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NEWS Briefs

**SUFFOLK DOWNS
ANNOUNCES NEW
SUMMER AND FALL
ACTIVITIES AT THE
TRACK**

The HYM Investment Group LLC (HYM), the firm leading the redevelopment of Suffolk Downs, announced an exciting line-up of activities taking place at The Track at Suffolk Downs throughout the summer and fall months. From kid-friendly "Tracktivities" to the electronic dance music festival Breakaway, there will be something for everyone to enjoy at The Track.

Over the past several years, HYM has hosted numerous community-centered events at The Track, as part of the company's commitment to creatively activating the site throughout the multi-phased build-out of Suffolk Downs. Since 2021, HYM has also opened The Track to the public from dawn to dusk daily for residents and visitors looking to walk, run and play. The Dog Park at Suffolk Downs, located directly adjacent to The Track, opened last year and is available for residents, visitors and their four-legged friends to enjoy.

"Suffolk Downs will be a place that brings people together and creates com-

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**CASA WPD
BASKETBALL**

TOURNAMENT

The Shannon funded CASA Winthrop Police Basketball Tournament took place at the Winthrop Basketball Courts on August 9. Shown above, two participants go airborne vying for control of the ball. See more photo on page 7.

Ferry building opens to riders

By Adam Swift

The increase in traffic from the Sumner Tunnel closure this summer has gone about as expected, but there is some good news on that front, according to Town Council President James Letterie.

"Traffic has still been horrendous (getting into Boston), not that that's our fault," said Letterie. "The good news is that there's

only a couple of weeks left, the bad news is now colleges are opening up and kids are coming in from across the country to come into Boston, and it's just going to create more traffic."

The full-time closure of the Sumner Tunnel for repairs ends at the end of August.

Letterie did thank the MBTA for its efforts in making the commute into

Boston earlier this summer with free ridership on the Blue Line and other mitigation efforts.

"I've used the T more in the last three weeks than I have probably in the last 20 years," said Letterie. "It's clean, it's free, and you feel safe on it. I'm not on it late at night, so I don't know that, but at normal times to go to town

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Town Council approves parking changes near Town Hall

By Adam Swift

The Town Council approved a change in parking regulations outside Town Hall at its meeting on Tuesday night.

Four spaces in front of Town Hall will now be 30-minute parking spaces

during Town Hall and library business hours, while the handicap parking space that was in front of Town Hall will be moved to the lot behind the building.

The move is seen as a way to make it easier for residents to find a park-

ing spot when conducting business such as paying bills at Town Hall.

However, several residents pointed out that there are still a number of parking issues around Town Hall and the library

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Resident raises concerns about Locust Street plan

By Adam Swift

A Locust Street resident is calling for the Town Council to reconsider its recent decision to make a portion of her street one way, and to improve communication with residents for future proposed traffic changes.

Earlier this summer, the council approved a recommendation from the Transportation Safety Advisory Committee (TSAC) for the traffic changes.

Under the new traffic plan, which addresses traffic backing up on the narrow streets toward Revere Street, Almont Street will be one way from Revere Street to Cross Street, Cross Street will be one way from Shirley Street to

Locust Street, and Locust Street will be one way from Cross Street to Revere Street.

The change also eliminates right turns from Almont Street onto Revere Street from 7:30 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. and 1:45 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. on school days.

But Gillian Teixeira said the changes do not properly address the issues in the neighborhood, and asked the council to reconsider its decision during Tuesday night's public speaking portion of the council meeting.

"I am asking the council to reconsider their vote on Locust Street, or at least pause the implementation of this plan," said Teixeira.

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Farmers Market returns, bringing fresh produce and local delights to the community

Special to the Transcript

After a three year hiatus, the Winthrop Farmers Market is back this summer, providing a delightful experience for all community members. Taking place every other Sunday

through October 1, the market offers the finest local produce and artisanal good at its new Ingleside Park location.

This year, the revitalized market returns with

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The Winthrop Farmers Market takes place on Sundays this month at its new Ingleside Park location.

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WINTHROP POLICE BLOTTER

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

MONDAY, JULY 31

0836: An officer directed the owner of a motor vehicle blocking a driveway on Sunnyside Ave. to move the vehicle.

1142: An officer picked up a loose dog on Morton St. The Animal Control Officer returned the dog to its owner.

1240: A resident came into the station to report being the victim of identity theft. The officer filed a report.

1412: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Lincoln 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.

1449: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Shirley St. for the civil moving infraction of a crosswalk violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1830: An officer ordered a tow for a motor vehicle leaking gasoline in the 1000 block of Shirley St. at the request of the Fire Dept.

2205: An officer stopped a motor vehicle that was operating erratically on Shirley St. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

TUESDAY, AUG. 1

0240: An officer directed persons playing music loudly in a Shirley St. apartment to turn it down.

0616: A Hermon St. resident reported that his motor vehicle had been broken into overnight. However, he said there was no damage to the vehicle and nothing had been taken.

0900: A person came

into the station to report that his parked motor vehicle had been struck by a hit-and-run operator at Shirley St. and Bayview Ave. The officer filed a report.

0905: An officer responded to a report of a disturbance between neighbors on Read St. regarding a new fence. The officer directed the parties to stay away from each other and informed them that the issue is a civil matter.

0955: An officer directed the operator of a landscaping truck blocking a hydrant at Washington and Elmwood Aves. to move his vehicle.

1015: An officer responded to a report of a vehicle knocking down a town sign at Tilestone Rd. and Pleasant St. The officer filed a report.

1130: A person came into the station to report being the victim of an assault and battery. The officer filed a report.

1249: A resident came into the station to report being the victim of fraud by a family member. The officer filed a report.

2357: An officer moved along a group of people who were talking loudly in the street on Governors Drive.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 2

0001: An officer responded to a report of an assault and battery on Almont St. Two persons were transported to the Whidden Hospital. The officer filed a report.

0045: An officer responded to a report of three youths running around on Bowdoin St. and ordered them to go home for the night.

0627: An officer ordered a tow for a disabled motor vehicle at Main and Pleasant Sts. The officer filed a report.

0836: An officer responded to a two-car motor vehicle accident at Winthrop and Pauline Sts. There were no injuries and one vehicle was towed.

0839: A tow compa-

ny reported the trespass tow of a motor vehicle from the parking lot of St. John the Evangelist.

1046: An officer directed a person who had received a No Trespass notice from a local business not to return again or he will be arrested.

1106: An officer spoke to a manager at Governors Park about a previous vandalism incident. The officer filed a report.

1528: Officer Carter assisted a family with the installation of a child car seat.

2011: An officer contacted the DPW about cleaning up broken glass at the skate park at Ingle-side Park. The officer filed a report.

2104: An officer ordered a tow for a disabled motor vehicle at Main and Pleasant Sts.

THURSDAY, AUG. 3

1407: A resident came into the station to report being the victim of a larceny by means of identity theft. The officer filed a report.

1511: An officer directed a group of 12-year-old boys who were operating their bicycles erratically at Waldemar Ave. and Pleasant St. that they must obey the traffic laws.

1833: An officer directed the owner of a motor vehicle blocking a fire hydrant on Coral Ave. to move his vehicle.

2312: An officer responded to a minor two-car motor vehicle accident at Cutler St. and Veterans Rd. and filed a report.

2342: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Shore Drive for the civil moving infractions of a tail light violation and excessive noise. The officer issued a written warning to the operator.

FRIDAY, AUG. 4

0019: An officer dispersed a group of noisy youths from Hannaford Park, which is closed after dark.

0948: An Adams St. resident came into the

station to report that her parked motor vehicle had been struck overnight by a hit-and-run operator. The officer filed a report.

1005: A report of a damaged street sign at Dolphin Ave. and Shirley St. was referred to the DPW.

1140: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Walden St. and issued a citation to the operator for the criminal offense of operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license. The officer directed the operator to park the vehicle and to call a licensed operator to take possession of it.

1200: An officer stopped a motor vehicle operating a trailer without a plate. The operator had the plate and informed the officer that he removes it when he parks, because it has been stolen in the past, but had forgotten to put it back on. The officer directed the operator to attach the plate.

1215: An officer removed the plates from a motor vehicle with a canceled registration in the parking lot of Dunkin' Donuts at Main St. The manager allowed the owner of the vehicle to leave it there in order to give him time to straighten out the problem. The officer filed a report.

1453: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Veterans Rd. for the civil moving infraction of a one-way violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1513: A person came into the station to report that his parked motor vehicle had been struck overnight by a hit-and-run operator on Veterans Rd. The officer filed a report.

1521: An officer directed a person playing music loudly in a residence on Hale Ave. to turn it down.

1838: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Pleasant St. and Bartlett Rd. for the civil moving infractions of a red light violation and speeding. The officer issued a citation to the operator for the red light and gave a verbal warning for the speeding.

2050: A resident came into the station to report being the victim of a fraud by identity theft. The officer filed a report.

2308: An officer dispersed a group of noisy youths from Hannaford

Park, which is closed after dark.

SATURDAY, AUG. 5

0334: An officer directed the owner of a parked motor vehicle partially blocking the roadway on Moore St. to move his vehicle.

0908: Winthrop officers assisted State Police with tagging and towing unregistered boat trailers from the Public Landing. The officers filed a report.

1107: A Walden St. resident reported that two tires on his motor vehicle had been slashed overnight. The officer filed a report.

1327: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Revere and Bayou Sts. for the civil moving infraction of a red light violation. The officer issued a written warning to the operator.

1400: An officer issued a parking ticket to a vehicle parked too closely to the curve on Bartlett Rd.

1920: An officer responded to a report of a loose dog on Almont St. The officer located the dog and returned it to its owner.

