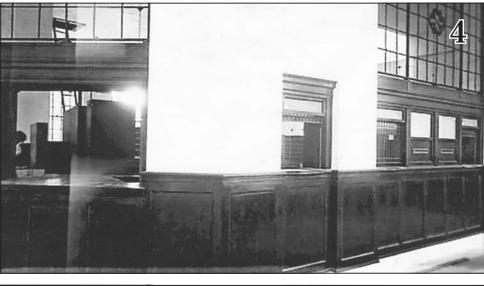




The U.S. Postal Service was authorized in 1775 and the Post Office Department was established in 1789. Shortly thereafter the mail service was functioning in Massachusetts and mail to our peninsula came thru Chelsea for customer pickup at one of our early stores such as the J. Caldwell General Store at MaGee's Corner which was built about 1850. In 1859, Warren Belcher became Winthrop's Postmaster, a position he held for almost fifty years. He lived in the house now at 159 Winthrop Street and, we have been told, operated our first Post Office out of an opening to the small side porch which is still visible today as shown in

picture #1. On October 4, 1890, one of the very few robberies in early Winthrop occurred. The Post Office Safe was blown open and some \$53 was taken. Some of the money lost was the personal property of our Postmaster Warren Belcher. In 1892, the Masonic Building was built on Winthrop Street just opposite Madison Avenue with the Lodge Hall on the second floor and the Winthrop Post Office in the first floor left hand side store front. See picture #2, a post card from around 1900. The Post Office operated in this location for 39 years until the U.S. Government built the new Post Office in 1931 that is now serving as the home of Winthrop's Police Department. See picture #3 for how the building appeared in 1932 just after it was completed by Mauru-Argentieri Inc., a contractor out of Providence Rhode Island. For those of us who had Post Office boxes, in which to receive our mail, picture #4 shows how the lobby appeared as we visited the building daily to pick of our correspondence. Picture #5 shows the back room of the building where the incoming mail was brought to be sorted for distribution in town and the outgoing mail was packaged to be trucked out. Today the Winthrop Post Office is located at 5 Michaels









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

#### 10 years ago

**January 27, 2011** Massachusetts Land Court has issued its decision in the case of the Winthrop Hospital condominium conversion project. Judge Alexander H. Sands ruled in favor of Tina Bzrezinski, trustee of Winthrop Cove Realty Trust, and ordered the work under the terms of the special permit may move forward. The judge dismissed the appeal of the neighbors, holding that they had no standing to appeal the Winthrop Planning Board decision and that the project will not cause any harm recognized in the law. The matter dates back to 2003 when the Planning Board had issued a special variance to Bzrezinski to allow the conversion of the former Winthrop Hospital building to residential condominiums, but the neighbors appealed to the Land Court. Judge Sands agreed with Attorney James Cipoletta and Winthrop Cove Realty Trust and threw out the appeal of the neighbors, ruling that the plans submitted to the Planning Board were appropriate and that the Planning Board acted in accordance with the zoning ordinance and that the neighbors did not have standing to challenge the Planning Board. Winthrop Cove Realty Trust's proposal calls for 74 residential units on the site that has 128 on-site parking spaces. The conversion to condominiums will be

footprint of the structure. The Winthrop Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon-cutting at the new home of the Winthrop School of Performing Arts, located on the third floor of the E.B. Newton School on Pauline Street. Now in its 26th year, the WSPA offers classes in dance, acting, voice, and musical instruments as well as Zumba, the latest exercise craze.

done within the current

Winthrop Public Works Director Dave Hickey confirmed this week that the early season snow and ice storms that have been hitting the town and region on an almost weekly basis since the week after Christmas have taken a toll on the town's under-funded snow and ice removal budget. Hickey said the line item for snow removal in the budget amounts to \$40,000, but that \$90,000 already has been expended, with more storms on the way. The Mechanic, The

Green Hornet, and No Strings Attached are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

#### 20 years ago **January 25, 2001** The Winthrop School

Building Committee said this week that bids for the proposed new elementary school in the Centre are more than \$2 million over the committee's projections, similar to what happened with the initial bids for the Ft. Banks

school. The committee had pegged the cost of the new school, slated to be constructed on the site of the Willis School, which will be torn down, at \$13 million. The selectmen introduced the town's new

financial team, Town Ac-

countant Michael Bertino

Paul Sagarino, at its meet-

Treasurer-Collector

ing this past week.

Eighth-grader Anthony Fucillo was the winner of the Winthrop Middle School's recent Geography Bee. Corinna Wallace was the runner-up. More than 700 Middle School students competed in the event under the direction of Middle School Asst. Principal Brian Gill.

A 38 year-old Winthrop man surrendered to police for the fatal hitand-run accident on the Revere Beach Parkway in Revere in the early morning of January 10 that claimed the life of a 32 year-old Everett man who was walking home from his girlfriend's apartment. The office of Suffolk County D.A. Ralph Martin said that the Winthrop man will be charged with motor vehicular homicide, among other offenses.

The Sun-Transcript applauds the recent decision of the Mass. Supreme Judicial Court that upholds an order of the Barnstable Board of Health to ban cigarette smoking in restaurants.

The Wedding Planner, Finding Forrester, and Cast Away are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

#### 30 years ago **January 23, 1991**

The School Committee has approved a budget for the School Department of \$10,436,217, an increase of 10 percent over last year that does not take into account the outcome of contract talks between the committee and the teachers union.

The selectmen promoted Joseph "Larry" Powers Jr. to the rank of captain in the Fire Department Monday night.

The Godfather Part III, Awakenings, and Kindergarten Cop are playing at the Revere Showcase Cin-

#### 40 years ago **January 28, 1981**

Winthrop will be the focus of an extensive anti-litter campaign in the months to come, with public awareness programs, feasibility studies on the possibility of recycling, and a litter audit of both public and private grounds, according to Michael Coughlin of the non-profit Corporation for a Cleaner Commonwealth. Coughlin informed the selectmen of his organization's plans Monday night.

State Rep. Alfred Saggese said he will fight to keep the 10-cents fare for elderly Winthrop residents who use the Rapid Transit Bus, despite the MBTA's announcement of an impending fare hike for all passengers. Winthrop attorney Je-

rome Falbo and 300 Winthrop residents have filed a suit in federal court against Massport and the FAA for violations of noise regulations at Logan Airport. A group of 30 abutters

at the fire-plagued house at 49 Sagamore Ave. turned out to oppose the proposal by the Winthrop Housing Authority to purchase the property and turn it into low-income housing.

50 years ago **January 27, 1971** A total of 10 contests will highlight the annual

town election on March 1.

Selectman James T. Reddy

will face two opponents,

retired Winthrop police officer James T. Porter and Lewis Blumsack.

Winthrop selectman Richard Dimes Sun-Transcript publisher Andrew P. Quigley are being credited with leading the fight to prevent the issuance of a permit to another company to burn rubbish on barges in the Outer Boston Harbor near the Brewster Islands off Hull.

Charles Wheaton, the first bus driver for Rapid Transit in Winthrop when the company came to town after the defunct Narrow Gauge Railroad shut down in January, 1940, has passed away at the age of 80. Wheaton was credited with saving the lives of two passengers during his years as a bus driver.

Robert Redford and Michael J. Pollard star in Little Fauss and Big Halsey at the Winthrop Cinema.

#### 60 years ago **January 26, 1961**

Local voters will go to the polls on two days in succession on March 6 and 7, first for the annual town election and then for the special primary election to fill the seat vacated by State Senator Harold Canavan, who was named a judge to the Boston Municipal Court by Gov. Foster Furcolo in the waning days of his administration.

Winthrop State Rep. Fred Baumesiter rallied support among his Republican colleagues in the House to defeat the annual bill that would require Chelsea, Winthrop, and Revere to pay their share of the expenses of Suffolk County, which presently are paid for entirely by the City of Boston. A total of 65 of the 74 House Republicans voted against the bill. Winthrop's share of the costs would have amounted to \$200,000 which would place a substantial burden upon local

Immediate relief in the form of funding for quick action to be taken by the MDC to repair 170 feet of seawall battered by the howling blizzard and nor'easter last week came from the State House this week. The seawall was pounded into rubble in some places and huge concrete blocks were torn loose and strewn about Shore Drive. Pt. Shirley was isolated by the storm as seawater poured from the ocean side into the bayside, transforming the Point into an island at high

taxpayers.

Oliver Green has been elected by a joint meeting of the School Committee and selectmen to fill the vacant seat on the School Committee. Jerry Lewis stars in

Cindefella at the Winthrop Theatre.

#### 70 years ago **January 25, 1951** Town Meeting mem-

bers approved a proposal to construct a road over the old roadbed of the Narrow Gauge railroad from Washington Ave. to Shirley St. at Ocean Spray, parallel with Shirley St. State aid for the project under c. 90 will be forthcoming, which will match other state funding, with a total estimated cost of \$92,000. Selectman Peter Princi told Town Meeting members that the plans

#### **LOCAL STUDENTS EARN**

#### **ACADEMIC HONORS**

#### POWELL ON DEAN'S LIST

Zara Powell of Winthrop has been named to the Dean's List at Northeastern University for the Fall 2020 semester.

The Dean's List is universally recognized as an honor that institutions of higher learning bestow on students who have excelled during an academic term. The standards for this recognition are quite high: semester GPA above 3.50, no Pass/Fail, no grade below C-, and completion of a full academic course load. Powell has clearly devoted a significant effort to her academic program and her endeavors have been rewarded by success. Her achievement should be a source of satisfaction and encourage-

#### **ZUFFANTE NAMED** TO HAMILTON **COLLEGE FALL** 2020 DEAN'S LIST

Caroline Zuffante, of Winthrop, has been named to the Dean's List at Hamilton College for the 2020 fall semester.

To be named to the Dean's List, a student must have carried throughout the semester a course load of four or more graded credits with an average of 3.5 or above.

Zuffante, a sophomore, is a graduate of Winthrop High School.

#### **DIMARO NAMED TO** LASELL UNIVERSITY **DEAN'S LIST** Kylie DiMaro of Win-

throp was named to the Fall 2020 Dean's List at Lasell University in Newton, Massachusetts.

DiMaro was named to the Dean's List for their academic performance in the fall semester. Students who receive this honor have completed at least

12 credits as a full-time student and have achieved a semester GPA of 3.5 or higher.

#### **CARSLEY NAMED** TO DEAN'S LIST AT **DEAN COLLEGE**

Dean College is pleased to announce that Elizabeth Carsley of Winthrop, has earned a place on the Dean's List for the Fall 2020 semester. Students named to the Dean's List have demonstrated a serious commitment to their studies while at Dean Col-

#### **SULLIVAN NAMED** TO THE DEAN'S LIST AT THE **UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAVEN**

Braeden C. Sullivan of Winthrop, MA, a student in the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of New Haven, has been named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2020 semester.

