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WHITE CANE DAY OCT. 15

White Cane Awareness Day Celebration will be held on Friday, October 15 from noon to 1 p.m. A virtual celebration is planned. There will be inspiring stories abut people who use a white cane to to travel to work, school and community engagements.

To join by phone call 1-646-558-8656 with meeting ID 923 5058 7821 and password 101521. October has been designated as White Cane Awareness Month.

LOCAL POST OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED TO **CELEBRATE COLUMBUS DAY**

Local Post Offices will be closed on Monday, Oc-

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BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS AT ST. JOHN



To begin the Blessing of the Animals on Sunday, Oct. 3, Father Walter Connelly offers a general prayer and blessing to all in attendance.



Journey cared for by Judy Van Koomian awaits his blessing at St. John's Episcopal



Great pets, they don't eat much, or bark, just ask Matthew and Evelyn Bandar. See more photos on Page 7.

CFO produces memo on finances for Councilors

By Laura Plummer

Interim Finance Director Stephen Cirillo developed a ten-page memo "Strengthening entitled Winthrop's Financial Condition (FY2023 and beyond)" in the hope of correcting structural and service delivery deficits from the current budget and to strengthen the Town's financial future.

Cirillo identified six goals the Town should prioritize, and recommended actions for each of these goals.

Goal: Eliminate the structural deficit in the General Fund Budget. Recommendations: substitute additional local receipts and reduced state assessments for the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds; substitute additional local receipts for the General Stabilization in FY23

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School Committee reports on professional development, job vacancies

By Laura Plummer

The Winthrop School Committee met briefly on Monday, Oct. 4, where it announced plans for the upcoming professional development day and for

procuring a new crossing

Committee met in the Harvey Hearing Room of Town Hall, and the public was invited to

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Town honors Flanagan on retirement

By Cary Shuman

One couldn't help but notice that the sun made an appearance on an otherwise cloudy day just as the speaking program for Fire Chief Paul Flanagan began at his well-attended retirement celebration.

There's a literary term for that. Yes, the sun was shining on one of Winthrop's favorite sons, Fire

Chief Paul Flanagan, who was serving on the last day of his outstanding 43-year career in the Fire Department.

Terence Delehanty, who has served as police chief during Chief Flanagan's administration of the Fire Department, had earlier given a resounding introduction to his colleague his public safety, telling

the large gathering, "The man of the hour, Paul Flanagan, has arrived."

Liam Horsman, regional director of Sen. Edward Interim Town Manager Markey's office, presented a Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition extending "our deepest congratulations to Chief Flanagan for 43 years of remarkable ser-

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Retiring Fire Chief Paul Flanagan and Interim Fire Chief Paul Wiley, with Winthrop firefighters on the steps of Town Hall during the retirement celebration held Sept. 30, on Chief Flanagan's final day of his outstanding 43-year career in the department.

Fiandaca will moderate Meet the Candidates Night

Staff Report

The Winthrop Republican Town Committee is happy to announce that WBZ-TV Chief Investigative Reporter Cheryl Fiandaca will be the Moderator of Meet the Candidates Night. Fiandaca is a highly regarded reporter on the regional and national frontlines. Meet the Candidates Night will take place on Thursday October 14, at 7:00pm at the Point Shirley Association. It will showcase all local candidates for town elected office. The election is Tuesday November 2. All residents are invited to attend this free, non-partisan event.



WBZ-TV Chief Investigative Reporter Cheryl Fiandaca.

The format of Meet the Candidates Night will be: First, all Candidates will have two minutes each to describe their policies or say anything relevant about their candidacy that they chose.

Next, the Moderator

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tober 11, in celebration of the federal holiday Columbus Day. There will also be no collection or street delivery of mail on Monday, except for guaranteed overnight service.

What never closes is usps.com, where you can order shipping supplies, buy and print postage, track a parcel or apply for job with the Postal Service. We're hiring now in a community near you.

Full retail and delivery services will resume on Tuesday, October 12.

The Postal Service generally receives no tax dollars for operating expenses and relies on the sale of postage, products and services to fund its operations.

ARCHDIOCESE OF **BOSTON RAISE** \$442,000 FOR HAITI RELIEF

The parishes of the Archdiocese of Boston raised \$442,000 through a special collection in late August for earthquake relief efforts in Haiti. On August 14th a deadly earthquake struck Haiti causing great loss of life and enormous damage. The special collection supports relief efforts operated by Catholic Relief Services (CRS) and the Church in Haiti.

Cardinal Seán O'Malley, OFM said, "We are blessed by the generosity of our parishioners and the deep and prayerful concern for the suffering being experienced by the Haitian people. The funds raised by the special collection will be a great help to meeting the many diverse needs in Haiti."

The Cardinal added, "Having recently visited Haiti, it is clear the people of Haiti are experiencing devastating poverty and dislocation. This is the result of a number of natural disasters over the past ten years, most recently a massive earthquake on August 14th. Political turmoil, the impact of COVID and ongoing threats posed by gangs have contributed greatly to a lack of stability for the Haitian people. We continue to join in solidarity with the Haitian community in the Archdiocese of Boston praying for their loved ones in Haiti."

TSA PRECHECK **ONLINE RENEWAL** FEE WILL **DECREASE**

The Transportation Administration Security (TSA) announced that it has lowered the online renewal fee for TSA Pre-Check® from \$85 to \$70.

"TSA PreCheck was launched 10 years ago to provide expedited airport security screening for low-risk travelers," said TSA Administrator David Pekoske. "Our TSA Pre-Check program improves overall security and we will continue to look for ways to enhance the benefits of this program for our trusted travelers."

This fee change represents a \$15 reduction in the cost of renewing online, while still allowing TSA to cover the costs of operating the program, which includes performing a security threat as-

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Jake Letterie graduated from George Washington University in a ceremony held this past weekend on the National Mall, Jake was a member of the class of 2020. Senator Elizabeth Warren was the Keynote Speaker at the event.



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have their measurements taken (height, weight, blood pressure, etc.), and give blood and urine samples, if asked.

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sessment and adjudicating applications. Over 95 percent of renewals occur online, as most travelers find this to be a quick and easy way to maintain membership in the program. The cost for an initial enrollment and in-person renewal will continue to be \$85.

TSA PreCheck allows low-risk travelers to enjoy a streamlined screening experience at more than 200 U.S. airports and with 80 participating airlines. For TSA PreCheck travelers, there is no need to remove shoes, laptops, 3-1-1 liquids, belts or light jackets. This past month, 96% of passengers in TSA PreCheck lanes waited less than five minutes to go through airport security checkpoints.

ROBERTS NAMED NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AT CITY **YEAR**

City Year Greater Boston, an education nonprofit that recruits young adults for a year of service in public schools, is pleased to announce Monica Roberts has been selected as the organization's new executive director.

"We are pleased to welcome Monica Roberts as the new Executive Director of City Year Greater Boston," said Joe Nedder, chief operations officer at Edelman Financial Engines and board chair of City Year Greater Boston. "Monica has been a champion of education equity and youth development efforts in our community and will bring that passion and commitment to the great work of City Year Greater Boston."

Roberts brings to her work a passion for serving students and families holistically. For the past six years, she has led family and community engagement at the Boston Public Schools (BPS), most recently as the chief of family and community advancement, where she led partnerships and engagement, and school assignment and constituent services. Roberts is a BPS

alumna who has a Bachelor of Arts from Brandeis University, master's degrees in political science and business management from Boston College, and holds a superintendent's license.

"I have devoted my career to advancing opportunities for our community's students and their families," offered Roberts. "This is an incredible opportunity to join a talented team of professionals dedicated to advancing equitable outcomes for the young people in my hometown and continue this work that is so very important to me."

BPS Superintendent, Brenda Cassellius shared, "City Year has a long and established partnership with BPS and I'm excited to have a trusted colleague leading the organization. A BPS graduate and powerful community leader, Monica reminds us of the incredible potential of each of our students, and the work Boston Public Schools does to produce successful citizens of the world."

This year, City Year Greater Boston Ameri-Corps members will serve fulltime in 21 schools in Boston and the nearby city of Everett, reaching more than 12,000 students each day. During their year of service, AmeriCorps members serve as student success coaches—tutors, mentors and role models who help make school a welcoming, joyful place. In a survey last year, 98% of partner principals and administrators said they were very satisfied with the quality of service provided by City Year Greater Boston.

BLS DATA RANKS SUFFOLK **COUNTY'S** 8.7-PERCENT **EMPLOYMENT** DECLINE

The New England In- ANNUAL BOYS formation Office of the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) has released data on employment and wages in Massachusetts. The data are derived from

the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) which obtains data from unemployment insurance (UI) summaries. Some highlights from the attached press release are listed below.

- Employment fell in the nine largest counties in Massachusetts from March 2020 to March 2021, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. Employment also fell over the year Nationally and within the State by 4.5 and 6.6 percent, respectively.
- Across the nation, employment decreased in 324 of the 343 largest counties from March 2020 to March 2021.
- Among the nine largest counties in Massachusetts, employment was highest in Middlesex County (871,300) in March 2021 and accounted for 26.1 percent of total employment within the state. Within Middlesex County's private industry, professional and technical services accounted for the largest employment. Nationwide, the 343 largest counties made up 72.3 percent of total U.S. em-
- ployment. • All nine large Massachusetts counties reported average weekly wage gains from the first quarter of 2020 to the first quarter of 2021. Middlesex County had the largest gain, up 9.3 percent. Average weekly wages increased 5.6 percent nationally. Statewide, average weekly wages increased by 7.8 percent over the year.
- Weekly wages in the 4 of the 9 largest counties in Massachusetts were above the national average of \$1,289 in the first quarter of 2021. Average weekly wages in three of these counties ranked among the top 50 nationwide: Suffolk (\$2,545, 5th), Middlesex (\$2,107, 11th), and Norfolk (\$1,462, 47th).

& GIRLS CLUB **FUNDRAISER AT NINETY NINE** RESTAURANTS

Ninety Nine Restaurant

& Pub announced today that the annual Boys & Girls Club fundraiser will go through Sunday, October 31 at all 103 Ninety Nine locations across New England and upstate New York, with 100% of the funds raised going directly to local Boys & Girls Club chapters throughout the communities in which they serve.

"As we have watched our local Boys & Girls Clubs tirelessly port their communities during this challenging time, our team members and guests are honored and excited to be able to continuously donate to the organization, year after year. We take comfort in knowing that our passion to serve does not go unnoticed as we know that our donation efforts will benefit local Boys & Girls Club members throughout the year, especially during a time when it is needed now more than ever," said Charlie Noyes, President, Ninety Nine Restaurant &

The Boys & Girls Club fundraiser encourages donations with a new initiative Give \$5, Get \$5; for every \$5 donation made through October 31st, guests will receive a \$5 off \$25 coupon valid for a future dine in visit or online To Go order to use now through November 21st.

Guests can donate in-person or online in the following ways:

- Guests who dine in, will receive a \$5 off \$25 coupon for every \$5 donation *coupon expires November 21st*
- Guests who order online at 99restaurants. com and make a \$5 donation or more will immediately receive \$5 off the online To Go order through October 31st

This year marks the 24th anniversary of supporting and partnering with local Boys & Girls Clubs throughout the region and beyond. To-date The Ninety Nine, along with guests, team members and business partners have raised over \$5 million for local Boys & Girls Club chapters.