2123: An officer directed a person playing music loudly in a residence on Upland Rd. to turn it off.

2216: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Main and Paine Sts. for the civil moving infraction of making an illegal turn. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

SUNDAY, AUG. 6

0045: An officer issued parking tickets to two vehicles on Revere St., one for partially blocking a driveway and the other for parking in a handicapped spot.

0114: Another officer issued parking tickets to three vehicles on Revere St.

0410: An officer directed persons playing music in their backyard at a Centre St. residence to turn it off for the night.

0608: A Lewis Terrace resident reported that her parked motor vehicle had been sideswiped by a hit-and-run operator during the night and her tires had popped. The officer filed a report.

0803: An officer issued

a parking ticket to a vehicle partially blocking a driveway on Cutler St.

0952: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Pauline St. for the civil moving infraction of a crosswalk violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1248: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Shore Drive and Hawthorn Ave. for a civil moving infraction. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator, who was not familiar with the town.

1255: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Revere St. for the civil moving infraction of a crosswalk violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1507: An officer stopped a person with a passenger on a motor scooter at Franklin and Payson Sts. The officer directed the owner to take the scooter home and not to operate it until it is registered.

1801: A Woodside Ave. resident reported that his house had been egged overnight by a group of middle school-age boys. A neighbor's Ring camera recorded the incident.

2144: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Revere St. and Governors Drive for the civil moving infraction of a stop sign violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

2201: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Veterans Rd. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

MONDAY, AUG. 7

0156: An officer dispersed a group of noisy youths from Hannaford Park, which is closed after dark.

0242: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Main St. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

0750: Officers located an unresponsive female near the tennis courts at Governors Drive. The person, a 39-year-old Winthrop resident, was transported to the Whidden Hospital and was arrested on seven outstanding warrants.

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eira. "I believe residents need more time to come forward and speak. I also believe with the recent changes to the TSAC committee and the addition of the resident advisors that this matter should be referred back to them for more consideration."

Teixiera said she has lived on Locust Street since 2009, and that she and her neighbors have often discussed how hard it is to get on and off the street, especially with so many cars parking too close to intersections.

"Many residents lament

that our street would be better with one-sided parking," she said.

When TSAC first proposed the changes to the Locust Street area, Teixiera said she and other neighbors opposed the plan, and lobbied for signs restricting parking near the intersections of the street. She said she would also like TSAC or the town to issue a report on how many tickets have been issued for people parking too close to intersections.

Teixiera also requested that the town and TSAC look at issues on Locust Street as a whole, and not

just the portion that was converted to one way.

"I don't understand how turning one part of the street to one way helps our safety," she said. "It doesn't change the turning radius of a fire truck or an ambulance."

The true issue on Locust Street, Teixiera said, is that it is used as a cut through to avoid traffic from the Fort Banks Gorman School. She said making it one way might help with the morning traffic, but that it could only make the afternoon traffic worse on school days.

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munity," said Thomas N. O'Brien, Managing Partner and Chief Executive Officer of HYM. "The ongoing events and activities taking place at The Track are an integral component of bringing our vision for an accessible, vibrant site to life."

Upcoming activities for residents and visitors to look forward to at The Track include:

Summer Trackactivities: Suffolk Downs is partnering with Out of the Box Learning Company to offer free programming for kids at The Track this summer.

Join us in the Paddock from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. on Thursdays in August for hands-on science experiments, games, challenges, and more!

These events are free to attend but registration is required as staffing and supplies are limited to 40 children per event. Events are appropriate for children ages three and up and children must be accompanied by an adult throughout the event. Events are weather dependent, and registrants will be emailed if events are canceled.

host its 3rd Annual Touch a Truck event! Walk along The Track for an up-close view of tractors, trucks, diggers, police cars, and fire engines. Sit in the seats, honk the horns, and take your picture on the front end! Enjoy activities in the Paddock, visit the food trucks, and jam out to music. Registration is encouraged but not required.

Breakaway Music Festival: On Friday, Sept. 15 and Saturday, September 16, The Stage at Suffolk Downs, a seasonal outdoor concert venue located on the infield of The Track, will host the Breakaway Music Festival, a two-day

electronic dance music festival featuring artists such as Griz, Lane 8 and Porter Robinson! For tickets and more information please visit The Stage at Suffolk Down's website.

Dock Dogs: On Saturday, October 21 and Sunday, October 22, Dock Dogs, the world's premiere canine aquatics competition, is coming to Suffolk Downs! To learn more and to register visit the Dock Dogs website.

Follow Suffolk Down's social channels and website for more information about The Track and upcoming events.

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Touch a Truck: On Sunday, September 10, Suffolk Downs will



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 August 15, 2013

Rarely has there been the kind of outrage in the communities of Revere and Winthrop as there has been over the past several days upon hearing the news of the brutal assault on Richie Scannelli – a 59-year-old mentally disabled man who hails from Revere and lives in Winthrop. Scannelli has been a beloved figure in both communities. He has been the sergeant-at-arms for the Revere City Council, a dedicated member of the Revere League of Special Needs, an honorary firefighter for the Winthrop Fire Department, a yearly visitor to House Speaker Bob DeLeo and Rep. Kathi-Anne Reinstein, and an ever-present helping hand at Nick's Place in Winthrop Center. The three Winthrop teens allegedly chased down Scannelli last Tuesday night after a verbal confrontation in the parking lot of Nick's in Winthrop – catching the fleeing Scannelli (who had a broken foot) and punching him in the face with such force that he has required hours and hours of surgery to repair his jaw. So far, one teen, a 17-year-old, has been charged with assault and battery and causing injury while violating a person's civil rights. David and Susan Catino have rallied Richie's friends from Revere and Winthrop to help pay the hospital bills. Their goal is \$5,000.

The Town of Winthrop will host a public meeting on Thursday, September 5 at the Ferry Terminal Building, 707 Shirley Street, to discuss the engineering, design, and permitting of the planned HarborWalk project, which seeks to transform the old narrow gauge railroad trestle that extends into Winthrop Harbor between Crystal Cove and the Winthrop apartments buildings on Washington Street.

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Steven Acone, a Winthrop Police officer for more than 20 years and local business owner, died Wednesday after a lengthy illness. Mr. Acone served in the Winthrop Police Department with distinction for more than 20 years, having been appointed a reserve officer in 1993 and a full-time officer in 1995. He previously served as a volunteer auxiliary officer. He was a Class of 1985 graduate of Winthrop High School where he was an excellent ice hockey player. Mr. Acone and his wife, Bridget, owned and operated the Hot Diggity store that is a popular gathering place for residents who became big fans of their delicious hot dogs and ice cream.

Percy Jackson: Sea of Monsters, We're the Millers, and The Wolverine are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

20 years ago August 21, 2003

Local realtor Stephen Perullo has announced the opening of a new real estate agency in town, Ocean Realty, which Perullo said will be more of an internet-based business than a traditional real estate firm.

The Winthrop Community Planning Committee will conduct an Open Space and Natural Resources Protection Workshop this evening to which all residents are invited to present their vision for the future of Winthrop.

The entering freshman class at Winthrop High of 183 students is the largest class at the high school in many years. Schedules for the elementary schools are in a state of flux because of the planned transfer of all kindergarten students to the Ft. Banks School, said school principal William Gorman, and then the transfer of all students from the Dalrymple School in mid-year when the new Cummings School is set to open in January.

Freaky Friday, Freddy vs. Jason, and Finding Nemo are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

30 years ago August 26, 1993

The East Boston Savings Bank held the grand opening of its new branch in Winthrop Centre last week. Winthrop resident Mary Ambrose will be the manager of the local office.

A total of 2041 students are expected to be on hand for the first day of classes of the Winthrop public schools next week.

Dunkin' Donuts temporarily has withdrawn its application for a special permit to construct a Dunkin' Donuts store at 90 Pauline St. Architect Manly Tavares said that new plans are being drawn up that will improve the use of the site.

The Fugitive, The Secret Garden, In the Line of Fire, and Surf Ninjas are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

40 years ago August 24, 1983

The selectmen received the report from the committee assigned to look into parking issues along Pleasant Street and Washington Ave. The committee made a number of suggestions, chiefly dealing with the parking problems created when the Pleasant Park Yacht Club has functions and by the overflow parking from the Winthrop Hospital.

Winthrop police officer Frank Scarpa apprehended three thieves in Day Square, East Boston who were trying to sell TV sets shortly after they initially had tried to sell them at Simone Sales here.

Osco Drug has announced plans to open a drug store on Saratoga Street in East Boston on the site of the former First National supermarket.

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SAILING SCHOLARSHIPS DONATED IN MEMORY OF MICHAEL CONTI AT WYC



The following is being reprinted due to missing information in its first appearance in the Aug. 3 Transcript:

The family of the late Michael Conti Sr. donated the proceeds of a Hoopathon fundraiser held by Oceanside Fitness Studio and led by Becky Bennett in his honor to the Winthrop Youth Sailing Program at the Winthrop Yacht Club.

The presentation of a new N-10 sailboat, which was donated by the Delcompare family, was made Sunday during a ceremony honoring Mr. Conti at the Winthrop Yacht Club. The Conti family would like to thank friends, family, and the community for their generous support. Ellen Streeter Conti (center), beloved wife of the late Michael Conti Sr., is pictured with son, Michael Conti Jr. and daughter, Andrea Conti Schwartz, standing on the pier behind the sailboat (Continuity) that was dedicated in Mr. Conti's honor.

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... it's a blessing and it hasn't been overly crowded at certain times."

