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PHOTOS BY MARIANNE SALZA

Former Speaker of the House Bob DeLeo, Rose Mazzuchelli, Veterans Agent, Richard Honan, Vietnam Veteran, Stephen White, American Legion Commander, and David Kennedy, retired US Coast Guard took part in the Veterans Day ceremonies on Nov. 11. See more photos on Page 3.



Al Bell, American Legion Post 146, saluting the flag during recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.



The Winthrop Police Department saluting the flag during the National Anthem.

Council talks public safety building, COVID

By Laura Plummer

The Winthrop Town Council met on Nov. 9, where it discussed the new COVID numbers and the public safety building.

Council Pres. Phil Boncore opened the meeting with a moment of silence for the passing of Christopher Zike, a prominent Winthrop community member who was killed by a drunk driver on Oct. 29.

Zike was passionate about trees, and was a newly-appointed member of the town's Tree Committee. Frank Costantino read from a prepared statement, where he acknowledged Zike's many contributions to the town, recalling his "quiet reserve and steady presence."

"His memory will not soon fade," he said.

COVID

Winthrop reported 63 new positive COVID tests, bringing the town's percent positive to 3 percent.

The Dept. of Health delivered 500 vaccines in the month preceding the meeting, which included 210 high school students.

Children ages five to 11 are now eligible for a vaccine. A successful pediatric vaccine clinic was held at the Senior Center, and another might be programmed.

Public Safety Building

Council President-Elect James Letterie announced that he has concerns regarding both of the proposed sites for the new public safety building that were laid out at the Fall Forum. He asked for a detailed list of all the sites considered, as well as the approximate square footage needed to accommodate both the police and fire departments.

Councilor Rob DeMarco added that the public had also expressed opposition to the two sites during public comment at a past meeting.

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Supt. Howard congratulates student athletes

By Laura Plummer

The Winthrop School Committee met on Monday, Nov. 9, in the Harvey Hearing Room of Town Hall, where Supt. Lisa Howard recognized student athletes and announced a possible change to the district's CORI schedule.

Athletics

Supt. Lisa Howard congratulated the district's athletes for a successful fall season. Two-hundred and sixty students participated in fall athletics. The cheer-leading team placed fifth in a recent competition, qualifying for regionals. Boys soccer and football qualified for the state tournament. A number of athletes were named All-Stars in girls soccer, boys soccer, boys golf, volleyball, and

cross country. Football All-Stars will be announced on Nov. 29th.

CORI Checks

The Policy Subcommittee voted on a proposal that would decrease CORI checks from every year to every other year for employees with fingerprints on file. This would reduce administrative burden. The School Committee will vote on the proposal at its next meeting on Monday, Nov. 22.

CORI stands for Criminal Offender Record Information, and allows employers to know if their staff have criminal records. Volunteers will still receive CORI checks annually.

Public Safety

In the early morning

hours of Monday, Nov. 8, there was a smell of gas at the Cummings School. The fire department found an issue with the pipe in the stove. Gas was turned off and the school was aired out before allowing students inside.

Inclement weather kept students out of schools on Oct. 27. Severe winds downed several power lines that delivered electricity to schools. Supt. Howard emphasized that parents can always choose to keep students home from school during weather emergencies, and the students will not be penalized.

COVID

To date, there has been no in-school spread of

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Peg Bailey, long-time Winthrop High School team manager and official scorekeeper, congratulates Ron Spinney on his induction into the MBCA Hall of Fame. See more photos on Page 16.

Winthrop's Ron Spinney inducted into Mass. Basketball Coaches Hall of Fame

By Cary Shuman

Ron Spinney, who led Winthrop High School girls' basketball teams to 406 victories and numerous titles during his spectacular 29-year career as head coach, was inducted into the Massachusetts Basketball Coaches Association

Hall of Fame at a banquet Sunday at the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester.

Elizabeth Spinney had the honor of introducing her father before his induction.

"I feel so honored to be a part of this wonderful

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Leaf collection will take place on Nov. 20 and Dec. 18 beginning at 7am. Lawn bags must be used, and must contain only leaves, no branches.

WINTHROP VETERANS DAY PROGRAM

By Marianne Salza

The Town of Winthrop and The American Legion Post 146 held a Veterans Day Program on November 11 at City Hall in gratitude of the men and women who served the United States of America during time of war, as well as to recognize the Police and Fire Departments.

“One hundred and two years ago on this day, 11 A.M., what we know as World War I ended in silence. No cannons roaring; no machine guns ripping; no screaming men charging,” said Stephen White, American Legion Commander. “Each soldier, Marine, airman, and guardsman who answered the call should be remembered and celebrated for their valor and sacrifice for preserving our way of life.”

Principal Speaker, David Brewin, US Navy Vietnam veteran, explained what being a veteran meant to him. Brewin was a Quartermaster, and reached the rank of

Petty Officer Second Class. He loved being on the Pacific Ocean, sailing by Cape Canaveral in the night, and passing through the Panama Canal.

“I learned responsibility. My job was navigation,” Brewin said. “When you’re on watch at night in the middle of the ocean, you realize all those people who are sleeping are counting on you.”

Brewin remembered taking turns washing dishes and serving food; but he was never allowed to cook any of it. He also learned that cream of wheat and grits look surprisingly similar.

True leaders, according to Brewin, are those who put the welfare of the people ahead of their own, and know that their success is based upon the success of the people.

Daughters of the American Revolution Boston Tea Party Chapter member, Susan Gerow, presented a garden plaque and wreath to commemorate the 100th



The American Legion Post 146 Honor Guard’s TAPS presentation.

anniversary of The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier Memorial.

“This marker was inspired by the sacred duty of the American people to never forget all those who have served and sacrificed on behalf of America in times of war or armed conflict,” said Gerow. “Its message beckons visitors to pause -- and with a quiet soul -- open their hearts to allow these plantings to speak. Think about those immutable truths that define us as Americans, secured by their full measure of devotion.”

The American Legion Post 146 is mailing Christmas care packages around the world for the 19th year; and currently sends gifts to locations such as Egypt, Latvia, Poland, and Kuwait. Vietnam Veteran Richard Honan reminded listeners that packages can be sent to any man or woman serving overseas; not only Winthrop residents. For more information, contact The American Legion Post at (617) 846-2786, Richard Honan, or Rose Mazzuchelli, at (617) 846-0402.



The Daughters of the American Revolution Tea Party Chapter donated a memorial garden marker at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier Memorial to commemorate those who served on behalf of America.



Carol and Ben Gay, Mary Vitale, Brenda Connolly, and Judy Anderson, of Winthrop Emblem Club #15.



Winthrop Police Lt. Mary Crisafi and Officer Jenn Adamson with Winthrop Police Explorers.



Councilors Stephen Ruggiero and Peter Christopher.



Cousins, Kathryn Erozo Romero and Scarlett Fuller.



Representative Jeff Turco.



Rose Mazzuchelli, Town of Winthrop Veterans Agent.



Stephen White, American Legion Commander.



David Kennedy, retired US Coast Guard, bowing his head in prayer of thanks for those who have united against the “evils of aggression, intolerance, and greed”



Karen True, member of Daughters of the American Revolution, and Richard Honan, Vietnam veteran.



Town Council President Philip Boncore, US Army veteran.



Councilor Jim Letterie and Anthony D'Ambrosio, Democratic Candidate for State Senate.



Lydia Edwards, Democratic Candidate for State Senate.



David Brewin, US Navy Vietnam veteran.




Susan Gerow, Daughters of the American Revolution, Boston Tea Party Chapter.



Tina Marie Talvi performing “God Bless America.”



Daughters of the American Revolution, Boston Tea Party members, Peggy O'Connor and Susan Gerow, presenting a memorial wreath on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier Memorial.



Vacant Seat on Winthrop School Committee

Appointment of a School Committee Member is required until the next Town Election.

A Joint Public Meeting will be scheduled with the Town Council and School Committee to approve an appointee.

The person chosen to fill such vacancy shall serve in such office, until the next regular town election at which election the balance of the unexpired term, if any, shall be filled by the voters.

Anyone interested must submit a letter of interest and/or resume to the School Department and/or the Town Council by Friday, December 17, 2021.

Email to Patricia Hames at phames@winthrop.k12.ma.us or Denise Quist at dquist@town.winthrop.ma.us.

Please put in in subject line “School Committee Vacancy”.

Letter of interest and/or resume can also be dropped off to the Superintendent’s Office, Town Hall, One Metcalf Square, 2nd Floor or the Town Clerk’s Office, Town Hall, One Metcalf Square, 1st floor.

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OUR *Opinions*

PROGRESSIVES? NO --

THEY ARE REGRESSIVES

There are a lot of reasons why the Democrats and President Joe Biden have plummeted in the polls and then absorbed a huge defeat across the country in the recent election.

As often is the case in politics, the party in charge gets the blame even if they arise from circumstances beyond its control.

Almost all of the issues that have been troubling Americans in the past few months are no fault of Biden and the Democrats. The ongoing pandemic, supply-chain snafus, labor shortages, inflation worries, weather-related crises, and soaring energy prices all either were inherited by Biden or are the result of unforeseen circumstances.

The Biden administration could have done better with the withdrawal from Afghanistan, but that too, was a circumstance he inherited and that spiraled out of control.

However, there is one aspect of the Biden Presidency and the Democratic control of Congress that is within their control. And that is their ability to get things done.

On August 10, a bipartisan vote of the Senate approved the \$1 trillion infrastructure bill. However, the bill sat for months in the House because of the efforts of a willful group of Democratic House members who held it hostage to their demands for the \$3.5 trillion Build Back Better legislation.

We would note that we fully have supported every aspect of the Build Back Better Plan, including the Green New Deal which we endorsed from the outset when it first was introduced by Senator Ed Markey and Rep. Alexandria Ocasio Cortez in January of 2019.

In fact, we would support an even-larger bill in order to bring America into the 21st century.

However, the reality is that there are Democratic members of Congress who do not agree with all of the proposals in the Build Back Better Plan and who have been saying so for months.

Yet the so-called Progressives in the House refused to accept this reality. Democrats promised the voters that if they were put in charge, they'd get things done -- but the intransigence of the so-called Progressives served not only to undermine the Biden administration and Democrats in general, but also sank their own cause as well.

For all of their posturing and demand-making, they have nothing -- nada -- zero -- to show for their efforts.

As we have said many times in this column, politics is the art of compromise. Or, as Kenny Loggins put it, "You've got to know when to hold 'em, Know when to fold 'em."

The Progressives' hubris served as a gift to the Republicans.

Instead of Progressing the country forward, their political gamesmanship has undermined Americans' faith in the democratic process and Regressed us back to the era before 2020.

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Forum

LETTER to the Editor

Presently, Mothers Out Front, is focusing on “A Livable Future” by ensuring and working towards clean air, clean heat and healthy soil.

Our focus is to encourage members of our community to limit their use of fossil fuels that are causing greenhouse gases that destroy our environment. In addition, we are asking that we transition our homes to healthy, safe energy sources. Finally, we must restore the health of our soil and the plants growing in it. These

actions will hasten the drawdown of carbon, provide better nourishment for our families and strengthen our communities.

If you are interested in learning and working with our organization, please contact us at: info.ma.winthropmothersoutfront.org. Also, if you have any ideas about reducing Winthrop’s solid waste, please contact the Winthrop Zero Waste Committee.

We would like to acknowledge and thank the following sponsors: Wood-

side Ace Hardware, Friends of Belle Isle Marsh, Clean Water Action, For Kids Only After School Program, Winthrop Zero Waste Committee (town.winthrop.ma.us).

Also, Wendy Milar-Page, Solid Waste & Recycling Manager, who was instrumental in making the “Great Pumpkin Drop” happen.

Saving our planet helps to save our children’s future

Thank you,

Winthrop Mothers Out Front

GUEST OP-ED

I am more than my work

Erika and I, British accents and all, were thrilled to be back in the States. After 23 years in the Air Force, my mom retired from the military and we moved off base.

Thirty years later, I can still recall my mother trying to hide the stress in her eyes as we neared the end of each month. I can hear my 4th-grade teacher calling out the lunch-line lists as she lined us up each afternoon, hoping she’d call our names early. She’d first call the “A” tickets (full price), then the “B” tickets (reduced), and finally the “C” tickets (free). It was a win for my family when Erika and I could stand in the “A” line.

When we were old enough, Erika and I got part-time jobs to help pay the bills. We were honestly excited about helping our mom; she was less excited about it. She really didn't want us to have to work and is still critical of how much she worked back then. But I look back and see so many people that helped us -- and that’s what taught me the meaning of community.

Because of her demanding work schedule, my mother often had to read about my accomplishments in the local paper. Even in those days, I was moving a mile-a-minute:

cheerleading, basketball, record-breaking shot put performances (no big deal). We had surrogate parents who cheered us on when Mom couldn’t be there, and they did so much more for our family, keeping an eye on me and Erika and bringing home-cooked meals. One of my teachers in high school, Mrs. Deshambo, even took a day off from school to drive me nine hours for a scholarship interview. Our church, St. Anthony’s, embraced us and when Erika and I graduated, we received local scholarships from the congregation.

As African-American twins in a very small, white neighborhood, people noticed us. In that scenario, one might feel as though you’re always being watched – but the truth of the matter was that people were actually watching out for us. But when people donated to my family with notes signed, “your guardian angel,” it highlighted the similarities we shared with our neighbors. I still don’t know who those guardian angels were, but I hope I am making them proud.

As a young legal services attorney, I met so many people that reminded me of my mom. My clients

were hard-working individuals that often weren’t paid, were trafficked, and couldn’t navigate the system. I loved that job because it helped me be a guardian angel for others and I know, deep down, I was protecting other people’s moms.

I answered the call to public service because of the community that always showed up for me. You know my work as a City Councilor, and you know that I always show up for the people who need me. In the State Senate, I can build upon the grassroots advocacy that has defined me and together we can address real systemic change that will lift up families like mine.