Edward's Winthrop campaign headquarters vandalized Monday

On Monday afternoon a group of staffers working on Senate Candidate Lydia Edwards's campaign were inside Edward's Winthrop headquarters when they heard a noise outside.

The volunteers peeked outside to see a man ripping campaign signs off the front of the building at 130 Shirley St. The staffers decided to lock the door and when the man began pounding on the door they fled to the head-

quarters' back room and hid until the man left.

Edward's, who is running for the First Suffolk & Middlesex senate seat that includes East Boston, Winthrop, Revere, the North End and other parts of Boston and Cambridge, was not there during the incident but filed a police report with the Winthrop Police.

"Earlier today (Monday), signs were torn down from our campaign headquarters at 130 Shirley St. in Winthrop," said

Edwards in a statement. "We have filed a police report to document the incident and we are taking additional security precautions to keep our staff safe. It is unfortunate that we have been forced to take these safety measures. We know this kind of behavior is not a reflection of the people of Winthrop and the communities in this district, but it will not be tolerated. I speak up today

in the hopes that this is an isolated incident. The signs are going back up, we are hitting the doors and we are not deterred in

the slightest." Edwards, who became the first person of color elected to Boston's District 1 City Council seat in 2017, previously ran for the senate seat in 2016 but lost that bid to Joe Bon-

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was vandalized Monday afternoon after a man ripped campaign signs down from the Shirley Street building.

ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL

Julie Barry announces candidacy for re-election to School Committee

School Committee member Julie Barry has announced her intent to seek reelection. The following is her statement:

I am a lifelong resident of Winthrop, graduated from Winthrop High School in 1992 and received my bachelors degree from the University of Massachusetts in 1996. My husband Erik and I have two daughters in the Winthrop School system.

As a full time working mother since my oldest daughter was born, I've been lucky to have been able to balance motherhood with a rewarding career that has seen me travel the world. I've also been able to make time to volunteer at my children's schools from the time they were in Kindergarten and now I am intimately involved in their education at the secondary level. I have always made it a point to know what is going on at each of their schools and to understand opportunities and challenges that our administrators, parents and teachers face everyday so that I can be of help when appropriate. As my children grew older and my oldest daughter went to high school I felt the need to get involved in a deeper way in order to better understand decisions being made about budgets and policies that impact our children's education and overall wellbeing. father was a teacher and coach in the community for many years and my aunt has been an educator her entire career and is now at Chelsea Public Schools. Having the perspective as a parent and as the child of an educator has given me the ability to experience our school sys-

I have been a marketing executive for over

tem from different view-

points.



Julie Barry, candidate for Winthtrop School Committee.

20 years with a focus in public relations, corporate communications and corporate social responsibility. I have managed budgets of all sizes into the hundreds of millions of dollars and have led initiatives to audit and optimize spend to insure that dollars are spent in the most efficient way possible while maximizing and improving return. Many of the corporate social responsibility programs I've put together were built around a core value that all children deserve equal access to education, literacy programs, nutrition and healthcare. In April of 2014 I visited the garbage dumps of Nom Penh, Cambodia and helped children get to shelters at the Cambodian Children's Fund (CCF) where they were taken care of in a community based charitable environment committed to educating children. I worked with the CCF for five years to help support nutritional programs, provide materials for STEM based educational curriculum and ultimately to open a world class educational facility called the Neeson

In March of 2019 I was voted in to the school committee to fill a seat that had been vacated. Within 2 weeks our worlds were turned upside down by Covid-19. What followed were 18 of the toughest months we've ever faced

as a community. But it's

Cripps Academy.

time to move on, it's time to get back to business and it's time to start planning not just for today but for the future. Let's get back to focusing on allocating funding to programs that are missed like foreign language in middle school and band programs. Let's get back to talking about The Vision of the Graduate. It does not start in high school it starts the moment a child enters the public school system here in Winthrop. I want to work with our fellow committee members and school administration to make sure we have programs in place to support and retrieve any learning loss and also programs to accelerate learning for those that are ready. Let's talk about enriching our students with additional guidance and adjustment counselors by building life skills, supporting emotional and mental health and focusing not just academic excellence but attaining and assuring future success in the trades.

As a School Committee Member I will be a voice to effectively advocate for the families in this community and to make sure we can secure the funds necessary and implement policies and programs that make our children's overall educational experience better so that we can build the future generation of critical thinkers, effective communicators, conscientious citizens and creative achievers prepared to take their journey to the next level and fulfill the districts Vision of the Grad-

Let's get back to talking about what Viking PRIDE is all about: Perseverance, Respect, Integrity, Dedication and Excellence.

My sincere thanks for your consideration.

D'Ambrosio to open campaign office here

Staff Report

The grand opening will take place on Saturday, October 9, 2021 at 9 a.m.

"We are excited to expand our grassroots movement with the launch of our new campaign office in Winthrop," said Anthony D'Ambrosio. "We are grateful for the growing support from our community and are looking forward to safely gathering with our supporters during the Grand Opening of our Winthrop Headquarters

this Saturday at 9:00 AM."

The D'Ambrosio campaign will welcome supporters to the grand opening of our Winthrop Headquarters at 1 Michael's Mall at 9:00 AM on Saturday, October 9,

D'Ambrosio announces senior campaign staff

Starr Kepo

"We are thrilled to announce that we are welcoming some of the strongest grassroots political advocates in Massachusetts to the D'Ambrosio team," said Anthony D'Ambrosio. "They are experienced and committed to our victory."

Levin-Epstein was the Deputy National Finance Director for Senator Ed Markey, where she helped secure \$10M in funding during a highly-contested

Senate primary – out-raising the opponent in every quarter in 2020 - through creative in-person and digital fundraising on national, regional, and local levels. She also led creative programming, performance, financial and digital engagement for a portfolio of national events for Senator Jon Ossoff, which helped secure a record-setting \$117M raised in the runoff.

Stevens-Goodnight has led teams to victory across the Commonwealth and is

a highly sought after field strategist. She has worked on national, statewide and local campaigns, as well as for numerous progressive unions. She will be primarily responsible for voter outreach strategy and grassroots organizing including the campaign Get Out The Vote operations.

McCarthy, a recent college graduate from Hobart and William Smith Colleges, has experience in community networking and mobilization.

Lydia Edwards endorsed by MNA third largest in the nation, commitments to language

Starr Kepor

Lydia Edwards has been endorsed by the Massachusetts Nurses Association (MNA) in the special election to State Senate. Primary Election Day is December 14, 2021. General Election Day is January 11, 2022.

"Lydia Edwards has been a strong ally of the Mass Nurses Association and our members as we stand up to corporate executives and fight for better working conditions for our members and safer care for our patients," said MNA President Katie Murphy. "Long before serving in office, Lydia was a champion for exploited workers, securing a Domestic Workers Bill of Rights and standing up for them court to protect their rights. We are proud to endorse Lydia Edwards for Senate and we know she will deliver for the people of Boston, Revere, Winthrop and Cambridge."

The MNA is the largest union and professional association of registered nurses and health professionals in the state, and the

third largest in the nation, representing more than 23,000 members working in 85 health care facilities, including 51 acute care hospitals, as well as a growing number of nurses and health professionals working in schools, visiting nurse associations, public health departments and state agencies.

In 2014, Lydia led the successful efforts to win statewide labor protections for domestic workers, nannies and house cleaners cut out of the New Deal. Lydia has since fought to eliminate sub-minimum tipped wages for restaurant workers and to provide financial resources to restaurants who change their business model to a single, equal wage. Her advocacy resulted in the creation of a Restaurant Revitalization Fund to improve conditions for both restaurants and workers.

At Suffolk Downs, Lydia stood by labor to win a Project Labor Agreement at the largest private development project in Boston's history, creating good union jobs for a whole generation of workers. She fought for justice and won an unprecedented investment in ESL for job training. Lydia Edwards

Lydia Edwards has stood with workers in the hospitality industry, service workers at Logan Airport, student workers in our higher education system, teachers, Brazilian immigrant workers and many others.

Lydia Edwards is a candidate for State Senate representing the First Suffolk and Middlesex District, following the departure of Senator Joseph A. Boncore. To date, Edwards has been endorsed by: OPEIU Local 453, Teamsters Local 25, Revere activist Juan Jaramillo, State Representative Nika Elugardo. For a full and up-todate list of endorsements visit: LydiaEdwards.org/ endorsements.

Councilor Lydia Edwards is a career advocate, activist, and voice on behalf of society's most vulnerable. She is currently the Chair of the Committee on Government Operations and the Committee on Housing and Community Development in the Boston City Council. Learn more at LydiaEdwards.org/meet-lydia.

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Goal: Build future budgets on sustainable revenues. Recommendations: have inspectional services assess value of new developments; hire outside consultants to determine prices of fees, fines and permits; share the burden of setting the price of fees and fines with the Town Manager or CFO; review overhead charges.

Goal: Include budget initiatives to strengthen service delivery in key areas. Recommendations: increase school department budget base; increase Town Manager salary; expand building inspection to full-time; review pay and class designations for all municipal staff and update job descriptions; eliminate ferry service; reorganize IT department

Goal: Implement strategies for dealing with unfunded liabilities. Recommendations: identify the correct annual required contribution; appoint Win-

throp Retirement Board the trustees of the Winthrop Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) Fund; charge enterprise funds for an annual OPEB ARC; begin funding General Fund OPEB liability; limit sick leave and vacation buy-back;

Goal: Implement policies to improve General and Enterprise Fund balances (liquidity). Recommendations: require the first \$250K of annual free cash to remain unappropriated for emergencies; allocate 40 percent of annual certified free cash to the General Stabilization Fund and 30 to the Capital Stabilization Fund

Goal: Link Capital Planning between the General Fund (Bonds) and the Capital Stabilization Fund (pay/go). Recommendations: prepare an annual long-range capital plan; approve new safety building as a debt-excluded project only; utilize

other sources of revenue to increase capital improvement funding

Cirillo said that by adopting the above recommendations, the Town can improve its financial situation in a short period of time. He was optimistic that strategic planning could shrink the gap between revenue and expenses.

In addition to the goals and recommendations, Cirillo also developed a long-range capital plan, as well as a long-range revenue and expenditure forecast to identify areas of weakness. The tools are meant to help administrators and policymakers to meet future budgetary constraints and can be utilized at the beginning of the annual budget process.

Cirillo sent the memo to Town Manager Terence Delehanty on Sept. 8, and also shared it with the Town Council on Sept. 21.





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OUR Opinions

PROGRESSIVES ARE TRUMP'S **NEW BEST FRIENDS**

As our regular readers know, we have been fully supportive of everything that entails the Progressive agenda in Washington, from the Green New Deal to tax increases on the wealthy and everything in between.

If anything, we'd like to see the \$3.5 trillion Democratic spending bill be even larger in order to do what truly is needed to bring America into the third decade of the 21st century.

However, we recognize that not everyone agrees with our view, both as to the costs and goals of the legislation put forward by President Joe Biden.

In addition to some Democratic moderates in the House, there are the two U.S. senators, Joe Manchin from West Virginia and Kyrsten Sinema from Arizona, who publicly have stated that they only will support a scaled-down version of the \$3.5 trillion package.

Senator Manchin has been fairly specific in his position, whereas Senator Sinema has been silent and erratic - both publicly and privately among her colleagues -suggesting that her psychological fitness to be a U.S. Senator is in question.

