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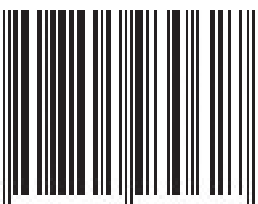
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Shown above, a bobcat shovels snow into the piles on Winthrop Shore Drive during the calm of the morning after the storm. Shown below, surfers took advantage of the "nice" (relatively speaking) weather Sunday morning at Winthrop Beach.



Supt. of Schools Howard appointed to Suffolk County DA Community Advisory Panel

By Cary Shuman

Winthrop Supt. of Schools Lisa Howard has been appointed to Suffolk County District Attorney Kevin R. Hayden's Community Advisory Committee that will assist in the evaluation of the DA's Office, its bureaus, units, and supervisory functions, and examination of the impact of key SCDAO policies.

Howard humbly accepted the prestigious appointment

this week. Howard is the only secondary school administrator on the 18-member panel and will be called open to evaluate school-related initiatives and serve as the liaison between the panel and the school community in the county that consists of Boston, Winthrop, Revere, and Chelsea.

"I'm extremely humbled and honored to be asked to serve on the committee," said Howard. "Being in the role of a school superin-

tendent and being a former teacher and special education director, I feel my perspective may open the eyes of people who may not in fact be working with children every day," said Gill. "I will utilize this opportunity to create positive change and equity for children."

Gill said through her position on the advisory panel, she hopes to learn more about what resources Win-

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Delehanty, Letterie praise DPW efforts during and following the snowstorm

By Cary Shuman

Interim Town Manager Terence Delehanty and Town Council President James Letterie both praised the Department of Public Works for their snow-clearing and snow-removal efforts following the blizzard that dumped close to two feet of snow on Winthrop last Friday and Saturday.

"Considering this was the second-largest January snowstorm in our town's history, I thought our DPW did a great job clearing the snow," said Delehanty. "This is a clean-up process that is continuing all week."

Letterie also lauded the DPW for its work during the historic snow event.

"I am extremely proud of Steve Calla for their re-

markable effort during an historic snowfall in Winthrop," said Letterie. "Our crews worked 26 straight hours before we gave them a break, which gave residents time to shovel and plow themselves out. In a town like Winthrop, a snowstorm of this significance needs all our help, the residents along with our DPW, Police, Fire — we can't do it alone."

Letterie said residents putting snow that they had removed from their properties onto the streets "was a significant hindrance for us in some circumstances."

"But overall, I'm extremely proud and happy of everyone who put an inordinate amount time and effort into the operations,"

See SNOWSTORM Page 3

Town Manager search committee is announced

Staff Report

Town Council President James Letterie said the Council announced Tuesday the members of the Town Manager Selection Committee.

Karin Chavis will chair the Committee. The members will include Lisa Howard (or her designee), Rob DeMarco, John Macero,

Shannon Poulos, Vinny Crossman, and Peter Gill.

Letterie said the town has been working with Paradigm Consulting in the town manager selection process.

"We stopped taking applications on Jan. 28," Letterie said. "I believe we have over two dozen

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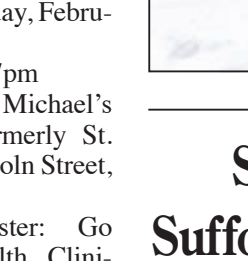
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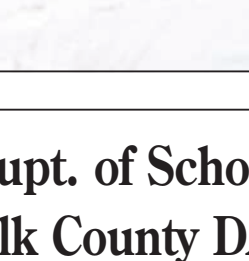
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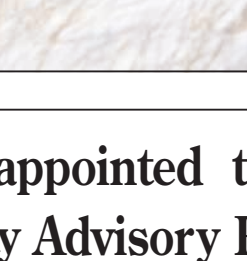
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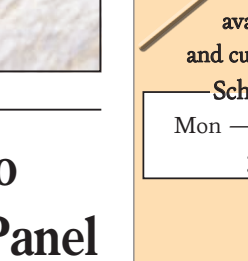
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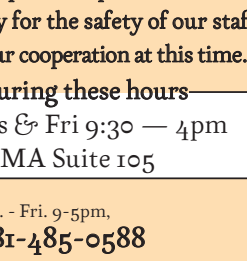
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WINTHROP POLICE BLOTTER

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MONDAY, JAN. 17

1228: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) at Andrew St. and Tafts Ave. for a civil moving infraction and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1347: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) at Pauline and Fremont Sts. for the civil moving infraction of a stop sign violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1353: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Walden St. for the civil moving infraction of a stop sign violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1422: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) at Walden St. for a civil moving infraction and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1447: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Revere St. near the 7-11 for the civil moving infraction of a crosswalk violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1555: An officer responded to a report of a small black dog running in

and out of the road on Bowdoin St. The office located the animal and returned it to its owner.

1814: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Washington Ave. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

2336: A repossession company reported the repo of a motor vehicle on Trident Ave.

TUESDAY, JAN. 18

1110: The owner of a motor vehicle (MV) reported that her MV was struck and damaged while parked in the DPW parking lot on Kennedy Drive.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 19

0703: A caller reported that a vehicle struck a parked vehicle on Wave Way Ave. The officer filed a report.

1021: A Pleasant St. resident reported that a parked motor vehicle (MV) was partially blocking his driveway. The officer issued a parking ticket.

1810: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) at Morton St. and Pleasant Park Rd. for the civil moving infraction of tint covering a registration plate. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

THURSDAY, JAN. 20

0113: An officer issued parking tickets to five vehicles on Beach Rd.

0329: An officer directed the owner of a vehicle

blocking a driveway on Paine St. to move his vehicle.

FRIDAY, JAN. 21

0653: A repossession company reported the repo of a motor vehicle on Veterans Rd.

1111: Winthrop officers assisted parole officers with the arrest of a person for a parole violation on Woodside Ave.

1908: An officer dispersed a person in a vehicle from Hannaford Park, which is closed after dark.

1933: A resident reported the theft of his bicycle that he had left outside a local store. The officer filed a report.

SATURDAY, JAN. 22

0004: An officer assisted the Fire Dept. with opening the doors of an automobile in which a young child had been locked.

0116: An officer issued parking tickets to six vehicles on Hutchinson St.

0123: An officer issued parking tickets to two vehicles on Bowdoin St.

0132: An officer issued parking tickets to three vehicles on Beach Rd.

1027: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Hagman Rd. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1223: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) at Walden and Main Sts. for the criminal violation of operating an uninsured MV.

The operator said she was unaware that the insurance for the MV, which belonged to her husband, had expired. The officer directed the operator to drive home and resolve the issue.

1239: An officer responded to a report of a hit-and-run motor vehicle accident involving a parked vehicle on Johnson. An officer spoke to the owner of the parked vehicle and another officer located the offending vehicle on Shirley St. An officer filed a report.

1736: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Main St. for the civil moving infraction of failing to stop for a traffic control sign or signal. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1828: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Sturgis St. for a civil moving infraction and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1841: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) at Main and Walden Sts.. for a civil moving infraction and gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1905: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) at Revere and Taylor Sts. for the civil moving infraction of a headlight violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1914: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) at Pauline and Fremont Sts. for the civil moving infraction of a headlight violation. The officer gave a

verbal warning.

1947: An officer responded to a report of a verbal altercation between roommates at an Upland Rd. residence. The officer restored the peace.

SUNDAY, JAN. 23

0112: An officer issued parking tickets to three vehicles on Hutchinson St.

0736: An officer responded to a report of a person illegally throwing paint cans into a dumpster at a Shore Drive address. The officer filed a report.

0852: A Temple Ave. resident reported that her parked motor vehicle had been struck and damaged by a hit-and-run operator. The officer filed a report.

1514: An officer directed a person whose motor vehicle was partially blocking a driveway on Edgehill Rd. to move the vehicle.

1703: An officer responding to a report of a dog locked inside a parked motor vehicle on Woodside Ave. determine that the vehicle was uninsured. The officer followed the operator home to make sure that the vehicle was parked on private property. The officer directed the owner not to drive the vehicle until the insurance issue is resolved and not to leave his dog inside the vehicle for long periods of time.

1724: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) at Revere and Taylor Sts. for the civil moving infraction of a red light violation. The

officer issued a citation to the operator.

1914: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Winthrop St. for the civil moving infraction of failing to stop for a traffic control sign or signal. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1925: An officer stopped a motor vehicle (MV) on Revere St. for the civil moving infraction of failing to stop for a traffic control sign or signal. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1943: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Revere St. and determined that the international driver's license presented by the operator, for which the operator said he had paid a lot of money, was a fake. The officer stood by until a properly-licensed operator came by to take control of the vehicle and directed the original operator to obtain a valid license.

MONDAY, JAN. 24

0021: An officer dispersed persons in a vehicle from Hannaford Park, which is closed after dark.

0141: An officer directed persons who were being loud at a Shirley St. residence to quiet down for the night.

0607: An officer directed a person playing music loudly in his motor vehicle behind the tennis courts at Governors Park to turn down the volume.

MBTA plan reallocates \$500 million to support critical capital investments

Staff Report

The Audit and Finance Subcommittee of the MBTA Board supported reallocating up to \$500 million in operating funds to support critical and timely capital investments, allowing the MBTA to accelerate key capital projects in safety, advance key employee recruitment and retention initiatives, advance key investments in bus, and more. This one-time reallocation plan was presented to the full Board at today's meeting. This funding is unrelated to the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funds.

"Last fiscal year, we spent a record \$1.9 billion in capital investments and addressed some of the state of good repair backlog. But we still have important investments to make," said MBTA General Man-

ager Steve Poftak. "This \$500-million one-time transfer of funds will allow us to expedite crucial safety investments like the Green Line Train Protection Project, to continue supporting our workforce with pandemic pay for front-line employees, to further major investments that upgrade and modernize our bus system, and more."

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the MBTA received nearly \$2 billion in one-time Federal relief funds, which allowed the MBTA to maintain service levels and balance its operating budget despite significant reductions in fare revenues. Federal relief funds continue to be applied to eligible operating expenses, freeing up other revenues on a one-time basis.

With the support of the Board, the MBTA plans to

reallocate up to \$500 million in operating funds to support critical one-time capital investments while still ensuring a balanced budget through FY23:

- Safety Investments: \$67 million will go toward accelerating key capital investments in safety, including \$45 million in the Green Line Train Protection Project and accelerating the project's schedule by a year to be completed next year instead of 2024; providing additional funds to support increased inspections at MBTA stations and facilities; and providing funds to address identified safety and non-code compliant concerns at the Lynn Parking Garage.
- Workforce Investments: \$20 million will go toward advancing key employee recruitment and retention initiatives, in-

cluding supporting employee-focused initiatives like pandemic pay for front-line employees and the expansion of the human resources staffing program as well as establishing an employee recruitment and retention program with opportunities to extend hiring bonuses and referral bonuses for key positions at the MBTA.

