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NEWS Briefs

NINTH ANNUAL J. BARRY DWYER 5K TURKEY TROT IS SET FOR CHELSEA STADIUM NOV. 18

The ninth annual J. Barry Dwyer Turkey Trot is set for Saturday, November 18, at 10 AM at Chelsea Stadium.

The trot promises to be a fun event for all persons of all ages and abilities, featuring a 5K road race, a 3K walk, and a 400 meter fun run for youngsters 10-and-under. The running course is a USATF-certified 5K with chip timing provided by Yankee Timing. The course is mostly flat with a mild hill on the way out and back. The start and finish is on the track at the Chelsea Memorial Stadium at Chelsea High School.

The entry fee is \$25 until November 3 (\$30 after Nov. 3). Entrants who register before November 3 will receive a race T-shirt. There also will be prizes,

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CARY SHUMAN PHOTO
THAT WINNING FEELING: Winthrop High football players celebrate after their 20-19 victory over Salem last Friday night at Miller Field.



THE WHEEL DEAL

Noonan's 82-yard TD pass to Cappuccio keys Vikings' dramatic 20-19 win

By Cary Shuman

Eighty-one yards from the end zone. Ninety seconds remaining. No timeouts. Trailing by six points.

That was the uphill task the Winthrop High football team faced against an

undefeated Salem High team on Senior Night at Miller Field.

Head coach Jon Cadigan said that offensive coordinator Mark D'Ambrosio called for a wheel route on second down following a one-yard loss on the previous play.

Quarterback Matt Noonan, running back Nick Cappuccio, wide receiver Ace Daigneault, and the Vikings executed the play to perfection in a no-huddle look that seemed to catch Salem off guard. The result: a Noonan-to-Cappuccio 82-

yard TD pass that tied the game at 19-19. George Galuris kicked the all-important PAT and the Vikings went on to beat Salem, 20-19, in an instant classic, bolstering their ranking in the division and

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Town Councilor John Munson seeks re-election

Special to the Transcript

Stating that he wants to continue providing effective representation for the residents of Precinct 2 for the next four years, Town Councilor John Munson has



officially announced his candidacy for re-election on Tuesday, November 7. The following is his statement:

"In January 2022, I was appointed by

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Ferrara announces candidacy for re-election

Special to the Transcript

WHA chairman Frank Ferrara has announced his intention to seek re-election. The following is his announcement:

"My name is Frank R. Ferrara, Sr. I am



the current chairman of the Winthrop Housing Authority (WHA) board. I am seeking reelection to the Winthrop Housing Authority Board on November 7th.

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Prestigious Position

Sen. Edwards will be sworn in as JAG in Mass. Army National Guard

By Cary Shuman

Sen. Lydia Edwards will be sworn in Monday, Oct. 30 as a Judge Advocate General in the Massachusetts Army National Guard.

Edwards will be continuing her family's outstanding tradition of mil-

itary service that began with her mother, Retired Master Sergeant Bridgett Edwards, who enlisted in the United States Air Force in 1971 and served with distinction for 23 years.

Lydia Edwards is a graduate of American University's Washington School of Law.

Her formal title will be First Lt. Lydia Marie Edwards of the Massachusetts Army National Guard.

"As a Judge Advocate General (also known as attorney), I will have the honor to serve and advocate on behalf of those who serve our country,"

said Edwards, who will continue in her position as state senator in the First Suffolk and Middlesex District that includes Winthrop.

Following are some background facts and personal observations from Sen. Edwards on her prestigious position as a JAG in the Massachusetts Army National Guard:

Her Background

"I was born on St. Patrick Air Force Base in Florida and lived "on base" at various locations mostly in Florida, two bases in England, and KI

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OCT. 21ST GHOST LECTURE AT DEAN WINTHROP HOUSE



On Saturday night, the S.P.I.R.I.T.S. of New England presented a Ghost Lecture to a packed audience that benefited the Deane Winthrop House. The S.P.I.R.I.T.S. Team is pictured above: Sarah Campbell, Jack Kenna, and S.P.I.R.I.T.S. Founder Ellen MacNeil (missing from the photo, Beck Gann). An informal paranormal investigation of the Deane Winthrop House was conducted for interested audience members after the lecture.



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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, OCT. 9

0757: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Main and Paine Sts. for the civil moving infraction of a red light violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

0922: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Washington Ave. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer issued a citation with a written warning to the operator.

1021: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Walden and Pauline Sts. for a civil moving infraction. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator, who had a clean driving record.

1107: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Putnam St. for the civil moving infraction of a stop sign violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1139: An officer directed the owner of an unregistered motor vehicle that was parked on Winthrop St. to move the vehicle onto private property until his registration issue, which involves the non-payment of fees to the town, is resolved.

1301: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Shore Drive and Pearl Ave. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1757: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Pleasant St. and Cottage Park Rd. for the civil moving infraction of defective equipment (lights were not working). The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator and advised her to tell the owner of the vehicle to fix the lights.

2217: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Pleasant St. for the civil moving infraction of speeding (37 in a 25 m.p.h. zone). The officer issued a citation to the operator.

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2246: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Pleasant St. for a civil moving infraction. The officer issued a citation to

the operator.

2302: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Pleasant St. for a civil moving infraction. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

2323: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Pleasant St. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

2325: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Pleasant St. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

2341: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Washington and Lewis Aves. for the civil moving infraction of speeding (39 in a 25 m.p.h. zone). The officer arrested Ever Hernandez Palacios, 23, of Chelsea, for the criminal offense of operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license. He also was cited for the speeding infraction.

TUESDAY, OCT. 10

0002: A resident came into the station to report that someone is trying to extort money from him. The officer filed a report.

0645: A report of a dead raccoon in the street on Tileston Rd. was referred to the DPW.

0813: An officer responded to a minor motor vehicle accident on Kennedy Rd. The officer filed a report.

1204: A resident came into the station to report a larceny of property. The officer filed a report. The following day, an employee from Big Lots called the station to report finding the property. The officer contacted the resident, who was able to retrieve her property at the front desk of the store.

1251: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Crescent and Shirley Sts. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1304: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Veterans Rd. and arrested two persons: the operator, Samuel Chavarria Arteaga, 19, of Revere, on a fugitive from justice warrant and for the criminal offenses of unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle and illegal possession of a Class B controlled narcotic substance with intent to distribute; and a passenger, Mateo Mira Chalarca, 26, of 312 Shirley St., for the criminal offenses of illegal possession of a Class B controlled narcotic substance with intent to distribute and furnishing false identifying information to a police officer while under arrest.

1310: An officer stopped a motor vehicle

at Shirley and Perkins Sts. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1432: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Beach Rd. and Locust St. for the civil moving infraction of a stop sign violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1507: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Washington Ave. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1518: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Washington Ave. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1533: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Washington Ave. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1544: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Washington Ave. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1848: An officer directed the owner of a motor vehicle blocking a driveway on Seymour St. to move the vehicle.

2013: A Wilshire St. resident reported finding a dog that was on the loose. The Animal Control Officer was contacted and the dog was reunited with its owner.

2301: An officer dispersed persons in two vehicles from Hannaford Park, which is closed after dark.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 11

0507: A Sunnyside Ave. resident reported that his two motor vehicles on his property had been broken into overnight. There was no damage to the vehicles, which had been left unlocked. The officer filed a report.

0718: Another Sunnyside Ave. resident reported her motor vehicle had been rummaged through overnight. There was no damage to the vehicle. The officer filed a report.

1251: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Washington Ave. for the civil moving infraction of speeding (35 in a 25 m.p.h. zone). The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1305: An officer responded to a report of tagging (graffiti) on a building at the Crest Ave. playground. The officer filed a report.

1333: An officer

stopped a motor vehicle on Washington Ave. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1349: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Palmyra and Pleasant Sts. for the civil moving infraction of speeding and violating the hands-free law. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1416: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Short and Walden Sts. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1428: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Walden St. for the civil moving infraction of a stop sign violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1450: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Shirley St. for the civil moving infraction of an obstructed registration plate. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1453: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Walden and Short Sts. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1709: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Main St. for the civil moving infraction of a red light violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1928: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Crest and Grovers Ave. for the civil moving infraction of a crosswalk violation. When the officer determined that the operator was unlicensed, which is a criminal offense, he ordered the vehicle to be towed and issued a citation to the operator for both infractions. When the owner of the vehicle came to the station to pick up the original operator, she was informed that it also is a criminal offense as to her to permit an unlicensed operator to drive her vehicle.

THURSDAY, OCT. 12

0758: A Shirley St. resident came to the station to report that his scooter, which had been chained to a pole, had been stolen overnight. The officer filed a report.

1814: An officer responded to a report of a loose dog being struck by a motor vehicle at Locust and Revere Sts. The officer took the operator's information and tried to contact the owner of the dog. The officer filed a report.

FRIDAY, OCT. 13

0117: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Walden and Main Sts. and issued a citation to the operator for the civil infractions of speeding, operating without headlights after dark, and operating an unregistered motor vehicle, and for the criminal offense of unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle because the operator had a New York license, but has lived in Mass. for eight years. The motor vehicle was towed.

0832: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Shirley St. for a civil moving infraction. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1107: A Seal Harbor resident reported that a delivery truck struck the overhang at the entrance and then left the scene. An officer located the operator and obtained his information to give to the manager at Seal Harbor.

1218: The Animal Control Officer responded to a report of a loose dog on Sea Foam Ave. and reunited the dog with its owner.

1451: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Main St. for the civil moving infraction of a red light violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1520: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Pleasant St. for the civil moving infraction of violating the hands-free law. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1537: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Main St. for the civil moving infraction of excessive window tint. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator, who said he will have it removed.

1543: An officer stopped another motor vehicle on Main St. for the civil moving infraction of excessive window tint. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator, who said he will have it removed.

1553: An officer stopped another motor vehicle on Winthrop St. for the civil moving infraction of excessive window tint. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator, who said he will have it removed.

1653: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Pauline St. The operator did not have a valid license and the officer stood by until a licensed operator came by to take possession of the vehicle.

1822: An officer responded to a report of a motor vehicle blocking a

driveway on Revere St. The officer did not observe a violation and spoke to all parties about the issue.

1921: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Cutler St. and Shore Drive for the civil moving infractions of a stop sign violation, a defective plate light, and operation of an unregistered motor vehicle. The operator was able to renew the registration on-line and the officer gave a verbal warning to the operator for the other two offenses.

2233: Officers responded to a report of motor vehicles doing donuts in the parking lot at the Public Landing. The officers resolved the situation.

SATURDAY, OCT. 14

1201: An officer directed the owner of a vehicle blocking a driveway on Sagamore Ave. to move the vehicle.

1645: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Pleasant St. for the civil moving infraction of impeding operation (a dog was hanging out the window). The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1645: An officer responded to a minor motor vehicle accident on Revere St. The parties already had exchanged papers by the time the officer arrived.

1655: Officers responded to a report of a disturbance at a Shirley St. residence. The officer restored the peace and filed a report.

1712: A person reported that a number of dogs were off their leashes at Coughlin Park.