But regardless of their motivations, Manchin and Sinema constitute a roadblock to passage of the \$3.5 trillion spending bill. So what is a Progressive to do?

We could suggest the usual cliches, such as, "Half a loaf is better than no loaf at all," or, "Don't make the perfect the enemy of the good."

But we prefer one of our own: Politics is the art of

If a politician who comes into office expects to be a rigid ideologue, then he or she is in the wrong business. Refusing to compromise is like the little boy or girl who doesn't like the way the game is being played and takes his or her ball home.

We urge the legislators from our districts in Congress to get their act together and get something done. We didn't send them to Washington to accomplish nothing.

In our view, the longer that this gets dragged out -especially with the Democrats having no room to spare in terms of their majorities -- the more that the average voter will think that maybe Donald Trump wasn't so bad

SCHOOL MASKING IS NOT A PARENTAL MATTER

According to an interview in the Boston Globe, a member (who is a medical doctor) of the unpaid COVID-19 advisory panel to Gov. Charlie Baker made this statement regarding masking by children in public schools: "Regardless of science, and there isn't a lot of science, it's important that parents feel strongly and that needs to be at the forefront of decision-making.'

We'll just state our view bluntly: That is the most idiotic statement we have heard from anyone (other than a Republican governor from the South) on the issue of whether students should wear masks in school.

There IS a lot of science about the benefits of masking to halt the spread of the disease. But beyond that, parents are the LEAST competent persons to weigh in on this issue. The average parent has no expertise about COVID-19, both as to the health of their own child and as to the overall health implications for other students and school employees.

Until we have the pandemic under control, masking (and vaccinations) should be mandatory in our public schools for everyone, a few ignorant and loudmouth parents notwithstanding.

SOBER OCTOBER: NOW MORE THAN EVER

We all know that the pandemic has not been great for either our physical or mental health. One of the strongest indicators of this is that overall alcohol consumption increased by 14 percent among Americans in 2020 and 23 percent of Americans reported drinking more each day

to cope with pandemic-induced stress. Those are startling statistics. Alcohol in any amount is not good either for our mental or physical well-being. The panel that advises the FDA about the food pyramid recommended that adults should have no more than one

drink per day. However, during the pandemic, the routine for many adults included two or three or more drinks each and every day.

Many people recognize that their pandemic-induced drinking behavior has to change, Although Alcoholics Anonymous may not be the right program for many people, there are other options for support, among the most popular being The Naked Mind LLC, Luckiest Club, and Tempest, all of which charge a fee and are

Alcohol Use Disorder already was an enormous problem for millions of Amercans and it was exacerbated by the pandemic. Sober October is a good place to start to reverse that trend.

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SUPPORTS BELCHER FOR PRECINCT 3

Dear Editor

My name is Mary-Kate Vaughan, I am not a resident of Winthrop, I live up in Wilmington but I visit Winthrop often as my best friend Hannah Belcher lives in Winthrop. Hannah is currently running for town council for precinct 3. Hannah loves Winthrop so much but what she loves more is

LETTER to the Editor

me and my husband Josh. My husband Josh died last Thursday after a brief illness and I along with Hannah were devastated. He was my husband but he was like a brother to Hannah so I believe most of you can imagine this inconsolable loss. Hannah made an announcement to the Town of Winthrop requesting your patience as she pauses her running and events for 1 mere week while we say goodbye to our Joshua. Even while Hannah was sitting next to me on the couch or holding my hand she was fielding calls and emails regarding Winthrop and the Airport committee. It has come to my attention that there are some folks who are questioning where Hannah was and what was more important. Hannah was with me, crying, hurting, grieving and struggling. This was more important.

I will tell you now, there can't possibly be anyone

else that you want fighting for you then Hannah. Nobody else puts their whole heart into anything as much as Hannah does. She is strong, she is beyond smart and most importantly once she's decided she's in your corner then she's your fighter for life.

Winthrop you are in charge of your own future and if you want a bright one and you want things to change for the better, you pick my friend Hannah.

Mary-Kate Vaughan

GUEST OP-ED

Preparing our Children for the 21st Century Economy

By Anthony D'Ambrosio

The Covid-19 pandemic has taken a devastating toll on our state's students. Mental health issues have spiked, reaching crisis levels in many school districts. Nearly 300 schools Massachusetts had chronic absenteeism rates of 30% or higher this past school year. And just last week, the state-wide results for the Spring 2021 MCAS revealed just how far behind academically our students have fallen: only 33% of Massachusetts students in grades 3-8 met expectations for mathematics, compared to 49% in 2019. In English language arts, only 46% of students in grades 3-8 met expectations, compared to 52% in 2019.

The pandemic challenged even the most prepared among us, and I know first-hand that Massachusetts teachers worked tirelessly—and thanklessly—to guide our students through uncharted waters. However, the data makes clear that—on a policy level the state government has lost touch with the needs of our students. It should not have taken a global pandemic to force state officials to think about how we should educate students in a 21st century world. Remote learning, equitable access to the Internet and digital learning tools, and the importance of comprehensive STEM education in a technology-oriented economy have been discussed for over a decade. Our state failed to take these developments seriously when it mattered, and our children continue to suffer as a re-

We need several statewide initiatives to best support Massachusetts students after this most disruptive year of their lives and set them up for long-term success.

First, funds are needed now to remediate the aftermath of Covid-19 on our state's students, not in 2 or 3 years as is being currently contemplated. If Massachusetts students are unable to make up the lost progress from the last two school years, they will continue to be behind for the rest of their academic careers. Beacon Hill must immediately deploy funds for more tutoring, digital learning aids, and counselling services for all students, especially students with disabilities and ESL students. Additionally, we need a state-wide study on why mathematics proficiency-essential to securing the technology jobs of the future—was specifically undermined by the pandemic's disruptions.

Second, we need to dramatically expand internship and apprenticeship programs for the

Commonwealth's high schools and community colleges. Connecting Activities, the largest state-wide apprenticeship program for students, provides opportunities for a mere 3.6% of the nearly 300,000 public high school students in Massachusetts each year. This is unacceptable. All Massachusetts students should have the opportunity to gain real-world job experience for the benefit of their futures and our state economy.

In my job as a technology analyst, I have sat across the table from dozens of technology executives. In making hiring decisions, such executives are not only looking for good programmers, but also for people who have managed real-world projects and worked on teams with people of all ages and experience levels. Internships and apprenticeships are two of the best pathways for students to cultivate these skills, and Massachusetts businesses will benefit from the creativity and perspective of our state's students.

Third, we need to promote equity in school districts so that no child is left behind or disadvantaged. On the Revere School Committee, I spearheaded the creation of a city-wide Equity Advisory Board that works to address issues of disenfranchisement and representation within our public schools. Equity in schools requires, among other things, equitable access to technological resources and universal, affordable broadband Internet for all students. It is unacceptable that, in this district, there are neighborhoods where more than 25% of residents do not have access to the Internet despite living less than five miles away from some of the top research universities in the world. I want to make Massachusetts the first state in the United States to provide universal, affordable, and reliable broadband Internet to all residents. No child should ever have to miss class because he/she/

We have the rare opportunity rebuild the state's education system in a way that prepares our children for the challenges and promises of the 21st century economy. Let's make

they cannot access the In-

Anthony D'Ambrosio graduated with a BA from Yale and a Masters from University of Cambridge and is also a candidate for State Senate

this moment count.

Candidates // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

will ask the candidates for Town Council and School Committee (only) two questions which will be provided in advance. Council and School Committee candidates will all be asked the same two questions, and candidates will have up to 30 seconds to answer each question.

3. Finally, Informal Conversations- after the Q&A is complete candidates and voters can stay to speak together informally and independently.

The WRTC hopes all residents will use this opportunity to cast a well informed vote which will determine the future of our beloved community. For more information go to the Winthrop Republican Town Committee's Facebook page.

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core of Winthrop. Boncore later became an ally of Edwards and endorsed her candidacy for Boston City Council.

The location of Edwards's headquarters and the fact she is a person of color sent a chill down the spine of her Winthrop supporters who offered words of support on social

In June, Winthrop resident Nathan Allen crashed a box truck into a house on the corner of Shirley and Cross Streets and then executed two Black residents--just two blocks from Edwards's current headquarters.

It was later revealed that Allen, who was killed by police, most likely targeted Air Force veteran Ramona Cooper and retired Massachusetts State Police trooper David Green because they were black..

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WINTHROP Then and Now

Winthrop Improvement and Historical Association By G. David Hubbard, Town Historian • Photos courtesy of Stephen F. Moran

ARTICLE 983 — WINTHROP'S FIRST FAMOUS HISTORIC TREE – THE GIBBONS ELM



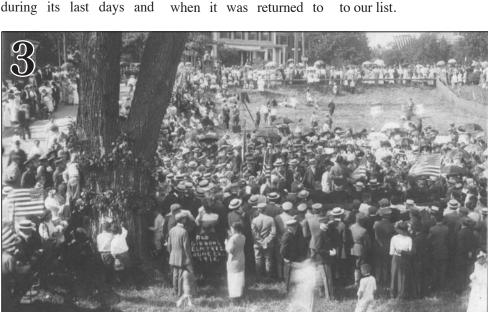
Trees often play an important part in our lives and the Gibbons Elm, which historically has been very significant to Winthrop, was such a tree. In 1637, Major General Edward Gibbons, who was a founder and Captain Commanding Officer of the Ancient & Honorable Artillery Company in 1639 – 1641, 1646 and 1654, was one of the 15 men allotted a parcel of land on Pullen Point in 1637. It consisted of 100 acres in the area where Washington Avenue, Pleasant and Winthrop Streets intersect. He built his home in 1640 on what is now Washington Terrace and planted a sapling Elm tree beside it. As one can see in the first picture, taken about 1885 looking north from the bay up to Washington Avenue, the sapling had grown during the previous 245 years into an elegant tree with a circumference of almost 15 feet. Picture two depicts the tree looking south, out to Snake Island in the distance, about the same year. In early years the local farmers often met beneath this tree to discuss the affairs of the day, sort of an early Town Meeting. While the house was razed in 1860, the tree lived on. In the 1870's, the tree was struck by lightning and split in two. Cranes were brought in and the two halves pulled together and bolted in place. After a few years, the bolts had been grown over by the tree and could no longer be seen. Finally, on May 27, 1912, the townspeople were notified that the condition of the tree presented a hazard, in the event of heavy winds, to those homes that had been built nearby. Since repairs were no longer deemed practical, it was considered best by the town to remove the tree. A large number of people visited the tree



numerous requests were made for chunks of wood as mementos. On June 22, 1912, a large ceremony was held to commemorate the removal of the tree as shown in the third and fourth photographs each taken respectively from the same direction as the first two pictures. Committee Chairman David Floyd 2nd gave an historical address followed by Dennis W. Mc-Carthy who read an original poem after which Charles Francis Adams, President of the Massachusetts Historical Society, gave a talk about the life of Edward Gibbons. Reverend S. Bryant of the Congregational Church offered a prayer. The tree was then removed under the direction of Captain Francis Hawks Appleton, Commander of the A. & H. A. Co. and the group moved across the street where a new "Gibbons Elm" was planted on the grounds of the Thornton Station. With the passing of the Gibbons Elm went one of the last links to the colonial days. At the conclusion, everyone marched to the Deane Winthrop House for refreshments. Captain Appleton was a former resident of Winthrop and an officer of Saint Johns Episcopal Church. A large cross section of the tree was taken to the A. & H. A. Co. museum at Faneuil Hall in Boston where it remained until 10 June 1993 when it was returned to

Winthrop. At a ceremony in front of the Town Library, their Commander, Lt. Col. Ernest C. Caggiano, presented it to this writer as the then President of the Winthrop Improvement and Historical Association where it is displayed in the meeting hall today. A third "Gibbons Elm" was then planted on the Town Hall lawn. Since then, a fourth "Gibbons Elm" has been planted in front of the new Arthur Cummings Elementary School by the Sesquicentennial (150 Year) Celebration Committee in 2002.