- Bus Investments: \$109 million will go toward advancing key investments in bus, including funding for the Arborway Bus Facility (design), the Blue Hill Avenue Transit Priority Corridor, and the North Cambridge Bus Facility as well as additional funds needed to support the Quincy Bus Maintenance Facility and the procurement of 60 New Flyer buses as part of the New Flyer Bus Overhaul Project.
- Shovel-ready Invest-

ments: \$70 million will go toward advancing key shovel-ready and shovel-worthy projects, including advancing the Newton Commuter Rail Station project to 100% design, expanding the Codman Yard Expansion and Improvements project to include building and power infrastructure improvements, and programming funds for potential near-term real estate opportunities and advance infrastructure planning for future electrification of the Commuter Rail network.

- Additional Federal Formula Funding Preparation: \$145 million will go toward preparing for additional Federal formula funding. Funds identified provide the 20% match needed to program anticipated new Federal formula funds as identified in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law

(BIL). New funds, including matching funds, will be programmed through the FY23-27 Capital Investment Plan development process.

- Preserving the Existing Capital Program: \$89 million will go toward preserving the existing capital program, including additional funds needed to support the Franklin Double Track and Signal and ATC Implementation projects, replenishing the surplus/contingency fund to support any future COVID related (materials and labor) cost increases, and advancing the full scope of the Tower 1 Interlocking Early Action project.

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State Treasurer Deborah B. Goldberg and the National Association of Unclaimed Property Administrators are celebrating National Unclaimed Property Day... and you should be too!

One in ten Massachusetts residents have unclaimed money including citizens like Kelly who recently discovered how easy it was to claim her money.

"Checked my name and found money at FindMass-Money.com," said Kelly. "Once I found money for myself, I started checking

my family and friends... even work colleagues! I found money for them too! With this 'found' money, we ordered take out from a local restaurant. I didn't have to cook, and we helped a struggling restaurant in our town."

The Treasury is currently holding over \$3.4 billion in unclaimed property. Treasurer Goldberg urges all citizens to check the comprehensive list for all amounts at www.findmassmoney.com or call our live call center at 888-344-MASS (6277).

"Take a minute on Unclaimed Property Day to check your name like Kelly," said State Treasurer Deborah B. Goldberg. "Our team is prepared to walk you through the claims process."

Unclaimed property includes forgotten savings and checking accounts, uncashed checks, insurance policy proceeds, stocks, dividends, and the contents

of unattended safe deposit boxes. Most accounts are considered abandoned and are turned over to the state after three years of inactivity. In 2021, Treasury processed over 113,000 claims and returned over \$174 million in cash and securities to its rightful owners.

There is no time limit for a person to claim this property and, in many cases, claimants will receive interest. Searching for unclaimed money is always free by using FindMass-Money.com.

DOC ANNOUNCES BODY-CAM PILOT PROGRAM

The Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (EOPSS), in coordination with the Massachusetts Department of Correction (DOC), announced a pilot program to outfit correctional officers with Body-Worn Cameras (BWC). The DOC's first-time use of officer-worn body cam-

eras will launch at Souza-Baranowski Correctional Center (SBCC), a maximum-security facility. EOPSS and the DOC began exploring the use of BWCs several months ago as part of continued efforts to enhance operational systems, improve safety for inmates and correctional officers, and advance transparency and accountability.

"Implementing this BWC pilot program reinforces our commitment to advancing the safety of correctional officers and those entrusted to their care. The program affords us the opportunity to explore how this technology can improve operational efficiency and enhance the value of transparency in our institutions," said Public Safety and Security Secretary Terrence Reidy.

The pilot program's objectives are three-fold:

- Enhance communication and collaboration among DOC staff.

- Support improved interactions between staff and inmates.
- Strengthen transparency and accountability.

The initial deployment of BWCs is anticipated to begin in Summer 2022 at SBCC. Once deployed, they will augment the facility's comprehensive network of existing stationary cameras.

"The Department supports implementation of the BWC pilot program to study how this advanced technology can serve an important role in correctional operations. This innovative tool has a proven track record of improving safety, providing valuable documentation for evidentiary purposes, resolving officer-involved incidents, and offering a useful training tool for the Department and its officers," said DOC Commissioner Carol Mici.

The Baker-Polito Administration will invest \$1 million in a two-phase pi-

lot program, with funding included in the Administration's Fiscal Year 2023 budget proposal. The pilot's first phase will concentrate on technology needs, including an overall assessment of the body-camera style most conducive to the environment and an analysis of the technology needed by a DOC facility to effectively administer the program.

The pilot's second phase will focus on operational implementation. A research team will evaluate the initial roll-out of the two-phased pilot program over several months. Information related to evidence collection, records retention, storage requirements and other operational matters will be assessed for best practices. Researchers will also evaluate internal data and key metrics to determine the program's effectiveness and facilitate evidence-based policy decisions regarding programmatic.

Driver’s License Bill wins support of 15 mayors and managers

Staff Report

15 Mayors and City Managers from across Massachusetts announced their support for The Work and Family Mobility Act in a letter submitted to the Joint Committee on Transportation.

The bill, currently awaiting a report from the Committee, would allow immigrants without status to qualify for a Massachusetts Standard Driver’s License, as long as there is valid proof of identity, date of birth, and Massachusetts residency.

The Act was reported favorably from the Committee on Transportation in 2020 and was poised for passage last session when

the COVID-19 pandemic hit. Reintroduced this session, the bill has now earned more than 100 co-sponsors in the House and Senate, and the Driving Families Forward Coalition supporting the bill has grown to include more than 270 endorsing organizations, including community, health, faith, labor, business, and law enforcement leaders.

Mayors and Managers from Amherst, Arlington, Boston, Brockton, Brookline, Cambridge (Mayor and City Manager), Chelsea, Malden, Medford, Newton, Randolph, Revere, Salem and Swampscott joined together in support of the bill. In the letter officials noted that the proposal would greatly improve road safety and increase the ease

with which law enforcement officers conduct their regular duties.

“[T]his bill would provide broad benefits to our municipalities. Our streets will be safer for everyone when all drivers have passed road tests, and vehicles are registered and insured,” the letter reads, in part. “Indeed, many of our policy chiefs support the bill as a public safety tool and agree that it will enable law enforcement to better identify individuals at traffic stops or scenes of an accident”

“All Boston and Massachusetts adults deserve access to driver’s licenses regardless of immigration status. I support the Family Mobility Act because it will make all of us safer,” said

Boston Mayor Michelle Wu.

“The Work and Family Mobility Act is a common-sense measure that will improve the safety of our streets and strengthen the ability of Massachusetts families and workers to access essential services, health care, education, and places of work,” said Mayor Kim Driscoll of Salem.

“Massachusetts cities and towns have consistently stepped forward to help all of our residents, and now we’re calling on the legislature to do the same. This measure is endorsed by both law enforcement leaders and advocates for our immigrant neighbors. Let’s make sure our Commonwealth is a place that works for and welcomes everyone

by adopting this important legislation.”

“Providing access to driver’s licenses to immigrants makes all of our communities safer and more equitable,” said Newton Mayor Ruthanne Fuller.

“Swampscott is one of the most densely settled communities in the Commonwealth. As we look to the future, it’s clear we need a focus on pedestrian safety and complete streets to help balance the needs of all modes of transportation,” said Sean Fitzgerald, Swampscott Town Administrator.

“Welcoming new residents, regardless of where they come from or the circumstances of their arrival, is important to the long-term economic and social

well-being of Greater Boston and the entire Commonwealth,” said Lizzi Weyant, Deputy Executive Director of Public Affairs and Advocacy at the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) in Boston, which led the creation of the municipal sign-on letter sent to the transportation committee.

“The Legislature has a real opportunity to meaningfully address some of the structural barriers facing our undocumented residents,” said Weyant. “This legislation gives us an opportunity to start to change the way that we treat and include vital members of our communities.”

CCS continues vaccination clinic

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When: Thursday, February 3, 2022

Time: 3pm-7pm
Where: Saint Michael’s Gymnasium (formerly St. John’s), 229 Lincoln Street, Winthrop, MA

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“We invite surrounding towns to take advantage of our clinics. We have a team to register those who do not have computer access and we welcome all walk-ins,” said Sandra Hurley, RN, MBA, NE-BC, Executive Director of Commonwealth Clinical Services, Inc. “

Sandra Hurley and her husband, Dr. William Hurley established Commonwealth Clinical Services, Inc. (CCS) in 2005. CCS is a Visiting Nurse Association/ Home Health Care Agency that provides Medicare, Medicaid, and Private Pay health care services at home to patients in the Greater Boston Area. CCS is a fully insured, bonded agency providing the highest level of home care through an individualized care plan approach, collaborative case management strategy, and a multi-disciplined clinical team. CCS serves the clinical and personal needs of adult, pediatric, and geriatric patients.

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said Letterie.

Delehanty said three private contractors with plows were hired to supplement the efforts by the Winthrop DPW.

Delehanty and Letterie agreed with Supt. of Schools Lisa Howard’s decision to close schools Monday. He said that decision allowed DPW workers to focus on clearing the sidewalks, paths and school parking lots and provide safe access for teachers and students.

“We needed that extra day to clean up Kennedy Drive (the road leading to the Gorman Fort Banks School),” said Delehanty.

“I know there was concern about there being no school on Monday, but I stand behind the superintendent’s decision,” said Letterie. “As much as it’s her decision, it is a group effort and it doesn’t just involve the fact that the schools’ grounds are cleared, we have to be cognizant of all the sidewalks throughout the town, the extremely high mounds of snow that might be a visual impediment at intersections. We need to look at the safety of getting our children back and forth from school. I think Supt. Howard’s decision was spot on. It was nice to have the schools back in session Tuesday morning.”

Delehanty noted that there were no flood-related problems caused by the storm. “Flooding was not a concern,” reported De-

hanty. “Fire Chief [Scott] Wiley kept us informed that he didn’t think it was going to be an issue, and he was correct with his analysis throughout the blizzard. That made a huge difference that there was no flooding.”

Both Delehanty and Letterie said that DPW Director Steve Calla and DPW Operations Manager Aaron Armistead both operated front-end loaders throughout the storm. “I thank Steve and Aaron for getting into the machines. We didn’t have front-end load-

er drivers, so they had to operate those themselves.”

Letterie also elaborated on Calla and Armistead’s personal, snow-removal efforts.

“I can’t imagine another city or town in this area that has their DPW director working equipment for 24 hours at a stretch,” said Letterie. “The effort by Steve and his staff was commendable.”

Delehanty said he will be submitting a report to the Town Council detailing all the costs to the town resulting from the snowstorm.

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candidates. Paradigm is in the process of putting information packets together for our committee. Paradigm representatives will be meeting with our selection committee the week of Feb. 7 and they will be determining which candidates will be interviewed for the


position.”

Letterie said the town manager selection committee will eventually provide a list of 3-4 finalists to the Town Council.

“At that point, the process will become public, and the Council will hold public interviews with each

of the finalists,” said Letterie. “I will then present a name and nomination for the Council’s approval. My goal is to have the new town manager in place by June 1.”

Police Chief Terence Delehanty has been serving as the interim town manager.