Braeden is working on a Bachelor of Science degree in Marine Biology

#### **GRILLO NAMED** TO SNHU PRESIDENT'S LIST Alana Grillo of Win-

throp has been named to Southern New Hampshire University's fall 2020 President's List. Eligibility for the President's List requires that a student accumulate an academic grade point average (GPA) of 3.7-4.0 and earn 12 credits for the semester.

#### ON PRESIDENT'S LIST AT BENTLEY COLLEGE

Courtney Dalton of Winthrop was named to the President's List at Bentley College. Courtnev is the daughter of Patricia Hames and Kevin Dalton of Winthrop.

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presently call for the road to end at Shirley St., but it most likely will be extended to Locust St. The new road, to be named Veterans Rd., will alleviate the congested traffic conditions along Shirley St., especially bus traffic.

Fred Fisher, the Town Counsel for the past 17 years, told the Rotary Club at its weekly luncheon meeting, "By and large, our town is as good as any you'll find in the nation today." Fisher said that the duties and responsibilities of town officials have increased in every aspect over the past several years. Fisher also told the Rotarians to contact local police with the names and locations of any individuals whom they might suspect of conducting illegal bookmaking operations, which Fisher said is on the increase in the

A special meeting between the School Committee and the PTA stressed the need for a public kin-

dergarten program in Win-Dick Powell and June Allyson star in Right Cross at the Winthrop and

# State Theatres.

80 years ago June 23, 1941 Winthrop registrants for the draft are being urged to become familiar with the

names of the local mem-

bers of the Selective Ser-

vice Advisory Board, who will be able to assist registrants in completing the questionnaires and for general advice and assistance.

The Winthrop Circle, Florence Crittenton League, will mark its 16th year here, according to the group's president, Mary Warnock. The stated goal of the organization is the protection of young girls who are in need of a friend because of unemployment, or disease, or who may be facing an unmarried maternity. The town's legal claim

that the defunct Narrow Gauge Railroad must be held responsible for the upkeep of the forrailroad's bridges throughout the town has been thrown out by the federal district court. Garland Judy and

George Murphy star in Little Nellie Kelly at the Winthrop and State The-90 years ago

#### **January 24, 1931** State Rep. John P. Clan-

cy filed a bill this week that calls for the construction of a breakwater for the protection of the

waterfront along Shore Drive. The estimated cost of the project is \$400,000. Mrs. Alice Farquhar has been elected the president of the Winthrop

ing Nurse Assoc.

#### **OBITUARIES**

#### **Lawrence Upton**

Co-owner of Patriot Logistics

"Larry" Lawrence Upton, 64, of Winthrop, formerly of Marblehead, passed away on Tuesday, January 19. Larry was the beloved husband of Lins (Johnson) Upton. They shared more than 40 years of their lives together.

Raised in Marblehead, Larry was the son of the late William and Grace (Smyth) Upton. He was the loving father of Mark and Kristen Upton. He will be missed by his dear sister, Ellen Murphy and her husband, Greg of Beverly and his brother, William "Bill" Upton of New Hampshire, as well as his nephews: Ryan, Heath, and Patrick.

Larry was a man with an enormous heart, outstanding humor, and always had a story to tell. He considered friendship and loyalty as sacred values. His friends and loved ones will remember him for always being ready to help a friend in need.

He was a co-owner of Patriot Logistics, a Revere trucking company, where he worked tirelessly for his company and the many co-workers who were his dear friends. Larry was a longtime member of the Gerry Five in Marblehead and the Winthrop Elks, where he always enjoyed having a cold beer.

Larry was an accomplished athlete and incredibly proud of his time at Marblehead High School (Class of 1974), where he was inducted into the football Hall of Fame in 2010. He loved nothing more than coaching and watching his children play



Larry was also a prominent fixture of the tailgating scene at Mark's college football games. Due to the ongoing pan-

demic, there is no public visitation. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. on Friday, January 29 at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church in Marblehead with Covid-19 attendance restrictions in place. Burial is private at Waterside Cemetery in Marblehead due to current gathering restrictions there. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Care Dimensions Kaplan House via caredimensions.org. Funeral arrangements are under the care of Eustis & Cornell of Marblehead. To share a memory or offer condolence messages to the family please visit eustisandcornellfuneralhome. com.

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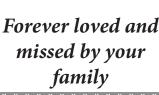
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#### Thomas Cash

He cherished his family above all else

Winthrop passed away peacefully on January 23. He was 85 years old.

Thomas D. Cash of



The beloved husband Irene M. (Herbert) Cash, he

was born in Medford, the cherished son of the late Daniel A. and Kathleen V. (Hurley) Cash. Prior to his retirement,

Thomas was a carpenter in the roofing industry. He was a graduate of Everett Vocational School. After graduation, Thomas enlisted in the Navy Reserves and served on the U.S.S. Johnnie Hutchins with his uncle, Walter "Wally" Cash. Thomas was a member of the Winthrop Yacht Club. He was the devoted fa-

ther of Thomas D. Cash Jr. of Winthrop, Coleen P. Fallon and her husband, Sean of Milton and Irene E. Cash and her husband, Arthur Leventis of South Boston; the adored grandfather of Caroline, Shannon and Isabella Cash and Daniel and Colin Fallon; the dear brother of Colin Cash and Peggy Ann Riley, both of Winthrop and



the late Daniel, Walter J. "Buddy" and Edward Cash, all of Winthrop. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews whom he loved dearly. He cherished his family above all

His Funeral Mass was held in St. John the Evangelist Church, 320 Winthrop St., Winthrop, on Wednesday, January 27. Interment followed in Winthrop Cemetery (Belle Isle Section). Donations in his memory can be made to the Alzheimer's Assn. 309 Waverly Oaks Rd. Waltham, MA. 02452. Funeral arrangements were from the Maurice W Kirby Funeral Home 210 Winthrop St. Winthrop, To sign Thomas's guestbook, please visit our website at www.mauricekirbyfh. com.

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ry and Jill Dorr, and her brother, Syracuse freshman Kevin Dorr, seated among the small audience of spectators and Principal Matt Crombie also in attendance, Maura banked in a lay-up with 3:22 left in the second quarter. The 5-foot-10-inch forward finished her memorable night with 19 points and eight rebounds.

Maura Dorr joins the elite company of four Winthrop High all-time basketball greats and 1,000-point scorers: Maureen McManus, Elizabeth Doherty, Lori Thomas, and Courtney Finn.

Dorr exhibited exactly why Coach Joe Lowe has his team rolling along with a 6-1 record. Knowing she needed 12 points, Dorr stayed within her excellent, two-way game and didn't force any shots. Lowe's Vikings play unselfish team basketball and pass the ball exceptionally well around the perimeter.

The Gloucester coach paid Dorr a compliment by engaging a box-andone defense to try and contain her. But Dorr neatly sandwiched five baskets around two free throws to get to the magic number of 1,000.

Following the game, Dorr received gifts and took photos with her teammates and family amidst the 1,000-point Viking gold decorations.

Was the Dorr-to-Dorr moment a pre-designed play?

"No, it just happened to be that she assisted me on my 1,000th point, which I was very happy about," said Maura. "It feels really good and I've been looking forward to this and I'm grateful to have this season, even though it was uncertain with COVID-19."

Dorr said the team has really developed well this season.

"This group of girls is really good. We all work hard and we're super close. I think this year our team is really strong and we could have made it really far if there were

ONE PROUD FAMILY: Pictured after the game are 1,000th career point scorer Maura Dorr, with

her parents, Jerry Dorr and Jill Dorr, her twin sister, Jenna Dorr, and her brother, Kevin Dorr.

playoffs. I think we can compete with any team," she said.

Asked about sharing the stage with her "younger" sister Jenna ("I'm older by two minutes," smiled Maura), the newly minted 1,000-point scorer said, "Jenna's great. I'm so happy she was on the court with me."

Winthrop Coach Joe Lowe has been Maura's coach for her junior and senior seasons.

"I'm just super proud of her," said Lowe. "When Maura came into the program, she set the tone with some of the other seniors with how they work together, especially Maura – weight room, off-season basketball, AAU basketball, and open gym. To me, it's no surprise that she has this honor based on the time she has put into her basketball game."

In a recurring theme, Lowe noted the rare occurrence of two sisters collaborating for the milestone point.

"It's so awesome, it's

actually cool that her sister got the assist on the 1,000<sup>th</sup> point," said Lowe. "It was pretty special to see that happen."

Matt Crombie watched the game while standing beneath the blue and gold banners where Maura's achievement will forever be displayed in the gymnasium.

"Words cannot describe how proud I am of Maura for this accomplishment," said Crombie. "Getting 1,000 points obviously puts her in the upper echelon of the girls basketball players in our school's history. And the icing on cake was Maura getting the ball on an assist from her sister Jenna, who's also our senior class president. I'm so proud of Maura and all that she's accomplished. She's the ideal student-athlete at Winthrop High School."

Grace Galuris and Caroline Earl, two of the seniors who have accompanied Maura on this successful basketball journey since fourth grade, also congratulated their longtime teammate.

"It's awesome, she's practically our family – we've been playing basketball with her for so many years," said Galuris. "I'm so happy that she was able to do it and I'm really happy that all the seniors were on the court for her to be able to get the 1,000th point."

Said Earl, "It's awesome. We're all so proud of her. It was really great to see her sister Jenna get her the assist for the 1,000<sup>th</sup> point. That was awesome to see."



Maura Dorr led all scorers in the game with 19



YOU DID IT: Grace Galuris congratulates her teammate Maura Dorr after she scored her 1,000th career point in Tuesday's game against Gloucester.



CONGRATS FROM THE TEAM: Maura Dorr displays the special shirt commemorating her 1,000 career-point achievement.

points. Sophomore guard Maddie Stiglets was impressive in the backcourt with 14 points. Caroline Earl, who showed a noteworthy jump-step move, scored eight points. Samantha Galuris netted seven points. Other scor-

ers for Winthrop were Grace Galuris (6), Jenna Dorr (4), Julia Marcoccio (4), Polina Bell (2) and Emma Forsyth.

The WHS girls basketball program will have its Senior Night ceremony on Feb. 9.

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#### WHS SPORTS ROUNDUP

#### WHS GIRLS HOCKEY REMAINS UNBEATEN

The Winthrop High girls hockey team improved to 3-0 on the season with a 2-0 victory over Newburyport last Wednesday evening at Larsen Rink.

The contest was not as close as the final score might indicate. The Lady Vikings had a wide advantage in shots on goal and possession, but.a strong performance by the Newburyport goalie kept the final score close.

After a scoreless opening period in which the Lady Vikings outshot Newburyport 11-3, Winthrop broke through in the middle stanza..