This election matters. The people of this district deserve a State Senator who is experienced, will do the work, and has the record of getting things done. Election Day is December 14 and I humbly ask for your vote to become the State Senator for Revere, Winthrop, Boston and Cambridge.

Lydia Edwards is a Boston City Councilor and candidate for State Senate in the upcoming Special Election.

GUEST OP-ED

Coming Infrastructure Relief

ulation density means there are fewer train lines and digital services, but this is not always the case. Our District—as coastal and urban as any place in Massachusetts—faces some of the largest infrastructure challenges in the Commonwealth.

Let’s start with the T. As a daily user of the Blue Line, I understand the importance of regular and reliable T-service, including early-morning and late-night service. I support using part of the \$2.5 billion from the federal infrastructure bill to expand T accessibility and stop restrictions on T hours, as such restrictions disproportionately impact our District’s workers. Additional funds should be used to finance innovative technological solutions to solve long-standing transportation problems. To start, we must upgrade and spread awareness of the MBTA’s apps so that residents can access MBTA schedules, delays, and digital payment options on the fly from their phones. Additionally, MassDOT should work with municipalities to roll out “smart parking” tools that reduce traffic and allow drivers to receive real-time updates of parking

availabilities near their location.

More than \$5.5 billion has been set aside for upgrades to our roads, bridges, and airports. Since 2011, commute times in the Commonwealth have increased by 10.9%, and each driver pays an average of \$620 per year in costs due to driving on roads in need of repair (e.g., blown tires, damaged rims and windshields). We must fight to ensure that a significant chunk of the allocated funds goes toward improving the roads in our district to ease the congestion that disproportionately costs our residents time, money, and their health, due to vehicle emissions. Additionally, most of the \$244 million for airport infrastructure should be used to reduce the air and noise pollution emitted by Logan Airport. Our residents have suffered from broken windows and higher rates of respiratory illnesses for far too long.

Massachusetts can also expect to receive \$100 million for the purpose of expanding access to broadband Internet services. An estimated 11% of households in Massachusetts do not have an Internet subscription, but that percent-

age rises to 25% in some neighborhoods in our district. Now more than ever, Massachusetts residents need Internet service that not only connects them to a search engine, but also can support video communication. Reliable Internet service helps students connect to virtual classes, people find and apply for new jobs, healthcare professionals more easily treat their patients, and seniors maintain critical social ties amidst the country’s loneliness epidemic. We must make sure that our District is not overlooked, as it is clear there is great need here. Like many others, I want to make Massachusetts the first state in the United States to provide universal, affordable, and reliable broadband Internet to all residents. In order to do that, state officials must estimate the total cost associated with this policy and determine if the new federal funding will be enough to cover it. If not, additional state funds should be deployed.

Finally, our District is particularly vulnerable to infrastructure problems arising from climate change. While the Act

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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 931 – WINTHROP SHORE DRIVE 1890 - 1914



One of Winthrop’s great-est assets is our access to the ocean and the largest such area is, of course, along Winthrop Shore Drive. The large panoramic view picture taken in 1868 as six individual photographs, a copy of which is included in the second edition of our Mapping Winthrop Book, shows no development between Shirley Street and the ocean from the High-lands down to Water Tower Hill except for a very small Lifesaving Station on the shore about where Cutler Street intersects Shore Drive today. In 1875 Dr. Ingalls purchased the Northern area on Shirley Street that ran to the ocean from Forrest Street up to Hawthorn Avenue. The eight new streets laid out in this area were all given nautical names, Dolphin, Pearl, Wave Way, Sea Foam, Trident, Cor-al, Mermaid, and Neptune. The area was named Ocean Spray and it’s unique devel-opment will be the subject of a future article. Picture one, taken about 1895, looks down the coastal road, then named Crest Avenue, which ran from Beacon Street at the base of Cottage Hill North to Grovers Avenue and then around to Revere Street. Note the unpaved road surface, the wooden

railing along the beach and the wooden bridge in the foreground that passes over the Narrow Gauge Railroad Tracks which came up what is now Veterans Road. In the distance on Great Head one can see that the Water Tow-er, built in 1910, had not yet been constructed. On June 3, 1893, the Massachusetts Legislature established the Metropolitan Park Com-mission which acquired the land along the coast between Lynn and Swampscott in 1899 where they construct-ed what is now known as the Lynn Shore Drive and its adjoining seawall. By 1913 this commission had also ac-quired Winthrop Beach and the road beside it which, as was previously stated, had been named Crest Avenue. Picture two depicts the new sea wall made of granite blocks that were hauled into place by the small tempo-rary railroad shown in the picture. In the distance, to the right, one can see Gro-ver’s Cliff where Fort Heath was located from about 1895 to 1966. Picture three shows the seawall as it was being constructed. The sec-tion of Crest Avenue from Grover’s Avenue to Cottage Hill was renamed Winthrop Shore Drive, the name it bears today. As can be seen in picture four taken about

1912, the new road way had been carefully laid out with a stone barrier on its shore side upon which the original green Ball and Cap metal railing was mounted for the full length of the beach. This style of railing is officially called the “Century Met-ropolitan Ball Cap Rail”, a trademark of the Schiff Ar-chitectural Detail Company who now manufactures the components. This railing design was introduced in the Boston area by the not-ed landscape architect F.L. Olmstead who laid out the “Emerald Necklace of parks that he envisioned would someday encircle Boston. In the distance, on Cottage Hill, the water tower con-structed in 1910 can now be seen. Many of the seaside hotels have made their ap-pearance along Shore Drive and people in their finery are enjoying walking along the beach. Today, looking out to sea, one can observe the stone breakwaters called the five sisters, three of which were constructed in 1933 and the final two in 1935. The first were called the three sisters after the three Bill girls who brought new blood into our peninsula by marrying young men from the Belcher, Floyd and Tewksbury families in the early 1800’s.



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 November 16, 2011

Two Winthrop men have been apprehended by Re-vere and Winthrop Police and are believed to be re-sponsible for the local ep-idemic of stolen manhole and storm drain covers. The pair, ages 33 and 38, were both arrested in the early morning hours of last Thurs-day and initially charged with one count of larceny of property over \$250. The crime phenomena began about a month ago when hundreds of storm drains and manhole covers began disappearing in Revere, Winthrop, Lynn, Everett, and many other communi-ties. Police and the various local departments of public works began cooperating in looking at several possible suspects. About two weeks ago, the investigation got really intense when it was revealed that nearly 90 pieces had been stolen in Revere alone, with a value of around \$22,500.

The Winthrop Fire De-partment’s brand new Seagrave fire engine has arrived. Seagrave Fire Ap-paratus of Wisconsin made the new Engine 2 pumper truck that made its debut in the town Wednesday. Fire Chief Paul Flanagan said the fire engine was made possible by a competitive grant of \$261,000 that the department was able to se-cure for the town. The pur-chase price for the engine was \$472,000 and the town will make the payments over a five-year lease/pur-chase agreement. After getting the go-ahead from Flanagan, Fire Captain Richard Swartz, the WFD grant writer, submitted the application for the Federal grant. Flanagan traveled to Washington D.C. and met with Senator Scott Brown and Congressman Edward Markey to discuss the im-portance of the new vehi-cle to the department. “We were one of the few de-partments in the country to get those grant funds,” said Flanagan. Flanagan expects the new engine to have a life of 18-20 years of ser-vice.

Town Manager James McKenna announced the hiring of Gerry Boyle to the newly created position of facilities manager for the town. McKenna said that 15 candidates applied for the position that has an an-nual salary of \$75,000. The screening committee con-sisted of John Macero, su-perintendent of schools, Steve Calla, DPW director, Joe Eade, representative of the town, Larry Powers, councilor-at-large, Mary Lou Osborne, chairper-son of the School Com-mittee, Paul Flanagan, fire chief, and Eileen Pearson, principal of the Gorman/ Fort Banks School. McK-enna also served on the committee. Boyle has 27 years of experience in the management of municipal facilities, including past experience with the cities of Cambridge and Somerville. Boyle’s position is part of the town manager’s consolidation plan for town departments and opera-tions.

The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 1, The Descendants, and Happy

Feet Two are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

20 years ago Nov. 21, 2001

The selectmen inter-viewed seven candidates for the three openings in the Police Department that were approved by the Prop. 2 and 1/2 override vote. The board appointed John Jones Jr., Margarita Perez, and Wayne Carter. The trio now must be approved by Civil Service and then go on to attend the Police Academy.

Winthrop native San-dra (Jersey) Madden, now living in Florida, has com-pleted her seventh romance novel, Comfort and Joy. Madden recalls writing a sixth-grade play as a stu-dent at the E.B. Newton School and a teacher told her she could be a writer.

The selectmen voted unanimously to approve a license for a new Dunkin’ Donuts at 230 Revere St., which has been the site of several restaurants in the past decades. The prop-erty is owned by long-time Winthrop resident Joseph Faretra.

Long-time residents who passed away this week are Rita Mullane, who worked for her late husband’s busi-ness, D.J. Mullane Paper Products Co., for many years and Raymond J. Ma-gee, who owned the Magee Music Company.

Spy Game, Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone, and Shallow Hal are play-ing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

30 years ago Nov. 20, 1991

The selectmen have urged Massport to low-er the current limits for soundproofing so that more homes in the Court Park section of the town will qualify for Massport’s soundproofing programs. Selectwoman Marie Turn-er said that eventually the entire town should qualify for soundproofing because of flyovers and the constant air traffic.

Firefighter John Rich has been promoted to lieutenant by the selectmen.

The owner of a local laundromat said she will not pay her water bill be-cause rusty water, caused by the flushing of water mains by the town, dam-aged her customers’ clothes when no notice was given to her by the town of the flushing. The town said if she does not pay her bills, the water will be shut off.

Long-time and popu-lar Winthrop Police Lieut. Herbert Brenner was feted at a testimonial dinner at the Winthrop Arms in recogni-tion of his 38 years of ser-vice to the department.

The Addams Fam-ily, Beauty and the Beast, and An American Tail 2 are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

40 years ago Nov. 25, 1981

The selectmen met with Police Chief David Rice to discuss department policies and allegations relating to matters including tardiness by officers, the failure to

appear for a court date by an officer in the East Bos-ton Dist. Ct., and officers’ absence from duty without leave.

The selectmen have or-dered Zoppo Construction Company to suspend its operations because of com-plaints from Revere St. res-idents that Zoppo’s trucks are creating a “dust storm” when transporting fill to the Seal Harbor condo con-struction site.

Winthrop Community Hospital Executive Direc-tor Gerard Nocton reports that construction of the hospital’s new wing is pro-gressing rapidly.

Residents are mourning the passing of long-time lo-cal optometrist Dr. Bernard Fritz.

Harrison Ford stars in Raiders of the Lost Ark at the Kincade Theatre.

50 years ago Nov. 24, 1971

The Boston Harbor Plan-ning Review Commission has announced a meeting to be held in East Boston to discuss proposals for a third harbor tunnel and a connector road from Win-throp to Route C-1A. How-ever, Eastie residents are opposed to both proposals.

The Massport Board of Directors this week, in a surprise move, has backed down to their oppo-sition to a proposal by Gov. Francis W. Sargent on the issue of reducing noise at Logan Airport and now will cooperate with the State Transportation Secretary to address the problem.

Gov. Francis W. Sargent was in town for the dedica-tion of the Melvin T. Carver public housing apartments on Golden Drive last week at which Winthrop Housing Authority Chairman Peter Ciccarella served as master of ceremonies.

The Winthrop Emblem Club Drill Team won first place in precision drill at the recent Emblem Nation-al Convention held in New Orleans.

Julie Christie and Omar Sharif star in Dr. Zhivago at the Winthrop Cinema.

60 years ago Nov. 23, 1961

The Board of Assessors held a special meeting to discuss the recent State Supreme Judicial Court de-cision which holds that all communities throughout the state must assess its real estate at its full and fair val-ue. George Frattaroli of the Winthrop Committee for Fair Assessments said the court’s decision affirmed his committee’s contention that the present method of valuation in Winthrop and other cities and towns is unfair.

Sidvin Frank Tucker has ended his 25 years as a li-brary trustee this week with the submission of his resig-nation.

Two planes collided at Logan Airport as they tax-ied on Logan’s runways. The incident has led many to call for more safety pre-cautions at Logan’s run-

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grants Massachusetts fund-ing for clean drinking water initiatives, cybersecurity, and even fighting wildfires, there is no mention of, or funding set aside for, coast-al flooding, erosion, and storm surge issues. The latter issues present great risks to the safety and liveli-hoods of our residents. We must make clear to state of-ficials that road and bridge improvements are less ef-fective when they do not in-

clude companion improve-ments to climate resilience infrastructure. Without strong sea walls, even the best built coastal road will face significant damage.

The federal infrastruc-ture bill is a real asset to Massachusetts as we re-cover from the Covid-19 pandemic and adapt to the 21st century world, but the cities in our District cannot be overlooked. My unique background in finance,

technology and education assures that I will have a functional understanding of these issues and best protect our District.

Join us in this effort.

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

OBITUARIES

Christopher Zike

Tragic victim of a drunk driver

Christopher (DeAngelo) Zike, 51, of Winthrop, passed away October 29.

Chris was born and grew up in Pennsylvania but lived for many years in the Boston area where he worked for the Museum of Science, Boston Children's Museum, and IKEA.

Tragically, the actions of a drunk driver took Chris far too soon from his family, friends and his adopted community of Winthrop.

Chris was known to say that he had become a hearty New Englander. He loved Winthrop. And he loved everyone he met. Chris saw the world as a good place and people as good people. He wanted to help everyone. He never looked for recognition or attention. Satisfaction for Chris was knowing he had helped somebody, made something better, or simply done the right thing.

Chris enjoyed archeology, classic motorcycles, parks and trees. Trees held a special place in Chris's heart. He thought they were a keystone to improving the environment. Planting native trees, removing invasive species and protecting



Winthrop's parks were important causes to Chris. He was an avid Star Trek and New York Giants fan.

Chris graduated from Pittston Area High School and Wilkes University. He studied archeology for many years and travelled to excavations in Peru's southern desert.