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OUR Opinions

TEACHER SHORTAGE WAS INEVITABLE

An article in the Wall St. Journal this week highlighted yet another area of a labor shortage in the country that has been fueled by the COVID-19 pandemic:

“Burned out teachers are leaving the classroom for jobs in the private sector, where talent-hungry companies are hiring them, and often boosting their pay, to work in sales, software, healthcare, and training, among other fields. The rate of people quitting jobs in education rose more than in any other industry in 2021, according to federal data. Many of those are teachers exhausted from toggling between online and classroom teaching, shifting Covid-19 protocols and dealing with challenging students, parents, and administrators. According to LinkedIn, the share of teachers on the site who left for a new career increased by 62% last year.”

It was inevitable that COVID-19 would impact the field of education.

Public school teachers have long been the most-underpaid and under-appreciated groups of workers in our country.

The pay for teachers has been substandard for decades in the U.S. compared to many other countries, but the teaching profession always has attracted those who truly have a love for teaching and who have been willing to work for less pay in return for what had been a rewarding career path.

But it has been only fairly recently that teachers have become a favorite foil for the usual suspects (i.e., Republican politicians) in our overheated political environment in which teachers are deemed the enemy and not worthy of respect.

Now, thanks to COVID-19, teachers have been pushed over the edge and are leaving the profession in droves for greener pastures where their skills, abilities, and work ethic actually are appreciated.

The Wall St. Journal article goes on to say:

“The exodus is worsening a nationwide teacher shortage and proving a boon to hiring managers in industries such as IT services and consulting, hospitals, and software development. Teachers, who ability to absorb and transmit information quickly, manage stress, and multitask are high-demand skills, recruiters and careers coaches say. Classroom instructors are landing sales roles and jobs as instructional coaches, software engineers, and behavioral health technicians, according to LinkedIn.”

The Biblical admonition, “As ye sow, so shall ye reap,” finally has caught up with us -- and teachers today now are able to take advantage of another, more-modern aphorism: “Take this job and shove it.”

PRES. BIDEN’S SUPREME COURT PICK

There has been criticism from the usual suspects regarding President Joe Biden’s declared intention to choose a Black woman for the U.S. Supreme Court seat to fill that of Justice Stephen Breyer, who announced his imminent retirement last week.

We’d like to make two comments:

First, there are thousands of lawyers, of all races, ethnicities, and genders, who are qualified to be a Supreme Court judge. Statements such as those by U.S. Senator Roger Wicker of Mississippi that the selection of a Black woman constitutes “affirmative racial discrimination” are both absurd and offensive.

Second, we firmly believe that every institution in our democracy should reflect the diverse make-up of our country. It is axiomatic that the only way that the three branches of our government can be truly representative of our citizenry is to be composed of those who bring the unique life experience of every American to that institution.

We applaud Joe Biden’s commitment to broaden the breadth of our nation’s highest court by appointing a Black woman for the first time in the court’s history.

We look forward to the perspective that she will bring to the highest court in the land in this, the third decade of the 21st century, bringing us another step closer to fulfilling the promise of the words written in the Declaration of Independence 246 years ago.

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LETTERS to the Editor

LOOKING AT THE EDWARDS – D’AMBROSIO PRIMARY ELECTION

Dear Editor,

Now that Lydia Edwards has taken office as our State Senator, it is instructive to look back at the Democratic Primary Election held in December and see how what some thought would be a very close contest turned into a strong victory for Edwards.

There are three parts to any election: who is in the race, how the race is run, and who turns out to vote.

Initially it looked like the race would be between Revere School Committee member Anthony D’Ambrosio, East Boston State Representative Adrian Madaro and Boston City Councilor Lydia Edwards. D’Ambrosio declared his candidacy first, even before State Senator Joseph Boncore officially submitted his resignation. Even though this may have upset some of Boncore’s closest supporters, it was effective since, with a \$50,000 loan to his own campaign and the potential for more, D’Ambrosio was able to convince other potential candidates from Revere to forgo the race.

Next, Madaro and Boston City Councilor Lydia Edwards began to reach out to political activists in the State Senate district to elicit support for potential candidates. Both were popular in East Boston where they reside, but Edwards represents the North End on the Boston City Council and looked to be the stronger candidate in other parts of Boston and Cambridge in the State Senate district. Madaro, with a new baby son and potential changes to his State Representative district due to redistricting, decided to focus on his current position and against entering the race once Boncore’s resignation became official.

Now the race was on between D’Ambrosio and Edwards. D’Ambrosio was expected to win Revere handily and Edwards was expected to win Boston and Cambridge handily. Winthrop would be the battleground. D’Ambrosio needed to win Winthrop by a big margin while Edwards needed only to keep the margin close.

As for the race itself, D’Ambrosio’s campaign relied heavily on yard signs, direct mail, newspaper ads, billboards, and even a television commercial. Edwards’s campaign devoted a good deal of her campaign funds to field organizers, with less reliance on signs, direct mail, and newspaper ads. Edwards also had a stronger record to run on due to her service on the Boston City Council and secured endorsements from political leaders across the State Senate district and Commonwealth, numerous labor unions and several progressive organizations. The most important of these was Boston Mayor Michelle Wu.

To the casual observer, the race looked quite different depending on where one lived. In Revere, D’Ambrosio signs were everywhere, while in Cambridge they were nonexistent. In Boston, there was strong

support for Edwards, while in Winthrop it seemed more competitive.

However, in the last 10 days of the campaign, D’Ambrosio sent out 3 negative mailers against Edwards which showed to astute political observers that he believed that he was well behind in the race.

Election Day when the results came in Lydia Edwards won Boston with 77% of the vote, Cambridge with 95% of the vote and, most importantly, Winthrop with 57% of the vote. Anthony D’Ambrosio won Revere with 76% of the vote. Equally important was the turnout across the State Senate district. Compared to the 2016 Special Election won by Joseph Boncore, the turnout in Boston increased by 700 votes, while Cambridge decreased by 150 votes, Revere decreased by 1,200 votes, and Winthrop decreased by 1,200 votes.

Lydia Edwards beat Anthony D’Ambrosio by 2,700 votes across the State Senate district because she had a stronger record to run on, and a dedicated field organization that contacted voters door-to-door in all four communities and turned them out on Election Day. This was especially true in Boston with the support of Mayor Wu and other elected officials.

Edwards’s strong victory with 60% of the vote across the State Senate district compared to D’Ambrosio’s 40% should discourage potential challengers in this fall’s election. D’Ambrosio certainly has a political future in Revere given his vote in that community, but his negative mailers have hurt his reputation should he seek election in a district outside of that community.

William Schmidt

REGARDING OUR SCHOOLS

Dear Editor

The recent study conducted on the cultural responsiveness of the Winthrop Public School system is both good news and bad news. While the findings are disappointing - the study found that our schools are nowhere near culturally responsive enough - it may also be the much-needed impetus for deeper work on diversity, equity and inclusion.

Our children deserve to see themselves in their lessons, teachers, and books. They deserve to have their cultures celebrated and appreciated. They deserve help when they may have barriers to learning, for example when English may be their second or third language. And studies show that diversity, equity and racial justice in schools benefit all students, no matter their background.

But it’s not just our children who benefit. Our teachers also deserve to have the most up-to-date educational materials, training, and support. Every single WPS family deserves to feel valued and heard. And our town deserves a school system that responds positively and proactively to our changing world.

We have faith that the Winthrop Public Schools will lead the way into making our schools more equitable. For the good of all of us.

Leonora Foley

GUEST OP-ED

America’s crumbling bridges, can we save ourselves?

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

The Forbes Avenue bridge over Fern Hollow Creek in Pittsburgh’s Frick Park collapsed last Friday morning, January 28th with several vehicles, including a Port Authority bus, on the span at the time. The bridge that collapsed is known as the Fern Hollow Bridge, used by an estimated 14,500 vehicles daily. (From Pittsburgh Action 4)

Ten people were injured. No one was killed when the bridge buckled at 6:39 a.m., officials said, though four people were hospitalized with injuries that were not life-threatening. President Biden who was ironically visiting the area warned that the country might not be so lucky next time. “We don’t need headlines saying that someone was killed when the next bridge collapses,” Biden said. (Washington Post)

“The most recent report using 2021 data showed more than 43,500 of the country’s roughly 615,000 bridges were rated poor. That number is about 4,000 less than those reported to be in poor condition nationally in 2017.” (WHYY Public Broadcasting)

In the last fifty years America has seen horrific bridge collapses.

- The Hyatt Regency Walkway, Kansas City, Missouri, 114 deaths, July 17, 1981.
- Big Bayou Canot, Outside Mobile, Alabama, 47 deaths, September 22, 1993.
- Silver Bridge. Between Point Pleasant, West Virginia and Gallipolis, Ohio, 46 deaths, December 15, 1961.
- Cypress Street Viaduct, Oakland California, 42 deaths, October 17, 1989.
- Sunshine Skyway Bridge, St. Petersburg, Florida 35 deaths, May 9, 1980.
- I-40 Bridge, Webster Falls, Oklahoma, 14 deaths, May 26, 2002.
- Cline Ave, East Chicago Indiana, 14 deaths, April 15, 1982.
- I-35 West Bridge, Minneapolis, MN, 13 deaths, August 1, 2007.
- Schoharie Creek Bridge, Fort Hunter, New York, 10 deaths, 1987.
- Sydney Lanier Bridge, Brunswick, Georgia, 10 deaths, November 7, 1972 . (CNN.Com)

The cost of repairing 45,000 structurally deficient bridges, which are

on average 68 years old, is \$41.8 billion, using data from the US Department of Transportation. 36% of all bridges need replacing, while 22% need structural work, 19% need rehabilitation work, 18% need widening or rehabilitation and 5% need deck work.(Global Construction Review)

As we consider rebuilding our bridges and other infrastructure, we have to face our current \$29 trillion gross federal debt. This is held by the public as well as by federal trust funds and other government accounts. We are our own biggest creditor with Japan being second and China third. \$29 trillion is greater than the size of the economies of China, Japan, Germany, United Kingdom and India combined. This amounts to \$87,000 per person in our country.

Researchers at Brown University estimate that the U.S. has spent \$5.8 trillion on the war in Afghanistan and other conflicts stemming from the September 11, 2001 attacks. That includes direct and indirect spending on everything from military equipment to homeland security to death gratuities for the families or slain American service members.” (Watson. Brown.Edu.)

Will Russia’s military maneuver on the Ukraine border cost America? Whenever there is a problem in the world we go regardless of the cost. The problem is we don’t have any money, our bridges and other infrastructure are crumbling. We are in debt and dependent on Taiwan and China to even completely build an automobile. We have become a poor nation because of our indebtedness and dependence on foreign countries. A friend of mine received his Covid-19 test in the mail last week and even it was made in China.

If we don’t rebuild our infrastructure, including regaining energy and technology independence, and manage our debt, we won’t be able to help ourselves.