Letterie noted that he has heard that ridership on the Winthrop Ferry, which is now operated by the MBTA, is up this summer.

Town Manager Tony Marino said the ridership has been good, and that the town is in talks with the MBTA to extend the ferry season into December or January.

"We would love for it to

be year-round, but that's a work in progress," said Marino.

In other ferry news, Marino said the ferry building has been cleaned out and is now open for use by ferry riders.

"We've got the bathrooms open, and now that main meeting room when you first walk in, the meeting room, is being opened in the morning," said Marino.

The building is avail-

able for people to wait if it is raining, and Marino said it could be used for ticket sales or other purposes in the future.

"To those who don't know, it was probably more difficult than imagined, but to have that building open after a decade of struggling with it is a little bit of a miracle," said Precinct 5 Councilor Joseph Aiello.

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that need to be addressed by the town.

"We had legal opinion ... that stated we could move the handicap spot from this lot to the back lot," said Council Vice President Stephen Ruggiero. "This recommendation was made by TSAC (Transportation Safety Advisory Committee) and passed out of rules and ordinances 2-0."

Hermon Street resident Mariann Nicoletti, who lives near Town Hall, raised questions about enforcement of the new parking restrictions as well as the lack of parking spots during the day for residents of her building and an adjacent address.

"When the Arthur T. Cummings School was being built, before they even broke ground, me and my family, we owned both of those buildings across the street, attended all of the meetings and we were as-

ured that the parking out here would not be affected by employees of the school department parking on the street all day," said Nicoletti. "That has gone by the wayside."

Nicoletti noted that her tenant usually comes home a little after noon on weekdays and cannot find a parking spot in the area. She also questioned why abutters were not notified that there was a potential change to the parking ordinance.

"My question is, where are we going to park?" she asked.

Town Council President James Letterie said the enforcement is up to the police department.

"In terms of school parking, I know that there is a policy that is ongoing to try to alleviate some of the problems from the parking here," said Letterie.

He also noted that Ni-

coletti and other residents are able to apply for handicap parking placards for street parking in the town.

"I know this has been through TSAC for a long time, and I know there have been emails and phone calls from citizens in the town just saying ... that during business hours there are very few spots around," said Letterie. "The people are coming in to pay bills ... and they have no place to park and they get frustrated and they say the town doesn't want my money. Which is totally understandable and I think that was the thought behind trying to get this started."

Letterie noted that the TSAC and the town is also working to address other parking issues downtown and in the are of the Town Hall and the library.

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a renewed commitment to supporting local businesses while providing residents with access to fresh, healthy, and sustainably sourced products from a wide variety of vendors. Attendees can find an array of fruits and vegetables, organic meat and eggs, locally sourced honey, delicious baked items, fresh-cut flowers, handmade crafts, and much more. The market's diverse offerings ensure that there is something for everyone, catering to different tastes, dietary preferences, and lifestyle choices.

"We are thrilled to bring the Winthrop Farmers Market back to Winthrop," says Sarah Roth-Oosten, President of the Board of Directors for the Winthrop Farmers Market. "This year, we have curated a fantastic lineup of vendors who are passionate about their craft and committed to providing the highest quality products to our community. We invite everyone to join us at Ingleside Park and support our local businesses."

In addition to offering a vibrant marketplace, the Winthrop Farmers Market hosts various activities and entertainment for attendees of all ages. Live music

performances, children's activities, and more add to the lively atmosphere and create a memorable experience for all visitors. Beginning this week, WIC and Senior coupons are accepted.

The Winthrop Farmers Market welcomes the entire community to support local businesses, and celebrate the abundance of the region's agricultural offerings. Whether you are a food enthusiast, a supporter of local businesses, or simply looking for a fun and family-friendly out-

ing, the Winthrop Farmers Market is not to be missed.

Event Details:

- Dates: Sundays, August 20, September 3, September 17, and October 1
- Time: 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
- Location: Ingleside Park, Winthrop, Massachusetts

For more information about the Winthrop Farmers Market, including a full list of participating vendors and upcoming events, please visit www.winthropfarmersmarket.com.

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OUR Opinions

HOW TO HELP THE MAUI FIRE VICTIMS

The horrific and tragic disaster in the town of Lahaina on the Hawaiian island of Maui has gripped the world this past week. The scope of this tragedy is unimaginable -- photos of the scene look like something from after the atomic bombs were dropped over Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

But as we all know, it won't be long before this story slips off the national radar screen. However, the rebuilding of this historic community and the lives of its residents, both physically and emotionally, will take years.

There are many ways to help the victims of this disaster and we have listed some of those below that are among the most prominent:

-- The Maui Strong Fund, run by the Hawai'i Community Foundation, is accepting donations for necessities like food, clothing, and shelter for families who have lost their homes.

-- The American Red Cross of Hawaii has 220 trained responders on the ground in Maui helping with search and rescue operations. Donations to the Red Cross are also providing shelter, food, and emotional support. You can donate to the Red Cross by calling 1-800-HELP NOW (1-800-435-7669).

-- Aloha United Way, a non-profit organization based in Honolulu, has set up a dedicated fund for victims of the Maui wildfire.

-- The Maui Food Bank is accepting donations that will pay for meals provided to displaced residents in Maui.

-- The Maui Humane Society is seeking contributions to fund care for pets displaced by the wildfire.

We urge all of our readers who are able to do so to make some small contribution to help the victims of this horrific natural disaster.

CLARENCE THOMAS:

THE SUPREME COURT FOR SALE

With each new revelation about the extent to which Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas has accepted extravagant gifts from assorted billionaires, it has become increasingly clear that Thomas has used his office as a ticket to live the lifestyle of the rich and famous.

The news that Thomas received an all expenses-paid, \$500,000 (that's not a typo) luxury vacation from a Texas billionaire (who also paid for his godson's private school education and bought Thomas's mother's house in Georgia, fully-renovated it, and has allowed her to live there reportedly rent-free) appears to have been just the tip of the iceberg.

Two weeks ago there was the report that another billionaire bought Thomas a \$250,000 motorhome.

Then last week, the on-line investigative journalism publication ProPublica reported that Thomas regularly has received numerous other gifts from assorted other billionaires:

"At least 38 destination vacations, including a previously unreported voyage on a yacht around the Bahamas; 26 private jet flights, plus an additional eight by helicopter; a dozen VIP passes to professional and college sporting events, typically perched in the skybox; two stays at luxury resorts in Florida and Jamaica; and one standing invitation to an uber-exclusive golf club overlooking the Atlantic coast."

Thomas's defenders point out that none of his benefactors ever had cases before him, and therefore his acceptance of these gifts did not involve a conflict of interest. That may be true.

But here's the thing: Even though these billionaires may not themselves directly have had matters before Thomas, he has sided with many decisions that either have upheld their ideological philosophies or that may have benefited their interests indirectly, such as court decisions that have struck down government regulations.

Perhaps the most significant of these was the infamous Citizens United decision (in which Thomas was a deciding vote in the 5-4 majority) in which the Supreme Court struck down the laws that limited political donations by corporations. Thanks to that decision, we have seen the rise of political action committees -- known as PACS -- by which corporations and billionaires can spend unlimited funds on campaign advertising so long as they are not formally "coordinating" with a candidate or political party. The ruling has ushered in massive increases in political spending from outside groups, dramatically expanding the already outsized political influence of wealthy donors.

Clarence Thomas long has been viewed as the most incompetent and least-qualified judge ever to sit on the Supreme Court. But now, he also is by far the most corrupt.

HUNTER BIDEN: PLEASE, JUST GO TO JAIL

The ongoing soap opera of the trials and tribulations of Hunter Biden, the son of President Joe Biden, is not merely a distraction to the upcoming presidential campaign, but potentially could upend the 2024 election, similar to the way that the investigation into former Congressman Anthony Weiner led to the Hillary Clinton email controversy in the final weeks of 2016 election.

Instead of focusing on the issues that really matter to the American people and our country, the Biden campaign will be bogged down with questions (both legitimate and otherwise) about the treatment by the Justice Department of his son for his crimes and shady dealings.

We aren't experts in the intricacies of plea bargains in federal court for the specific charges that Hunter Biden is facing (or could face), but it is clear that some jail time would not be an overly-harsh sentence. Unfortunately, with President Biden continually adopting the stance that his son "did nothing wrong," the perception by the American public that Hunter Biden is receiving favorable treatment from the Justice Dept. for his admitted criminal acts threatens to undermine our already fragile democratic institutions.

Hunter Biden simply needs to man-up, admit his guilt, and accept his punishment, even if that means going to jail -- and the sooner, the better.

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GUEST OP-ED

Maui, Devastation can happen anywhere

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

Maui has long been the go-to destination for millions to experience paradise. Life has changed.

Maui is now the site of the deadliest fire in modern U.S. history. At this writing, over 90 persons are been reported dead. The lovely town of Lahaina is nothing but charred remains and embers.

The news reports of people fleeing for their lives via any means of escape possible is horrific. People who were trying to escape in automobiles have been found unrecognizable except through eventual DNA testing. The entire island is now a humanitarian crisis. Medical supplies, food, and shelter are at crisis levels.

Like you, I've watched it from my television. Maui is a tragic global news story that no one wants to hear.

Maui's story reminds us that devastation can happen anywhere. It was a hurricane that swept away Ft. Myers Beach last year. A Tornado and flood destroyed parts of Kentucky. Or, it may be the fires that have destroyed so much in California. Maui reminds us that no paradise is untouchable.

You might feel safe and isolated in Appalachia. You may feel very comfortable in some remote Western terrain. You may live in a comfortable suburb or city surrounded by all types of Emergency Responders; you may be living in a tropical paradise. There are no guarantees that your community is insulated from disaster.