The Lady Vikings' first goal began with a nice save by Winthrop goalie Summer Tallent (who had 16 stops on the night). A Winthrop defender gathered in the rebound and tapped a short pass to Elle English, who was about 10 feet in front of Tallent. Elle took off down the left wing, speeding past a Newburyport defender as she approached center ice and crossing through midice and over the blue line

With the remaining defend-Newburyport er skating back to cover the center in front of the Newburyport goalie, Elle crossed over into the slot area and let go a wrist shot that reached the back of

"Elle English made a beautiful end-to-end rush and scored one of the prettiest goals we have had from a defenseman since the days of Taylor Brown," said WHS head coach Anthony Martucci. "She made two moves and then beat a player wide before she cut into the middle and ripped a perfectly-placed shot by the Newburyport goalie."

A few minutes later, Winthrop's center Julia Holmes won a face off to the right of the Newburyport goalie that went to her sister Emma, who was on the left wing. Emma H. slid the puck back to English, who was alone at the point. Elle fired a shot that was redirected nicely by Mia Martucci, who was in front of the Newburyport net, beating the Newburyport goalie to make it

"It was a great play off

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## Serino was well prepared for Dorr's milestone point

By Cary Shuman

Winthrop High School Athletic Director Matt Serino was ready when senior captain Maura Dorr scored the 1000th point of her high school basketball career Tuesday night.

Serino took the microphone behind the scorer's table for the congratulatory announcement moments after Dorr scored the history-making basket in the second quarter of Winthrop's victory over Gloucester.

Entering the game, Maura needed 12 points to reach the milestone. Serino had thought ahead and scripted his remarks in advance.

"You have to be prepared always," said a smiling Serino, an inductee the Saugus High School Hall of Fame in recognition of his spectacular ice hockey career.

Following are AD Matt Serino's remarks:

At this time we would like to recognize senior captain Maura Dorr, who has just scored her 1000<sup>th</sup>

Good evening.

Maura is the 14<sup>th</sup> player in Winthrop High School history and only the fifth

girl to reach this prestigious milestone.

Maura is a three-sport, four-year varsity starter. Along with joining the basketball greats, she is also the all-time leading scorer in soccer and the third-leading scorer girls lacrosse history.

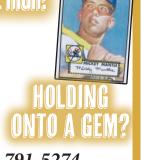
Coach Lowe describes Maura as "a hard-working student athlete whose success in the classroom and on the court go hand in hand with her effort and talent. She exemplifies the character and values we preach in our program. Maura has helped develop our culture and has laid the blueprint for how to be a successful student-athlete for the girls basketball program and all athletes of Winthrop High School."

Along with Maura, we would like to recognize Maura's parents, Jill and Jerry Dorr, who are in attendance tonight. We want to thank them for all the sacrifices they have made over the last 17 years, being able to provide Maura with the opportunities to make an achievement like tonight possible.

Congratulations, Maura, on a well-deserved accomplishment.

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#### WHS VIKINGS HOCKEY TRIUMPH OVER BEVERLY, 3-0



IN CONTROL: Winthrop goalie Anthony Indresano makes sure the corner is protected as defenseman Joe Hayes (9) looks on.

▶ NOT THIS TIME: The puck rolls through the crease in front of Winthrop Joey Holgerson who is blocked from making a play on it. Holgerson scored a goal and had an assist in Winthrop's 3-0 win over Beverly Monday afternoon at Larsen Arena.



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#### WHS SPORTS THROUGHTHEYEARS

10 years ago **January 20, 2011** The Winthrop Lady Bulldog hockey team reeled off two more impressive victories to improve to 8-1 on the season this past week. A 2-1 triumph over Springfield Cathedral marked a milestone for the Lady Bulldogs and clearly established them as one of the top teams in the state. Cathedral had defeated Winthrop in both of their contests last season, but Saturday's game proved to be a different story. The final score was nowhere near an indication of Winthrop's dominance, as the Lady Bulldogs outshot Springfield, 48-27. McKenzie Clark scored an unassisted goal for Winthrop in the first period and Cathedral tied the score in the second. With the clock winding down to six minutes to go in the final frame Winthrop's MVP candidate, defenseman Taylor Brown, unloaded a hard slapper from the point that finally beat the Cathedral goalie. With two minutes to go, a Cathedral skater broke in alone on Bulldog goalie Katie Burt. However, Burt stoned the Cathedral player to save the victory. Two nights earlier, the Lady Bulldogs had their way from the opening face off to the final horn with a 5-0 win over Shawsheen Tech. Winthrop outshot its opponent by a whopping 51-10 margin and never was seriously challenged. Brown, who has eclipsed the 75 point career mark (which is quite an accomplishment for a defenseman), lit the lamp twice. Teammates Caroline McKinnon, Hannah LoPresti, and Chelsey Bartlett also scored goals. Playmakers on the night included Courtney McTague with two assists and Bartlett, Brown, Anna Fucillo, Kara Donati, and

erage in the range of 0.75. Although the Winthrop/ Lynn English combo gymnastics team dropped a 132-126 decision to a

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Casey McNulty with one

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strong North Andover squad this past week, there were a number of highlights for the Lady Vikings. Capt. Danika Dell'Anno took first place in the vault with a score of 9.3. Capt. Jessica Fahey then took first place honors for the Vikings on the uneven bars with a score of 8.1. Lynn English junior Sam Amico stayed on the beam for Winthrop, taking first place with an 8.0. Sophomore Marissa Perrotta took second with a 7.9 with Brandi Holland right behind her with a 7.15. Winthrop broke into the win column with a victory over Marblehead by a wide margin of 126.85 to 106.95. Leading the scoring in all four events was senior captain Danika Dell'Anno with high scores on the vault (9.3) and floor exercise (9.1). Right behind her was fellow Capt Jessica Fahey who took second place in the all around, scoring an 8.45 on vault and an 8.3 on the floor. Brandi Holland from Lynn English had an impressive meet competing in three events and taking fourth place on vault and the floor. Also turning in strong performances for Winthrop were Carolyn Heatherton, Samantha Mooney, Marissa Perrotta, Dakota Squire, and Caitlyn Page.

#### 20 years ago **January 18, 2001**

Winthrop Athletic Director John Lyons has proposed that Winthrop leave the Northeastern Conference, of which it has been a member since 1945, and join the Cape Ann League (CAL). The move has the unanimous support of all of the WHS coaches. In order for Winthrop to be accepted into the CAL, 10 of the league's 14 athletic directors will have to approve. Winthrop High presently by far is the smallest school in the NEC with just 504 students. Swampscott (778 Marblehead students), (780), and Saugus (880) are the only other schools in the NEC with fewer

The WHS boys hockey team remained undefeated at 7-0-1 with wins over

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Beverly, 4-1, and Danvers, 3-1. Dan Coughlin and Jake Fidler (two goals) provided the offense for the Vikings. Derek Brugman and Bobby Kneeland set up Fidler's goals to earn assists. Dan Wilson scored two goals and Robbie De-Leo and Connor O'Brien added a goal apiece in the

Beverly victory. Kristen Costello scored 12 points and pulled down 10 rebounds, but the WHS basketball dropped a 55-46 decision to Gloucester. In a 39-23 loss to Marblehead, Brittany Curran was the top scorer for the Lady Vikings with 10 points. Winthrop now is 1-8 on the season.

Sean Burgess exploded for 28 points to lead the WHS boys basketball team to a 78-66 win over Marblehead. James Arena (19 points), Jeremy Jenkins (18), and Mike Vatalaro (12) also reached double-figures for the Vi-

#### 30 years ago January 16, 1991

WHS senior Billy Perella won the high hurdles event at the State Coaches Meet this past weekend at the Harvard University track facility. Perella was undefeated in the three preliminary rounds and then won the title with a 7.68 performance in the final. Perella was one of 64 competitors in the event.

The WHS girls track team defeated Marbelhead to remain unbeaten and set up a showdown for the NEC with Beverly.

Captain Dina Fletcher and freshman Nicole Indresano turned in stellar performances to lead the 3-0 WHS gymnastics team to a 122.8-101.1 win over Salem.

#### 40 years ago **January 21, 1981**

The WHS girls basketball team dropped a 56-33 contest to first place Salem. Debbie Consoli led the Lady Vikings with 16 points. However, coach Ron Spinney's squad kept alive their hopes for a berth in the state tourney with a 54-38 triumph over Gloucester.

Former Winthrop High hockey star Bob MacDonald is now a senior forward for the Harvard University hockey team.

#### 50 years ago January 20, 1971

With the season at the midway mark, the WHS basketball team is tied for first-place in the NEC with Swampscott and Marblehead after picking up wins against Danvers and Saugus this past week.



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an offensive zone faceoff," said Martucci. "From Julia winning it so cleanly, and then a nice dish from Emma to Elle. Combine that with a bullet from Elle, and then a nice tip out front by Mia. It was just a great play.

"This was the Elle English and Summer Tallent show," Martucci added. "Elle finished with a goal and an assist and Summer finished with a 16-save

"Elle made a decision in the second period to take the game over and she did," said the coach. "Her goal was insane and then her shot from the point was perfect. Plus, she was so solid back on de-

"Summer was a rock back there," Martucci continued. "We had a bunch of chances, but the Newburyport goalie was very good and kept us off the scoreboard. The good news was that Summer did the same for us. She made a few big stops to keep the game from getting interesting.

"This is only the second time that a goalie (the first was Gretchen Howard) has worn a letter for us." Martucci noted. "She is leading with her play and as our cap-

Martucci also lauded the play of Mia Martucci and Emma Holmes, who both stayed hot, earning a point apiece in the win. "Julia Holmes also has

had a great start to the season," Martucci said. "She is playing great hockey. Mia Norris had a bunch of chances in this game. Her speed and power are giving opposing teams a lot of trouble."

Martucci and his crew have a busy week ahead with four games in nine days. They were scheduled to play Masconomet last night (Wednesday) in Haverhill. They will return to Larsen to host Medford tomorrow (Friday) evening and Beverly Monday evening (the Beverly contest originally was scheduled for this past Saturday, but a Beverly girl tested positive for COVID) and then will travel to Medford next Thursday.

The Lady Vikings originally had a pair of games scheduled with Marblehead for this coming weekend, but both have been postponed until later in the season because of COVID.

#### WHS BOYS HOCKEY SPLITS WITH **MARBLEHEAD**

The Winthrop High boys hockey team engaged in a back-to-back matchup with Marblehead this past weekend and earned an even split with their Northeastern Conference archrival.

After dropping the first encounter on Saturday at Larsen Rink by a score of 3-2, the Vikings came back on Sunday to edge the Magicians by the same score in a contest played at Cronin Rink in Revere. In Sunday's triumph,

senior Connor Hurley lit the lamp in the opening period, assisted by senior assistant captain Chris Ferrara, to give Winthrop a 1-0 lead. Marblehead evened the

count before the period ended, but the Vikings took control of the contest in the middle stanza.

Junior assistant captain J.D. Parker, assisted by Ferrara and junior assistant captain Joey Hayes, vaulted Winthrop back

into the lead and then senior captain Joey Holgersen made it a 3-1 affair be-

fore the period ended. Marblehead made

things interesting with a

power play goal in the final minute, but senior captain Ryan Hovermale (20 saves on the night) held the fort the rest of the way in between the pipes to preserve the victory.