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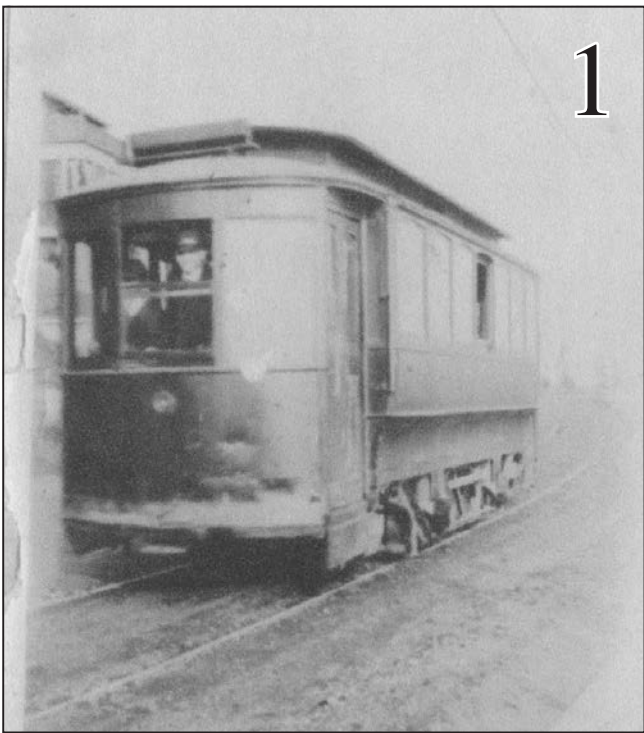
WINTHROP Then and Now

Winthrop Improvement and Historical Association

By G. David Hubbard, Town Historian • Photos courtesy of Stephen F. Moran

ART 942 - REMEMBERING CHARLIE WHEATON

Winthrop, on the small peninsula which forms the Eastern border of Boston harbor, has been home to a great number of notable residents among which was Charles W. Wheaton. Charlie came here from West Lynn at the age of 20 in 1910 to drive the Governor Winthrop streetcar, the first one of the newly opened Point Shirley Railway system cars which ran from Delby’s Corner (junction of Shirley St. & Washington Ave.) out Shirley St. and Tafts Avenue to Shirley Gut. See picture one which shows Charlie in the cab of this first street car. Not only did he drive this first street car, but in 1915, when buses also started to transport people to Point Shirley, Charlie drove the first such bus, see picture two which shows him standing at the right of his friend Bill Finlayson next to the bus. Picture three shows Charlie in front of his bus with a young local admirer. All such local Trolley and Bus service ceased operation in 1940 and the Rapid Transit Bus Service we know today began to operate. Charlie then became a driver for them and continued on until he retired in 1962. He then lived out the rest of his life in the home he had built with his wife Winifred, who passed away in 1954, at 27 Triton Ave. until his death in 1971. During the early days of driving along Shirley Street, by what is now Yirrell Beach, and then on out Tafts Avenue, there were very few buildings along the water and therefore Charlie had an unobstructed view of the ocean where he was able to easily detect people having problems in the water. Many newspaper articles were written about Charlie and the numerous people he saved from drowning along this route. Two such events



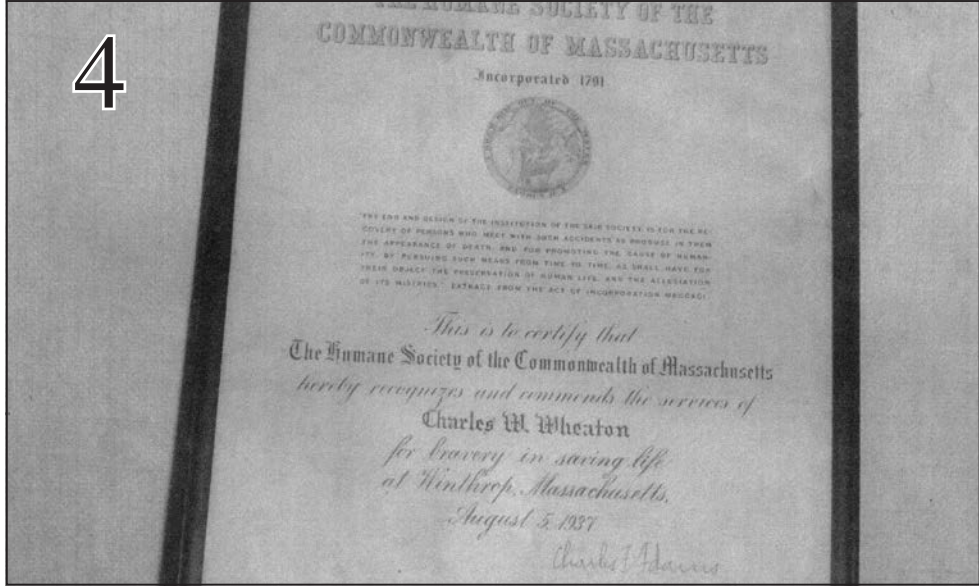
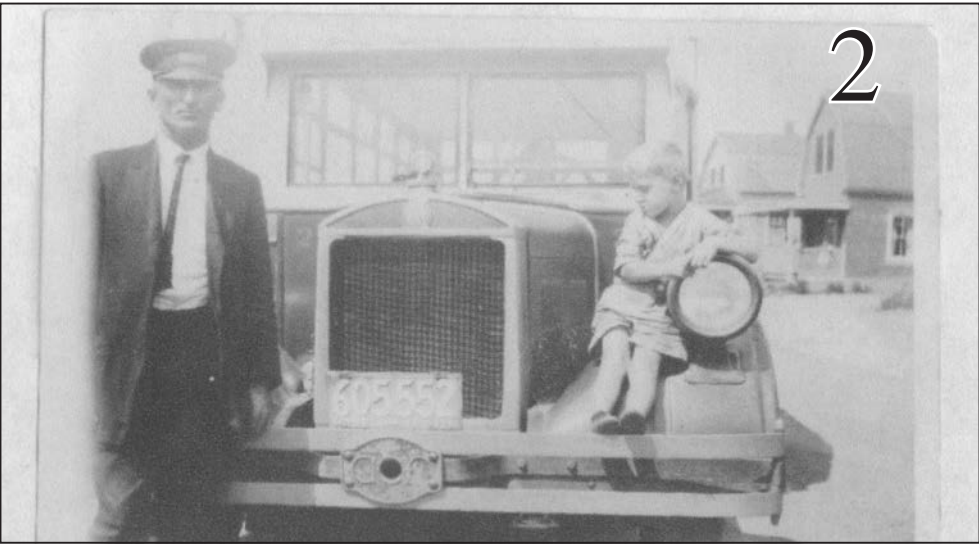
as reported in local papers were as follows.

From the 10/13/59 Boston Daily Globe: “Charley saved so many lives he doesn’t even count them. Once he spotted a tiny child drifting out to sea in the cover of an old trunk. He stripped down to his underwear, swam out and pushed the child in the trunk lid ahead of him to the shore”.

From the 6/26/58 Winthrop Transcript: “Or of the time Charlie was humming along the shore in 1924 and spotted a capsized catboat and two struggling figures in the sea beside it - - again leaving his trolley, Charlie commandeered a leaky row boat, grabbed a short board for an oar and paddled out to the drowning father and daughter. Before Charlie reached the shore, the frail boat sank beneath them but undismayed, he completed the rescue and was greeted by rising cheers on the now crowded beach. As soon as he reached shore, Charlie bounded into his trolley, still soaking wet, gave himself Two Bells and drove off to the Winthrop Beach Station which he reached on sched-

ule”.

In August 1937, The Humane Society of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts awarded Charley a Certificate recognizing his heroic efforts in saving lives in Winthrop, see picture four. Those of us who have lived in Winthrop over 50 years will remember Charlie Wheaton’s son, Charles A. Wheaton who was a milk delivery man until his death in 1992, and his grandson Charles “Bobby” Wheaton who, until his death in 1997, owned and operated the Woodside Hardware Store, first on Woodside Avenue and then at the entrance to Winthrop on Main Street under the name Woodside ACE Hardware where it continues today. Information for this article was provided by another of Charlie’s grandsons James Chicos who has had the above referenced Certificate framed with appropriate related photographs and presented it to the Winthrop Improvement and Historical Association for display in their Museum.



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 Feb. 2, 2012

President Obama honored former Winthrop resident Dr. Karen Panetta, a Winthrop High grad, as an Outstanding Science, Math and Engineering Mentor in a ceremony held at the White House recently. Dr. Panetta was among nine individuals and eight organizations that President Obama honored as recipients of the Presidential Award for Excellence in Science, Mathematics and Engineering Mentoring by the National Science Foundation (NSF). In addition to being honored at the White House, recipients receive awards of \$25,000 from NSF to advance their mentoring efforts. Dr. Panetta’s work with youth to inspire them to pursue engineering and science through her internationally acclaimed “Nerd Girls” Program has impacted many Massachusetts communities. Each year, Dr. Panetta invites local middle school children and their teachers to visit Dr. Panetta and a team of her Nerd Girls on the Tufts University campus in Medford to experience what it is like to be an engineering student.

With virtually no snowfall to speak of during the first two months of winter, new Public Works Director Steve Calla said that the town has not expended any funds from its snow removal budget. This is in contrast to last winter when there already had been six plowable snow storms and several other road de-icing operations that left the public works department over budget for snow removal heading into the snowiest month of the winter.

Chronicle, Journey 2: The Mysterious Island, and The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

20 years ago Feb. 7, 2002

State Financial Services LLC, the developer of the former Winthrop Hospital building on Lincoln St., has announced that it no longer is able to work with the town Planning Board. State Financial had been seeking permission to build 80-85 condo units at the site, but the Planning Board voted instead to limit the project to 65 units. State Financial now say it will seek a Comprehensive Permit pursuant to Chapter 40B and instead will build a 100-unit, low-income housing project.

Hundreds of Winthrop residents trekked to Boston City Hall Plaza to join in the big tribute to the Patriots to celebrate their victory over the St. Louis Rams in Sunday’s Super Bowl game.

State Rep. Robert DeLeo held his annual campaign kickoff breakfast on Super Bowl Sunday at the Winthrop Elks.

A Beautiful Mind, The Royal Tenenbaums, and Vanilla Sky are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

30 years ago Feb. 5, 1992

The Police Department is reporting that there has been a sharp increase in fights among gangs of youths in the town.

Douglas MacDonald has been named the new Executive Director of the MWRA, succeeding Paul Levy.

Although some potential candidates still are awaiting an announcement from State Senator Michael Lopresti as to whether he will be a candidate for re-election, Boston District 1 City Councilor Robert Travagli-

ni already has announced that he will be a candidate for the Senate seat.

Wayne’s World, The Great Mouse Detective, and Final Analysis are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

40 years ago Feb. 3, 1982

The Jaycees presented Selectman Dick Dimes with their 13th annual Distinguished Citizen Award before a large crowd at the Winthrop Yacht Club Saturday night. Jaycee Pres. Joseph Ferrino Jr. made the presentation.

Planning Board Chairman Robert Driscoll inaugurated the Kiwanis Club’s weekly guest speaker series Monday evening at Anthony’s Restaurant in the Centre.