He is survived by his partner, Philip Deal of Brattleboro, Vermont, his mother, Patricia Zike of Duryea, Pennsylvania, his brother, James P. DeAngelo (Linda) of Wormleysburg and Eagles Mere, Pennsylvania, niece, Janelle Maxwell (Kyle) of Camp Hill, Pennsylvania and great nephew, Henry Maxwell of Camp Hill, Pennsylvania and many good friends.

Funeral arrangements were held privately at the convenience of the family. Arrangements were by the Bernard J. Piontek Funeral Home Inc., 204 Main Street, Duryea, Pennsylvania.

To leave the family an online condolence, please visit the funeral home website, www.piontekfuneralhome.com

A celebration of Chris's life will be held in Winthrop at a future date.

Interest in receiving notice of the celebration should be sent to jdeangelo2930@gmail.com.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Native Plant Trust, www.nativeplanttrust.org, in memory of Chris.

Michael Lynch, Jr.

Retired Master Plumber

Michael J. Lynch, Jr. of Winthrop passed away at home on November 12. He was 56 years old. Born in Boston, the beloved son of the late Josephine (Sannizzaro) and Michael J. Lynch, Sr., he was a resident of Winthrop for over 32 years and worked as a master plumber for many years until his retirement. He went on to work at Nick's Place in Winthrop for the past several years.

He was the devoted husband of Ann Marie (Finocchio) and the loving father of Chris Sinatra, Kate Zebic and her husband, Amar and Michael Lynch and his wife, Kaycee; the dear brother of Debby Burke of Hudson and Stephanie Sheehan of Braintree and the cherished grandfather of Gianni and Chloe.



The funeral was conducted from the Caggiano-O'Maley-Frazier Funeral Home on Monday, November 15 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.

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

Dina Dickinson

Strong advocate for her adopted home of Winthrop and union steward for the Hotel Workers Union

Dina G. Dickinson of Winthrop passed away on November 11. She was 80 years old.

Dina was a resident of Winthrop, the town she loved, for over 55 years. She worked in housekeeping at her second home, the Logan Airport Hilton, until her illness struck almost two years ago. Dina was a strong advocate for both her adopted home of Winthrop and her work where she was a union steward for the Hotel Workers Union fighting to improve working conditions and create equality for all.

Born in Colorno, Parma Italy, she was the beloved daughter of the late Angelo Bergometti and Adele (Bergonzi) Bergometti of Ravenna, Italy. Dina was a devoted wife, loving sister, mother and grandmother who will be fondly remembered and dearly missed.

Dina is survived by her ex-husband Robert Dickinson of Puerto Rico; her five children: Patrick Dickinson and his wife, Laurie of Geneva, IL, Katie Byrne and her husband, David of Nashua, NH, Cindy Hanley and her husband, Ted of Alexandria, VA, Paul Dickinson and his wife, Lola of Winthrop, Monica Roy and her husband, Mike of Lynnfield; her seven grand-



children: Gina Dickinson, Gregory Dickinson, Christopher Hanley, Matthew Hanley, Kayla Dickinson, Arianna Roy, and Jace Roy; her sister, Graziella Benati and her husband, Alberto of Castenaso Italy and their children, her nephew, Claudio and niece, Daniella. Dina is also survived by her extended family: the Dickinsons of Scituate and the Goodrow's of Burlington, VT all of whom she cherished and her many dear friends from Winthrop and work who were also very much family to her.

The funeral was conducted from the Caggiano-O'Maley-Frazier Funeral Home, Winthrop on Tuesday, November 16, 2021 followed by a funeral mass at St. John the Evangelist Church. Committal was private.

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



The orchestra playing at St. Anthony's Church during a previous Sounds of Christmas performance.

Sounds of Christmas concert returns to Revere

Staff Report

Music Director Robert Lehmann and The North Shore Philharmonic Orchestra will return to St. Anthony's Church on Sunday, December 5 at 4 p.m. for the Robert A. Marra Memorial "Sounds of Christmas" concert, resuming a tradition that began in 1976 but was cancelled last year due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Covid precautions will be enforced at the Concert: all patrons must present a vaccination card or proof of a negative Covid test taken no more than 72 hours prior to the concert. "We want everyone to feel safe, for themselves and for others. " Everyone, including the musicians, will wear masks during the concert.

The concert is principally sponsored by Global Partners LP, Bocchino Insurance Agency, RCN, Comcast, and Action Emergency Services. Admission to the "Sounds of Christmas" Concert is free in exchange for a generous donation of non-perishable food to benefit the Revere

Food Pantry.

"The concert has a long and proud relationship with our sponsors and the Revere Food Pantry," said Marra. "The Food Drive is a way that everyone can enlarge the sponsors' generosity. The need is great. Although the world is slowly getting back on track amid the pandemic, many people are still staggered by the economic hardship that has resulted from last year's drastic restrictions."

The Concert is named in honor of life long Revere resident, violinist Robert A. Marra Sr., a 40-year Revere High teacher, concertmaster of the NSPO, and one of the concert originators 45 years ago who died in 2002. The concert program will feature a variety of popular holiday favorites and feature soprano Jean Danton, who has performed many times with the NSPO.

"We're obviously happy to be back," said NSPO president Robert Marra Jr. "The Orchestra played its first live concert since March of 2020 this past Sunday and it was both a relief and a thrill for everyone."

Tips for readying your outdoor power equipment for winter storage

Staff Report

After your lawn gets its last cut before winter, it will be time to put away spring and summer outdoor power equipment, like lawn mowers, leaf blowers, and trimmers. What's next? Snow throwers, generators and other small engine equipment need to be readied for winter use. How and when you prepare your equipment for seasonal changes can save you time and money later, says the Outdoor Power Equipment Institute (OPEI).

With record-breaking sales of outdoor power equipment, homeowners are spending more time during the COVID-19 pandemic working or renovating their family yards. This means more people are using outdoor power equipment, and OPEI reminds everyone the importance of proper outdoor power equipment storage, maintenance and safe handling.

"During this very challenging pandemic, we've

learned our outdoor spaces are more important than ever," says Kris Kiser, President and CEO of OPEI and the TurfMutt Foundation, which encourages outdoor learning experiences, stewardship of our green spaces, and care for all living landscapes. "Our yards, parks and schoolyards are our safe space for connecting with friends and family, acting as outdoor classrooms and offices. Green space also contributes to the health and wellbeing of people, pets and wildlife, and having the right outdoor power equipment to take care of it is key. But preparation is everything -- understanding how to store equipment and get it serviced, how to operate it safely, and how to ready your space to use that equipment."

He adds, "Always follow your manufacturer's guidelines, and remember to keep kids and dogs away from operating equipment at all times."

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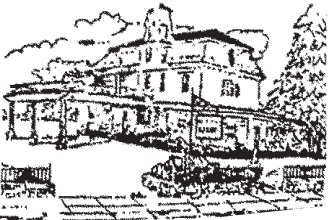
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Winthrop Senior Center News

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

Facemasks are required while in the Senior Center and on the Senior Van.

Thursday, Nov. 18

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

Friday, Nov. 19

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

Monday, Nov. 22

10am: Caregiver Support Group
10am-2pm: Computer Usage
10:30am: Tap Dancing with Tracy (at Methodist Church)
11am: Grab and Go Lunch
12:30pm: Art Class with Dawn

Tuesday, Nov. 23

9:30am: Exercise
10am-2pm: Computer Usage
10am: Bowling (at Winthrop Elks)

11am: Grab and Go Lunch
1:30pm: Chorus

Wednesday, Nov. 24

The Senior Center will be closing at noon
9:30am: Yoga with Kathleen
10am-2pm: Computer Usage
11am: Grab and Go Lunch

The Senior Center will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 25 and Friday, Nov. 26 in observance of Thanksgiving.

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 is available Monday – 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. A full list of our destinations and pricing is available on our website, at the Senior Center and in our newsletter.

Senior Center Holiday Pie Giveaway. Please call 617-846-8538 to request an apple pie. Pies can be picked up on Monday, Nov. 22 from 9:30am to 2:30pm. If you are unable to leave your home, let us know when you call. Limit one pie per household.

Medical Manicurist. Barbara Ullman, RN, a registered nurse and manicurist from Seen Your Feet will be at the Senior Center to do nail clipping on Thursday, December 2nd from 9:30am to 2:30pm. Cost: \$20 (cash only). Appointment required. To schedule, please call the Senior Center.

Legal Aid Group Q&A. Attorney Amy Gelineau Ofrias, of Gelnieu Kline will be conducting group Q&A sessions on elder law issues at the Senior Center on Wednesday, December 1st from 1-2pm. Questions must be submitted in advance by emailing Attorney Ofrias at amy@gelineaukline.com; please put “Winthrop Senior Center” in the subject. Questions can also be dropped off 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.

Zumba with Cindy will be starting up on December 1st. The class will meet weekly on Wednesdays from 11am to 12pm. Cost: \$5 (pay at front desk).

Spanish with Pete. Tuesdays from 10-11am beginning December 7th. To register, please call the Senior Center.

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.

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.

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Here are a few tips from OPEI to ensure your lawn mower and other spring equipment will be available for use when warmer temperatures return, and snow throwers and other winter equipment will be ready for use when the snow falls.

1. Review owner’s manuals. Re-familiarize yourself with how to handle equipment safely. Lost manuals can be found online. Save a copy on your computer if possible, so it can be consulted when needed. Be familiar with your equipment,

and all its features, including how to turn it off quickly and safely.

2. Service all equipment. Before storing spring and summer equipment, clean and service it or take it to a small engine repair shop. Drain and change engine oil and safely dispose the old oil. Service the air filter, and do other maintenance as directed by the owner’s manual. Check winter equipment and see if any maintenance and repairs are required.

3. Handle fuel proper-

ly. Unused fuel left in gas tanks over the winter can go stale and even damage equipment. Before storing equipment, add fuel stabilizer to the gas tank, then run the equipment to distribute it. Turn the engine off, allow the machine to cool, then restart and run until the gas tank is empty. For winter equipment, buy the recommended type of fuel no more than 30 days before use. Use fuel with no more than 10% ethanol in outdoor power equipment. Use a fuel stabilizer if rec-

ommended by the manufacturer. Get more information on safe fueling for outdoor power equipment at Look-BeforeYouPump.com.

4. Charge the battery. Remove and fully charge batteries before storing. Don’t store batteries on metal shelves or allow them to touch metal objects. Store them on a plastic or wood shelf in a climate-controlled structure.

5. Shelter equipment from winter weather. Store spring and summer equipment in a clean and dry

place such as a garage, barn or shed. Winter equipment should be kept away from the elements, but be easily available for use.

6. Prepare, prepare, prepare. Make space in the garage or basement before the weather changes, so there is room to store larger yard items. Clean up the yard of sticks, debris, dog and kid’s toys and other items that can damage or destroy equipment. Clear the paths used regularly in your yard, especially during the winter when snow can “hide”

things.

7. Have the right weather appropriate extension cord for your generator. Keep heavy duty weather proof extension cords on hand to use with it. Ensure the length of the cord is necessary to operate the generator a safe distance from the house or building. Never operate a generator indoors, in a garage, breezeway or under an open window.

The following article was submitted by Outdoor Power Equipment Institute (OPEI)

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guaranteed next day services.

This holiday, the Postal Service is reminding customers to shop and ship early. Our online store is open 24/7 at usps.com and boasts plenty of gift-giving ideas from T-shirts to framed prints, toys and tote bags.

The 2020 holiday season was a record-setting year for the Postal Service. Specifically, 13 billion letters, cards and packages were processed and delivered under some of the most difficult circumstances we’ve faced in the past century.

For the 2021 peak season — the period between Thanksgiving and New Year’s Day — the Postal Service will deliver more mail and packages to homes than any other shipper. It’s anticipated that between 850 million and 950 million packages will be delivered for the holidays. The total number of letters, cards and packages processed and delivered is estimated to be more than 12 billion.

The Postal Service will expand Sunday delivery, beginning Nov. 28, to locations with high package volumes. USPS already delivers packages on Sundays in most major cities and expects to deliver more than 9.7 million packages each Sunday throughout the holiday season. Mail carriers will also deliver packages for an additional fee on Christmas Day in select locations.

The Postal Service plans all year for the peak holiday season. This year’s preparations include leasing 7.5 million square feet of additional space across more than 40 annexes to handle the increase in the number

of packages being mailed. The Postal Service is also currently hiring for more than 40,000 seasonal positions to help process and deliver the mail.

Since April, the Postal Service has installed 97 of 112 new package sorting machines, reflecting the Postmaster General’s “Delivering for America” plan’s \$40 billion of planned investment over 10 years. Additionally, more than 50 machines that can sort large packages are expected to be up and running prior to December. The new machinery gives the Postal Service the capacity to process an additional 4.5 million packages each day.

NOLAN PARTICIPATES IN EMERSON STAGE PRODUCTION

Students participated in Emerson Stage’s production of This Girl Laughs, This Girl Cries, This Girl Does Nothing in conjunction with their 2021-2022 season. The show is written by Finegan Kruckemeyer and directed by Pascale Florestal.

Three young sisters are left in a forest by their woodcutter father and forced to find their own way in the world. From this fairytale beginning, three resolutions are made-one sister walks one way to find purpose, one the other to find adventure, and the third stays right where she is to create a home.

The production took place October 7-9 and 16 at the Robert J. Orchard Stage in the Paramount Center in Boston, MA.

Brenna Nolan of Win-

throp, Massachusetts, 02152 is majoring in Design/Technology and is a member of the Class of 2025.

Emerson Stage is the producing organization within the Emerson College Department of Performing Arts. The next generation of actors, designers, stage managers, technicians, administrators, and educators work alongside distinguished faculty, professional staff, and guest artists to bring skills learned in the classroom to vibrant life on stage.