Sunday's encounter was a mirror-image of Saturday's battle at Larsen in which the visiting Magicians prevailed by the same score of 3-2.

Marblehead grabbed a 1-0 lead in the opening period and then took advantage of a Winthrop penalty midway through the second period to make it 2-0 at 6:51.

However, the Vikings soon had a power play of their own and took full advantage of the opportunity, with Holgersen, who was playing at the right point, rifling a nice shot that beat the Marblehead goalie at 7:30.

The Magicians then caught a big break when a Viking was sent off for a five-minute major penalty. The Vikings did an outstanding job of penalty-killing, and even had some nice chances despite being short-handed, but the Magicians netted their goal just as the five minutes were expiring with 1:05 left in the period to make it 3-1.

The teams battled evenly to start the final 15 minutes, but a Marblehead penalty midway through the period gave the Vikings another power play opportunity. Winthrop took full advantage of the man-advantage, scoring just as the penalty was set to expire to draw within

The Vikings then had a huge chance to bring the game back to level when a Magician was whistled for a five-minute major with 3:33 to play, essentially providing Winthrop with a power play for the rest of the game.

The Vikings brought out Hovermale from the goal in favor of a sixth skater in the final minute to create a 6-on-4 advantage, but the Vikings were unable to find the handle to notch the equalizer.

Coach Dale Dunbar and his crew, who now sport an even-steven 2-2-1 re-

were scheduled to take on Masconomet yesterday (Wednesday) at the Essex Sports Center and then will return home to host Danvers at Larsen on Saturday at 12:40. They are scheduled to entertain Swampscott at Larsen next Wednesday at 6:10.

#### COSTLY LOSS FOR WHS BOYS WITH **MASCONOMET**

The Winthrop High boys basketball team came up on the short end of a 66-40 decision at Masconomet last Tuesday.

WHS captain and leading scorer Cam Conway picked up his second foul early in the first quarter, forcing him to the bench, and the result was a 40-17 deficit at the half from which the Vikings never recovered.

"Masco came out hot from the field and we just couldn't keep up," said WHS head coach Mike Triant. Conway led the Vikes with nine points. Tyler Rockefeller, who played what Triant described as the senior's "usual, hard-nosed brand of basketball," chipped in with seven points, as did junior Chris Cappuccio. Sophomore Zach Bogusz added six points.

to quarantine for 10 days,

The contest proved doubly-costly for the Vikings when it was learned afterwards that a Masco player tested positive for COVID-19. As a result, the Winthrop team has had

resulting in the cancellation or postponement of four games.

However, all of the Vikings have tested negative as of press time and they should be able to return to the hardcourt this Saturday when they will make the short trek to Saugus.

That will open a busy stretch of four games in eight days for Triant and his crew, who will make the long ride to Beverly on Monday, host Salem on Tuesday, and then entertain Peabody next Friday.

#### WHS GYMNASTS PERFORM WELL IN **MEET WITH MASCO**

The Winthrop High gymnastics team eled to the Yellow Jackets Gymnastics Club facility in Middleton last Saturday for their first away meet of the season to take on Masconomet Regional, the two-time defending state champion.

First up on bars for the Lady Vikings was Shannon Abbott, who put in a new skill and led off with a great routine. Eighth-grader Isabella Rice hit her routine, getting Winthrop off to a great start. Megi Zogasi, Brandi DiCicco, and Danielle Carter all hit their routines, receiving identical scores of 8.0. Junior Mary O'Donnell finished up for Winthrop, sticking her routine for a team-

high score of 8.2. The final tally (only the top four scores for each team count) for the bars showed Winthrop with 31.95 points and Masco with 34.65.

The next event, the floor exercise, went well for Winthrop with all six Vikings hitting their routines and scoring in the 8's. Masco had some pretty impressive tumbling, with their top three girls scoring 9.45.

Winthrop earned a total of 34.5 points and Masco picked up 37.2.

The vault was the next event and the landing is done on a resi-pit, which sags several inches and takes a lot of practice to

get used to. Senior captain Rachel Farley had no problem hitting her vault and beating her last meet score by .50. Isabella Rice scored an 8.6, also topping her previ-

ous score from last week. Captain Danielle Carter's first vault went sideways, sending her flying into the wall, only to be tackled by coach Pete Go-

"If coach Gobiel hadn't caught me, I would have been in trouble," Carter noted afterwards.

However, undeterred by her brush with disaster, Danielle hit her second vault, scoring an 8.7. Alayna Ronan then did a great twisting vault for a mark of 8.8. Mary O'Donnell over-rotated on her two vaults, finding the landing a bit difficult. Junior Brandi DiCicco stuck her somersaulting vault to receive a team-high score of 9.1. Winthrop's last event,

the balance beam, didn't go as planned, with the first four Lady Vikings falling. Junior Brandi DiCicco finally hit her routine, scoring a 9.0. She was followed by Capt. Danielle Carter, who stuck her routine to earn a score of 8.8. The final tally had

Masconomet (which was without the services of its top gymnast, state champ Gracie Mowers, who was nursing a sore shoulder) with 144.95 points to 136.15 for Winthrop.

"Overall, we held our own for our first away meet," said Gobiel. "If this were a normal year with tournaments, I would again pick Masco as the state champion."

#### WHS VIKINGS HOCKEY TRIUMPH OVER BEVERLY, 3-0



SOMEBODY'S WATCHING YOU: Beverly's Cam Cook (22) checks Winthrop's Peter Silverman as a game official keeps a close watch.



CLOSE CALL: Winthrop's Peter Silverman is denied by Beverly goaltender Brendan Swee-



UP CLOSE COMBAT: Winthrop's Ari Hain (15) battles Beverly's DJ Bernard.





WINTHROP TRANSCRIPT

Senior forwards Joey Holgerson and Charlie Lane each scored a goal and assisted on another to highlight Winthrop's 3-0 win over Beverly Monday afternoon at Larsen Arena. Junior goaltender Anthony Indrisano provided the shutout net-keeping as the Viking finished the first week of the delayed 2021 season with a 1-0-1 record.

Winthrop went ahead 1-0 late in the first period when Holgerson redirected defenseman Ari Hain's shot past Beverly goalie Brendan Sweeney. Lane

also assisted on the play. teams The skated through a scoreless sec-

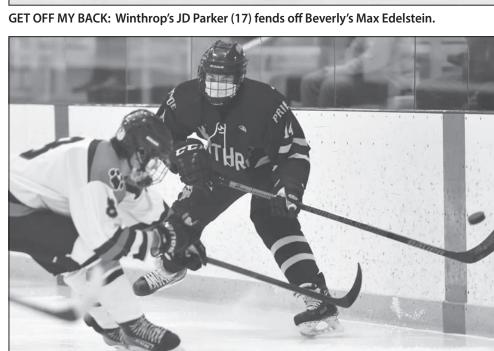
ond period and Indrisano was key as the Vikings fended off a Beverly power play after a tripping call on Winthrop's Joe Sicurel-

The Vikings doubled their lead with a power play goal at the 7:52 mark of the third period when Jack Hayes, camped to Sweeney's right, took a Corner Hurley pass and tucked a shot into the lower right of the net. Hain picked up his second assist on the play. Winthrop

wrapped up the game when Lane stormed the net from the right wing and tipped a pass from Holgerson past Sweeney for the final score with 1:29 left.

Winthrop tied Peabody, 4-4, in the season opener on January 13. The schedule continues Wednesday (January 20) at Gloucester, followed by a pair of weekend games with Marblehead Saturday (January 23) at 3 p.m. at Larsen Arena and Sunday (January 24), 2:40 p.m. at Revere's Cronin DCR Rink.





GOING OFFENSIVE: Winthrop defender Evan Smotrich (14) keeps the puck in the offensive zone despite the effort of Beverly's Max Murphy.





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# Celebrate Catholic Schools Week 2021

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# IC School goes above and beyond amidst pandemic

By Donis Tracy, Academic Coordinator

The past ten months have been challenging for all. Schools forced online; students learning from home; fear of contagion abounding; civil unrest erupting in various places in the country.

Navigating it in order to provide a safe, healthy school has been no small task. But according to Juan Velasquez and Kimberly Orellana, parents of two daughters at Immaculate Conception Parish School in Revere, their children's school has done it and more.

Velasquez and Orellana reflected on the past year grades five and three, have been helped by their Catholic education.

"I did not feel comfortable that the mandatory homeschooling was going to be the only option for a long period of time," Orellana stated, thinking back to last spring when all the schools in the state were put on lockdown. "We all know the importance of social interaction at this age."

Velasquez agreed, but added that he was incredibly impressed with the school's ability to continue teaching in spite of the chaos last spring. He noted that the school only

and how her daughters, missed one day of learning before transitioning to a full-remote model. "It was very impressive," he said. Although at first it seemed "IC Online" would only last for a few weeks, reality quickly set in that the school building would be closed for the remainder of the year. Even the prospect of opening in the fall seemed to be in question.

> However, the school continued to thrive, Velasquez said. He pointed to several school-wide traditions that were rethought in order to fit a full-remote model. STEM projects were uploaded and shared; the school's

Showcase. Students continued to thrive.

As summer began to come to an end, the uncertainty of whether or not the school could open for in-person learning was looming, Velasquez recalled, noting that Revere and its neighboring communities were among the worst affected by the pandemic.

In late August, the school sent out a document detailing its Re-Opening Plan, and allowing families to choose whether or not to send their children to school in-person or virtually.

"After reading through

art show became a Virtual the [Reopening Guide], I realized that the school was going above and beyond to ensure the safety of the kids and staff," Orellana said. Together the couple decided to opt for in-person learning.

> "IC has definitely provided a safe environment for my girls," she said. She praised the school's ability to re-think many of the fun school activities in order to make sure that students are also developing socially and spiritually.

Velasquez Agreeing, pointed to the recent Christmas Bazaar -- a longstanding tradition at Immaculate Conception School and a school event that seemed impossible to pull off with social distancing and other health and safety restrictions. Although it was not the same as other years, Orellana praised the teachers and the administration for creating a safe, healthy alternative and retaining the fun that was at the heart of

the tradition. "IC school has been a second home for my girls," Orellana said. "The relationships they are making are very important. Having families that share the same spiritual values and beliefs that we do is something that we appreciate and are deeply grateful."

# In-person learning at St. John School in the North End a success

By John Lynds

In its 126 year history St. John School arguably has never faced a crisis quite like the COVID-19 pandemic that has turned the world upside down.

However, the staff and students at St. John School have successfully returned to 'in-person' learning for the 2020-2021 school

Principal of the parochial school, Claire Cassidy, said since September 9 St. John School has been open for in person learning five days a week. The school has also been offering an eLearning program for students whose families do not wish to have them attend school in person.

Cassidy said so far the school year has been a success and teachers have worked extremely hard to seamlessly integrate eLearners into the classroom daily and to redesign lessons to ensure they are successful in a socially distant classroom and digital environment.