When a tornado, hurricane, or flood cripples a community there is nothing to do except pick up the pieces and try to start over. Likewise, Maui has no other

choice but it will take years. There is no overnight recuperation for disaster.

There will be ongoing questions about Maui's emergency response abilities. What kind of fire department did Lahaina have? How often had they drilled and prepared for the possibility of a widespread fire? Was it even something that the island thought possible? As the smoke settles, these questions and more will be asked.

If you are reading this in the comfort and safety of your home or apartment then consider this; value what you have when you have it. We all take the present for granted. We take our towns, schools, stores, jobs, incomes, residences, food, health, and each other for granted. We look back to the past and cherish a town that used to be. We cherish a parent or friend

who used to be with us. We value and cherish old jobs and past experiences. It's good to cherish the past. However, why not look around you today and value what and who you have -- today.

In the meantime, we certainly pray for the hurting people of Maui. Most Americans will do what they can to be helpful and supportive. We always do. That's one of many reasons our country is so great and blessed.

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

NFPA provides steps to enhance home safety ahead of a wildfire event

Since Tuesday, the state of Hawaii has been devastated by extensive wildfire activity that has scorched thousands of acres and destroyed nearly 300 structures in Maui County, forcing thousands to seek emergency shelter, injuring dozens, and killing at least 36 people in the historic town of Lahaina, according to news reports.

The relentless tally of losses makes it increasingly clear that the U.S. is facing a deep wildfire problem. Today there are nearly 45 million homes in the wildland/urban interface (WUI). According to the National Interagency Fire Center, some 71.8 million properties in the U.S. are at some level of risk from wildfire. Each year some of the largest-loss fires occur in the WUI.

In the past five years, wildfires have destroyed nearly 63,000 structures in the U.S., the majority of which were homes. Record high temperatures, crippling drought, and high winds from severe weather events such as thunder and lightning storms have been blamed for the recent increase in wildfire activity in Canada, Europe, and in high-risk areas across the U.S.

Officials predict more wildfires will erupt in the coming months due to continued dry heat and increased storm activity, prompting residents to look for information on what they can do to reduce their risk before a wildfire.

The National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®) has many resources for reporters to assist their coverage of wildfire events, including valuable information for the public and community leaders working to help reduce the risk of losing homes and communities to wildfire damage.

As media outlets continue to cover wildfire activity and its related issues, NFPA resources that may support your news coverage include:

Expert interviews regarding wildfire safety preparedness, community activities, firefighting, and statistical data:

- Michele Steinberg, Wildfire Division Director at NFPA, oversees national policy, development regulations, and community safety, and supports wildfire-related projects that cover a broad spectrum of safety education, advocacy, training, and certification.

- Megan Fitzgerald-McGowan is a program specialist, re-

sponsible for the management of the Firewise USA® recognition program.

- Curt Floyd, NFPA senior specialist, technical lead, Engineering Technical Services, oversees NFPA standards that address the needs of the fire service and emergency responders.

- Birgitte Messerschmidt is the director of the NFPA Applied Research Group, responsible for NFPA's research strategy, research on fire problems and other safety issues, data collection efforts, and the NFPA research library.

Subject matter expertise:

- Steps residents can take to enhance home safety ahead of a wildfire event.

- How wildfire

spreads and why we must adapt to living with wildfire.

- Simple, but effective steps people can take to reduce the chances of wildfire damage to homes and property.

- Information about the Firewise USA® recognition program that empowers residents to work collaboratively in reducing wildfire risks.

- Information about Outthink Wildfire™, a comprehensive strategy that lays out five key policy changes that need to be made at the federal, state, and local levels and if followed, will end the destruction of communities by wildfire over the next 30 years.

- Facts every resident should know about protecting themselves and lowering their risk of property loss from wildfire.

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Massport's Community Summer Jobs Program celebrates 2023 Season

Special to the Transcript

The Massachusetts Port Authority (Massport) is celebrating another year of its Community Summer Jobs Program, which has supported thousands of local students through partnerships with community organizations. This year, 30 organizations received \$650,000 in grant funding to support nearly 280 seasonal jobs.

The annual program is designed to help civic and social service agencies by providing funds to hire youth workers in Massport's neighboring communities including Bedford, Charlestown, Chelsea, Concord, East Boston, Lincoln, Revere, South Boston, Winthrop, and Worcester. Without the assistance of Massport's Community Summer Jobs Program, many local organizations would not be able to offer affordable summer programs to local residents. Since 1991, over 9,000 local students have gained valuable work experience in various jobs, such as camp counselor, office assistant, maintenance worker and lifeguard, paid for by the grant.

"Massport is proud to partner with and support the great work of local non-profit groups and community organizations," said Massport CEO Lisa Wieland. "These summer jobs mean much



Massport CEO Lisa Wieland and Director of Community Relations and Government Affairs Alaina Coppola with students at Winthrop Parks and Recreation.

more than a paycheck – they provide a great opportunity for young people to learn important life skills and gain professional, hands-on experience while giving back to their communities."

The 2023 program supported the following local organizations:

- Charlestown Boys & Girls Club
- Charlestown Community Center
- Chelsea Boys & Girls

- Club
- Chelsea Department of Public Works
- Community Action for Safe Alternatives (CASA)
- Community Action Programs Inter-City, Inc. (CAPIC)
- Condon Community Center
- East Boston Community Development Corporation
- East Boston Social Centers
- East Boston YMCA

- John F. Kennedy Family Service Center
- La Colaborativa
- Martin Pino Community Center
- Maverick Landing Community Services
- McDonough Sailing Center
- Minute Man National Historical Park
- Paris Street Community Center
- Piers Park Sailing Center
- Revere Recreation

- Department
- Salesian Boys & Girls Club
- South Boston Boys & Girls Club
- South Boston Neighborhood House
- Swift Waters After School Program
- Town of Bedford
- Town of Concord
- Town of Lincoln
- Tynan Community Center
- Winthrop Parks & Recreation Department

- Worcester County Horticultural Society
 - Worcester Neighborhood Summer Park Steward Program
- Massport also supports local youth athletic and enrichment programs throughout the year and offers scholarships for graduating high school seniors. For more information on Massport's community initiatives and youth programs, visit www.massport.com.

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lisher Andrew P. Quigley writes in an editorial that he feels sorry for the children of the present generation who are unable to enjoy the waters around Winthrop as he was able to do as a boy growing up on Pt. Shirley because of the present state of pollution of Boston Harbor. Quigley further stated that although the matter of cleaning up the harbor is before the courts, it will be another generation before Boston Harbor is clean again for swimming and fishing because it will take five years or more for the politicians to mish-mash the issue and then another 10 years for a new sewage treatment plant to be constructed and then cleaning the harbor.

Risky Business is playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

50 years ago August 22, 1973

Board of Assessors Chairman George Pulsifer has announced a tax rate of \$63.20, a reduction of \$4.80 from the previous year, the first tax decrease in Winthrop since 1966. Pulsifer cited new construction projects that have added to the tax base as the reason for the reduction.

More than 300 local residents attended a meeting sponsored by Massport at which the Master Plan for Logan Airport was the topic. Among those speaking were Selectmen Richard Dimes and Jams Reddy, State Rep. Ralph Sirianni, Jerome Falbo, John Vitagliano, and Walter Van Dalinda, all of whom were insistent that Massport impose a night curfew on jets coming into Logan.

Residents in the immediate area expressed their opposition to a proposal before the selectmen to cut down a 75-year-old maple tree on Banks Street in order to widen the roadway.

The Massport Board of

Directors voted this week to begin purchasing homes from residents in the Neptune Road neighborhood in East Boston. This will enable about 150 families to sell their homes, which are within 1800 feet of Runway 15B at Logan Airport.

60 years ago August 22, 1963

Winthrop residents are being urged to attend the hearing at the State House before the legislature's Joint Committee on Public Health to support the bill sponsored by Gov. Peabody to provide funding for the dredging of Winthrop Harbor in order to alleviate the stench from the mudflats that has afflicted Winthrop residents for the past few summers.

The Army has announced that Col. William O. Quincy will be assuming the duties of commanding officer at Ft. Banks and will now be in charge of the Army's Nike Missile program. Col. Quincy replaces Brig. General William Y. Frenzel, who retired July 31.

The proposal for a new, modern Winthrop High School features a language laboratory.

A jurisdictional issue between union pipefitters and iron workers has halted progress on the construction of the new MDC sewage treatment plant on Deer Island.

James Stewart and Doris Day star in *The Man Who Knew Too Much* at the Winthrop Theatre.

70 years ago August 20, 1953

The selectmen will begin cracking down on the disposal of ice boxes and refrigerators which do not have their doors removed, joining with cities and towns across the nation in the hope of averting the recent tragedies that have claimed the lives of 11 youngsters in the past few

weeks, including two in Haverhill.

The Winthrop Fire Department has a new rescue truck thanks to the efforts of some of the men in the department who, working on their own time, have constructed a speedy, completely-equipped vehicle capable of bringing aid to victims on both land and water.

The annual Jamboree sponsored by the town's Recreation Department is set for September 12 at Miller Field. By all indications, it promises to be the biggest and best one yet.

Police received reports of three hit and run auto accidents this past week.

State Senator and Transcript publisher Andrew P. Quigley writes that those who want to see the new jet aircraft come to this area, and who will profit by its arrival in the name of progress, should be advocating for construction of a new airport for the Boston area in the wide open spaces of Central Mass., rather than using Logan Airport, where jet planes will unduly affect hundreds of thousands of residents.

Robert Mitchum and Susan Hayward star in *White Witch Doctor* at the Winthrop Theatre.

