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## WINTHROP'S ODD FELLOWS HOSTS ANNUAL HOLIDAY DINNER FOR OFFICERS, MEMBERS AND GUESTS

## Outgoing members honored

Laura Plummer

The Winthrop School Committee met on Dec. 20 in the Harvey Hearing Room of Town Hall, where it honored outgoing Chairman Brian Perrin and outgoing member Phil Boncore.

The committee presented distinguished service awards to outgoing Chairman Brian Perrin and outgoing member Phil Boncore. Perrin sat on the School Committee for the past 12 years, and Boncore for the past two.

The men were praised for their "strong positive impact" on education in the town of Winthrop, and for their "genuine concern for

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## COVID Test kits distributed

Special to Transcript

Public Health Director Meredith Hurley and the Town of Winthrop are pleased to announce the distribution of more than two thousand rapid COVID-19 tests to members of the community this past week.

Winthrop is one of 102 communities in Massachusetts to receive iHealth Labs OTC at-home rapid antigen test kits through a new state program, which residents can use to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

Winthrop received 2,520 test kits, which each contain two tests, on Dec. 15.

The Winthrop Department

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### POSTAL SERVICE CLOSED CHRISTMAS DAY AND NEW YEAR'S DAY

Post Office locations nationwide will be closed on Christmas Day, Saturday, Dec. 25, and New Year's Day, Saturday, Jan. 1, 2022.

All Post Office locations will be open, and regular mail delivery will resume, on Monday, Dec. 27, 2021, and Monday, Jan. 3, 2022.

Some Post Office locations may have extended hours leading up to the holidays, while others may have limited hours on Christmas Eve, Friday, Dec. 24. There are currently no plans for limited hours on New Year's Eve, Friday, Dec. 31. Customers are advised to always check with their local Post Office for hours of operation.

Blue collection boxes with final collection times before noon will not be affected by an early closing Dec. 24.

If a box has a final collection time after noon, its mail may be picked up earlier. For mail pickup on Dec. 24, customers are asked to either put their mail into blue collection boxes by noon regardless of the final collection times posted on the box, or take their items to one of our more than 34,000 Post Of-

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Winthrop's Zenith Lodge of IOOF (Independent Order of Odd Fellows) #42 has long been established as a generous community-based organization, reaching out to many groups and individuals in Winthrop and surrounding communities. Last Tuesday evening, Noble Grand Geri Laura Gatchell, lodge officers and members and their guests enjoyed an evening at the Winthrop Arms Restaurant. The group took this opportunity to talk about the past year and what's in the future for the lodge and how to better serve the community.

Zenith Lodge is located at 196 Winthrop Street, and meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month at 630 pm. If you are interested in bettering your community, meeting like minded individuals and enjoy being part of an organization that is dedicated to community development, helping distressed and sick people around your community, promoting charity, and providing educational assistance to students in need, then the IOOF is for you. Stop by all visitors are welcomed.

## Santa Claus is coming to Town

Special to the Transcript

Thanks to the help from the Winthrop Fire Department, Santa Claus will be making one of his first stops on Christmas Eve in America right here in Winthrop.

This local tradition of Santa riding on top of a fire engine greeting children and parents goes back many years, and is part of the family lore that has been passed down from generation to generation.

The following are the parade route streets that Santa is scheduled to ride down, and parents are reminded that all times are estimated.

4:30PM\*\*Start at Deer Island to Tafts\*\*Tafts to Elliot\*\*left on Elliot to Church Square\*\*left on Shirley to Triton\*\*down Triton to Bay View\*\* Bay View to Shirley\*\*left on Shirley to Clystal Cove\*\*Crystal Cove to Park\*\*left on Park to Beacon\*\*right on Beacon to Beacon Circle\*\*down Shore Drive to Tewksbury\*\*left on Tewksbury to Shirley\*\*

5:00PM\*\*right on Shirley to Veterans Road\*\*right on Veterans Road to Locust Street\*\*left on Locust Street\*\*Locust to Revere Street\*\*right on Revere Street to Sagamore\*\*

5:30PM\*\*Sagamme to Grovers\*\*left on Grovers\*\*Grovers to Cliff\*\* right on Cliff to Seal Harbor\*\*Seal Harbor to Pond Street\*\*right on Pond Street to Highland Ave\*\*right on Highland to Nahant\*\*Nahant to Grovers\*\*left on Grovers\*\*

6:00PM \*\*Grovers to Highland\*\*right on Highland to Cliff\*\*Cliff to Quincy Ave\*\*left onto Quincy\*\*Quincy to Upland Road\*\*left on Upland to Revere Street\*\*left on Revere Street\*\* right on Revere to Harvard\*\*left on Harvard to Payson\*\*right on Payson to Main\*\*

6:30PM\*\*right on Main to Bowdoin\*\*left on Bowdoin to Centre\*\*right on Centre to Hermon\*\*left on Hermon to Belcher\*\* Belcher to Winthrop\*\*left on Winthrop to Atlantic\*\*left on Atlantic to Hermon\*\*

7:00PM\*\*right on Hermon to Main\*\*right on Main to Winthrop\*\*left on Winthrop to Banks\*\*Banks to Main\*\*right on Main to Pleasant\*\* left on Pleasant to Lincoln\*\*left on Lincoln to Brookfield\*\*right on Brookfield to Pleasant\*\*left on Pleasant to Waldemar\*\*

7:30PM \*\*left on Waldemar to Pauline\*\*right on Pauline to Lowell Road\*\*Lowell to Maple\*\*Maple to Loring\*\*right on Loring to Court\*\*left on Court to Johnson\*\* Johnson to Somerset\*\*left on Somerset

8:00PM\*\*Somerset to Pleasant\*\* right on Pleasant to Cottage Park\*\*right on Cottage Park to Bartlett Parkway\*\*left on Bartlett Parkway to Orlando\*\*Orlando to Bartlett Road\*\*

8:30PM \*\*Bartlett to Pleasant\*\*right on Pleasant to Plummer\*\*right on Plummer to Frances\*\*left on Frances to Sunnyside\*\*left on Sunnyside to Pleasant\*\*left on Pleasant to Bartlett\*\*right on Bartlett to Jefferson\*\* right on Jefferson to Putnam\*\* right on Putnam to Buchanan\*\*



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### YES VIRGINIA, THERE IS A SANTA CLAUS

In 1897, Francis P. Church, an editorial writer for the New York Sun, received this letter from a little girl, and wrote the now-famous reply. It remains appropriate for this holiday season 107 years later.

Dear Editor,  
I am 8 years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says, "If you see it in The Sun, it's so." Please tell me the truth. Is there a Santa Claus? Virginia O'Hanlon 115 West 95th St. New York, N.Y.

Dear Virginia,  
Your Little Friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except what they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's are little.

In this great universe of ours, man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, There is a Santa Claus.

He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! How dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus. It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias.

There would be no child-like faith then, no poetry, no romance to make

tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal life with which the childhood fills the world would be extinguished. Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove.

Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is not a sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that is not proof that they are not there.

Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world. You may tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived could tear apart.

Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside the curtain and view and picture supernatural beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus! Thank God! He lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue

Century 21 Mario wishes our clients & friends a very Happy and Merry Christmas and Prosperous New Year

## WINTHROP POLICE BLOTTER

The following incident reports are among the calls to which the Winthrop Police Department responded on the listed dates. The log is a public record and available for review. All persons who are arrested or charged with a crime are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

### MONDAY, DEC. 6

1050: A towing company reported the trespass tow of a motor vehicle on Main St.

1113: An officer directed the owner of a motor vehicle parked in a No Parking zone on Bowdoin St. to move his vehicle.

1143: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Washington Ave. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. When the officer determined that the operator did not have a valid license, he issued a citation to the operator for the criminal offense of unlicensed operation of an MV and for the civil infraction of speeding.

1514: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Main and Wilshire Sts. for a civil moving infraction and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1525: An officer responded to a motor vehicle accident in the 400 block of Winthrop St. in which a Winthrop fire engine struck a parked vehicle. The officer informed the owner of the vehicle of the accident and filed a report.

1554: An officer served a resident with an immediate threat notice from the

Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV), thereby revoking the resident's right to operate a motor vehicle.

1751: Officers responded to a report from a Pleasant St. resident, who was watching the house of a neighbor who was away, that the driver of an Amazon truck had entered the neighbor's home. The resident provided a description of the alleged intruder to the police. Officers stopped two other Amazon delivery trucks before finding the operator who matched the description provided by the resident. An officer brought the resident to the scene where they had stopped the Amazon driver and the resident confirmed that this was the person who allegedly had entered the neighbor's premises. The officers arrested Samuel Bailey Jr., 48, of Hyde Park, for the criminal offense of breaking and entering in the nighttime with intent to commit a felony. An Amazon manager was contacted to come take control of the Amazon truck.

1944: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Pauline and Putnam Sts. for the civil moving infraction of speeding and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

### TUESDAY, DEC. 7

0102: An officer issued parking tickets to two vehicles on Otis St.

0103: A person called the station to report that he had sideswiped a parked motor vehicle at Shirley and Perkins Sts. There was minor

damage to the parked vehicle and the owner came outside to the scene. The vehicle that struck the parked vehicle was towed. The officer filed a report.

1425: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Shirley St. for the civil moving infraction of an equipment violation and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1820: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Revere St. for the civil moving infraction of speeding and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1854: An officer issued a parking ticket to a vehicle parked too closely to the corner at Somerset Ave. and Cottage Park Rd.

2036: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Harvard and Revere Sts. and arrested the operator, a 27-year-old Winthrop man, of an outstanding warrant from another jurisdiction. The arrestee's wife took control of the vehicle.

### WEDNESDAY, DEC. 8

0033: An officer responded to a report of a disturbance at Seal Harbor involving a couple who were arguing loudly. The officer restored the peace and informed both parties of their rights regarding a restraining order. The officer filed a report.

0121: An officer issued parking tickets to nine vehicles in the area of Franklin, Cross, and Harvard Sts.

0141: An officer issued parking tickets to nine vehicles in the area of Banks and Paine Sts.

0850: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Veterans Rd. for the civil moving infraction of speeding and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1108: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Winthrop St. for the civil moving infraction of driving through the closed portion of the street. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1218: Winthrop officer assisted the State Police with the execution of a search warrant in Revere on the Revere Beach Parkway.

1516: An officer responded to a report of stolen packages at Governor's Park. There is camera footage of the incident. The officer filed a report.

1735: A Trident Ave. resident reported that a package had been reported as delivered, but she had not received it. The officer filed a report.

2115: A Locust St. resident called the station to report a lost cat.

2238: Officers responded to a call from a taxi driver who reported that his passengers did not want to pay the fare. The driver locked the parties in the vehicle until an officer arrived. The passengers, whom the officer described as intoxicated and being loud, paid the fare.

### THURSDAY, DEC. 9

1127: An officer assisted with traffic control at a funeral at St. John the Evangelist Church.

1654: An officer assisted

a Bayview Ave. family with locating their lost dog who had last been seen in the area of Coughlin Park.

1747: Officers responded to a motor vehicle accident (MVA) on Franklin St. One MV was towed. The officers filed a report.

1859: An officer directed the owner of a motor vehicle (MV) that was parked on the sidewalk on Charles St. to move his vehicle.