"It has really been phenomenal," said Cassidy.

lege to witness the way in which our students came back to school. They seamlessly came the door in September and have been washing their hands, wearing their mask, sanitizing, and social distancing--as is the norm now. Our teachers have done the most amazing job of making the integration of our in-person learners and our eLearners just look so easy. They've really worked hard to shift lesson plans and activities so that classroom discussions are between a student who is in-person and a student who is an eLearner and you see the way in which



Middle Schoolers at St. John School in the North. **Principal Claire Cassidy said** students are very grateful to be back in school and tell staff how excited they are each day.

it continues to bring that beautiful sense of community that St John's School is known for."

Cassidy said St. John School has been very fortunate that the school building lends itself to staff and students being able to do in-person learning successfully.

"The spaciousness of our classrooms has meant we are able to allow 6 feet or more of space between students," Cassidy. "We have also limited class size to give students additional space. We do have enormous windows in our building, all of which are open and have between 800 to 1,000 square feet for most of our classrooms. We were able to purchase air purifiers for our classrooms too. We also had plumbing work done over the summer to add additional sinks to our buildings so our students had more places to wash their hands. With all of those things in place we've been able to successfully open and remain open

Cassidy said extra pre-

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who is present throughout the day to clean all high touch surfaces. The school also expanded its nursing program hours to ensure nurses were available throughout the day as well as staggered arrival and dismissal times to promote student safety.

which allows for proper social distancing.

"I do think that having the privilege of being able to open for in-person learning and to be able to continue is really important," said Cassidy. "Our students are very grateful and they tell us how excited they are to be at school each day. Our families are as well and they see the joy that their children get from coming to school."

The St. John School building layout has lent itself to the school being able to successfully

return to in-person learning this year. The classrooms are between 800 and 1,000 sq. ft.

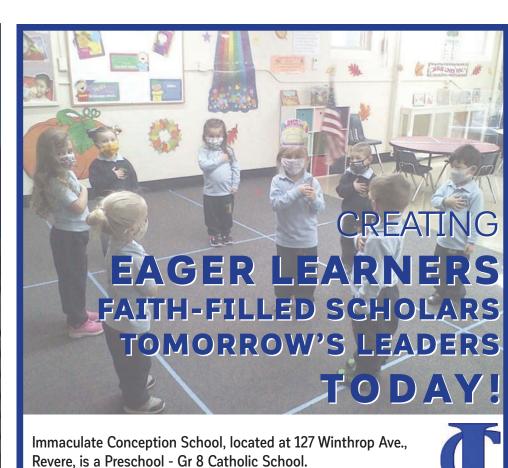
Cassidy added that with appropriate adjustments St. John School has been able to continue with its Tower Garden program and to date has grown over 60 pounds of food that is donated to the Arch Street Shrine. The school has even been able to hold private socially distanced school mass each week since school started in the

In the end Cassidy said St. John School has also been very blessed that

school parents have been tremendously supportive

since school started. "They have done a great job of reinforcing the routines that we have here with their children," said Cassidy. "They've also kept their kids home when they are sick, which I know is a strain for a family, and tested and quarantined their kids as needed. All the parents have been extremely supportive of our school policies and worked with us to ensure our school community remains healthy throughout the year."





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# East Boston Central Catholic School's hybrid learning model a success

While the 2020-2021 school year has looked a lot different for students and staff at East Boston Central Catholic School (EBCCS) due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, Principal Robert Casaletto said the reopening plan at Eastie's remaining Parochial School has been smooth as can be.

EBCCS kicked off the school year in September with 'in-person' learning for some students and 'remote' learning for others but recently switched to 'hybrid' learning.

"Everything has been going really well at EB-CCS," said Casaletto. "We have had our PreSchool and Kindergarten students in five days per week since September and we just transitioned grades 1-8 to hybrid learning when we returned from Christmas break. That is going very well so far." Casaletto said EBCCS's

hybrid schedule offers two days per week of in-person learning and three days of remote learning for all students. "Group A has in-per-

son learning on Monday-Tuesday, all students are remote on Wednesday, and then Group B has in-person learning on Thursday- Friday," said Casaletto. "Our students have been fully engaged on their remote learning days and times, and we are not noticing any learning loss or feelings of isolation. In fact, when given the option to return to in-person learning, many of our families elected to remain fully remote because they are happy with both the teaching and learning that has occurred so far this year during our fully remote days."

EBCCS has added some

additional safety precautions for the 2020-2021 school year like staggering arrival and dismissal times to limit the gathering size outside the school.

"We also added sinks and air purifiers to every classroom," said Casaletto. "Each student has their own individual desk sneeze guard, individual hand sanitizer provided by East Boston Savings Bank, the use of a Chromebook, and over six feet of space separating them from the next student."

The school also created a "Care Room" in the event a student or facul-



EBCCS teacher Lauryn Rozzi in her classroom, EBCCS began a hybrid learning model after the Christmas break.

ty member becomes sick while in the building with disposable gowns, safety glasses, gloves, and KN-95 masks.

EBCCS also purchased webcams, live streaming cameras, microphones, speakers, a ZOOM licence, and privacy walls for the teachers to keep the staff safe and allow them

to teach to both in-person and remote students at the same time.

"We just opened re-enrollment and new enrollment for the 2021-2022 school year," said Casaletto. "Families can visit ebccs.org for more information. We will have virtual tour videos up on the website next week."

# St. Anthony's of Everett keeps in-person learning at forefront this year

By Seth Daniel

Counting one's blessings is a daily exercise at St. Anthony's School of Everett, but never did the school community think one of those counted blessings would be actually going to school in person. However, that has been

the case as the Pre-School to Grade 8 Catholic School in Everett has stayed in person most every week since September using some reconfigured routines and strict COVID-19 protocols. It has been a great and wonderful things for the children, and the families, said Principal Maria Giggie.

"We've been in school since Sept. 16," said Giggie, now in her 15<sup>th</sup> year at St. Anthony's. "We recently did a partial re-opening after Christmas in phases of 1, 2 and 3 because the cases in Everett were so high. Now everyone is back this week...Everybody is back physically in the building this week. Remote is okay, but over a long period of time, it becomes impossible for students and parents." St. Anthony's is partici-

pating in Catholic Schools Week throughout next week and will have special, COVID-19 conscious, celebrations – such as a Mass and other fun things like a Pajama Day. Meanwhile, prospective students and parents are encouraged to come in-person to their Open Houses from Feb. 1-3 after making an appointment. The Open Houses are generally between 9-11 a.m. on those days, but Giggie said they are flexible.

Keeping away from all-remote has been very helpful to students and families, Giggie said, and has been a highlight of the year for them while their counterparts in the public schools have remained online this entire year.

"Remote is hard," she said. "If people have to go to work, especially with younger children, you have to worry about getting them up on the screen. Nobody needs this kind of stress. Getting everyone back in school is best and of course, keeping necessary precautions in place when they are here is essential.'

Giggie said they have moved desks six feet apart in all classrooms, and now have four lunch sessions per day with two children at each table. There are a lot of other guidelines they've picked up from the best practices, such as having teachers come to the older students, instead of having students switch classrooms each period. That keeps them at the same desk all day and keeps them from having to move about the school and having contact with others.

"We've been blessed in this," she said. "The teachers are a treasure and have gone above and beyond during school and after school. It is beyond what a teacher's job description would be. They are always on. It's been an amazing effort."

The school has also been smart about utilizing the new technology as well. Some students have chosen to be at home, and teachers have quickly adapted to teaching in person and remotely at the same time - carrying around a technology cart to each classroom that doubles as the remote computer link for students at home. Likewise, on a few occasions, they have chosen to go all remote when the percent positive case numbers in Everett have soared far beyond 8 percent. In addition, some of their special occasions, have been moved online - like this year's Christmas Play that was put together in a video celebration that was widely proclaimed as one of the best in years.

Needless to say, it is the in-person learning that has retained students this year, and increased the numbers of students in the older grades, Giggie said. The student population

has remained at around 200 this year, but that comes with fewer students in the pre-school and kindergarten, while more in the older grades. "We did see an uptick

in the older grades, quite a lot actually," she said. "Because we provide on-site in school sessions, we have seen an increase in the numbers because we're open." She said the young-

er children have also impressed her with their ability to adhere to the COVID-19 guidelines after teachers stressed them as part of the education plan this year.

"Honestly, I am impressed," she said. "It's unbelievable to see the 3 and

4-year-olds keeping their masks on and following the instructions. They have been so well-behaved."

However, Principal Giggie said it has been an effort of every administrator, student and teacher in the building to keep school going in-person and to avoid any pitfalls brought on by COVID-19. It has simply been a blessing to be counted, she said.

"We're blessed with our teachers, to see what they do every day," she said. "Everybody is in it together because the most important thing is that we keep everyone in the school and provide an opportunity for parents to send their kids to school in person. We have been continually blessed by that."

To schedule an appointment for the Open House next week, call the office of the school at (617) 389-

# Malden Catholic High School girls hockey records its first-ever victory

By Cary Shuman

Head coach Guy Angiuoni and the Malden Catholic High School girls hockey team have earned their first victory in school history.

Playing with only eight skaters and one goaltender on its roster in the second game of its first varsity season, Malden Catholic defeated Saint Joseph Prep, 2-1, last Tuesday at the Warrior Ice Arena in Brighton.

Freshman defenseman Juliana Angiuoni of Wilmington, daughter of the head coach, scored the first goal on a shot from the point. Saint Joseph tied the game at 1-1 in the second period. Freshman center Antonia DiZoglio of Wilmington netted the tie-breaking and game-winning goal with 1:24 left. Sophomore goaltender Danielle DeJon of Cambridge had 25 saves.

The historic victory drew notice from the hockey community with Malden Catholic garnering headlines on the Hockey Night in Boston and Mass. High School hockey Web sites and in the Boston newspapers.

"It was all over the Twitter-verse that this upstart team with just nine girls won a game," said

Angiuoni. "It was a great victory. The girls played so hard. It was amazing." This past Sunday, Mal-

den Catholic lost a tough

one, 3-2, to Bishop Feehan (Attleboro) Sunday. Dizoglio opened the scoring with a nifty end-to end rush in the 2nd period. Angiuoni pulled the goaltender with two minutes left and Susan Hobart scored the game-tying goal. But Feehan scored the game-winner in the final minute of play. Danielle DeJon made an incredible 45 saves on 48 shots. MC has a 1-2 re-

"We've had three exciting games," said Angiuoni. "The girls have worked

hard. We've been practicing for six weeks. Not one girl has missed a single practice the entire season. That shows the girls' commitment to the program."

The MC players have been logging plenty of minutes. Defensemen Mary Katherine "MK" Zablocki of Revere and Juliana Angiuoni are the lone defensive tandem and rarely leave the ice. DiZoglia, an elite player and a future star, has three goals and three assists through three games.

Alexia "Lexi" Engvald-

sen of Wilmington scored the program's first-ever goal against Shawsheen on opening night. The other members of the first-year Lancers are Susan Hobart of Ipswich, Sadie Bowden of Malden, Amelia Hansen of Melrose, and Erin Smail of Stoneham.

