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NEWS Briefs

DPH URGES FLU AND COVID-19 VACCINATIONS

With the arrival of flu season in Massachusetts, the Department of Public Health (DPH) urges residents to get vaccinated now to protect themselves, their families, and prevent the spread of flu, as well as ease the burden of COVID-19 and other respiratory viruses on the health care system. Every person over the age of 6 months is recommended to get a flu shot every year.

On Friday, October 15, DPH began its statewide surveillance reporting for the 2021-2022 flu season. Weekly data will be reported every Friday on the severity of influenza-like illness, hospital visits, and flu-related hospitalizations across Massachusetts. Since September 1, 37 lab-confirmed flu cases have been reported in Massachusetts. The number of cases is within the expected range for this time of year.

"While we cannot predict the severity of this flu season, as in every season, flu vaccination remains the best way for people to protect themselves, their loved ones, and their communities against flu, including those who are more vulnerable to serious flu illness and people with certain chronic health conditions," said Acting Public Health Commissioner Margaret Cooke. "For residents who are not vaccinated against COVID-19 or need a booster shot, now is also a good time to get the COVID-19 vaccination."

Flu activity this season is predicted to be higher compared to last season, given that flu activity was

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Meet the candidates, seated from left: Amy Pascas, Richard Fucillo, Rob DeMarco, Julie Barry, Jen Powell, Suzanne Leonard, and Celeste Heinonen. Back row: Jim Letterie, Marie Matanania, Gillian Teixeira, Alyssa True, Layne Petrie, Hannah Belcher, Brianna Molly, and Phil Boncore.

Meet the Candidates Night a huge success

Staff Report

The Winthrop Republican Town Committee presented an extremely informative and successful Meet the Candidates Night last Thursday at the Point Shirley Association. Fifteen local candidates participated including Council President candidates Phil Boncore and Jim Letterie; Council Candidates: Rob DeMarco, Richard Fucillo, Hannah Belcher, Amy Pascas; School Committee can-

didates: Julie Barry, Celeste Heinonen, Suzanne Leonard, Brianna Molloy, Layne Petrie, Jennifer Powell; Library Trustee candidates: Marie Mattarazzo, Gillian Teixeira and Alyssa True.

Those who missed this event can view the video at WRTC Facebook page, Winthrop Votes Facebook page, the WCAT channel, and on YouTube. At this event all candidates described their candidacy with a two minute address, then Council and School

Committee answered two important questions on Critical Race Theory and finance, or Critical Race Theory and school performance. Then the candidates met one to one with those attending. Chairman Paul Caruccio stated, "The WRTC executed another outstanding candidates night. It was impressive how eloquently and intelligently every candidate spoke. This year's event

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FALL CRAFT FAIR AT ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



Renee Pike, Ellen MacNeil, and Joe Pike enjoying the Fall Craft Fair at St. John's Episcopal Church on Saturday, Oct. 16. See more photos on Page TBD.

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Dedication at Miller Field

Fucillo Field House officially opens

By Cary Shuman

Richard Fucillo had the ideal introduction for "my big brother, Coach Tony Fucillo, the richest man in town," at the dedication ceremony of Tony Fucillo Field House at Miller Field.

Richard, who was an assistant coach on his brother's staff during a golden era of Winthrop High football, borrowed one of the most memorable lines in the classic Christmas Movie, "It's A

Wonderful Life," to describe Tony Fucillo, Winthrop High's Hall of Fame football coach.

"I would like to take a moment to acknowledge a few people who are watching from their front row seats up in heaven, my mom and dad, Anthony and Annette Fucillo, my aunts and uncles, Eugene and Helen Eruzione, Jerry and Anne Jaworski, as well as my cousins

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Coach Tony Fucillo embraces Frankie Fabiano after saying a few words expressing his gratitude at the dedication ceremony.

McGee Track ready for athletes

By Cary Shuman

Dr. Paul McGee was at the Marblehead High track as an assistant in 1984 when his mother, Winthrop High track coach Patricia "Pat" McGee, and the team accomplished something that hadn't been done in 29 years: a league championship in boys' spring track.

It was just the begin-

ning for the smallest school in the Northeastern Conference - Winthrop High School - who would go on and claim six consecutive titles.

Mrs. McGee was not only an incredible coach, but truly a pioneer, beginning as a volunteer coach in 1974 just two years after the

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Coach Pat McGee with her daughters-in-law, Joanne McGee, Joan Durke, and daughter, Patricia Diaz

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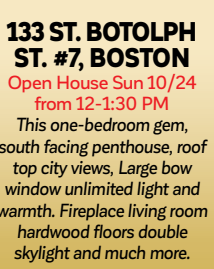
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uncharacteristically low amid COVID-19 mitigation measures, such as stay-at-home advisories and mask mandates.

Flu can be very serious. Nearly every year in the United States, millions of people get the flu, hundreds of thousands are hospitalized, and thousands die from flu-related illnesses. The most common symptoms of flu are fever, cough, and sore throat. Symptoms can also include body aches, headaches, chills, runny nose, and fatigue.

Flu vaccination is especially important for people who are at higher risk of developing serious flu complications, for example people with a chronic respiratory condition, heart disease, a weakened immune system, and pregnant women. Because flu and COVID-19 may both be circulating this fall, and may have similar symptoms, people with flu-like illness should get tested for COVID and those at higher risk for flu complications should also get tested for flu. There is antiviral treatment available for flu and individuals at higher risk should call their health care provider to discuss treatment.

“A flu vaccine and a COVID-19 vaccine can be given at the same time,” said Dr. Larry Madoff, Medical Director of the DPH Bureau of Infectious Disease and Laboratory Sciences. “Whether you are getting your first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine or are eligible to receive a booster shot of COVID-19 vaccine, we encourage you to get a flu vaccine during the same visit.”

People who have questions about getting both the flu and COVID-19 vaccines during the same visit should speak with a health care provider.

For more information about influenza, visit Influenza1Mass.gov or call your health care provider, local board of health, or DPH at (617) 983-6800.

MVES URGES GET BOTH YOUR FLU AND COVID VACCINATIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

With the flu preparing to settle in for the fall and winter, it is crucial you take proactive steps against the flu. Public health officials are urging Americans, especially older adults, to get their seasonal flu vaccine early this year, especially with the COVID-19 Pandemic still in existence. Those over 65 years of age are more susceptible to both the flu and COVID-19. Both diseases prompt an inflammatory response in individuals and people with underlying health conditions, such as coronary artery disease, are already at increased risk of severe illness from COVID-19, according to the CDC. It’s more important than ever to get a flu shot this fall — and the sooner the better. And if you have not received both doses for your COVID Vaccine, please do so as soon as possible as well.

Mystic Valley Elder Services wants to remind individuals that it is offering free transportation services via one of MVES’ transportation providers to adults 60 years and older to local COVID-19 and Flu vaccine sites. You do not have to wait until you have booked an appointment to be vaccinated or to receive a flu shot to receive free transportation for COVID-19 vaccinations including any booster shots recommended by your primary care physician along with trans-

Staff Report

The Boy Scouts Spirit of Adventure Council hosted its inaugural Law Enforcement Explorer Day at New England Base Camp in Milton. Several law enforcement agencies provided local youth with hands-on experience on protecting and serving that inspires them to seek careers in this

WINTHROP TEENS ATTEND FIRST-EVER LAW ENFORCEMENT EXPLORER DAY

field to protect and serve our communities. Teens participated in various law enforcement and first responder activities such as live crime scene search, live motor vehicle stops, emergency first aid training, live arrest and search, and there was a show and tell of vehicles and personnel from Milton Police, Boston Police, Norfolk County

Sheriff’s Office, Winthrop Police, Massachusetts Environmental Police, Massachusetts State Police, U.S. Coast Guard, and more. Among the teens who participated were Maranda Duff and Willow Hall of Winthrop.

The Boy Scouts Spirit of Adventure Council is made up of 77 cities and towns that include Boston, Law-

rence, Milton, Burlington, Waltham, and Westwood. The council’s mission is to serve others by instilling values in young people and preparing them to make ethical choices over their lifetime in achieving their full potential. The values we strive to instill are based upon the Scout Oath and Scout Law.



Pictured from left to right: Cole Pindel, Westwood, Explorer, Jack Magnan, Methuen, Explorer, Maranda Duff, Winthrop, Explorer, Willow Hall, Winthrop, Explorer, Ella Xu, Westwood, Explorer, Ryan Murphy, Wilmington, Explorer.

portation for those electing to receive the annual flu vaccine.

The CDC stated the Pfizer COVID-19 booster is now available to individuals 65 years of age and older and individuals 60 years of age and older at risk for severe COVID-19 due to certain underlying medical conditions.

MVES understands that older adults are more susceptible to the flu and pandemic and feels it is important to help all older residents in its 11 communities served get vaccinated for both. So if you live in Chelsea, Everett, Malden, Medford, Melrose, North Reading, Reading, Revere, Stoneham, Wakefield or Winthrop, give us a call at 781-324-7705. MVES offers translation services over the phone or on our website mv.es.org.

Celebrating 45 Years of helping older adults keep their independence, Mystic Valley Elder Services is a non-profit agency located in Malden, Mass., that provides essential home- and community-based 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.mves.org.

YMCA OF GREATER BOSTON AIMS TO REUNITE AND BUILD COMMUNITY

From October 16-24, The YMCA of Greater Boston will host Together We Move, an event featuring over 20 fun events that will help support members in achieving their physical goals-while reconnecting with friends and neighbors. Registration for the over 20 events available is open now. Together We Move is

sponsored by Corcoran Jen-nison companies.

“We’re hosting events across greater Boston where neighbors can meet up and become active for a good cause.” said Patricia Barnwell, Senior Executive Director at the YMCA of Greater Boston. “The Y is a natural community-builder and in-person connections are so important as we move through the pandemic.”

Together We Move is also a unique opportunity to raise much needed funds in support of the critical work needed throughout the YMCA of Greater Boston’s communities. For over 170 years, America’s first YMCA has been committed to solving our communities’ social issues through strengthening the physical, mental, and spiritual health

of all. Celebrate a movement to feed, educate and elevate all people so they can achieve their full potential!

Together We Move offers a variety of participation options – choose one or many!

- 5K Races at Burbank, Waltham, Oak Square, East Boston, and N. Suburban
- Mini Triathlons, plank challenges, Yoga and Virtual 5K options at Huntington Ave. and Wang YMCA
- And more!

Celebrate fall, by supporting a cause that is connecting all people to their potential and each other, by engaging in wellness and community-building experiences that span 9 days, cover 43 miles, and celebrate movement in 14 neighborhoods.

The YMCA of Greater

Boston is one of Massachusetts leading nonprofits committed to strengthening communities by improving health, empowering youth and activating people for good. Every day the Y works with thousands of men, women, and children to ensure that everyone, regardless of age, income or background, has access to Y programs and services. As the nation’s fifth largest charity, the Y is creating a community of caring people through meaningful memberships. For more than 165 years, the Y has been developing skills and emotional well-being through education and training, welcoming and connecting diverse populations, preventing chronic disease and building healthier communities. The YMCA of Greater Boston is America’s first Y.

MassDAR recognizes Honan for altruism

Staff Report

Massachusetts Daughters of the American Revolution (MassDAR) honored Winthrop resident Richard Honan with the Outstanding Veteran Volunteer Award at the Holiday Inn in Mansfield on Friday, September 17. Richard Honan met President General Denise Doring VanBuren, the national leader of the DAR.

Winthrop resident Karen True and her DAR chapter, Boston Tea Party, sponsored Honan for this award. It is presented to a veteran in recognition of outstanding achievement in personal, professional, and family life. Applicants must prove

significant contributions of leadership, patriotism, and increased public awareness of veterans. Richard won not just in Massachusetts, but at the Northeast Division (New England and New York) level as well.