### FRIDAY, DEC. 10

0109: An officer responded to a report of an allegedly intoxicated taxi patron on Birch Rd. not paying his fare. The officer directed the patron to pay his fare.

0154: An officer issued parking tickets to 14 vehicles without resident parking stickers on Shirley St.

0936: An officer served a Golden Drive resident with an immediate threat notice from the RMV, thereby revoking the person's right to operate a motor vehicle.

1045: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Crest Ave. for the civil moving infraction of not coming to a complete stop at a stop sign. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1231: An officer directed the operator of a motor vehicle playing his music loudly at Ocean Ave. and Shore Drive to turn down the volume.

1235: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Irwin St. and Shore Drive for the civil moving infraction of a stop sign violation. The of-

ficer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1503: A resident called the station to turn in a large knife (20 inches long) that had belonged to her late husband.

### SATURDAY, DEC. 11

0152: An officer issued parking tickets to 21 vehicles without resident parking stickers on Veterans Rd.

1029: An officer directed the owner of a vehicle parked in the No Parking zone on Underhill St. to move his vehicle to a legal space.

1425: A resident came into the station to report the larceny of \$1300 from her T-Mobile account. The officer filed a report.

### SUNDAY, DEC. 12

0133: An officer issued parking tickets to seven vehicles without resident parking stickers on Lincoln St.

1707: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) at Revere and Harvard Sts. for the civil moving infractions of a red light violation, a brake light that was out, and excessive window tint. The officer gave a written warning to the operator.

2016: An officer stopped a motor vehicle in Metcalf Square for the civil moving infraction of a marked lanes violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

## Winthrop police advise residents to be aware of scams targeting Winthrop retirees

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Winthrop retirees, please be advised that that a company claiming to be Nationwide is texting Winthrop retirees stating that they have been authorized to make a withdrawal on your behalf on your pension payment. They are requesting your social security number and date of birth. The Winthrop Retirement System is in no way affiliated with Nationwide. Please do not contact the phone numbers provided on the text. Report any scam or fraud to the Federal Trade Commission at <https://reportfraud.ftc.gov/#/>

### What To Do if You Were Scammed

If you paid someone you think is a scammer, gave them some personal information, or if they have access to your phone or com-

puter.

Scammers can be very convincing. They call, email, and send us text messages trying to get our money or our sensitive personal information — like our Social Security number or account numbers. And they're good at what they do. Here's what to do if you paid someone you think is a scammer or gave them your personal information.

If You Paid a Scammer

Did you pay with a credit card or debit card?

Contact the company or bank that issued the credit card or debit card. Tell them it was a fraudulent charge. Ask them to reverse the transaction and give you your money back.

Did a scammer make an unauthorized transfer from your bank account?

Contact your bank and tell them it was an unau-

thorized debit or withdrawal. Ask them to reverse the transaction and give you your money back.

Did you pay with a gift card?

Contact the company that issued the gift card. Tell them it was used in a scam and ask if they can refund your money. Keep the gift card itself, and the gift card receipt.

Did you send a wire transfer through a company like Western Union or MoneyGram?

Contact the wire transfer company. Tell them it was a fraudulent transfer. Ask them to reverse the wire transfer and give you your money back.

MoneyGram at 1-800-MONEYGRAM (1-800-666-3947)

Western Union at 1-800-325-6000

Did you send a wire

transfer through your bank?

Contact your bank and report the fraudulent transfer. Ask if they can reverse the wire transfer and give you your money back.

Did you send money through a money transfer app?

Report the fraudulent transaction to the company behind the money transfer app and ask if they can reverse the payment. If you linked the app to a credit card or debit card, report the fraud to your credit card company or bank. Ask if they can reverse the charge.

Did you send cash?

If you sent it by U.S. mail, contact the U.S. Postal Inspection Service at 877-876-2455 and ask them to intercept the package. To learn more about this process, visit USPS Package Intercept: The Basics.

### If You Gave a Scammer Your Personal Information

Did you give a scammer your Social Security number?

Go to IdentityTheft.gov to see what steps you should take, including how to monitor your credit.

Did you give a scammer your username and password?

Create a new, strong password. If you use the

same password anywhere else, change it there, too.

Does a scammer have remote access to your computer?

Update your computer's security software, run a scan, and delete anything it identifies as a problem. Then take other steps to protect your personal information.

Did a scammer take control of your cell phone number and account?

Contact your service provider to take back control of your phone number. Once you do, change your account password.

Also check your credit card, bank, and other financial accounts for unautho-

rized charges or changes. If you see any, report them to the company or institution. Then go to IdentityTheft.gov to see what steps you should take.

### Report a Scam to the FTC

When you report a scam, the FTC can use the information to build cases against scammers, spot trends, educate the public, and share data about what is happening in your community. If you were scammed, report it to the FTC at ReportFraud.ftc.gov.

You can check out what is going on in your state or metro area by visiting [ftc.gov/exploredata](https://ftc.gov/exploredata).

## Test Kits // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

ment of Public Health and Clinical Services has distributed 2,000 of the test

kits so far by prioritizing residents of public housing and elderly housing, day-

cares, those receiving food assistance, and those without transportation, and plan to distribute more tests in other needed areas.

Residents are encouraged to get their booster shot of the COVID-19 vaccine if they are eligible. Vaccines and boosters are free. To find a clinic or pharmacy where you can get vaccinated, visit [vaxfinder.mass.gov](https://vaxfinder.mass.gov)

"Winthrop has been among those hit hardest by the COVID-19 pandemic, and the chance to provide rapid tests to our residents in need is an invaluable one," said Director Hurley, "I want to thank the Baker-Polito Administration for taking this step and helping give residents the tools they need to keep themselves, their loved ones and their community safe."

As additional tests are delivered to Winthrop, the Department of Public Health and Clinical Services will work to ensure they are provided to residents.



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# GreenStar Herbals Cannabis Recreational Dispensary opens in Chelsea

By John Lynds

The GreenStar Herbals cannabis recreational dispensary officially opened its doors in Chelsea on December 15 at the site of the former King Arthur's Lounge.

The new, state-of-the-art cannabis facility now offers one of the most extensive selections of organic craft

cannabis in the state.

GreenStar President/CEO Thomas Morey said GreenStar Herbals provides the finest grade cannabis to adults in Massachusetts and its products are organically produced and laboratory tested for safety, potency, and consistency.

"It was almost a three year process of permitting, knocking down the old

King Arthur's and building this brand new state-of-the-art dispensary," said Morey. "We are happy to say that we are up and running and really excited to get the word out."

GreenStar, which has two other dispensaries in Maynard and Dracut, MA, has been a success story in the cannabis industry through its partnership with Green Thumb Industries.

"Green Thumb is one of the world's largest cannabis companies," said Morey. "They've got scientists around the United States and so they manufacture the "Rhythm Brand" of products that are really a high end product line. So it made sense for us to, you know, partner with them. We're able to not only provide their product but provide a number of other products through all the best cultivators in Massachusetts and that's one of the things that GreenStar built its reputation on. I like to think we have the highest quality product along with a great

in-house retail experience."

The in-house experience includes a fireplace, beautiful art on the wall, and a player-piano.

"We really try to give our customers a great option and variety of all the different strains in Massachusetts as well as a good experience when they shop here and it's worked out very well for us," said Morey.

Located a half-mile from the Encore Casino and a hop, skip and a jump from Everett, Revere, Winthrop, East Boston and Lynn, Morey hopes GreenStar can start to penetrate these markets as another option for adult cannabis users in the area.

"We're really excited to open business and work in partnership with the city," said Morey. "In fact, the majority of our employees are from the Chelsea area. That's what we try to do is we try to give back to the city in terms of charity and to putting people to work."



Shown above and below the interior of GreenStar Herbals new facility in Chelsea.



The outside of GreenStar Herbals new state of the art facility at 200 Beacham St. Chelsea.

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### OUR Opinions

## HAVE A MERRY -- AND SAFE -- CHRISTMAS

The holiday season usually is the most wonderful time of the year.

But Christmas, 2021, is anything but wonderful, even for those of us who are among the most fortunate in our society.

Our collective stress and anxiety levels are at an all-time high thanks to the recent arrival of the Omicron variant of COVID-19, which has upended the holiday plans for many of us.

Each and every day, the virus is killing almost 1300 Americans, a statistic that has become mind-numbingly routine. That figure still is well below the 3000 deaths per day a year ago at this time, but still, it translates into 500,000 deaths per year.

Hospitals once again are at full capacity in many states, with coronavirus patients filling emergency rooms and crowding-out those who have other health issues.

This was not the scenario we had envisioned a few months ago, when it appeared that we had COVID-19 under control.

For those of us who are fully-vaccinated with three shots of the Moderna or Pfizer vaccines (or one J&J plus one of the those other two), the effects of the Omicron variant are proving to be fairly mild, akin to having a bad cold.

But for anyone who is unvaccinated, infection with the Omicron variant is proving inescapable thanks to its high-degree of transmissibility. And as the statistics demonstrate, the chances of becoming seriously ill are dangerously-significant.

Although the pandemic has eviscerated the usual holiday celebrations that bring together family, friends, and colleagues, adding to our mental health issues, especially for older Americans, the toned-down holiday season offers us an opportunity for reflection, a chance to reach an appreciation for the things that really matter in our lives: The health and safety of ourselves and our loved ones, as well as the urgent need to assist those who find themselves in dire straits this holiday season.

We hope that all of our readers will heed the warnings of our public health officials and that those with the means to do so will help the vast numbers of our less-fortunate fellow Americans.

We wish all of our readers a merry -- and safe -- Christmas.

# Forum



### GUEST OP-ED

## Gift ideas for Christmas

BY Dr. Glenn Mollette

This Christmas give somebody the gift of mercy and forgiveness. Be broad with your giving and generous. We all need a lot of both. For such a joyful holiday of cheer, giving and yuletide merriment there is much to be stressed about.

Typically, people have been stressed about all the holiday parties, gatherings and Christmas scheduling. This year there is more stress related to sickness, masks, vaccinations, Omicron, natural disasters, filled hospitals, massive numbers of funerals and inflation. The last couple of Christmases have not been life as usual for most of us.

You may have watched Chevy Chase in National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation. He becomes over the top stressed out when

his Christmas lights won't work and he literally kicks, stomps and curses a blue streak across his yard. It's a funny scene. Mostly because in some way we've all been there a time or two.

Most of us enjoy giving if we can. We enjoy giving to the people we love. Christmas trees, decorating, eating and gatherings are all a part of the season. However, we become frustrated when we lose sight of the big picture. The big picture includes looking around and beyond our Christmas pain. Millions of people would simply be thrilled to have the problems that some of us have. Many people are in the nursing home and will never go to the mall again. Some have a terminal disease and this may be their last Christmas. Depression will weigh heavy on many who have lost their homes, buried loved ones or expe-

rienced financial devastation from medical care or natural disasters. Most of these people would love to have a house to decorate or gifts to buy for a loved one.

Celebrate Christmas this year. Give away some special gifts. Give gifts that money can't buy or time cannot fade. Give love, give forgiveness and give some mercy. Extend these generously to yourself. If you can't give them to yourself it's impossible to give them to others.