Officers Ingersoll and Herbert, acting on a tip, recovered \$7000 in bonds and jewelry that had been dumped at the edge of the salt marsh near Beachmont Friday afternoon. The bonds had been stolen from a Revere man and the jewelry came from burglaries in several homes in the area.

State Senator Chester Atkins was the guest speaker at the Rotary Club’s annual senior luncheon.

Elizabeth G. Lownsboro, who had been a beloved nurse at the Winthrop Hospital for 43 years, passed away this week at the age of 85.

Burt Reynolds stars in Sharky’s Machine at the Kincade Theatre.

50 years ago Feb. 2, 1972

An anticipated contested seat for School Committee will not materialize with the announcement by incumbent George Hill that he will not be a candidate for re-election, which means that newcomer Thomas Connelly will be assured of winning a seat.

The Jaycees presented Town Counsel Joseph Harvey with their third annual Distinguished Citizen Award at the Elks before a sellout throng.

Leo Sandell and Abe Sidman, proprietors of Grunin’s Deli on Shirley St. for a dozen years, bade farewell to their many longtime customers this week. The duo have sold their business.

John T. Conway, local insurance company proprietor, is the new President of the Chamber of Commerce.

The WHS Music Department is proud to announce that its third annual Pops Night is set for February 6. Music Director Harry Harotian said that all kinds of music, ranging from jazz to show tunes to Mozart, will be featured by the WHS band, which is comprised of 58 students.

Rehearsals for the annual Elks Variety Show are progressing smoothly.

State Senator Joseph J.C. DiCarlo has announced that he will lead a slate of delegates from this district pledged to Maine U.S. Senator Edmund Muskie for the Democratic nomination for President. The Mass. primary will be held in April.

Winthrop’s new street sweeper, which vacuums debris from the street with the aid of brushes, is only the second of its kind in use throughout the country and is now being observed by municipal officials from across New England.

60 years ago Feb. 1, 1962

Town Clerk John A. Clark announced that 41 men and women have filed nomination papers for the

annual March town election. As usual, the largest field is comprised of 10 candidates for the three seats on the Board of Selectmen.

The entire town is invited this weekend to attend a concert at Memorial Auditorium to be put on by the senior high school band, the elementary school glee club, and the junior and senior high choral societies. The event is being billed as the largest musical performance by local schoolchildren in the town’s history.

The Mass. Port Authority has bowed to the wishes of the legislature and will submit annual reports detailing safety measures being undertaken at Logan Airport. The reversal of the authority’s previous position was a victory for Selectman Henry J. O’Connell, who had made a similar request in the past, but had been turned down.

Advocates of an urban renewal project in Winthrop are pointing to a 206-acre demolition/rehabilitation project in Malden and a project in Gloucester that will result in a new waterfront mall and park as proof that urban renewal projects can transform blighted areas into attractive ones. The Winthrop Redevelopment Authority has proposed purchasing multi-family homes and businesses in the Beach area, demolishing them, and constructing new residential, commercial, and recreational areas.

Elizabeth Taylor and Paul Newman star in Cat on a Hot Tin Roof at the Winthrop Theatre.

70 years ago Jan. 31, 1952

The selectmen will ask Town Meeting to approve an appropriation of \$40,000 for construction of a baseball diamond, two softball fields, a skating rink, basketball courts, horse-show courts, a field house, and parking for 300 cars at Veterans Field. The School Committee is seeking funds for construction of a gymnasium and auditorium adjacent to the present senior high school. Another large money request that will be on the warrant calls for a 15 percent pay raise for town employees. There will be 74 articles on the warrant, just six fewer than last year, which was the longest in town history and took three sessions to complete.

The State Housing Board has washed its hands of the local housing authority’s internal dispute. The State Board has sent a letter exonerating the local board of any wrongdoing in its awarding of an apartment to the brother of a WHA board member. It had been alleged that the brother’s income exceeded the \$5000 income limit.

The Suburban Gas and Electric Company has completed the first phase of its conversion to natural gas, visiting every homeowner with gas service and informing them of the necessary modifications to their home appliances.

The race for School Committee will feature six candidates, including a woman for the first time in 11 years.

Bob Hope and Hedy Lamarr star in My Favorite Spy at the Winthrop and State Theatres.

80 years ago Feb. 5, 1942

An enthusiastic crowd of 600 residents attended the opening session of an instruction course under the direction of School Supt. Arthur Boudreau and public school teachers to certi-

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WHS SPORTS ROUNDUP

BOYS BASKETBALL TOPS DANVERS, GLOUCESTER

The Winthrop High boys basketball team turned in a pair of outstanding performances to defeat Northeastern Conference rivals Danvers and Gloucester last week on the Chris Tsiotos Court at Winthrop High.

Both victories followed similar scripts. The Vikings grabbed early leads, their opponents clawed back in the third period, but then Winthrop pulled away to start the fourth quarter to cruise to the wins.

The Vikings never trailed in their 67-57 triumph over the Danvers Falcons last Thursday, with four Vikings reaching double figures. Speedy senior Chris Cappuccino who led the Vikings with 19 points on the night, got Winthrop off to a flying start when he drove the lane for a bucket and then, on Danvers' ensuing possession, swooped-in to steal a Falcon pass near mid-court and take it all the way to give the Vikings a quick-as-a-flash 4-0 lead.

Winthrop held the advantage at all of the junctures, 17-13, 31-25, and 48-39, but Danvers hung tough up through the midway point of the third quarter, eventually bringing the contest back to level at 35-35 with 4:00 left in the period.

However, senior Zach Bogusz (16 points) quickly responded to the Danvers run with a three-pointer to boost Winthrop back into a lead that the Vikings never would relinquish. Luca Zanelli (15 points) followed with a 12-footer to make it 40-35 and, after a Danvers bucket, Cappuccino made a reverse layup worthy of a Michael Jordan highlight film for a 42-37 Viking lead.

A Danvers basket was sandwiched by a long three from sophomore George Galuris (11 points) and another

trei from Cappuccino to boost the Vikings into a double-digit lead, 48-39, at the third buzzer.

Winthrop then opened up some real daylight to start the final eight minutes thanks primarily to Zanelli, who scored six points in a 12-0 Viking run to start the period. Luca drove to the basket for a hoop and then put back an offensive rebound to widen the gap to 52-39. A bucket by Cappuccino, two free throws by Mikey Chaves, a hoop by Galuris, and another strong move to the basket by Zanelli brought the score to a commanding 60-39 Winthrop lead before Danvers finally stopped the bleeding with a free throw.

But by that point, with 4:30 remaining on the clock, the damage had been done. The Viking lead would reach its apogee at 23 points, 67-44, at which time WHS head coach Mike Triant began to give his reserves some playing time.

The following night the Vikings hosted the Fishermen of Gloucester, to whom the Vikings had dropped a 66-43 decision in their first meeting earlier this season. Winthrop once again got off to a fast start thanks to a combination of hot shooting and a ball-hawking defense.

Bogusz, the left-shooting senior with the soft touch, did his version of a Steph Curry imitation, sinking two treys to get the Vikings off to a fast 6-0 start. Zach would end up with 25 points and would drain seven three-pointers on the evening to pace the Winthrop offense.

The Vikings grabbed an 18-11 lead after one period and grew their advantage to 30-14 with 5:02 left in the period. However, the visiting Fishermen soon began to find the range and whittled the lead to 37-29

See **ROUNDUP** Page 8

WHS GIRLS BASKETBALL FALL DESPITE HARD FOUGHT GAME



OUT OF REACH: Shown above, Zoe Bogusz keeps the ball away from Masco's Mia Theberge.

DRIVE-THROUGH: Shown left, Grace Fleurriel goes to the basket between Masco's Taylor Bovardi (14) and Maggie Hook (10).



CRASH LANDING: Maddie Stiglets (3) goes to the floor to retrieve a loose ball during Winthrop's 46-36 loss Tuesday night at Masco. See more photos on Page 8.

WHS SPORTS Through the Years

10 years ago

Feb. 2, 2012

The Winthrop High boys hockey team will host Danvers this week with a share of first place in the Northeastern Conference's North Division on the line. The Falcons edged the Vikings by a 3-2 margin in their initial encounter in December, but since then, coach Dale Dunbar's crew has gone undefeated against its NEC rivals (though tied twice) and stands at 6-1-2 in the NEC, while Danvers has lost one game. The Vikings earned a solid 3-0 victory in their lone NEC contest of the past week, defeating Marblehead. Winthrop took a 2-0 advantage in the opening period on goals by Luke Hodgkins (Luke's first varsity lamp-lighter), assisted by Matt Todisco and Jake McKinnon, and Todisco, who was assisted by Chris LeBlanc. nChris Page added an extra insurance marker, assisted by Mitch Paulsen and McKinnon for the final score of 3-0. Freshman Ray Feeley earned the shutout between the pipes.

The Winthrop Lady Bulldog hockey knocked off perennial North Shore and Eastern Mass. power St.

Mary's of Lynn, which is ranked seventh in the state this past week. Hannah Lopresti lit the red lamp just 1:10 into the contest, assisted by Mackenzie Clarke. Clarke made it 2-0 midway through the second stanza on a power play goal, assisted by Vanessa Van Buskirk and Amanda Cordes. However, St. Mary's finally beat Winthrop goalie Brittany McPherson before the period ended to leave matters at a tight 2-1 margin entering the final 15 minutes. Freshman Caroline McKinnon reached the back of the St. Mary's net early in the third period, assisted by Kasey Harris, but St. Mary's drew within one again midway through the stanza with a power play goal. That set the stage for a frantic and frenetic final six minutes in which St. Mary's threw everything but the kitchen sink at Winthrop. However, the Lady Bulldogs' defense and MacPherson held firm to preserve the big victory.

The Winthrop High girls gymnastics team is enjoying a fine season under the direction of head coach Melissa Wiles. The Lady Vikings turned in their best effort

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WHS VIKINGS GIRLS BASKETBALL VS. MASCONOMET

Photos by Bob Marra

The Vikings clawed back from a 10-point, third-quarter deficit and took a one-

point lead midway through the fourth quarter but couldn't hang on as Masconomet pulled away with a 46-36 win Tuesday night.



ONE FOR THE TEAM: Reese Brodin (4) is knocked to the floor as she defends against Masco's Taylor Bovardi (14).



IN YOUR FACE: Maddie Stiglets (3) and Grace Fleuriel put the pressure on Masco's Mia Theberge (5).



NOT QUITE: Maddie Stiglets (3) tries to keep a ball in play but steps out of bounds.



EYE ON THE BALL: Winthrop's Sophia Lindinger (2) has an eye on a rebound.



ON HER WAY: Maddie Stiglets (3) drives to the basket.



IN CONTROL: Winthrop's Emma Forsyth gets a step on Masco's Ava Caron as they chase a loose ball.

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at the intermission, thanks to a desperation heave by a Fisherman from beyond half-court swishing through at the buzzer.

Gloucester carried that momentum into the third period and drew even with Winthrop at 43-43 at the third buzzer. Gloucester briefly moved ahead for the first time in the game with a free throw to open the final eight minutes of play, but Cappuccio made a strong drive to the hoop and drew the foul. Chris hit the free throw for an old-school three-point play to restore Winthrop back into the lead, 46-44.