About Emerson College Based in Boston, Massachusetts, opposite the historic Boston Common and in the heart of the city’s Theatre District, Emerson College educates individuals who will solve problems and change the world through engaged leadership in communication and the arts, a mission informed by liberal learning. The College has 3,780 undergraduates and 670 graduate students from across the United States and 50 countries. Supported by state-of-the-art facilities and a renowned faculty, students participate in more than 90 student organizations and performance groups. Emerson is known for its experiential learning programs in Los Angeles, the District of Columbia, the Netherlands, London, China, and the Czech Republic as well as its new Global Portals. The College has an active network of 51,000+ alumni who hold leadership positions in communication and the arts. For more information, visit emerson.edu.

BECOME A FOSTER OR ADOPTIVE PARENT FOR ADOPTION MONTH

The Home for Little Wanderers announced today that it has opened registration for a required education program for people interested in becoming adoptive or foster parents in recognition of Adoption Month. People interested in becoming foster or adoptive parents can apply to attend the free, 30-hour Massachusetts Approach to Partnerships in Parenting (MAPP) education program from 5:30-8:30 PM every Monday and Friday starting on January 10, 2022 and ending on February 10, 2022.

In Massachusetts, there are over 2,800 children in foster care with a goal of adoption and over 1,200

of these children have no identified adoption resource such as a relative or foster parent.

“The child welfare system is not designed to raise children. We are here for support and healing when they need us, but children deserve to grow up in a warm, loving home,” said Lesli Suggs, LICSW, President and CEO of The Home for Little Wanderers. “Children need to know that they have a permanent adult in their life to take care of them and to help them grow into well-rounded adults. Children who grow up without a permanent family and “age out” of the child welfare system are more likely to experience homelessness, substance abuse, and be involved in the criminal justice system. The love and support of a family can make all the dif-

ference.”

The Home’s adoption and foster programs provide all the necessary training, licensing, matching, and supportive services for families to adopt or foster. The Home encourages adoptive and foster parents from all races, ethnicities, sexual orientations, gender identities, socio-economic backgrounds and religions. Adoptive or foster parents can be couples or single individuals. Children come from a variety of backgrounds and many have experienced multiple types of maltreatment such as neglect or abuse.

To learn more about becoming an adoptive or foster parent, visit www.thehome.org/adoption or contact The Home at (617)-288-7450, adoptioninfo@thehome.org, or fostercareinfo@thehome.org.

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DEVIN RACOW GRADUATES FROM FIREFIGHTING ACADEMY

Special to the Transcript

Chief Scott Wiley is pleased to announce that FFOP Devin Racow has graduated from the Recruit Firefighter Program at the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy in Stow, Mass.

The Recruit Firefighter Program is a 10 week program where students receive classroom training in all basic firefighter skills. They learn first under non-fire conditions and then controlled fire conditions. To graduate, students must demonstrate proficiency in life safety, search and rescue, ladder operations, water supply, pump operations, and fire attack. Fire attack operations range



Shown left to right, Steve Racow (father), Rachel Cashman (girlfriend), Firefighter Devin Racow, Michael Racow (brother) WPD Sgt Ret. Judy Racow (mother).

from small fires to multiple floor or multiple room structural fires. Upon suc-

cessful completion of the Recruit Program all students have met the nation-

al standards of National Fire Protection Association 1001 and are certified



Richard Bangs (former Chairman of Mass. Fire Training Council), Judy Racow, and new Firefighter Devin Racow.

to the level of Firefighter I and Firefighter II, and Hazardous Materials First Responder Operational Level by the Massachusetts Fire

Training Council, which is accredited by the National Board of Fire Service Professional Qualifications.

Gurgone appointed as new CEO of MVES

Staff Report

The Board of Directors of Mystic Valley Elder Services (MVES) is pleased to announce the appointment of Lisa Gurgone as Chief Executive Officer effective January 3, 2022. Gurgone will be succeeding retiring CEO Dan O’Leary who has headed the agency for 35 years. She brings nearly 25 years of progressive experience in the industry, with expert knowledge of the elder home care system, services for people with disabilities and caregivers as well as a passion for advocating for underserved and vulnerable populations.

A seasoned public policy advocate, Gurgone was most recently the Executive Director at Mass Home Care, the lead advocacy organization for Area Agencies on Aging (AAA) and Aging Services Access Points (ASAP) in Massachusetts, which includes MVES. At Mass Home Care, she was responsible for overseeing



Lisa Gurgone.

the administration and strategic plan of the trade association representing the Commonwealth’s network of 28 ASAPs and AAAs. Gurgone served as the lead advocate in Massachusetts for legislative initiatives to strengthen and support the Massachusetts home and community-based care network serving older adults. She also partnered with the Executive Office of Elder Affairs and the Executive Office of Health and Human Services to craft and implement standards, policies, and contract requirements for the home and community-based care net-

work. “After a thorough search process, it was immediately clear that Lisa was the right fit,” said Janice Houghton, MVES’ Board of Directors President. “We’ve been aware of her work for years and we know she will lead us into a new era. Lisa possesses the qualifications and expertise to grow Mystic Valley Elder Services into an even greater, more successful organization to create a lasting impact in our communities. I’m confident that Lisa will carry on the long legacy of providing the highest level of service and support to Mystic Valley Elder Services’ consumers, staff, donors and volunteers. The Board of Directors and I are excited for the energy and vision she will bring to help the organization work towards meeting our mission.”

“I could not be more grateful to accept the position as CEO to this well-established and mission-driven agency that consists of an extremely talented team of professionals,” says Gurgone, MVES incoming CEO. “For more than 45 years, Mystic Valley Elder Services has led the way in designing and managing home and community-based services available to older adults throughout its 11 communities. I look forward to continuing its mission and expanding the organization’s role in developing and growing pro-

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grams and services for the older people and adults living with disabilities.” Prior to her position at Mass Home Care, Gurgone was Executive Director at the Home Care Aide Council where she directed and managed all operations and initiatives of the organization including events, educational programs, advocacy, policy formulation, and curriculum development. Gurgone currently serves as an appointee to the Health Policy Commission Advisory Council, Massachu-

setts Healthcare Collaborative, and the Massachusetts LGBT Aging Commission. Lisa also worked as a Legislative Aide within the Massachusetts Legislature, served as a Health Research Assistant for the Massachusetts Center for Health Information and Analysis, and was a Mediator and Internship Coordinator for the Office of Massachusetts Attorney General Scott Harshbarger. Gurgone completed her graduate studies at the University of Massachu-

setts Boston, earning both a graduate certificate in Women in Politics and Public Policy and a Master of Science in Public Affairs. She earned her Bachelor of Science in Human Services from Lesley University. Gurgone resides in Waltham with her husband and two teenage children. For more information on Mystic Valley Elder Services, please call 781-324-7705 or visit us at www.mves.org.

US Sen. Warren, Rep. Ayanna Pressley, local elected officials visit East Boston Social Centers

By John Lynds

This week President Joe Biden signed the \$1.2 trillion bipartisan infrastructure bill but Washington Democrats say it did not go far enough. Ahead of Biden signing the bill, Democrats like US Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley and Sen. Elizabeth Warren toured the East Boston Social Centers (EBSC) Jeffries Point daycare site and called for bold investments to address both the human and physical infrastructure needs of our country. “We have been clear from the onset that any vote on the narrow roads and bridges bill must happen in tandem with a vote on the Build Back Better Act that invests in our childcare economy, housing, paid leave, combating climate change, and more,” said Pressley. The so-called Build Back Better Act would invest substantially in childcare and early education as building blocks for health and success, especially for low-income children and families. With the Build Back Better stalled in the Senate, Pressley voted ‘no’ on the infrastructure bill. “We had an agreement that these two bills would move together—not that we

would vote for one in exchange for a potential vote on the other if certain conditions were met,” she said. “Unfortunately, that agreement was not honored. As such, I voted no on the narrow roads and bridges bill.” During their visit to the Social Centers, Pressley and Warren were joined by Rep. Adrian Madaro, and Councilors Lydia Edwards, Julia Mejia, and Michael Flaherty, and guests Strategies for Children and Neighborhood Villages. “Just like roads and bridges, child care is critical infrastructure,” said Warren after her Eastie visit. Rep. Madaro added, “I had the opportunity to join our federal partners Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley and U.S. Senator Elizabeth Warren for a tour of the East Boston Social Centers and a roundtable discussion on the importance of early education and care. Early education and childcare are indispensable to a healthy economy. They are also economic and racial justice issues. We’re ready to keep fighting to make sure every child in every family has access to high-quality programs.” With Massachusetts having some of the highest childcare costs in the nation Madaro said he worked with Rep. Ken Gordon, Sen. Ja-

son Lewis, Sen. Susan Moran and the Common Start Coalition to file legislation to deliver universal early education and childcare to all families in Massachusetts. “Our bill would significantly increase public investment in these critical resources to make them more affordable and accessible to all. It would also increase pay and benefits for educators to ensure they are able to enter and remain in the profession they chose,” he said. “I’m proud to work with leaders like Sen. Warren and Congresswoman Pressley who are fighting to make this a reality for our country at the federal level. I’m also proud to have a shining example of excellent early education and childcare for families in the East Boston Social Centers. We appreciate all you do.” Executive Director for Strategies for Children Amy O’Leary added, “Massachusetts is ready for historic federal investments. These new funds need to reach the field as soon as possible so we can build a stronger, more sustainable, more equitable early childhood system for all.” EBSC Executive Director Justin Pasquariello thanked the legislators for their leadership and advocacy that he said reinforced the critical importance of

increasing access to and affordability of early education and care while investing in teacher wages, high quality buildings, and teacher education and development. “It was a very special day,” said Pasquariello. “Other Social Centers staff took part in the visit and joined for an insightful roundtable conversation on the need for and impacts of quality early education and care, including Senator Warren for her leadership and her commitment to shining a light on how the groundbreaking Build Back Better bill makes a transformative investment in early education and care, to support both programs and families. We were thrilled to have had the opportunity to speak with Senator Warren and with state and municipal representatives, local advocates, program leaders, and teachers about the critical role that child care plays - and the urgency of solving the early educator wage crisis.” Pasquariello added that when the Build Back Better bill does pass, “We all need to work together, at all our different levels, to successfully put the dollars into action and build a childcare system that works for educators, families and children.”

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WHS SPORTS ROUNDUP

WHS BOYS SOCCER EDGED IN TOURNEY, 3-2

The Winthrop High boys soccer team reached the end of the line in their Journey to the Tourney last Wednesday in Holbrook with a hard-fought, 3-2 loss to Rockland in a Round-of-16 contest in the Division 4 state soccer tournament.

Both the Vikings, the 14th seed in D-4, and the Bulldogs, the #3 seed, had advanced to their Sweet 16 matchup thanks to opening-round victories. Winthrop blasted Bishop Connolly, 8-3, while Rockland topped Advanced Math, 4-0.

The Vikings drew first blood, thanks to a goal by the Vikings' leading scorer,

Gustav Hemmingsen, who scored on a penalty kick.

However, the Bulldogs responded with a trio of unanswered goals to take a 3-1 lead at the intermission.

Winthrop refused to give up and made things

interesting when Jeronim Jimenez reached the back of the Rockland net with a blast from 30 yards out to close the gap to 3-2. Esteban Alvarez earned the assist.

The Vikings battled furiously in an effort to notch the tying tally. Hemmingsen had some nice chances, but his deliveries either went wide or were saved by the Bulldog goalkeeper.

Carlos Dura almost notched the equalizer, but his shot hit the post late in the game.

"Although we didn't get the result we wanted, the coaching staff and I couldn't be any prouder of the fight they put in," said Gagin. "This was probably the best team that the WHS boys soccer program has ever seen. It was a fun year and I hope they enjoyed every moment of it."

Incidentally, Rockland advanced to the Final Four in D-4 with a 2-1 victory over sixth-seed West Bridgewater in the quarterfinals this past Saturday.



The Winthrop High School cheerleading team will be competing in the Massachusetts State Championships at Worcester State University. Front row, from left, are Isabella Rice, Kate Brodin, captain Emily Rodriguez, captain Annika Holgersen, and Rebecca Lindstedt. Back row, from left, are Coach Briana Hogan, Lylah Cassidy, Caitlin Fobert, Delia Parco, Gabby Currier, Juliana Demers, Ellie O'Donnell, and Coach Emily Bitchell.

WHS cheerleading team qualifies for State Championships

By Cary Shuman

The Winthrop High cheerleading team, under the direction of first-year co-head coaches Emily Bitchell and Briana Hogan, is heading to the Massachusetts State Championships Sunday at Worcester State University.

Winthrop's 11 athletes qualified for the finals after taking fourth place in the North Regionals at Billerica High School last Sunday. Winthrop will be competing against 12 other schools in its division at the state finals.

Bitchell said the team began preparing for the sea-son in late August and the girls participate in two-hours-plus practices five or six times a week.

The team has worked on a specific, two-minute, 30-second routine for competitions. "Our routine features stunts, tumbling, jumps, cheers, and dance," said Bitchell. "Scott Rigoli was our choreographer."

The cheerleaders' accomplishment of qualifying for States is especially impressive when you consider that the team lost six seniors to graduation and was coming off a season that was greatly impacted by the pandemic.

"I think overall this has been one of my favorite seasons," said team captain Emily Rodriguez. "After losing six awesome seniors and our coaches at the end of last season, we thought this year was going to be a rebuilding year."

However, because of its talent and teamwork, the Winthrop contingent has risen to the point where a state championship is within reach.

Rodriguez believes the team clicked well on the big stage of Regionals. "We truly underestimated our potential until we hit a full routine at regionals," said the talented senior who has 10 years of cheerleading experience. "Walking off the mats knowing you hit a full-out is genuinely one of the best feelings. We believed we could qualify

after hitting that routine because everyone recognized how strong of a team we are."

Rodriguez credited coaches Bitchell and Hogan for coming into a new program and building confidence and a positive atmosphere team-wide.

"I can honestly say that the coaches have made this the best season," said Rodriguez. "While they push us during practice, they always stay positive. They have only been my coaches for one year, but they have had such a big impact that I'm truly emotional about leaving them. I have grown not only a cheerleader, but also as a person during this season."

Rodriguez is one of only two seniors on the Winthrop team. The other senior is Rebecca Lindstedt, an exchange student from Sweden. "She's amazing," said Bitchell.