The little baby that Christmas celebrates became a man and taught people that we should love God and love others as we love ourselves. Herein is part of the rub. Too often people stop loving themselves. Life becomes imperfect, we fail, get hurt or mad and we kick Santa or the reindeer across the yard. Unfortunately, we don't stop

there. We go into Ebenezer Scrooge bah humbug mode. We don't get our groove back and miss out on some of Christmas' most wonderful characteristics- mercy and forgiveness.

The Christmas story is about a child who came to show us the way. He showed us how to love, forgive and be merciful. Some of the people in your life probably need it more than you know. Give generously and start with yourself.

*Glenn Mollette is the publisher of Newburgh Press, Liberty Torch and various other publishing imprints; a national columnist – American Issues and Common Sense opinions, analysis, stories and features appear each week in over 500 newspapers, websites and blogs across the United States.*

## LETTERS to the Editor

### BOARD OF HEALTH ENCOURAGES MASK-WEARING

Dear Editor,

The Winthrop Board of Health, like all of you, has been working hard to do the right thing during the midst of a global pandemic. The Board is charged with keeping the community safe, while at the same time looking for ways to help residents enjoy this holiday season, and local businesses operate successfully. As the science of the pandemic has evolved, we have learned that one of the most important things we can do as public health leaders is to strongly encourage mask-wearing. Studies have shown the effectiveness of public mask-wearing in lowering the rates of transmission.

For the good of our fellow Winthrop residents, and our economy, we cannot allow masks to be politicized. We need to establish community encouragement in mask-wearing in public to protect all members of our town. In the interest of keeping everyone as safe as possible, the Board of Health is strongly encouraging mask-wearing indoors in public areas, and outdoors whenever there is prolonged contact (longer than 10 minutes) within 6 feet. We strongly encourage customers and employees to wear masks in our stores and facilities.

With the holiday season here, we understand that families and friends want to spend more time together. During the holidays, the Winthrop community should continue to follow the Centers for Disease

Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines and practice the core principles of infection prevention, such as remaining six feet or more apart, wearing a face covering, and encouraging small family gatherings. As colleges send students home, loved ones travel from other states, and families/friends gather for the holiday, the community should consider the following guidelines:

- Wear a facemask or cloth face covering when indoors
- Limit contact with commonly touched surfaces or shared items
- Have all family members tested for COVID-19 before attending family parties
- Get vaccinated if you have not done so already.
- Get your booster vaccine
- Limit close contact (maintain physical distancing of six feet or more) and keep gatherings as small as possible
- Keep safe around food and drinks. Avoid communal serving utensils, passing of food, potluck, or buffet style food service, and instead opt for individually prepared plates by a single server
- Perform hand hygiene often (e.g., wash hands with soap and water or alcohol-based hand sanitizer)
- Avoid large gatherings, crowded areas, and high-risk activities such as singing
- Ask anyone who has signs or symptoms of COVID-19, or has been exposed to someone diagnosed with COVID-19, to not attend the gathering
- If possible, conduct gatherings outdoors. Indoor

gatherings should have good ventilation, open windows, and doors if possible

• Verbally greet others instead of shaking hands or giving hugs. Think ahead about how you will manage to prevent physical interactions with loved ones of different ages such as young children

• Check local conditions and state requirements for precautions and restrictions, including positivity rates and quarantine requirements, before crossing state lines.

• Review the CDC's webpage on holiday celebrations, which has more suggestions for preventing the spread of COVID-19.

The Board of Health wishes the Winthrop community a wonderful and safe holiday season.

**Bill Schmidt,  
BA, MPA, MAC, Chair  
Marianne Dalton,  
RN, Member  
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MSN, APNP-BC,**

### LOOK AT THE BIGGER PICTURE

To the Editor:

The Special Election for State Senate is over. So this letter is not to advocate for one candidate or another. Congratulations to the Lydia Edwards, whoever it was, and best wishes for success on the hard work ahead.

But I'm writing because I'm dismayed to see that far too many people tried to turn this election into a "turf war" that pitted one part of the district against another. That kind of parochial thinking won't solve problems that impact the entire district - and certainly doesn't help build the kinds of regional collabora-

tions and partnerships that are necessary to do so.

The fact is, there is almost no major problem facing Winthrop that isn't regional in nature and won't require regional solutions to address.

Addressing the cost of housing in the Boston area is not something any one community can do alone, regardless of what any big-talking politician promises, be they on the left, right or center.

Addressing issues like traffic and lack of support for public transportation can also only be done regionally. When the blue line is delayed, it impacts people in Revere and in East Boston and Winthrop just the same.

When storms and flooding batter the coast, the water doesn't draw a distinction between Winthrop and Revere. And when local polluters- be they in Saugus, Revere, Chelsea or Everett - cause environmental problems, the smoke, ash, and ill health effects don't stop at municipal boundaries.

Us vs. Them thinking doesn't solve problems like these - it makes them worse. Even municipal officials need to be thinking regionally and collaboratively, but state officials and legislators representing multiple communities especially can't lead by pitting cities against one another. Politicians can and must understand the needs of communities other than the one they live in in order to properly serve the public. I hope whoever won the election will take that to heart as they start the work of governing.

Joe Gravelle

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# WINTHROP Then and Now

Winthrop Improvement and Historical Association

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## ARTICLE 810 - WINTHROP'S MILITARY SITE AT CAMP LORBEER



Over the years Winthrop has had the privilege of hosting the military personnel of seven encampments, Fort Banks, Fort Heath, the Revolutionary War Fortification on Hale Avenue at Point Shirley the Cutler Street/Crest Avenue Civil War Canon Test Firing Range and Camp Lorbeer (all within our peninsula's 1.63 square mile area), as well as those troops operating out of the Coast Guard facility on Shirley Street across from the Crystal Cove Inn and those troops stationed at Fort Dawes on Deer Island. While we are all aware of Fort Banks, Fort Heath, Fort Dawes (Deer Island), and the Point Shirley Revolutionary War rock-wall fortification, few remember Camp Lorbeer, the 1915 to 1918 World War I encampment located on the water-side of Court Road where the present houses at #165 thru #195 currently exist. It derived its name from the previous owner of the site, Henry Lorbeer. As the first shadow of World War I was cast over Winthrop, two military companies were

formed in our Town. One was the Winthrop Machine Gun Company (WMGC #5) Regiment – Massachusetts Volunteer Militia and the second, a detachment of the mounted scouts. Winthrop was the first Town in our Commonwealth to have its own Machine Gun Company. The Town financed these two organizations but was subsequently reimbursed in large by the state. In 1916, the WMGC, under the command of 1st Lt. Richmond G. Stoehr, and the Mounted Scouts were called into action at the Mexican Border. The Selectmen officially commended Winthrop's 61 young men who were members of the WMGC as they were dispatched for duty for "their remarkable record of efficiency and high standing." Upon their return, the WMGC again set up an encampment at Camp Lorbeer to wait further orders. A short time later, they were called for service in WWI where 1,100 of Winthrop's young men eventually participated at home and abroad in the European conflict. All

four of the pictures presented here look out across the bay toward Orient Heights and the same home can be seen, to varying degrees, at the rear of each. In the first photograph, one can see most of the pyramid tents standing like unopened umbrellas. In the second picture, the troops are lined up between the two rows of fully opened tents ready to march out for a training hike. The third picture depicts a group of soldiers posed with their mascot, a dog seen held by one of the men standing in the third row at the right hand side. The fourth picture is titled "this is the life," and shows a group doing their laundry by hand. We are writing a book on the seven military sites that have been located in Winthrop and if any reader can identify those persons appearing in any of these pictures, your information would be greatly appreciated. The WMGC was distinctly a local outfit and very proud of its individuality as the only group of all – Winthrop servicemen.



# 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 December 22, 2011

In a surprising development the Winthrop Town Council unanimously approved the appointment of former chairman Gerald Ogus to the Winthrop Licensing Commission at its meeting Tuesday night. Donald J. Kearney (chairman) and Maureen Canavan (vice chairman) were also appointed to the commission.

Town Manager James McKenna unveiled a plan to regionalize operations between the Winthrop and Revere Public Libraries whereby one person would serve as the director of both institutions. The Winthrop director's position has been vacant since the resignation of Alan Thibeault, who left to become the director of the Danvers public library.

Winthrop firefighters Local 170 announced this week that they have been in contact with Santa Claus and have finalized arrangements for the jolly old elf's annual trip through Winthrop, beginning at about 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, December 24 and ending at approximately 9 p.m.

Mission Impossible: Ghost Protocol, We Bought A Zoo, and War Horse are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

### 20 years ago December 24, 2001

Rumors that have been swirling around the town in recent weeks came true when the new owners of Atlantic Marina confirmed that they wish to convert the former Reid shipyard site on Pleasant St. into residential condos at a meeting with the Planning Board Monday.

The Winthrop Educational Foundation has awarded \$2200 in grants to the Winthrop schools for the purchase of interactive learning materials and library reference materials.

Rev. Don Milligan, pastor of St. John's Episcopal Church and chaplain for the Winthrop fire and police departments, was one of 10 chaplains in Massachusetts to be honored with the Fire Marshal's Award.

A state report reveals that Winthrop has less affordable housing than the year before. State law requires that all communities should have 10 per cent of their housing be classified as affordable. Winthrop now has only 7.4 percent of its housing stock deemed as affordable for low-income residents.

Among the winners of Seacoast Real Estate's Holiday Decorating contest were Amy Woodman, 240 Pleasant St.; Ron Vecchia and Linda Oliver, 187 Shore Drive; and Jessica Hames, 211 Lincoln St.

Santa will make his annual visit to Winthrop on board a Winthrop fire truck this evening.

The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring, Monsters Inc., and Ocean's Eleven are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

### 30 years ago December 24, 1991

With little debate, the School Committee approved a budget of \$9,521,360 for the schools for next year, an increase of just \$80,000 over this year, attributable to additional

classes, busing, and school crossing guards.

Santa Claus will tour the town atop a Winthrop Fire Department truck on Christmas Eve. The selectmen are demanding a renegotiation of the town's in-lieu-of-tax agreement with Massport after Massport recently made a \$5 million payment to financially strapped Chelsea.

A report states that an estimated 100,000 Greater Boston families will be unable to pay their water and sewer bills with anticipated rate increases from the MWRA.

Massport Exec. Director Alden Raine has announced that Massport has filed the required Environmental Impact Report for the modernization of Logan Airport.

The Prince of Tides is playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

### 40 years ago December 30, 1981

Selectman Robert E. Noonan, who also serves as a captain in the Army Reserve, has been awarded a Commendation Medal by the Secretary of the Army and Major General Jason Eisner for his exceptionally-meritorious service as a Legal Assistance Officer with the 94th ARCOM.

Retiring Auxiliary Police Chief Jack Arena was honored by the selectmen for his years of service.

The selectmen and Police Chief David Rice will discuss reinstating the police call box system that was discontinued in 1977 because of the deterioration of the underground lines.

Police have arrested the alleged cigarette thief who is responsible for breaks into many local businesses and the theft of hundreds of cartons of cigarettes.

Meryl Streep and Jeremy Irons star in The French Lieutenant's Woman at the Kincade Theatre.