1947: An officer directed the owners of two vehicles parked the wrong way on Bayview Ave. to move their vehicles.

SUNDAY, OCT. 15

0228: A person called the station to report that he had struck the curb and damaged a road sign with his motor vehicle at Sagamore and Grovers Aves. He had his motor vehicle, which had two flat tires, towed. The officer filed a report.

1730: A person came to the station with his dog to report that both had been bitten by another dog on Shirley St. The matter was referred to the Animal Control Officer.

2021: An officer issued a parking ticket to a motor vehicle parked too closely to the corner in the No Parking area at Cutler St. and Shore Drive.

DA releases finding in Winthrop 2021 officer-involved shooting death

By Transcript Staff

Last week, Suffolk District Attorney Kevin Hayden released the final investigative finding and case file regarding the June 26, 2021 officer-involved shooting death of Nathan Allen, 28, at Shirley and Cross streets in

Winthrop. Hayden determined that the involved officer's actions were lawful and reasonable exercises of self-defense and/or defense of others, and that no criminal charges are warranted.

“Our investigation makes clear that the offi-

cer's actions were justified that tragic day. Indeed, it is likely that this officer's brave actions saved others from being injured or killed as a result of Nathan Allen's racially-motivated rampage,” stated Hayden. “This was a terrifying incident for Winthrop, rooted in Nathan Allen's deep White Supremacist hatred. Winthrop leaders and residents deserve great credit for how they have moved to heal the wounds from that tragic day.”

In the investigation report, Hayden stated that Winthrop Police Sergeant Nick Bettano responded to the area for a call of an active shooter and observed Mr. Allen. Prior to Sgt. Bettano's arrival, Allen had shot and killed two unarmed civilians, David Green and Ramona Cooper.

“Mr. Allen advanced upon Sgt. Bettano with a

firearm in his (Mr. Allen's) hand,” Hayden stated in the cover letter of the report. “Sgt. Bettano issued several commands for Mr. Allen to drop his weapon, but Mr. Allen refused. Fearing for his life, as well as the lives of civilian witnesses on scene, Sgt. Bettano fired several rounds at Mr. Allen causing Mr. Allen's death.

“Under the circumstances, Sgt. Bettano fired his weapon in a lawful and proper exercise of self-defense and defense of others as he tried to stop Mr. Allen's armed assault,” Hayden continued. “Indeed, Sergeant Bettano's heroic actions that day likely saved the lives of other civilians in the immediate area of the killings. Therefore, I have determined that criminal charges against Winthrop Police Sgt. Bettano are not warranted.”

WINTHROP MARKETPLACE

THE BEST ROASTED CHICKEN

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 lemon, zested and halved
- 1 teaspoon salt, divided
- 1 teaspoon ground black pepper, divided
- 1 whole chicken
- 1 tablespoon olive oil

DIRECTIONS

STEP 1: Preheat oven to 400 degrees F (200 degrees C).

STEP 2: Mix butter, garlic, thyme, rosemary, lemon zest, 1/2 teaspoon salt, and 1/2 teaspoon pepper together in a bowl.

STEP 3: Loosen skin on chicken breast; rub butter mixture between skin and breast meat. Press on the skin to distribute evenly. Rub oil, remaining 1/2 teaspoon salt, and 1/2 teaspoon pepper all over; place lemon halves inside cavity. Set in a baking pan.

STEP 4: Roast in the preheated oven, basting after 30 minutes, until chicken is no longer pink, about 1 hour. An instant-read thermometer inserted into the thickest part of the thigh, near the bone, should read 165 degrees F (74 degrees C). Let rest before carving, about 15 minutes.

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MEET AND GREET HELD FOR JOHN MUNSON



A coffee meet and greet for John Munson, candidate for Town Council Precinct 2 was held at Tracey Honan's house. Sen. Lydia Edwards (second from left) and several fellow councilors were there to show support for Munson. Topics discussed were the proposed Firehouse, housing issues (Lydia Edwards is the co-chair of the Housing Committee) and more local issues.

Ferrara // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

During my tenure I have assisted the executive director in securing grants for sidewalks, roofing and porches for Overlook Drive, kitchens and baths in the family housing complex, along with consulting on the updating of the elevator at 9 Golden Drive by bringing it up to current state code. My background in construction and as a State Elevator Inspector has been valuable in seeing these projects through to completion.

My background includes 20 years with the Boston Building Department and 16 years with the Mass. Department of Public Safety as an Inspector, nine years with the Massachusetts National Guard as a sergeant assigned to a Nike Guided Missile Battery protecting the Northeast area.

I am a life member of the Winthrop Lodge of Elks #1078. I was active in Winthrop youth sports and I am a lifetime resident of Winthrop.

I am a former member of the Boston Building Ins-

spectors Association and State elevator Safety Association.

I am the son of former Winthrop Building Inspector A. Richard Ferrara and I am married to Ann (DiStefano) Ferrara. We have two children, four grandchildren and one great grandchild. I have the experience and knowledge to retain this position on the Winthrop Housing Board.

I would appreciate your vote on the November 7 Town Election.

Fire House // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

nesses on the properties, according to Town Council President Jim Letterie.

On Monday night, Fire Chief Scott Wiley was questioned about response times to Point Shirley if the Shirley Avenue fire station is closed.

Both the current fire stations on Shirley Avenue and Pauline Street were built well over a century ago and designed for horse-drawn fire apparatus.

Wiley said the fire department has to abide by National Fire Protection Association standards, which state that a professional fire department must be able to respond to a call in less than five minutes and 20 seconds from an alarm 90 percent of the time.

The fire chief said that the department can get anywhere in the town in under the required time. Wiley also noted that there are multiple times during the day when there are multiple calls in town, and Engine 2 from Pauline Street has to respond to Point Shirley calls.

“The Shirley Street station, as far as increasing the footprint ... there is really nowhere to increase that footprint,” said Wiley, noting there was a new development on one side.

If that station was expanded, it would require the taking of multiple properties.

Letterie said that the town did previously look at using the current Pauline Street site as the location of a one central station, but that would include the taking of seven to nine properties, four of which are single-family homes.

Wiley said it would be more efficient for the department to operate out of a single station than multiple stations, adding that any projects at the current stations would require numerous safety and code upgrades.

Wiley and Letterie also discussed the possibility of the fire department operating its own ambulance service out of the new fire station at some point in the future. Designs for the new stations include a double parking bay for ambulances.

Currently, Action Ambulance provides both BLS ambulance service (with EMTs) and ALS service (with paramedics) to the town.

Town Manager Tony Marino is looking at a plan where the fire department would provide the EMT-level BLS service while Action Ambulance would provide the advanced life support service.

There would be initial start-up costs for the plan, but it would bring revenue into the town, said Letterie.

The committee was also asked why the town did not consider the old middle school site for the new fire station location. Wiley noted that going back for several town councils and town managers, the site has always been earmarked for economic development opportunities.

Scott Mahoney-Wright said he has heard questions from residents about the layers of cost for the project, including what the short- and long-term costs will be of relocating the businesses in the Wadsworth Building.

Letterie said there will be more information on the project website at www.winthropfirestation.com providing more detailed financial numbers.

“Not exact numbers, but when you look at relocation costs, we are not paying rent for six months, but we would be relocating,” said Letterie. “Some businesses just literally have an office and a chair that it might cost five grand to move them or whatever, some of them might cost fifty grand to move them. But some of these costs will be absorbed in the acquisition costs.”

Mahoney-Wright also noted that while there have been numerous questions and concerns raised on social media, those people have not addressed them to the people who can provide answers.

“The questions I hear

from people, I feel like they are talking amongst themselves and not you,” he said. “I ask them if they have called Jim Letterie and they say no, and they are obviously not here (at the public forum. As a resident, I am frustrated because I keep seeing all these conversations that make no sense at all.”

Over the weekend, former Fire House Study Committee member Frank Constantino sent an email to the committee members outlining some of the reasons why he resigned from the committee.

Constantino stated that he believes there is another feasible site in the town, not including the middle school site, which should be assessed as a possible choice. He also said the destruction of a historic quality building in the Wadsworth building, as well as the cost for the purchase of the Wadsworth and Kirby buildings were issues for him.

Constantino also raised issues with what he characterized as the rudimentary architectural design plans, as well as the increased taxes from the project that could be a financial burden to residents.

Munson // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

a majority of the Town Council to fill a vacancy on the Town Council to represent Precinct 2. I believe that we have accomplished a lot during the last two years, but much remains to be done to ensure a bright future for our community.

I have been an active member of the Town Council, faithfully attending almost every meeting and subcommittee that I am responsible for. I have pursued more accountability and transparency across town government by voting to adopt automated body cameras for our police, a new fob system at the Department of Public Works gas pump, and a new water meter to track and bill water usage at the hockey rink and gymnasium.

I am especially proud of voting to hire Anthony Marino as our new Town Manager, whose leadership and experience has already had a positive impact for Winthrop.

In addition, I have advocated for modernization of the Town website, IT systems, GIS mapping of the water and sewer system, and a lot more. As Chair of the Capital Assets and Economic Development Committee, I helped develop the first capital assets management plan and voted for a full needs analysis of Town buildings, parks, roads, and infrastructure so that we can maintain what we have and plan for the future.

As a member of the Rules and Ordinance Committee, I reviewed and revised parking regulations and traffic flow in the Center Business District, Cottage Hill area, on Locust and Allmont Streets, and for all municipal parking lots. This committee also supported the creation of the new Solid Waste and Tree Committee Ordinances.

As a Town Councilor, I voted for an increased Cost of Living Adjustment for our current Town retirees, and for continued support for the work of Community Against Substance Abuse (CASA). I also encouraged a new flag policy to celebrate national, state, or local holidays.

In addition, I have really enjoyed helping individual residents in Precinct 2 to advocate for safer streets and sidewalks with more crosswalks, signage, speed bumps and railings. It has impressed upon me the need to keep precinct representation on the Town Council as opposed to a system where everyone would be elected town-wide.

I have hosted numerous community meetings, including quarterly “Conversations with the Councilors”, and attended multiple events in the Town to be supportive of the many civic organizations in Winthrop and to be accessible to town residents.

I am running for re-election to work on a number of issues that face our community. I will advocate to keep Winthrop safe, help build a new fire station, redevelop the old Middle School site, adapt to climate change and prevent flooding, increase funding of our school system, and tackle the problematic Airbnb issue, among others. I will not make empty promises that we can achieve significant progress in these areas at no charge. But I will make sure that we get our money’s worth whatever we decide to pursue.

It has been a pleasure working with my fellow Town Councilors and an honor to serve the people of Winthrop as the Town Councilor for Precinct 2. I love Winthrop and intend to work hard over the next four years to keep it a wonderful place to live, raise a family, and own a business, if I am re-elected.

My family has made Winthrop our home since 2004, and my wife and I are proud to have our two children educated in the Winthrop Public Schools. I have been the business owner of Beacon Photography in Winthrop since 2007, and was the Director of Research for a Strategy Consulting firm. I have hosted dozens of events at the Beacon Gallery featuring art, music, and fundraisers for nonprofits. I am the Treasurer of the Odd Fellows, organizing blood drives with the Red Cross, as well as local food and clothing drives. I am a member of the Chamber of Commerce, Cottage Park Yacht Club, and the Winthrop Art Association, and I coached various youth sports for over ten years.