Most communities have had a number of such trees planted in them to honor Officials, Veterans, Organizations etc. Winthrop has also had several such trees so planted one of which was on the front lawn of our Town Hall as described in our Article 728. It was planted before 1918 by the Girl Scouts of Winthrop and a poem about it written by Olivia Cleveland Starkweather was given to us by her Granddaughter Betty Harris King which was included in that article. We would like to compile a list of all such trees planted in Winthrop since the Gibbons Elm was planted in 1640 to write up in an article. If any of our readers know of other such trees, when and where they were planted, who they were named after, we would appreciate a call with the information to add







THE MORE Things Change

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

10 years ago October 7, 2011

The contest between incumbent Town Council President Jeffrey Turco and challenger Peter Gill has captivated many segments of the community, but especially among those who enjoy a spirited race for office and remember the enthusiasm that past races for office have generated.

The Town of Winthrop is losing another valued and outstanding department head, Library Director Alan Thibeault, who is heading to nearby Danvers to run the operations of that town's public library. His departure follows on the heels of former DPW Director David Hickey, who likewise is leaving Winthrop to take a similar position in another community.

Town Councilor-at-Large Larry Powers withdrew his motion to hold a referendum that would have given Winthrop residents an opportunity to vote whether they favor or oppose a casino at Suffolk Downs in East Boston. The recent state legislation paves the way for an expected casino-hotel complex at the Suffolk Downs site.

The Winthrop Beach Renourishment project that will bring more than 650,000 cubic yards of sand to the ever-eroding beach on Shore Drive took a major leap late last week and will likely be permitted and approved in a matter of months. This comes after 10 years of wrangling and arguing about the project among everyone from local residents to various government officials to off-shore shellfishermen. The top state environmental official on Friday issued a ruling that stated the amended project would not need to go through the long and arduous Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act

(MEPA) process again. groundbreaking The for the new East Boston Neighborhood Health Center (EBNHC) that is slated to be built in the Town Center took place this week. After starting out this year with a proposal to knock down the current building and rebuild a new building, the EBNHC changed paths earlier this year, announcing that it would scale back the project a bit and re-use the old building that sits on the site.

Real Steel, The Ides of March, and The Thing are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

20 years ago October 11, 2001

Town Meeting will gather Monday to determine how to appropriate the \$2.5 million that was approved by voters at last week's Prop. 2 and 1/2 override referendum. Winthrop High Athlet-

ic Director John Lyons has been named as a Renaissance Coordinator of the Year for his outstanding contributions to the Renaissance program at WHS for the 2000-01 school year.

The selectmen have named five new reserve police officers, Timothy Callinan, Bill Cash, Vince

Crossman, Craig Drayton, and John Skabeikas. The entire Winthrop community is mourning the passing this past week

resident,

of Myer Brill, a long-time

businessman,

town official, and civic leader. Shrek, The Others, and

Zoolander are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

30 years ago October 9, 1991

The School Department has found the funds necessary to save the Gifted and Talented Program at the Middle School.

The annual WCAT Squash Raffle kicked off this week, with E. Arthur King once again serving as chairman.

Frankie & Johnny, The Taking of Beverly Hills, and Ernest Scared Stupid are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

40 years ago October 14, 1981

Long-dormant public interest finally was awakened Tuesday night as 50 persons packed the selectmen's hearing room to oppose plans by the MDC to expand the sewage treatment plant on Deer Island. One option discussed, but was thought to be highly impractical, was to level the drumlin on the northern side of the island, fill it in, and use the area where the prison now stands for a new treatment plant.

Winthrop firefighters were busy this week, battling blazes at 65 Revere St. that left two families homeless and another in a vacant house at 15 Faun Bar Ave., the second fire there since March 15.

The Winthrop Art Association opened its second annual Fall Art Exhibit, which will run through the month of October at the Winthrop Savings Bank this week.

Donald Sutherland stars in Eye of the Needle at the Kincade Theatre.

50 years ago October 13, 1971

Jack Rampon of the East Boston Drug Action Council said that Winthrop still wants to sweep its drug problem under the rug. Rampon said East Boston has had a drug problem for 20 years and that its residents have recognized the need for a drug treatment center and drug prevention programs in the schools. He invited Winthrop residents to partake of the programs that are offered in East Boston.

Fr. William F. Bene, who has served at St. John the Evangelist Church since 1969, has been assigned to the parish at St. Hugh's in Roxbury.

Charles Sagan was installed as the new President of Temple Tifereth Israel Sunday morning.

Ronald McDonald and the Hamburger Train are set to visit Winthrop Sat-

Joe Namath stars in The Last Rebel at the Revere Drive In.

60 years ago Oct. 12, 1961

Frank Giles, State Public Safety Commissioner, told the Sun-Transcript that Winthrop is no better or worse than other communities in terms of gambling or other illegal operations. Giles's comments were in response to an article in the Boston Globe that singled out Winthrop as having a particularly acute underworld problem.

Harvey also is a member

of the city staff of the Bos-

ton Globe where he covers

The selectmen unanimously have chosen local attorney Joseph Harvey as the new Town Counsel.

courthouse activities. Fire Chief John For-

ristall has urged Winthrop residents to eliminate fire hazards in their homes during Fire Prevention Week.

The Kiwanis Club and Explorer Scouts circulated a pamphlet last week to every home in town in connection with their drive to place an American flag in every house in town. Winthrop Redevelop-

ment Authority member William H. Barry vehemently denied that it is his desire to see poor people driven out of Winthrop, as was asserted last week by one of the opponents of the authority's urban renewal plan. The authority announced this week that its original federal grant of \$1.48 million for the proposed Shirley Street Urban Renewal Area has been increased to \$1.66 million.

Sidney Poitier stars in A Raisin in the Sun at the Winthrop Theatre.

70 years ago October 11, 1951

Archbishop Richard J. Cushing will dedicate the new St. John the Evangelist parochial school with the laying of the cornerstone Sunday at 3 p.m. The dedication of the school will culminate 25 years of dreaming and planning by St. John's parishioners, with the fruition of those plans coming under the direction of Msgr. Richard J. Quinlan. The cost of the building is estimated at \$500,000 with another \$200,000 for furniture and equipment for the 16 classrooms and the auditorium, which will seat 700, plus provisions for the living accommodations for the Sisters of St. Joseph who will teach

there. Townspeople mourning the passing of former selectman Leslie E. Griffin, who died suddenly of a heart attack Saturday at the age of 72.

Mrs. Eliot Hayes will direct the fall and winter educational programs for the local League of Women Voters.

Betty Hutton and Howard Keel star in Annie Get Your Gun at the Winthrop and State theaters.

80 years ago

Oct. 9, 1941 Lt. Col. Martin Leapman of the British Army, an air raid warden in that country, was the principal speaker at a meeting of Winthrop's Air Raid Precaution School Tuesday evening in the hearing room at Town Hall. Leapman stressed the need for additional auxiliary firefighting volunteers, as he noted that within the first six months of the bombardment of London, 2000 of the city's 2900 firefighters had been killed. But within six months after that, the men in the fire department had reached 32,000 with emergency training.

Patrick F. Kirley will be installed this weekend as the new Commander of the American Legion

Winthrop schools are the first in the Boston area to take part in a savings plan for schoolchildren who turn their pennies into nickels and their nickels into quarters so that they can purchase a Defense Bond.

Lana Turner, Spencer Tracy, and Ingrid Bergman star in Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde at the Revere and Boulevard Theatres.

COUNCILLOR JIM LETTERIE HOSTS A RECEPTION FOR HIS RUN FOR COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Courtesy photos Councilor Jim Letterie hosted a reception to a full house at Hong Kong Dragon for his supporters in his run for Winthrop Council President. Letterie greeted his guests and offered a delicious buffet dinner, before he was introduced to the crowd by his son, Jake Letterie. Jake praised his dad's passion and dedication to the town over the past 16 years and in discussing some of his accomplishments stated, "Jim played integral roles in redeveloping both the Winthrop Hospital into a beautiful senior living fa-

cility as well as Winthrop High School being transformed into the incredible new Middle/High School. My dad is Co-Chair of the Miller Field Committee which has worked tirelessly to renovate Winthrop's most iconic sports field into the spectacular venue it has become. He has chaired the finance committee for over a decade and understands the budget process better than anybody I know. But most importantly, he is a good man who cares deeply for his family and town."

In his remarks, Jim talked about "stabilizing the town in numerous areas,

and getting our house in order." Jim spoke about the importance of the Council Presidents role as a member of the Winthrop School Committee, and his intense passion for education. Jim talked about protecting the natural resources of Winthrop and developing a "natural canopy" to not only continue to beautify, but also as a natural protection from the airport. Letterie mentioned how the Middle School site, along with a Public Safety Building

are items at the top of his agenda. "I am obviously not running as the new guy, however, I am running as a new leader, as well as an experienced Councilor who when given the opportunity to lead will work diligently to

bring our entire community together, instill trust in government, maintain and sustain the beautiful assets we are so fortunate to have, and be a tireless advocate for the education of our youth as well as the admiration and support of



John and Mary Sullivan showed up to support Jim Letterie for President of Winthrop Town Council.



Diana Viens with Candidate for President of the Winthrop Town Council, Jim Letterie.



Former Council President Peter Gill joined Jim Letterie last Tuesday evening.



Ken and Diane Sands showing support for Jim Letterie.



Patti and Joe Clark joined Jim Letterie at the Hong Kong



State Representative Jeffery Rosario Turco with Jim Letterie, candidate for town council.



Jim Letterie with Jack Dowd.



Lorraine Letterie with Debbie Kuhn and Marie Doucette.



Candidate for President of the Winthrop Town Council Jim Latterie and his mother, Lorraine Letterie.



Rich Boyajian and Steve Rogers are shown with the Candidate for Winthrop Town Council president Jim Letterie.



Candidate for Council President Jim Letterie welcomed Candidate for Massachusetts Senate Anthony D'Ambrosio to the Hong Kong Dragon.



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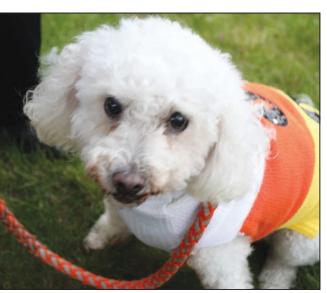
Hazel was with Stephanie Pfeiffer.



Fr. Connelly greets Snookie on the front lawn.



Salt gets his blessing.



Max was dressed for the event in a seasonal vest.



Meet George and Denise Merullo.



Sally stepped up first to be blessed.



Pictures and zoomed video of pets were also blessed.