Honan was accompanied by his wife, Mary Ellen Honan. Several Boston Tea Party Chapter members were also in attendance including Winthrop residents Susan Gerow, Darlene Brown and Alyssa True.

In his acceptance speech, Honan thanked the DAR for the recognition and said his goal is to be the best he can be.

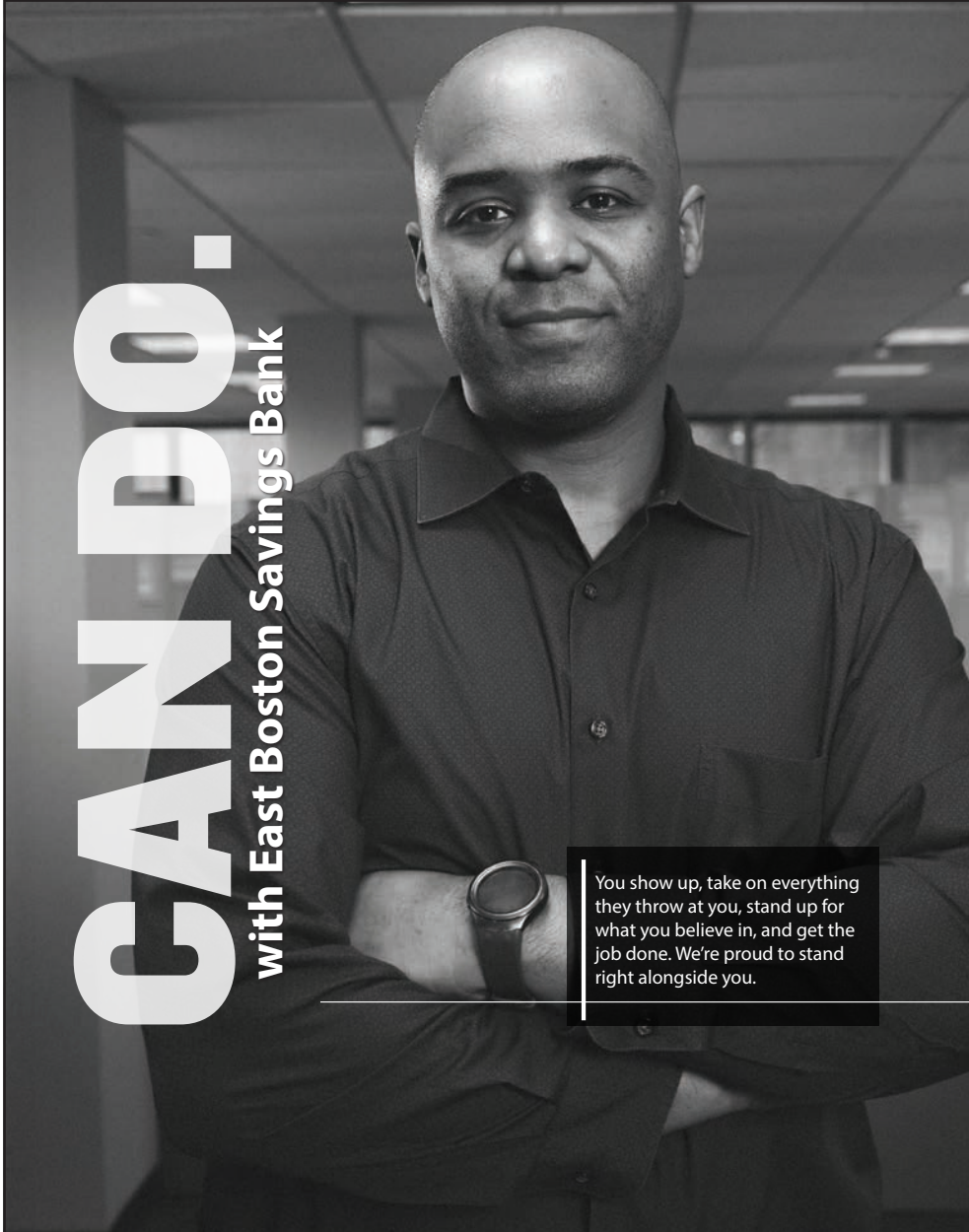
“Given what we have, we do the best we can,” he said.



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Karen M. True, Boston Tea Party chapter Historian and Richard Honan.

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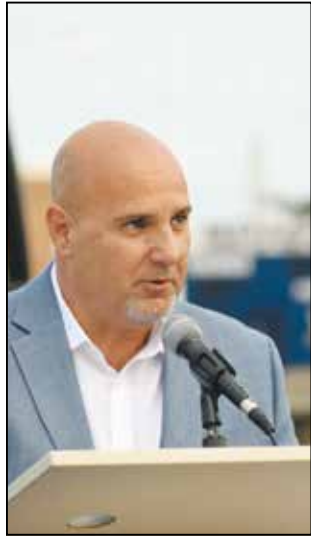
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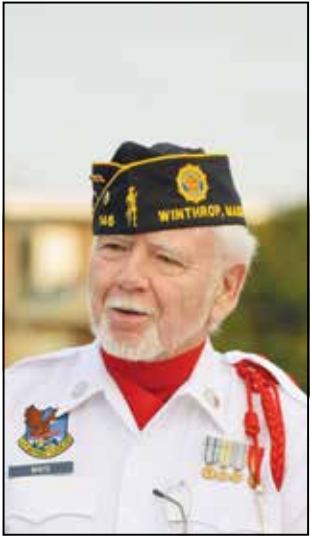
FACILITIES DEDICATED TO WINTHROP COACHES AT MILLER FIELD



Miller Field Committee Co-chair and Councilor Jim Letterie.



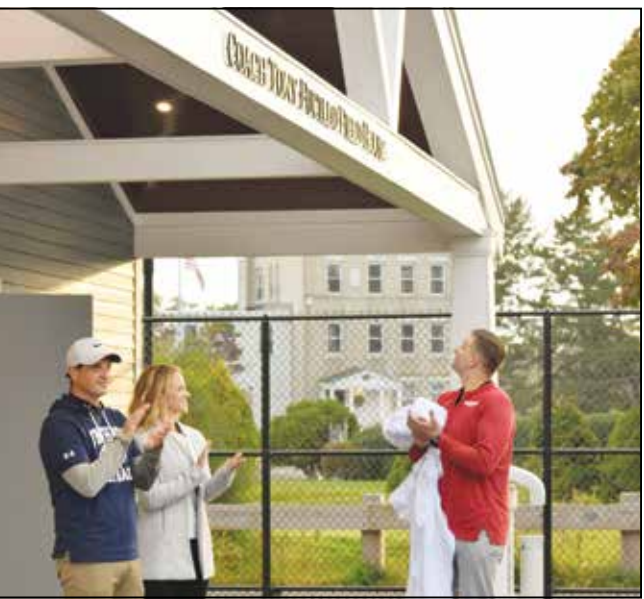
Vincent Crossman, Co-chair of the Miller Field Committee.



Commander Steven White speaking about Miller's contributions during WWI.



Paul McGee speaking about his mother, Pat McGee's, many accomplishments while serving as the WHS Boys Track Coach for 35 years.



Coach Tony Fucillo's children, Anthony, Jenny, and James, unveiling the new field house sign.



Coach Pat McGee with her children, Kevin, Paul, and John McGee, and Patricia Diaz.



Coach Tony Fucillo's wife, Carolyn Fucillo, and his children, Jenny Golic, Anthony and James Fucillo.



Coach Tony Fucillo shaking hands with his brother, Rich Fucillo, who described his brother as preparing every Viking like it was a championship game.

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passage of Title IX. Last Friday, Coach Patricia McGee received one of the highest honors that a town can bestow on one of its residents, the naming of the track facility at Miller Field, the Patricia McGee Track. The award was a testament to her successful coaching career and the lifelong impact that she had on the athletes she coached. Dr. McGee recalled how his father – John McGee, an accomplished track athlete and football player – and his mother, Patricia, shared a love of sports and would attend major indoor meets at the Boston Garden and other venues. “As time went on and we got older, my brothers, John

and Kevin, and my sister, Patricia - we participated in all kinds of different sports, and my parents always went to sporting events,” said Dr. McGee. Mrs. McGee started volunteering as a track coach for the Winthrop boys and girls’ teams in 1974, just around the times when Kevin McGee and Tricia McGee were setting records for the Vikings. Dr. McGee said his mother applied for the boys’ track head coaching position in 1980 “and she got the job as the indoor and outdoor coach.” “She had some good athletes and some good teams, but it wasn’t until 1984 where she had quite a team

and it came down to Beverly High School and Winthrop,” recalled Dr. McGee. “The meet went back and forth and came down to the mile relay – and finally on the last leg and the final 100 hundred yards, Kenny Sirianni gradually overtook the lead at the end,” said Dr. McGee. “They won the title and the key to that was that it was the first spring track title in 29 years.” McGee would lead the smallest school in the league to 14 NEC titles, 5 Class D state relay championships, and two state runner-up finishes. Among her athletes were a high school All-American selection, All-Scholastics, state champions, and a New En-

gland champion. “In 2010, she retired as track coach, but that was only part of the story,” said Dr. McGee. “She was inducted into the Mass. Track Hall of Fame, the Winthrop High School Hall of Fame, and it was a testament to her accomplishments.” Mrs. McGee always wanted a new track facility for Winthrop High School. Several years ago she helped raised funds for the cause. Last Friday, Mrs. McGee, surrounded by her proud and athletically gifted family, received the recognition that that she never sought. “To see this track here is a testament to her perseverance and dedication and the new track came true and it came to fruition, and my family and I couldn’t be more pleased,” said Dr. McGee. He recalled how his mother took attendance at every practice. “They were all important to her because doing what they were doing in high school was a moment in time. After that, they have the rest of their lives. So, she wanted to lay a foundation for them, being good people, of good moral character, and being dedicated, hard-working at whatever they did – whether they went to college, the work field, whatever. What was important to her was that they would continue on and be successful in their lives.” The Town of Winthrop has extended its ultimate appreciation to the First Lady of Winthrop Track, Coach Patricia McGee, with the amazing and much-deserved honor of having the track facility at Miller Field to forever bear her majestic name: the Patricia McGee Track.



Coach Tony Fucillo with the Tufts Football team.

FACILITIES DEDICATED TO WINTHROP COACHES AT MILLER FIELD



American Legion Post 146 Color Guard.



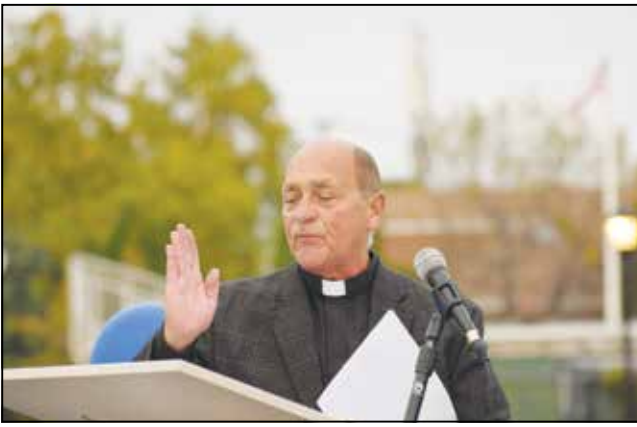
Coach Tony Fucillo expressing his heartfelt gratitude for his dedication.



Former Sen. Joe Boncore with Mike Eruzione, and former-Representative Bob DeLeo.



Anthony, Ryan, Jack, and Lizzie Amoroso, Coach Tony Fucillo's niece.



Deacon Jim Leo, of St. Michael the Archangel Parish, blessing the field house



The family of Tony Fucillo is pictured in front of the Tony Fucillo Field House at Miller Field that was named in honor of the legendary Winthrop High School head football coach, educator, and three-sport standout.