### 50 years ago Dec. 29, 1971

Massport has announced it will hold hearings in Revere, Winthrop, and East Boston to listen to concerns of residents of those communities concerning jet noise from Logan Airport.

Police are probing the deaths of two men who were shot and killed when they broke into the apartment of Robert Carr at 132 Shore Drive. Carr himself was wounded in both legs and is under heavy guard in his room at the MGH. Sgt. Griffin and patrolman Angelo LaMonica responded to the scene at 3:00 a.m.

President Richard M. Nixon sent a congratulatory letter to Samuel Corwin upon his selection as the Man of the Year by the local B'nai B'rith. More than 400 persons were on hand for the awards banquet this Sunday. Corwin received the selection upon the occasion of his 95th birthday. Police Chief David Rice also was honored as a Man of the Year.

Shaft, with music by Isaac Hayes, is playing at the Winthrop Cinema.

### 60 years ago December 28, 1961

Another chapter in the long, lusty, amusing, and historic story of Deer Island will begin with the sale of Ft. Dawes at the far end

of the island to the highest bidder. The General Services Administration is in the process of preparing the old fort for sale, which includes a total of 35.8 acres.

Walter Van Dalinda is the chairman of the annual United Cerebral Palsy 53 Minute March to be conducted on January 14.

Board of Selectmen Chairman Walter Van Dalinda has announced that the town soon may name a street in honor of WWII hero Joseph P. Kennedy Jr. Van Dalinda said that several unnamed streets at Ft. Banks are under consideration by town and Army officials to be named in honor of the late brother of Pres. John F. Kennedy.

Residents are thought to be in favor of community fallout shelters, rather than individual shelters, though there is a great deal of confusion on the issue.

Elvis Presley stars in Blue Hawaii at the Winthrop Theatre.

### 70 years ago December 27, 1951

A three-man committee that was appointed by Town Meeting in March has recommended that it is not economical to fluoridate water from the source. The cost to the town will be \$1000 to install a fluoridation device and \$1.50 per one million gallons of water. The town presently uses about 1.6 million gallons of water per day and as much as 2.5 million gallons in the summer.

Rabbi Simon L. Eckstein, spiritual leader of the Temple Tifereth Israel since 1948, has resigned his post to take a position in Ottawa, Canada.

Doris Day and Gordon MacRae head an all-star cast in Starlife at the Winthrop Theatre.

### 80 years ago Dec. 25, 1941

Because of the conflict with the basketball game Tuesday night, Civilian Defense Committee Chairman Walter Smith has announced that the Air Raid Precaution School will open Friday, December 26. More than 800 local residents have registered for the classes.

The selectmen have asked the federal government for permission to set up a shortwave radio relay committee.

Although Charles Bennison has complied with the request of the Civilian Defense Committee not to put up the usual Nativity scene and Christmas lighting display, he has announced that Santa will appear on the grounds of his estate on Christmas Eve.

William Holden, Claire Trevor, and Glenn Ford star in Texas at the Winthrop and State Theatres.

### 90 years ago Dec. 26, 1931

Christmas Eve found the Winthrop Unemployment Committee working at a fever pitch, trying to make Christmas a reality for as many local families as possible. A total of 1090 food baskets were given out from the food depot on Jefferson St.

The Town Hall and Frost Library have been beautifully-adorned for

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## SEND US YOUR NEWS

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## OBITUARIES

### Paul Joltki

GE retiree, Driver for American Cancer Society and Manager of Malden's St. Peter's Church Food Pantry

Paul C. Joltki, 82, of Winthrop passed away at home on December 18.

Born in Boston, the beloved son of the late Apollonia (Pohorecka) and Steven Joltki and a resident of Winthrop for over a year, he previously lived in the Old West End of Boston and in Malden. Prior to his retirement, he worked as a welder for General Electric in Lynn. He was an avid reader and WWII buff. He also loved to tell stories of growing up in the Old West End and sharing his stories of traveling to Europe. He was a driver for the American Cancer Society taking patients to their treatments and he also managed the Food Pantry at St Peter's



Church in Malden. He was a long-time neighbor host for the St. Rocco's Feast in Malden, a former board member for the West End Museum and a member of the Malden Elks.

The devoted husband of the late Virginia V. (Kobylarz) and the loving father of Michael Joltki and his wife, Darlene of Winthrop, Michelle Scorzella and her husband, Marc of Winthrop and the late Susan Joltki, he was the dear brother of Steven Joltki and his wife, Carol of Winthrop and the late Olga Kasinowicz and her husband, Charles and Mishel Joltki; cherished Papa of Andrew, Ashley, Emily, Grace and Olivia and great grandfather of Paul Joseph, Angelo, Paisley, Gunner, Jaxson and Taylor-May. He is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

The funeral was conducted from the Caggiano-O'Maley-Frazier Funeral Home, Winthrop on Wednesday, December 22 followed by a Funeral Mass in St. John the Evangelist Church. Committal was private.

Memorial donations may be made to the Bread of Life at [www.breadoflifemalden.org](http://www.breadoflifemalden.org).

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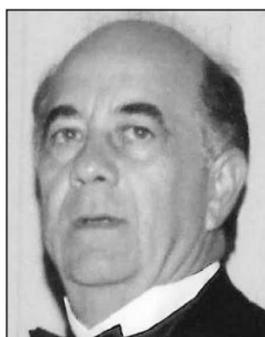
### James Angelo Buono

Late Commission Judge for Mass. State Racing Commission

James Angelo Buono of East Boston passed away on December 17.

He was the late Commission Judge for the Massachusetts State Racing Commission.

The beloved husband of Rita (LaVertue) Buono, he was the loving father of James Buono and his wife, Suzane of Melrose, Jared Buono of East Boston, John Marzilli and his wife, Kristine of Wilmington and Renee Waters and her husband, William of Plymouth; dear brother of Francine Billet of New York, Rosalind E. Faretra of Winthrop and the late Leopold "Butchy" Buono. He is also survived by five loving



grandchildren: Cameron, Kai, Lily, Kael and James.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend visiting hours at the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home, 971 Saratoga St. (Orient Heights) East Boston today, Thursday at 10:30 a.m. followed by a funeral procession to St. Joseph-St. Lazarus Church, 59 Ashley St., East Boston for a Funeral Mass to be celebrated in his honor at 12 noon. Interment Holy Cross Cemetery, Malden.

In lieu of flowers donations in James' memory may be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital PO Box 1893 Memphis, TN 38101-9950. To leave an online condolence please visit [www.ruggieromh.com](http://www.ruggieromh.com).

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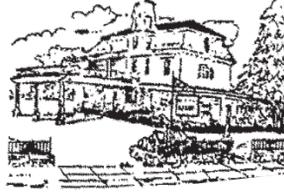
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the Christmas season with graduated candles in the windows and dimmed red lights in the entryways. The First M.E. Church is modestly in line with one beautiful candle in each of the massive windows and the entrance is pleasingly lighted, all in keeping with the true spirit of Christmas.

#### 100 years ago Dec. 24, 1921

Every child in town up to 12 years of age has been invited by Mr. Charles Hatch, owner of the Winthrop and Dream Theatres, to come to a Christmas party that will feature a tree-laden with popcorn, candy, lights, and gifts. The Elks are assisting Mr. Hatch with this endeavor along with Mr. John Totman and Mr. William Ham of the Quality Shop. The parties also will feature a nice concert to entertain all of the guests.

The emergency plans by the Hospital Committee to keep the Metcalf Hospital open appear to have succeeded. All of the physicians in town have agreed to render their services and a subscription drive of \$50,000 will be undertaken to purchase the land and building from Dr. Metcalf, who announced a few weeks ago that he would be shutting his doors effective December 31. Dr. Metcalf, who opened the hospital 20 years ago and who lost his son in the war, went off to serve in the war, but when he returned, his business fell off, as it has for every hospital. He announced that he no longer would be able to continue to operate the hospital at a deficit, but it

appears that the committee has made arrangements for it to stay open until it can be purchased from Dr. Metcalf and he has pledged to do whatever he can to assist in the effort.

#### 120 years ago Dec. 28, 1901

One of the longest town meetings in our history took place Monday night. The meeting started at 7:30 and did not end until 11:25 and some articles still were not taken up. Although the meeting did not evidence the vitriol of the previous three meetings, the two opposing factions sat on opposite ends of the hall and it was clear that there still was a great deal of discontent with the town's officials. One article addressed the issue of renaming Johnson Ave. to Court Rd., thereby ensuring the street would be one name for its entire length. However, a Town Meeting member said he spoke to Mr. Johnson, after whom Johnson Ave. is named, and said he objected to the change, inasmuch as Johnson Ave. existed before Court Rd. Town Meeting then defeated the article. However, members approved a \$200 appropriation for the Tree Warden to fight the brown tail moths that plagued the town this past year. They voted to delay consideration of an article establishing a park on the land donated to the town by the estate of Dr. Ingalls, with members questioning the cost of such a project and whether it is an appropriate location for a park.

## LOCAL STUDENTS EARN ACADEMIC HONORS

### ON HONOR ROLL AT BCHIGH

The following students have been named to the First Quarter Honor Roll at Boston College High School:

John Giorgio, High Honors (Class of 2022)

Hunter Kennedy, High Honors (Class of 2022)

Sean Montgomery, High Honors (Class of 2022)

Jackson D'Ambrosio, High Honors (Class of 2024)

Hayes Kennedy, High Honors (Class of 2024)

Michael Anderson, Honors (Class of 2022)

Shep Alstrom, Honors (Class of 2024)

Cedric Wysocki, Honors (Class of 2024)

George Anderson, Honors (Class of 2025)

Mateus Oliveira, Honors (Class of 2025)

For High Honors a Sophomore, Junior, and Senior must have at least a 3.80 quality point average and all grades "C+" or higher. Freshmen need a 3.6 quality point average and all grades "C+" or higher.

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About Boston College High School: Boston College High School is a Jesuit, Catholic, college-preparatory school for young men in grades 7 to 12. Founded in 1863, the school enrolls approximately 1,500 students from more than 140 communities in eastern Massachusetts. For more information please visit [bchigh.edu](http://bchigh.edu).

### BOUCHER ON MC HONOR ROLL

Tyler Boucher of Winthrop, a junior at Malden Catholic High School has

achieved honor roll status once again! He is an honor roll student for all four quarters of freshman year, all four quarters of sophomore year and has continued his outstanding work. Tyler is the son of John and Tanya Boucher of Winthrop and the grandson of Andrew and Marilyn Rapchuck also of Winthrop.

The following was the letter sent by Malden Catholic School officials:

Dear Honor Roll Recipient:  
Congratulations on your distinguished First Quarter academic performance, which has earned you this Honor Roll recognition. I am proud of you!

Thank you for having done your best to explore the depth of your talents and for having accepted the challenge to be an academic leader of your Class.

Success like yours does not happen by accident. It is the result of daily hard work, dedicated application of skills, consistent investment of time, and thoughtful goal setting. It also comes from collaboration with teachers who aspire to draw forth your best, as well as from caring parents who provide the important support and encouragement you need. So, thanks and congratulations to your teachers and parents, too.

As academic leaders, our Honor Roll recipients distinguish themselves in three categories:

\* Headmaster's List: For students with all grades of 90% or higher

\* 1st Honors: For students with all grades of 85% or higher

\* 2nd Honors: For students with all grades of 80% or higher.