Chris then sank a fade-away from 14 feet to increase the lead to four, 48-44.

After a Fisherman put back an offensive rebound, Bogusz drained a trey and was fouled. Zach hit the free throw for a new-school four-point play to give the Vikings some breathing room at 52-46 with six minutes on the clock. Gloucester responded with a triple of their own, slicing the gap to 52-49, but the Vikings then went on an 8-0 run behind a 15-footer by Cappuccio (15 points), a steal and lay-up by Chaves (12 points), a beautiful back-door cut and pass from Galuris to Zanelli (12



LONG REACH: Winthrop's Grace Fleuriel and Masco's Sarah Green reach for a loose ball.

points), and two free throws by Zanelli.

By the time the smoke and dust had settled from Winthrop's four-minute onslaught, the Vikings had turned a 44-43 deficit into a 60-49 lead with 3:54 to go.

After Gloucester finally scored a basket to make it 60-51, Zanelli went in alone for lay-up after taking a long, heads-up outlet pass from Galuris. Chaves then hit two free throws, leaving Winthrop in the driver's seat, 64-51, with 1:15 on the clock.

The Fishermen still had some fight left and, combined with some Winthrop ball-handling miscues, scored three quick hoops to draw within seven, 64-57, with 38 seconds still remaining.

Triant called a propitious timeout and Galuris (four points, including a Jordanesque reverse lay-up), who was fouled on the ensuing Winthrop possession, sank both of his free throws to put the game on ice.

"I thought they were two of the best games that we have played in years," Triant said regarding the back-to-back wins. "The team played completely selfless basketball and filled with Viking pride and energy.

"Chemistry is such an important part of any team sport and we had a bunch of difficult conversations the day after that Salem game (an 80-41 loss the previous Tuesday to the first-place Witches) regarding just that," said Triant.

"I felt as though for a group of 16-to-18 year old kids, they recognized and responded incredibly well," the coach continued. "It has shown on the court over these past three games.

"I felt like we came out and really asserted ourselves as the dominant team against Danvers, which is so important to do," said Triant. "Our

energy from the bench was electric, as was the crowd. The ball moved really well and guys really moved well off of the ball. We had one possession where we made 14 passes and took only three dribbles and it ended in a wide open three-point make for Zach. That was one of the best high school basketball possessions I have ever seen.

"Danvers hung tough. We were up six at the half, they made a little run to start the third, but then we answered with a 25-4 run to close the door. Our big three, Chris Cappuccino, Luca Zanelli, and Zach Bogus, played very well and I thought George Galuris had one of his best games of the season," Triant added.

"The coaches and I were interested to see how we would come back the next night on the back-to-back and again, to the kids' credit, they came out very strong," said Triant. "Zach was red-hot from three, especially early. I think that again we moved the ball much, much better and that helps him get better looks.

"Once we had that lead, we executed our defensive game plan, which was to limit Gloucester's Oliver as much as we could," Triant continued. "He had 23 on us up there earlier this year. We held him to five points and did a great job taking him out of the game.

"Mikey Chaves has been immense for us all year," Triant added. "His defensive intensity has been huge for us and that really showed in these past three games. Again, Zach led the way and his hot hand put us in the driver's seat early, but Chris and Luca also played incredibly well.

"We had a tough third quarter," said Triant. "They made some adjustments and we didn't screen as well or

move off the ball as well. When that happens, it can get tough for us to score in the half court. We called on Chris late in the third and we made an emphasis to get the ball in his hands more and allow him to get downhill to the rim, and he had 10 in the fourth period to help us pull away. The game is all about match-ups and when we play as a team, we are very tough to guard on most nights. In the fourth, we felt as though Chris had a big advantage and we as a team worked together to exploit it."

The lone setback for the Vikings occurred this past Tuesday with a 53-38 loss to the Masconomet Regional Chieftains in which the Vikings never were quite able to find their shooting touch after the first period.

"Masco was a tough one," observed Triant. "We battled ourselves offensively all night. Masco was big and strong and played very physical. To our credit, I thought we ramped-up our intensity and really battled. We were up 17-13 after one, then down 23-21 at the half. We had it to eight with just under four minutes left, but in the end we fell short.

"It's a game and there will be some film that will, without a doubt, make us better as we move forward," the coach concluded. "It seemed to me that every time we tried to guard them physically, we got into foul trouble."

The final stat sheet showed Masco taking 29 free throws compared to just 11 for the Vikings. Chaves led the Vikings with 13 points. Zanelli hit for 10, Chris Cappuccio added eight, Galuris contributed six, and Eddie Ramadan sank a free throw.

Triant and his crew, who now stand at 7-7 on the season, are scheduled to travel to Marblehead tomorrow (Friday) and will host Swampscott next Tuesday.

WINTER WEATHER WREAKS HAVOC FOR WINTHROP TEAMS

The weekend blizzard wrecked the game plans for the Winthrop High girls and boys hockey teams and the WHS gymnastics team.

Coach Anthony Martucci and his undefeated girls hockey team (8-0-1) had their game at Shawsheen on Saturday canceled. They were scheduled to take on Peabody last night (Wednesday) in a battle for first place in the Northeastern Hockey League (NHL). The rivals battled to a 2-2 tie in their first meeting this season, so the outcome of their encounter last night could prove decisive in determining the 2022 NHL champion.

The Lady Vikings will make the long trek to Newburyport on Saturday and will return home to entertain Marblehead next Wednesday evening. The opening face-off at Larsen is set for 6:10.

Coach Dale Dunbar and his boys' squad endured three postponements this past week with Somerville, Beverly, and Bishop Fenwick. They were set to get back in action last night (Wednesday) at Danvers and will return home to host Marblehead on Saturday for a 1:30 opening face-off. They will entertain Beverly next Tuesday evening at 6:10.

The WHS gymnasts had been looking forward to a busy weekend with meets on both Saturday and Sunday, but Winter Storm Keenan laid those plans to waste. Coaches Peter Gobel and Daria Millerick and their crew were scheduled to have contests with Beverly today (Thursday), Masconomet on Saturday, and then the league meet on Sunday.

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Friday, February 4

10am: Ceramics with Gerry
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11am: Grab and Go Lunch

Monday, February 7

11am-12pm: Blood Pressures
11am: Grab and Go Lunch
12:30pm: Art Class

Tuesday, February 8

9:30am: Exercise
10am: Spanish Class
11am: Grab and Go Lunch

Wednesday, February 9

9:30am: Caregiver Support Group
9:30am: Yoga with Kathleen
11am: Grab and Go Lunch
11am: Zumba with Cindy
1:15: Italian Class

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the team's top finisher on the vault with a score of 8.45 and the floor exercise with an 8.6. Christa was the second top scorer for Winthrop on the beam and the bars, scoring 8.2 on both events.

The Winthrop High boys basketball team turned in one of the biggest comebacks of the season on the North Shore Friday, roaring back from an 18 point deficit with two minutes to go in the third period to overtake Beverly, 68-64. Quinton Dale paced Winthrop with 19 points. Joe D'Amore and Josh Babb tingled the twine for 18 points each.

The Winthrop High girls track team won six of the nine individual events to post a 47-38 win over Saugus last Wednesday. Amy Sena was a double winner for the Lady Vikings, capturing the high jump with a leap of 5-0 and the 1000 in a time of 3:38.5. Other first place finishers for Winthrop were: Carly O'Keefe in the 50 yard hurdles in 8.3; Lexi Vaccaro in the 50 yard dash in 6.6; Jordan Griffiths in the 600 in 1:57.9; and Michaela McCarthy in the mile in 6:16.4.

Patrick Brogan was the lone first place finisher for the Winthrop High boys indoor track team in their meet last week against Saugus. Patrick outdistanced the field in the two mile run in a time of 11:54.

The WHS girls basketball team dropped a 38-37 decision to Lynn Classical. Classical held a four point lead in the waning seconds, but a Temison Meggison free throw and a three pointer by Theresa Jones with two Classical defenders in her face made it a 37-37 affair. A Classical girl then took off downcourt and essentially just tossed up a floater off a spinning drive. The horn sounded and it appeared as though the teams were headed for OT, when a ref came running downcourt and signaled a shooting foul. The Classical player sank the first one to give her team the 38-37 win. Meggison was high

scorer for the Lady Vikings with 13 points, followed by Ashelyne Babb with nine, Jones with six, Alyssa Mackey with four, Kristen Siscamanis and Angie Favaloro with two each, and Taylor Duplin with a free throw.

30 years ago Feb. 7, 1992

The undefeated WHS girls basketball team rolled to two more victories, 58-36 over Danvers and 68-24 over Beverly this week and now will take on Salem in a battle for first place in the NEC. The Lady Vikings defeated Salem in their first encounter when Liz Doherty sank the winning free throw with 11 seconds to play. Winthrop is ranked ninth in Eastern Mass. and is the top ranked-team in Division 3.

Dennis Ricupero scored 19 points for the WHS boys basketball team in a 73-49 loss to Danvers.

Winthrop resident Jim Doherty, long time basketball coach at Dom Savio, picked up his 500th career win this week. Doherty's teams have won 23 league titles during his 29 year tenure as head coach.

Neil Arbuthnot scored two goals and Billy Morelli and Dan Tamasanis scored a goal apiece to lead the WHS hockey team to a 4-1 win over Salem.

40 years ago Feb. 3, 1982

The WHS girls basketball team clinched an early berth in the state tournament with a runaway 72-24 win over Lynn English. Maureen McManus poured in 21 points and teammates Debbie Consoli, Lisa Monteleone, and Eileen Kelly scored 12 points apiece. Winthrop is now 13-2 in the NEC.

Although Capt. John Tiano and the WHS hockey team lost their first game of the season to Saugus last week, the Vikings still are comfortably in first place in the NEC, five points ahead of both Swampscott and Danvers.

Capt. Sandy Massa and junior standout Lisa Stevens led the way for the WHS girls gymnastics team in wins over Gloucester and Salem this week.

Gov. Edward J. King hosted the Super Bowl champion Winthrop High football team in his office at the State House this week.

50 years ago Feb. 4, 1972

WHS hockey captain Mike Eruzio lit up a pair of hat tricks for the Vikings in wins over Salem and Saugus and now is tied for the league lead in scoring with Beverly's Brian Gilligan with 48 points.

Capt. Nick Tsiotos and the WHS boys basketball team romped to easy wins of 88-54 over Newburyport and 67-50 over Gloucester. Winthrop still trails unbeaten Swampscott by a game in the NEC standings and will meet the Big Blue this week.

Alicia Inza scored 30 points to lead the WHS girls hoop team to a 40-38 win over Classical.

John Tiano scored four goals to lead the Winthrop A Sprites to a 13-0 win over Medford.

60 years ago Feb. 3, 1962

Thanks to Danvers' upset win over Woburn, the WHS basketball team sits alone atop the NEC standings. Winthrop travels to Woburn next week and a win by Capt. Frank Corbett and Company will all but clinch an outright NEC title. Corbett paced Winthrop with 16 points in a 66-44 rout of Newburyport. Len Riley added 13 points and John Warren chipped in 10.