If you are a resident of Precinct 2, I humbly ask for your vote on November 7th to keep me as your Town Councilor.

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Why my neighbors are voting for Todd Sacco candidate Councilor at Large?

I'm an African American woman who lives in Winthrop, and Todd is one of my good friends. He listens to understand me and my cultural upbringing. Yes, very transparent about very sensitive topics but I'd rather hear the truth than have someone lie in my face. As an African American woman, I feel compelled to speak and share my personal experience with my friend Todd, which has been nothing but positive and inclusive. What I respect about Todd is that he's going to be himself in front of your face and behind closed doors. Even if the town doesn't elect him. Todd will still advocate for what's best for Winthrop. — Latoya Saulters

Todd is 100% transparent about his views for this town MOVING FORWARD and 100% for the kids of Winthrop. He's not afraid to stand up and vote against something if he doesn't think it is right for the betterment of this town. I know he might ruffle some feathers and may have had some dust ups in the past, but you can't argue with his passion and love for this town. Like him personally or not, we need more people like that, not less. That's transparency. — Rich Harkins

Todd believes the best solutions come from a healthy debate on the issues of the day. Todd has always believed regardless of your political affiliation; you have the right to be heard. Todd doesn't shrink when he is outnumbered, he will point out how an agenda may adversely impact the community. — Sean Delehanty

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OUR Opinions

WE MUST CONFRONT THE NEW AXIS OF EVIL

When former President George W. Bush coined the term “Axis of Evil” to refer to the nations of Iran, No. Korea, and Iraq in his 2002 State of the Union speech, his comments were largely derided. Even in the aftermath of the terrorist attack on the World Trade Center just a few months previously, Bush’s juvenile comments were seen as jingoistic hyperbole about three countries that posed no real threat to the United States.

At the time of Bush’s speech, Russia was a vastly-diminished power. China was viewed as an emerging economic powerhouse with no military ambitions. As for Iran, it was causing problems on a small scale in its realm of influence, but it was al-Quaeda and Osama bin Laden who had planned the 9/11 attacks.

But times have changed. Twenty years later, there has been a substantial realignment in the world order. Russia has re-emerged from the ashes of the former Soviet Union to pose a military threat in Eastern Europe (though Vladimir Putin’s army has been shown to be a paper tiger). China has expanded its military presence and capabilities dramatically under Xi Jinping. The Iranians under Ayatollah Ali Khamenei have undertaken the development of a nuclear weapon and are the sponsors of various terrorist groups, including Hamas, Hezbollah, and the Houthis (who are in Yemen), who are causing chaos throughout the Middle East.

What all three of these nations have in common is that they are run by unyielding tyrants: Putin, Xi, and Khamenei are brutal rulers who essentially have become dictators for life. There is not even a pretense of democracy in their countries and dissent of any kind is met with arrests, beatings, torture, sham trials, long jail sentences, and even death -- and that’s just for expressing an opinion critical of their government’s policies.

Ukraine and Israel presently are bearing the brunt of the assaults by these dictatorial regimes, with Taiwan poised to be next in line.

Understandably, Americans do not want to become involved in these conflicts, especially after we only just ended our own long war in Afghanistan. But the simple reality is that freedom isn’t free and this unholy trinity have been supporting each other, financially, militarily, and in other ways, to undermine America and our allies.

Fortunately, President Joe Biden and the vast majority of members of Congress, Republicans and Democrats, recognize that we must do whatever we can to thwart this new Axis of Evil. The inconvenient truth is that only America can lead the free world against the forces of oppression. Burying our head in the sand is not an option.

SAFETY FIRST AT HALLOWEEN BIKE EVENT

Dear Editor,

Recent months have seen multiple comments, concerns and complaints at public meetings and on social media regarding the safety of people riding bikes- and scooters- on our streets, particularly at intersections. Much of this is the result of the simple reality that more people in Winthrop are choosing to get around by bike (or scooter). As a geographically isolated, densely populated community with just two ways in and out, and a text book "last mile gap" to rapid transit, this is a good thing! That said, concerns over public safety are warranted and should be taken seriously by our public officials and all who use the road, and there are many ways to accomplish this.

As a community group advocating for safer, better streets for biking as well as for walking and driving, we'd like to share that this issue- safety for all roads users- will be elevated in a number of visible and tangible ways at our Bike Winthrop Halloween Bike Parade and Fun Ride this Saturday (Oct. 28 at 11:00, Ingleside Park). Come on down to the park between 11-1 and you will find:

- Free helmets, reflectors, and solar powered plus usb charged bike lights (courtesy of a generous grant from Winthrop Charities)
- Free bike repair service with Wildcat Bike Repair and local mechanic, Guy Minnick (a poorly functioning bike is a dangerous bike!)
- Educational resources on rules of the road, safety tips, maps
- Bike obstacle course in the skate hockey rink to practice safely navigating turns
- Advocacy table to write or draw your vision for safe streets and why and where you want to see improvements made in our town

The event will also feature games, crafts, food, coffee, music with DJ Cuzzi, and of course, our signature "Halloween Fun Ride" around town at 11:30 (escorted by the Winthrop Police) and everyone's favorite, the kids costume parade around the park at 12:00. This year's parade judges will be Judie VanKooiman (local charity Those Who Can For Those In Need), Gorman Fort Banks Principal Mark McEneny, and prospective School Committee Member Zac Purington, with the awards ceremony will be MC'd by Roseann Mazzuchelli (formerly of Winthrop Veterans). We are particularly excited to announce a beer garden with Drop Zone Brewery and food truck with Elote. Get your costume and your bike, trike, scooter or stroller ready, and we'll see you at the park on Saturday!

Julia Wallerice

ON THE POLITICAL SCENE IN WINTHROP

Dear Editor,

As members of Congress are struggling to choose a Speaker of The House I asked myself a simple question. Why

can't Winthrop find candidates for local town positions?

I realized that Winthrop is very similar to Washington DC. The negativity surrounding Winthrop politics over the past few years has been devastating. We have had a Council President attacked on the bridge, property damage to a former School Committee member's home, a nail being placed in a former Council President's tire which led to his resignation and most recently politically motivated and fabricated allegations against a candidate.

It's no wonder why we only have two contested races for unpaid positions in the upcoming election. As a community we need to stop the negativity and be an example for Washington not a product of Washington.

Al Longo
Precinct 4

OUR HISTORIC DISTRICT AT METCALF SQUARE

Dear Editor,

First let me say that after being involved in our local government for almost forty years there is no question in my mind that our community needs a new fire house / public safety building. My dilemma is its proposed new location.

In the 80's the FAA's sound proofing grant program required applicants/communities conducted a historic survey to identify any historic properties within the sound proofing area. This report also identified five potential Historic Districts in our community that could meet the US Department of Interior's requirements for placement on the National Register of Historic Places.

Winthrop Community Development office convinced this was an important and worthwhile endeavor proposed to the Selectman that The Historic District Study Committee be appointed and suggest one Historic Districts out of the that five potential districts that had been identified. After a year the committee determined the Metcalf Square / Winthrop Center to have the most potential and likelihood for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places . The District was comprised of over 100 unique historic and architectural significant properties meeting all criteria for nomination. The area roughly bounded by Winthrop Street, Pauline Street, Fremont Street, Cross Street, Buchanan Street, Lincoln Street, Belcher Street and Hermon Street. The report was given to the Selectman and the task of having the nomination be prepared was given the the Winthrop Historic Commission.

The Commission upon consultation with the Massachusetts Historic Commission was advised to hire a professional historian that specialized in nominations to the National Register which could cost as much as \$10,000.00. The Commission raised the funds by engaging with Arcadia Publishing.

With no moneys available at the time the Historic Commission took it

upon themselves to raise the fund. In conjunction with Arcadia Publishing the Commission began researching and writing the book 'Images of America Winthrop' took about three years. The funds were raised from the royalties of this book sale and Consultant/Historian was hired to complete the nomination through the Request For Proposal process required by law. About a year later the nomination was completed, public hearings conducted and the application submitted to the Massachusetts Historic Commission where it was approved and then forward to the US Department of Interior for final approval. On March 30, 2010 The Winthrop Center /Metcalf Square was placed on the National Register of Historic Places.

So the process and value of this designation should not be taken lightly. Long hours for over 10 years were spent in pursuit of this significant and prestigious recognition.

Listing in the National Register does not mean that limitations will be placed on the properties by the Federal government. Public visitation rights are not required of property owners. The Federal government will not attach restrictive covenants to the properties or seek to acquire them. When a property is listed in the National Register, the owner may do anything with the property that he/she wishes, unless state or federal funds, permits, or licensing are used, or unless some other regional and/or local ordinance or policy is in effect.

In Massachusetts properties nominated to the National Register are automatically listed in the State Register of Historic Places. There are no limitations, public visitation requirements, or restrictive covenants for private properties included in the State Register. State Register properties owned by municipalities and non-profit organizations may compete for state restoration grants.

With urban sprawl and over development encroaching on our community , it is necessary to preserve our towns antiquity and historic inventory. I realize for many folks these buildings are old and outdated and prime for redevelopment, and many projects in the district are being planned now with no regard for this historic recognition and status. So I felt it necessary to enlighten our citizens of the process by which we have a Historic District and why. Many people who had hindsight to preserve our heritage whether it be Selectman, Historic Commission or town citizens knew it was important to preserve our communities historic buildings in this historic district, so future generations can understand how our community developed and changed over time into the great town we have become.

Sincerely,
Richard Ferrino
Member of the Winthrop Historic Commission

JOHN MUNSON AND MAX TASSINARI ARE BEST FOR WINTHROP

Dear Editor,

In the upcoming Town Election on Tuesday, November 7, I am supporting John Munson for re-election as Town Councilor for Precinct 2, and Max Tassinari for election as Town Councilor at Large.

I firmly believe that both John and Max have the character, competence, and courage that is needed on our Town Council at this time.

Regarding John Munson, I feel that when an incumbent has done a good job, he deserves re-election.

John has brought a rare sensibility to the Town Council during the past two years since his appointment by a majority of the Town Council to fill a vacancy on the Council to represent Precinct 2. He has shown the ability to work with anyone and everyone to help Winthrop pursue a brighter future. This comes from his understanding of the Town's needs as a husband, father, business owner and active member of the community.

John Munson has pursued accountability and transparency in town government, modernization of town operations, financial support for critical services, safer streets in the community, and strong advocacy for the residents of precinct 2 and all areas of the town. He knows what needs to be done and realizes the importance of having everyone at the table to make the best decisions for the whole community.

John will continue to be a great asset to Winthrop if re-elected as Town Councilor for Precinct 2 next month.

Regarding Max Tassinari, he is above all a decent, honest person who will fight for all of Winthrop's residents.