After all the pets were blessed, Fr. Walter Connelly gives the final blessing and asks for a prayer for all the loving lost pets, that they may rest in peace.

Last Sunday afternoon, Fr. Walter Connelly, rector at St. John's Episcopal Church was greeted in the front yard of the church by an assortment of dogs of all ages and breeds, accompanied by their loving owners to be blessed for the new year.

Fr. Connelly offered a prayer to all that were

present before he blessed each, and every pet, stuffed animal and yes, zoomed pets as well.

Despite the array of pets and commotion on the front lawn of St. John's Episcopal Church, the animals behaved and enjoyed each other's company on a sunny fall afternoon at church.







Kenzie a rock-solid Red Sox fan was at St. John's last Saturday for the annual Blessing of the Animals in honor of St. Francis of Assisi.

School Committee //continued from page 1 year. It also reviewed

attend in person and over Zoom.

Supt. Lisa Howard was not present, but sent along a list of updates to be announced at the meeting.

Professional Development Day On Oct. 6, the schools

let out early so teachers could participate in mandatory professional development. Teachers at the Fort

Banks School focused on a new phonics program designed to help begin-

ning readers. The Cummings School staff trained in a new math program, Illustra-

tive Mathematics, which features an online compo-The Winthrop Middle School reviewed its Star

360 data from last year

and the beginning of this

its MCAS data to assess strengths and weaknesses ing for crossing guards for and created an action plan based on their findings. The Winthrop High

School focused on the Understanding by Design (UBD) curriculum, and continued to map all of its written curricula.

Crossing Guards Needed

Three crossing guards were employed by the district at various high-traffic locations. On Oct. 4, one of them resigned after just one day on the job. The district is looking to fill the vacancy as soon as possible.

Committee Chairman Brian Perrin recommended that Supt. Howard

reach out to the Winthrop

Transportation Safety Ad-

visory Committee (TSAC)

to schedule a meeting. "We're constantly look-

these high-traffic areas," he said. "But it would be helpful if TSAC could weigh on strategies to make it safer." **General Updates**

In addition to a cross-

ing guard, the district is currently looking to hire winter sports coaches, a junior custodian, a speech and language pathologist, a long-term special education substitute teacher, as well as several other positions.

The New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) began its accreditation assessment of the high school.

On Oct. 4, they met with

Supt. Howard as well

as a number of teachers.

NEASC representatives

also met with the curriculum subcommittee on Oct. 5. They will be releasing their findings at a date as yet undetermined. School committee members were provided with a schedule for their visit. The School Committee

approved the application of a ninth grader to be homeschooled. They join the already 20 Winthrop students who are on homeschool plans this school year.

The committee announced the retirement of physical education teacher

Marie Finn and technology education teacher Maura Sullivan. Chairman Perrin appointed School Committee Member Suzanne

Swope to the board of the

Shore Educational Collab-

orative.

WINTHROP MARKETPLACE **SWEET MUSTARD**

CHICKEN BAKE

INGREDIENTS:

breast halves ½ cup honey DIRECTIONS:

4 boneless, skinless chicken ½ cup butter, melted 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

1/4 cup Dijon mustard

degrees C). Grease a shallow baking dish.

STEP 1: Preheat the oven to 375 degrees F (190

STEP 2: In a small bowl, stir together the honey, Dijon mustard, melted butter and pepper. Place chicken in the greased baking dish, and pour the honey mustard sauce over it.

STEP 3: Bake for 45 minutes in the preheated oven, basting frequently with the sauce, until chicken is firm and juices run clear.

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Jeanne Maggio, State Rep. Jeffrey Turco, Fire Chief Paul Flanagan, Rick Savage, Jane Howell, and Anne McGovern.



DPW Director Steven Calla, Paul Flanagan, and Stacy Calla.



Officials from the MWRA with Retiring Fire Chief Paul Flanagan, from left, David Duest, MWRA Executive Director Frederick Laskey, Michele Gillen, David Coppes, and Carolyn Fiore.



Neighbors Richard Honan, Paul Flanagan, and Mary Ellen Honan.



Paul Flanagan and Diane Nalen.

Flanagan //continued from Page 1

Veterans Services Director Roseann Trionfi-Mazzuchelli and Fire Chief Paul Flanagan.

vice to the Town of Winthrop.'

Former Speaker of the House Robert A. DeLeo spoke about "my good friend, Paul Flanagan and the years of service that the Flanagan family has given to the Town of Win-

"I don't know if there were any more dedicated family than we have had than the Flanagans," said DeLeo.

DeLeo recalled how Paul Flanagan's father, former Chief Charles J. Flanagan, was such a bright and positive influence on his son, Robbie DeLeo. "My son, who was 5 years old at the time, said to me, 'Dad, I want to be like Chief Flanagan, that's who I want to be like', and that's the way it was."

"When you get to know

Flanagan], and you know what he's done for this community whenever we're in need - he was always there," said DeLeo. "When I would talk to fire chiefs from around this state, they would undoubtedly talk to me that Winthrop had one of the best chiefs that they could have in Chief Flanagan. Thank you for everything you've done for this community as evidenced by the large number of people that came out today."

State Rep. Jeffrey Turco presented a state citation to Chief Flanagan. He jested wonderfully, "Mr. Speaker used to come here and bring millions of dollars and a citation, I get to bring citations and no millions of dollars."

Continuing his remarks,

Turco said, "This is a celebration of Paul Flanagan and his family on 140plus years of service to the Town of Winthrop, but it's also an opportunity to thank the men in red and blue, every day in the town that sacrifice and serve the people of Winthrop and the neighboring community, so I want to thank the firefighters and the police officers that are here."

Terence Delehanty said, "On behalf of the town, Paul, thank you for your friendship and your service. Thank you for your family's service."

Andover Town Manager Andrew Flanagan, Chief Flanagan's son, told the large gathering, "He sets the bar for public service. He sets the bar for what we all strive to be at all levels of government,



COURTESY PHOTO Retired Fire Chief Paul Flannagan and Candidate for State Senate Anthony D'Ambrosio.

and Jill Dorr.

whether we're town managers, mayors, elected officials, or the people that work on the front lines of public safety. Thank you, dad, for setting the bar quite high for all of us."

New Winthrop Fire Chief Scott Wiley said, "Over the course of the years, he was my captain, he was a role model, he was a mentor, and most importantly at the end, he was my friend. I want to thank Chief Flanagan for his 43 years of service and the entire Flanagan family for all of their years of service and wish him continued success and nothing but the best in your retire-

ment." Praising Chief Flanagan's contributions to Winthrop, former Winthrop High School guidance department assistant Marianne Nicoletti said, "He was the best. He did a great job. I'm going to miss him. He was my buddy."



Interim Town Manager Terence Delehanty, Laurisa Wojcik,





Former Fire Chief Larry Powers, retiring Fire Chief Paul Flanagan, and Chuck Famolare.



Town Historian David Hubbard, Paul Flanagan, and local artist Dawn Mahoney.



COURTESY PHOTO Candidate for State Senate Anthony D'Ambrosio with Former Speaker of the House Bob DeLeo.



Stoneham Supt. of Schools John Macero, Paul Flanagan, and Trudy Macero.



Speaker of the House Robert A. DeLeo, State Rep. Jeffrey Turco, and Fire Chief Paul Flanagan.



Director of Parks and Recreation Sean Driscoll, Rita Driscoll,

and State Rep. Jeffrey Turco.

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Retiring Fire Chief Paul Flanagan and his girlfriend, Paula Percoco.



Former Town Councillor Jeanne Maggio and Fire Chief Paul Flanagan.

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WHS SPORTS ROUNDUP

WHS BOYS SOCCER WINS THREE CONTESTS

The Winthrop High boys soccer team enjoyed a tremendous week, winning all three of its contests

In a 5-2 victory over Salem, the Vikings overcame an early 1-0 deficit. Winthrop brought the contest back to level when Gustav Hemmingsen scored on a penalty kick. The Vikings briefly moved ahead thanks to a goal by Juan Guauque, but Salem deadlocked matters before the end of the first half.

However, the Vikings came out on fire after the intermission and scored three unanswered goals. Ari Hain, Damian Vidal, and Hemmingsen all reached the back of the Salem net.

"It was a dominant second half in which we had a majority of possession," said WHS head coach Kyle Gagin.

Winthrop followed up that win with a 5-1 victory over Saugus. The Vikings took a 2-1 lead into the intermission thanks to Aymane Cherki, who scored both of the Winthrop goals.

However, once again the Vikings took control in the second half, with Hemmingsen reaching the back of the Saugus net three times to record a hat trick.

"It was another slow start, but I liked the way we were able to possess," said Gagin. "Eventually we started creating more chances and took advantage of them."

The Vikings made it a perfect 3-0 for the week with a 3-1 victory over Peabody this past Tues-

day. Cherki had a goal and an assist. Hemmingsen and Guauque also scored, with assists from Esteban Alvarez and Carlos Penalba.

"Overall we played poorly and were lucky to come away with a win," noted Gagin, who added that goalkeeper Mateo Martinez "had another stellar game in net."

Gagin and his crew, who now are 7-2 on the season, will entertain Marblehead today (Thursday) and will play at Malden on Saturday. They will host Northeast Regional next Thursday afternoon.

GIRLS SOCCER TEAM TOPS SALEM, EASTIE

The Winthrop High girls soccer team enjoyed a successful week, winning two of its three contests and battling hard in the third.

The Lady Vikings hosted Northeastern Conference rival Salem last Tuesday under the lights at Miller Field and earned a 2-0 victory.

Sophomore Reese Brodin, assisted by Mia Norris, and Lily Tallent, assisted by Nora McCarey, reached the back of the Salem net to provide all of the offense that the Lady Viking keeper, senior Manuela Mejia, would need.

This past Monday coach Tracey Martucci's crew blanked non-league rival East Boston, 5-0.

Brodin put home two goals. Single goals were added by senior captain and sweeper Julia Marcoccio, Isabella Piccinato, and senior captain Mia

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WHS FOOTBALL

Vikings fall to Danvers, hosts Gloucester Friday

By Cary Shuman

Winthrop Coach Jon Cadigan is looking ahead to the Northeastern Conference South Division opener against Gloucester Friday night at Miller Field after a 42-0 loss to a powerful Danvers squad at Dr. Deering Stadium.

The Falcons (3-1) proved every bit as good as advertised, taking control of the game early and keeping the Vikings (1-3) off the scoreboard.

"Danvers has played a really tough schedule and they've beaten some good teams and held their own in the one game they lost (14-10 to undefeated Reading)," said Cadigan. "They're definitely a very good football team."

The Falcons were able to control the line of scrimmage and contain Winthrop's offense.

"It's disappointing, obviously, because we haven't lost like that in quite a while," said Cadigan. "But we have Gloucester this week in our first conference game, so the message is pretty simple: you win the game and you're in first place in your league."

The Vikings are the defending NEC South champions. In addition to Gloucester, Winthrop will face Peabody, Salem, and Saugus in the South Division.

Cadigan lauds former coach Tony Fucillo on fieldhouse honor

The Town of Winthrop will honor former Winthrop High head football coach Tony Fucillo on Friday, Oct. 15 at Miller Field when the field house

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VIKINGS TOP THE JETS ON THE SOCCER FIELD



CROSSING ANKLES: Winthrop's Corinne Powell (12) tangles with East Boston's Isabella Munoz (10).