May your achievement model for your Malden Catholic classmates the personal excellence and mature habits of study that we hope to see in all!

Rose Maria Redman  
Principal

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# Baker-Polito Administration announces historic selection of offshore wind projects to bring clean, affordable power to the Commonwealth

Staff Report

The Baker-Polito Administration announced the selection of two offshore wind projects, Mayflower Wind and Vineyard Wind, to move forward to contract negotiations to provide a combined total of 1,600 megawatts (MW) of clean and affordable energy to Massachusetts ratepayers. The selected projects, in combination with two previous projects procured since Governor Charlie Baker signed comprehensive energy legislation in 2016, bring the total amount of offshore wind procured by the Administration to approximately 3,200 MW, enough clean energy to power 1.6 million homes. The announcement, made by Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Kathleen Theoharides at the Wind Technology Testing Center in Charlestown, also advances critical economic development priorities for the Commonwealth while securing significant clean, affordable, and resilient energy for Massachusetts residents and businesses.

“Massachusetts has been a national leader in the offshore wind industry and today’s announcement is another major milestone with the selection of two projects that double the amount of offshore wind power secured by the Commonwealth,” said Governor Charlie Baker. “The bipartisan energy legislation our Administration worked with the Legislature to pass in 2016 has unlocked record low pricing and significant economic investment through three separate procurements, and the projects selected today further illustrate the potential offshore wind presents for our climate goals, our local workforce and our port communities.”

“This historic procurement builds on our administration’s continued investments in climate and clean energy policies that have helped reduce harmful greenhouse gas emissions in the Commonwealth,” said Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito. “These procurements have increased the emphasis on environmental justice and workforce diversity, maintained cost-effectiveness and increased the size and scale of the solicitation, securing significant benefits for Massachusetts ratepayers.”

The selected projects include a 400 MW proposal from Mayflower Wind and a 1,200 MW proposal from Vineyard Wind. The Mayflower Wind and Vineyard

Wind bids were selected for contract negotiations based on criteria established under a Request for Proposal (RFP) released by the Administration in May 2021. In this procurement, the Administration bids included enhanced criteria for economic evaluation of the benefits for ratepayers, the project’s ability to foster employment and economic development in the Commonwealth, the project’s environmental impacts and impacts on Environmental Justice (EJ) communities, the extent to which a project demonstrates that it avoids or mitigates impacts to regional commercial fisheries, and the bidder’s proposed plans to promote diversity, equity, and inclusion as part of the project. As a result of a stringent review, a portfolio of proposals from both bidders was determined to provide the greatest overall value to Massachusetts customers by delivering a combined total of approximately 1,600 MW of offshore wind capacity per year while providing substantial ratepayer benefits.

During the bidding process, both Mayflower Wind and Vineyard Wind proposed wind energy at a competitive price and with substantial economic development opportunities for the Commonwealth. By selecting a portfolio of projects from both bidders, the Commonwealth will secure impressive investments in job creation and economic development. Bidders also responded to new provisions in the solicitation, included by the Administration for the first time, that required plans to support diversity, equity and inclusion, including Workforce Diversity and Supplier Diversity Program plans. Bidders were also required to describe proposed strategies to actively promote access to employment and contracting opportunities for minority, women, veterans, LGBT and persons with disabilities. Bidders also included assessments of impacts, both positive and negative, on EJ populations in the Commonwealth, and plans for investments and engagement with affected communities. The Department of Energy Resources (DOER) will work with the winning bidders to track and report on progress towards their commitments regarding economic development, environmental justice, and diversity, equity and inclusion.

“In structuring the Commonwealth’s third offshore wind procurement, the Baker-Polito Administration focused on delivering

enhanced economic benefits for Massachusetts residents, affordable pricing for ratepayers, and the development of a diverse, equitable, and inclusive workforce, and the projects selected through this competitive process deliver on those critical priorities,” said Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Kathleen Theoharides. “Offshore wind is the centerpiece of Massachusetts’ climate goals and our effort to achieve Net Zero emissions in 2050, and this successful procurement will build on our national clean energy leadership and the continued development of a robust offshore wind supply chain in the Commonwealth.”

“Commonwealth Wind is more than just one project, it is part of an effort to build a clean energy infrastructure including the transformation of ports around our state as well as jobs and training that will support this clean energy industry decades to come,” said President and CEO of Avangrid Renewables Offshore, Bill White. “We are proud that Commonwealth Wind will help realize the vision of Governor Baker and the leaders of the Massachusetts Legislature in pioneering this new American industry.”

“We talk often of the jobs created directly by offshore wind but just as important to the success of this industry are the jobs that can and must be created in both the US supply chain and in the overall service of the industry,” said Lars T. Pedersen, CEO of Vineyard Wind. “Commonwealth Wind builds on both of these goals by expanding the base of the industry to both the South Coast and the North Shore including bringing the first tier 1 manufacturer to the state, in addition to investing millions of dollars to increase diversity and inclusion, not to mention innovation. We’re very proud of this project and truly honored to be selected by the Baker-Polito Administration.”

“This new agreement for an additional 400MW includes over \$42 million in economic development initiatives across the South Coast region,” said Michael Brown, Chief Executive Officer of Mayflower Wind Energy LLC. “In addition to creating approximately 14,000 jobs over the life of the project, we also will build our Operations and Maintenance port in Fall River and work with Gladding-Hearn Shipbuilding of Somerset to design and build our crew transfer vessel. All of this is on

top of the \$77.5 million in benefits expected from the first 800 MW of the project. This win is the result of the extraordinary collaboration between our team and the many communities and stakeholders we have worked with over the past six months. It also reaffirms the quality and competitiveness of our bid which delivers immense community value and low-cost renewable energy.”

“Today’s announcement moves Massachusetts one step closer to achieving the ambitious offshore wind energy goals that the Legislature is continuously advancing,” said Speaker of the House Ronald J. Mariano. “We look forward to continuing our progress in making Massachusetts a national leader in clean energy.”

“This round sees a wise balance struck between economic development, on the one hand, and protection against excessively high monthly electric bills for families, on the other,” said Senate Committee on Global Warming and Climate Change Chairman Michael J. Barrett. “Going forward, this can serve as a model for us. So today’s announcement is important in its own right and important as a valuable precedent.”

As part of the Administration’s RFP drafting process, for the first time under a Section 83C procurement, the Distribution Companies and DOER released the draft RFP for public review and received numerous public and stakeholder comments. The RFP built on the Commonwealth’s previous national leadership for offshore wind procurements, and included changes made in response to the public comments, consultations

with state agencies, and lessons learned from prior solicitations. The RFP was also amended to address recommendations DOER made at the conclusion of its offshore wind energy transmission investigation.

The selection of a portfolio of projects from Mayflower Wind and Vineyard Wind concludes a rigorous solicitation and evaluation by DOER and the Commonwealth’s Electric Distribution Companies: Eversource, National Grid and Unil. Additionally, the solicitation was monitored by an Independent Evaluator that was jointly chosen by DOER and the Office of the Attorney General and was responsible for overseeing the process to ensure that all proposals were evaluated in a fair and nondiscriminatory manner.

The selection of a 1,600 MW portfolio of projects represents substantial progress towards the Commonwealth’s current authorization of 5,600 MW of offshore wind energy. The first procurement resulted in executed and approved contracts with the Vineyard Wind 1 project for 800 MW, the first large-scale offshore wind procurements in the United States. The second procurement resulted in executed and approved contracts with the Mayflower Wind Low-Cost Energy project for 804 MW of offshore wind. The combined energy output of the selected and contracted offshore wind projects represents approximately 25 percent of total Massachusetts annual electricity demand.

“Massachusetts has pioneered the offshore wind development on the East Coast and today’s announcement marks our

third commercial-scale offshore wind procurement off the Commonwealth’s shores and highlights the diverse economic and environmental benefits from this resource,” said Department of Energy Resources Commissioner Patrick Woodcock. “Cost-effective deployment of clean electricity is imperative to reach our long-term climate requirements and we are encouraged that this portfolio of projects build upon previous leadership by enhancing economic development benefits, improving equity and environmental justice within project plans, and maximizing the utilization of our existing transmission system.”

The final acceptance of the bid(s) and award of contract is conditional upon successful contract negotiations between the parties and regulatory approval at the DPU. At the time of contract filing with the DPU, a public filing will be provided by the Electric Distribution Companies detailing the evaluation process. Separately, the Independent Evaluator will prepare and submit a detailed public report on the evaluation process and outcome. Final project selection as a result of successful contract negotiations will be made public following submittal for regulatory approval. More information on the selected project, process, and timeline can be found here.

In March of 2021, Governor Baker signed comprehensive climate change legislation that increased the Administration’s authorization to solicit an additional 2400 Megawatts of offshore wind, bringing the state’s total commitment to 5,600 Megawatts.

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# Lydia Edwards

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## School Committee // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

young people.”

“We’re lucky to have these guys,” said Committee Member Gus Martucci. “I feel fortunate to have worked with them. We’re going to miss them.”

“I’ve learned a lot from them,” said Supt. Lisa Howard. “They’ve never given up on this town.”

Perrin, who has served on numerous boards and committees over the past 33 years, said his tenure on the School Committee was one of the most challenging.

“I want to recognize Supt. Howard and her faculty for all they do every day to make Winthrop the best school system it can be,” he said.

Perrin also congratulated the incoming members of the School Committee, and encouraged them to collaborate with respect and to listen to their constituents.

**School Committee Vacancy**

A joint meeting of the School Committee and the Town Council will be held in the new year, which will allow for newly elected members of both boards to vote on the empty School Committee seat.

Boncore originally scheduled the meeting for Dec. 21, but this meeting failed to reach a quorum. He argued that the new councilors haven’t had the opportunity to hear from constituents as far as who they should vote for to fill the seat, and that the decision should fall to outgoing councilors. However, School Committee members pushed back.

“It’s unreasonable to expect outgoing members to vote on incoming members,” said Julie Barry, and claimed that Boncore

scheduled the meeting after the School Committee made it clear it couldn’t convene on that date.

Committee Vice-Chair Jennifer Powell agreed, adding that committee members should have the chance to vote for the people they will be serving alongside.

**COVID**

In an unexpected spike, seven school staff tested positive for COVID-19. Supt. Howard reported that the district is “trying to be as creative as possible” to manage teacher absences, with principals taking over classes and staff being shared across schools. The district is working closely with the Dept. of Public Health on contact tracing and updating parents on potential exposure.

Supt. Howard urged families to “stay as safe as



Wishing Perrin well on his retirement from the School Committee are family and friends from left: Gus Martucci, Nick Delvento, Cathy Delvento, Allision, and Brian Jr, Karen, Brian and Daniel. Brian was on the School Committee for 12 years, served as a selectman, was on the retirement board and other town committees. He was also a Winthrop police officer/Lieutenant (retired). Brian has served Winthrop for more than 33 years.

possible” during the upcoming holiday break, so as not to delay a return to full-time school.

“The goal is for students to come back and not lose learning time,” she said. “As much as families can help, we would appreciate that.”

Supt. Howard also reminded parents to submit their children’s vaccination records to the district as soon as possible.