State Rep. Jeff Turco, former Sen. Joseph Boncore, coach Tony Fucillo, former Speaker of the House Robert A. DeLeo, Town Council President Philip Boncore, Interim Town Manager Terence Delehanty, Precinct 6 Town Councilor Stephen Ruggiero, and Council Vice President Peter Christopher and son.

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in, Nettie Eruzione Mailhiot, who was a longtime cheer-leading coach here and secretary at the high school,” said Richard.

“Tonight, we honor Winthrop’s best, Winthrop’s very best, our very own Coach Tony Fucillo,” continued Richard.

Richard spoke of his brother’s superlative three-sport athletic career that earned Tony the coveted Irving P. Alexander, Thomas Keating, and Bentley Swift Memorial Trophies.

Tony Fucillo played three sports at Worcester Academy and received a full scholarship to Xavier University of Ohio.

“In 1972, he came home and started his teaching and coaching career in Win-

throp,” said Richard.

And what a wonderful career it was. A popular physical education teacher at the school who brought out the best in his students, Tony Fucillo continued the tradition of championship-caliber football after succeeding his mentor, Bob DeFelice, as the leader of the Vikings. And one can only imagine how many more Super Bowls in which Winthrop would competed, had the current playoff format been in existence in the Fucillo years.

Known for his intense pre-game preparations (“Every game was a bowl game to him” said Richard), Tony Fucillo prepared and delivered a beautiful speech.

He began by noting the

presence of “my rock, Frank [Fabiano],” who approached the podium for a warm embrace from his friend and mentor.

Fucillo thanked “all the people out here tonight that have supported this dedication.”

“I am so humbled by this tonight,” said the coach, his voice breaking for the magnitude of the moment. “This is an incredible honor to be recognized by your hometown. I don’t think believe there is anything bigger, and I am so proud to be a Winthrop Viking. And I do want to say that although my name gets to be on this building, I want you all to know that every nail, every brick, every board, and especially effort to build this has

your name on it.

“I can only accept this honor and recognize and thank all the people who have made this possible: the great community of Winthrop, all the teachers and administrators that I had the pleasure to work with, the amazing students that I have taught, the incredible and dedicated coaches that I had the pleasure to work with, who made this all possible, my talented and supportive cheerleaders – I certainly want to a shout-out to former Speaker of the House Bob DeLeo for all his help and all his support for the Viking football program – and to my great mentors, Coach Bob DeFelice for 15 years, I want to tell you how it meant so much, I love you, Coach,

and to athletic director James Evans, who believed in me. And most importantly my players. I coached you hard and I hope that I have respected and love you like my own children. Although you are grown men, you will always be my boys.”

Fucillo paid a special tribute to his immediate family including his wife, Carolyn Fucillo, his sons, Anthony and James, and his sister, Jennie, and his extended family.

“Thanks for always being there win or lose,” said Fucillo. “And finally to my wife, Carolyn, for all her understanding, patience, and support throughout my coaching career, when this guy was never home, your name deserves to be on this

building, not mine.”

Just beyond the seating area stood Tony Fucillo’s coaching colleagues at Tufts University, and a contingent of his football players, all dressed neatly in their Tufts blue jerseys and representing their school so admirably. It was clear by their presence that Tony Fucillo is being a positive influence through his coaching at one of the nation’s most prestigious universities. From Winthrop to Medford, Tony Fucillo, once a Viking, always a Viking, is still helping young men excel beyond the football field.



Attendees sharing in a moment of silence in memory of WWI veteran, William Miller.

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Opinions

GENERAL COLIN POWELL

The death this past week of General Colin Powell at the age of 84 removes from our country one of the most outstanding persons ever to serve the United States.

Colin Powell was both a soldier and a statesman. What Dwight Eisenhower was to America in the middle of the 20th century, Colin Powell was to our country in the latter part of the century.

The son of Jamaican immigrants, Powell was a decorated war hero through two tours of duty in Vietnam and became a trusted advisor to three American presidents in various capacities while serving on the National Security Council, as Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and as Secretary of State.

General Powell was a trailblazer, becoming the first Black person to serve our country in those capacities.

His straightforwardness and honesty set him apart from his peers. Powell had no agenda, other than doing what he thought was best for the country and the world.

Whenever General Powell appeared as a guest on a TV news show, it was must-see TV, because unlike politicians and others, he always could be counted upon to tell the truth.

There was one glaring exception of course, and that was his support for the War in Iraq, which rates among the most disastrous, and certainly the most consequential, military endeavor in our nation's history.

Powell later conceded that his support for that war was a "blot" on his record. But that admission to making a mistake precisely is what set him apart from his peers.

In an interview with the New York Times, General Powell was asked to describe himself. Here is what he said:

,"Powell is a problem-solver. He was taught as a soldier to solve problems. So he has views, but he,"s not an ideologue. He has passion, but he,"s not a fanatic. He,"s first and foremost a problem-solver.,"

Our nation and the world are the poorer for the loss of Colin Powell.

May he rest in peace.

GET YOUR BOOSTER STAT

With the FDA and the CDC recommending that already-vaccinated Americans over a certain age and with certain medical conditions receive booster shots, we urge all of our readers who qualify to receive a booster to do so as soon as possible (in medical lingo, STAT).

COVID-19 is not going away anytime soon, if ever, thanks to a combination of high-transmissibility of its variants and the refusal of a large number of Americans to become vaccinated.

We now know that the efficacy of the vaccines wanes over time, but that a third dose (for Moderna and Pfizer) and a second dose (for Johnson and Johnson) provides amped-up immunity.

COVID-19 is a terrible way to die and even for those who survive it, so-called long-haul COVID can have devastating health effects for up to 30% of those who contract the disease.

A vaccine -- and a booster -- are the best way to protect ourselves.

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SUPPORTS LETTERIE

Dear Editor,

When evaluating a candidate for elected office, for any level of government, I search for someone with character, common sense, and creativity. In the case of Winthrop's 2021 Town Council President race, Jim Letterie is the only candidate who exemplifies these traits, which is why he has earned my wholehearted support.

When it comes to common sense, Jim has a clear unclouded view of his top objectives. Jim will not delay the process of securing a full time Town Manager, thus enabling us to fill all the interim positions that we currently have. One of the most important, and sometimes forgotten, responsibilities of the Council President is their position on the School committee. Jim's passion and knowledge of our school system, including budget, class size, testing, just to name a few, is clearly recognized by the schools. Jim's knowledge of our towns annual budget is unparalleled on the Council, hence his 16 years on the Finance Committee and Commission, as well as serving as Chair for the past four.

In addition to having a clear and unclouded picture of his responsibilities and objectives, Jim has the knowledge and creativity needed to get projects done, and not have them languish unfinished for years on end.

In terms of his character, Jim is extremely accessible. He is always willing to discuss the issues facing our community, whether in person, on the phone or through email. Not only does he translate budgetary concepts into simple English, but what most impresses me is his ability to listen to my thoughts and concerns.

I have had firsthand knowledge of seeing how prepared he is for every meeting, whether it was during the new middle/high school project, the Miller Field project or at countless budget meetings over the years. It was right before the new school project started when Jim initiated new financial policies which ultimately enabled Winthrop to say over 8 million dollars in interest payments which was a direct benefit to the taxpayers. Jim would never

put ego ahead of responsibility as he understands his oath and what it means to sacrifice and serve unselfishly. Jim is a principled man who will compromise when he can and hold his ground when he must.

Jim has represented Winthrop on the Council for 16 years, and is an experienced leader who possesses these three critical traits, common sense, creativity, and character in abundance. I will be voting for Jim on Election Day, November 2, and I would urge you to do the same

Karin Chavis

SUPPORTS BONCORE, POWELL AND LEONARD

Dear Editor,

In the upcoming Town Election on Tuesday, November 2, I am supporting Phil Boncore for re-election as Town Council President, Jennifer Powell for re-election to the School Committee, and Suzanne Leonard for election to the School Committee.

I firmly believe that when an incumbent has done a good job in a position, he or she deserves re-election.

Phil Boncore has provided outstanding leadership over the past two years as Town Council President during a most difficult time.

When the unprecedented challenge of the COVID-19 pandemic occurred, Phil Boncore led the immediate response with all Town Departments for the health and safety of the community. As Chair of the Board of Health, I had many conversations with President Boncore on issues such as the Emergency Operations Center, the vital testing site and food bank, vaccinations for frontline personnel and vulnerable citizens, and outdoor dining for our town's restaurants. As a member of the School Committee, Phil Boncore worked hard with school leaders to keep students safe.

I saw Phil take the lead on other issues in Town such as the Center Infrastructure Project, new tennis courts near the high school, a needed dog park, and the rezoning of the vacant Middle School site.

President Boncore also was the moving force behind the establishment of the Commission for Diversity, Inclusion and Com-

more costly.

- One of your favorite longstanding restaurants has closed; or
- A friend or family member has struggled to find a good job with good benefits.

If any of these statements apply to you, you are not alone. I notice the price increases whenever I go to the grocery store or go to a restaurant to support local businesses. My family members who work in landscaping and construction have barely managed

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munity Relations. When a violent hate crime occurred in our community, Phil led Winthrop's response with a community vigil and appropriate services for affected residents.

I believe Phil Boncore has earned two more years to complete the work that he has started.

Jennifer Powell has been a strong advocate for our children's education as Vice Chair of the Winthrop School Committee. She knows how important it is to our society that our students can fulfill their potential.

Jen Powell has raised five children in the Winthrop school system and understands it as a parent and as a volunteer. She is also an excellent communicator and listener, and she strives to make decisions that are in the best interest of our students.

Jen Powell believes that Winthrop needs to sustain an environment where everyone is treated with respect, and where everyone is heard. She realizes that finding common ground is necessary to allow our students to thrive.

With two open positions on the School Committee, Jennifer Powell's experience and leadership is needed in the years ahead.

Suzanne Leonard will be a great addition to the School Committee given her experience as an educator and as a mother of a student in the Winthrop public schools. She understands the need to create a space where learning is accessible for every student.

Suzanne has worked in higher education for many years and currently teaches at Simmons University in Boston. She has also handled administrative duties and is very familiar with budgets, planning and assessments.

Suzanne has a daughter in the first grade at the Gorman Fort Banks Elementary School. When her daughter began kindergarten last year on a computer, Suzanne and her husband got to see first-hand on a daily basis, the dedication of her teacher and her school.

I am fully confident that Suzanne Leonard will bring her experience and values to the School Committee, and she will do the work to help our students succeed.

Bill Schmidt

ON PLASTIC BAGS

Dear Editor,

On April 2, 2020, the Winthrop Board of Health approved a Regulation for Reduction in Single-Use Plastic Checkout Bags in order to reduce litter protect our ocean environment from pollution reduce greenhouse gases, and reduce costly solid waste in the Town's waste stream. regulation_regarding_the_reduction_of_plastic_bags_9.pdf (winthrop.ma.us)

The regulation went into effect as of November 1, 2020, but since several retail establishments applied for a hardship waiver of six months, the Board encouraged a delay in enforcement actions, coupled with education efforts, until May 2021.

Now that the Town's Inspectional Services Department is doing its semi-annual restaurant and store inspections, necessary enforcement warnings and fines for violations will be issued.

The top three things to keep in mind regarding the Plastic Bags Regulation: (1) stores can only give reusable bags, recyclable bags, or compostable checkout bags to customers; (2) stores can no longer carry single-use plastic bags with handles; and (3) stores have to sell any bag with handles for at least 5 cents per bag, and the store keeps the charge. This includes restaurants.

The regulation only applies to "checkout bags" -- carryout bags with handles. This does not include newspaper bags, laundry/dry-cleaner bags, bags used to wrap produce, frozen food, meat or fish, or trash can liners.

The cost of bags should be posted/advertised at the checkout location and on the store receipt. Of course, customers are encouraged to bring their own bags to avoid the cost.