70 years ago Feb. 5, 1952

The WHS basketball team took a firmer grip on first place in the NEC, defeating Danvers, 42-22, and Newburyport, 43-27. The unbeaten Connormen were led by Steve Miles, who is the second-leading scorer in the NEC.

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OBITUARIES

Kenneth “K.O.” O’Neil

Graduate of Winthrop HS, Class of 1966

Funeral Services were conducted in the Vertuccio & Smith, Home for Funerals, Revere on January 28 for Kenneth C. “K.O.” O’Neil who passed away following a brief illness on Monday, January 24 at Massachusetts General Hospital.

Kenny was a native of Winthrop, where he was born and raised. He was a proud graduate of Winthrop High School, Class of 1967 and a long-time employee at Eastern Airlines, where he worked as a baggage handler for 25 years. When he retired, he held various jobs with his larger-than-life personality, including as a bartender at the “Shipwreck Lounge” on Revere Beach. Kenny made many friendships there and anywhere he went. Kenny also owned and operated his own business called “The Good Samaritan,” where he was a liquor distributor.

Kenny was a lover of the beach and he lived on Revere Beach with his long-time love, Despena “Dee” Baletsa. The couple shared 20 years of happiness and an abundance of wonderful memories. Kenny was undoubtedly a “people person” and he made sure that when you were with him, you were going to have a good time. He had a witty sense of humor, enjoyed sharing his colorful stories, and offered unmatched



generosity to all those around him. If you were a friend to Kenny, you were a friend for life and you could always count on him to be there for you.

Kenny enjoyed music very much, beginning with his trumpet playing in the Winthrop High School band. Kenny was also a member of the Winthrop Lodge of Elks #1357.

He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

He was the longtime fiancée of Despena “Dee” Baletsa of Revere with whom he shared his home for 20 years. He was also the former partner of the late Stephanie M. Ciampa, the beloved son of the late Francis J. and Claire N. (McGough) O’Neil, the cherished brother of Karen Daly and her husband, James of Stoneham. He was the treasured uncle of Kevin Daly and his son, Chase of Wilmington, James Daly and his wife, Erin of New Hampshire, and Janet Daly of Stoneham. He is also lovingly survived by Gregory Nigro and his fiancé, Sindia Taylor and their daughter, Madeline of Quincy and Nicholas Nigro and his wife, Jessica and their daughter, Nata of Washington, D.C. And no one could forget Kenny’s beloved canine companion the late “Callie” along with his many loving and dear friends.

Remembrances may be made to the Northeast Animal Shelter, 347 Highland Ave., Salem, MA 01970.

The staff at Vertuccio & Smith are most honored to have assisted the family in completing funeral arrangements. For online condolences please visit www.vertuccioandsmith.com.

Major Michael Mucci

Member of the BC Athletic Hall of Fame and 33 year veteran of the Massachusetts State Police

Major Michael C. Mucci (Retired) of Revere and Winthrop passed away on Friday, January 28 after a long battle with cancer.

Michael was the son of the late Alfred and Gemma Mucci. He was a loving and devoted husband and proud father and grandfather and is survived by his wife, Mary Ellen and his children: Michael Mucci Jr. (Erin) of Adams, Gregory Mucci (Kristen) of Arlington and Kristen Mucci of North Andover and his stepson, Gregory Hamilton of Osterville. He was the cherished grandfather of Jake and Griffin Mucci, Dennis and Sammy Sherlock, Brooklyn, Luke and Logan Mucci and Austin and Dylan Hamilton. He was one of five children: Guy, Mary Lou, Alfred and Richard (all deceased). He leaves behind many nieces and nephews.

Michael was born in East Boston and moved to Revere at an early age where he spent over 50 years before moving to Winthrop. He graduated from Revere High School and went on to attend Boston College where he graduated in 1972 from the Carroll School of Management. Michael earned his M.S. in Public Administration from Suffolk University Graduate School of Administration in 1976. While at BC, he played football and earned all-New England, All East and honorable mention All-American awards. He was the first president of the BC Gridiron Club, past president of the BC Varsity Club and was inducted into the BC Athletic Hall of Fame.

Michael was a 33 year veteran of the Massachusetts State Police, joining the force in June of 1974 as a proud member of the 58th RTT and began his career as a Road Trooper in Troops “A” and “E.” From 1979 through 1982, he served on the staff of Governor Edward J. King in the Executive Protection Unit. Michael then served in the State Police Detective Unit and was promoted to the rank of Corporal, and later the rank of Sergeant, assigned to Troops “A”, “GHQ” and “F” in 1989.

As a Lieutenant, he became the first Station Commander from the Old State Police to take command of



the “A-4,” SP Medford Station from 1994 - 1996. In 2000 Michael was promoted to Captain and then in 2002, he was promoted to Major, Commanding Troop E, assigned to the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority. As an additional duty he was also the Chief Law Enforcement Officer for the Central Artery, Harbor Tunnel Project (The Big Dig)! Major Mucci was the principal architect of the Massachusetts Turnpike Incident Response Plan, the Traffic Division Plan for the Democratic National Convention in 2004 and an Incident Commander for Boston Bio in 2007. From 1980 to 1990, Michael was the Field Director of the Revere Pop Warner Youth Football Program and an assistant football coach at Revere High School through 1992. He coached girls softball teams from 1990 - 1998. Michael also enjoyed his years as an ice hockey referee in the American Hockey League and Hockey East and in 1990 he refereed the Division 2 National Collegiate Ice Hockey Final. Michael was a member of the Winthrop Golf Club and a member of a number of Police Associations.

A Visitation will be held at the Paul Buonfiglio & Sons-Bruno Funeral Home, 128 Revere St, Revere on Friday, February 4 from 3 to 7 p.m. At the request of the family, masks must be worn upon entrance into the funeral home and please refrain from hugging and hand shaking. Relatives and friends are kindly invited.

A Funeral Mass will be celebrated at St. Anthony’s Church 250 Revere St, Revere on Saturday at 12 Noon (everyone to meet directly at church). Private Interment.

In lieu of flowers, we ask that donations be made in memory of Michael Mucci to support the Caring for a Cure Fund at the Mass General Cancer Center. <https://giving.mass-general.org/donate/>. Please select “I am making this gift in honor or memory of someone” and indicate “Michael Mucci”. Checks made payable to Massachusetts General Hospital can be mailed to: MGH Development Office C/o Megan Daniels, 125 Nashua Street, Suite 540, Boston, MA 02114-1101. For guest book please visit www.buonfiglio.com.

Herbert “Herbie” Maggio

Retired Jeweler

Herbert “Herbie” Maggio of Winthrop passed away at the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston on January 27. He was 70 years old.

Born in Chelsea, the beloved son of Ruth (Burgio) and the late Herbert Maggio, Sr., he grew up in Medford and has been a resident of Winthrop for over 15 years. He worked as a jeweler for many years prior to his retirement. He was also a lifetime member of the Elks.

He was the devoted husband of Lynda (Gaudette) and the loving father of Herbert Maggio, III of Medford, Christine Maggio of Andover, Danielle Penta Mullin of Sudbury, Deanna Penta Faretra of Winthrop and Elizabeth Penta Mullin; dear brother of Mark Maggio, Jimmy Maggio, Lisa Smith and the late Paul Maggio and cherished grandfather of James, Andrew, Emma, Alessan-



dra, Alexander, Evelyn Elle and Emily. He is also survived by his best friend, Timmy, many loving cousins and his former wife, Kathy (Raymond).

A funeral service was held in the Caggiano-O’Maley-Frazier Funeral Home on Monday, January 31 and celebrated by Deacon Jim Leo. Committal was private.

Memorial donations may be made to Massachusetts General Cancer Center at www.massgeneral.org/cancer.

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

MBTA’s System-wide Accessibility

Dept. launches communication survey

Special to the Transcript

The MBTA announced that its System-wide Accessibility Department (SWA) launched an online survey about how the MBTA can improve its communication efforts, communicate more effectively and inclusively, and better connect with people with disabilities and/or older adults. The online survey serves as just one step in the T’s continued work to improve the inclusivity of its communication and outreach strategies with SWA staff having previously connected with local community and advocacy groups, requesting these groups to encourage their members to take the survey. This online survey is available today through February 16, 2022, at mbta.com/SWA-survey.

“The MBTA has made great progress in working toward a fully accessible service, from upgrading stations to operator trainings to the design and procurement of new vehicles – but we know there’s always more we can be doing,” said MBTA General Manager Steve Poftak. “The results of this survey will help us to better understand how we can better communicate with riders about important accessibility and T-related topics.”

The MBTA is more accessible than ever before. Over the last several years, the T has upgraded over 20 stations to make them fully accessible, constructed more than 50 new station elevators, purchased new buses with ramps and re-configured seating layout with more space, designed and purchased its most ac-

cessible subway cars yet, retrained operators and station agents on safety and accessibility, partnered with a new customer advisory committee to involve riders in key decisions, and more.

Despite these achievements, the MBTA recognizes that there is still more work to do, especially in sharing information inclusively and engaging with as many riders (or future riders) with disabilities and/or older adults in order to shape important decisions about the future of accessibility at the T.

With this in mind, SWA designed this online survey to help supplement feedback from riders and future riders about the kinds of communication barriers that exist, how the MBTA can narrow the information gap in communicating with riders, and how the MBTA can improve its communication efforts about important accessibility and MBTA-related issues. Through this survey’s results as well as other outreach efforts, the MBTA hopes to develop strategies to better connect with riders, particularly non-native-English speakers and older adults.

Available in English, Spanish, Portuguese, Simplified Chinese, Traditional Chinese, and Haitian Creole, the survey should take about 10 minutes to complete.

For more information, including on how to join the Riders’ Transportation Access Group, please visit mbta.com/accessibility or connect with the T on Twitter @MBTA, Facebook / TheMBTA, or Instagram @theMBTA.

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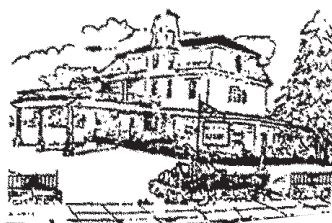
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Save the Harbor/Save the Bay’s annual Shamrock Splash moves to neighboring East Boston

By John Lynds

This year and just one town over, East Boston’s Constitution Beach will host Save the Harbor/Save the Bay’s annual polar plunge to raise money for summer beach programs in Winthrop.

The annual Shamrock Splash that raises tens of thousands of dollars each year for the Better Beach-

es grant program is usually held in Southie but will move to Constitution Beach on Sunday, March 6.

“We are excited to be back together in person for the annual Shamrock Splash presented by Arctic Chill,” said Save the Harbor/Save the Bay’s Bruce Berman. “With our normal spot in Southie under construction, we will be splashing in Eastie this year. This

is your opportunity to make a huge impact on your community, and bring free programming to our beaches through the Better Beaches Program.”

Registration for the annual event opened Tuesday and registered teams can fundraise now through the day of the splash. You can register for the event at <http://shamrocksplash.org/default.asp>.