**General Updates**

There is an immediate opening for an Extra Support Person (ESP) at the elementary school due to an illness unrelated to COVID-19.

The Shore Collaborative received a clean audit,

showing a budget surplus of over \$200,000. The school remains more affordable than other collaboratives. It is currently working on crafting its mission statement, to be reported at its next meeting. Six Winthrop students currently attend the Shore Collaborative.

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Brian Perrin receives a plaque from School Committeeman Gus Martucci. Looking on are from left Patty Hames Executive Secretary, School Committee members, Julie Barry, Martucci, Perrin, Suzanne Swope, Lisa Howard, Superintendent and Phil Boncore, Council President.

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## WHS SPORTS ROUNDUP

### WHS GIRLS HOCKEY TEAM EDGES NEWBURYPORT

The Winthrop High girls hockey team improved to 2-0 on the season with a hang-onto-your-seat, 1-0 victory over Northeastern Hockey League (NHL) rival Newburyport Saturday afternoon at Larsen Rink.

“What a game!” said WHS head coach Anthony Martucci afterwards. “Newburyport was a hard-skating team. Their goalie was fantastic and they were relentless.”

Sophomore Sami DiMento, assisted by her linemates, sophomore Hannah Parker and junior Lily Tallent, notched the lone lamp-lighter of the contest, which came near the end of the first period.

“It was a beautiful, highlight-reel goal,” said WHS head coach Anthony Martucci. “Our ‘grind line’ of Hannah, Lily, and Sami went to work. Hannah drove the net hard and took the puck behind the net. She sent a quick pass out to Lily, who corralled it and slid it over to Sami, right to the side of the net. Sami then took the puck and deposited it into the upper portion of the net, bar-down, for the game-winner.”

“It was just a perfect play by that line,” Martucci continued. “They are very good

together. They are so strong positionally and they work so hard. It was nice to see it pay off.”

Despite the closeness of the final score, the Lady Vikings dominated their Lady Clipper opponents (who entered the contest with an undefeated record of 2-0-1), outshooting the visitors by a wide margin of 35-13.

“We were just too deep for them,” noted Martucci. “They did not have an answer for the three lines that we sent out, one after-another-after-another.”

“We had a ton of great scoring chances from the line of Julia Holmes, Emma Holmes, and Talia Martucci, as well as from the line of Mia Norris, Mia Martucci, and Kendall Brant,” the coach added. “Those two lines were flying and both were very close to scoring multiple times.”

However, aside from DiMento’s lone goal, Newburyport goalie Teagan Wilson proved unbeatable.

Fortunately for Winthrop, WHS star goalie Summer Tallent was more than up to the task of stopping the 13 Newburyport shots to record her 18th career shutout (three away from the program record held by her immediate predecessor, Gretchen Howard) and 44th career win (thereby eclipsing Howard’s previous mark).

“If there was a major

## WHS VIKINGS HOCKEY VS. DANVERS



**FINDING A WAY:** Winthrop’s Bobby Diaz (21), trailed by teammate Phil Boncore (7), works his way through mid-ice and several Danvers defenders. See more photos on Page 10.

turning point in this game, it would have been from a defense perspective,” said Martucci. “Their forwards just could not generate the offense they needed because our entire defensive corps was incredible,” Martucci added. “Abby Holmes, Elle English, Adrianna Rizzotto, Avalina Coffey, Tegan Pereira, and

Izi Hain all contributed to the win with blocked shots, great breakout passes, holding the blue line, and thwarting any real scoring chances for the Newburyport offense. It was an awesome team win and we are happy to be 2-0.”

Martucci and his crew will face a pair of perennially-strong NHL rivals

in the coming week. They were scheduled to trek to the Salem State College to meet Marblehead last night (Wednesday) and then will have a showdown with defending NHL champion Peabody next Wednesday at the McVann/O’Keefe Rink at 5:15.

Peabody stands at 3-1 thus far on the season and

has outscored its opponents by a margin of 23-7. The Lady Tanners’ lone loss came at the hands of St. Mary’s of Lynn, 3-1.

Winthrop, which has outscored its two opponents 11-1, and is ranked in the top 10 in the Boston

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## Maura Dorr is officially in the 1,000-point club

By Cary Shuman

Former Winthrop High basketball star Maura Dorr has a banner all to herself.

Dorr, a 2021 Winthrop High graduate, was honored as a new member of the 1,000-Point Club in a ceremony held prior to the Saugus-Winthrop girls basketball game Monday night in the school gymnasium.

Dorr, a 5-foot-10-inch guard, scored 1,127 points in her four seasons in the Vikings’ program. With the previous 13 all-time Win-

throp 1,000-point scorers and the Vi-king emblem occupying the first banner, Athletic Director Matt Serino had to order a second banner on which Maura Dorr’s name will appear on the top row forever.

Peggy Bailey, longtime official scorer for the Vikings, delivered remarks on behalf of head coach Joe Lowe during the ceremony at which time Maura Dorr, her identical twin sister Jenna Dorr (who assisted on the

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Winthrop High girls basketball head coach Joe Lowe and former Vikings captain Maura Dorr, pictured at the ceremony.

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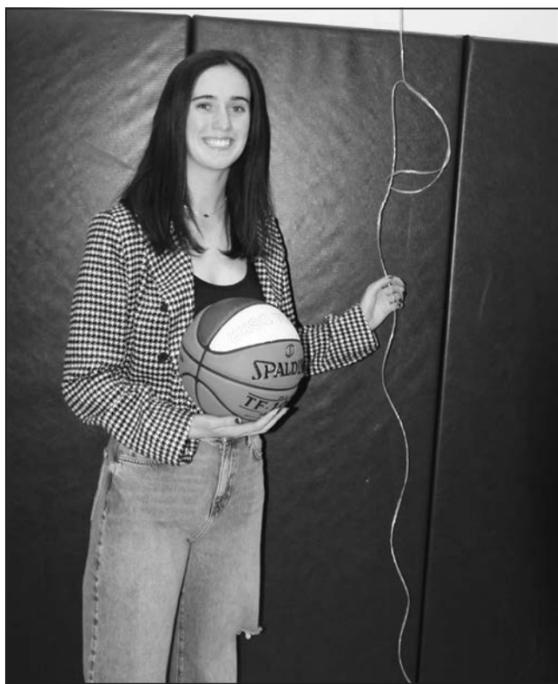
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1,000th career point), brother Kevin Dorr, and parents Jerry Dorr and Jill Dorr, stood together in the middle of Chris Tsiotos Court.

"We are here tonight to honor one of the finest athletes and women's basketball players at Winthrop High School," Lowe wrote. "Maura Dorr is a three-sport athlete and captain who represented Winthrop High School how all Vikings should."

"She was a four-time All-Star, MVP finalist, team captain, 1,000-point scorer, and led Winthrop to a North semifinals' appearance. We thank Maura's family for their support and being here tonight. Maura joins the 1,000-point mark with 1,127 career points," concluded Rowe.

Dorr reached the career milestone during a January 26, 2021 victory over Gloucester, in a season that



Maura Dorr, moments before the unveiling of the 1,000-point banner that is displayed on the wall of the high school gymnasium.



Winthrop High basketball star Maura Dorr is pictured with family and supporters, part of the large delegation that attended her 1,000-point banner-unveiling ceremony Monday night at the Chris Tsiotos Court.

was greatly affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Attendance was limited at all games. She was happy to have her friends and family in attendance for the unveiling of the banner.

"I'm really happy that I was here and to be able to spend it with my family and friends after no one could come last year during COVID," said Dorr. "It feels really good to score 1,000 points because I've played basketball my whole life."

Maura is a student at Providence College where she is playing club basketball and studying Marketing.

Dorr joins Winthrop High's exclusive 1,000-point club that also includes Chris Tsiotos, Maureen McManus, Sean Conway, Elizabeth Doherty, Lori Thomas, Michael Mason, Lawone Bennett, Sean Burgess, Anthony Griffin, Courtney Finn, Dino Mallios, Devin Pulsifer, and Tayjuan McKenzie.



Maura Dorr's name is shown on the banner as the newest member of the Winthrop High School 1,000 Point Club.



Winthrop High career 1,000-point scorer Maura Dorr, holding a basketball emblazoned with her name, is pictured with her family, brother Kevin Dorr, father Jerry Dorr, mother Jill Dorr, and identical twin sister Jenna Dorr, at midcourt during the ceremony recognizing her career milestone.



Maura Dorr (center), with her former Winthrop High School basketball teammates (from left), Cat Grimes, Polina Bell, Jenna Dorr, Grace Galuris, Caroline Earl, and Alana Grillo, at the 1,000 Point Club banner ceremony Monday night at the high school.

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Globe poll, finished second in the NHL last season behind Peabody and will be looking to make an early-season statement against their Lady Tanner rivals.

### FAST START, FURIOUS FINISH FOR WHS BOYS IN TOUGH LOSS TO SAUGUS, 60-55

The Winthrop High boys basketball team got off to a fast start and then turned in a furious finish, but came up just short in an exciting 60-55 contest at Northeastern Conference (NEC) rival Saugus this past Monday.

The Vikings opened the contest with a quick blitz to jump out to a 9-2 lead with 3:06 remaining in the first period, but Saugus pulled within 15-12 at the first buzzer.

The teams were deadlocked at 24-24 at the end of the first half, with the Vikings receiving some stellar defense from sophomore Ryan Harris.

"We were tied at the half thanks in large part to the defense of Ryan Harris," said WHS head coach Mike Triant. "He was tasked with covering Saugus center Tyrone Manderson and he was really physical with him and that gave him and their offense some problems."

Triant went with a quicker lineup, looking to inject some spark into the Winthrop offense, after the intermission, but Manderson heated up, hitting for 16 points with three

three-pointers, to boost Saugus into a 44-40 advantage after three periods.

The Vikings buckled-down on defense to start the fourth quarter, making five defensive stops to open the period. However, Winthrop was unable to take advantage of their stellar defensive efforts and could not convert at the other end of the floor thanks to some shots that rimmed out and a pair of turnovers.

Saugus went on a 9-0 run to expand its lead to a 53-40, but the Vikings refused to throw in the towel and soon closed the gap.

The Vikings employed a full court, man-to-man defense and the duo of Chris Cappuccio and Zach Bogusz (who hit for nine points in the Winthrop run) combined to bring the Vikings back to level at 53-53.

However, that would prove to be the apogee of the Winthrop comeback effort and Saugus outscored the Vikings 7-2 in the closing minutes for the 60-55 victory.

"I thought our effort and intensity were amazing," said Triant. "We came out and got five or six consecutive stops in the fourth. We limited them to one shot and cleaned the glass as a team really well. Unfortunately, we didn't convert anything on our first five possessions of the period and then they went on their 9-0 run."

"We did a great job of creating turnovers when we went man-to-man and Bogusz had nine points in a row for us as we tied

the game up, 53-53. Unfortunately, Saugus had a little more left in their tank down the stretch," Triant added.

Bogusz ended up with 21 points and Cappuccio hit for 18 to pace the Vikings in the scoring department.

"Saugus has a very good club with big, physical guards, who proved a little much for us," Triant noted. "But we definitely had opportunities and we will just continue to work on improving what we need to improve."