Max knows that town government should be effective, fiscally responsible, and data driven to achieve our community's priorities. He is an experienced finance professional in both the public and private sectors with an MBA from Bentley University. He is also a devoted husband, father, and homeowner. He is committed to making decisions with understanding and compassion.

Max Tassinari will prioritize investments in Winthrop Public Schools; provide budget oversight of the Town's finances; advocate to protect and promote our parks, green spaces, and environmental resilience; promote collaboration between citizens, community groups, and first responders to maintain a safe and vibrant Winthrop; and deliver effective and responsive constituent services.

Max will be a strong, new voice on the Town Council if he is elected as Town Councilor at Large next month.

Vote for two people, John Munson and Max Tassinari, who will make a real difference for Winthrop over the next four

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years if they are successful on Election Day, November 7th.

Bill Schmidt

SUPPORTING TASSINARI AND MUNSON

Dear Editor,

Local offices probably have the most impact on your day-to-day lives, but unfortunately have some of the lowest voter turnout. Who is at the table matters, when discussing fire safety, development, or what is or isn't taught in our schools. Everyday life in Winthrop is seeing a lot of changes. We are growing as a town, we need to build infrastructure to protect our shoreline and properties, we are healing and still learning from the shooting two years ago, and we are trying to balance a budget.

Winthrop is a special town. It is a beautiful slice of Americana, almost like a Normal Rockwell painting. To keep a town special you have to have a leadership dedicated to hearing all voices. Leadership that is principled, transparent, and can bring people together.

This November 7, we have the opportunity to vote for our local leaders. I hope Winthrop votes for Max Tassinari for Town Councilor at Large and John Munson for District 2 Town Councilor.

Both of these men are ready to serve on day one.

Munson is running for a second term. He is proven to be an inquisitive steward concerning Winthrop's finances. He has fought against government waste and wants to ensure we have the most transparent local government. You don't have to agree with Munson to have access to him.

He cares about all of us. I believe he has earned another term on the council.

Tassinari, not have lived in Winthrop very long but he has Winthrop values. I have known him and his family for close to 10 years. I can say without a doubt he is a man of his word. He is humble enough to know when to ask questions and will look to his neighbors in Winthrop to help him as a town councilor. I especially appreciate his background in finance and his experience in government in protecting our environment.

Today, Winthrop needs unifiers. Winthrop needs people with proven records of professionalism, grace under fire, and who will put people before political parties. That's Max and John. They are running for the right reasons, not with a right-wing (or any) agenda. We are a purple town we have a lot of political perspectives but essentially the job is about "potholes." It's about answering the phone and being able to meet and talk with anyone and listen to everyone. These guys get it.

Let's vote them in Nov 7.

Lydia Edwards

WHY I SUPPORT TODD SACCO

Dear Editor,

I wanted to share why I support Todd Sacco.

It all started with a conversation about national politics. Todd would say, "All politics start at the local level." I was not sure what he meant, and I decided that I should start paying attention at the local level. I learned the following about Todd.

- Todd is a fierce advocate for our Police Department, Fire Department, Teachers, DPW and others. He is compelled to find ways for the people that work in Winthrop to be able to afford to live in Winthrop. I want that too. The many people that support us living a good life should have the same opportunity.

- Todd wants to find new revenue streams, uncover missed opportunities. Items like, are we receiving enough from Massport, or the MWRA?

- He is dedicated to Winthrop and continuous improvement. How can we be or do better today than yesterday? He asks tough questions. He may present a different point of view by looking at a problem through a different lens. It is time that we did not just do things because that is the way it has always been done. It is time we look for the inefficiencies and change or fix them one by one.

- Todd is advocating for accessibility - All citizens in our community have the right to participate in meetings either in person or remotely. We have the technology in the Harvey room and the Middle/High school. Every meeting can be live streamed and provide translation or ADA options. Communication streams need to be updated to support everyone.

- Citizens should be involved in the discussion when it comes to fees, water rates, increased taxes.

Todd takes ownership of issues and deals with them straight on. He has been involved and working for Winthrop for decades. Always thinking of families first. It is undeniable that he will work hard for all of us. It takes someone with an understanding of our Town to be able to move issues forward. It takes someone that is willing to work hard days, nights, weekends while having a full-time job to move us forward. Todd has been out there day and night, talking to people, knocking on doors, people in the community are stopping while he is out on the corner of Main St or the bridge. He is on Winthrop Votes every Tuesday night talking with the community.

I have seen what he has accomplished in the last year, and his ideas for Winthrop's future. He is available, accessible, and most of all. He loves Winthrop. Winthrop wins if we vote for Todd Sacco, Councilor at Large on November 7th.

Carole Mietzsch

SUPPORTS TODD SACCO

Dear Editor,

I have known Todd along with his wife Alyssa and sons Trevor and Seth for many, many years. Our youngest children are in the same grade and are on many sports teams

together. I thought I was a great cheer coach but I kindly pass the spirit stick over to Todd. He is all about his family and the children of Winthrop! Undoubtedly, you will see Todd at games with his horn, yep his horn. Routing and cheering not only for his sons but for mine and for the team's success. He was also on the school committee helping the children of Winthrop get the academic success that they deserve. Who wouldn't want that for their children? I know I do!

One story that I would like to share with you of Todd is that of the Tough Mudder we did together as a team of 5. We are talking about a 13 plus mile course with extremely difficult obstacles on a mountain. Todd's strength and determination was not about crossing that finish line for himself but to help his teammates along so we could all cross together! This is the Todd I know. This is the person you want in this position. Todd wants this town to succeed in every aspect. He wants the best for our children. Todd is here for the betterment of the town and the people in it.

With that said, Todd's honest, pragmatic, and hopeful insight into our community's problems and needs, and his willingness to examine the issues and listen closely to the public's questions and concerns, sets him far above others, and so I am writing today to express my support for his campaign and my intention both to vote for Todd in the upcoming election and to spread word to others of the value of his policies and abilities.

Best,

Denise Beshere

THANK YOU

Dear Editor,

The WHS Hockey boosters would like to thank our golfers and our 24 generous sponsors! We are also grateful for the generosity of so many that donated raffle items as well as those that came to the post-golf party to support. We can't forget the staff at the Winthrop Golf Club, they went out of their way to make sure everything was perfect.

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SUPPORTS TASSINARI

Dear Editor,

I am writing to express my enthusiastic endorsement of Max Tassinari as a candidate for Councilor at Large. Max's unwavering dedication to creating safer communities make him the ideal candidate for this crucial role. As a former police officer, I know firsthand the skills needed when dealing with crime prevention, emergency response, and community outreach. Max understands that public safety is not merely the responsibility of the police, fire and public health departments, but a collective effort involving the entire community. By actively promoting community engagement, collaboration, and education, Max demonstrates his commitment to establishing a safer environment.

Max's leadership skills, integrity, and ability to work collaboratively with all stakeholders are qualities that will enable him to make a substantial difference as Councilor at Large. He is a compassionate and dedicated individual who genuinely cares about the well-being of our community. Max's strong moral compass and ethical approach to public service make him a trusted candidate who will always prioritize the safety and security of our residents.

In conclusion, I wholeheartedly endorse Max Tassinari as Councilor at Large, and I urge the voters of Winthrop to support Max's campaign and entrust him with the responsibility of working to improve and preserve public safety for our community.

Sincerely,

Brian J. Perrin Sr.

ON THE PROPOSED FIRE HOUSE

Dear Editor,

As discussions about a new fire station and the upcoming ballot question regarding the debt exclusion to pay for the project continue, I'm frustrated that the Town Council and Fire House Building Committee's (FHBC) efforts have not met the goals of quashing misinformation and explaining the proposed plan adequately, despite the best efforts of both groups.

Questions that arose at the advent of this process - and that have been answered by the FHBC in meetings, at public events, during public hearings, and even on a dedicated website are still being posed by residents.

As a member of both the Town Council and the FHBC, as well as staunch supporter of our first responders, I am hoping our community is willing to continue to allow us the

opportunity to clarify.

The questions being raised are valid, thoughtful, and earnest, and deserve to be answered, which the FHBC has done.

I am hoping that this letter can reach a few more people and clear up some lingering confusion. There is relatively unanimous support for the necessity of a new fire house, which is wonderful. Where confusion creeps in seems to be on the proposed location.

In a town of roughly 1.2 square miles of land, which is even further restricted based on various environmental factors, a building that meets the foundational requirements for a Fire Station is hard to find an adequate location for. Winthrop is dense - there is no "free" space, certainly.

The most common question I've heard asked is - Why not the old middle school site? This is incredibly valid and worth questioning.

At first glance, it is a large, unoccupied space that is already town owned - wouldn't that save us money? I wish the answer was yes, and we could tackle two problems with one solution, but unfortunately that is not the case.

There are requirements for the strength of the foundation of a public safety building, especially for one that houses incredibly heavy equipment such as fire and auxiliary apparatuses the department needs. The cost of filling the foundation would likely be in the millions, if possible at all, given that area's propensity to flood.

The costs continue to add up above ground as well - the cost of demolishing the existing structure and the cost of asbestos mitigation needed is another multimillion dollar piece of the what a project at that site would entail.

One of the most hidden costs, however, is time. Article 97 of Massachusetts General Law seeks to protect park and recreational lands - an incredibly important effort.

Depending on where the footprint of a fire house would sit, there would be at least some amount of protected parkland involved. While it's not impossible to do, building on that land requires a lengthy legal process with the state.

The cost of construction is increasing 8-10% annually. By the time the Article 97 issues are resolved, we could be looking at a 20 - 30% increase in the price tag of the project, substantially increasing the cost to residents.

An additional consideration would be the size of that plot. It would be wasteful and overly ex-

pensive to put just a fire station there, and the practical project would be a full Public Safety Complex. The cost of that today would be roughly \$80 million. Adding to that figure year over year to account for the Article 97 processing time would bring the project in the ballpark of \$96 million dollars - a whopping \$60 million more than the estimate cost of the current proposal.

The call for a new fire station has been sounding for over 30 years now, but I do understand the feeling that this particular proposal was thrust upon the people of Winthrop, and I truly sympathize with that. It is never easy to make such a big ask of our residents, and it is certainly made harder when the feeling of doing a disservice in the communication of an ask is added.

Time is truly of the essence on this project. I say that not to pressure our community, but as an attempt to preserve all of our pocketbooks and protect our first responders.

Beyond the unavoidable increase in cost as time goes on, it is important to remember that fire stations aren't just a workplace, they're a home. Our first responders are living and working in dangerous conditions. I for one was alarmed to learn about all the safety codes we are currently in violation of.

I understand there are still questions, but luckily there is also still time before ballots are cast. Please reach out to members of the Fire House Building Committee, myself included, to have your questions answered, or to share your concerns. Visit the website to see some FAQs, tours of our current stations, commentary from the FHBC, and to find out exactly how much the project will impact your personal property taxes at winthropfirestation.Com.

The committee is here for you, please leverage this resource before the vote on November 7.

I am an avid supporter of the proposed plan and a yes vote on November 7 for the reasons above and many others.