Retailers and restaurants in Winthrop can make a real difference in the quality of life in our community. We will have a cleaner, more beautiful town, and we will save money and our environment at the same time.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Bill Schmidt
Chair
Winthrop Board of Health

GUEST OP-ED

Preparing for the realities of our new economy

By Anthony D'Ambrosio

Over the past few months, amid the return to in-person schooling and the beginning of the fall, you might have made a few of the following observations:

• Your grocery bill has gone up, with beef, pork, and eggs being especially expensive;

• A gallon of gas costs about \$1 more than it did a year ago;

• Construction and home improvement projects have been delayed and are much

to break even due to sky-high fuel and lumber prices and the scarcity of workers.

Supply chain issues, sub-par wages, and poor policy decisions at the state and federal levels have strained all of us, but they have pushed many of our residents to the financial brink. The number of Massachusetts households facing food insecurity has doubled during the Covid-19 pandemic. Over the past year and a half, hundreds of thousands of Massachusetts residents have lost their livelihoods and 23% of Massachusetts restaurants have closed permanently.

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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

ART 927 – POINT SHIRLEY YACHT CLUB



Over the years Winthrop has been home to 5 Yacht Clubs, three of which are still in existence, the Winthrop Yacht Club, the Cottage Park Yacht Club and the Pleasant Park Yacht Club.

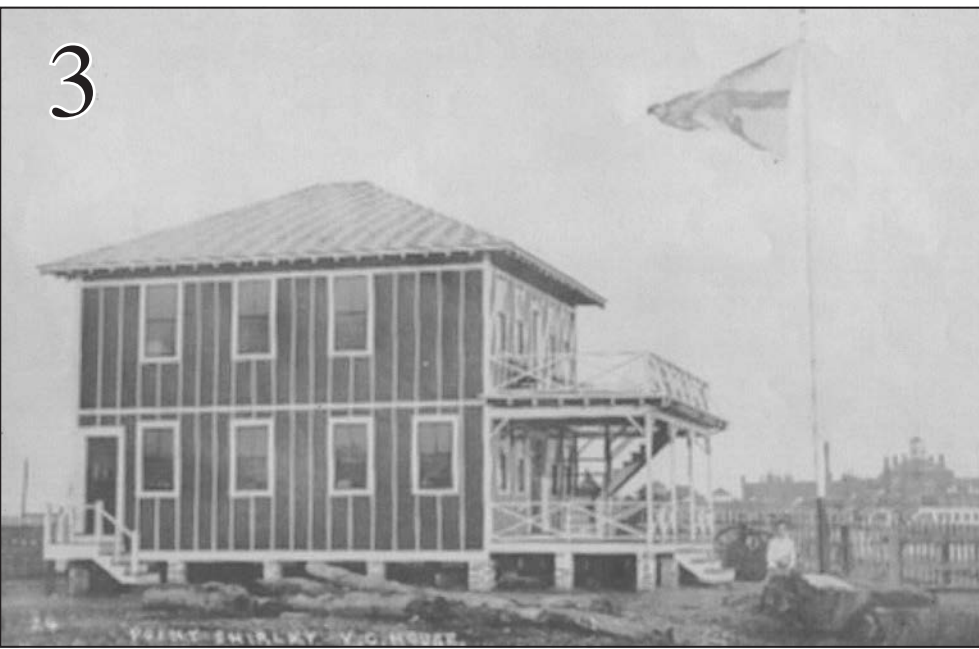
The two that are no longer in operation are the Highland Yacht Club, which ceased operation as a yacht club in 1940 to become a USO Club for WWII military personnel, and the Point Shirley Yacht Club which is the subject of this article.

The Point Shirley Yacht Club was organized in 1908 and incorporated in 1909. Its charter members/stock holders included William Bradford, John Simpson, Bernard Farrell, Thomas Davidson, George Floyd, Eric Swenson, Alex Knox Jr. and Frank Walker.

The original clubhouse was built about 1910, with its own pier, by George Floyd on a site between Otis Street and Townsend Street next to the old rail-

road pier that had serviced the Revere Copper Works from 1844 to 1869. Picture one depicts this building in the 1920s, prior to a fire that destroyed it in the early 1930s, and shows its location in relation to the previously referenced Copper Works Pier. The members of this club enjoyed a deep water basin for their boats at all times which made it the only club in town with the facilities to accommodate large yachts on every tide. Since the club membership consisted mostly of summer residents, the facility was the scene of much social activity during the boating season. Picture two is a closer view of this building as it appeared before the fire. This fire followed the 1903 fire at the Winthrop Yacht Club and the 1926 fire at the Cottage Park Yacht Club both of which rendered the buildings useless and beyond repair. Since then, the Pleasant Park v also suffered the same during a fire in 1958.

While the Winthrop Yacht Club, the Cottage Park Yacht Club and the Pleasant Park Yacht Club were all rebuilt, the few remaining members of the Point Shirley Yacht Club only succeeded constructing a small building on the original sites shown in picture three. The club was forced to disband shortly before WWII and the building was sold and rebuilt into summer cottage that has been converted into the beautiful year round house that exists today. Picture four depicts that home as it now appears under the arrow draw above it. This is currently the home of Michael Herbert at 86 Otis Street. The picture was taken from about the same spot that picture one was take-in the 1920s from the Copper Works Pier. The posts sticking up from the water with birds on them were those that supported the pier protruding out from the original Point Shirley Clubhouse as seen in picture one.



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 20, 2011

The Town Council President’s debate between incumbent President Jeffrey Turco and candidate Peter Gill certainly lived up to the hype with both candidates delivering their message very well under the spotlight of live television this past week.

The Winthrop Beach renourishment plan, 10 years in the making, once again is the subject of controversy. Officials in Revere and East Boston are objecting to the truckloads of sand that will be delivered through their communities. The new Winthrop Beach plan, approved by the Mass. DCR, calls for bringing sand from an embankment in the Rumney Marsh at Revere’s Copeland Circle. The old embankment was once proposed as the roadbed for Interstate 95 back in the 1970s, and the sand in the embankment is the same sand that was used to renourish Revere Beach after the Blizzard of `78.

Puss in Boots, The Three Musketeers, and Footloose are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

20 years ago Oct. 25, 2001

One of the first orders of business for the School Committee at its meeting this week will be to determine how to fill the Athletic Director’s post being vacated by John Lyons, who has been hired as the new Athletic Director in the Beverly school system.

A student newspaper has returned to Winthrop High. The Viking Times will be under the direction of WHS teacher Jack Cristofani.

The owners of the proposed Winthrop Shores Inn at 312-318 Shirley St. will appear before the Zoning Board of Appeals this week to seek a special permit to operate a 20 room hotel/motel/inn.

Riding in Cars With Boys, Legally Blonde, and The Musketeer are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

30 years ago Oct. 23, 1991

The entire town, especially the Police Department, is in an uproar over the decision by the Suffolk

County District Attorney’s office to accept a plea bargain from a 20 year-old local man who was arrested for selling marijuana to students on the front steps of Winthrop High School in violation of the new drug-free school zone law, which carries a minimum two year mandatory sentence. The plea bargain allowed the defendant to plead to a reduced charge of simple possession with intent to distribute and thus walk out of court with no jail time, which infuriated the Winthrop police officers who had conducted an investigation to nab the drug dealer.

After a hearing before Appeals Court Single Justice Frederick Brown, the town and Police Officer Nancy Dalrymple agreed that Dalrymple, who is pregnant, may be placed on leave and stay at home with pay until her pregnancy is completed. Dalrymple had sought to work at a desk job in the department, but the town argued that there is no such thing as “light duty” under the union contract.

Two firefighters have been suspended without pay for falsifying their overtime records. The two had been hired to maintain the Fire Department’s bookkeeping and payroll records for stipends of \$1500 each, but had padded their overtime hours, one totaling \$700 and the other for \$4500. The former is a 29-year veteran of the force and the other is on the Civil Service list for promotion to Lieutenant. Both admitted their guilt and accepted their punishment with payment of restitution.

The Butcher’s Wife, House Party 2, and Curly Sue are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

40 years ago Oct. 28, 1981

The General Services Administration has informed the Winthrop Housing Authority that it has accepted the WHA’s offer to purchase 2.43 acres of land at the former Ft. Banks for \$75,000. The WHA said it plans to construct 49 elderly and eight low-income housing units.

The members of the Memorial Day Committee met with the selectmen to discuss ways to provide

funding in order to hold the annual Memorial Day parade. Private funding will be the most likely source for funds given that Town Meeting voted to eliminate town support for Memorial Day and the Fourth of July because of budget cutbacks necessitated by the implementation of Prop. 2 and 1/2.

Prominent long-time resident Ernest Bentley passed away suddenly this week. He was 93. Bentley served for many years on the board of the Winthrop Community Hospital.

John Belushi and Blair Brown star in Continental Divide at the Winthrop Theatre.

50 years ago October 27, 1971

An early-morning fire that swept through three Woodside Ave. storefronts, the Winthrop News Co., Duke and Ray’s Sports Centre, and the Winthrop Card Shop, is under investigation.

The First Baptist Church of Winthrop observed its 100th anniversary October 17 with a well-attended service that was conducted by Rev. Frank S. Sparks.

A new, federally-funded program, known as CETA, consisting of the communities of Chelsea, Winthrop, and Revere under the direction of Exec. Dir. Thomas Kerrins, has been established to provide job training for the unemployed.

The Sons of Italy welcomed 467 new members at its installation of officers ceremonies held in the group’s new building.

The Summer of ‘42 is playing at the Winthrop Cinema.

60 years ago Oct. 26, 1961

The Boston Port Authority will relieve a major burden from Winthrop residents, who have been keeping a wary eye on its neighbor at Logan Airport after two airplane crashes in the past 12 months, when it advertises for bids for the construction of a rescue boat pier and purchase of a jet-propelled rescue boat at the end of Runway 27, which is the runway closest

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feet on making the critical decisions they were elected to make. Rather than sitting on that money, state leaders need to grant a portion of it to small businesses, especially those committed to offering their workers livable wages and benefits. Another portion of the money should go toward infrastructure projects that create good jobs, improve our decaying public transportation, and put Massachusetts on the path to becoming the first state in the country to offer universal, affordable broadband Internet for all residents.

Second, we need to support the creation of good jobs that pay a livable wage, include quality health insurance, and offer paid family and sick leave. Paradoxically, Massachusetts employers cannot find enough workers, and Massachusetts workers cannot find enough good jobs. This phenomenon is occurring because the rising supply costs and lessened in-person shopping is limiting small business growth and deterring the higher wages and benefits necessary to attract good workers. Large companies, like Amazon, are truly killing small busi-

nesses.

Third, Beacon Hill must seriously re-evaluate its laws as they apply to our technology industry. In the 1980s, the “Massachusetts Miracle” evaporated as technology companies fled the Commonwealth in part because of poor legislation. It is important to note that 9 of every 10 jobs will soon have a technology component. We must act now to avoid an exodus of companies and workers. We must stop restrictions on our most valuable asset- labor. Our current non-compete laws restrict technological innovation and job creation. Silicon Valley knows this, which is why California does not enforce non-compete agreements. Massachusetts’s enforcement of noncompete agreements is often cited as a key reason why Boston’s technology industry has never grown to the size of Silicon Valley. As we transition our Commonwealth’s economy into the 21st century, let us not repeat last century’s mistakes.

Fourth, we need to professionally evaluate Massachusetts’s unique supply chain issues, which differ from those of other re-

gions. This study should determine which foods and products are most scarce in Massachusetts and how Beacon Hill is managing its relationships with other state officials and port leaders in California, New York, Florida, and the Gulf of Mexico. As we recently learned with the pandemic, manufacturing more product in the United States, and particularly in Massachusetts, must be encouraged. This needs to be an area of focus for Beacon Hill.

As we move into the 21st Century, our government needs to do more to grow our economy and properly train our work force. Otherwise, we will be left behind. Understanding what that economy will look like is obviously a prerequisite. My unique blend of public and private sector experience ensures that I will understand the complex issues and protect our citizens’ livelihoods.