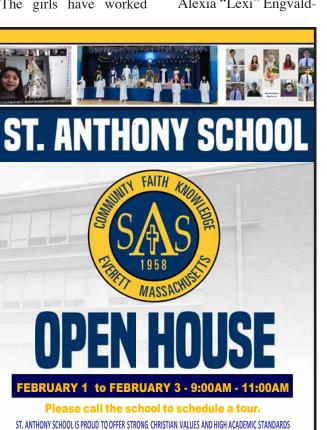
Guy Angiuoni, became the program's first-ever head coach when Athletic Director Bill Raycraft brought him on board in November.

"I have two great assistant coaches - Craig Edwards (Andover) and Steven Hunt (Wilmington)," said Angiuoni. "I'm really blessed to have two coaches that are so talented and emotionally invested into our program." The unsung hero of the

MC girls hockey program has been AD Bill Raycraft, a former football coach and athletic director at Windham High where he built one of New Hampshire's most successful athletic programs.

"Anything that I have asked of our athletic director, he's gotten it for our players," credited Angiuoni. "We have NHL-replica game home and away jerseys. He also got us practice jerseys in four different colors. We have just as much ice time as the boys team. Everyone from the admissions office, to the finance department, to the headmaster, to the athletic director - the school has been 100 percent supportive. It's really been an amazing experience."

Malden Catholic plays its home games at Valley Forum in Malden.



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#### TURCO AND SUPPORTERS HOLD SIGNS ON BELLE ISLE

Last Saturday morning Candidate for State Representative was on the Winthrop Bridge with his supporters, on Tuesday, March 2nd.

greeting and wav-ing to potential voters for the primary



#### MSP Commissioned Officers Association endorses Turco for State Rep.

Special to the Transcript Friday, the Massachusetts State Police Commissioned Officers Association (MSPCOA) endorsed Jeffrey Turco for State Representative, 19th Suffolk District. The seat was vacated by former Speaker of the House Robert DeLeo and a Special Election is set for March 30th with the Primary being held on March 2.

"Jeff's leadership, experience and understanding of Public Safety is unparalleled, and the MSPCOA is proud to endorse your candidacy for State Representative.," said Bruce Hiorns, MSPCOA President.

The MSPCOA currently represents and acts as exclusive bargaining agent for all Mas-

sachusetts State Police Commissioned Officers. Members include those that fall under the ranks of Colonel, Superintendent, Lieutenant Colonel, Deputy Superintendent, Lieutenant Colonel, Major, Detective Captain, Captain, Detective Lieutenant and Lieutenant.

"It is an honor to have received the endorsement of the Massachusetts State Police Commissioned Officers Association," said Turco. "I truly understand the value of public safety and the issues that MSP-COA members face. I look forward to working to mitigate the hazards of the job as well as the overall improvement of public service in the Commonwealth."

# **Catherine Belinfante-Penn** endorses Juan Jaramillo for State Representative

Special to the Transcript

Former Revere City Council President Catherine Belinfante-Penn has endorsed Juan Jaramillo, a lifelong resident of Revere, for State Representative for the 19th Suffolk District, which encompasses the communities of Revere and Winthrop. Belinfante-Penn was elected in 1981 to represent Ward 2, where Juan grew up and lives today and went on to serve as the council's President. Belinfante-Penn, daughter of the late Councilor Charles Belinfante, served four terms before returning to her passion as an educator in the Revere Public School system.

Belinfante-Penn, the first of only two women in Revere's history to ever serve as Council President, enthusiastically endorsed Juan saying, "Juan is incredibly hard working and knows how to deliver for our city and for this district. We are neighbors and he was the first to offer aid to everyone in our building when the pandemic hit the state in early 2020."

Humbled by Belinfante-Penn's endorsement Juan said, "Council President Belinfante-Penn has been a major inspiration for my career. Ms. Belinfante-Penn has been a

fierce advocate and trailblazer for Revere and I intend to be the same at the State House. I am honored to receive her endorsement."

Belinfante-Penn highlighted Juan's leadership throughout the pandemic, "In Revere and Winthrop. we have a large elderly population who are dependent on their front line workers for critical care. As a union organizer, Juan has spent the entire pandemic fighting to ensure these essential employees have the workplace protections they need to perform their jobs. Juan's efforts are keeping our front line workers, our most vulnerable populations and the Revere and Winthrop communities safe. That is why I am voting for Juan Jarmillo for State Representative." Since the start of the pandemic, Revere and Winthrop have been two of the hardest hit communities in the state

The special election to fill former Speaker Robert DeLeo's seat in the House of Representatives is scheduled for Tuesday, March 2. Juan Jaramillo is a lifelong Revere resident and currently the only Revere candidate certified to appear on the March 2nd ballot.

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# Capobianco //continued from page 1

ingness to lend a hand and help them get back on their feet. My father, a state employee, taught me the importance of active civic engagement in my community. Growing up, I'm pretty sure I volunteered on every campaign possible in Winthrop. Some of my earliest memories are holding signs early in the morning, talking to voters, and making sure people got to the polls and cast their ballot. These lessons are definitely what led me to work in State Government and run for positions on the Winthrop School Committee and Democratic State Committee both of which I still hold to this day. My Grandfather, "Noni", was without question the biggest influence in my life aside from my parents. He was an immigrant to this country, a victim of child labor, and somebody who didn't have the opportunity to get an education. Through his dogged persistence and perseverance through the worst kinds of adversity, he was able to build a successful small business and a better life for his family that followed. Noni's most valuable lesson wasn't about hard work though, it was about standing up for what's

right and always fighting for the underdog." Capobiano is currently campaigning full time for Speaker DeLeo's seat which was vacated last month. However, his work as a Winthrop School Committee member, Legislative Aide and Chief of Staff to Senator Feeney have led him to understand the importance of serving his constituents. "I'm very proud of my work with Senator Feeney. I went from a friend and volunteer on his first cam-

paign all the way to be-

coming his Chief of Staff.

I worked on everything

from helping constituents

file unemployment claims to working directly with labor unions. I fundamentally believe that the most important duty of a State Representative is to serve their constituents. To me, that means that whenever a constituent calls it's my job to take the call, listen to the concern, and then do everything I can to resolve the issue. It is my promise to you that I will be an open, honest, and accessible State Representative just as I was a Legislative Aide, School Committee Member, and Chief of Staff. I ran for Winthrop School Committee to give back to the community. I am a proud product of Winthrop Public Schools, and I wanted to make sure that kids have access to a world-class public education. I am proud of the work that we have been able to do during my time on the School Committee everything from raising teacher salaries while avoiding layoffs to our efforts to combat bullying to funding the extracurricular activities that are definitive experiences for so many students." deci-

Capobianco's sion to run for Speaker DeLeo's seat was based on what he sees as high stakes for the Revere and Winthrop communities. "I decided to run for Speaker DeLeo's seat because the stakes couldn't be higher for our communities. We have seen an all out assault on our values over the past four years, and the COVID outbreak has put many working families and small businesses on the brink of collapse. We must work to keep workers and small businesses on their feet as we ride out this pandemic, we need to ensure that every student in our public schools gets

an exceptional education

that prepares them for the

21st century, and we have

to make sure that every

person has access to quality, affordable healthcare. Not only will I focus on these issues every day on the campaign trail, but I will bring a track record of success and be ready to lead on day one should I have the honor of serving as your next State Representative."

He sees his active involvement in the community for the past decade as why he is the best successor for DeLeo's seat. "I have been actively involved in our community for the past decade, and believe that I can make progress on some of the biggest challenges that we face. I bring a track record of results to the table, as well as a thorough understanding of the importance of being accessible to constituents and responsive to the issues they bring up."

When reflecting on De-Leo's tenure over the past 30 years, Capobianco noted his work as a Legislative Aide in DeLeo's Office early in his career. "I had the pleasure of serving as a Legislative Aide in Speaker DeLeo's Office early in my career, and gained an appreciation for how accessible and responsive he was to constituents. He never forgot where he came from or the people he represented. I think that is the most important thing for any elected official." views

Capobianco working families, education, and health care as the major issues he will address if elected. "The top issues impacting Revere and Winthrop are protecting working families and small businesses during the pandemic, providing every student with a world class public education, and ensuring access to quality, affordable healthcare. In Winthrop and Revere, our water rates have been too high for too long. I will

work with the MWRA

to pursue an audit to ensure that each community is paying its fair share. MASSPORT is a significant driver to Massachusetts' economic viability but residents of Winthrop and Revere suffer because we live near the airport. We deserve additional mitigation money. Residents of Winthrop and Revere need resources to replace our windows. I was a part of the Winthrop Airports Hazards committee, and I have the experience and know-how to hold MASS-PORT accountable."

He also pointed to an emphasis on expansion of renewable energy as a priority if elected. "Speaker DeLeo has served this community well and has passed legislation that will improve the Commonwealth for generations to come. He was able to bring economic development to the area that I would like to continue. One of the greatest opportunities for expansion that we have is by bringing clean, reliable, and renewable energy to our community. For example, I would support S. 2995, the Roadmap for Climate Policy bill, that Governor Baker vetoed. I would like to see the legislature take action on some measures that didn't make it out of committee. I will advocate for new opportunities to bring clean, reliable, and renewable energy to our community. This will help create well-paying, union-based local jobs, in an effort to promote green infrastructure and reduce carbon emissions." The primary for De-

Leo's seat is slated for March 2 with a special election set for March 30th. For more information about Capobiano's campaign you may visit his website www.tino4rep. com or on Facebook at Tine4rep.

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# DelVento earns endorsements from two sitting Town Councilors

Special to the Transcript

The Alicia DelVento for State Representative campaign is proud to announce the endorsement of two sitting Winthrop Town Councilors: Tracey Honan and Barbara Flockhart. Both were elected to the Winthrop Town Council during the 2019 election, with Councilor Honan receiving the most



Tracey Honan (right)) and Alicia DelVento.

votes of any candidate.

Tracey Honan, Winthrop Town Councilor At-Large & Economic **Development Chair** 

"When I first met Alicia at a Markey campaign event I was impressed with her confidence and self-possession. She immediately struck me as a natural leader, who was involved, not only in her

local community, but also at the state level. As I've come to know Alicia more this past year, her intelligence, integrity, and compassion have further impressed me.

I believe that Alicia will be an advocate for working families, seniors, veterans, and the disabled. I know that she will fight for economic, social and racial justice, and address

the challenges of climate change that will certainly face our communities, specifically, in the near future. For these reasons, I have made Alicia Del-Vento my choice for State Representative - I hope you will too."

Barbara Flockhart, Winthrop Town Councilor Precinct 4

"I am proud to endorse

Alicia DelVento for State Representative. In particular, I support her in fight ing for the bold policies we need to protect against climate change. Alicia has the compassion, intelligence, and experience needed to meet this moment, and her deep roots in our community and sense of civic duty will guide all her decisions on Beacon Hill.'