A yes vote protects the occupants of the Wadsworth building and prevents a developer from purchasing that land, leaving the town with no say in its usage, it protects our firefighters well-being, and it protects our neighbors and families by ensuring proper equipment and healthy responders when we need them most.

Please vote yes for the debt exclusion to build a new firehouse - for yourself, for your neighbors, and for our community.

Thank you,

Hannah Belcher



OBITUARIES

Rita Quirk

Active at the Winthrop Senior Center, member of the Seaside Tappers

Rita C. (Harrington) Quirk passed away peacefully at home on October 18 surrounded by the love and comfort of her daughters.

Born and raised in Somerville, she was the devoted daughter of the late Rita (McGowan) and Arthur J. Harrington. Rita spent her childhood surrounded by extended family. She moved to Winthrop after graduating from Somerville High School. She went on to work as a telephone operator and eventually retired from BNY Mellon where she worked as a receptionist.

Rita leaves behind a family she loved unconditionally, including her daughters and their husbands, Dawn and Jim Letterie and Tracy and Chris Carlsen, as well as her two beloved grandchildren, Jake and Jenna Letterie. She is also survived by her sister, Carol Adamson, and her nieces Robin Murphy, Kelly Adamson and Jill Buccini, along with their children, Taylor, Mark, Shannon, Ryan and Heather. She was predeceased by her siblings: Ann Crossman and Mary and Arthur (Buddy) Harrington.

Rita enjoyed the time she spent with her three sisters. They spent nearly every day together. The



four of them were often seen doing errands or taking rides around Winthrop.

Rita cherished the time she spent vacationing at the beach with her family.

She especially loved the Cape Cod National Seashore. She would swim for hours and walk for miles along the shore. Rita loved to dance and enjoyed spending time at the Winthrop Senior Center, tap dancing, line dancing and doing Zumba. She was a proud member of the Seaside Tappers. She had a wonderful group of friends at the Senior Center and enjoyed going on day trips and out to lunch with them.

At the request of the family, funeral services will be private. Funeral arrangements are from the Maurice W. Kirby Funeral Home, 210 Winthrop St., Winthrop. To sign Rita's guestbook, please visit: www.mauricekirbyfh.com.

Mary Rita Cleary Barker

Mom, Ma, Nana and Great Nana, she will be sorely missed by her loving family

Mary Rita Cleary Barker, 93, of Winthrop passed away peacefully with her loving family by her side on Monday, October 23.

Mary was born in Argentina, Newfoundland, Canada on August 21, 1930, the daughter of the late Edward and Margaret (Lynch) Cleary. She came to this country when she was 12 years old and grew up in East Boston. Mary attended St. Lazarus Elementary School and Fitton High School.

She was preceded in death by her parents and siblings, Theresa Ryan, Johannah Maloney, Margaret Glennon and Lawrence Cleary. Also, her beloved son, Stephen Joseph Barker, died in 1999.

She was the loving and devoted mother of George Barker of North Reading, Michael Barker and his wife, Christine of Danvers, the late Stephen Barker and his wife, Marie of Everett, Deborah Pazdziorny and her husband, Chester of Middleton, Robert Barker and Valerie Travers of Everett, Edward Barker and his partner, Kathy McGee of Harwich, MA and Denise Minichiello and her husband, John of Tewksbury and the former mother in law of Ann Barker; cherished grandmother of George Barker, Shannon Barker-Fivelson (Spencer), Sean Barker, Michael Barker, Elaina Barker, Stephen Barker, Brian Pazdziorny (Sarah), Kevin Pazdziorny (Inga), Lauren Pazdziorny Banwell (Cameron), Tia Barker, Julia Barker, Christian Barker, Grace Barker, David Minichiello and Sarah Minichiello



and great grandmother of Ronan Barker-Purcell, Reese Barker-Fivelson, Paige Barker-Fivelson, Charlie, Georgia, Eleanor and Sam Pazdziorny, Harper Pazdziorny and Layla Mary Banwell. She is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews. Mom, Ma, Nana and Great Nana will be sorely missed by her loving family.

Family and friends are cordially invited to attend the visitation from the Caggiano-O'Maley-Frazier Funeral Home, Winthrop on Thursday, October 26, 2023 from 4:00 to 8:00 PM. The funeral will be conducted from the funeral home on Friday, October 27, 2023 at 9:00 AM followed by a funeral mass in St. John the Evangelist Church 320 Winthrop St., Winthrop at 10:00 AM. Services will conclude with the interment in the Belle Isle section of Winthrop Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to Care Dimensions 75 Sylvan St., Danvers MA 01923.

To sign the online guestbook, go to: www.caggianofuneralhome.com.

Paul Femino

Retired Welder



Born in 1944, Paul E. Femino was the son of Pasquale Femino and Santa (Sally) Femino (Forte) and brother of Patricia Volente and the late Joanne Femino.

He is survived by his wife of almost 55 years, Bernadette (Luongo) Femino and he was the father of the late Paul Femino, Jr. and also the father of his daughter, Andrea Lockett and son-in-law Geoff Lockett of Georgetown and their children, Isabella and Maxwell Lockett; brother-in-law of Rita Bartholomew, Al and Ann Luongo and Joseph Volente and a cherished uncle to his nieces and nephews.

Paul grew up in East Boston and Malden. He served in the US Navy overseas in Japan during the Vietnam War and learned what would end up as his career trade, welding. When he returned from the Navy, he married and moved to Winthrop where he lived for 46 years.

Upon retirement, he and Bernadette moved to Groveland where he enjoyed the peace and quiet.

In his early years, Paul enjoyed listening to music, dancing and spending time with friends and



family. He had a great sense of humor, a natural passion for cooking and loved playing poker with his life-long friends, Anne and Scotty Scutellaro, also of Winthrop, for over 50 years.

Over the years, Paul and Bernadette enjoyed traveling both within the United States and Europe, and devoting time to their children and grandchildren, creating memories and cherished moments.

The funeral was conducted from the Caggiano-O'Maley-Frazier Funeral Home, Winthrop on Friday, October 13 followed by a Funeral Mass in St. John the Evangelist Church. Rev. Patrick O'Connor celebrated the mass and offered prayers at the interment in the Belle Isle section of Winthrop Cemetery.

To sign the online guestbook, go to www.caggianofuneralhome.com.

Margaret "Peggy" Flynn

Dedicated Nurse and Beacon of Compassion at Boston City Hospital and at Boston Public Health Methadone Clinic

Margaret A. "Peggy" Flynn of Winthrop, formerly of East Boston, passed away on October 16. She was 78 years old.

The cherished daughter of the late Thomas F. and Mary (Greer) Flynn,

Peggy was a beacon of compassion as evidenced by her dedication as a nurse both at Boston City Hospital and at the Boston Public Health Methadone Clinic. She was an avid traveler and lover of all things historical, especially Winthrop and The Harbor Islands. But her greatest joy was doting on her great nieces and nephews, teaching them about their ancestry or just taking them for a walk on the beach.

A special big thank you to the staff at Mass. General, who cared for Peggy with compassion and love.

Peggy was the dear sister of Thomas Flynn of Florida, Maura Bagley and her husband, Henry of Melrose and Christine Flynn of East Boston; the loving aunt of Tracy Gardner and her husband, Glen of Hanover, Thomas Flynn Jr. of Florida, Ian Flynn of Somerville, Elizabeth Bagley of East



Boston, Matthew Bagley and his wife, Margaret of Rye, NY, Andrew Bagley and his wife, Lorraine of Howell, NJ and 13 great nieces and nephews. She also leaves her best friend Maureen Barry of Winthrop.

A Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. John the Evangelist Church (St. Michael's Parish)-Winthrop on Saturday, October 21, at 10 a.m. Interment was private. Donations can be made to the Massachusetts General Hospital Development Fund, 125 Nashua St. Suite 540, Boston, MA. 02114.

Funeral arrangements were from the Maurice W. Kirby Funeral Home, 210 Winthrop St., Winthrop.

To sign Peggy's guestbook, please visit: www.mauricekirbyfh.com.

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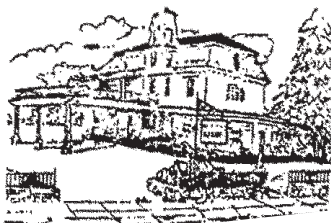
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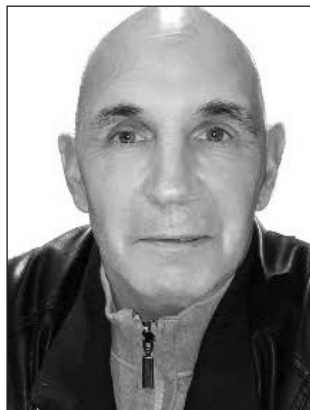
Albert F. (Buddy) Smith III of New Bedford, formerly of Winthrop, passed away suddenly on October 16. He was 65 years old.

Born in South Boston, the cherished son of the late Albert F. Jr. and Marie Ann (Jordan) Smith, Buddy was the dear brother of Donna Marie Smith of Salem, Marybeth Gioia and her former husband, Peter of Boynton Beach, FL and Bradley Stephen Smith and his wife, Mary Ellen of Waltham. He is also survived by five nieces, one nephew, two great nieces, one great nephew and many cousins.

Buddy was an avid Boston sports fan. He enjoyed watching Red Sox, Patriots, Celtics, and Bruins games on TV.

He also loved learning about American and World history from the History Channel and from YouTube videos.

He proudly shared photos of his family on Facebook, especially his nieces, nephew and great nieces and nephew. Throughout his challeng-



ing life he managed to stay humble, always helping those in need.

Among his many accomplishments, he will be remembered fondly for taking care of his friend, Eddie and being a surrogate dad to Jesse.

A Memorial and Graveside Service will be arranged through the Maurice W. Kirby Funeral Home, 210 Winthrop St., Winthrop in the near future. To sign Buddy's guestbook, please visit: www.mauricekirbyfh.com

To donate to the family's Go-Fund Me Account to help defray the cost of Buddy's burial, kindly visit this link: <https://gofund.me/3724aaae>



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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.

Thursday, October 26

9:00am-3:00pm: Computer Usage
9:00am-10:30am: Exercise Class
12:00pm-12:30pm: Lunch - Dine In/ Grab and Go Lunch Pick-Up
12:45pm-3:00pm: Bingo

Friday, October 27

9:00am-12:00pm: Computer Usage
10:00am-11:00am: Line Dancing (\$5)
10:00am-12:00pm: Ceramics (\$3)
11:00am: Grab and Go Lunch Pick-Up
11:00am-12:30pm: Creative Writing Workshop

Monday, October 30

9:00am-3:00pm: Computer Usage
10:00am-11:00am: Yoga with Kathleen (\$5)
11:00am: Grab and Go Lunch Pick-Up
11:30am-2:30pm: Game Day/Mahjong
12:30pm-2:30pm: Art Class with Dawn (\$6)

Tuesday, October 31

9:00am-3:00pm: Computer Usage
9:30am-10:30am: Exercise Class (\$1)

11:00am: Grab and Lunch Pick-Up
1:00pm-3:00pm: Shine Counseling

Wednesday, Nov. 1

9:00am-3:00pm: Computer Usage
9:30am-10:30am: Yoga with Kathleen (\$5)
10:00am-12:00pm: Bereavement and Caregiver Support Group
10:30am-11:30am: Zumba with Cindy (\$5)
11:00am: Grab and Go Lunch Pick-Up
11:30am-12:30pm: Tai Chi/Qi Gong (\$5)
1:15pm-2:45pm: Italian Class

Please Note: The Seaside Tappers meet on Wednesdays at 10:00am at the Methodist Church (217 Winthrop Street). \$5. Per Class. All are welcome! For more information contact Gail at 617-763-7311.