Join me.

Anthony D’Ambrosio is a candidate for State Senate, and graduated with a B.A. from Yale University, and a Masters from the University of Cambridge.

ST. JOHN’S EPISCOPAL CHURCH FALL CRAFT FAIR



Ellen MacNeil and Linda Sherlock.

By Marianne Salza

At St. John’s Episcopal Church Fall Craft Fair, on October 16, visitors could grab lobster lunches and chili to go; as well as laboratory jars containing decapitated heads. Artisans sold photographs, jewelry, hats, scarves, and ceramics.

Visitors eagerly smelled the fragrant vegan soap bars, candles, and lotions on display. Halloween decorations included hand-painted ghosts made from cypress tree roots, and sneering, botched pumpkins with glowing eyes and sharp teeth.



Rita Driscoll and Barbara Bishop.



Naiaama Yacoby holding her ceramic bowl.



Danny Dalo and Dona O’Donnell.



Dawn Mahoney with her skeleton, Beatriz, and brother, Kevin Mahoney, holding his repurposed driftwood pumpkin.



Dylan Robinson and his mother, Kimberly Pepper.



Zipora Sayag shopping for reiki-infused candles from Candles by Erin.



Stephen, Stephen, and Phyllis Poor, with her hand-hooked purses, plant holders, and pins.

Candidates // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

provides an opportunity to know the candidates position on a few vital issues facing the Town. All Winthrop residents should view this production prior to casting their vote on November 2.”

The WRTC wishes to sincerely thank the following people for making this event a huge success; the Point Shirley Association and Dr. Paul McGee, John Vitagliano for video contributions, WBZ-TV and Chief Investigative Re-



Winthrop’s Republican Committee, from left: Bob Wynne, Paul Reardon, Paul Caruccio, Paul Ronukaitus, Jim Nelson and Steve Belmonte.



WBZ’s Chief Investigator Reporter Cheryl Fiandaca and host Paul Caruccio.

ported Cheryl FIANDACA for Moderating, Todd and Lisa Mahoney for election support, the Ambassadors of Handicap Services Jim Nelson and Paul Ronukaitus, the WRTC members, attending voters and candidates.

For further questions go to the Winthrop Republican Town Committee’s Facebook or Parlor page.



Candidate for Massachusetts Senate, Anthony D’Ambrosio attended the event, getting a chance to meet Winthrop residents, Karen True and Darlene Brown.

“I have been blessed with a world-class education and entrusted with analyzing major financial decisions in both the public and private sector. From my experiences managing the Revere Public Schools budget of over \$100 million, to evaluating multi-billion dollar deals in the technology industry, I will bring a fresh, new perspective to the State Senate and help prepare our Commonwealth for the 21st Century.”

ANTHONY D’AMBROSIO

Candidate for State Senate

Experience

Public Sector

- **Revere School Committee**
Led the effort for enhanced mental health services for students; led the creation of a district wide Equity Advisory Board
- **Dwight Hall Coordinator and Community Health Educator**
Managed a 3,500-person nonprofit organization that provided community based services ranging from early childhood education to homeless relief

Private Sector

- **Financial Analyst, Technology Industry**
Advised on technology sector and growth strategies for some of the world’s most innovative technology companies

Education

- University of Cambridge (U.K.), Master’s Degree
- Yale University (Conn.), Bachelor’s Degree

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SCENES FROM WINTHROP SOCCER VS. MASCONOMET



THE WINDUP: Mia Norris (15) lines up a pass in Masco territory.



FOR THE STEAL: Mia Martucci (11) gets an angle to defend a Masco advance.



STEP FOR STEP: Emma Holmes (7) competes for control.



CLEARANCE: Maddie Stiglets (18) follows through on a kick.



WATCH YOUR STEP: Samantha Galuris (8) steps to avoid a fallen Masco player.



UP TO THE TASK: Goalkeeper Manuela Mejia makes a save on a Masconomet penalty kick.

Northeast Metro Tech building project wins support from voters in North Reading, Stoneham

Staff Report

Supt. David DiBarri and the Northeast Metro Tech Building Committee are pleased to announce that the Town of North Reading and the Town of Stoneham have voted to support the District’s proposal for a new state-of-the-art school building.

Voters at Town Meetings in both communities

met on Oct. 4, and unanimously supported Northeast Metro Tech’s request.

Students attend classes in a more than 50-year-old building that requires educational, capital and maintenance improvements. The new school will address the current facility’s outdated building systems, including much-needed ADA access-

sibility and code compliance upgrades, in addition to overcrowding.

The new facility will allow Northeast to grow enrollment from 1,270 students to 1,600, a 26 percent increase. This is expected to shorten the district’s annual waitlist, which averages 400 students each year.

The Massachusetts

School Building Authority (MSBA) recently awarded the district a grant of up to \$140.8 million for a new building.

“Thank you to voters in North Reading and Stoneham for their overwhelming backing of the school building project, and to the town officials who have supported this,” Superintendent DiBarri said. “These Town Meet-

ing votes validate the need for a new building and the countless hours the Building Committee has spent developing the best and most cost-effective project possible.”

The new school will feature 21st-century learning environments, improved Individualized Education Program (IEP) accommodations, state-of-the-art shop space, expanded pro-

gram offerings, a new primary access roadway from Farm Street to reduce traffic congestion, a full-size gym, a 750-seat auditorium, outdoor space for learning and a new cafeteria.

With a focus on sustainability, the project is targeting LEED Silver-certification with energy-efficient mechanical

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Sports Years // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 9

30 years ago
Oct. 23, 1991

Danielle Giovanni led the way for the WHS girls cross country team in a time of 20:10 over the 2.9 mile course as the Lady Vikings defeated Beverly, 18-42, to finish with a perfect 7-0 record and clinch an undisputed Northeastern Conference championship. Brandi Beach was second in 20:32, followed by Cindy Romanos, Marianne Cleary, Kris-sy Indresano, and Suzanne Jellow.

Gloucester displayed an explosive big-play offense to smash the WHS football team, 43-15, at Newell Stadium. Viking quarterback Mike Mason was 16 for 31 for 209 yards, including six passes for 75 yards to Richard Staff, as the Winthrop offense rolled up 300 total yards.

40 years ago
Oct. 28, 1981

The WHS football team sits atop the rankings of Division II after a 30-0 rout of Salem to improve to 6-0 on the season. The Vikings exploded for three touchdowns in the third quarter, fueled by Winthrop’s irrepressible running attack, which is led by Chuck Sullivan, Jim Gillis, and flanker Joe Gi-aquinto. Winthrop now faces three of the weaker opponents on its schedule and only overconfidence stands in the way of a 9-0 league record and an NEC crown.

Fine efforts by Sandy Leary, Robin Moulton, Lisa Brenner, Lisa Evans, and Robyn Gennaco im-pelled the WHS girls cross country team to a win in its final meet of the season and a 7-2 final record.

50 years ago
October 27, 1971

The “Double D” back-field duo of Mike De-Marco, who scored four touchdowns, and Mark De-Gregorio, who added a TD, led the WHS football team to a 35-16 romp over Sau-gus and improve Winthrop to 4-1 on the season.

60 years ago
Oct. 26, 1961

The WHS football team dropped an 18-6 decision to Woburn and also lost the services of co-captain Car-leton Gray for the season. The unheralded Winthrop line will be asked to carry the injury-riddled WHS backfield to victory at Mar-blehead this week.

70 years ago
Oct. 25, 1951

The Winthrop High football team reached its greatest heights in many years with a 12-7 win over Woburn before 2500 fans at

Miller Field that knocked Woburn from the unbeaten ranks. WHS fullback Steve Miles scored the first Win-throp TD on a 52-yard burst up the middle on which he cut to the sideline to reach the endzone. Lester Towl-son raced 40 yards for the winning score. Winthrop’s single wing attack netted 213 yards on the ground to just 113 for Woburn. The win raises Winthrop’s record to 4-1-1, equaling

the total number of victo-ries achieved by Winthrop teams in the past three sea-sons. Class C Winthrop will step out of its class to take on Class B Marblehead this Saturday, a team that Win-throp has not beaten in 20 years.

80 years ago
Oct. 23, 1941

Coach Gordon Con-nor’s WHS football team

dropped its second straight game, 6-0 to Gloucester, on Saturday. The WHS squad once again outgained its rivals and amassed more first downs (Winthrop has gained 21 first downs in those two games, compared to just 10 for its opponents), but has come up empty each time. Injuries to Billy Mc-Gillicuddy and Billy Geno-ve-se may necessitate some lineup changes by Connor for this week.

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WINTHROP VIKINGS VOLLEYBALL SENIOR NIGHT



Senior Evan Bernstein with her parents, Christine and Michael, Grandmother Ruth, Aunt Linda, brother Chad and sister Cassidy.



Senior Captain Elle English with her parents, Claudia and Jimmy, and sister Flora.



Senior Captain Jessica Soares with her parents, Christina and EJ, brother Michael, sister Sophia and grandfather Salvatore.

A senior night was held for the seniors of the Winthrop Volleyball team on Monday night prior to their game against Marblehead.



Senior Bruna Oliveira with her friends, Lilygrace, Hanna, Sara, Jessica, Elle, and Megan.



Senior Captain Megan Goudge with her parents, Pam and Brian, brother Mark and sisters, Holly and Jenna.



Senior Isabella Quilty with her mom Amy and brother George.



Senior Beatriz Rodrigues with her parents, Michelle and Junior.

Football // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 9

ued its surge with 21 more unanswered points in the third quarter to hand Winthrop a 35-21 defeat Friday night at Miller Field.

There was still one, spectacular play left for Winthrop High fans as freshman Nick Cappuccio fielded a kickoff and blazed through the middle of the field for a 93-yard return for a touchdown. Cappuccio outraced no less than four Peabody players on his final, swift steps to the end zone.

Head Coach Jonathan Cadigan felt the ‘W’ was there for the taking, “but the turning point of the game was probably the last 40 seconds of the second quarter when we had a 14-7 lead and essentially allowed Peabody to go down and score.”

After a superb kickoff return by Mikey Chaves, Winthrop had a chance to retake the lead, but couldn’t complete the drive with a score.

“From that point to the fourth quarter, we just didn’t play very well in the third quarter,” said Cadigan. “It’s disappointing because I felt we competed for three out of those four quarters.”

The Vikings were also hampered by the absence of Cam Martin in the second half. Martin sustained an injury on a kickoff return, but he is expected to return for Friday’s game against Salem.

Cappuccio connects for a touchdown

The NFL has cut back

on potential kickoff returns with placekickers consistently booting the ball into the end for touchbacks, but it remains one of football’s most exciting plays.

Nick Cappuccio introduced himself to Winthrop football fans with an electrifying return for a touchdown.

“I was excited about that play,” said Coach Cadigan. “We felt like Nick was starting to push for playing time and some carries. He played very admirably in this game for a freshman competing at the varsity level.”

Ian Harris receives defensive player award

Senior Ian Harris was honored as the Vikings’ Black Shirt defensive play-

er of the game. Harris made several tackles in the game.

Juan Sanchez made a big defensive play in the game when he sacked the Peabody quarterback, forcing a fumble that was recovered by Victor Marques.

Key offensive contributors were Evan Rockefeller, who had five rushes for 20 yards and scored on a two-point conversion, Welvis Acosta, who had three carries for 53 yards, and Mikey Chaves, who had one pass reception for 30 yards.

Vikings play Salem

Winthrop (2-4) will be looking to derail an improving Salem High (4-2) team Friday at Miller Field. Winthrop needs a victory to be in position to qualify for the MIAA playoffs.

“I feel very good about where we are right now in terms of the playoffs, but we have to take care of business this week,” said

Coach Cadigan. “Our goal right now is to get to 4-4 and get the highest seed possible for the playoffs.”