Team captain Annika Holgersen also praised the coaches' leadership and dedication to the team.

"I would like to thank them for believing in us," said Holgersen. "Our season was very uncertain at first, but with the positive mindset the coaches had, it encouraged my teammates and me to keep pushing. They always viewed our progress and downfalls with hope. I owe the accomplishments we made this season to them."

Holgersen was selected as a captain as a junior.

"It is an honor and a privilege to be a junior captain," said Holgersen. "I feel as if this position requires me to step up a lot more, especially with a young team."

Bitchell said her team, which consists of only three cheerleaders who had been in competitions before this season, has exceeded expectations. Winthrop won an early-season invitational tournament, but now prepares for the biggest event of the 2021 campaign.

"I'm so proud of them," said Bitchell. "They've done an amazing job. They're young, they're talented. We as coaches thought it was going to be



The Winthrop High cheerleaders display their teamwork and athleticism while performing a routine in a competition this season.

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## Winthrop-Revere Powder Puff game set for Saturday

By Cary Shuman

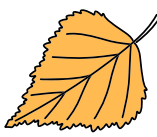
The Winthrop High School Powder Puff team will play Revere High School in the annual Power Puff game Saturday at 1 p.m. at Miller Field in Winthrop.

Members of the two schools' senior classes will

compete in a flag football game, part of a tradition going back decades.

Both teams have been practicing in preparation for the annual game, and a good crowd is expected to be in attendance.

Last year's game was canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.



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# Winthrop's comeback falls just short in loss to Rockland

By Cary Shuman

The Winthrop High School football team rallied from a 20-point deficit during a tremendous second-half comeback, but couldn't overtake Rockland in the fourth quarter, falling, 37-34, in the Division 6 quarterfinals Thursday night in Rockland.

The Vikings had the ball in Rockland territory needing a field goal to tie or a

touchdown to take the lead, but the Rockland defense stopped Winthrop on what would be its final possession of the game.

"We had our opportunities," said Winthrop High School head coach Jonathan Cadigan. "But the story of the game is anytime you give up 27 unanswered points in between the second and third quarter, you're probably not going to win the game. And that was disappointing because

I know I have a good football team, and the second and third quarter, I don't think that was the team I expected."

Winthrop took the opening kickoff and marched right down the field, with Welvis Acosta scoring on a 7-yard run. Juan Sanchez's PAT quickly made it 7-0.

But the host Bulldogs scored on a 30-yard pass play on their homefield that also serves as a baseball field. In fact, Cam Martin's

ensuing 5-yard touchdown was in essence a run down the field's third base line into the end zone.

But with Winthrop ahead 14-7, the Bulldogs' offense roared to 27 consecutive points, building a 34-14 lead early in the third quarter.

The Vikings fought back, with a 2-yard touchdown run by quarterback Robert Noonan and a 30-yard TD strike to Martin propelling the comeback. Joe Hayes'

block of a Rockland punt was also vital in the Vikings' surge.

The Vikings' defense also made a big play in the fourth quarter when defensive lineman Pete Jurovich bowled over a defensive lineman, forcing the quarterback to hurry his throw a bit, while defensive back Mikey Chaves blanketed the receiver, who had no choice but to catch the ball just out of bounds. Ian Harris also had a key tackle to

prevent a Rockland first down in the fourth quarter.

But the Vikings, who scored more points against Rockland (7 points per game allowed) than any other opponent this season, were unable to complete their comeback with a score.

Winthrop (5-5) will travel to Revere (7-2) for the annual Thanksgiving game Nov. 25 at 10 a.m.

## WHS SPORTS *Through the Years*

**10 years ago**  
**November 17, 2011**  
With four minutes to go last Friday night, the Winthrop High football team seemed to be in command of the CAL/NEC 3 league championship game they were hosting against New-

buryport, with a 7-0 lead. Unfortunately, the football gods were not smiling on the hometown team this time, as Winthrop turned the ball over twice in the final four minutes and Newburyport escaped Miller Field with a 12-7 victory and its first

league championship in 14 years. After scoring a touchdown to close the gap to 7-6, Newburyport got the ball back on a Viking turnover and converted plays of fourth-and-14 and a fourth-and-seven to keep their winning drive alive.

"This was the worst loss I've ever had in 20 years of coaching," said head coach Sean Driscoll, taking responsibility for the late-game breakdowns. "There is no one to blame but me. They had nine turnovers during the game, and we had five, but they were able to capitalize on our last two and that was the difference in the game."

Both the Winthrop High girls and boys cross country teams competed in the Eastern Mass. Division 6 Cross Country Meet Saturday at Franklin Park in Dorchester. Cecilia Moreira was the first Lady Viking across the line, covering the 5K course in 23:04, good for 61st place. She was followed by teammates Shannon Mahoney in 25:43, Michaela McCarthy in 28:37, Jordan Griffiths in 28:50, Julia Wallace in 29:05, Abby Evans in 29:27, and Alex Ferri in 30:53. On the boys' side, Jeff Laguerre ran a strong time of 19:28 to claim 66th position. Josh Babb was the next Viking in 20:40, followed by Nick Floyd in 21:16, Brian Manning in 22:32, Joey Bosco in 24:40, and Mike Gennaco in 25:45.

**20 years ago**  
**November 21, 2001**  
Freshman Danielle Doherty finished in 88th place out of a field of 200 runners in a time of 22:08 over the 5K course at the Division 2 State Meet at the Tufts Farm course in Grafton. Doherty was the lone qualifier for Winthrop for the State Meet.

The 6-4 Winthrop High football team will seek to make it 12 Thanksgiving Day wins in a row over 4-6 Revere when the teams line up at Miller Field Thursday. The Vikings have won 13 of the past 14 Turkey Day tilts under head coach Tony Fucillo, the last Winthrop loss coming in 1989 when Revere kicked a last second field goal to win 27-26.

The WHS girls soccer team held its breakup banquet recently. Kristen Kelley won the award for the team MVP, Ashley Ferullo for best defensive player, and Kim Lally for best offensive player.

The annual Powderpuff Football Game between the WHS senior girls and the WHS faculty ended in a 14-14 tie. Liz Doherty and Meredith Riley scored the touchdowns for the students.

**30 years ago**  
**Nov. 20, 1991**  
A 15-yard pass from Mike Mason to Richard Staff was the lone bright spot for the WHS football team in a 38-7 loss to Beverly. Winthrop now stands at 3-6 on the season.

**40 years ago**  
**Nov. 25, 1981**  
The 9-0-0 Winthrop High football team, undisputed champions of the Northeastern Conference, will seek to secure an undefeated season and the Vikings' first Super Bowl berth in school history on Thanksgiving Day at Miller Field against Revere. Although Winthrop has won the last six Turkey Day tilts against their long-time rival, the 7-2 Patriots, enjoying their best season in many years, figure to give the Vikings a tough time on Thursday.

The Winthrop Powder Puff football team, led by quarterback Joan Matsu-moto, who sprinted for two touchdowns, defeated Revere 20-6.

**50 years ago**  
**Nov. 24, 1971**  
The 7-1 Winthrop High football team will seek to cap its most-successful season in many years on Thanksgiving Day at Miller Field against 2-6-1 Revere High. However, Coach Silvio Cella's squad is considered to be a better team than last year's Patriots, who edged Winthrop on Thanksgiving.

**60 years ago**  
**Nov. 23, 1961**  
Rocked and rolled by injuries, the WHS football team will seek to salvage a huge chunk of success from a disappointing season when they take on Danvers on Thanksgiving Day. Danvers stands at 5-3, the exact opposite of Winthrop's mark. The game will be the 21st between the rivals and the 15th successive game on the holiday.

Fullback Steve Adamson paced Coach Syd William's undefeated Winthrop Junior High football team to a 46-26 pasting of No. Andover. Adamson, a 185-pound ninth grader, scored four touchdowns and passed for another. Co-captain Steve Staffier, a guard, was given the honor of scoring the last TD of the season when he traded positions with Adamson and plunged over

from the one yard line.

**70 years ago**  
**Nov. 22, 1951**  
Winthrop's surging football team will meet Danvers in the fifth renewal of their Thanksgiving Day rivalry at Miller Field. A victory by Coach Ed MacFarland's squad will climax the most successful season in Winthrop grid history, raising their record to 8-1-1, eclipsing the 8-2-1 mark of the 1920 team. Also at stake is a share of the NEC title with Amesbury. Both Winthrop and Amesbury are undefeated in the NEC and battled each other to a tie in their meeting. Danvers stands at 6-3 and will be a formidable foe in the way of Winthrop's title dreams. MacFarland has arranged for Joe Zabalski, coach of the undefeated Northeastern University football team, to give a pre-game pep talk to the Winthrop players Wednesday night.

**80 years ago**  
**November 20, 1941**  
A 2-7 Revere High football team is a strong favorite to beat a 1-7 Winthrop squad on Thanksgiving Day. Winthrop will be relying on the halfback duo of Roddy Hanlon and Billy Genovese, their two leading-scorers this year, to pull off an upset. A crowd of 5000 fans is expected to be on hand at Miller Field. At the pre-game rally held at the Winthrop Theatre, James "Chicken" Walsh received the Irving P. Alexander Trophy. Miss Jane Ward, captain of the field hockey team, received the girls' trophy.

The outstanding defensive work of Eddie Moore led the Winthrop JV team to a 12-0 upset of the previously undefeated Revere JV team at Miller Field.

**90 years ago**  
**Nov. 21, 1931**  
Winthrop battled Chelsea to a 0-0 tie in a well-played game Saturday at Ingleside Park. All proceeds from the game were given to the Winthrop fund to help the local unemployed and their families.

**100 years ago**  
**Nov. 19, 1921**  
Winthrop and Chelsea fought to a 0-0 tie at Ingleside Park Saturday. Both teams had their share of fine play.

# Eastie's Happy Valley to host 'Green Wednesday' celebration on Nov. 24

By John Lynds

It has become common knowledge that April 20th, or 4/20, is the official cannabis consumption holiday but not many people outside the cannabis community have heard of 'Green Wednesday'.

The relatively new holiday started up as the cannabis dispensary industry's answer to the post-Thanksgiving holiday shopping extravaganzas of Black Friday and Cyber Monday and has become the second busiest day for cannabis sales for local dispensaries behind 4/20.

This year, East Boston's Happy Valley will host the neighborhood's first 'Green Wednesday' celebration at the dispensary's McClellan Highway location on Wednesday, Nov. 24.

"Here at Happy Valley on Nov. 24th we're going to be having a 'Green Wednesday' celebration," said Happy Valley General Manager Gilly Motta. "In the cannabis world Green Wednesday is kind of like the Cannabis Black Friday or Cyber Monday. We'll be having the Roxy's Food Truck on site to serve up some free grilled cheese and tots from 5 pm to 8 pm and local DJ Joe playing



An interior shot of the Happy Valley dispensary at 220 McClellan Hwy (Rt. 1A South) in Eastie.

some music from 4 pm to 7 pm."

Happy Valley will also be offering special pricing on cannabis products in the spirit of Black Friday and Cyber Monday.

"We will have unique offerings for all our customers both recreational and medicinal," said Motta. "It's just kind of a nice event to have for Green Wednesday and kind of the first special event we've done here since our grand opening so it should be a great event."

Since opening its doors in Eastie five months ago Happy Valley has become a local favorite.

"We're still new on the block but it has been about five months and we keep growing so we're excited for our first holiday season in East Boston," said Motta, "Our patient count has been growing and we've been getting a lot more

patients to sign up for the medical marijuana program. That and just overall just foot traffic has been growing month after month with our transactions growing steadily every single month. I think people like the product. Obviously, our pricing is great, the experience is great so that's really where we are starting to stand out. When people come here, they're saying, 'I'm not going anywhere else'."

Two Happy Valley strains, Super Lemon Haze and White Wedding recently won the High Times sponsored Massachusetts Cannabis Cup for Best Flower.

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VIKINGS FALL SHORT OF VICTORY IN GAME AGAINST ROCKLAND HIGH

Photos by Bob Marra

The Vikings came roaring back from 20-point third quarter deficit (34-14) but fell just short as they

fell 37-34 at Rockland (8-1) last Thursday in the MIAA Division 6 football tournament. The 5-5 Vikings will travel to Revere where the

Vikings and 8-2 Patriots rivalry Thanksgiving morning, 10 a.m. will resume their storied



NOT NOW: A pass intended Winthrop's Mikey Chaves is broken up by Rockland's Ian White.



ROLLING RUMBLE: Winthrop's Cam Martin (8) is rolled up with tackler Sean Geary (10).



TRANSPORT SERVICE: Winthrop's Ryan Harris (75) provides protection as Welvis Acosta follows the block.



DELAYED ARRIVAL: Winthrop's Peter Jurovich (52) is slowed as he rushes Rockland quarterback PJ Celestino.



CHASED BY DOGS: Winthrop's Mikey Chaves runs away from a pack of Rockland Bulldogs, including Sean Geary (10) and PJ Celestino, during the Vikings 37-34 loss to Rockland in the opening round of the MIAA Division 6 Football Tournament Thursday night at Rocklands Veterans Memorial Stadium.



STANDUP GUY: Winthrop's Charlie Dassau wraps up Rockland runner Brett Armstrong (27).



SURE HANDS: Mikey Chaves holds on to a Rob Noonan pass for a Winthrop touchdown with 4:46 remaining in the game to pull Winthrop within three points after trailing Rockland 34-14 early in the third quarter.



THE STORY ENDS: Rockland's Gabe Pinheiro deflects a fourth-down pass intended for Mikey Chaves as the clock ran out on Winthrop's comeback at Rockland where the Vikings lost 37-34 in the opening round of the MIAA Division 6 Football Tournament Thursday night at Rocklands Veterans Memorial Stadium. The Vikings (5-5) will wrap up their season Thanksgiving morning, 10 a.m. at Revere



BIG BLOCK: Winthrop trailed 37-28 midway through the fourth quarter when Joe Hayes (34) blocked a punt by Rockland's Jerry Esposito (4) to set up a touchdown that brought the Vikings within three points before they fell, 37-34 in the opening round of the MIAA Division 6 Football Tournament Thursday night at Rocklands Veterans Memorial Stadium.