MIDFIELD FOOTRACE: Winthrop's Abigail Homes races away from East Boston's Shakira Cordoso (12) and Isabella Munoz (10) during the Oct. 4 game at City Yard Fields in Eastie. See more photos on Page 11.



IN THE WAY: Winthrop's Grace Arena (17) interrupts the progress of East Boston's Jennifer Argueta (3) while Viking team-

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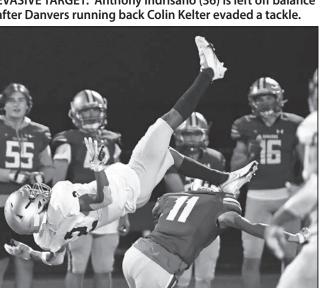
PROTECTIVE CUSTODY: Winthrop's Martin Cameron protects the ball as he follows the blocking of lineman Victor Marques.



GET DOWN TO IT: Winthrop's Mikey Chavez goes low to bring down Danvers runner Colin Kelter.



EVASIVE TARGET: Anthony Indrisano (36) is left off balance after Danvers running back Colin Kelter evaded a tackle.



OVER AND OUT: Winthrop's Mikey Chaves is upended as Danvers defensive back Max Gasinowski breaks up the



BALL HAWK: Winthrop's George Galuris and Danvers Max Gasinowski vie for the ball. Gasinowski came down with an interception.



ALMOST: Winthrop wide receiver Mikey Chavez had his hands on the ball but Danver's Max Gasinowski (11) broke up the play.



CRUNCH TIME: Winthrop's George Galuris absorbs a hard hit by Danvers defensive back Colin Kelter.



A PROMISING BEGINNING: The game got off to a good start when Winthrop's Victor Marques recovered a Danvers fumble on the Falcons first set of downs. Teammates Dave Gonzalez and Peter Jurovich help out.

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Fucillo Field House.

Jon Cadigan said Coach Fucillo was a positive influence in his life and in the lives of so many others who played or coached in the WHS football pro-

"There's only about a handful of people that you meet in your life than can truly alter your life and change your life, without you even knowing it," said Cadigan. "And as I get older, and the more I get into my coaching career, I was blessed to start coaching under Coach Fucillo, and he just did everything the right way. I'm extremely fortunate to have played football under him and coached with him, and now if I have questions, every time you talk there's something you can take out of the conversations

is dedicated as the Tony you have with him."

Pete Jurovich wins Black Shirt Award

Pete Jurovich received the Black Shirt "defensive player of the game" award for the third time in four

Jurovich had five tackles, including one tackle for a loss. Jurovich has played well for the Vikings.



NO WHERE TO TURN: Winthrop running back Anthony Indrisano has no where to go as Danvers lineback Brad Wilichoski moves in for the tackle.

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WHS GIRLS VIKINGS TOP EBHS JETS ON THE SOCCER FIELD



MIDFIELD DRIBBLE: Winthrop's Emma Forsyth (21) East Boston's Brandy Aguilar (5) are on top of the ball.



THE BOUNCING BALL: Winthrop's Lily Tallent (2) and East Boston's Giselle Ochoa (4) follow a ball along the sidelines.

Photos by Bob Marra

Winthrop and East Boston squared off in girls soccer on a rainy Monday afternoon at City Yard Fields in East Boston and the Vikings topped the Jets 5-0.



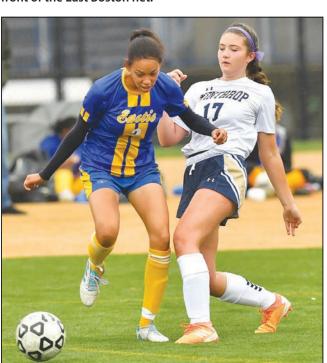
WHERE NOW? East Boston's Giselle Ochoa (4) and a teammate (20) look to get away from Winthrop's Isabella Piccinato (1)



CREASE BATTLE Winthrop's Madison Stiglets and East Boston goalkeeper Janisse Polacios (19) contest a loose ball in front of the East Boston net.



AWAY FROM THE PACK East Boston's Shakira Cordoso (12, with ball) and Isabella Munoz (10) find some room to escape from Winthrop's Julia Marcoccio (16) and Elizabeth Quinn (3)



IN SEARCH OF POSSESSION: Winthrop's Grace Arena (17) and East Boston's Jennifer Argueta (3) contest a loose ball._



HIGH STEPPIN: Winthrop's Brianna Marley (5) gets a leg up on East Boston's Sterling Marte (23)



BALLERINA ON THE PITCH: East Boston's Jennifer Argueta(3) looks like she's making a dance move in front of Winthrops Grace Arena.

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Martucci.

Mejia once again was perfect in the net to post another clean sheet.

The lone setback came at Saugus on Friday. The contest was level at 1-1 until the waning minutes of the second half when Saugus notched the game-winner.

Maddie Stiglets scored the Winthrop goal.

"We played them in the first game of the season and lost 4-2, but we played them much closer this time," said Martucci. "We have definitely improved since the first game, which is great to see." The Lady Vikings were

scheduled to trek to Peabody this past Tuesday and will journey to Marblehead today (Thursday). They will entertain nonleague opponent Bedford next Wednesday at 4:00 and host Northeast Regional next Thursday at 6:00 under the lights at Miller.

WHS GOLFERS FALL TO PEABODY

Although the Winthrop High golf team came up

on the short end of a 41-31 decision to Peabody, a number of coach Weston Lazarus's Vikings turned in fine individual performances against their Tanner counterparts.

Connor Murphy, playing at No. 1, defeated his Peabody foe, 5.5-3.5, as did Zack Shea at No. 7.

Winthrop's No. 2 and 3 players, Nicco Babine and Joseph Rich, won their matches by scores of 5-4.

Also contributing points to the Winthrop side of the scorecard were Eli Wickham at No. 4 with 3.5 points, John Feeley at No. 5 with 2.5 points, and Jake Galuris at No. 8 with four points.

Lazarus and his squad, who have been subjected to the whims of Mother Nature recently thanks to a series of rainouts, were scheduled to entertain Beverly yesterday (Wednesday) and Danvers today (Thursday) at the Winthrop Golf Club.

WHS VOLLEYBALL TOPS MT. **ALVERNIA**

The Winthrop High vol-

leyball team earned a 3-1 victory over Mt. Alvernia this past Monday.

There were a number of highlights for the Vikings.

In the second set, captain Megan Goudge had an impressive 14 serves in a row that carried Winthrop to victory in the set.

Senior Jessica Soares also shone for the Vikings, making three kills.

"After losing the first set, the team brought the energy back to push through and win the next three sets," said head coach Lauren Kelly.

Last Thursday the Vikings dropped a 3-0 decision to Beverly. A highlight for Winthrop came in the third set when Sara Degennaro had a successful spike with an assist from captain Jessica Soares.

Kelly and her squad were scheduled to play Greater Lawrence this past Tuesday and at Masconomet yesterday (Wednesday). Next week they will trek to Swampscott on Tuesday, host

Saugus on Wednesday,

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nia on Thursday.

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Rev. Flavian D. Mucci O.F.M.

(Dominic "Dee" Mucci)

Rev. Flavian D. Mucci O.F.M. passed into Eternal Life on September 25 in El Salvador, Central America.

Born Dominic J. Mucci in East Boston on March 1, 1935, Fr. Flavian was the beloved son of the late Camillo and Laura (Gaglini) Mucci, cherished brother of the late Marie Mucci O'Shea of East Boston, George (and Joan) Mucci of Revere, Camille Mucci Selvitella of Winthrop and Joseph (and Elaine) Mucci of Laconia, New Hampshire. He is also survived by loving nieces and nephews and grand nieces

and nephews. After graduating from East Boston High School in 1952, Dominic Mucci studied for the priesthood and was ordained to the Order of Franciscan Friars of the Province of the Immaculate Conception in 1963, taking the religious name of Flavian. After serving in the missions in Honduras and Guatemala, Father Flavian spent the next 54 years serving the people of El Salvador. He founded the SOS Children's Village for abandoned children and the Associacion of AGAPE of El Salvador. Facing Christmas alone in a new country, Fr. Flavian decided to invite all the homeless people living in the streets to join him for Christmas dinner. This inspired him to open the first soup kitchen, which has continued to feed the poor for the past 54 years. This was the beginning of AGAPE, which grew from a small soup kitchen into one of the largest humanitarian services in the country. For the spiritual needs of the people, AGAPE includes a Church, a Chapel of Divine Mercy and a 24 hour prayer request hotline. For the humanitarian needs of the people, AGAPE includes soup kitchens, homes for the elderly, medical and dental clinics, including the most recent Dialysis Clinic and Covid Clinic, a day care center, after-school programs, workshops teaching over 25 trades, a radio station and a TV station, bringing religious programming to the people in rural areas. To defray the

projects. AGAPE operates a restaurant, a hotel, and function rooms staffed by people who have been trained in the workshops. AGAPE also operates primary schools, secondary schools and schools

for children with special

needs. Food for the poor

is distributed daily at

AGAPE and trucks deliv-

er food to people in rural

When El Salvador was in a civil war in the 1980s, the Rebels issued a statement saying, "If the government did as much for the people of El Salvador as Fr. Flavian Mucci, an American, we

would lay down our arms." For 54 years, through many natural disasters and a civil war, Fr. Flavian remained steadfast in serving the poor of El Salvador. During this time, he has received hundreds of awards, from the Pope, the government, the people of El Salvador and other countries for his humanitarian works, including the Most Meritorious Son of El Salvador, the highest honor ever given to a civilian. His biography has been published in Spanish, translated "FLAVIAN MUCCI. Act Without Rest. Love Without Condition." We thank everyone who has helped in any way to allow Fr. Flavian to achieve his dream

and be of service to a country in need. A talented baseball player in his youth, Fr. Flavian remained an avid Red Sox fan. He traveled, gave interviews and served his people, always wearing a Boston Red Sox baseball

A three-day mourning period has been declared in Sonsonate, El Salvador and all flags are being flown at half-mast. A delegate from the Pope is scheduled to

bless his tomb. Due to Covid restrictions, Memorial Masses will be held in the future in Boston and El Salvador.

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Winthrop Cemetery.

Family and friends are

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Janice Pistorino

She had a strong love of family and friends

Janice M. Pistorino Winthrop, formerly of South Boston, passed away peacefully on October 4.

costs of the humanitarian

The beloved wife of Charles B. Scott, she was pre-deceased by her parents, Leo and Helen (Donovan) Pistorino of South Boston. She was the dear sister of Leo and Mary Ann Pistorino of South Weymouth, Edward and Ellen Pistorino of Charlestown and Paul and Julianne Pistorino of Marshfield, loving aunt of Edward Jr., Jessica, and Julia Pistorino of Charlestown and Grace Pistorino of Marshfield. Janice is also survived by many aunts, uncles and cousins and her special friends, an extended sisterhood group affectionately known as "The Belle Sisters".