# Capobianco focuses on issues in 19th Suffolk; unveils policy platform

Special to the Transcript

Valentino Capobianco, candidate for State Representative in the 19th Suffolk District, has devoted his professional career to making his community and the Commonwealth a better place to live. Similarly, his campaign is focused on the issues that matter most to residents of Revere and Winthrop, as Capobianco recently demonstrated with his first policy rollout.

Capobianco announced progressive policies to keep workers and small businesses on their feet during the pandemic, improve our public school

system, and ensure access to quality, affordable healthcare and a clean, safe environment to live

Capobianco issued the following statement:

"I am running for office to deliver results for Winthrop and Revere on the issues that matter most. We need to protect our small businesses and workers as we combat the COVID Pandemic. We need to ensure that every child has access to a world-class education. And we must guarantee that everybody in Massachusetts has access to quality, affordable healthcare and a clean environment to live in. That's what my campaign is focused on, and that's what I will fight for as your next Representative" Not only does Capobi-

anco talk about the issues that matter most in the 19th Suffolk District, he also has a track record of delivering results for his community.

As a member of the Winthrop School Committee, Capobianco successfully led the charge to increase teacher pay and avoided having to lay off any teachers due to budget shortfall. When he served on the Winthrop Airport Hazards Committee, Tino held Massport Accountable for their environmental impacts, and successfully lobbied for environmental federal mitigation funding. As a Chief of Staff during the Coronavirus Outbreak, he helped draft legislation to allow alcohol delivery from local restaurants to help them stay on their feet during the Coronavirus pandemic.

Capobianco issued the following statement:

"My campaign is focused on tackling the toughest issues our communities face, and I intend to bring my track record of getting results to Beacon

The full list of policies released thus far can be found on Capobianco's website, www.Tino4Rep. com/policy. Policies include, but are not limited to: reducing the emphasis on standardized testing, increasing teacher pay, reducing class sizes, increasing state funding for child care, protecting front line workers and helping small business stay afloat during the pandemic, holding MASSport accountable for environmental impacts, and passing a Green Budget to ensure that current residents and future generations alike have a clean environment to live in.

Capobianco currently serves as the Chief of Staff

to State Senator Paul R Feeney (D-Foxboro). In addition to serving on the Winthrop School Committee for the past five years, Capobianco serves as an elected member of the Massachusetts Democratic State Committee and as a member of the Shore Educational Collaborative's Board of Trustees. He previously served as an aide to Middlesex Sheriff Peter Kotoujian and to Speaker DeLeo Capobianco, a graduate of Winthrop High School and Suffolk University, is 32 years old and resides with his dog Bernie at 53 Prospect Ave in Winthrop.

# Massachusetts Correction Officers Federated Union endorses Jeffrey Turco for State Rep.

Special to the Transcript

On Wednesday, the Massachusetts Correction Officers Federated Union (MCOFU) endorsed Jeffrey Turco for State Representative, 19th Suffolk District. The seat was vacated by former Speaker of the House Robert De-Leo and a Special Election is set for March 30th with

the primary being held on March 2nd.

"In the opinion of our Executive Board, Jeff Turco will fight hard for public safety and to improve the quality of lives for the residents in the District," said Kevin Flanagan, MCOFU Legislative Representative.

The MCOFU currently represents all employees in Bargaining Unit 4 of the DOC, Bristol County Jail and House of Correction CO's, the Plymouth County BCI and Communication Officers and the **Dukes County Correction** 

"I'm grateful to have received the endorsement of the largest law enforcement Union in New England," said Turco. "I am

the only candidate in this race that genuinely understands the issues of MCO-FU members and will proudly champion them on Beacon Hill."

a seasoned attorney with local roots, Jeffrey Turco is the ideal blend of experience and professionalism, with the knowhow to be a strong leader for his community in these most uncertain times. In 2005, Jeffrey was the Special Sheriff and Superintendent of the Worcester County Sheriff's Office and starting in 2006 was appointed a Special Assistant Attorney General representing the Agency. Since 2011, Jeffrey has owned and operated the Law Office of Jeffrey Rosario Turco in Chelsea.

Working for his community has always been in the forefront for Turco, for two years he served as Town Council President in Winthrop and a School Committee member. Jeffrey resides in Winthrop with his wife, the former Melissa Carbone, and their six children.

# Northeast Metro Tech Superintendent DiBarri provides update on School Building Project

Over the last year, the Preliminary Design Pro-Northeast Metro Tech gram (PDP) which was project team has been submitted in August 2020 this design include: working to develop op- -- that refined the design space, capital and maintenance issues of the more than 50-year-old building.

The Northeast Metro Tech project team has continued to work its way through the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) design process and is expected to soon finish the Feasibility Study phase. The project achieved a major milestone in December by submitting the Preferred Schematic Report (PSR), the second of six design packages, to the MSBA.

In accordance with MSBA requirements, the PSR further studied the remaining options that were highlighted in the previous submission -- the to the following:

- Option A: Base repair of existing school
- Options B.2: Addition/Renovation
- Options C.1, C.2, and C.3: New construction on

The latter two options were evaluated at various student enrollment ranges -- 1,250 (current enrollment), 1,400, 1,600, 1,660, and 1,722. -- as well as the District's future goals in order to determine the best

Per the School Building Committee and project team's recommendation, the PSR concluded by recommending that the project proceed with Option C.3 with a design enroll-

possible layout.

ment of 1,600 students. Some of the highlights of

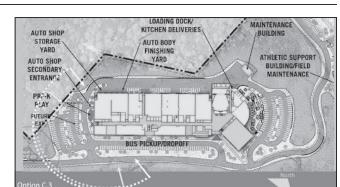
- Putting the career classes in the same part of the building to allow for collaboration among students.
- Creating large, public areas at the opposite end of the building from the classrooms, which helps separate the spaces and enhance security.
- Housing the administrative offices, auditorium, cafeteria and construction shop space on the first floor, and the design and communication, and academic classrooms on the second and third floors.
- Constructing a new main access road off of Farm Street, which will help alleviate traffic congestion. This road will eventually be connected to

the existing main entrance off Hemlock Road in order to create a loop.

• Building new, larger tions that would solve the and construction options technical and academic athletic fields where the current building stands. as well as reserving the current football and track facility for future developments if needed.

Additionally, this was determined to be the least disruptive of all options, as it can be constructed in phases away from the existing building and does not require the use of temporary facilities.

Going forward, the project team and Northeast Metro Tech. District will be meeting with the MSBA Board of Directors on Feb. 11, for review of the PSR and for hopeful approval to proceed into Module 4 of the MSBA process- Schematic Design. This phase will have



Option C.3, pictured above, was chosen as the recommended design for the Northeast Metro Tech's School **Building Project.** 

the preferred construction option fleshed out to show optimal site and building layouts based on programming meetings with dozens of staff and stakeholders; functionality of the building; more detailed cost estimates for each scope of service and for the project's maximum MSBA grant; and a more detailed schedule.

The District will submit the Schematic Design report to the MSBA in July with hopeful approval at the August MSBA Board of Directors meeting. If the project earns MSBA scope and budget approval at the August meeting the communities Northeast Metro Tech serves will be called upon to contribute their portion of the project's budget towards the fall of 2021.\All stakeholders can continue to check for the latest updates and information on all aspects of the project at northeastbuildingproject.

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2020 with written progress reports. So there's a lot of accountability and a quickening of pace.

The broadness of what this bill covers goes beyond the electricity-generating sector; the bill expands its mandate to all sectors, facilitating the transition to alternative energy systems by creating options for gas companies to supply geothermal energy on a utility scale as an alternative to gas, increasing the State's commitments to offshore wind, and easing restrictions on the generation of solar energy and energy storage. Along the way, responsible management of the distribution of gas, increased stakeholder participation and transparency, and penalties for safety violations will be fostered.

We see clear benefits to Winthrop most especially with the environmental justice part of the bill. The Next Generation Roadmap Bill not only defines what constitutes an Environmental Justice community (EJ for short) as has been done before, but provides the force of law with the term. And Winthrop is one of these EJ communities since a major airport, Logan Airport, is located just a few miles away by car through our East Boston neighboring city, and we can see the landing strip from one of our beaches. The noise

from the planes, very loud

at times since they fly right above our town and often low enough that we can read the names on the planes, is one problem for us along with an extremely high asthma rate. Then we do get extra protections with it by virtue of being a seaside community. The bill also gives us the right to actively participate as stakeholders in decisions on committees as community representatives for our cause in mitigation ef-Mothers Out Front is

committed to the welfare of all children now and into the future. We are committed to working with those most impacted by severe weather, pollu-

tion and climate change,

to reduce both the risks of these impacts and the costs to mitigate them. We welcome the legal protections this bill provides to vulnerable communities like ours in Winthrop. We need everyone

to call Governor Baker NOW at 617-725-4005 to tell him that you want him to sign S.9, the Next Generation Roadmap Climate Bill, just the way it is without making any changes or amendments because we need it as is for our children to have a healthy, future. And let our Senator know you sent the message. If you can't get through to his line, then you can send him an

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will try to pressure Baker to request some changes favoring them but...we need this bill the way it is!!! So PLEASE do this

important calling of Governor Baker! Carol Walker of Win-

throp is a member of Mothers Out Front



#### **NEWS FROM AROUND** TVWHE REGION

#### **CONCERNS** OVER EVICTION **MORATORIUM EXPIRING**

**CHELSEA** -A key concern in Chelsea and surrounding communities since last November has been the lifting of the eviction moratorium and how that might affect thousands of residents and their housing situations, but initial statistics through Jan. 1 from the state Housing Court show Chelsea seems to be in a good position so far with a lower number of filed evictions for non-payment

It's a piece of good news in what has been a huge worry for elected officials and advocates over the past several months, with many worrying that joblessness as a result of the pandemic could lead to massive numbers of people without homes. So far, that hasn't come true in the official stats, to the relief of everyone.

In Housing Court, to begin an eviction process one must file a Summary Process Eviction for non-payment of rent. It is a standard process for most landlords and tenants, but it had been frozen during COVID-19 until last fall - when Housing Court opened back up for evictions in October.

While other locales have been swamped with such filings, Chelsea has had just 129 Summary Process Evictions filed for all of 2020. That was a little more than 10 per month and showed that the City has staved off the onslaught of filings that many expected. It's not the case in other places like Worcester, Fall River and New Bedford.

Worcester led the state with 874 filings as of Jan. 1 for all of 2020. Springfield had 711, Fall River had 604, and Brockton had 315. All were well above Chelsea's numbers.

Chelsea did have a lot in common with Everett and Revere, which also expected a lot of filings but so far have not had so many. Everett had 87 filings and Revere had 154 all well-below what was expected and, like Chelsea, places where substantial resources were directed to stemming the tide.

City Manager Tom Ambrosino said he felt really good about the numbers and the resources the City has marshaled to keep evictions from happening in large numbers.