STOPPED SHORT: Winthrop's Juan Sanchez (66) and Trevor Sacco (55) put an end to a run by Rockland's Lucas Leander (23)



GRAB YOUR PARTNER, SWING 'EM ROUND: Winthrop's Cam Martin (8) spins and takes down Rockland's Jacob Coulstring.



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ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL

Edwards endorsed by six State Senators in bid for First Suffolk & Middlesex

Special to the Transcript

In the special election to State Senate, Lydia Edwards has been endorsed by Senators who hope to see her join them in the legislative body to represent the First Suffolk & Middlesex District, including: Senator Julian Cyr (Truro); Senator Jamie Eldridge (Acton); Senator Sonia Chang-Diaz (Boston); Senator Becca Rausch (Needham); Senator Cindy Friedman (Arlington); and Senator Eric Lesser (Longmeadow).

Senator Cyr:

"As public servants, we are tasked with a great and sacred responsibility to help people. The work may be complex but the mission is simple, and Lydia never loses sight of that in everything she does: she is about helping people who need a voice. Lydia has been a relentless champion for equity and opportunity, and she will be a force for good in the State Senate. She has my enthusiastic endorsement."

Senator Eldridge:

"I am proud to endorse Lydia Edwards for State Senate. I have worked closely with Lydia advocating for affordable housing, protecting immigrants, and fighting for economic justice. Lydia is a true champion for working people who can bring bold, progressive change to Beacon Hill."

Senator Chang-Diaz:

"I know firsthand how much our State House needs strong and diverse voices to balance the scales of opportunity and justice. Lydia leads the way when it comes to our state's biggest issues, including housing, environmental justice, and economic opportunity. I'm proud to endorse Lydia Edwards for Senate and I know she'll continue to make a game-changing impact for the people of her district."

Senator Rausch:

"Lydia Edwards is a no-nonsense, experienced leader who I've seen deliver results time and time again as a City Councilor, attorney, and advocate. We need her strength, compassion, and conviction in the Legislature. I am proud to endorse Lydia Edwards for State Senate and look forward to continuing our work together, soon in the same chamber."

Senator Friedman:

"As a former educator and as a parent and grandparent, I know firsthand the transformative power of a strong public education, and I see that shared value in Lydia's work. She has been an advocate for opportunity at every turn of her career. The people of the First Suffolk & Middlesex will be served well by her passion and dedication and Lydia will make a great

addition and colleague in the Senate. I endorse Lydia Edwards for State Senate and encourage voters to get to the polls on December 14 and cast your ballot for Lydia!"

Senator Lesser:

"Although we come from different ends of the state, I have long-admired Lydia's work in Boston and I have particular appreciation for her understanding of regional cooperation. Statewide partnerships are the key to Massachusetts' economic stability and development, and few people see the big picture with the same insight and intelligence as Lydia Edwards. She will be a great asset to the Senate and I endorse her candidacy for the First Suffolk & Middlesex District."

Lydia Edwards is a candidate for State Senate representing the First Suffolk and Middlesex District, following the departure of Senator Joseph A. Boncore. For a full and up-to-date list of endorsements, visit: [LydiaEdwards.org/endorsements](https://LydiaEdwards.org/endorsements).

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



On Saturday in Winthrop, Sheriff Steve Tompkins endorsed Councilor Lydia Edwards for State Senate.

Sheriff Tompkins endorses Lydia Edwards

Special to the Transcript

Suffolk County Sheriff Steve Tompkins has endorsed Lydia Edwards in her bid to become the next senator of the First Suffolk and Middlesex Senate district.

"I am endorsing Lydia for Senate for a number of reasons," said Sheriff Tompkins. "Working with her for several years now, I know what a powerful advocate she is for her constituents, fighting for housing that is truly affordable, insuring the rights and protections of the immigrant population in the City of Boston, and many other quality of life issues that contribute to the health and public safe-

ty of our communities. I look forward to continuing that work with Lydia on the state level as Senator of the First Suffolk and Middlesex District."

"We need advocates who understand that it's the government of the people by the people and for the people," Sheriff Tompkins added, "At the end of the day, we are our brothers' and sisters' keepers. We need to elect people like Lydia Edwards, who are not afraid to go to the State House or City Hall or to wherever they have to go to really fight for the services that we need. We have all seen far too many electeds for whom the job is a vanity plate for them. This is about doing the right thing. This

is about taking care of all of us. With Lydia Edwards in the Senate, we can and will get more done."

Currently the City Councilor for Boston's District 1, Lydia Edwards has shown her commitment to the people of Boston and beyond, serving as the deputy director within the Mayor's Office of Housing Stability; as a public interest attorney with Greater Boston Legal Services where she focused on labor issues such as fighting for access to unemployment insurance, back wages, fair treatment for domestic workers and combating human trafficking; and as an activist fighting for working people across the state.

D'AMBROSIO SEEN AROUND THE TOWN



Candidate for State Senate Anthony D'Ambrosio was seen around the Town this past week campaigning for the vote. Shown left, D'Ambrosio at Winthrop Marketplace. Shown on the right, D'Ambrosio spends some time with a local canine companion at Jac's Cafe.

Opioid-related overdose death rate up 1-percent in state in first nine months of 2021

Staff Report

Opioid-related overdose deaths in Massachusetts rose slightly in the first nine months of 2021 compared to the same time last year, according to preliminary data released today by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH). In the first nine months of the year, there were 1,613 confirmed and estimated opioid-related overdose deaths, approximately 21 more deaths than in the first nine months of 2020, or a 1 percent increase. Data released earlier this year noted that Black non-Hispanic men made up the largest increase in opioid overdose death rates, a finding reinforced by today's report, and which underscores the importance of the Commonwealth's continued investments to address this issue with a focus on equity.

Throughout the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and related public health challenges, the Commonwealth has continued to focus on the opioid epidemic, most recently investing over \$45 million in federal dollars to support prevention, treatment, and recovery programs for vulnerable populations. This includes a combined \$19 million for early childhood and youth substance use prevention, treatment, and recovery programs; \$9 million for low-threshold access to treatment for people struggling with opioid use disorder; \$2.8 million for treatment for people experiencing homelessness; and a combined \$11.3 million to support transitional and permanent housing programs for adults, families, and young adults in treatment and recovery from substance abuse disorder.

"The COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated substance misuse not only in Massachusetts, but across the country. Our Administration has continued to tackle both the opioid epidemic and the COVID-19

pandemic with a focus on equity," said Governor Charlie Baker. "Since 2015, we have more than doubled spending on substance misuse programs across state government, boosted the number of treatment beds, and signed two landmark laws to respond to this public health crisis. We continue to invest in treatment, support, intervention, and education programs, primarily for residents experiencing the highest burden of this epidemic."

"We remain committed to increasing resources to battle the opioid crisis amid the challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic over the past 20 months, particularly for those struggling with substance use and mental health disorders," said Lt. Governor Karyn Polito. "We will continue to work collaboratively with all stakeholders to ensure residents struggling with addiction have access to necessary supports."

The Baker-Polito Administration has continued to build on its work and funding to address this crisis, more than doubling investments in this area since 2015. The Fiscal Year 2022 budget includes a total investment of \$408 million across various state agencies to address substance misuse, a 22 percent increase over last fiscal year, and an increase of \$288.8 million (242%) since FY15.

Since the early days of the pandemic, the Administration has continued to expand overdose-targeted initiatives to ensure uninterrupted substance use treatment and support. DPH has distributed more than 124,000 naloxone kits to opioid treatment programs, community health centers, hospital emergency departments, and houses of correction since March 2020. With a blanket exception from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), 35 percent of Massachusetts opioid treatment

program patients have been receiving take-home doses of medication for opioid use disorder (MOUD) as of September 2021, compared to the pre-pandemic average of 16 percent in December 2019.

Massachusetts is among the states with the smallest increases nationwide in all drug overdose deaths between March 2020 and March 2021, according to the latest preliminary data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The data show that while drug overdose deaths surged by 31 percent nationally in that time period, Massachusetts' increase was in the single digits.

"We have seen the impacts of the intersecting COVID-19 pandemic and opioid epidemic on some of our most vulnerable communities," said Health and Human Services Secretary Marylou Sudders. "As the Commonwealth emerges from the pandemic, we must engage with trusted community-based health care providers to provide culturally responsive support and treatment."

"Prior to the pandemic, opioid-related overdose death rates in Massachusetts had been stable. Unfortunately, the pandemic exacerbated the opioid crisis, particularly in communities of color which have also been disproportionately impacted by COVID-19," said Acting Public Health Commissioner Margret Cooke. "Our goal is to reverse this troubling trend by continuing to build on our aggressive, data- and equity-based public health approach to prevention, intervention, treatment, and recovery."

Overall, there were 2,106 opioid-related overdose deaths in 2020, a 5 percent increase over the previous year and just shy of the 2016 peak of 2,110 deaths, according to the latest preliminary data. The 2020 opioid-related overdose death



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ways.

The Mass. Turnpike Authority has announced that the construction of the Lt. William Callahan Jr. Tunnel is six months ahead of schedule. Perini Construction Corp. is doing the work. The company's sandhogs have dug through mud, timbers, and boulders underneath Boston Harbor inside a 240-ton machine, 31 feet in diameter, breathing compressed air. The tunnel is said to be the most modern in the country and will handle 23 million cars annually by 1966.

Gregory Peck, David Niven, and Anthony Quinn star in The Guns of Navarone at the Winthrop Theatre.

**70 years ago Nov. 22, 1951**

The dream of the members of the Union Congregational Church to build an extension onto the church, which has been delayed for years because of a shortage of materials and a lack of funds, finally will become a reality with the dedication of the new wing on November 29.

Nationally-famed after-dinner speaker, Winthrop's Nils V. "Swede" Nelson, who played on the Harvard Rose Bowl football team in 1919, will be the guest speaker at Saturday night's American Legion Post meeting.

A large gathering of teachers and parents at a meeting of the Shirley St. School PTA unanimously adopted a resolution introduced by PTA Pres. Mrs. Frances Skolnick urging Gov. Dever to adopt stricter narcotics laws in Massachusetts.

Audie Murphy stars in The Red Badge of Courage at the Winthrop and State Theaters.

**80 years ago November 20, 1941**

The selectmen, in an attempt to dispose of parcels of real estate held by the town, have sent letters to a number of people in the community in the hope that they might be able to find buyers for the 39 lots

of land available for sale, ranging from 1080 sq. ft. to 26,400 sq. ft. Most of the lots in question are in the Highlands and Pt. Shirley areas and have prices ranging from \$200 to \$3950.

Gasoline station owners will close their businesses at 1 p.m. on Thanksgiving to allow their employees to spend the holiday with their families.

Capacity audiences enjoyed the Playmakers' production of the recent Broadway smash comedy, George Washington Slept Here.

Ralph S. Wollett Jr. of 2 Sargent St. is among a group of Massachusetts men now with the Signal Corps in England studying and gaining practice in aircraft warning systems.

Tyrone Power and Betty Grable star in A Yank in the RAF at the Winthrop and State Theaters.

**90 years ago Nov. 21, 1931**

Two hundred unemployed local residents, 179 men and 21 women, have registered

1:00-2:30 and 6:00-7:30.

**100 years ago Nov, 19, 1921**

Winthrop Post 146, American Legion, held its third annual Armistice Day Ball in the Casio Hotel ballroom. More than 400 people attended the affair, which featured brilliant uniforms, gowns, and decorations.

The Winthrop chapter of the American Red Cross has set a goal of 7000 members for the current campaign.

Samuel S. McClure, founder of McClure's Magazine, was the guest speaker at the Winthrop Woman's Club, giving a talk on the subject of "World Conditions Today." McClure discussed the nation of Japan, pointing out that Japan has a higher literacy rate than the U.S. and, unlike the U.S., is an overcrowded country that can put three million men from its armed forces into the field tomorrow. McClure said that the Pacific question for the U.S., Australia, and Canada is whether those coun-

tries want to share our land space and resources with Japan or be prepared to defend against them. He also spoke at length about Ireland, where he has spent the past year. He said that Ireland, similar to the U.S. Hawaiian Islands, are poorly-defended and both could prove places where enemies of either the U.S. or England could attack to establish a base of operations.

**110 years ago Nov. 25, 1911**

A front page article in the Winthrop Sun notes that the Ladies Club of the Cottage Park Yacht Club held a minstrel show over the weekend. According to the article, all of the ladies were in black face, including the interlocutor, "who was gowned from head to toe in white including a white wig, so that her black face stood out. The first part of the show featured 'coon' melodies and the second part featured the 'Colored Suffragettes' which kept the house in a roar from start to finish."

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rate of 30.2 per 100,000 people was approximately 1.6 percent lower than in 2016 (30.7 per 100,000), the latest data show.

In 2021, the powerful lethal synthetic opioid fentanyl continues to be the main driver of opioid-related overdose deaths in Massachusetts. In the first half of 2021, fentanyl was present in 92 percent of opioid-related deaths where a toxicology report was available, preliminary data show.

Cocaine is the next most prevalent drug among opioid-related overdose deaths after fentanyl, present in 52 percent of toxicology reports in the first six months

of 2021 – a 13 percent increase over 2020. In 2017, cocaine was present in 39 percent of opioid-related overdose deaths.

The rate of heroin or likely heroin present in opioid-related overdose deaths was 9 percent and has been declining since 2014. The presence of benzodiazepines, amphetamines, and prescription opioids in opioid-related overdose deaths remained stable in the first half of the year, toxicology screens show. The percentage of benzodiazepine has been declining since 2018.

In the first half of 2021, males ages 25-34 continued to represent the greatest


number of suspected opioid-related incidents treated by Emergency Medical Services (EMS), accounting for 22 percent of opioid-related incidents with a known age and sex.