80 years ago August 21, 1943

Rapid Transit has announced that it will be resuming normal service on Sundays, restoring all bus trips that had been canceled last spring when the federal government had ordered a 20 percent reduction in service in order to conserve gasoline.

Local bus drivers will be among the 3300 street railway and bus drivers who will benefit from a recent pay hike to 90 cents per hour.

The Pleasant Park Yacht Club will hold its annual regatta Sunday.

Edward S. Snow, long-

time local resident known for his swimming exploits, passed away this week. He was a long-standing Town Meeting member and a charter member of the Winthrop Yacht Club. He is survived by his wife and four sons.

Pat O'Brien and Randolph Scott star in *Bombardier* at the Winthrop and State Theatres.

90 years ago August 26, 1933

Postmaster David Belcher has received a first list of local merchants and businesses who are authorized to carry the Blue Eagle symbol of the National Recovery Act.

Winthrop's six public schools will open Wednesday with an expected attendance of about 4400 students.

Barbara Stanwyck stars in *Baby Face* at the Winthrop and State Theatres.

100 years ago August 23, 1923

There is considerable building going on in the Cottage Park section of the town. Almon E. Whittemore is the builder of these many fine homes on Bartlett and Cottage Park Roads on the site of the grounds of the former Cottage Park Hotel.

110 years ago August 23, 1913

Francis Ronan, 28, drowned off Snake Island shortly before 4 p.m. Saturday when he fell from the powerboat *Ellen G.*, owned by James G. Graham of Dorchester who also is a summer resident here. Ronan and his employer, Mr. Graham, had left with a party of four women to watch the regatta when the boat ran aground on the Snake Island flats. After the men pushed the boat off the mud from the bow, Ronan fell from the bow as he tried to jump back onto the boat. The others

thought he could swim, but they became alarmed as he was floundering in the water. By the time Mr. Graham had turned his boat around, Mr. Ronan had disappeared beneath the water. The body later was recovered by Charlie Fullerton and another young man. A sad feature of the drowning is that Mr. Ronan had been married but one year and his young wife, also an employee at the New Winthrop Hotel, was nearly prostrated by the sudden blow when she heard the news.

The boats from the Winthrop Yacht Club enjoyed one of the most successful racing days in their history when nearly all of the crack boats from the Mass. Yacht Racing Association gathered off Winthrop Head and in a corking southwest breeze raced for the prizes offered by the local club.

The Winthrop Co-operative Bank has achieved assets of nearly \$500,000 in its six years and six months of operation, a record unmatched by any cooperative bank in the state. It pays quarterly dividends of 5.25 percent.

Merchants Day is coming to Winthrop, with a committee appointed by the Winthrop Board of Trade overseeing the day's outing when all local merchants will close their doors for a day.

120 years ago August 22, 1903

The Revere Beach reservation police have issued summonses to Chelsea District Court to a number of individuals for having operated their amusements on Sundays in violation of the Lord's Day statutes.

In addition to the inter-club yacht regatta, the Cottage Park and Winthrop yacht clubs held a Water Carnival. On account of a lack of wind, the sailboat races proved a failure, but

many enjoyed themselves in the swimming races. A band provided entertainment and a large number of people milled about in the streets enjoying the swimming contests.

130 years ago August 25, 1893

The eyes of all Winthropites were turned heavenward Saturday morning and the customary "Good mornings" from the family groups as they assembled for breakfast were replaced by the anxious query, "Is it going to rain?" "To decorate or not to decorate," that was the question. But just at the right moment, a rift in the clouds appeared, gladdening hearts and giving promise of a fine day for the second annual Winthrop Coaching Parade. Thousands came from out of town on the train to witness the event and Winthrop's horse-drawn carriages never were so grandly displayed.

140 years ago August 24, 1883

The children of Great Head gave a very interesting and novel entertainment of music and recitation at the Pavilion Wednesday evening.

Mr. H.T. Reed, the genial and urbane clerk of the Hotel Shirley, will be tendered a benefit at the Casino Tuesday evening by the guests of the hotel and surrounding cottages.

A warrant has been issued for the arrest of a man who is believed to have murdered the young woman whose body was found at the foot of Great Head a few weeks ago. Police initially thought the woman had committed suicide, but upon closer inspection, foul play is believed to have been involved.

Winthrop Senior Center News

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Additional information on our activities and programs can be found in our monthly newsletter, which is available at the Senior Center and on our website.

Lunch Pick-Up 12:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.: Lunch & Entertainment with David Maloof

Wednesday, August 23
9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m.: Yoga with Kathleen (\$5)
10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.: Zumba with Cindy (\$5)
11:00 a.m.: Grab and Go Lunch Pick-Up
11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.: Tai Chi/Qi Gong (\$5)

Please Note: There will be no Exercise, Public Computer Usage or Dine-In Lunch on Tuesday, Aug 22nd

Beginning in August, Zumba will meet on Wednesday's from 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. and Tai Chi/Qi Gong will take place from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Italian Classes will resume September 13

Senior Lunch Program: The Senior Center offers in-person dining on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12-12:30 p.m.. Grab and Go Lunches are also available for pick up Monday - Friday between 11am and 1pm. To reserve a lunch, please stop by the front desk or call the Senior Center at 617-846-8538 by 11am the day before (for Monday lunch, reservations must be made by 11am on Friday). Menus are available on our web-

site and at the Senior Center. Please note, lunches cannot be held overnight, they must be picked up on the day it was requested.

Senior Van. The Senior Van runs Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9am-3pm. Reservations are on a first come, first served basis, and can be made by calling the Senior Center. Medical rides will be prioritized. A list of destinations and pricing is available on our website and in our newsletter.

Cash & Scratch Raffle: The Friends of the Winthrop Council on Aging, a nonprofit that supports the Senior Center, is selling raffle tickets for a chance to win \$50 in scratch tickets plus \$50 cash. Tickets are 1 for \$5 or 3 for \$10 and can be purchased at the Senior Center. The drawing will be held on August 31st and the winner will be notified by phone.

Upcoming Activities and Programs

Lunch and Entertainment by David Maloof: Tuesday, August 22nd @12:00 p.m.. Cost \$10.00
Join us for lunch and a Show! David Maloof will be playing happy songs to help you smile, laugh, and feel good! This program

is sponsored by a grant from the Winthrop Cultural Council, a local agency, which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

Prediabetes and Diabetes Self-Management: Thursday, August 24th @ 10:30 a.m.

Facilitated by Mary Gynn, RN, MPH, CDE, ADCES. Learn to face the challenge of prediabetes and diabetes while continuing to enjoy a fulfilling life. You can still live, laugh, and love. Reference materials will be provided.

Programming & Activities

A full listing of the Senior Center's programs and activities is available in our newsletter and on our website.

Blood Pressures: First and third Tuesday of each month from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.. No appointment needed.

Bowling: There will be no Bowling from May through August. Bowling will resume in September.

Coffee and Conversation. Join us on the third Thursday of each month at 10:30 a.m. for an informal chat and some coffee and cookies too.

Computers are available for use Monday-Thursday from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. and Fridays from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m..

Podiatry: Barbara Ullman, RN, a registered nurse, and pedicurist from Seen Your Feet will be at the Senior Center on the first Thursday of each month. Cost: \$20 (or \$25 to have toe and fingernails done). Cash only. Appointment required; to schedule, please call the Senior Center.

Seaside Tappers: The Seaside Tappers meet on Wednesdays for Tap Classes from 10:00-11:00 a.m., at the Methodist Church. For more information, contact Gail at: 617-763-7311.

SHINE Counseling: Our SHINE Counselor, Charlie Randall, is available to help you with any health insurance questions you have. Charlie will be at the Senior Center on the second Wednesday of the month from 1pm-3pm. Appointments are required; to schedule, please stop by the Senior Center or call us at 617-846-8538.

Technology Class: Volunteers will be available from 10 a.m.-12pm

on the fourth Tuesday of each month to help you with any tech support you need. Bring your laptops, smartphones, or tablets, along with your questions. To register, call the Senior Center.

Upcoming Trips

Flyers, with additional trip information, are available at the Senior Center.

Thursday, September 6, 2023: Neil Diamond & Friends at Lake Pearl in Wrentham, Ma. Please note change in Date & Location.

Provider: Best of Times Travel

Cost: \$79.00 (drive on your own) or \$109.00 (with transportation)

Make checks payable to: Friends of WCOA

Meal choice: Apple Cranberry Stuffed Chicken or Vegetarian Lasagna

Sunday, December 31, 2023: An American Bandstand- New Year's Eve Day at the Danversport Yacht club

Provider: Best of Times Travel

Price: \$95.00 (drive on your own) or \$125.00 (with transportation)

Make checks payable to: Friends of WCOA

Meal choice: Stuffed Breast of Chicken or Baked Schrod

Local leaders praise funding for universal school meals program

By Adam Swift

The Fiscal Year 2024 State Budget includes permanent funding for universal school meals, which will provide free breakfast and lunch to students at every K-12 school in Massachusetts.

The universal school meals initiative has been a top priority for state Senator Sal DiDomenico, who has advocated and filed legislation in support of the program for several sessions alongside his colleague, Representative Andy Vargas, and anti-hunger organizations led by Project Bread.

"This program demon-

strates the best of our state's ideals, using funding to guarantee every Massachusetts student will access food at school," said Senator DiDomenico, Assistant Majority Leader of the Massachusetts Senate who represents Chelsea, Everett, Charlestown, and Cambridge. "We have heard time and again from educators, advocates, and parents, that children cannot learn when they are hungry, so this program will ensure all our children can concentrate in class and enjoy being a kid. I want to thank Senate President Spilka, Chair Rodrigues, and all my colleagues for their work

to get this transformative program funded."