"It's good news and I don't have a specific explanation, but we have put a lot of resources and money to assist people," he said. "We have helped residents fill out RAFT applications and our own rental assistance applications and program. We have the Chelsea Legal Aid Clinic and the Eviction Task force that intervene quickly. I'm hopeful all of these things are helping the situation. These statistics seem to be a positive trend."

At the same time, he said statistics only tell the official story, and he has heard from advocates that many illegal evictions are happening that don't show up on paper.

"I have no doubt that does occur and that's why we set up the Chelsea Legal Aid Clinic – a place to

call and get advice," he said. "I agree that is a reality in these communities."

City Solicitor Cheryl Fisher Watson chairs the effort at the Chelsea Legal Services Housing Clinic - as it is officially known - and said it has helped avoid evictions before they happen in court.

"Chelsea has a unique approach to combating evictions and have armed our residents with different options," she said. "The Chelsea Legal Services Housing Clinic is only representing residents of all incomes in evictions, but also it is making sure they are connected with services within our community.

For example, she said tenants are referred to the City and other agencies for rent help through the state RAFT program and also referrals are made to housing agencies. The Clinic members right now are meeting residents twice a week at La Colaborativa to discuss their options. Meanwhile, Greater Boston Legal Services and the Volunteer Lawyers Project are also helping and representing residents that make it to court.

"There is a referral network in place," she said. "Our Landlords are also doing their part by not pursuing evictions and working with the Clinic and the City."

State Sen. Sal DiDomenico said keeping up the effort will be critical in the next few months, but he is encouraged to see that it appears the current efforts are succeeding in Everett and Chelsea.

"We have to continue working to ensure that we

#### LYNN DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE **FOOD DRIVE**



Former Lynn City Councilor Joseph Scanlon places groceries into the donation box, LPS Social Worker Laura Sanchez prepares to donate as Food Drive Coordinators, Patty Ridge and Drew Russo, welcome the donations.

don't have any evictions," said Senator DiDomenico. "But, we can see that the work being done in our community through state and local partnerships has had positive outcomes for many residents. There is still much more work to be done and we will keep pushing to get resources to address our housing crisis."

On the streets of Chelsea though – similar to Everett - there is another story and that's the one that doesn't appear on paper, as Ambrosino said.

La Colaborativa Director Gladys Vega said the two things that keep her up at night during the pandemic have been food insecurity and housing. Food has an easy answer she said; Getting resources and distributing them. Housing is much different in Chelsea, as there are so many unofficial and complex living situations. They aren't the kind of situations that would show up on official

court statistics. "The numbers may show something, but the reality is totally different,'

The organization has four staff members dedicated to housing, including Norieliz DeJesus. She said much of the problem is there are tenant subleases, and extended family situations, and other non-traditional living arrangements that disintegrate in the stress of COVID-19.

"There are a lot of people that sublease in the community and who out of fear abandon their homes before they get to court," she said. "They often leave because they're getting harassed by the landlord at times...Other tenants may be paying their rent, but they're doing it because they're borrowing money or they aren't paying their bills and letting them skyrocket for heat and electricity. We've seen where landlords are using utilities to push tenants out. They control the switches and they turn off the lights or

heat until they leave. "It's really hard to categorize the situations we see because there are so many dynamics, and they don't show up on paper,' she continued.

She retold the story of a teen mother who was kicked out of her home by her mother, an eviction that wouldn't show up on any statistics, but one that creates an emergency situation, nonetheless.

"Some family tenant situations aren't showing up on paper because they're coming from family members evicting other family members," she said. "I have a young mother who is 18 with a baby and her mother told her to leave because she couldn't find a job. She was on the street. We had to try to find her housing and a hotel for a few nights. That didn't show up on court stats because it was within the family in fact her mother."

Many expect the numbers of filed evictions to increase in the coming months, but a nationwide rebound in the economy is also predicted for the second half of 2021 - leading many to believe at the City and state level that getting through the last two months and the next four could be enough to avert a housing disaster – at least on paper.

#### **EDUCATORS EXPRESS THOUGHTS** ON IN-PERSON **LEARNING**

EVERETT - Scores of educators in the Everett Public Schools sent letters with serious concerns to the Everett School Committee last week in anticipation to approve a plan to move towards a hybrid in-person education mod-

The School Committee meeting took place on Tuesday night due to the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday, and came after deadlines for the paper. That said, the topic of moving to a hybrid in-person model came up at the last meeting and an initial plan for the move had the schools returning grade by grade starting on Feb. 1. Meanwhile, last week there were talks between

and the Everett Teachers Association about a concrete timeline for the return. That timeline is expected to be shared at the

Tuesday night meeting. However, prior to that educators from across the district sent a mass mailing to members of the Committee saying they had major concerns about returning to the classroom and felt they weren't at the

"As an educator of the Everett Public School District, I am very concerned regarding the strategy to move to a hybrid teaching model when the pandemic is currently raging at dangerously high levels," read the letter. "At the time of writing this letter, Everett's positivity rate is 14.5%. While this is not unique to Massachusetts or the rest of the country, the concept of gravitating to a hybrid model is very premature and puts all educators, students, and administrators at risk... Please do what is right for our community and allow this to be a transparent process where all stake-

Across the board, many educators in the Everett Public Schools have concerns about the district's plan to move students back into the classroom, even on a staggered basis. That sentiment has been growing stronger over the past several weeks as cases have surged in Everett after the holidays, and many educators have only recently learned of the plan. Some have said the membership of the ETA didn't even expect a discussion about returning until positivity rates were at least below 5 percent. With those rates now approaching 15 percent, many in the ranks were a bit taken by surprise.

holders have a voice."

tee members and Supt. Priya Tahiliani have said over the past week that the game-changer in the conversation was the introduction of the COVID-19 vaccine, and that it could become available as soon as early February for Everett educators. That, Tahiliani said, was one reason things changed so rapidly with the plan.

Some School Commit-

The letter on Tuesday from educators asked for clarification on three key questions from the membership.

The first was about not being included int eh conversation and planning on the hybrid plan - asking why educators and administrators were not included in the planning.

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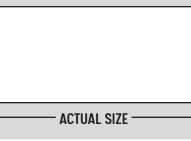
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the key metric of being below 5 percent positivity rate suddenly doesn't apply.

Finally, the letter asks why such a disruptive move to hybrid in-person education is being considered when it could be risking lives and instruction likely won't improve.

It wasn't immediately available how many letters were sent to members of the School Committee by educators, but it was believed on first glance that hundreds were e-mailed.

#### **NEW CLOTHING** DROP OFF BOX

East Boston - It's hard to believe that more than 85 percent of clothes wind up in the trash. While it's the norm to recycle plastics, glass, metal and paper--clothes, shoes, and accessories have long been ignored. Studies show that about 10 percent of the nation's landfills are full of discarded clothes and

Boston Public Works (BPW) announced recently that it now has fourteen drop-off locations around the city for recycling clothing and textiles--this includes East Boston.

textiles.

The location in Eastie at the city's municipal lot located at 166 London St. accepts everything from pants, shorts, curtains, pajamas, t-shirts, jerseys, sweatshirts, sweaters, jeans, dresses, coats, suits, shoes, blankets, and backpacks.

"Locations were started in municipal lots since they are managed by the City and space is there," said BPW's Brian Coughlin. "We're now working with neighborhood groups to help identify private land that we can use. Also we are working with BPL, BPS and BFD facilities personnel as we look to expand this service."

Coughlin said in Boston, about seven percent, or 14,000 tons of all city trash annually are clothes and other textiles.

The city has partnered with HELPSY to offer this new service to Eastie and Boston residents.

"Our goal is to support recycling, responsible handling of overstock and returns and changing the way the fashion industry thinks of the clothing life cycle," said the company in a statement. "Ninety-five percent of all clothing, shoes and other textiles can be given a second life--50 percent are reusable, 45 percent are recyclable. Local thrift stores play a necessary role in the resale economy, however they can only handle 10-20 percent of what they receive."

HELPSY said all collected materials from the bins are sold to national and international retailers, wholesalers and recyclers. This works the same way as any other recycled materials collected from the public. "Seventy percent of the

world buys used clothing," the company said. "Our buyers sell to countries who pay for the clothes. If banned, the primary economic alternative would be more fast fashion. Reselling used clothes is the best way to give clothes a second life, mitigating their environmental im-

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# Developer gears up to make positive changes in center

By Kate Anslinger

Procopio Companies, the developer of the 10 Somerset Ave project, is scheduled to start demolition and construction over the next few weeks. The abandoned brick building that was gutted several years ago, will be taken down gently, before the ground conditions are revised to support the new building, which will be home to 29 apartments with a first floor commercial store front and 25 parking spots.

The sidewalks around the building will be closed off during the demolition and a portion of the construction. Temporary crosswalks will be painted with ramps to allow everyone safe access around the building, and netting will be placed on all fencing to help control dust and debris from leaving

the construction site. "From everyone we met and spoke to, it seems that the neighbors are ready to get rid of this building and bring some new life to the area," Project Manager, George Bertocchi said in a letter to the neighbors.

Bertocchi also con-

firmed that the building will be baited along the sewers in the area, to remove any concerns regarding the rodent situation.

According to Bertocchi, the city is pushing for the building to be torn down and cleaned up by March 15th. During that time, the utility contractor will be finishing work on the drains, water lines, sidewalks and street paving, which means that the construction and demolition team will need to work around him to ensure that both projects move forward simultaneously.

"Normally a project of this size takes us about a year to complete but as we all know, Winthrop has smaller roads and only a couple of ways in and out. We also have neighbors that are very close to the site, so things need to go a bit slower."

Following the demolition of the existing building in February and March, ground improvement and the foundation is set for April and May. Steel framing will take place in June and July and wood framing will be con-



A rendering of the Somerset development.

ducted from July to October, followed by roofing, windows, and siding until January. If all goes according to plan, the grand opening will follow the interior finishes between January and April. Bertocchi made it clear that he will provide updates to inform neighbors if certain parts of the project may cause traffic or delays in the area.

"I think Center neighbors are looking forward to the removal of a blighted building and anticipate positive architectural alternative under the new owner, Procopio Companies," said Donna Segreti Reilly, resident of 30 Cottage Park Road. "From recent correspondence to all neighbors from Project Manager George Bertocchi of Procopio, it appears that the company will seek and respect abutter and neighbor concerns and input about density, parking,

etc. Particularly, I petition for respect for laid out zoning laws and protection of neighboring homes as residences."

Owner of the Winthrop Book Depot, Suzanne Martucci, is looking forward to a project that will revitalize the neighborhood.

"We've seen plan after plan come through and nothing has come to fruition, so it's exciting to finally see progress."

The Book Depot is located at 11 Somerset Ave, on the opposite side of the street, where Martucci will have a front row seat to the building develop-

"We are excited to be bringing this project to market in Winthrop and are confident that it will be a beautiful and lasting addition to Winthrop Center," said Michael Procopio, Vice President, Development.

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