Triant and his crew were scheduled to make the long trek to Gloucester last night (Wednesday) and will meet Pioneer Charter School in a holiday tournament next Tuesday afternoon at 2:00 at Winthrop High. The consolation and championship games of the tourney will be played next Thursday.

### TOUGH LOSS IN OT FOR WHS BOYS HOCKEY

The Winthrop High boys hockey team came up on the short end of a 4-3 decision to Northeastern Conference rival Danvers in the Vikings' season-opener last Saturday afternoon at Larsen Rink.

Winthrop jumped out to a quick 2-0 lead in the opening period. Sophomore forward Robert Rich reached the back

of the Danvers net with an unassisted goal for the first Viking tally of the 2022 season and fellow sopho-

more Peter Silverman made it 2-0, with assists from senior captain JD Parker and sophomore defenseman Hunter Fife.

Danvers got one back before the first horn and then evened the count at 2-2 with a goal in the middle stanza.

The teams remained deadlocked for the remainder of the second period and most of the third until Winthrop pulled ahead with an unassisted goal by fresh-

man forward Phil Boncore with about 4:00 left in the contest.

However, the visiting Falcons won a faceoff in the Winthrop end in the final minute and notched the equalizer.

The teams then went into a five-minute, 4-on-4 overtime session. The Vikings picked up a penalty in the final minutes, giving Danvers a 4-on-3 advantage.

Winthrop were on the verge of having killed the

penalty successfully, but the Falcons were able to put home the game-winner with eight seconds left on the penalty to claim the 4-3 win.

Coach Dale Dunbar and his crew were scheduled to entertain non-league foe Lynnfield last night (Wednesday). However, their scheduled contest with Saugus next Wednesday has been postponed.

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VIKINGS FALL TO DANVERS IN OVERTIME, 4-3

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The Vikings saw a first-period 2-0 lead and a late third-period 3-2 lead

both disappear before falling in overtime, 4-3, to Danvers Saturday at Larsen Rink.



KEEP IT IN THE ZONE: Winthrop's Michael Holgerson (16) tries to keep the puck in the Danvers zone as Falcon defenseman Robert Joyce (13) tries to clear.



CENTER ICE BATTLE: Winthrop captain Joe Hayes (9) is in a center-ice battle for the puck with Danver's Caleb White (27).



NET BARRIER: Winthrop goaltender Anthony Indresano stymies a close-in scoring bid by Danvers' Mike DiLisio (14) as Viking defender Pete Silverman (20) arrives to help out.



TIGHT SQUEEZE: Winthrop forward Phil Boncore is sandwiched between the Danvers goaltender and a defenseman as he is thwarted on a scoring bid.



CRASH COURSE: A collision between Winthrop's Joe Hayes (9) and Danvers James Thibodeau sends both players off balance.



BOARD MEN: Winthrop's Jack Hayes (8) and Danvers James Thibodeau (11) fight for a loose puck along the boards.



TOUGH ENDING: Danvers player celebrate as Winthrop players in the background absorb the reality of a 4-3 defeat in overtime at Larsen Rink Saturday.

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**WHS SPORTS** *Through the Years*

10 years ago December 23, 2011 The Winthrop High boys basketball team defeated both of their opponents this past week to improve to 3-0 on the season. The contests were a study in contrasts, as the Vikings handily dispatched Gloucester on Friday, 65-35, but then barely edged Marblehead Tuesday, 48-46. Josh Babb was a model of consistency for the Vikings in the scoring department against Gloucester, tingling the twine for 10 points in each half for a game high 20 points. Quinton Dale was next on the point parade with 16 points, while also pulling down 13 rebounds. Joe D'Amore made the most of his 16 minutes of action, hitting for 13 points, while Ervin DeJesus made a nice contribution with seven points. Dale was the hero of the Marblehead win, draining the game-winning hoop with a jumper from foul line range with two seconds to go. Jeff Laguerre found Dale at the top of the key as time ran down, from where Quinton put the ball on the floor, took two steps toward the hoop, and let go his shot with a Marblehead player in his face. Dale

forwarded his third double-double of the season with a game high 20 points and 13 rebounds. Babb reached double figures with 12, D'Amore added eight, and Joe Levesque chipped in with six. The Winthrop High girls basketball team pulled out a pair of exciting victories this past week, edging Gloucester in the final seconds on Friday and then nipping Marblehead on Tuesday. Sophomore Theresa Jones scored the winning basket against Gloucester with less than two seconds to play to give the Lady Vikings a thrilling 47-46 triumph before a delighted home crowd. Tuesday's win over the visiting Lady Magicians was also a close encounter. The game came down to Ashelyne Babb at the free throw line for Winthrop in the waning seconds, with Ashelyne sinking both of her attempts with about 10 seconds to play to put the game on ice. Temison Meggison turned in her strongest performance of the season with a nifty double-double of 12 points and 10 rebounds. The old adage that a tie is like kissing your sister proved more true than Sat-

urday night for the Winthrop High hockey team in its contest with Saugus at Larsen Rink. Saugus came into the game rated as one of the top teams in the Northeastern Conference by No. Shore prognosticators, but for the first 44:10, the Vikings controlled the action, giving strong evidence that Dale Dunbar and his crew will be more than capable of defending their NEC crown, as Winthrop held what seemed to be a solid 3-1 lead as the clock wound down to the final minute of play. However, Saugus pulled its goalie twice in the last 50 seconds and the visiting Sachems took full advantage of the man-advantage situations to light the lamp twice and leave Larsen with an improbable 3-3 tie. Winthrop notched single goals in each of the three periods, with Danny Eruzione scoring in the opening frame and Chris LeBlanc potting markers in the second and third stanzas, including a short-handed goal in which he stripped the Saugus defenseman of the puck, skated in on the Sachem net, and let go a blast that cleanly beat the Saugus netminder.

# Winthrop Senior Center News

35 Harvard Street, Winthrop, MA 02152 Hours: Mon-Thurs: 9am-3p.m. / Friday: 9am-1p.m.

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

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Usage  
10am: Spanish Class  
11am: Grab and Go  
Lunch  
1:30pm: Chorus

## Wednesday, Dec. 29

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

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

We are unable to offer any snacks or drinks at this time. Participants should bring their own bottled water, coffee, or tea. Shared

food is not allowed, please bring individual snacks only.

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

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

**Van Transportation** 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. \*\*There will be no van transportation available December 20 – December 30.

**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, January 6, 2022 from 9:30am to 2:30pm. Cost: \$20 (cash only). Appointment required. To schedule, please call 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.

**CAPIC Fuel Assistance.** CAPIC will be at the Senior Center on January 5 & 19 from 9:30am to 12pm. Appointments are on a first come, first served basis. Applications for the FY22 Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program are also available online. For more information, go to [www.capicinc.org](http://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 COAReception@town.winthrop.ma.us.

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## 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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office locations.

Customers who are unable to mail items before the scheduled collection box pickup times on Dec. 24 should visit the online Postal Locator tool at [tools.usps.com](https://tools.usps.com) to find Post Office locations that may be open late.

As a reminder, blue collection boxes are not serviced on Sundays.

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

## NORTHEAST METRO CULINARY PROGRAM REOPENING JAMES WALLACE BREAKHEART INN

Superintendent David DiBarri and Northeast Metro Tech Culinary Program Head Liz Beals are pleased to announce that the James Wallace Breakheart Inn will soon reopen to the public for sit-down meal service.

The COVID-19 pandemic prompted the closure of the James Wallace Breakheart Inn Restaurant – Northeast Metro Tech's in-school restaurant – in 2020, but the restaurant will reopen to the public on Wednesday, Jan. 5.

Students in the Culinary Program prepare all meals served at the Breakheart

Inn from scratch each day, and serve them as well as part of the Culinary Program curriculum.

From Jan. 5 onward, the 52-seat restaurant will be open Tuesday through Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Reservations can be made by phone on the day of service. To make a reservation call: 781-246-0810, x1114.

Guests wishing to enjoy a meal at Breakheart Inn will need to wear a mask to enter the building, at the main entrance to check in, and to enter the restaurant. Masks may be removed when guests have been seated and must be put back on when getting up from the table.

As the restaurant reopens, Chef James Nolan will join the team in the back of the house as a new chef instructor. Chef Nolan is a graduate of The Culinary Institute of America, and brings 29 years of teaching experience and over 35 years of professional cooking experience to the Culinary Program. Chef Nolan is energetic, positive and looking forward to bringing new ideas and new skills to the students.

"I'm excited that our students will once again have the hands-on learning opportunities that the James Wallace Breakheart Inn provides when it is fully operational," said Superin-

tendent DiBarri. "We will have ample safety measures in place to maintain social distance and safety amid the pandemic, and we invite the community to stop by and see what our students are cooking."

## 32BJ SEIU CONGRATULATES LYDIA EDWARDS ON HISTORIC VICTORY IN STATE SENATE RACE

The following Statement is attributable to Roxana Rivera, Executive Vice President of 32BJ SEIU:

On behalf of the airport workers, cleaners, and security officers of 32BJ SEIU throughout Massachusetts, I am overjoyed that Lydia Edwards has been elected as State Senator in the primary election. This historic win is long overdue; when she is officially sworn in after the general election in January, Senator Edwards will be the first Black woman to represent this heavily BIPOC district where over 2,000 of 32BJ workers live and thousands more work.

Lydia Edwards is a fierce advocate for social justice, and has been one of workers' strongest allies throughout her time on the Boston City Council. She has stood shoulder to shoulder with airport workers in their fight for better working conditions, a union, and

raises for these essential workers ravaged by the COVID-19 pandemic, and with her help, these airport workers have won significant change. She has already made positive change as a City Councilor through her housing and transportation advocacy work, and we know she will continue to get the job done for Boston and the entire state.

As we face another pandemic winter, inflation, and inequity, we need to keep electing change-makers like Senator Edwards into office. The members of 32BJ SEIU will enter 2022 with a more hopeful view due to Edward's victory!

## MALDEN CATHOLIC MAKE-A-WISH CLUB GRANTS A WISH

Jasper, a playful two-and-a-half-year-old who loves puzzles, dinosaurs and trucks. Diagnosed with myopathy, a life-threatening neuromuscular disease, the amount of time he spends on his favorite activities is limited, but his positive attitude always keeps a smile on his face. Seeking a welcome escape from the challenges of his illness, Jasper wished to have a play structure with a clubhouse!

Recently, Malden Catholic's Make-A-Wish Club presented a check for \$7,340 to Make-A-Wish@Massachusetts and Rhode Island to create and build Jasper's playset. Mayor Christenson from Malden, Mayor Brodeur from Melrose and Hilary Muntz, Make-A-Wish@Massachusetts and Rhode Island Special Events Coordinator, we onsite for the ceremony along with the MC Make-A-Wish@ Club members.

After seeing his customized playset for the first time, Jasper was amazed by its exciting features and the possibility for adventure. From the swings to relax on to the monkey bars to help him exercise to a slippery slide, Jasper was thrilled by this new world of exploration. As his mother reflects, "I am (and pretty sure I always will be) moved to tears when I look at the play structure. It's so much more than a play structure – it's proof that Jasper is a warrior and he can't be held back."

Over the 2020 and 2021 academic year, Malden Catholic students and parents came together and raised money through a variety of events, candy grams and product sales to make his wish come true.