Schools across the state have been providing universal school meals throughout the pandemic because costs for this program were temporarily footed by the federal government. In 2022, federal support for the program was cut off, but Senator DiDomenico worked with his colleagues to secure enough funding in last year's state budget to continue funding free school meals throughout the Commonwealth for the 2022-2023 school year.

Thanks to this year's budget, this program will be funded permanently so

every K-12 school in Massachusetts will continue providing free breakfast and lunch to all students.

"This is a necessary investment in education and fight against child hunger," said state Senator Lydia Edwards, who represents Winthrop, Revere, and East Boston "Our schools should be centers of wellness and education. School meals are similar to books and art supplies, in that they are part of the educational infrastructure.

"I am so proud to have supported this \$172 million investment and even prouder that Fair Share Tax is paying for it. Personally, I remember the stigma when I would get reduced lunch or free lunch as a child. I am so happy no other child in Massachusetts has to go through that again."

This program has been a massive success in Massachusetts over the past few school years, DiDomenico stated. Over 80,000 more students were eating lunch daily when costs were lifted, which allowed them to focus on class and relieved a financial burden from their parents.

DiDomenico said this is a crucial program especially as costs for housing, transportation, healthcare, and more have risen.

Acting Mayor Patrick Keefe in Revere said that city has been a leading example of the benefits of free meals in our schools, as it has had the programs for the past four years.

"The free meals programs make a significant difference for our students and are an asset to families that are struggling," said Keefe. "The cafeteria

routine is streamlined and efficient for everyone. We have seen how the programs can improve the educational experience and are excited for other communities that will now benefit from these programs statewide."

The Chelsea public schools have also offered a universal free meals program over the past years.

"CPS is thrilled about the recent legislation that enacts free universal school meals in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts," read a statement from district administration. "Free school meals have been part of our school district for some time, and our students and families benefit immensely. We're happy to see that students across the state will now experience this fabulous initiative."

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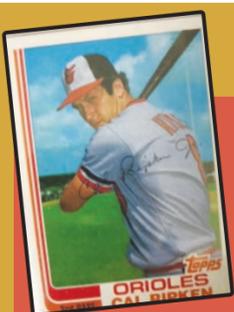
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Sports

SCENES FROM THE CASA WINTHROP POLICE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Courtesy photos

The Shannon Funded CASA Winthrop Police Basketball Tournament was held August 9 at Winthrop Basketball Courts. Three teams participated in a tournament. Hard fought games, barbeque, music, and ball toss made for a fun event for the middle school students who participated. Winthrop Police Officer and championship winning HS basketball coach David Brown referee-ed the tourney. Sgt. Delehanty and

Lt. Rogers staffed the grill. Casa, Councillor Stephen Ruggiero and many spectators watched as the winning team emerged - congratulations Team Red!
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Shown above and below, members of CASA and participants in the basketball tournament.

WHS SPORTS THROUGH THE YEARS

10 years ago August 15, 2013

The annual Battle at the Beach softball tournament enjoyed the most successful year in its history this past weekend. The tourney saw Winthrop host 20 teams from throughout Massachusetts and the Northeast in three age group divisions, 12U, 14U, and 16U. The weekend's games proved highly competitive in all age groups, with many contests going into extra innings or being decided in the last inning. In the 16U division, the Academy team defeated the Legends squad in the championship contest, 7-3. The Academy was led by Winthrop High sophomore pitcher Taylor Thomas, who tossed five innings, allowing just five hits and three runs while fanning one in the title tilt. Shana Zeramy (Lynn English) came in for the save, pitching one-hit ball in the final two frames to preserve the victory. The Academy jumped out to an early 7-0 lead and relied on the duo of Thomas and Zeramy the rest of the way. The Academy's only real test came in the tourney opener Friday evening in a 5-3 win over the Bay State Riptide, a squad composed primarily of Winthrop girls including Amanda Pelletier, Ally Love, Sam Wells, Natalie Fitzpatrick, Christine Haskell, Alexis Joyce, Emma Carney, Jessica Martin, Regina Garufo, and Jaida Hightower.

of 28 members of the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) that has joined the NFHS Network, the new all-digital network devoted to coverage of high school sports and performing arts through the Internet at www.NFHSnetwork.com.

20 years ago August 21, 2003

WHS Athletic Director Peter Gobel said that the slow pace of income from user fees and the lack of response to various fundraising efforts are placing in jeopardy the fall sports programs at Winthrop High. Turnout for the WHS boys soccer program is at an all-time low of just 14 players, a number that WHS boys' coach Phil Ronan attributes to the \$325 user fee that was imposed this year by the School Committee.

The WHS football team, under the direction of head coach Tony Fucillo, began its pre-season workouts this week.

90 years ago August 26, 1933

The Winthrop Swimming Association is planning a Sports Week to run from August 28-Sept. 4.

120 years ago August 22, 1903

The baseball game between the teams from the New Winthrop and Crest hotels drew a large and fashionable crowd for both teams, with many ladies witnessing the game and offering encouragement to their favorites.



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5TH ANNUAL WINTHROP YOUTH FOOTBALL CAMP AT MILLER FIELD

Last Monday evening Viking Head Coach Jon Cadigan, his staff and the varsity member of the WHS Viking Football Team welcomed over 50 future Viking football players to Miller Field for camp. This is a two day, 5:30-7 p.m. basics of football for grades k-8. Coach Cadigan hopes to build in a comfortable structure for these young players, making them part of the Viking family and giving them confidence on the field. Having a relationship with the older players will make for better teammates in the future, as they progress through the system.

The group was cut in half, one day on offense and one day on defense, getting a feel for all positions and an understanding of the coaching system goes a long way.



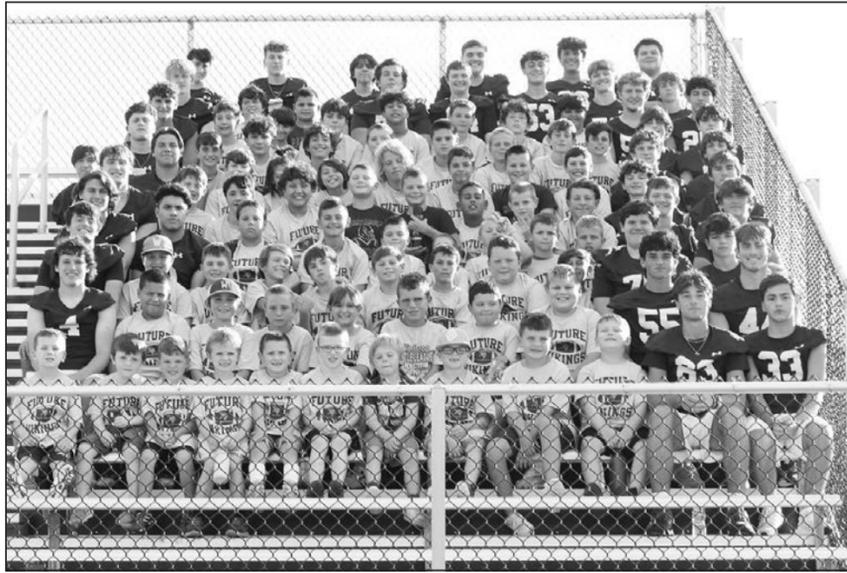
Matt Noonan drags out a tackling dummy for the camp.



Varsity player Robert Rich with future Vikings, Nick Previte, Evan Pena, and Brendan Murphy.



Phil Boncore warms up before the camp starts.



The 5th Annual Class of Football Camp at Miller Field.



The campers get a warm welcome from the WHS Viking Varsity Team.



Domenic Noe in a running exercise.



Zach Emanuelson runs through the cones.



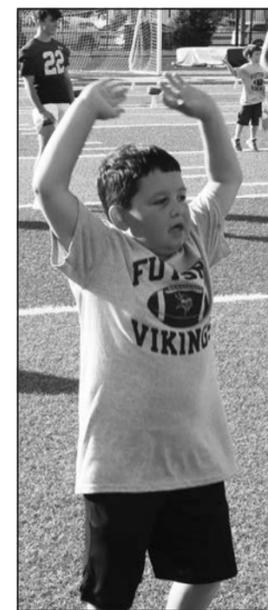
The younger players keeping up with the group.



Head Coach Jon Cadigan readies to welcome the future to Viking Football to Miller Field.



Luis Lainez shows his tackling skills.



Max Manning doing his jumping jacks.



Capt. Evan Rockefeller leads the group.



Matt Vasal with tackling practice.



Franco Ferrara running a basic drill.



Ricardo Biaz goes through the workout.

FRESH AND LOCAL

Cooking with Restraint

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

There's been a flavorful bonus from the move to eat healthier, sustainable food. Changing from ultra-processed foods to simple whole foods, you learn to enjoy nature's unique flavors. This leads to a more restrained approach to making and presenting food. This time of year, we can make a lunch of sweetcorn and tomatoes with very little added to these summer superstars. A bit of olive oil or butter and a sprinkle of salt is all we need.

Real Food, Fewer Ingredients

To quote Jamie Oliver, "Real food doesn't have ingredients; real food is ingredients." Oliver has been one of the leaders in cooking with restraint. His cookbooks like, "5 Ingredients: Quick & Easy Food" and "5 Ingredients Mediterranean: Simple In-

credible Food" celebrate using fewer ingredients in more straightforward ways and enjoying the full flavors of the best food you can find.

The "Five Ingredient Rule" has recently become a trendy food and diet theme. In some cases, creators of simplified recipes will allow a few basic additions like a fat, an acid, salt, and pepper. This rule is also a good guideline if you buy prepared foods. If the ingredient list is long and contains chemicals and additives, look for a better choice.