Among the other findings of the latest opioid report:

- Between 2019 and 2020, the confirmed opioid-related overdose death rate for white non-Hispanic residents decreased slightly: 33.4 per 100,000 in 2019 to 33.1 per 100,000 in 2020. Meanwhile, the rate for all Black non-Hispanic residents increased 63 percent from 22 to 36 per 100,000.
- The confirmed opioid-related overdose death rate for Asian Pacific Islander non-Hispanic residents increased about 27 percent from 2.6 to 3.3 per 100,000 between 2019 and 2020. For Hispanic residents the rate increased over 12 percent from 32 to 36 per 100,000.
- In the same time period, the confirmed opioid-related overdose death rate per 100,000 for Black non-Hispanic, Asian Pacific Islander non-Hispanic, and Hispanic men increased, while it decreased for white non-Hispanic men.
- Between 2019 and 2020, the opioid-related overdose death rate among

# LEGAL NOTICES

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE  
By virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Diane DiPietro to James B. Nutter & Company, dated April 19, 2007 and recorded in the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 41673, Page 250 of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, by assignment from: James B. Nutter & Company to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Reverse Mortgage Funding LLC, recorded on March 2, 2018, in Book No. 59262, at Page 220 Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Reverse Mortgage Funding LLC to Reverse Mortgage Funding LLC, recorded on August 24, 2021, in Book No. 66144, at Page 209 for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 10:00 AM on December 6, 2021, on the mortgaged premises located at 92 Summit Avenue, Winthrop, Suffolk County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, TO WIT: A certain parcel of land situated in Winthrop on Suffolk Avenue, being marked 5700 square feet on Plan dated May, 1962, by Joseph F. Page, Civil Engineer, recorded with Suffolk Registry, Book 8174 at the end and bounded: SOUTHWESTERLY by Summit Avenue, fifty-seven (57) feet; NORTHWESTERLY by land of owners unknown, one hundred (100) feet; NORTHEASTERLY by land of owners unknown, fifty-seven (57) feet; and SOUTHEASTERLY by land of William C. Magee and Sons, Inc. fifty-seven feet; and Together with the use in common with others entitled thereto, including the right to pass and reposs over a strip of land eight (8) feet wide being shown on a plan filed with Suffolk Registry of Deeds at the Land Court as Plan #16344A, made by S. Albert Kaufman, dated January 8, 1937. Being the right reserved in Suffolk Deeds, Book 1925, Page 583. Marked on said plan "Driveway" bounded as follows: SOUTHWESTERLY by Summit Avenue, 8 feet; NORTHWESTERLY by land of Minsky, 77 feet; NORTHEASTERLY by land of Minsky, 8 feet, and SOUTHEASTERLY by land of William H. Cochrane, 77 feet. For mortgagor's(s') title see deed recorded with Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 23004, Page 264. These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed. TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of Ten Thousand (\$10,000.00) Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Harmon Law Offices, P.C., 150 California St., Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication. Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale. REVERSE MORTGAGE FUNDING, LLC Present holder of said mortgage By its Attorneys, HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C. 150 California St. Newton, MA 02458 (617)558-0500 20336 11/11/21, 11/18/21, 11/25/21 W


**LEGAL NOTICE**  
 PUBLIC HEARING DATE OF NOVEMBER 23, 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 23, 2021 in the Harvey Hearing and Via Zoom at on or after 7:00PM that the Town Council appropriate \$50,000 from the Sale of Town Property Fund to a Special Article for the purpose of real estate consulting services related to the sale of the Old Middle School property. 11/18/21 W

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
 Legal Notice #030-2021 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, December 2, 2021, at or after 7:00 p.m. via Zoom.com, upon the application of John and Viktoriia DeVincenzo owner of the property located at, 63 Summit Ave, Winthrop, MA 02152. The applicant seeks a permit to build a 550 square foot garage with a roof deck above. The permit was denied for noncompliance of proposed structure, dimensional regulations 17.16.020 J.1, and non-conforming use 17.28. The public is invited to attend, and interest parties shall have an opportunity to be heard. To Join Zoom Meeting: When: Dec 2, 2021 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada) Topic: Board of Appeals Please type the link below to join the webinar: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81173978253 Or Dial = US: +1 301 715 8592 or +1 312 626 6799 or +1 646 558 8656 or +1 253 215 8782 or +1 346 248 7799 Webinar ID: 811 7397 8253 Copies of the aforementioned application and plans are on file and available for review at 100 Kennedy Drive Monday through Thursday 8am-4:30pm. Darren Baird, Chairman Sharon Sicurella, Clerk Winthrop Board of Appeals 11/18/21, 11/24/21 W

p.m. via Zoom.com, upon the application of Jamie Stern owner of the property located at, 138 Tafts Avenue, Winthrop MA. 02152. The applicant seeks to raise the existing structure and build in its place a one-family. The permit was denied for lot size and frontage 17.16.020 J.1. Front, rear and side setback 17.16.030, and parking 17.20.060. The public is invited to attend, and interest parties shall have an opportunity to be heard. To Join Zoom Meeting: When: Dec 2, 2021 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada) Topic: Board of Appeals Please type the link below to join the webinar: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81173978253 Or Dial = US: +1 301 715 8592 or +1 312 626 6799 or +1 646 558 8656 or +1 253 215 8782 or +1 346 248 7799 Webinar ID: 811 7397 8253 Copies of the aforementioned application and plans are on file and available for review at 100 Kennedy Drive Monday through Thursday 8am-4:30pm. Darren Baird, Chairman Sharon Sicurella, Clerk Winthrop Board of Appeals 11/18/21, 11/24/21 W

Tafts Avenue, Winthrop, MA 02152. The applicant seeks to a special permit to operate a Bed & Breakfast/ Transient Lodging. The permit was denied in accordance to the Town of Winthrop Zoning-By-Laws Chapter 17.49.020 The public is invited to attend, and interest parties shall have an opportunity to be heard. To Join Zoom Meeting: When: Dec 2, 2021 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada) Topic: Board of Appeals Please type the link below to join the webinar: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81173978253 Or Dial = US: +1 301 715 8592 or +1 312 626 6799 or +1 646 558 8656 or +1 253 215 8782 or +1 346 248 7799 Webinar ID: 811 7397 8253 Copies of the aforementioned application and plans are on file and available for review at 100 Kennedy Drive Monday through Thursday 8am-4:30pm. Darren Baird, Chairman Sharon Sicurella, Clerk Winthrop Board of Appeals 11/18/21, 11/24/21 W

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all females increased by 15 percent, from 14 to 16 per 100,000.


- In the same time period, the confirmed opioid-related overdose death rate increased for Black non-Hispanic, Hispanic, and white non-Hispanic women:
- Black non-Hispanic up 32 percent from 12 to 16 per 100,000
- Hispanic up 68 percent from 8 to 14 per 100,000
- White non-Hispanic up 8 percent from 17 to 19 per 100,000
- Males comprise 73 percent of all opioid-related overdose deaths occurring in 2020.
- In 2020, 50 percent of

formal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner. 11/18/21 W

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
The Metro North Regional Employment Board, d/b/a MassShire Metro North Workforce Board (MNBWB) has released a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure WIOA Youth-In and/or Out of School program providers for Fiscal Year 2023 covering the period July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023 with potential renewals of one additional year. The RFP and related documents are posted on the MNBWB website: https://massshiremetronorth.org Bidder's Conference Webinar scheduled for December 8, 2021 at 2PM. The Metro North Workforce Board is an EOE/AA program. 11/17, 11/18 EV, R, C, W

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT Suffolk Division INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE Docket No. SU21P1285EA Estate of: Louis J. Torrone Date of Death: March 21, 2021 To all persons interested in the above captioned estate by Petition of Petitioner Richard G. Torrone of Myrtle Beach, SC. A Will has been admitted to informal probate. Richard G. Torrone of Myrtle Beach, SC has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond. The estate is being administered under in-

that the Winthrop Town Council will conduct a FY 2022 Tax Classification Public Hearing on Tuesday, November 23, 2021, at 7:00 PM in the Harvey Hearing Room and VIA ZOOM- On the issue of adopting the Tax Levy Percentages for FY 2022 and authorize Interim Town Manager Delehanty to sign and electronically submit the LA-5 to the Department of Revenue- All documents, legally accessible, pertaining to this hearing(s) and Zoom information can be requested by email to councilclerk@town. winthrop.ma.us or calling 617-846-1852 x 1034. Zoom information will also be available on the Town Website under the Calendar. Denise Quist Council Clerk 11/18/21 W

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AFFORDABLE HOUSING SLATED FOR RETAIL SPACE

CHELSEA - The former Salvation Army building at 440 Broadway could soon be the site of 29 affordable housing units if the City Council approves the sale of the property.

City Manager Thomas Ambrosino is asking the council to approve the sale of the building to Traggorth Companies for \$1,150,000. In addition to the residential units, the Traggorth proposal also includes 4,100 square feet of retail space on the ground floor.

“The City is seeking to redevelop the former Salvation Army building to catalyze affordable housing and economic development in the Downtown,” stated Ambrosino in a letter to the City Council. “Following the City’s acquisition of this site, the Department of Housing & Community Development undertook site-planning activities and engaged stakeholders to advance an affordable housing project with community benefits.”

The resulting request for proposals resulted in the one submission from Traggorth. After reviewing the proposal, Ambrosino said an evaluation committee unanimously voted to recommend the City Council approve the sale of the property to allow the project proceed.

At Monday night’s meeting, the council voted to move the proposal to a future subcommittee meeting for further discussion before taking a final vote.

In addition to the 29 units, there will be 20 parking spaces that will be accessed through Cherry Street. Of the 29 residential units, 10 will be offered for affordable home ownership opportunities for households making 80 percent of the Area Median Income (AMI), while the other 19 units will be rental units for households making either 30 or 60 percent of the AMI.

“At the ground level, the proposal envisions flexible space intentionally designed to accommodate local culinary entrepreneurs and small businesses,” said Ambrosino. “The retail space will feature an outdoor dining patio overlooking Luther Place, a communal kitchen and a collection of small food shops, similar to a public market.”

As part of the deal with the city, Traggorth would also rehabilitate and extend the affordability of 17 units of affordable housing it owns at 466 Broadway.

“The City expects that the project will create vibrant, healthy housing that is affordable for Chelsea residents, while bolstering homeownership opportunities for first time homebuyers,” said Ambrosino. “The City is also optimistic that the unique retail space will enliven the downtown, generate foot traffic and support the local economy.”

Ambrosino said the project is consistent with Chelsea’s affordable housing and economic development objectives, specifically to spur affordable home ownership, enhance the vitality of the Broadway corridor, and provide a range of housing types for residents.

EVERETT HIGH BAND GOING TO HAWAII

EVERETT - It’s off to Hawaii for 65 students and nine staff of the Everett High School Band who will take part in the 80th anniversary remembrance service at Pearl Harbor.

This piece of good news was not apparent at the start of the School Committee

meeting on November 1, as many students and parents thought the trip could be cancelled. However, at the public comment part of the meeting, several students and parents made their case to be allowed to take part in the ceremony.

“This is a once in a lifetime opportunity for students that may never come again,” said Mike Mangan.

“This trip will showcase their ability,” said Will Hurley, who also noted that there are 22 seniors who will take part in the ceremony.

Emma Santos, a student and band member, told the School Committee members, “We have been chosen to represent the city and state with decorum. Other bands could have been chosen. We need your support.”

However, the initial feeling of angst was misplaced, as the School Committee and Superintendent Priya Tahiliani apologized and re-iterated that they just wanted to make sure that everything was safe and preparations were finalized for the shipping of the musical equipment, as well as what will happen if some members of the group contract COVID-19 on the trip.

Tahiliani said that the initial approval had been given in January for the trip, but with the departing date of December 3, now was the time to go over the last of the finances and protocols.

During the meeting, the school board heard about the protocol should anyone have to remain in Hawaii for 14 days if they test positive for COVID. School Board member Millie Cardillo asked if insurance would cover the extra \$2,800 in expenses for the 14-day quarantine period. She was assured that the students’ expenses would be covered and possibly the chaperones’ as well.

School Committeeman Tom Abruzzese noted, “My only concern was about the health,” and went to say that he was, “Shocked about the rumor of the trip being stopped.”

Chairman Frank Parker, after noting that travel is a lot better than it was two weeks ago, told Eugene O’Brien, the Everett High School Music and Marching Band Director, “You own this -- you are the last one on and the last one off.”

With that vote of confidence, the committee voted unanimously to allow the EHS band to go to Hawaii.

In other business, the committee heard that the safety issues at Everett High School have been resolved and that a lot of the extra staff members who were in place during the recent weeks have been transitioned out of the high school. Tahiliani also noted that several substitute teachers have been hired, as well as custodians. Security measures such as additional cameras now are in operation.

On the COVID-19 front, the news is getting better. Tahiliani said that measures such as Test and Stay are proving effective.

In September there were 82 COVID cases reported among students and staff, but in October, the number had dropped to 52 cases. “We are improving,” said Tahiliani, who noted that the state mask mandate order for schools has been extended to January 15, 2022.

EASTIE VOTERS SAY NO TO SUBSTATION

EAST BOSTON - Should Eversource place an electric substation in East Eagle Square along the Chelsea Creek, near homes, parks, playgrounds, jet fuel

storage, and in a flood risk area?

During Boston Municipal Election a non-binding ballot question was posed to voters here and across the city asking that very question and an overwhelming thought Eversource should not build a substation in Eastie and seek a nearby alternative location such as non-residential Massport land at Logan Airport.

During the election 5,755 Eastie voters voted “NO” on Question 2 with only 600 voting “YES”. A NO vote meant that the voter opposed building the substation at the proposed East Eagle Square location and favored locating the facility at a secure location such as Logan Airport.

Citywide 101,953 voters voted “NO” on the ballot question with only 19,797 voting “YES”. At 101,953 NO votes against the substation received the largest single vote total for any ballot measure or candidate in Boston over the last 17 municipal elections according to the City of Boston Election Department records.

“This is a decisive win for East Boston residents and brings us a big step closer to locating this substation at a safe alternative location”, said Heather O’Brien, No on Question 2 campaign leader and Eastie resident.