"This served as a reminder that with a community working together, we can provide renewed hope and uplifting joy when it is needed most," stated John Thornburg, Malden Catholic Headmaster. "Our MC Make-A-Wish Club is also actively pursuing the fundraising plans to fulfill a fourth wish in 2022.

Since 1932, Malden Catholic High School has shaped emerging leaders in our community, claiming a Nobel Laureate, a Senator, two ambassadors and countless community and business heads among its alumni. Annually, graduates attend some of the nation's most renowned universities including Harvard, Georgetown, Brown, Cornell, Tufts, Georgia Tech, Boston College and Amherst College. Foundational to student success is Malden Catholic's co-divisional model which offers the best of both worlds, single-gender academics during the day and integrated social and extracurricular opportunities after school. Malden Catholic is known in the community for its rigorous academics, SFX Scholars Program and award-winning STEM program (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) with electives such as Robotics and Engineering Design. Malden Catholic curriculum is designed to improve individual growth mindset, leadership principles, success outcomes along with integrating the Xaverian values of trust, humility, compassion, simplicity and zeal. <https://www.malden-catholic.org/>

## ROGERS NAMED MANAGING DIRECTOR OF CARE COORDINATE

Care Coordinate, a statewide network that provides access to high-quality and cost-effective home and community-based services, of which Mystic Valley Elder Services is a partner, has named Sean Rogers as its Managing Director. A senior-level executive with extensive home care and community-based experience, Rogers most recently served as Vice President of Strategy and Development at Amadisys, a leading provider of in-home healthcare for older adults. Additionally, he has held state government leadership positions at the Executive Office of Elder Affairs where he served as Director of Operations, and with the Department of Mental Health as Director of Budget and Core Services for the

metro-suburban region.

In this new position, Rogers will leverage the strength of Care Coordinate's network of Aging Services Access Points (ASAP) to offer a single, statewide entity for insurance plans, Accountable Care Organizations (ACOs), and other providers and payors to manage and administer long-term services and supports that drive quality care and improved outcomes for its partners. Services offered include in-home case management, care transitions, provider network management, third-party billing and claim operations, and consultative solutions.

"Sean has the technical, operational, and programmatic expertise to lead this newly formed LLC," said Allan Ouimet, Executive Director of Highland Valley Elder Services, Inc., and President of Care Coordinate's Board of Directors. "I am confident that his extensive knowledge of health-care and home care will aid in the development of strategic alliances and contractual efficiencies to better serve the medical and insurance industry in Massachusetts. This will ultimately lead to better care and quality outcomes for older adults who wish to remain in their own home and community."

"I am very pleased that Mystic Valley Elder Services is a partner of Care Coordinate," said Daniel O'Leary, CEO of Mystic Valley Elder Services. "The corporation will create a more coordinated, effective, and efficient ASAP network. The benefit of having Care Coordinate affiliated with ASAPs is the expanded access for consumers provided by and thru the ASAP network of staff and business partners."

"I am excited to work with the exceptional leadership team of Care Coordinate's Board of Directors and to lead the organization in the delivery of efficient, effective, and high-quality community-based care," said Rogers. "I am looking forward to leveraging the decades-long expertise of the ASAP network and will work to further expand the value it has brought to the long-term services and supports community."

Rogers received his education and training in Human Resource Management, Financial Systems, Administration, and Leadership from the United States Coast Guard. He is currently on the Board of Directors of the Home Care Aide Council and serves as President of the Board of the Home Care Aide Foundation.

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# EBNHC distributes At-home Covid-19 test kits to use ahead of the holidays

Staff Report

Ahead of the holiday, staff and volunteers at the

East Boston Neighborhood Health Center's Community Resource and Wellness Center gave out At-Home

Covid-19 Test Kits to hundreds of community members this week in addition to giving out food, masks,

diapers and other critically needed resources.

"We know that families will be celebrating the holiday season together over the coming weeks, and we wanted to give our community another tool to help combat the spread of COVID-19 and celebrate the holidays safely...testing, masking, and vaccination remain critical to slowing and stopping the spread of COVID" said Greg Wilmot, Interim President and CEO at East Boston Neighborhood Health Center. East Boston Neighborhood Health Center is also sharing supplies with other community organizations ahead of the holidays.



A member of the community stands with Health Center leader Greg Wilmot as she comes for weekly food and also leaves with a few test kits for family members to use before they gather for the holidays.



Pictured here in front of the East Boston Neighborhood Health Center's Community Resource and Wellness Center at 282 Meridian Street is Interim President and CEO Greg Wilmot, Wellness Center Director Kathy Field and employees and volunteers of the Wellness Center - at-home test kits in hand!

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# MBTA Board approves contract with Boston Carmen's Union (Local 589)

Staff Report

The MBTA Board unanimously approved a new contract between the MBTA and the Authority's largest union, the Boston Carmen's Union (Local 589).  
 "This contract acknowledges the invaluable contributions of thousands of MBTA employees charged with providing safe and reliable service on a daily basis," said MBTA General Manager Steve Pofatak. "I want to express my sincere gratitude to all of the Authority's unionized employees. The successful contract negotiations reflect our joint desire to maintain and grow a workforce that will allow the MBTA to deliver the levels of service necessary to meet ridership

demands, today and in the future."  
 The contract and its provisions are in effect for two years, beginning July 1, 2021, and lasting through June 30, 2023. Included within the contract are provisions for annual wage increases of 2.5% on July 1 of 2021 and 2022.  
 The contract also includes a provision for a "pandemic payment." Every Local 589-represented employee employed during the declared pandemic period (March 15, 2020, to July 1, 2021) will receive a one-time payment of \$2,000. Employees who retired during this period will receive a pro-rated share.  
 The new contract also addresses the current staffing challenges facing the MBTA. In order to recruit

new hires into the positions of bus and train operators, the MBTA may offer a signing bonus of any amount, to be paid in a manner set by the Authority. Should the MBTA pay such a bonus, the same bonus shall be offered to any incumbent who was hired within the preceding six months from the time the hiring bonus is paid to any new hire.  
 This new contract increases the training wage paid to MBTA recruits as they get their Commercial Driver's Licenses (CDL), learn to be an operator on the MBTA system, and play a vital role in getting the people of Massachusetts to work, home, and everywhere in between. Under this new contract, people with good driving records and a high school diploma

or General Educational Development (GED) test can in eight weeks receive their CDLs and become MBTA bus drivers making over \$33,000 per year with the opportunity for overtime, tuition reimbursement, medical and dental benefits, a pension, and career growth opportunities.  
 The contract also includes a provision for a "diversion payment." Every Local 589-represented employee who is on the active payroll on March 1, 2022, will receive a one-time diversion payment of \$2,500. In return for this payment, the MBTA is permitted to outsource diversion/shuttle bus work beyond the limits outlined in the December 2016 Letter of Understanding. This exemption is temporary and expires on Feb-

ruary 28, 2024.  
 The contract included an update to paid holidays. Juneteenth National Independence Day will replace Bunker Hill Day as a guaranteed paid holiday under the Agreement.  
 The contract also included an update to paid personal leave. Effective January 2022, all full-time and part-time employees will receive two paid personal days per year, which are not subtracted from sick leave, regardless of the employee's service and sick leave usage. Previously, employees received one day, provided they had two years of service and 50% of their sick leave bank unused; the personal day was also subtracted from the individual's sick leave bank. Any unused personal days will

be cashed out at the end of the calendar year.  
 The contract was also updated in an effort to reduce the number of part-time employees. The MBTA currently employs 470 part-time Operators represented by Local 589. Under the Management Rights Statute, the Union is prohibited from negotiating any limit on the MBTA's right to hire part-time employees. The contract provides an incentive for the MBTA to convert part-time Operators to full-time Operators by establishing "Special Class Runs." A Special Run will be picked and performed under the same terms as all other full-time assignments, including a 40-hour weekly guarantee, overtime, and full benefits.

# Metro Credit Union partners with The Salvation Army for holiday gifting

Staff Report

Metro Credit Union, Massachusetts' largest state-chartered credit union, recently partnered with The Salvation Army in support of their annual Angel Tree Toy Drive program. This marks the fifth consecutive year that Metro has participated in the program.  
 The Salvation Army national holiday assistance program provides new clothes and toys for children who otherwise may go without gifts. Locally, the Angel Tree program serves about 800 children from 350 families.  
 Donors select anonymous children (known as "Angels") and fulfill their wish lists, which include a toy of the child's choosing and sizes for essential winter clothes. The Salvation Army has been serving the community of Chelsea

through the program for the past six years.  
 "The credit union philosophy of 'people helping people' is especially prominent during the holiday season, and Metro's employees went above and beyond to support families in need this year through the Angel Tree Program," said Charlene Bauer, SVP of Outreach, Advocacy and Chief Development Officer of Metro Credit Union.  
 During December 2021, Metro employees fulfilled holiday wish lists for 75 children in need. The credit union looks forward to continuing their involvement with the program in years to come.  
 For more information about Metro Credit Union, please visit metrocu.org, or follow Metro Credit Union on LinkedIn.



From L-R: Metro Credit Union employees Traci Michel, Chief Operating Officer; Marie O'Neill, SVP Engagement, Experience and Marketing; Robert Cashman, Chief Executive Officer; Charlene Bauer, SVP of Outreach, Advocacy and Chief Development Officer; Erik Porter, SVP Chief Financial Officer; and Jim Herndon, SVP Human Resources with toys donated by employees.

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From L-R: Isael Gonzalez, Commanding Officer at The Salvation Army with Metro Credit Union employees Charlene Bauer, SVP of Outreach, Advocacy and Chief Development Officer and John Prendergast, Operations Specialist.

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 And to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 (et seq.)  
 Philip L. Johnson, Trustee of the Turner Investment Trust  
 Claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Winthrop, 135 Shirley Street, given by James J. Slower, Trustee 135 Shirley Street Trust to Philip L. Johnson Trustee of the Turner Investment Trust,  
 dated March 18, 2021, and recorded in the Suffolk Registry of Deeds in Book 65018, Page 177, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status. If you now are, or recently have been in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before 1/17/2022 or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the Act.  
 Witness, Gordon H. Piper, Chief Justice of this Court on 12/1/2021.  
 Attest: Deborah J. Patterson Recorder 12/23/21 W

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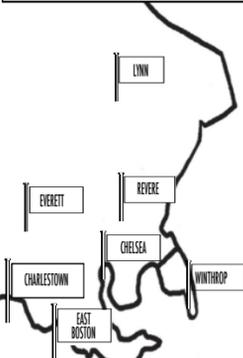
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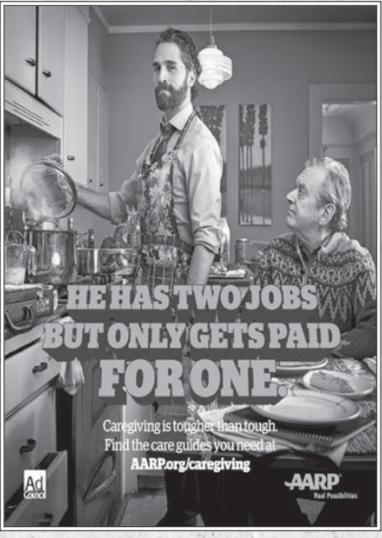
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