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avid traveler and downhill

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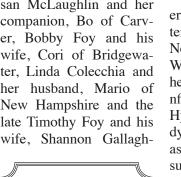
OBITUARIES

Meryle Foy

Of Revere, formerly of Winthrop

Meryle A. Foy of Revere, formerly of Brockton and Winthrop, passed away at home on September 16. She was 77 years

Born in Winthrop, the beloved daughter of the late Mary (Bucci) and Earl C. Williams, she was the loving mother of Susan McLaughlin and her companion, Bo of Carver, Bobby Foy and his wife, Cori of Bridgewater, Linda Colecchia and her husband, Mario of New Hampshire and the late Timothy Foy and his



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er of Winthrop; dear sister of Jimmy Williams of New Hampshire, Nancy Williams Anderson and her husband, John of Lynnfield, Earl Williams of Hyannis and the late Wendy Williams and Thomas Williams. She is also survived by 13 grandchildren, two great grandchildren, nieces, nephews and cousins.

funeral service was held in the Caggiano-O'Maley-Frazier Funeral Home, Winthrop on Tuesday, September 28. Committal was private.

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Susan Guarino

Of Revere, formerly of East Boston

Susan (Sacco) Guarino, 56, of Revere, formerly of East Boston, passed away peacefully on Saturday, October 2.

Susan was born in Boston to the late Anthony and Rose (DeLeo) Sacco on November 1, 1964. She graduated from Pope John High School in 1982.

Susan will be missed by all who knew her. May she

rest in peace. The beloved wife of

John Guarino, she was the devoted mother of Princess Victoria Guarino and her boyfriend, John, dear sister of Karen Bryant and her husband, Fred of Winthrop; cherished aunt of Sean Bryant and his wife, Elizabeth, Ryan Bryant, Connor Bryant and his wife, Maya, Chanel Frammartino and her fiancé, Ryan, Anthony D'Angelo and Ashlyn Mackenzie; loving great aunt of Ulla, Violet and Albee.

Family and friends will honor Susan's life by gathering at the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home, 971 Saratoga Street, (Orient Heights) East Boston, today, Thursday, October 7 from 4 to 8 p.m. A Prayer Service will be held in our Serenity Chapel at 7:30 p.m. Committal services will be private.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be in Susan's name to the American Heart Association, P.O. Box 417005, Boston, MA 02241.

In accordance with the City of Boston Five-Point Plan for the Delta Variant of COVID-19, face masks are required at all times when indoors. To leave an online condolence please visit www. ruggieromh.com.

Eileen Paolini

Retired Visiting Nurse

Eileen R. Paolini of Winthrop passed away at the Kaplan Family Hospice in Danvers on September 23. She was 84 years old.

Born in Arlington, the beloved daughter of the late Evelyn (Tremblay) and John Flaherty, she was a resident of Winthrop for over 56 years and worked as a visiting nurse prior to her retirement.

She was the devoted wife of the late Carmen Paolini and the loving mother of Debra Paolini Mariano and her husband, Leonard and Steven Paolini and his wife, Cheryl, all of Winthrop and the late Marilyn Agave; cherished grandmother of Andrew, Kristin, Christopher, Lauren, Danielle and the late Carly; great grandmother of Grace Marilyn and loving mother-in-law



of Richard Agave.

The funeral was conducted from the Caggiano-O'Maley-Frazier Funeral Home, Winthrop on Thursday, September 30 followed by a Funeral Mass in St. John the Evangelist Church. Services concluded with interment in the Belle Isle section of



Winthrop Cemetery.

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As a reminder, facemasks are required while in the Senior Center and on the Senior Van.

Thursday, October 7

9:30-10:30am: Exercise 10am-2pm: Computer

10:30am: Red Hatters Meeting

11am: Grab and Go

12:15-2:30pm: Bingo

Friday, October 8

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Monday, October 11 The Senior Center will

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Tuesday, October 12

9:30-10:30am: Exercise 10am-2pm: Computer Usage

11am: Grab and Go 1:30-2:30pm: Chorus

Wednesday, October 13

9:30am: Caregiver Support Group

9:30am: Yoga with Kathleen

10am-2pm: Computer Usage

11am: Grab and Go Lunch 1:15-2:45pm:

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

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Sarro: WCAT will present Exercise with Ernie Sarro Monday - Friday at 10:30am on Channel 3.

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December 31, 2021 -An American Bandstand New Year's Eve Day featuring the Tom LaMark Orchestra at the Danversport Yacht Club. Price: \$105 (includes transportation) or \$79 (drive on your own). Meal Choices: Stuffed Breast of Chicken

or Baked Schrod.

MVES Trade Association Mass Home Care awarded grant work of aging services

The Massachusetts Association of Home Care Programs (DBA: Mass Home Care) has been awarded with one of 12 new funding awards granted by the Administration for Community Living (ACL) in cooperation with No Wrong Door. Mass Home Care is the Trade and Advocacy Association for Mystic Valley Elder Services and the other 27 state Aging Services Access Points (ASAPs) and Area Agencies Aging (AAAs).

The No Wrong Door Community Infrastructure Grants were awarded to the most exemplary community-based organizations across the country seeking to improve healthcare delivery to their residents. The unprecedented \$3.4 million

grant, shared across the 12 awardees, will extend over a two-year project period. This funding will be used to connect Massachusetts health entities with our network of local, community- based organizations under a single administrative body with the goal of delivering quality and comprehensive care for older adults and people with disabilities. In partnership with the

ACL, No Wrong Door aims to streamline care delivery and provide both individuals and providers with access to appropriate services and supports. Mass Home Care (MHC) is dedicated to serving the unique long term care needs of Massachusetts residents, and as such was identified by No Wrong Door as the ideal conduit mation exchange systems for such an integrated net- for seamless delivery of (MHC) is the non-profit during these unprecedent- mves.org.

providers.

MHC, in partnership with the Commonwealth's network of Aging Services Access Points (ASAPs) and Area Agencies Aging (AAAs) will, in the course of this two-year project, lead a community integrated health network (CIHN) that will coordinate accessibility and delivery of services to address social determinants of health (SDoH) in historically underserved Massachusetts communities.

With the establishment of the CIHN, MHC will unify Massachusetts home care entities to:

- provide access to long-term services and supports (LTSS) to providers and patients,
- · leverage health infor-

care between CIHN providers. • launch an evi-

dence-based quality im-

- provement program to advance health outcomes and boost social impact, • improve the quality
- and consistency of care delivered by the state's extensive network of aging services providers, • innovate products to

identify and target social

determinants of health specific to underserved Massachusetts popula-With these goals in mind, MHC intends to facilitate a new wave of improved long term care ser-

vices and supports tailored

specifically to the needs of

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and their health providers.

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trade association representing the Commonwealth's network of 28 Aging Services Access Points (ASAPs) and Area Agencies Aging (AAAs). This single, statewide network of coordinated care delivers home and community based services to over 60,000 individuals per month, providing over \$600 million per year in services. The mission of MHC and our member agencies is to help individuals live at their highest level of functioning possible, in the least restrictive setting possible, for as long as possible. The safety net of resources and supports our aging network provides to Massachusetts residents over the age 60 and their caregivers has never been more important than it is

ed times. Learn more at the MHC Website. Celebrating more than 45 Years of helping older adults keep their independence, Mystic Valley Elder Services is a non-profit agencylocated in Malden, Mass., that provides essential homecommunity-based and care and resources to older adults, adults living with disabilities, and caregivers who reside in Chelsea, Everett, Malden, Medford, Melrose, North Reading. Reading, Revere, Stoneham, Wakefield and Winthrop, regardless of their income level. Agency services include coordination of home care, transportation, Meals on Wheels, and information and referrals. For more information, please call (781) 324-7705 or visit www.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

CHARTER REVIEW UNDERWAY

CHELSEA - The charter review process is hitting the homestretch, with amendments to the legal document that provides the foundation for how Chelsea is run scheduled to come before the City Council for a vote on Oct.

The charter is reviewed and amended every 10 years, and during the night of adoption of any changes to the document, councillors can bring forward their own amendments for a vote in addition to those that have been recommended by the Charter Review Committee. Expect several amend-

ments to be on the docket on that night. At a subcommittee meeting Monday night, several councillors stated that they will be proposing changes to the charter that did not pass initial muster with the review committee. Council President Roy

Avellaneda said he will propose several changes to the voting process, including setting a minimum number of write-in votes required for someone to be elected to the City Council or School Committee, and making early in-person voting a permanent part of municipal elections.

"My amendment as proposed states that any Avellaneda said he is

write-in candidate must receive at least 10 votes to be elected," said Avellaneda. "My proposal is because of the following, to be on the ballot, you need 50 signatures, per our charter. (Also), if a councillor leaves for any reason, the person in second

take over that position." However, Avellaneda, there have been the rare occasions when there has been a race with no candidates, and the seat has gone to a person who got a single vote by writing in their own name.

place ascends to that posi-

tion, but even that individ-

ual, per our charter, has to

receive 30 percent of the

vote in order to qualify to

Setting a minimum number of write-in votes would ensure that the person campaigning for a position is a serious candidate and has had some kind of outreach to the public, he said. Councillors Calvin T.

both said they would like to see a higher threshold for minimum votes for write-in candidates. "You need 50 signatures to get on the ballot, which is pretty bare bones,

Brown and Todd Taylor

someone."

open to changing the minimum number, and that the issue can be brought up when the Charter comes before the City Council for the vote on amendments on Oct. 18.

Avellaneda said his proposal for continued early in-person voting for municipal elections, as has been done during the Covid-19 pandemic, is part of an effort to increase voter participation. amendment

would be only for the general election, not the primary," said Avellaneda. "The city should make available to registered voters the ability to vote early and in person." Doing so would allow

candidates more time to get voters to the polls, provide more ride opportunities for elderly voters, and make it easier for people who work during the week or have other commitments, he said. Councillor-At-Large

Leo Robinson stated that he will be making an amendment to change the composition of the City Council from an 11 member board to nine members. The amendment narrowly missed receiving the approval of the Char-

trict councillors and four

ter Review Commission. I think," said Taylor. "I Robinson said he would think that should at least like to see the council be be the standard or the City composed of five dis-Council would appoint



The Chelsea Day Fest took over Bellingham Square with activities including music, dancing, carnival games, pony rides, and more.

at-large councillors as opposed to the current system of eight district councillors and three atlarge councillors. District 3 Councillor

Naomi Zabot said she would like to see some type of amendment that would provide consequences for councillors who miss three sessions or more in a row without a valid excuse.

would be up to the people

not to vote for us to re-

turn."

"I'm not sure if you can do that," said Robinson. "People elected us in the community, and if we don't show up, then it

that it should be up to the voters to remove an elected official, but that there should be some mechanism for censure. "I'm not sure if that

Taylor said he agreed

would be enumerated in the charter or not, but I think that every other legislative body has that,' said Taylor.

EVERETT SQ. **BUILDING ON**

COUNCIL'S RADAR EVERETT - Calling the Bouvier Building on Broadway a "black eye

for Everett Square for 40

years," City Council Pres-

asked his colleagues "to take a stand" and vote to have the owner either "fix up the building or tear it Matewsky noted that

ident Wayne Matewsky

the taxes are all paid on the building, which gave the councilors very little room to maneuver. But they all agreed that something needs to be done. Matewsky asked in his motion that the Redevelopment Authority consider taking the building by eminent domain.

Ward 1 Councilor Fred

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Capone said that he understood the concern of his colleagues, but preferred a renewal plan for the whole of Everett Square saying, "We cannot single out one owner."

Ward 5 Councilor Rosa DiFlorio added, "Everett Square is a disaster with new, beautiful restaurants all around this building."

Ward 3 Councilor Anthony DiPierro said that he applauded Matewsky for putting the measure forward.