Senior Lunch Program: The Senior Center offers in-person dining on Thursdays from 12-12:30pm. 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 website.

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

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.

Monthly Programs

Bereavement and Caregiver Support Group: This group meets on the first and third Wednesday of each month. All are welcome to attend.

Blood Pressures: 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of each month. No appointment required.

Exercise for Arthritis: Join our group on the first Tuesday of each month and learn exercises that will help to lessen the pain of arthritis. Sponsored by Neighborhood PACE.

Low Vision Support Group: This group meets the third Wednesday of each month. All are welcome to attend. The meeting is being led by John

Morgan.

Medical Pedicures: On the first Thursday of each month, Barbara Ullman: RN, a registered nurse and pedicurist from Seen Your Feet will be at the Senior Center to do nail clipping. The cost is \$20. (cash only) Appointment required. To schedule, please stop by the front desk or call 617-846-8538.

Red Hatters: The Red Hatters meet on the first Thursday of each Month.

Representative Turco Office Hours: State Representative Jeffrey Turco will be holding office hours at the Senior Center on the third Monday of each month. No appointment required.

SHINE Counseling: Our SHINE Counselor, Charlie Randall, is available to help you with any health insurance questions you have. Appointments are required; to schedule, please stop by the front desk or call us at 617-846-8538.

Technology Class: Volunteers will be available to help you with any tech support you need. If you would like to attend, you must sign up at the front desk, or call the Senior Center.

Special Programing and Activities

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

Know the signs of Stroke and Be Fast: October 25 (12:30) Speaker: Gwen Larsen PT, DPT. Community Outreach Coordinator for Teddy's Team Center of Excellence in Stroke Recovery, MGH Institute of Health Professionals. Acting fast at the first symptoms of stroke for yourself or someone you know is critical. People who arrive at the emergency room within three hours of their first symptoms often have less disability three months after a stroke than those who have received delayed care. Through this interactive educational session learn what a stroke is, how to recognize initial symptoms, and what emergency treatments are available. Be informed and be fast-it might even save a life!

SENIOR CENTER HOLIDAY PARTY: Join us for our annual holiday party! Entertainment will be provided by Alan LaBella. Holiday meal sponsored by Championship Physical Therapy.
Date: Wednesday, December 6, 2023.
Time: 12:00PM
Cost: \$10:00 (checks only; make payable to "Friends of WCOA")
Sign up beginning November 1st.

December 1st.

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

Christmas Time at the Reagle Theater of Greater Boston: Sunday, December 10, 2023: The one Boston Christmas spectacle to warm any heart! Children of all ages are enchanted by Santa's Workshop, Teddy Bears' Nutcracker, Parade of the Wooden Soldiers, Victorian Christmas, precision dancers and the Living Nativity. The cast of 200 comes gift wrapped in the Chateau Restaurant in Waltham, Ma.
Meal Choice: Veal Parmigiana, Sirloin Tips, or Broiled Schrod.
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An American Bandstand-New Years Eve Day at the Danversport Yacht Club: Sunday, December 31, 2023: Ring in the New Year with entertainment from the incredibly dynamic Tom LaMark Orchestra. There will also be a champagne toast.
Meal Choice: Stuffed Breast of Chicken or Baked Schrod.
Price: \$95.00 (drive on your own) or \$125.00 (with transportation).

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food, games, and music with a post-race party at Chelsea Station.

Proceeds will benefit the J. Barry Dwyer Scholarship Fund and the Chelsea High cross country and track teams. J. Barry Dwyer was a hugely successful and popular cross country coach at Chelsea High, whose teams put together a string of Greater Boston League championships and compiled a winning streak of 35 meets over five seasons in the 1970s.

Among the athletes he coached at Chelsea High were the legendary Bobby Goss (who set the national freshman high school record in the one-mile with a time of 4:23), Eddie Richard and his brothers Jim, Bobby, and Jack, Greg Benson, Richie Bradley, Tony and Paul Roasti, and many others during that era.

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CELEBRATE THE 250TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BOSTON TEA PARTY

On December 16, 2023, Revolutionary Spaces is commemorating the 250th anniversary of the Boston Tea Party with a reenactment of the Meeting of the Body of the People at Old South Meeting House—the very room where the historic protest against taxation without representation was ignited.

Attendees will watch as living historians reprise the debate that led to the destruction of tea and immerse themselves in this pivotal moment in our nation's history by taking on the roles of famous Bostonians. Tickets are limited, and demand is high during this anniversary year. Tickets are on sale to the public as of October 23 until the reenactment date, while tickets last.

"Attendees will experience the vigorous discourse that incited the Boston Tea Party just as it unfolded for the people in the pews on December 16, 1773," said Revolutionary Spaces President and CEO Nathaniel Sheidley. "We're honored to engage Old South Meeting House, the birthplace of protest in America, to perform the events of that fateful day. The societal conditions and concerns by which the Revolutionary era was characterized contextualize the procession to the waterfront 250 years ago, the inspiration behind the First Amendment, and our nation's spirit ever since."

As the largest indoor gathering space in colonial Boston, the Old South Meeting House hosted a number of meetings about what to do with the East India Tea Company tea sitting in Boston Harbor waiting to be unloaded and taxed. On December 16, 1773, a purported 5,000 men gathered for this final meeting about the controversial tea tax, resulting in Samuel Adams giving the signal that

would start the Boston Tea Party. Frustrated and angry, colonists marched to Griffin's Wharf and

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26TH ANNUAL WINTHROP COMMUNITY HEALTH FORUM

Photos & Story by Marianne Salza

The 26th Winthrop Community Health Forum, presented by Commonwealth Clinical Services, Inc., Winthrop Chamber of Commerce, Winthrop Board of Health, Winthrop Foundation, and the Doctor Pramodchandra and Devila Shah Family Foundation, was held on October 18 at Winthrop High School.

East Boston Community Health Center provided free flu shots to attendees who learned about local resources such as dentistry, physical therapy, elder services, eye care, and fitness.

“Sometimes our lives take different paths, and we have no idea where we’re going,” said registered nurse, Sandra Hurley, a stage 4 cancer survivor. “There is always hope. Don’t ever give up. With every ending there is a new beginning and blessings. We need to be grateful.”

Hurley is the founder of Commonwealth Clinical Services, Inc., a local visiting nurse association.

Keynote speaker, Chris Wayland, President and General Manager of WBTS-TV, NECN, Telemundo, and NBC Sports Boston, explained how he overcame mental health challenges when life did not go as planned. While attending college, Wayland learned a technique that has guided him in setting goals and managing anxiety: journaling.

“It gave me a coping mechanism to deal with my emotional and mental health. I started writing to myself about everything,” said Wayland. “It helps me set priorities about what kind of leader I want to

be, and how to be the best dad. I write about my aspirations and dreams.”

Wayland grew up in Winthrop as a hockey athlete and competitive sailor. Now he is the father of four daughters, has been married for 24 years, and strives to encourage employees to work at the highest level that they are capable of.

“I found that the things I wrote about have mostly come true. If you can picture in your mind the life that you want to live, and write it in great detail, you are going to live that life,” affirmed Wayland.

Keynote speaker, Latoyia Edwards, two-time Emmy award-winning anchor on NBC10 and NECN, shared her struggles, as well as the positives and sense of community while being raised by young, hard working parents in a Dorchester housing project. Growing up, Edwards would compile a list of her dreams.

“Your environment doesn’t dictate who you are or what you are going to be,” remembered Edwards about a lesson that she learned from her parents.

Edwards described her anxieties while her grandmother struggled with dementia, and the sadness after her passing, as well as the sudden losses of her aunt and mother.

“We all have struggles. When you lose the most important person, your axis is thrown. I had to figure out how to steady myself,” said Edwards. “Even though my mom is gone, she raised me to be strong. I stand here now with joy in my heart. It’s a decision. I treasure the people around me. There



Dan and Dr. Melda Gerow, Optometrist, Winthrop Eye Center.

is no reason to be negative. There is always a reason to smile.”

During her career, Edwards has worked as a health reporter, and a weekend, evening, and morning news anchor. Edwards is a journalist who has moderated political debates, anchored live news events, secured exclusive one-on-one interviews, and served as the master of ceremonies for countless charities. She is a youth group volunteer, wife, and mother of a son and daughter, and encourages everyone to be authentic to themselves.



Sandra Hurley, President of Commonwealth Clinical Services, Inc., a local visiting nurse association.



Senator Lydia Edwards and Shirley Hines.



Emily Martin, Director of Communications, East Boston neighborhood Health Center, Robin Bertino, Marketing Director, Commonwealth Clinical Services, Inc., Jeanne Holgersen, nurse practitioner, Commonwealth Clinical Services, Inc., former Speaker of the House of Representatives Bob DeLeo, Sandra Hurley, President of Commonwealth Clinical Services, Inc., Latoyia Edwards, news anchor for NBC10 Boston and NECN, and Barbara Bishop.



Kathy Nelson, Jean Barry, Barbara Marley, Lois Digirolamo, Shirley Hines, Veronica and Star Richards.



Chris Wayland, President and General Manager of WBTS-TV, NECN, Telemundo, and NBC Sports Boston.



Latoyia Edwards, two-time Emmy award-winning anchor on NBC10 Boston and NECN.



Ariana Hernandez, Youth Advisor Board, and Amy Epstein, Executive Director of CASA.



Robin Bertino, Marketing Director, Commonwealth Clinical Services, Inc., Jeanne Holgersen, nurse practitioner, Commonwealth Clinical Services, Inc., Representative Jeff Turco, and Sandra Hurley, President of Commonwealth Clinical Services, Inc.



James Feeley, Lead AHA Instructor, Coastal Pulse CPR, and Roseann Mazzuchelli, Veterans Service Director of Melrose/Wakefield/Saugus.



Kathy Dixon, Director, Bob DeLeo Senior Center, Matt Rodes, Assistant Director, Bob DeLeo Senior Center, and Judie VanKooiman, Founder, Those Who Can For Those In Need.



Andrea Hurley, Abby Charlton, Ann Flores, Flores Chiropractic Clinic, Kerry Spindler, Be-spoke Aesthetics Spa, Lisa Mignosa, Founder Coastal Yoga, and Ava Bertino.

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WHS SPORTS ROUNDUP

SENIOR NIGHT FOR BOYS SOCCER TONIGHT; VIKINGS ARE 30TH IN D-4

The Winthrop High boys soccer team will conclude its regular season this evening (Thursday) with a contest against Northeastern Conference rival Marblehead that will be highlighted by Senior Night festivities. The opening kickoff under the lights on the Miller Field turf is set for 6:00.