According to state law, a non-binding public option question may be placed on the ballot for a regular municipal election by vote of the City Council with the approval of the mayor. The question was sponsored by 10 Eastie residents and supported by Councilor Lydia Edwards, local activists and Rep. Adrian Madaro. Both the Council and Acting Mayor Kim Janey approved the measure ahead of the election.

Historically, a non-binding ballot question provides information to elected officials and the public of voter sentiment on a particular issue and it seems most Bostonians are on Eastie’s side when it comes to this particular issue.

Eastie residents were promised an athletic field and natural flood protection buffer on the Condor Street property, which was City land until Eversource was given the prime waterfront site in a hastily arranged land swap with the City to build the new Bremen Street Branch Library. Eversource owned the land the current library sits on but was given city land on the Chelsea Creek so the library could be built.

Prior to the land swap, the City’s Inspectional Services Department granted Eversource a complete waiver on basic City review of the project. The City gave Eversource this rarely-given blanket waiver without any notice to neighbors or opportunity for comment.

“Practical alternative sites exist for this substation, such as on secure Massport land at Logan Airport,” added O’Brien. “We trust the new Mayor of Boston will use all her available powers to resolve this serious issue.”

Boston Mayor-elect Michelle Wu has consistently stated her opposition to the substation as a City Councilor, appearing with Councilor Edwards at events and rallies in Eastie against the facility at its proposed location. Wu also signed the joint letter with other elected leaders in December 2020.

Despite widespread community opposition as well as opposition from over a dozen Massachusetts elected officials the state’s Energy Facilities Siting Board (EFSB) unanimously approved Eversource’s highly controversial plan to build a new substation back

FAMILY LITERACY MONTH AT CHELSEA LIBRARY



The Chelsea Public Library held a ribbon-cutting ceremony to kick off the celebration of National Family Literacy Month. From left, are Ana Vega, Alicia Palange, Guadalupe Panameno, Margo Johnson, Theasaurus Rex, City Manager Thomas Ambrosino, Raising A Reader MA Executive Director Christine Ward, CPL Children’s Librarian Katherine Palencia, Librarian Assistant Amanda Arsenaault, Toni Corona, and Chelsea Police Officer David Delaney and community resource dog Brutt (front).

in February.

Despite state Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Kathleen Theoharides saying at Monday’s hearing that the substation would be placed in a “heavily, heavily industrialized area within an environmental justice community that has historically suffered disproportionate environmental harms and a heavy burden of infrastructure” she still voted in favor of Eversource’s plans as an EFSB board member.

Elected officials led by US Senators Edward Markey and Elizabeth Warren, Councilor Lydia Edwards, State Representative Adrian Madaro and Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley went on record in a joint letter affirming their support of East Boston residents and opposition to the proposed substation location.

The substation is the subject of numerous pending appeals and legal challenges at the state level from Eastie residents and organizations.

The environmental justice organization GreenRoots then filed suit challenging the Board approval in the state’s Supreme Judicial Court. Attorney General Massachusetts Attorney General Maura Healy declined to defend the state Siting Board approval, and the Siting Board has been compelled to seek outside legal counsel to defend their decision.

The project is also the subject of parallel appeals and legal challenges in Suffolk County Superior Court and with the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection.

CONSCOM TAKES TAKES ACTIONS AGAINST HOMEOWNERS

REVERE - The Revere Conservation Commission took up a number of matters at its monthly meeting last Wednesday in the Joseph Del Grosso City Council Chambers.

Chairman John Shue and fellow commissioners Zachary Bisconti, Heather Legere, Nathalie Pardo, and Joseph Lavalle were on hand for the meeting.

Although the meeting was relatively-uneventful, the commission voted to take enforcement actions against three homeowners who had undertaken projects in their backyards, which abut wetland areas, without first receiving permission from the commission to perform the work.

The agenda items, followed by the commission members’ discussion and vote on each item, were as follows:

1) PMA DEP File #061-0774 - Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation – area off Muzzy Street

– Hayes Engineering, Inc.

Discussion and vote:

Anthony Capachietti from Hayes Engineering appeared for the petitioner, which owns the property off Muzzy St. Capachietti’s purpose in coming before the commission was to seek the commissioners’ approval of the wetland line that his firm had mapped out on the property.

Capachietti explained that the owner of the property presently has no plans to develop the land, which Shue described as a “hilly and rocky area,” primarily because the land is accessible only through a residential neighborhood in the Town of Saugus, which has not given its approval to any development as of this time.

“We’re seeking to have the wetland line be set ahead of moving forward with a project,” said Capachietti. “There is no project in the pipeline because we need to get access through Saugus. There is nothing imminent because there are problems with access through the residential neighborhood.”

However, Capachietti explained that if the property owner should get permission to move forward with a project in the future, having the wetland line already established will speed up the process.

The commission voted 5-0 to accept the wetland line as presented by Hayes Engineering.

2) MA DEP File #061-0688 Request for Certificate of Compliance; Existing Conditions – As-Built Plan, 245 Revere Beach Parkway; Site As-Built Plan, 205 Revere Beach Parkway; and 2021 Mitigation Monitoring Report, 205 Revere Beach Parkway.

Discussion and vote:

Rick Lentini, a civil engineer, appeared on behalf of the applicant. Three members of the commission had performed a site visit to the property at 205 Revere Beach Parkway, which is a residential apartment building, prior to the hearing.

The main issues before the board pertained to parking and the proper removal of snow from the parking lot.

“What kind of plan do you have in case of a 100 year flood for parking?” asked Lavalle,

“Do the tenants know their parking is in a flood plain?” Bisconti queried.

“Where will they pile snow?,” Shue asked. “The issue is piling it up against a back fence (which abuts wetlands) and letting it melt without a treatment system.”

The commissioners also wanted to see maintenance logs for the property. A representative from the property owner noted however, that there was a change of the property manager in June and therefore there

were only a few months of property logs available.

“I think we should make it a condition of compliance that they provide quarterly maintenance plans and must make arrangements for snow to be trucked away from the site,” said Shue, who noted that, “Everything else has been done in substantial completion of the conditions.”

The commission then cited 5-0 to approve the Certificate of Completion with the added conditions.

3) Donation of land from Joseph Festa Construction Co., Inc. for conservation purposes. Lot C Emanuel Street – Blk-Pcl-Unit 018-324G-001B

Discussion and vote:

“We always are interested in land to protect for conservation purposes,” said Shue. “The city would like to do it in case it needs to trade land with the state DCR for another purpose in the future. The City Council needs a letter from us accepting this property and donation.”

The commission voted 5-0 to accept the property and send the appropriate letter to the City Council.

4) Potential Enforcement Action – 630 Revere Beach Boulevard.

Discussion and vote:

This matter pertained to work performed by the owners of 630 Revere Beach Blvd., who appeared on behalf of themselves. The issue for the owners is that they had attempted some self-help to alleviate a flooding problem on their property without obtaining permission from the Conservation Commission.

The homeowners told the commission that they have owned the property for about a year, but have had flooding in their garage and basement during heavy rains because of the pitch of the property.

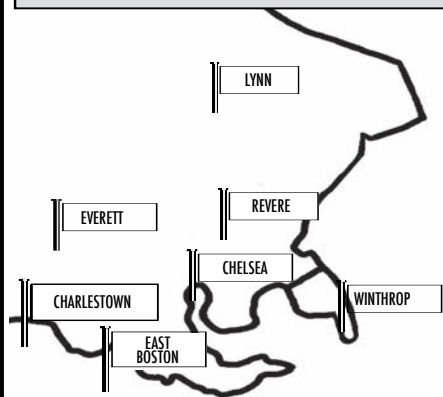
They dug out their backyard to alleviate the problem, but did so without the necessary permits.

“I issued a notice of warning of potential violation and that we needed them to come here to explain to us what they’re doing,” Shue explained to his fellow commissioners. “They have done a bunch of work. A lot of soil has been removed without a permit from the commission.”

When asked by the commissioners whether they have a plan, the owners replied that they wish to remove the soil and replace it with crushed stone.

“Our concern is that the back of the lot is near the turning circle to get to Riverview with a wetlands and drainage,” said Shue. “We want to control sediment before it runs off the property. If you had come to us ahead of time, it is likely that you would have been approved.”

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occasion, and I'm here to introduce Coach Ronald Spinney – he's my father and he was my coach for many years," said Elizabeth, noting that her sisters Katherine and Leslie (who was unable to attend the event) also played basketball for their father. "My father started coaching girls basketball in 1973, which was the year I was born."

Elizabeth said her father created "a program of excellence for girls who wanted to play basketball in the Town of Winthrop" adding



Joan Alexander Spinney records her husband Ron Spinney's acceptance speech at the MBCA Hall of Fame Banquet.

that he also coached AAU basketball and directed basketball camps.

"And he did this all with professionalism and integrity," she said.

Elizabeth said she always admired her father's dedication to his program. "When I was born, my birth announcement was in the sports section," said Elizabeth, drawing a laugh from the audience. "Basketball was like a wonderful extended family that my father gave to us."

"We're so proud of my father's accomplishments."

Spinney received a standing ovation from the crowd that included family, colleagues from Winthrop High School, Lisa Monteleone Ferrara, one of the stars of the 1983 Eastern Mass. championship team, and his long-time friend and dedicated assistant coach, Jim Nimblett.

Ever the ambassador of girls basketball and always inspiring his plays to excel off the court, Spinney generously devoted much of

his speech to thanking those who helped him along his path to greatness.

"I was very fortunate to have an athletic director who was pro-girls sports," said Spinney, acknowledging the presence of former Winthrop AD Jim Evans in the audience. "Jim made sure we had all the necessary equipment, all the necessary time, all the necessary ingredients to make a program successful. It was through his leadership and his foresight that Winthrop, the smallest team in the Northeastern, dominated the Northeastern Conference and we were up for many, many years, thanks to Jim."

Spinney thanked middle school coaches Rich Murphy, Ed Nazzaro, and Joe Conceison for developing athletes so they could compete in high school basketball.

He credited Jim Nimblett, "my assistant for 20 years," as being the glue that held that held the team together.

"Jim was the one who would calm everybody down and get the girls ready to go back in and play, and I want to thank Jim for all that he accomplished," said Spinney.

The coach thanked long-time team manager and official scorekeeper, Peg Bailey, for her contributions to the program. "My scorekeeper sat on the bench, kept the score, kept the clock and ran the 30-second clock all by herself – thank you, Peg," said Spinney.

Spinney thanked his daughters, Elizabeth, Leslie, and Katherine, for their support, noting he was not only their basketball coach but one of their high school teachers.

Spinney saved his most heartwarming message for his wife, Joan Alexander.

"I would also like to thank the foundation upon which the Spinney family is built and that is my wife, Joan Alexander," he said. "It was mentioned the dedication, the time, and the effort that it takes to be a head coach, between practice, and games, and summer camps, and clinics. It's Joan who made the Spinney family successful and my three daughters outstanding high school citizens and now such outstanding young women. So, Joan, thank you."

Lisa Monteleone Ferrara said what many of his former players were probably thinking when they heard that their amazing coach, Ron Spinney, was being inducted into the Hall of Fame. "I wouldn't be the person I am today without



Elizabeth Spinney delivers the introductory speech for her father, Ron Spinney, at the Hall of Fame Banquet.

Ron Spinney," said Monteleone. "He did everything for me in high school basketball and I was able to go on to college and play for Bentley, all because of Coach Spinney. He was a great coach and a great mentor and had such a positive impact in my life, and his induction into the Hall of Fame is well deserving. I say, thank you and congratulations, Coach Spinney."



Former Winthrop school administrator Dr. Ed Nazzaro, Louise Nazzaro, former Winthrop High School Director of Athletics James Evans, Hall of Fame inductee Ron Spinney, and Joan Alexander Spinney.



Massachusetts Basketball Coaches Associational Hall of Fame inductee Ronald Spinney, with his wife Joan Alexander Spinney, their daughters, Katherine Spinney and Elizabeth Spinney, and their grandson Jackson Hatch, pictured at the Hall of Fame Banquet Nov. 14 at the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester.



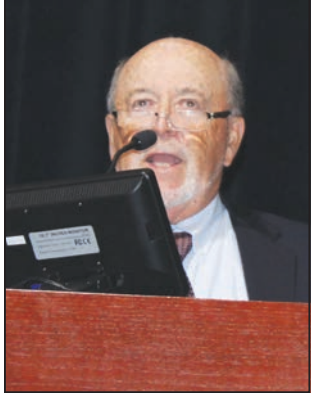
Lisa Monteleone Ferrara, starting point guard on the 1983 Eastern Mass. champion Winthrop High School girls basketball team, congratulates her coach, Ron Spinney, after he was inducted into the MBCA Hall of Fame.



MBCA President Rick Grady presents the Hall of Fame induction award to legendary Winthrop High girls basketball coach Ron Spinney at the Hall of Fame Banquet.



Front row, from left, are Jim Nimblett, Joan Alexander Spinney, MBCA Hall of Fame inductee Ron Spinney, Elizabeth Spinney, and Katherine Spinney. Back row, from left, are Robert Nimblett, Frank Ferrara, Lisa Monteleone Ferrara, James Evans, Jackson Hatch, Dr. Ed Nazzaro, Louise Nazzaro, Peg Bailey, and Alan Hoffman.



Inductee Ron Spinney delivers his acceptance speech at the MBCA Hall of Fame Banquet.



Former Winthrop High sports standout Robert Nimblett and his father, former assistant girls basketball coach Jim Nimblett, listen to Ron Spinney's Hall of Fame acceptance speech at the MBCA Hall of Fame Banquet.



They were a great coaching duo in the Winthrop High School girls basketball program, head coach Ron Spinney and assistant coach James Nimblett, who are pictured at the MBCA Hall of Fame banquet.



Former Winthrop High School AD James Evans congratulates Ron Spinney on his induction in to the MBCA Hall of Fame. Mr. Evans hired Ron Spinney as girls basketball head coach at Winthrop High School, launching an illustrious coaching career.

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