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systems, provisions for solar panels, and vegetated roofs. The compact, four-story design will feature an upper-level courtyard, roof decks, and a double-height library rotunda.

The project is estimated to cost \$317.4 million. The District must receive approvals from sending

communities. The communities may save \$24 million in costs if all approve the plan by Dec. 23.

Updates regarding the project and details about future community forums will be posted to the building project website here and Facebook page here, as they become available.

The project is being de-

signed by architect Drum-mey Rosane Anderson with PMA Consultants, Owner’s Project Manager, and Gilbane Building Co. serving as construction manager at-risk.

Future meetings Northeast Metro Tech officials encourage residents in sending communities to learn more

about the building project at public meetings in the coming weeks:

- Tuesday, Oct. 19: Winthrop Town Council Finance/Executive Committee, 6 p.m., Winthrop Town Hall
- Monday, Oct. 18: Chelsea City Council, 7 p.m., Chelsea City Hall

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OBITUARIES

Dolores Fabiano

Worked with husband at Fabiano’s Bakery and involved in WINARC Special Olympics

Dolores C. Fabiano of Winthrop passed away at the Brigham and Women’s Hospital in Boston on October 13. She was 80 years old.

Born in East Boston, the beloved daughter of the late Michael A. Interbartolo and Gaetana “Ida” (Arbia), she was a resident of Winthrop for over 55 years. She worked as a designer for Priscilla Gowns for several years before working alongside her husband in Fabiano’s Bakery. Mrs. Fabiano was also involved in the WINARC Special Olympics.

She was the devoted wife of Joseph A. Fabiano, Jr. and the loving mother of Joseph Fabiano and his wife, Crissy of Natick, Debra Colombana and her husband, Gianni of California, James Fabiano and his wife, Tanya and Francis “Frankie” Fabiano, all of Winthrop; dear sister of Ida Vangieri of New Jersey, Marie Bossie of Maryland, Michael Interbartolo of Melrose and the late Anthony and John Interbartolo; loving sister-in-law of Rosemarie and Peter Ottaviano of Winthrop and cherished grandmother of



Sophia, Giulianianna, Antonio, Tina, Frankie, Dominic, Dante, Natalia and the late Marianna. She is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

The funeral was conducted from the Caggiano-O’Maley-Frazier Funeral Home, Winthrop on Monday, October 18 followed by a Funeral Mass in St. John the Evangelist Church. Rev. Peter Graziano celebrated the mass and offered prayers at the interment in the Belle Isle section of Winthrop Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to WINARC PO Box 520240 Winthrop MA 02152.

To sign the online guestbook, go to www.caggiano-funeralhome.com.

Clara Mary Driscoll

She lived most of her life in Winthrop, a town she loved immensely

Clara Mary (Magee) Driscoll of Winthrop passed away at home on Wednesday, October 6 at the age of 91.

Clara was the beloved wife of the late Robert L. Driscoll, Sr. of Winthrop and the devoted mother to her five children: Kathleen Driscoll, Robert Driscoll Jr. and his wife, Kathleen, Nancy Rodes and her husband, Richard, all of Winthrop, Timothy Driscoll of Cambridge and Michael Driscoll and his wife, Suzanne of Burlington. She was the loving, proud and adoring Nana to her five grandsons: Kenneth (and his wife, Katherine), Robert (and his fiancée, Hannah), Matthew, Christopher and Andrew. Clara was eagerly looking forward to the birth of her first great-grandchild, the first baby girl in the family in decades.

Clara was born in East Boston on August 20, 1930 to the late William and Bertha (Adamowicz) Magee. She was predeceased by her brother William and is survived by her siblings: Thomas Magee, Peter Magee, Mary Ann McKeen and Michael Magee. Clara was beloved by her many friends, cousins and numerous nieces, nephews, grand-nieces and grand-nephews. She was a second mother to many of them and to all of her children’s various friends. She will be missed by all.

Clara lived most of her life in Winthrop, a town she loved immensely. Her kitchen was her favorite room; the teakettle was always on and ready for her



constant stream of visitors, whether they be family, friends, neighbors, or the various plumbers, electricians, painters, etc., whose workdays always ended with a cup of tea at the kitchen table.

Clara and Bob spent every summer at Cape Cod, where their small cottage was always filled with constantly changing groups of family and friends. They were the ultimate hosts! They insisted that every holiday be held at their home, especially Christmas Eve. Even once they moved from their large home to their smaller condo, they continued to host large groups of family and friends.

At the family’s request, services were private. A Celebration of Clara’s Life is being planned for a future date. Family and friends wishing to honor Clara are welcome to do an act of kindness in her memory.

To sign the online guestbook, go to www.caggiano-funeralhome.com.

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

George Costonis

Well known music producer AKA Marco Dicristo

George C.”Gio” Costonis, aka Marco Dicristo, passed away on September 4 in Anchorage, Alaska, from the COVID 19 virus at the age of 53.

Although born in Madison, Wisconsin in 1967, Gio graduated from Winthrop High School in 1986, obtained a post graduate invitation to attend Lawrenceville Academy and later Northeastern University.

Gio’s first love was music. He started his own musical group under the name “Worth the Wait” in the late 90’s, performing at nightclubs in the northeast. From that experience, Gio understood the many challenges faced by artists in the musical industry. This inspired Gio to become a music producer, eventually leading to the successful launch of an international record label and a production group named “Love Vibration Nation.” He continued his own dance and house music career as part of the group “The Co-Creators.” The company’s mission was to introduce both new artists and new sounds to the music industry through a global distribution and a weekly radio show. The show received an Emmy nomination.

Gio will always be remembered as a creative fun-loving person and friend. Everywhere he went, people were drawn to his charisma, quick wit, kindness, and generosity. Gio had a larger-than-life personality and lit up every room he ever walked through. All of us will forever miss his presence.



Gio is survived by his father Anthony F. Costonis, stepmother Dorothy Costonis and his mother, Laura Caperton; his brothers: Michael Costonis and his wife, Marissa and Joel Costonis and his wife, Rae-Shawna and his half-sister, Ellie Brogan. He was predeceased by his half-sister, Laurie Ann Brogan. Gio came from a large extended family and will be fondly remembered by all who loved him.

Family and friends are cordially invited to attend the visitation from the Caggiano-O’Maley-Frazier Funeral Home, Winthrop on Saturday, October 23 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. followed by a celebration of life service in the funeral home at 1 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Gio’s name to Winthrop Charities, 28 Thornton Street, Winthrop, MA 02152 where the donations will be used by the Sylvia Costonis Charitable Trust to support local organizations working on the COVID challenge faced by the citizens of the Town of Winthrop.

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to Winthrop.

The annual Cooking Party sponsored by the Winthrop Sun-Transcript and Mystic Valley Gas Co. Is set for Monday at the new K of C Hall.

Shore Drive and coastal areas were inundated with flood water from high seas and huge waves caused by a coastal storm this past week.

Susan Hayward and Dean Martin star in Ada at the Revere Drive In. Sidney Poitier stars in Raisin in the Sun at the Revere Theatre.

70 years ago Oct. 25, 1951

The town’s taxpayers will play host to 3000 youngsters, four more than last year, at 14 Halloween parties throughout the town at the schools and various club halls. The parties, which were started six years ago by the Youth Recreation Commission under the direction of George Hamilton, will get underway at 2:30 in the afternoon for children in grades 1-3. All other parties will start at 7:00. There will be Coke and ice cream, cookies, apples, and donuts. Vandalism on Halloween has dropped dramatically in the town since the inception of the parties six years ago. The Auxiliary Police took over the reins of the town’s public safety chores

for the first time ever during the hours of the annual Police Association Ball last Friday evening.

Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis star in That’s My Boy at the Revere Drive In. Bing Crosby, Jane Wyman, Franchot Tone, and Alexis Smith star in Here Comes the Groom at the Revere Theatre.

80 years ago Oct. 23, 1941

The First Baptist Church of Winthrop will observe its 75th anniversary Sunday. The present church building and organ were completed in 1873 and the church is debt free at the present time.

Winthropites are mourning the passing of Congressman Lawrence J. Connery, who died of a heart attack over the weekend. He was 46. Connery, from Lynn, had served as the congressman of this district since 1937, when he succeeded his late brother, William, who also died from a heart attack.

Edwin B. Pease, a graduate of the Boston Air Raid Precaution School, gave an interesting and instructive talk on blackouts to the local ARPS members Tuesday evening in Town Hall. About 40 Winthrop ARPS men and women members donned gas masks and ventured into the gas chamber at Ft. Heath to experience the actual conditions of gas warfare.

Charles Boyer, Olivia DeHavilland, and Paulette Goddard star in Hold Back the Dawn at the Revere and Boulevard Theaters.

90 years ago Oct. 24, 1931

The Board of Selectmen has sent a letter to Pres. Herbert Hoover asking him not to close the Charlestown Naval Shipyard. The selectmen pointed out that many

local men are employed there and would lose their jobs in these difficult times.

Building Inspector Timothy J. Mahaney reports that despite the Depression, the number of single-family homes being built in Winthrop this year slightly exceeds the number in 1930. It is good to see that most people building new homes are favoring single-family homes instead of two-family homes.

The sad news of the death of young Frederick H. Gardner, a freshman at Norwich University, has swept through our town like wildfire. The only son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Russell Gardner of 32 Orlando Ave., Frederick succumbed to infantile paralysis, which had attacked him on October 15. Only five days earlier he had been home on a visit and was so youthful and proud of his new uniform at the military school. Hundreds of mourners attended his funeral services at St. John’s Episcopal Church. WHS Principal Loomis noted that young Frederick was an admirable student who was well-respected by his classmates.

100 years ago October 22, 1921

The Winthrop Highlands Yacht Club was destroyed by a fire Wednesday morning at 7:30. Daniel T. Callahan, a member of the club, rushed into the blazing building to save an American flag that had flown at the club for many years. It is thought that an oil stove near a drapery ignited the blaze.

Yet another military funeral for one of our war heroes, Cpl. William P. Nelligan, who resided on Belcher St. at the time of his enlistment, will be held this week. Nelligan was a plumber and a member of the Knights of Columbus.

He died in combat just two days before the Armistice was signed.

The honorable William Jennings Bryan, one of our foremost characters in American politics, will be the guest speaker at the Winthrop Woman’s Club when he addresses them in the Winthrop Theatre Friday. The event is open to the public and tickets are 50 cents. Proceeds will benefit the Winthrop Scholarship Fund.

110 years ago October 28, 1911

An editorial in the Winthrop Sun asserts that the great curse of the American people is that we spend more than our incomes allow, and thus we never save for the proverbial rainy day. As a result, the charitable beds in our hospitals are filled to overflowing and the finances of our fraternal organizations are strained.

About 100 people met for dinner in the vestry of the Unitarian Church for the Good Christian Alliance.

120 years ago Oct. 20, 1901

Many local officials joined with Revere officials to take a tour of the Suburban Gas and Electric Co.’s new power-generating plant that opened this week. The plant is located on the tract of land near the Boston and Maine Railroad and goes back as far as the Chelsea River near the Metropolitan Parkway. The plant is powered by General Electric generators that will assure a steady stream of power for Revere and Winthrop.

Local builder Mr. Nelson Hayden is constructing an addition to the home of Mr. Charles Welsh, 18 Locust St. The addition, measuring 18 x 20, will serve as a library room.

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Winthrop Senior Center News

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Website: town.winthrop.ma.us/council-aging Email: COARception@town.winthrop.ma.us Phone: 617-846-8538

As a reminder, face-masks are required while in the Senior Center and on the Senior Van.