This past week the Vikings dropped a 5-2 decision at Gloucester. Ian Camillo and Julian Alvarez Serna scored the goals for Winthrop.

"Gloucester is a very strong team," said WHS head coach Phil Ronan. "The boys played very well in the first half and we were down, 3-1. We once again had a bundle of chances and probably deserved a tie."

Ronan and his crew presently are ranked 30th in the MIAA Division 4 power rankings, with the top 32 teams qualifying for the post-season state tourney. If the Vikings hold that position in the final rankings, they would host the 35th-ranked team (which currently is the Tri-County Regional Vocational School in Franklin) in a preliminary round contest. If the Vikings prevail in that encounter, they will travel to play the third-ranked school, which presently is Lynnfield, in a first round contest.

MURPHY FINISHES 15TH IN D-3 NORTH SECTIONAL

Winthrop High freshman Ryan Murphy shot an 83 (+11) for a 15th place finish among a field of 55 golfers at Monday's Division 3 North Sectional held at the Stow Acres Country Club. Murphy had qualified for an individual berth in the state tourney thanks to his outstanding 39-scoring average during the season.

"Ryan has had an exceptional fall season of golf," said WHS head coach Jack Wallace. "He was slotted in the #1 spot this season and recorded an impressive 13-3 record against the top players from every team we faced. Ryan's best finish was in

our tri-match at the Rockport Golf Club where he carded a 37 (+2), earning 33 points for the team."

Murphy (who also plays hockey and baseball) and Viking senior captain Eli Wickham will represent Winthrop at the Northeastern Conference (NEC) Open that is scheduled to be held today (Thursday) at the Tedesco Country Club in Marblehead. The NEC Open features the top two players from each of the NEC schools.

This past week, the Vikings came up short in their final two contests of the season. In a match at the Ferncroft C.C. against NEC North champion Masconomet, the highlights for Winthrop were provided by senior Petey Silverman, who had the best match of the day, tying his opponent to earn 4.5 points, and fellow senior Andrew Faretra, who earned four points in the number three spot.

"These two have played well together down the stretch on some tough courses," said Wallace.

Last Wednesday in the season finale at Tedesco against NEC South champion Marblehead, Murphy shot a 37 to earn four points for the Vikings. "All of our seniors, Eli Wickham, Joey Rich, Petey Silverman, Andrew Faretra, and Jake Galuris, competed in the last match of their careers for Winthrop High School and played well, capping off a good season," said Wallace.

"We have a lot to look forward to in the future for Winthrop golf," Wallace added.

NEW PRS ON D.I. COURSE FOR CROSS COUNTRY RUNNERS

The members of the Winthrop High boys and girls cross country teams turned in impressive individual performances in the last dual meet of the season on their home course at Deer Island last week against Danvers, with many of the Vikings turning in personal record (PR) performances.

Thomas D'Amico (15:48) and Liam Kenney (15:52) both achieved PRs by more than a minute

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WINTHROP HIGH GIRLS SOCCER SENIOR NIGHT



The Lady Viking Seniors of Soccer: Daniela Gomez, Malak Chalowee, Kaylee Farrell, Reese Brodin, Shannon Abbott, Hannah Parker, Samantha DiMento, Carolina Gonzalez, and Hailey Forsyth. See more photos on Page 10.

Winthrop Foundation supports Youth Cheer

Special to the Transcript

What could be better than school children and teens leading the cheers for our local sports teams? It's a town favorite! And in Winthrop, that's exactly what happens -- dozens of local youth with their infectious energy, getting us on our feet cheering for the teams we love.

With a generous grant from Winthrop Foundation, the nonprofit Winthrop Viking Youth Cheer now has two new full sets of mats, replacing old, worn-out, heavy practice mats in favor of new, padded

mats that are much safer for the youth cheer teams to practice on.

The Winthrop Foundation is a 501c3 that was

founded in 2019 with the support of former House Speaker Robert DeLeo, generously funded by Massport, and led by

Chairman Russ Sanford and Trustees. The Foundation has awarded dozens

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Winthrop Youth Cheerleaders practicing on the brand new mats, donated by Winthrop Foundation.

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WINTHROP HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY GIRLS SOCCER HONORS THEIR SENIORS AT FINAL HOME GAME AT MILLER FIELD

A ceremony honoring the seniors of the Lady Viking Varsity Soccer Team took place last week at Miller Field. Parents, family, and friends all took to the field to honor their favorite athlete.



Senior Shannon Abbott with her dad, Danny, along with family and friends.



Senior Reese Brodin with her parents, Koren and Derek and her extended family.



Senior Malak Chalowee with her parents, Boushra and Ahmed, and her brother.



Senior Carolina Gonzalez with her parents, Rachel and Ramiro and sister Sophia.



Senior Hailey Forsyth with her mom, Carolyn, Nana Sandy, and Papa Lou.



Daniela Gomez with her mom, Paulina, and cousins.



Senior Kaylee Farrell with her parents, Meghan and Mike, Grandparents, Herb and Joann.



Senior Lena Bahmani with her mom, Atika and sisters.

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over the 2.5 mile course. Evan Tallent (22:53) came through with a PR of more than two and one-half minutes in what WHS head coach Nikolas Beshere termed "an amazing job." Liam Natareno was the third Viking finisher on the day with a clocking of 16:57.

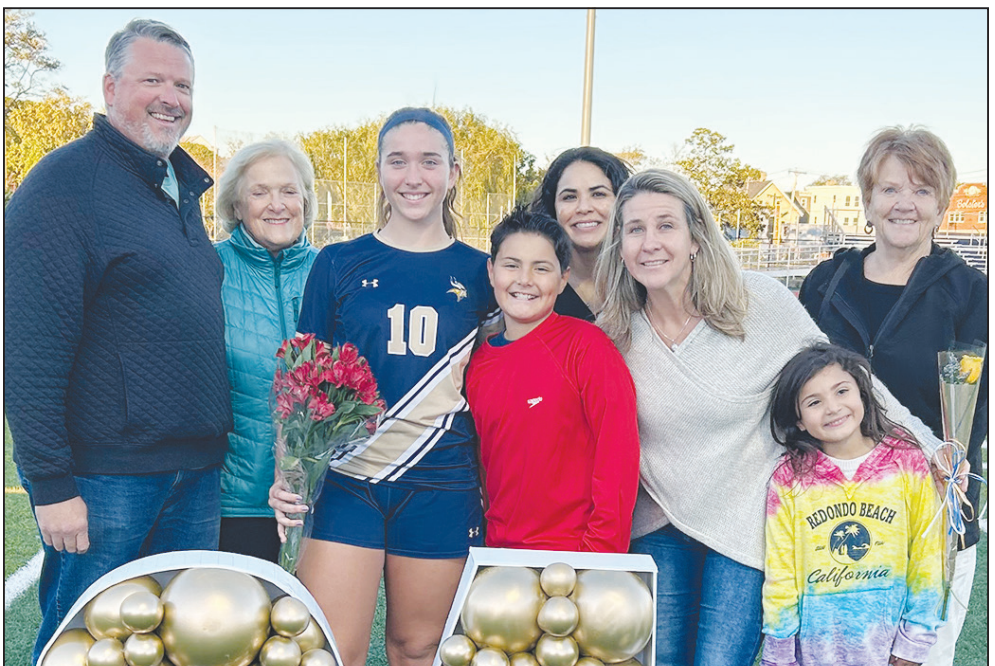
The meet was high-

lighted by Senior Day festivities at which Lady Viking senior captain April Ferguson (who ran a PR of 19:28, topping her previous PR by four seconds) was honored for her contributions to the WHS cross country program. The other finishers for the girls were Bailey Ferguson (19:06), Annabelle

Giardino (20:34), and Aitana Bartolome (22:12).

"It was a great job and an amazing meet by everyone," said Beshere.

Beshere and his crew will compete in the Northeastern Conference Meet this Sunday morning at Stage Fort Park in Gloucester.



Senior Hannah Parker with her parents, Kelly and Nathaniel and her extended family.



Senior Samantha DiMento with her dad Robert and family.

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keeping their NEC title hopes alive. Winthrop can gain a share of the crown if Salem beats Peabody and Winthrop defeats Saugus.

The success of the wheel route brought jubilation to the Winthrop home crowd, especially the wonderful student body section that has been so supportive at each game.

Daigneault “did his job” and drew two defenders toward the middle of the field. The fleet footed Cappuccio outran the linebacker and Noonan coolly delivered a strike to Cappuccio, who raced to the end zone.

“That was a great pass by Matt and a great route by Ace who took away the corner,” said Cappuccio, who also had a game-tying (13-13) 53-yard touchdown run on the second play of the half. “This was a great game for everyone. Robert [Rich] (who had a 51-yard touchdown run for Winthrop’s first score) played great. The blocking was there. The defense was good. We were down but we came back.”

Noonan said the defense deserves credit for making the key stops that provided Winthrop with a shot at victory.

“We got that stop on fourth down and that gave us a chance to win it,” said Noonan. “I saw [Cappuccio] wide open and I hit it. Our offensive line blocked perfectly, and I had all the time in the world.”

Asked if he thought the Salem linebacker might catch Cappuccio and make the tackle, Noonan replied, “Nick never gets caught. He’s too fast.”

Coach Jon Cadigan agreed with that assessment, stating, “Nick’s going to win that matchup versus the outside linebacker 10 out of 10 times.”

Salem had been in position to put the game away, needing just two yards for a first down and the ensuing victory formation (with Winthrop out of timeouts).

When Salem QB Corey Grimes took a low snap on third down, Alessio Marcoccio made the key tackle.

On the crucial fourth-down-and-2 play, Demetri Koutsouflakis and Donovan Cassidy made the tackle for a loss (TFL) in the backfield.

“Obviously, if they pick up the first down,” the game’s over,” said Cadigan. “Those were huge plays.”

Seth Sacco made a key tackle on the kickoff after Winthrop’s go-ahead touchdown and PAT before the Vikings stopped Salem on downs to lock up the victory.

Vasili Tsiotos led a strong effort by the Winthrop offensive line.

Winthrop (4-3) is at No. 9 in the Division 6 Power Rankings and would need to move up at least one spot to earn a home game in the MIAA playoffs.

“We still have to take care of business and beat Saugus,” said Cadigan.

Boncore’s block of a PAT was a difference maker

It was another big night for Phil Boncore. The junior linebacker blocked a Salem PAT, which as it turns out, was the difference

ence on the scoreboard.

“Phil was all over the field defensively for us,” said Coach Cadigan. “He’s really developed into an All-Star-caliber linebacker.”

Boncore earned the Vikings’ Black Shirt “Defensive Player of the Game” honor. Salem had scored 48 points a week earlier against Classical. Winthrop held Salem’s offense to two touchdowns.

“That was the best offense we’ve faced so far,” said Cadigan. “I just thought we were spectacular on defense.”

Galuris delivers the winning point

The game-winning PAT was George Galuris’ biggest point since he banked in a three-pointer at the buzzer to help the Winthrop High basketball beat Danvers in the finals of the Salem Tournament last winter.