Some find that eating more five-ingredient meals helps with weight control. It makes sense since we know that ultra-processed and junk foods are significant factors in the obesity epidemic.

Craveable Food!

We love reading menus where the chef has used

few ingredients, and we can imagine how something will taste. A recent example is the crab toast at Little Whale on Newbury Street in Boston. It's avocado toast with a generous portion of crab, a sprinkle of Aleppo pepper, and fresh dill. Penny confirmed that it did not have an unwelcome dose of mayonnaise that many chefs add to many recipes. It didn't and has become a dish we crave and enjoy often.

Fewer ingredients mean you have less chance of including something your diners can't have or don't like. Buying fewer, high-quality ingredients means less food waste. When you pay a premium for the best, you tend to buy exactly as much as you need and use it immediately.

Seasonality

Another way to show

restraint in cooking is to take advantage of seasonal foods. When you shop at a farmers market and take home fresh foods from the field, pasture, or ocean, they have more flavor and nutrition. Limiting what you add to the dish can let the fresh taste shine.

In spring, we often have a big plate of asparagus roasted with olive oil, salt, pepper, and a squeeze of lemon. In the fall, we roast sheet pans of root vegetables and squash with the same preparation. These become the center of our plates, with a few slices of leftover turkey or a piece of fish on the side.

When we buy fish at the market, we cook it simply. Scallops sautéed in butter with seasoning and lemon are a perfect plate of food. Penny will top a piece of salmon with ginger, scallion, soy sauce, and sesame oil and roast it in foil packets for a restaurant-quality dinner.

There are instances when a cook has the time and wants to spend an afternoon creating a complex curry or multi-sauced lasagna. However, for everyday meals that are healthy and delicious, we recommend editing the ingredients and letting natural flavors step into the spotlight.

Do you have a question or topic for Fresh & Local? Send an email to Penny@BostonZest.com with your suggestion.



This crab toast is a perfect example of using the best you can buy and knowing when to stop adding ingredients to a dish.

OBITUARIES

Jacqueline Trevor

Retired secretary

Jacqueline E. Trevor of Winthrop passed away at home on August 10. She was 89 years old.

Born in Melrose, she was the beloved daughter of the late Marion J. (Thompson) and Arthur M. Maskell. A life-long resident of Winthrop, she worked as a secretary for Elliot, Whittier and Hardy for many years. She also volunteered at East Boston District Court working with Harbor Cove.

She was the devoted wife of the late Edward J. Trevor, Jr. and the loving mother of Kim E. Sullivan of Winthrop, Steven Trevor of Tewksbury and John Trevor of Canada; the dear sister of Arthur Maskell of West Brookfield and the late Shirley Cross, and the cherished grandmother of Alyse and Jennifer.

Family and friends are cordially invited to attend the visitation from the Caggiano-O'Maley-Frazier Funeral Home, Win-



throp today, Thursday, August 17 from 9 to 11 a.m. followed by a funeral service in St. John's Episcopal Church, 222 Bowdoin St., Winthrop at 11:30 a.m. Services will conclude with the interment in the Cross Street section of Winthrop Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to St. John's Episcopal Church 222 Bowdoin St., Winthrop MA 02152.

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Stephanie Wood to depart Austin Prep, will pursue college coaching opportunities

Special to the Transcript

After a highly decorated tenure spanning 11 seasons at Austin Prep, head girls ice hockey coach Stephanie Wood will be departing Austin Prep to pursue college coaching opportunities. Coach Wood leaves Austin Prep after guiding the team to three Massachusetts Division I State Championships, and a successful transition to the in 2022.

Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA)

New England Prep School Athletic Council (NEPSAC)

"Coming to Austin Prep was the best decision I've ever made in my career, and I am so proud of everything our program has accomplished. Seeing first-hand the incredible transformation of Austin Prep has also been remarkable, as the school continues to raise the bar and demonstrate repeatedly why it is such a remarkable institution," Coach Wood said.

"Stephanie Wood has led Austin Prep's girls ice hockey program through over a decade of sustained excellence," Head of School, Dr. James Hickey said. "Her lasting impact will be felt by our current and former students for years to come, and we are grateful for her unwavering commitment to our School's mission and proud of her accomplishments while at Austin Prep."

Coach Wood departs Austin Prep with a 210-34-21 coaching record.

The pinnacle of Coach Wood's tenure at Austin Prep was in 2022 when the girls ice hockey team captured the program's third MIAA title, finishing the season a perfect 27-0-0. The 2022 championship added to the hockey team's MIAA titles in 2016 and 2020. Coach Wood was named MIAA Division I Coach of the Year in 2016 by the Boston Globe, and New England Girls Ice Hockey Coach of the Year in 2022 by New England

Hockey Journal.

"This group has cemented themselves as the most successful sports team in the history of Austin Prep athletics," Coach Wood said, referencing the 2022 team after the championship win. "We knew the potential was there, but I didn't know if we knew just how vast that greatness could be. It's an incredible accomplishment for this team, but easier said than done. And to go 27-0-0, that's a rarity

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- 1 teaspoon paprika
- salt and pepper to taste
- 4 slices bacon, cut into 1/2 inch pieces
- 1/3 cup low-sodium chicken broth
- 4 ounces sliced mushrooms
- 3/4 cup heavy whipping cream
- 2 green onions, white and green parts separated and sliced

DIRECTIONS

- STEP 1:** Preheat the oven to 400 degrees F (200 degrees C).
- STEP 2:** Season chicken thighs on all sides with paprika, salt, and pepper.
- STEP 3:** Cook bacon in a cast iron skillet or oven-safe pan over medium-high heat until browned, 4 to 5 minutes. Remove from skillet and drain on a paper towel-lined plate. Drain and discard excess grease from the skillet.
- STEP 4:** Return the skillet to medium heat and cook chicken thighs, skin-side down, for 3 to 4 minutes. Flip chicken over and place the skillet in the preheated oven.
- STEP 5:** Bake until chicken thighs are no longer pink at the bone and juices run clear, about 30 minutes. An instant-read thermometer inserted near the bone should read 165 degrees F (74 degrees C). Remove chicken to a plate and cover with foil to keep warm. Remove all but 2 tablespoons of drippings from the skillet.
- STEP 6:** Return the skillet to the stove over medium-high heat. Pour in chicken broth while whisking up brown bits from the bottom of the skillet. Add mushrooms and cook until soft, about 3 to 4 minutes. Pour in heavy whipping cream and whisk together until lightly simmering, then reduce heat to medium-low. Season with salt and pepper, if necessary.
- STEP 7:** Return chicken and any juices back into the skillet; top with bacon and green onions. Serve immediately, spooning sauce over chicken.

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in any sport. Any gender. Any level.”

In winning the 2022 state title, the Girls Ice Hockey program departed the MIAA on top, as the team joined all of Austin Prep's athletic programs in the New England Prep School Athletic Council (NEPSAC) for the 2022-23 school year. In the inaugural year in the NEPSAC, the girls ice hockey team finished 15-6-3 and recently announced their commitment to join the Vaillancourt Conference within the NEPSAC beginning this upcoming year.

“Austin Prep entered the NEPSAC well positioned for success,” Director of Athletics, Pat Driscoll said. “That was due, in part, to the foundation built by the girls hockey program the decade prior. Coach Wood’s impact on Austin Prep athletics will be felt long after her departure from campus, and I am proud to have been able to partner with her on so many important initiatives.”

In departing Austin

Prep, Coach Wood aims to return to the NCAA Division I level where she competed at while a student-athlete at Northeastern. “Leaving Austin Prep is such an emotional decision, but I am excited to embark on a career in coaching at the college level, as I have always wanted to be able to test my coaching abilities at the highest level. That said, this transition would not have been possible without Austin Prep, as the school has helped me grow and evolve as a coach.”

Despite her departure, Coach Wood will remain well connected with the Austin Prep community as she will serve on the hiring committee for the next girls ice hockey coach. Additionally, Austin Prep will host “Coach Wood Night” this upcoming season as an opportunity for current families, alumni and friends of the program to celebrate the countless contributions Coach Wood made to the girls ice hockey program.

“Coach Wood will forever be synonymous with

Austin Prep girls ice hockey, and as she strives to advance her career at the college level, she will always remain a part of the Austin Prep family,” Associate Head of School Jonathan Pollard, who also served as Director of Athletics during part of Coach Woods tenure, said. “While the state titles and coaching accolades are impressive, the manner in which she advanced the program and built relationships with students, families and colleagues will be Coach Wood’s ultimate contribution to Austin Prep.”

“I have loved every single moment I have been at Austin Prep and will never forget the incredible players, families, and accomplishments we've had,” Coach Wood said. “I would like to sincerely thank Dr. Hickey, Jonathan Pollard, and Pat Driscoll, as well as the entire Austin Prep community, who I consider family. I look forward to remaining a part of that family and watching the continued growth of the program.”

National Grid marks National Safe Digging Day with reminder to residents

Special to the Transcript

Serving as a crucial reminder for customers to contact 811 before digging, August 11 marked National 811 Safe Digging Day. To observe the occasion, National Grid was reminding customers and contractors nationwide to call 811 before starting any digging or excavation project (no matter how big or small) to have underground utility lines properly marked. Dig Safe® is a free service funded solely by its utility members to promote public safety and avoid costly underground utility damage.