Thursday, October 21

9:30-10:30am: Exercise
10am-2pm: Computer Usage
11am: Grab and Go Lunch
12:15-2:30pm: Bingo

Friday, October 22

10am-12pm: Ceramics
10-11am: Line Dancing
10am-12pm: Computer Usage
11am: Grab and Go Lunch

Monday, October 25

10am: Caregiver Support Group
10am-2pm: Computer Usage
11am: Grab and Go Lunch
12:30pm: Art Class with Dawn

Tuesday, October 26

9:30-10:30am: Exercise
10am-2pm: Computer Usage
11am: Grab and Go Lunch
1:30-2:30pm: Chorus

Wednesday, October 27

9:30am: Yoga with Kathleen
10am-2pm: Computer Usage
11am: Grab and Go Lunch
1:15-2:45pm: Italian Class

All participants are required to have an updated Emergency Contact Form on file with the office before participating in any activities. Emergency Contact Forms are available at the front desk, and on our website.

We are unable to offer any snacks or drinks at this

time. Participants should bring their own bottled water, coffee, or tea. Shared food is not allowed, please bring individual snacks only.

Grab and Go Lunches will be available for pick up Monday – Friday at 11am. To reserve a lunch, please stop by the front desk or call the Senior Center at 617-846-8538 by 11am the day before (for Monday lunch, reservations must be made by 11am on Friday). Menus are available on our website and in our monthly newsletter.

Meals on Wheels also continues to operate. To sign up, contact Mystic Valley Elder Services at 781-324-7705.

Van Transportation. The Senior Van will run Tuesday – Thursday between 9am and 3pm (return trips must be completed by 3pm). Reservations must be made at least 2 weekdays in advance of your trip. Reser-

vations are on a first come, first served basis. Medical rides will be prioritized. A full list of our destinations and pricing is available on our website and at the Senior Center.

The Caregiver Support Group. Being a caregiver can be fulfilling, exhausting and everything in between. Gain comfort and support from others who are doing the same work. Open to all caregivers, this group meets on the second Wednesday and fourth Monday of each month. To join, please contact Jessica Phelan, Caregiver Support Coordinator at 781-388-2319.

Blood Pressures: Nurses from the Medical Reserve Corps will be at the Senior Center offering blood pressure readings on the first and third Monday of each month from 11am to 12pm. No appointment needed.

Tap Dancing with Tracy at the Methodist Church.

Mondays at 10:30am. Cost: \$5/per class. All levels welcome. For more information contact Gail Paris at 617-763-7311.

CAPIC Fuel Assistance. Applications for the FY22 Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program are now available. Due to COVID, CAPIC’s office is closed to the public. Applications can be submitted online or over the phone/by mail. For more information, go to www.capicinc.org or call CAPIC at 617-884-6130.

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

Exercise with Ernie Sarro: WCAT will present Exercise with Ernie

Sarro Monday – Friday at 10:30am on Channel 3.

Subscribe to the Senior Center’s monthly newsletter. Go to www.town.winthrop.ma.us/subscribe, enter your email address and select “Senior Center Newsletter” from the options.

Upcoming Trips

Sign up at the Senior Center. Payment can be made in cash or check; please make checks payable to “Friends of WCOA”.

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.

Jim Letterie announces candidacy for Council President

Special to the Transcript

James Letterie is seeking the office of Town Council President. The following is his statement:

“I would like to formally announce my candidacy for Council President for the Town of Winthrop. Please trust in me to utilize my 16 years of experience on the Council, to take action, and lead Winthrop forward out of stagnation. My experiences on the Council including Chairman of the Finance Committee, Co-Chair of Miller Field Committee, member of School Building Committee, Chairman of the Finance Commission, 4-time former Vice President, as well as a member of the Charter Commission have instilled in me the ability to be a productive leader. The Council President role is twofold, one part being the head of the Council, and CEO of the town, while just as important to me, is a seat on the School Committee. I believe my skill set along with over 16 years of experience on the finance committee and commission allows me to be ready to take an active role. and make positive impacts for our children’s futures.

The fact that we had the ability to begin a search for a new Town Manager for the past 3 months and have yet to begin a search is inexcusable. This search needs to begin with the Council President creating a search committee and

beginning the process. A process which historically takes 6-8 months to complete. A process, that until it is complete we are unable to hire a Chief Financial Officer, a Treasurer, or a Fire Chief, all of which are interims now.

As Council President I will make decisions based on what is best for all residents. It won’t always be the easy or the popular decision, but it will always be a financially prudent decision. It will be a decision made in a timely manner, and it will be a decision based on extensive research.

We have many issues that have been discussed, studied, and discussed again without any movement. The big three examples would be, a Public Safety Building, the Gorman Fort Banks access road, and the Middle School. I will come to resolution on all of these. It is easy to talk about what we are going to do, but it doesn’t mean anything until we take action and make it happen, or come to a resolution that it will not. The Council President is, by definition the CEO of the town. If one looks up the definition of CEO it states that person is “ultimately responsible for making managerial decisions.” I will do the job that should have been done.

I am supported in my candidacy by my wife Dawn, a Winthrop School Teacher for over 35 years, I am a parent of two amazing



Jim Letterie.

young adults, Jake (23) and Jenna (21), a homeowner, and a small business owner in Winthrop. I have a good understanding of our resident’s frustrations and struggles. I am uniquely qualified to be your Town Council President – I have the energy, experience, and willingness to not only hear, but listen to all sides of every issue and then take decisive action forward. I want to work with my fellow Councilors, our incredible town employees and most importantly our residents – young and old, new residents and townies – we can do it together

Experience, in and of itself, just means someone has done something for a long period of time, but proven leadership, knowledge, financial skills, ability to listen, AND experience, I believe, makes me the right choice for Winthrop. We need someone who can make responsible decisions that will move Winthrop forward, while preserving the character, values, and culture of our town. Together we can work to make positive impacts in insure a better future for us all. I humbly ask for your vote on November 2, 2021.”

Council President Phil Boncore seeks re-election

Special to the Transcript

Stating that he wants to continue providing leadership to the Town of Winthrop for the next two years, Town Council President Phil Boncore has officially announced his candidacy for re-election on Tuesday, November 2. The following is his statement.

“Two years ago, I ran for Town Council President because I knew that we needed strong leadership to activate many projects that had laid dormant for years. However, in March 2020, our world was turned upside down and we had to face unprecedented challenges.

As Town Council President, I led the immediate response to the COVID-19 pandemic with an all-hands-on-deck approach engaging all Town Departments in a collaborative effort for the health and safety of our community.

We established an Emergency Operations Center that was staffed 24 hours a day / 7 days a week with police, fire, public health, and school officials. We immediately set up a critically-needed testing site and a food bank providing meals and household supplies to families. We acquired vaccinations for the elderly, first responders, teachers, and other vulnerable residents. Once the situation improved a little, we supported our restaurants in town with swift approval of outdoor dining.

While we battled COVID-19, we began the

Center Infrastructure Project, which is now nearing completion. Water system pipes were de-leaded for public health and safety, and several roads were repaired. We renovated the tennis courts, parking spaces and sidewalks near the high school, and we began construction on the much-needed dog park off Veterans Road. In addition, we advanced the Middle School site by rezoning it for attractive development.

I have always believed in the equality of all people in our community. I am very proud that we established the Commission for Diversity, Inclusion and Community Relations to advocate for human and civil rights in our town. We held the first-ever LGBTQIA event to demonstrate tolerance and acceptance in Winthrop. When a violent hate crime was committed earlier this year, we were prepared to respond with trauma services for our residents and a community vigil to state that hate has no place here.

For the past two years, I have worked with school leaders to keep our students safe. A free lunch program was established for all students who needed it. Additional educational funding was secured from state government. Adequate compensation was secured for our well-deserving teachers.

Leadership is setting a course of action, and then having the ability to course correct when unforeseen or unexpected events happen.



Town Council President Phil Boncore.

Even through a once-in-a-lifetime pandemic, I have been able to accomplish much for our town with the help of dedicated town employees.

There is still much to accomplish in our community. I want to extend the improvement of the Center to other corners of the town such as Crest Avenue, Magee’s Corner and Shirley Street. We need to plan to protect our natural resources and future growth with climate resilience in mind. We must fight for full funding of education for our students so that they can fulfill their potential.

Two years ago, I asked for your trust and your vote to lead the town that I grew up in, and where I raised a family. I want to see a better future for them and everyone else in Winthrop. As an experienced attorney, I know how to fight for what is right. As a leader of local, state and national organizations, I know how to overcome obstruction, and get things done.

I have the desire and the passion to make Winthrop a desirable place to live for everyone. I humbly ask for your vote on November 2nd to keep me as your Town Council President.”

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Over the weekend state senate candidate Anthony D’Ambrosio was joined by a big group of supporters to hold signs and drum up some support for the upcoming special election on Dec. 14.

ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL

Pascar to run for Precinct 3 Council seat

Special to the Transcript

Amy Pascar has announced her intention to run for Town Council Precinct 3. The following is her statement.

“My name is Amy Pascar And I am running for Winthrop Town Council Precinct 3. I was born and raised in here, and very proud to say I am from Winthrop.

I have always lived in the



Amy Pascar, candidate for Town Council Precinct 3.

Beach area, and through the years noticed how the precinct has declined the aes-

thetics of the area.

We have a serious drug problem here. There are syringes all over The Lewis Lake Park playground. Did you know that 84 people have died from overdoses in Winthrop from 2019 to 2020. Because of this, the crime rate has risen.

Also I would like to know why are the sidewalks that were recently fixed within the last couple of years are crumbling?

These are just a couple of things on my agenda. There are other topics that I have concerns about.

Thank You for giving me this opportunity to express my feelings and some of the concerns to help improve this precinct and town I hope I can count on your vote so I can further work on keeping Winthrop a safe and beautiful place to live.

Sincerely
Amy Pascar”

BELCHER CAMPAIGNING



Hannah Belcher, candidate for Town Council Precinct 3, was out about town last week campaigning and preparing for the final two weeks before the Nov. 2 election.

Marie Matarazzo to run for Library Trustee

Special to the Transcript

Marie Matarazzo has announced her intent to run for Library Trustee. The following is her statement.

“My name is Marie Matarazzo, I am a lifelong resident of the Town of Winthrop. By profession, I am a licensed practical nurse.

My late brother Jim was a former library trustee for many byears at the Winthrop Public Library. He also taught at Simmons University for almost 50 years. He was a leader in the field of special libraries.

In keeping the legacy of my brother Jim alive, his dedication to the field of library and information science, my love for books



Marite Matarazzo, candidate for Library Trustee.

are evolving, quietly transforming lives and strengthening communities.

S.R. Ranganathan, known as the Father of Library Science and Information Science, said, “Library is the heart of the educational institutions. A well functioning heart keeps the body healthy and lively. Efficient library creates healthy educational atmosphere.

Here in Winthrop, we have our own Winthrop Public Library and Museum, on which board I would like to serve.

I have a passion. I want to make a difference in the world I live in.”

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Luke and Scarlett Heinonen lend a helping hand to their mother, Celeste Heinonen, candidate for Winthrop School Committee.

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MassDOT announces launch of new local bottleneck reduction program


Staff Report

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) is announcing the launch of the new Local Bottleneck Reduction Program. Through the passage of the 2021 Transportation Bond Bill, the Baker-Polito Administration authorized establishment of a program that provides support to municipalities in their local congestion reduction efforts. The program will fund innovative solutions to address local congestion bottlenecks at intersections to improve traffic flow. Applications will be accepted until November 15, 2021.

The Local Bottleneck Reduction Program will

target individual signalized intersections or small corridors with multiple signalized intersections that contribute to travel delays. During Fiscal Year 2022, the program funding will be used to address operational delays that are created from poor traffic signal timing, outdated equipment, or the lack of adequate vehicle detection to promote efficient movement of traffic for all approaches. In future program years, eligible bottleneck reduction strategies will be expanded to include larger efforts, such as intersection reconstruction. Typical eligible project

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LEGAL NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE



Legal Notice #027-2021 Notice is hereby given in accordance with Chapter 40A of the Massachusetts General Laws and Chapter 17 of the Code of the Town of Winthrop that the Winthrop Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on Thursday, October 28, 2021, at or after 7:00 p.m. via Zoom.com, upon the application of Daniel Vannoni, Michael & Elizabeth Gahan, owner of the property located at, 125 Pleasant Street, Winthrop, MA 02152. The applicant seeks a permit to convert the current preexisting non-conforming 2 family structure to a 3-unit residential building. The permit was denied in accordance with the Town of Winthrop Zoning By-Laws Chapter 17.12.130 three family dwellings are not permitted in the RA district.