With registration individuals and teams get Harpoon beer, a Shamrock Splash koozie, and entry into a raffle to win round trip flights on JetBlue. The more money a team or individual raises the more opportunity there is to win a prize.

“For those of you who want to join in the fun at home, we will still have a virtual participation option,” said Burman. “Record a video of your splash by Friday, March 4 and your submission will be in the running for the JetBlue prizes.”

During the month of February Save the Harbor/Save the Bay will be awarding weekly fundraising prizes.

“For our new friends and supporters, the Shamrock Splash is our annual polar plunge where we gather on a chilly, and sometimes snowy, beach to splash into the clean water of Boston Harbor to raise money for our Better Beaches grant program,” said Burman. “The program partners with local organizations to plan free events and programs on our region’s beaches from Nahant to Nantasket during the warmer months. We can’t wait for you to join our efforts in raising more money than ever this year to invest back into our community.”

Last year, Save the Harbor/Save the Bay and the Department of Conserva-



A scene from last year’s Save the Harbor/Save the Bay’s annual Shamrock Splash in Southie. This year the annual polar plunge fundraising effort for the Better Beaches grant program will be held at East Boston’s Constitution Beach.

tion & Recreation (DCR) awarded \$11,500 in grants to three Winthrop organizations to support free beach events and programs throughout the summer.

In Winthrop, Friends of Winthrop Beach, the Winthrop Chamber of Commerce and the Friends of Belle Isle Marsh hosted events including movie nights and campfires, family day at Winthrop Beach as well as educational wildlife events, youth activities, paddle boarding and kayaking.

The grants awarded to Winthrop were part of \$300,000 in Better Beaches grants to 67 organizations and creatives to support 150 free beach events and programs in nine communities, as in-person public programming resumed on the region’s public beaches.

The grants were made possible with the over \$50,000 in proceeds raised from the Shamrock Splash as well as funds from the Department of Conservation and Recreation.

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LOCAL STUDENTS EARN ACADEMIC HONORS

ON THE DEAN’S LIST AT HOFSTRA

Hofstra University congratulates the following local students who were named to the Fall 2021 Dean’s List for their outstanding academic achievements. Students must earn a grade point average of at least 3.5 during the semester to make the Dean’s List. The students who made the Hofstra University Dean’s List academic are:

- Madison Crozier
- Erin Rosner

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Fred DeMatteis School of Engineering and Applied Science, the Frank G. Zarb School of Business, the Lawrence Herbert School of Communication, the Maurice A. Deane School of Law, the Hofstra Northwell School of Graduate Nursing and Physician Assistant Studies, and the Donald and Barbara Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/Northwell. Hofstra University is a dynamic community of 11,000 students from around the world who are dedicated to civic engagement, academic excellence and becoming leaders in their communities and their careers.

RESIDENTS RECEIVE ACADEMIC HONORS

Northeastern University is pleased to recognize those students who distinguish themselves academically during the course of the school year. The following local students were recently named to the University’s dean’s list for the Fall semester, which ended in December 2021.

- Max Correia, majoring in Comp Sci/Mathematics.
- Katerina Thano, majoring in Data Science/Business Admin.
- Salvatore Campo, majoring in Computer Engineering.
- Zara Powell, majoring

in Environmtl & Sustain Sciences.

To achieve the dean’s list distinction, students must carry a full program of at least four courses, have a quality point average of 3.5 or greater out of a possible 4.0 and carry no single grade lower than a C- during the course of their college career. Each student receives a letter of commendation and congratulation from their college dean.

The University Honors Program offers high caliber students the chance to further hone their studies and interests, live in special interest residential communities, participate in enriched,

interdisciplinary courses, and engage in research and creative endeavors, service, and global experiences. Invitation into the University Honors Program is highly competitive and students must maintain a high GPA to maintain membership.

Founded in 1898, Northeastern is a global research university and the recognized leader in experience-powered lifelong learning. Our world-renowned experiential approach empowers our students, faculty, alumni, and partners to create impact far beyond the confines of discipline, degree, and campus.

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throp’s schoolchildren and their families can avail themselves of through the District Attorney’s Office.

Howard is excited to begin her work in the voluntary position.

“I look forward to working with this committee of extremely well-educated and very diverse members – diverse not just in culture, but diverse in experience and role – and all of those things will help build better decision-making,” said Howard. “I think my role as a superintendent will bring significant input to the group about children in general.”

Hayden said, “Community engagement will be the cornerstone of everything my administration does. I am delighted to have such a sterling group help review procedures and policies and make recommendations so that the Office will continue to be a guiding force in legal strategy and reform.”

He continued, “Com-

munity input is critical to building trust in this office. This process is focused on structures, functions, and results. I believe the staff here is filled with professional, talented individuals dedicated to serving the people of Boston, Chelsea, Revere and Winthrop. It will be important to have outside leaders and specialists who live, work and worship in Suffolk County provide their point of view as we move forward.”

The volunteer committee of 18 will be co-chaired by Robert Gittens and Reverend Dr. Ray Hammond and will begin its work immediately.

Gittens is passionate about the welfare of children and families and has spent his career serving the public including as Commissioner of the Department of Youth Services, Secretary of Health and Human Services, and Vice President for Public Affairs

at Northeastern and First Assistant District Attorney in the Suffolk County District Attorney’s Office. He previously played a distinguished role in the community as Chairman of the Massachusetts Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee. He currently serves on the boards of the Children’s League of Massachusetts, the Massachusetts Non-profit Network and Commonwealth Care Alliance, and is the executive director for Cambridge Family and Children’s Service.

Other members are:

- True-see Allah is the Director of Reentry at the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security for the State of Massachusetts and brings the lived experience of a returning citizen to the committee.
- Daniel Bennett, a CEO of companies in the private sector including Liberty Forensics and a former Secretary of the Executive of

Public Safety and Security who oversaw significant reforms at Bridgewater State Hospital and First Assistant of the Worcester County District Attorney’s Office;

- Jim Borghesani, a communications executive who oversaw communications strategy for the successful 2016 ballot initiative to legalize marijuana, he has held several top communication positions in state government;
- Andrea Cabral, a former Secretary of the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, and twice elected Sheriff of Suffolk County, and was Chief of the District Courts at SCD-AO; she is currently CEO of a multi-state cannabis company;
- J.W. Carney, Jr., is a renowned criminal defense attorney who began his career as a public defender and is a contributing author to the treatises on Massachusetts Criminal Practice

and has been listed in The Best Lawyers in America since 1998. Carney also has been a member of the Massachusetts Judicial Nominating Commission for 20 years;

- George Hardiman is an attorney with more than 25 years’ experience, he was a prosecutor in SCD-AO and also litigated securities fraud cases for the Secretary of State’s office. He has been in private practice for almost 18 years.
- Lisa Howard is the Superintendent of Winthrop Public Schools and a past board member of the Massachusetts Administrators for Special Education, she is a lifelong resident of Winthrop;
- Nancy Hurley is an attorney focused on criminal defense and a member of the board of Suffolk Lawyers for Justice;
- Byron Knight, a former Suffolk ADA who joined the Patrick Administration as special counsel to assist in providing discovery with all parties affected by the Hinton Lab drug scandal and later served a Deputy Legal Counsel for Governor Deval Patrick, is a lawyer with a focus on criminal defense;
- Sandra M. McCroom is president and CEO of Children’s Services of Roxbury, which provides comprehensive childcare services to economically disadvantaged families and previously served as for Criminal Justice in the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security;
- Kristen Palma is a former victim witness advocate at SCD-AO who became public affairs director of the Massachusetts Office for Victim Assistance;
- Kourou Pich is executive director of HarborCOV, which provides services and opportunities that promote long-term stability for people affected by violence and abuse, she began work there in 1998 as the Cambodian advocate. Kourou has

served as a consultant for the Women of Color Network since 2011;

- Paul Popeo is co-chair of Choate’s litigation department who has served as a special assistant attorney general and special Suffolk ADA;
- Pastor B. Christopher Sumner is chief of operations executive at the Salvation Army Ray & Joan Kroc Community Center of Boston and associate Pastor at Jubilee Christian Church. Previously he’s served as Executive Director of the Boston Ten Point Coalition the Blue Hill Boys and Girls Club of Boston;
- Marjorie Pauléon Tynes, an attorney and former Suffolk ADA and victim witness advocate, is a member of teaching team at Harvard’s Trial Advocacy Workshop;
- Gladys Vega is executive director of Chelsea’s La Colaborativa, who played leadership roles in organizing for immigrants’ rights, welfare rights, tenants rights, open space and the environment, multicultural and anti-racism programs and in numerous grassroots campaigns.

Suffolk County District Attorney Kevin Hayden’s office serves the communities of Boston, Chelsea, Revere, and Winthrop, Mass. The office handles some 20,000 cases a year. More than 160 attorneys in the office practice in nine district and municipal courts, Suffolk Superior Court, the Massachusetts Appeals Court, the Supreme Judicial Court, and the Boston Juvenile Courts. The office employs some 300 people and offers a wide range of services and programs to serve anyone who comes in contact with the criminal justice system. This office is committed to educating the public about the services we provide, our commitment to crime prevention, and our dedication to keeping the residents of Suffolk County safe.

Snow & Shoveling What’s the rules?

With the nor’easter this past weekend the Town reminds its residents, property managers and landlords of the rules surrounding shoveling.

Town ordinance 12.24.010 requires the owner or tenant of any property to clear the snow and ice from the sidewalks abutting the property. The ordinance states that you have "six hours between sunrise and sunset" to remove any snow or ice, unless the ice is made even and covered with sand, salt, ice melt, or such other product as to prevent slipping. It also requires a path to be cleared that is at least thirty-six (36) inches wide, and suitable for passage of a wheelchair, and to clear

any handicap access ramps on the sidewalks abutting the property. You cannot place snow into the street or other public way.

Simply put, we're looking for an accessible path of travel. While the rule is six hours, we try to be reasonable for deciding when we start the clock. Our goal isn't to fine you. We just want people — especially youth and seniors — to be able to get around safely.

Failure to properly remove snow or ice from the sidewalk abutting a property, or placing snow into the street or other public way can lead to a fine of \$25.00 for a first offense, \$50.00 for a second offense, and \$100.00 for a third and each subsequent offense.

REMEMBER

- All sidewalks abutting a property must be cleared after each snow event.
- The path cleared must be at least 36 inches wide, and suitable for passage of a wheelchair
- Any handicap access ramps on the sidewalk abutting the property must be cleared
- Snow should be removed within six daylight hours of the end of the storm
- Any ice remaining on the sidewalk must be made even, and covered with sand, salt, ice melt, or other product to prevent slipping
- Don't leave snow or ice on stairways or fire escapes. All common means of exit must be clear in case of a fire or other emergency

- Clear snow around dryer and other vents to prevent issues

THINGS WE COULD USE YOUR HELP WITH

- Please clear any snow that may be blocking a fire hydrant.
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You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must

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may be taken without further notice to you. UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC) A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration

directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration. WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Date: January 27, 2022 Felix D. Arroyo Register of Probate 2/3/22 W

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