An underground utility line is damaged every few minutes because someone decided to dig without first contacting 811. Digging without knowing the approximate location of underground utilities can result in severe inju-

ry or death, inconvenient service disruptions, and costly fines and repairs. Hitting underground gas, electric, communications, water, and sewer lines while digging can have a major impact on communities and businesses. Making a free request before digging online at www.811beforeyoudig.com or by calling 811 will help everyone who digs maintain essential utility service for their communities while keeping themselves and their neighbors safe by reducing the likelihood of accidentally digging into buried utility lines.

“On August 11 and throughout the year, National Grid wants to remind homeowners and professional contractors alike to use the free 811 service before digging to keep themselves, their family, and community safe by reducing the risk

of striking an underground utility line,” said Caroline Hon, Senior Vice President of Network Strategy and Planning, National Grid U.S. “Calling 811 or visiting www.811beforeyoudig.com is the only way to know which utilities are buried in your area so that you can dig safely and keep your community safe and connected. Safe digging is critical in ensuring the safety of our employees, the public, and local communities that we proudly serve daily.”

Every digging project, no matter how large or small, warrants a call to 811. It’s not only the safe and smart thing to do – it’s the law! A call to 811 is the best safeguard and the first line of defense to preventing strikes on underground utility lines. The depth of utility lines can vary for

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Annual Beach:Ability Event promotes access and fun for people of all abilities at public beaches across the state

Special to the Journal

On Saturday, August 12, nearly 200 of people of all abilities gathered on Constitution Beach in East Boston for Triangle, Inc.'s annual Beach:Ability event. The annual event was made possible by a grant from Save the Harbor/Save the Bay's Better Beaches Program partnership with DCR and supported by DCR's Universal Access Program. In addition to being a fun-filled day of food and games, Beach:Ability highlights the programs and materials, such as beach wheelchairs and mobility mats, that make Massachusetts' urban beaches welcoming and accessible for everyone.

"It is so exciting to see this event grow very year, it emphasizes the importance of making all places and spaces accessible to everyone," said Coleman Nee, CEO of Triangle Inc. "Beach:Ability highlights the incredible resources available at our state beaches that make it possible for people of all abilities to enjoy a trip to beaches across the Commonwealth."

Participants kayaked with Piers Park Sailing Center and used floating beach wheelchairs to get out in the water. The day was filled with music and

dancing was provided by Trike Called Funk.

"We're always looking for ways to improve and make it easier for people with disabilities to enjoy our beautiful green and blue spaces," said Representative Adrian Madaro, Co-Chair of the Metropolitan Beaches Commission. "Beach:Ability helps raise the profile of the materials and infrastructure we already have here in the Commonwealth, and it's simply a joy to see everyone out enjoying the beach."

"We couldn't do events and programs like this without the sustained and generous support of our partners and funders, especially the Healey/Driscoll Administration and the Department of Conservation and Recreation," said Save The Harbor/Save The Bay's Executive Director Chris Mancini. "We're so grateful, too for our incredible donors at Liberty Mutual Foundation, Coca-Cola Company, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts, Eastern Salt Company, Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, JetBlue, John Hancock Financial Services, Massport, the Mass Cultural Council, the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection,



Ability highlights the programs that make Massachusetts' urban beaches welcoming and accessible for everyone. Coleman Nee, CEO of Triangle Inc. and Triangle participant Wayne kayaked with support from Piers Park Sailing Center.

and the National Grid Foundation, and of course the hundreds of individual donors who support us every year."

Mancini went on to acknowledge donors Alexandria, Amazon, Bay State Cruise Company, BXP - Atlantic Wharf, City of Boston Department of Youth Engagement and Employment, the Comcast Foundation, Constellation Generation, the Cronin Group, Hood Park, HYM Investment Group, Income Research and Management Charitable Trust, Leader Bank Pavilion/Live Nation,

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The group also thanked the Boston Consulting Group, Copeland Family Foundation, Equinor, Lovett Woodsum Foundation, Mass Marine Trades

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To learn more about Save the Harbor/Save the Bay and the great work they do to restore, protect and share Boston Harbor, the waterfront, islands, and the region's public beaches with all Bostonians and the region's residents, visit their website at www.savetheharbor.org and follow @savetheharbor on social media.

For more information about Beach: Ability, please visit

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Since 1971, Triangle, Inc. has empowered people with disabilities and their families to live rich, fulfilling lives. With a strong focus on employment, empowerment, independence, and community engagement, Triangle, Inc. reaches more than 4,000 people across eastern Massachusetts each year. Through all of its efforts, Triangle, Inc. reminds our communities that we are all people with abilities. Learn more about the organization and their impact at triangle-inc.org.

Healey-Driscoll administration announces equitable expansion of electric vehicle rebate program

Special to the Transcript

The Healey-Driscoll Administration announced substantial changes to the Massachusetts Offers Rebates for Electric Vehicles Program (MOR-EV Program), which provides rebates for the purchase or lease of light-, medium-, and heavy-duty battery electric and fuel cell electric vehicles (EVs). These changes aim to support greater adoption of EVs in Massachusetts, including new rebate programs for income-qualifying Massachusetts residents.

"This significant expansion of the MOR-EV Program will make electric vehicles more affordable and accessible for residents of all income levels," said Governor Maura Healey. "Residents will now be able to get their rebates the day they buy their car, instead of waiting for the funds to come in. And income-eligible folks will now be able to

get additional rebates, including for used vehicles. This is a great development in our efforts toward an equitable clean energy transition."

"Our administration is committed to reducing transportation emissions, and these important changes to MOR-EV will help provide cleaner air in our communities," said Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll. "Far more residents will now be eligible for rebates, and we look forward to seeing the number of electric vehicles on the road across Massachusetts grow exponentially in the coming years."

In addition to the existing \$3,500 rebates for EVs, the new MOR-EV program elements include:

- The launch of rebates at the point-of-sale with participating dealers;
- \$3500 rebate for used EVs for income-qualifying residents;
- \$1,500 rebate adder for income-qualifying res-

idents called MOR-EV+ that is in addition to the standard rebate for new or used electric vehicles; and

- Increased rebates for certain light-duty pickup trucks.

The MOR-EV+ and MOR-EV Used rebates are retroactive to November 10, 2022 for any income-qualifying residents who purchased new or used EVs on or after that date.

"Reducing harmful greenhouse gas emissions in the transportation sector is critical to meeting our climate goals, and we are excited that our expanded MOR-EV program will provide greater access to electric vehicles for more Massachusetts drivers," said Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Rebecca Tepper. "MOR-EV is forward-looking and brings Massachusetts one step closer to phasing out expensive, volatile fossil fuels and transportation pollution that dispropor-

tionately impacts environmental justice communities."

"In Massachusetts, transportation accounts for 42-percent of our emissions, and we know that environmental justice communities often bear the brunt of pollution while challenged to participate in clean energy and transportation programs," said Department of Energy Resources Commissioner Elizabeth Mahony. "The updated MOR-EV more equitably serves a greater number of residents to offset the cost of buying an electric vehicle."

Additional details about the rebates are available at <https://mor-ev.org>.

Culturally Competent Outreach

Through the MOR-EV program administrator, the Center for Sustainable Energy, the Commonwealth has initiated a culturally competent outreach program to more effectively reach Environmental

Justice communities, income-qualifying residents, and limited English proficiency residents with targeted information about available electric vehicle rebates. The MOR-EV website includes translation capabilities, with the option to translate into Spanish, Portuguese, Haitian Creole, Vietnamese, and Chinese.

Background on MOR-EV

Launched in 2014, the Massachusetts Offers Rebates for Electric Vehicles (MOR-EV) program is an education and rebate program funded by the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources (DOER) and administered by the Center for Sustainable Energy. The program aims to increase the number of zero emissions vehicles on roadways and reduce Massachusetts transportation sector greenhouse gas emissions. As of July 1, 2023, MOR-EV rebates are for battery

electric and fuel cell electric vehicles only.

Since June 2014, the MOR-EV Program has issued nearly \$72 million in rebates for passenger vehicles, incentivizing the purchase of more than 32,000 electric vehicles as of the end of June.

For additional information regarding MOR-EV, including current program eligibility details, please visit the program's website. Additional details regarding rebates for electric vehicles greater than 10,000 pounds gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) can be found by visiting the MOR-EV Medium and Heavy-Duty Program website.

Funding for the MOR-EV Program is available from the Electric Vehicle Adoption Incentive Trust Fund and through proceeds from the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative.

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several reasons, such as erosion, previous digging projects, and uneven surfaces. Utility lines must be appropriately marked in each previously marked location to avoid risk.

As part of National Safe Digging Day, National Grid encourages everyone to take the following steps when planning a digging project this summer:

- Always contact 811 a few days before digging, regardless of the depth or familiarity with the property.
- Plan ahead. Make a free 811 request on Monday or Tuesday for work planned for an upcoming weekend, providing ample time for the approximate location of lines to be marked.

- Confirm that all lines have been marked.

Consider moving the location of your project if it is near utility line markings.

- If a contractor has been hired, confirm that the contractor has contacted 811. Don't allow work to begin if the lines aren't marked.

- Visit www.811beforeyoudig.com for complete information.

Everyone who contacts 811 before digging is connected to a local 811 center that will take the caller's information and communicate it to local utility companies. Professional locators will then visit the dig site to mark the approximate location of underground utility lines

with spray paint, flags, or both. Once a site has been accurately marked, it is safe to begin digging around the marked areas. The service is easy to use and free of charge.

State laws mandate that 811 must be contacted a few days before beginning projects requiring excavation. Failure to call 811 may be punishable by fines, which in some states can be as high as \$1,000 for a first offense and \$10,000 for subsequent violations.

National Grid works closely with local fire and police departments; with their strong support, people are calling before they dig. Calling 811 can avoid an incident that requires police and fire response.