1. A variance pursuant to Section 17.52.030 (use variance) for relief from the provisions of 17.12.130, Table of Uses

to establish a three-family use in the RA zone which does not allow for dwelling units exceeding two units.

2. A variance pursuant to Section 17.20.060 Table of Required Off-Street Parking, determining two parking spaces per dwelling unit.

The public is invited to attend, and interest parties shall have an opportunity to be heard.

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Darren Baird, Chairman

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structure with respect to minimum front, rear and side setbacks (Dimensional Regulations section 17.16.020 J. 1 and for use regulations 17.12.130 and parking relief 17.20.060. The public is invited to attend, and interest parties shall have an opportunity to be heard.

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squared off. The current building is a pre-existing nonconforming structure as it violates a number of the required dimensional regulations set out in the ordinance.

The permit was denied in accordance with the Town of Winthrop Zoning By-Laws Chapter 17.28.030 The public is invited to attend, and interest parties shall have an opportunity to be heard.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT Suffolk Probate And Family Court 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 (617)788-8300 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL APPOINTMENT OF SUCCESSOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE Docket No. SU09P1810EA Estate of: Ruth Lois D'Aveta Date of Death: 06/17/2009

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10/21/21 W

Hearing on Tuesday, November 9, 2021 at on/about 7:00 PM In the Harvey Hearing Room and VIA Zoom That the Town appropriates the sum of SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$750,000) to pay costs of replacing lead water service lines, including all costs incidental and related thereto; that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Town Manager, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to M.G.L. c.44, §7(1), or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town thereof; that the Treasurer, with the approval of the Town Manager, is authorized to borrow all or a portion of such amount from the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (the "Authority") and in connection therewith to enter into a loan agreement and/or financial assistance agreement with the Authority and otherwise to contract with the Authority with respect to such loan and for any grants or aid available for the project or for the financing thereof; provided that the amount of the authorized borrowing for the project shall be reduced by the amount of any such grants or aid received; that the Town Manager is authorized to accept and expend any grants or aid available for the project or for the financing thereof, provided that the amount of the authorized borrowing for the project shall be reduced by the amount of any such grants or aid received; that the Town Manager is authorized to take any other action necessary to carry out this project; and that any premium received upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this order, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this order in accordance with M.G.L. c.44, §20, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount. Denise Quist Town Clerk/Council Clerk

M.G.L. c.44, §7(7), or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town thereof; that the Treasurer, with the approval of the Town Manager, is authorized to borrow all or a portion of such amount from the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (the "Authority") and in connection therewith to enter into a loan agreement and/or financial assistance agreement with the Authority and otherwise to contract with the Authority with respect to such loan and for any grants or aid available for the project or for the financing thereof; provided that the amount of the authorized borrowing for the project shall be reduced by the amount of any such grants or aid received; that the Town Manager is authorized to accept and expend any grants or aid available for the project or for the financing thereof, provided that the amount of the authorized borrowing for the project shall be reduced by the amount of any such grants or aid received; that the Town Manager is authorized to take any other action necessary to carry out this project; and that any premium received upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this order, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this order in accordance with M.G.L. c.44, §20, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount. Denise Quist Town Clerk/Council Clerk

10/21/21 W

LEGAL NOTICE TOWN COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING DATE 11-9-21 Notice is hereby given in accordance with Section 2.9 (c) of the Code of the Town of Winthrop that the Winthrop Town Council will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday November 9, 2021 at on or after 7:00 p.m. in the Harvey Hearing Room and Via Zoom on the Town Council adopting a new FEE SCHEDULE for the Department of the DPW All Information pertaining to this hearing can be requested by calling 617-846-1742 x1035 or visiting the Town Hall Room 5 Town Clerks Office

LEGAL NOTICE PUBLIC HEARING DATE OF NOVEMBER 9, 2021 Notice is hereby given in accordance with Section 2.9 (c) of the Code of the Town of Winthrop that the Winthrop Town Council will conduct a Public Hearing on Tuesday, November 9, 2021 at on/about 7:00 PM In the Harvey Hearing Room and VIA Zoom That the Town appropriates the sum of TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$250,000) to pay costs of a sewer system infiltration and inflow assessment study, including engineering services and surveys and all other costs incidental and related thereto; that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Town Manager, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to



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Baker-Polito Administration declares October ‘Massachusetts Cranberry Month’

Continuing the Commonwealth’s support of cranberry farmers and encouraging Massachusetts residents to purchase locally produced cranberry products, Governor Charlie Baker today declared October as “Massachusetts Cranberry Month.” Massachusetts is the oldest cranberry growing region in the country. There are approximately 13,000 acres of commercial cranberry bogs in the state, primarily in Plymouth, Bristol, and Barnstable counties. In 2020, the total value of utilized Massachusetts cranberry production was ap-

proximately \$64.9 million. Cranberries represent the top commercial crop grown in the Commonwealth, producing nearly 23% of the nation’s cranberry supply. “Recognizing the cranberry as an important crop to the Commonwealth’s history and economy, the Baker-Polito Administration is once again proud to build on our longstanding support of the cranberry growing industry and ensure that the official state berry of Massachusetts continues to thrive for generations to come,” said Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Kathleen Theoharides. “Aside from it being a delicious and quint-

essential New England staple, the production of cranberries provides enormous environmental benefits to the Commonwealth and our local growers are true stewards of their land, incorporating the latest in technology and equipment to harvest their fruit in ways that conserves water and protects natural resources.” In August 2020, the Baker-Administration announced \$7.75 million in funding to support infrastructure upgrades, including the design, construction, retrofitting and outfitting of enhanced laboratory space, at the UMass Cranberry Station located in Wareham. The funding will be used by the Cranberry Station to modernize and expand its research facilities, improve the environmental profile of the facility, and provide the tools needed to support vigorous research programs in cranberry water, pest, and nutrient management. The Station is a vital outreach and research center charged with the mission of maintaining and enhancing the economic viability of the Massachusetts cranberry industry. While construction for this renovation project is already underway, plans for an official groundbreaking ceremony are planned for later in the month. The Massachusetts’ cranberry industry, through crop production, processing and manufacturing, is a major sector of the state’s agriculture economy. Additionally, increasing the efficiency of water use in cranberry production is key to conserving water, while minimizing off-target movement of nutrients and pesticides, which will help to preserve water quality and ensuring the sustainability of cranberry production in the Common-

wealth. “Whether served alongside a Thanksgiving Day dinner, in dried form on top of a salad or consumed in a glass as a beverage, the cranberry is a versatile fruit that has been enjoyed for generations here in Massachusetts and across the country,” said MDAR Commissioner John Lebeaux. “Taking place from late September to early November, the cranberry harvest season coincides with the fall foliage season, providing a double dose of visual splendor and making October the perfect month to celebrate.” “Although our growers are nurturing the native perennial cranberry vines the whole year through, we once again are honored that the Commonwealth has recognized our industry in its most identifiable harvest month, October,” said Brian Wick, Executive Director of the Cape Cod Cranberry Growers’ Association, serving growers from all of Massachusetts. “With record rains this past summer, this year’s cranberry crop faces the opposite challenge from last year when there was a drought. Still, the industry has seen strong domestic sales of cranberry products this past year as a result of consumer interest for healthy, immune-boosting products which cranberries naturally deliver.” Following recommendations from the Administration’s COVID-19 Command Center’s Food Security Task Force, which promotes ongoing efforts to ensure that individuals and families throughout the Commonwealth have access to healthy, local food, the Administration in June 2020 launched a new \$36 million Food Security Infrastructure Grant Program to address urgent food insecurity for Massachusetts residents as a result of the

COVID-19 pandemic. Since January 2021, through six funding rounds, the Administration awarded over \$35.5 million to support over 360 projects to increase food security in the Commonwealth, including four awards to Massachusetts cranberry growers. The administration recently announced a second round of the program, funded at \$15 million for FY22. The program is currently accepting applications through October 31, 2021. “I am very grateful for Baker-Polito Administration’s continued support of cranberry growers and the cranberry production industry,” said Senator Michael J. Rodrigues (D-Westport), Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means. “Their longstanding championing of vital programs such as the UMass Cranberry Station and the agricultural cranberry enhancement grants to support growers revitalize cranberry bogs have helped keep this unique industry - critical to Southeastern Massachusetts - thriving and on the cutting edge of agricultural technology.” “Here in the Commonwealth, and especially in the Southeast region, the cranberry is the backbone of our regional agricultural sector,” Dean of the Massachusetts Senate Marc R. Pacheco (D-Taunton). “With over 13,000 acres of commercial cranberry bogs in Massachusetts - primarily throughout Plymouth, Bristol, and Barnstable counties - I am very pleased that we are taking the time to recognize our statewide cranberry industry by officially declaring October ‘Massachusetts Cranberry Month’. Many thanks to all the growers, farmers, and agricultural workers who have helped make the cranberry synonymous with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.”

“The cranberry industry has been of vital importance to agriculture in the Commonwealth and especially here on the south coast,” said State Representative Susan Gifford (R-Wareham). “We are grateful to have an Administration that recognizes the important role cranberries play in our economy and the challenges that face our growers. I was honored to have served as a member of the Cranberry Revitalization Task Force.” “Cranberries and cranberry growers have been an important part of our regional history and economy for more than 200 years, and with continuing state support, Massachusetts bogs should continue to serve as one of the top producing regions in the world,” said State Representative Bill Straus (D-Mattapoisett), Co-Chair of the Cranberry Station Board of Oversight. In October 2019, the Administration announced \$991,837 to 21 cranberry growers for bog renovation projects MDAR’s Massachusetts Cranberry Bog Renovation Enhancement Grant Program to help renovate existing cranberry bogs, providing higher yields and more efficient methods of cranberry production for participating growers. Furthermore, in June 2017, the Massachusetts Cranberry Revitalization Task Force released its final report with recommendations to preserve and strengthen Massachusetts’ cranberry industry. The Task Force, composed of 18 government officials and stakeholders within the cranberry industry, was created by the Legislature in July 2015 to examine the status of the industry and the complex challenges ahead, and to develop a multi-pronged action plan geared toward stabilizing and revitalizing the cranberry industry.

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\$200,000. Project locations are proposed by municipalities and considered by MassDOT for funding through a competitive application process. A single application may propose improvements at multiple intersections in the same corridor. Only signalized intersections owned and operated entirely by a municipality may be considered. Selection is based primarily on congestion and delay metrics. Additional evaluation criteria include:

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- Whether the project is located within one mile of a school
- Whether the project is located on a fixed transit route

Applications are now being accepted online through MassDOT’s Massachusetts Project Intake Tool (MaPIT). The deadline for application submission is November 15, 2021. Every

municipality in the Commonwealth is eligible for this program. Only municipal officials may submit applications. Applications that are selected after an initial screening will be followed by a site visit to confirm the work to be conducted. If advanced to implementation, MassDOT will oversee the work. For more details on how to apply, visit: www.mass.gov/info-details/how-to-apply-to-the-local-bottleneck-reduction-program. The Local Bottleneck Reduction Program was authorized in the 2021 Transportation Bond Bill for \$50 million over five years. Through MassDOT’s Capital Investment Plan, \$2.5 million has been allocated for this program in Fiscal Year 2022. To learn more about the Local Bottleneck Reduction Program, visit: www.mass.gov/local-bottleneck-reduction-program. To learn more about other MassDOT grant programs, visit: <https://geodot-local-massdot.hub.arcgis.com/pages/grants>

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