"This is a start," Councilor Richard Dell Isola said. "We should send a letter to the owner and see what his plans for the building are."

"The answer is here," said Councilor-at-Large John Hanlon. "We should ask the Redevelopment Authority and see what their plans are."

The council voted to add both councilors Richard Dell Isola and Anthony DiPierro to the order. The motion was sent to both the Redevelopment Authority for their plans, as well as to the Code Enforcement Department to check that the "For Lease" signs are in compliance with city regulations.Capone was the lone dissenter on the order.

In other motions, the council voted to accept the following donations to the Council on Aging in memory of Betty Moynihan: Maryhelen Shuman-Groh \$50.00, Sarah Radomski \$50.00, Linda Fowler \$50.00, Barbara Cullinane \$25.00, Jeanne Paghera \$50.00, Kathleen Boland \$50.00, Shawn Prentiss \$50.00, and June Maloney \$25.00.

The Council voted to accept a \$25,000 grant from the Mass DOT Shared Streets and Spaces Program.

The motion of Councilor Jimmy Tri Le that the City consider extending the new ornate street lights up Lynn St. to the Malden line was laid on the table with a copy being sent to the Mayor's Office with a request to respond by next meeting.

Another motion by Tri Le that the police monitor Ferry Street from Glendale Square to the Malden Line for speeding sent to Police Chief Steven Mazzie.

Tri Le also asked that the city consider designating a drop-off/pick-up area somewhere in the city for the sober shuttle, a bus service that transports individuals off the street to detox and hospitals,

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and then between recovery programs. The motion was referred to the Mayor's Office.

The councilors seemed to be in a quandary with the motion regarding a request that the administration provide an update on the decision of the Commonwealth Employment Relations Board CERB) rescinding the appointment of the former fire chief and the next step for the City. It was noted that the fire chief in question has retired and an interim fire chief had been appointed as of Monday night. The councilors voted to postpone any action until a better understanding of the situation is made clear.

WALSH STOPS BY EASTIE

EAST BOSTON - At a recent luncheon at Rino's Place in East Boston someone asked former Boston Mayor and current US Secretary of Labor Martin Walsh if he ever dreamed he'd have a Presidential Cabinet position.

"Are you kidding?" laughed Walsh. "I never thought I'd be mayor."

Walsh's meteoric rise as an obscure state legislature to the White House in eight years wasn't lost on those present at last week's lunch in Eastie, which included longtime friends and supporters like former State Senator Anthony Petruccelli, who came up with Walsh in the House in the late 1990s, East Boston Neighborhood Health Center CEO, who Walsh appointed to Chair the Boston Public Health Commission and Joseph Ruggiiero III who, through their connection with the recovery community, was a very early supporter of Walsh when he ran for Mayor of Boston in 2013.

The Dorchester native and son of immigrant parents from Ireland, Walsh overcame many obstacles in life from childhood lymphoma to battling alcoholism in his teens to become Boston Mayor and now the man who oversees one of the most important and influential cabinet positions in the Biden Administration as the US recovers from the economic downturn and job loss caused by the COVID pandemic.

"It's been great," said Walsh. "I've learned so much since going down to Washington D.C.'

Since heading down to the Nation's Capitol Walsh has been zigzagging the US with stops in nearly every state to meet with union workers, blue collar employees, job creators and industry specialists.

At the luncheon Walsh told a story of an eye opening experience at a West Virginia coal mine.

Walsh was invited down by Sen. Joe Manchin (R-West Virginia) and although the two don;t see eye to eye on many political topics, Walsh felt it was important to go and hear from the workers.

As Labor Secretary Walsh oversees the Mine Safety and Health Administration as well as the administration of benefits for coal miners disabled by black lung disease.

At the American Consolidated Natural Resources' Golden Ridge Portal Mine near Wheeling, WV Walsh said he donned a bunch of safety equipment and was loaded into a mine elevator for the ride down to the train that would take Walsh and Manchin deep into the mine.

"You have a bunch of guys wedged into this little train for the 45 minute ride four miles into the mine," said Walsh who likened the experience to a Disney ride. "These guys work hard and I came out of there with a different appreciation for the work they do. Growing up in Dorchester I never thought in a million years I'd be doing that."

Walsh said the coalminers, some who said they are never thanked for the work they do, appreciated his visit and he got a better understanding of the industry and how West Virginia's coal industry can someday transition to cleaner and more renewable energy that would create jobs in the economically depressed state.

Earlier this month, Walsh had the pleasure of recognizing the sacrifices and ceaseless efforts of frontline workers to protect the nation's health and keep our country moving forward amid the coronavirus pandemic.

Walsh inducted Essential Workers of the Coronavirus Pandemic into the Labor Department's Hall of Honor.

After lunch, Walsh took photos with the staff at Rino's and talked with Eastie residents that recognized the former Boston Mayor as they passed on Saratoga Street.

However, Walsh made sure to leave Eastie with one important item--a to-go order of Rino's famous lobster ravioli for his longtime girlfriend Lorrie Higgins.

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business as Udomsook/ Thai Taki located at 7 Michaels Mall, Winthrop, At said hearing, all interested persons will be given an opportunity to be heard.

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10/7/21

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10/7/21

LEGAL NOTICE



CONSERVATION COMMISSION **LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE** is hereby given that in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 131, Section 40, Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and Winthrop Town By-Laws, that the Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on October 14th, 2021, at 7:00 P.M. via Zoom on the Notice of Intent from Gary and Jennifer Capone, 896 Shirley Street, Winthrop, MA for removal of an existing deck and construction of

new deck and sunporch

along a coastal beach.

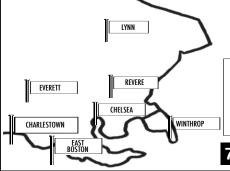
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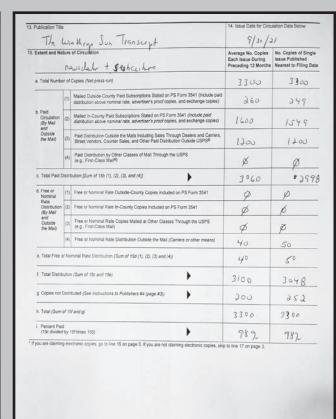
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THE BEACON GALLERY RE-OPENING

By Marianne Salza

Bright, efficient, and four times larger than the previous studio, The Beacon Gallery, formerly Beacon Photography & Framing, provides owner, John Munson, with expanded space for community engagement. Munson held a Grant Re-Opening in his new location at 196 Winthrop Street on September 26, with artist, Frank Costantino's seaside watercolor paintings on exhibit.

Since establishing his business in 2007, Munson has evolved from offering photography services and custom framing to including the representation of local artists.

"The Beacon Gallery is a more inclusive expression of what I do now,' said Munson, who moved to his new space in January 2021. "Î'm not just selling my photos; I am embellishing and preserving other people's artwork."

re-opening event, he offered items such as cameras, lenses, printing paper, and flash equipment for free. Framed pieces, like Munson's landscape images of Winthrop and Boston, as well as vintage postcards and maps were also on sale.

The evening benefited the Independent Order of Oddfellows, an organization that promotes personal and professional development.

"I feature a non-profit at every event I host, and the Oddfellows is especially important because this is their building" explained Munson. "I intend on continuing outreach; and the Oddfellows' general gist is to have fun while doing good."

Visit The Beacon Gallery Monday - Fridays, 10 A.M. -5 P.M. and Saturdays, 10 A.M. - 2 P.M.; email John Munson with inquiries at John@The-BeaconGallery.com, call (617) 329-9516.



Dawn and Denny Mahoney with Lisi Brown



John Munson, Bob Toabe, and Jonathan LaMaster.



Bob Toabe performing original piano music.



Shown above, Jake Egan, Michael McSwiney, Katelyn MacDonald, Domenic Derocco, Tatiana Santilli, Olivia Cooney, and Jerry Driscoll.



Exhibited artist, Frank Costantino, speaking with guests.

New grant program to help historic places challenged by COVID-19 pandemic

Staff Report

The National Trust for Historic Preservation announces a new \$3.5 million program designed to help preserve and interpret historic places that reflect the inclusive narrative of American cultural history, made possible through a generous grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities' American Rescue Plan Humanities Grantmaking for Organizations.

The goal of Telling the Full History: Sustaining the Stewards of America's Diverse Historic Places. the National Trust's new grant program, is to sustain diverse cultural sites of importance to underrepresented communities, especially those that have been critically impacted during almost two years of pandemic closures. The National Trust expects to be able to award \$25,000 and \$50,000 grants to 60-80 humanities-based organizations through this initiative, in an effort to sustain an inclusive American narrative that represents all of the peoples involved in shaping our history and identity.

In the last two years, loss has had an abiding impact on our families and our economy, and recovery efforts have rightly been focused on those aspects of our lives. However, without notice or fanfare, the dedicated stewards of important cultural resources have also quietly struggled during this crisis to protect important places that tell the full American story. This grant program is a recognition of the vital roles

that historic places and

humanities-based orga-

nizations play in defining the American experience and is meant to directly benefit the stewards of diverse historic places as they recover momentum that was lost during two years when operation was critical, yet impossible.

"So many cultural institutions often operate without the material resources they really need," said Paul Edmondson," president and CEO of the National Trust, "but they survive by the grit and sheer determination of a committed few. This program is a visionary effort by the federal government through the National Endowment for the Humanities to recognize these keepers of American identity and strengthen their capacity to tell the full American story. In many cases, these grants will serve as a lifeline to institutions operating in the margins, but who hold the keys to our American past." The National Trust sees

"The National Trust sees historic places as powerful primary sources and their preservation and interpretation advances our quest for a more perfect union," said Katherine Malone-France, chief preservation officer of the National Trust. "The very presence of these places and the institutions that steward them makes a positive difference in our country. They tell us the truth about ourselves and affirm the fact that it took many cultures, a variety of peoples, who all contributed their strength, ingenuity, and sacrifice to help build our nation. That

is the unifying shared na-

tional narrative that these

grants are meant to ex-

press and to help sustain."

A broad range of hu-501(c)(3)manities-based nonprofit organizations are eligible for these grants, including state and local preservation organizations, historic sites, museums, historical societies, and genealogical associations, as well as accredited academic programs in historic preservation, public history, and cultural studies of underrepresented groups. Additionally, local and state governmental agencies, such as state historic preservation offices, tribal historic preservation offices, city and county preservation offices and planning departments, state and local commissions focused on different aspects of heritage, and publicly owned historic sites and museums also are eligible.

The grants will help preserve and interpret historic places of importance to underrepresented including, communities but not limited to, women, immigrants, Asian Americans, Black Americans, Latinx Americans, Native Americans, and LGBTQA communities. Funding will be awarded in these categories:

- Research, planning, and implementation of humanities-based public interpretive programs that utilize diverse historic places to tell the full history of the United States;
- Humanities-based research and documentation to enable local, state, and federal landmark designations to recognize places
- of importance to underrepresented communities; Architectural design and planning to advance preservation and activation of historic buildings

and landscapes that tell the

full history of the United

States; and,

Humanities-based training workshops to support underrepresented groups in preserving and interpreting historic places that tell the full history of the United States.

The National Trust for Historic Preservation is a privately funded organization that works to save America's historic places. www.savingplaces.org



Dan Carney and John Munson, Owner of The Beacon Gallery.

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