“A lot of stuff gets overlooked in a game like that [versus Salem],” said Jon Cadigan. “Matt’s pass to Nick is obviously one of the biggest plays in the game, but if you miss that extra point, things are different. I thought the execution was great on the PAT. Nick [Cappuccio] was the long snapper, Matt Noonan on the hold, and George on the kick. And our guys were locked in on their blocking assignments. It was really good execution by our line up front.”

Similarities to another Winthrop victory

The victory over Salem rekindled memories of another special win over an undefeated opponent at Miller Field. In the 1991



BLOCK BY BONCORE: Winthrop’s Phil Boncore (center) blocks a PAT by the Salem placekicker, a key play in the Vikings’ 20-19 win over Salem. Also making a strong rush of the kick are Nick Cappuccio (20) and Demetri Koutsouflakis (5).

season, fresh off a Super Bowl appearance in 1990, Lynn English came to Miller Field with a 6-0 record and hopes of winning the NEC title for the second year in a row. The Bulldogs unveiled brand new all-red uniforms on that day and looked like a small-college team with its huge offensive line. But Tony Fucillo’s determined Vikings upset English, with Freddie Long making a huge shoe-string tackle late in the fourth quarter inside the 10-yard line to save the day.

English would lose their next four games and finish 6-4 after having their aura of invincibility and their two-year regular season winning streak shattered by the Vikings. Winthrop would go on to win back-to-back NEC titles in 1992 and 1993 and host two Super Bowls at Miller Field versus Mansfield and Westford Academy.

Salem came to Miller Field last Friday night with a 6-0 record, but on Senior Night, Coach John Cadigan’s contingent handed the Witches their first loss of the season.



DEFENSIVE STOP: Winthrop’s Nick Cappuccio closes in for a tackle of a Salem running back in the Vikings’ game against the Witches at Miller Field.



PERFECT PASS PLAY: Winthrop running back Nick Cappuccio (left) and quarterback Matt Noonan combined for an 82-yard touchdown pass late in the fourth quarter that helped the Vikings defeat Salem, 20-19, at Miller Field.



POST-GAME CONFERENCE: Winthrop High head football coach Jon Cadigan (left) is interviewed by reporters Nick Giannino (center) of the Salem News and Bill Newell of Moore Stuff Online (MSO) following the Vikings’ big win over Salem.

Cheering // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 9

of grants to local organizations since its founding, with nearly \$160,000 in grant money awarded this past fiscal year alone.

The Winthrop Viking Youth Cheer program is open to grades K through 8th, with 115 girls enrolled, and made up of six teams: five competition teams and a kindergarten game-only team. Each team practices at least twice a week, mid-August through mid-November. During practice, they learn

to stunt (in pyramids), tumble (gymnastics), cheer, and dance, and every team learns a 3-minute minute routine. The new mats have already been put to good use!

The cheer teams go to all youth football game to support the players and get the crowd cheering. Youth cheer also participates in two competitions each season: “Cheer for a Cure” Cheerleader Invitational hosted by the Ipswich High Varsity Team

(a fundraiser for Ipswich High Cheer and breast cancer) on Oct 28, and the New England Cheer & Dance Competition in Boston at the Reggie Lewis Center on Nov 11.

For more information about youth cheer, contact winthropvikingyouthcheer@gmail.com or visit <https://www.facebook.com/winthropvikingyouthcheer/>

To learn more about the Winthrop Foundation or apply for a grant, visit

www.winthropfoundation.us. Grant applications from nonprofit organizations, volunteer groups, and public-serving entities that aim to make a positive impact on our town are welcome.



Winthrop Youth Cheerleaders gather for a photo on the new donated mats.



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WHS VIKING FOOTBALL AND CHEERLEADERS HONORS THEIR SENIORS AT FINAL HOME GAME AT MILLER FIELD

Last week at Miller Field the WHS Varsity Football Team and Cheerleading Squad honored their seniors in a ceremony at mid-field prior to the start of the final home game vs. the Witches of Salem High.



Senior Donovan Cassidy with his parents, Greg and Atiyeh and his extended family.



Senior Alessio Marcoccio with his parents, Ellen and Angelo and his extended family.



Senior Vasili Tsiotos with his parents, Nick and Nitsa, sister Polixeni, Uncles John, Chris, Greg and Chris.



Senior Evan Rockerfeller with his parents, Melissa and Jason, brother Tyler and sisters Brady and Allen.



Senior Ryan Harris with his parents, Kerri and Rob, brothers, Mike and Ian.



Senior Daniel Thomasi with his parents, Sofjola and Odise, and sisters Vanessa and Era.



Senior George Galuris with parents, Dean and Ellen and brother Jake.



Senior Teddy Bailey with his parents, Tom and Beth and his extended family.



Senior Mark Johnson with his parents, Eileen and Erik, and his extended family.



Senior Matthew Teehan with his brother Jake, Grandparents Diane and Ken Sands and Richard VanDalinda and his extended family.



Senior Robert Rich, with his parents, Cara and Bob and his extended family.



Senior Cheerleader Gabby Currier with her parents, Maria and Richie and her extended family.



Senior Cheerleader Caitlin Fobert with her parents, Matt and Eileen, Grandparents, Tom and Jane Carideo and Charlotte Fobert.



Senior Cheerleader Ellie O'Donnell with her parents, Barbara and Jimmy, Grandfather George and boyfriend Petey Silva.

ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL

CANDIDATE FOR PRECINCT 2 KURT MILLAR COFFEE MEET AND GREET



On Thursday, October 19 candidate for Winthrop Town Council, Precinct 2, Kurt Millar held a well attended Meet and Greet at the popular Drop Zone Brewery in Michael’s Mall.

BONCORE ENDORSES TASSINARI

Former State Sen. Joe Boncore has endorsed Max Tassinari for Councilor-at-Large. The following is his statement:

“I am proud to endorse Max Tassinari for Winthrop Town Council. I’ve known Max for a long time, he’s an experienced budget leader raising a young family in the town and will bring the critical Democratic leadership Winthrop needs now.



Max Tassinari and and Joe Boncore.

Gill brothers endorse Tassinari for at-Large councilor

Special to the Transcript

Richard Gill and Peter Gill have given their endorsement to Max Tassinari, candidate for Winthrop Town Councilor at Large. The following is their statement:

“We are endorsing Max Tassinari for Winthrop Town Councilor at Large in this upcoming November 7 election. We believe his experience in budgeting and working with regional leaders is what Winthrop needs right now. Future development in Winthrop must be responsible and compatible with the neighborhood in which it is being proposed, and careful analysis of the net financial impact must be considered. That is just part of what Max will bring to the council.” - Peter Gill

“We enthusiastically endorse Max Tassinari for Town Councilor at Large in Winthrop’s November 7 election.

Max and his wife are



Left to right: Peter Gill, Richard Gill, and Max Tassinari.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

COUNCIL APPROVES NEW CONTRACT FOR CITY MANAGER

CHELSEA - Fidel Maltez will officially take over as Chelsea’s new city manager on Jan. 1.

Monday night, the City Council unanimously approved a four-year contract between Maltez and the city. The current Reading Town Manager and former Chelsea public works superintendent will earn \$247,500 in his first year, with a 3 percent increase in salary each year.

Councillor-at-Large Damali Vidot noted that former City Manager Tom Ambrosino left his position in January. She praised Ned Keefe, who served as Deputy City Manager under Ambrosino, for stepping in while the city sought a new chief administrator.

“But it is a lot, and we need to get back to business with the Maltez administration,” said Vidot.

Vidot also took time to thank all the councilors, residents, and committee members who dedicated their time to help select a new city manager.

“I’m looking forward to the changes that are coming and wish you nothing but success,” Vidot told Maltez.

Maltez will be stepping into the City Manager’s role on the first day of Chelsea’s 400th anniversary.

Council President Leo Robinson said the first event of Chelsea 400 will be the swearing in of Maltez in the beginning of January, along with the newly elected City Councilors and School Committee members.

Maltez is currently the town manager in Reading and previously worked as the public works commissioner in Chelsea. In the private sector, Maltez has worked as an engineering manager and field engineer. He has a senior executive in state and local government certificate from Harvard University’s School of Government, a master’s degree in public policy from Tufts University, and a bachelor’s degree in civil and environmental engineering from Lafayette College.

At the end of 2022, Ambrosino was selected as the next Court Administrator of the Trial Court in Massachusetts by the justices of the Supreme Judicial Court.

The council appointed Keefe as the interim city manager soon after.

In other business, Robinson announced that City Council Administrative Assistant Jessica Carmenatty will be stepping down from her position in November.

Robinson said Carmenatty and Council Clerk Cliff Cunningham updated the job description for the position, and that a search committee composed of Robinson, Cunningham, and Councilor Norieliz DeJesus will help select a new administrative assistant for the council.

STUDENTS TO GET ACCESS TO SCHOLARSHIPS

EVERETT -Thanks to the diligent efforts of City Councilors Stephanie Martins and Vivian Nguyen, Everett High Class of 2024 graduates and future graduates may have access to college scholarships through a fund that currently exists in Everett.

Martins (Ward 2) and Nguyen (Ward 5) were looking into establishing a municipal scholarship fund “because several cities around us have one,” said Martins.

During their research, they discovered that there is an existing Everett Municipal Scholarship Fund that was established in 1976.

“On the city tax bill, there is a box that the taxpayers can check and donate to the scholarship fund, but the fund hasn’t been active,” related Martins.

Martins and Nguyen said the existing Scholarship Fund is listed under Article VIII of the General Ordinances, stating a fund will be established “to provide financial assistance to students in the city who have been accepted at an institution of higher learning beyond high school.”

A board of trustees, consisting of nine persons, including the city auditor, city treasurer, and super-

intendent of schools, was tasked with overseeing the scholarship fund.

“Since we can’t establish the scholarship fund, we’re asking the administration to revive it and the board of trustees to finally come to be,” said Martins.

RESIDENTS OPPOSE PLAN: EAST BOSTON

EAST BOSTON - In what John Casamassima of the Orient Heights Neighborhood Council (OHNC) thought was a first in many years, leaders of five neighborhood groups, the OHNC, Eagle Hill Civic Association (EHCA), Gove Street Citizens Association (GSCA), Harbor View Neighborhood Association (HVNA), and Jeffries Point Neighborhood Association (JPNA) have come together as one to make their voices heard on PLAN: East Boston.

The group of five, coined the East Boston Board of Boards, gathered to discuss the Boston Planning and Development Agency’s (BPDA) neighborhood planning initiative — PLAN: East Boston — which would bring changes to zoning, parking, roadways, and more.

Through discussions and assessments of the plan’s complete draft, released at the beginning of September, the East Boston Board of Boards has penned a 10-page letter with comments, suggestions, and questions, which was agreed upon by the leadership of all five associations.

The letter, addressed to Arthur Jemison, the BPDA’s Chief of Planning and Director, begins with overall comments on the plan.

The letter begins outlining the desire for a neighborhood needs analysis to better gauge the current and future needs of the community.

“The plan promises to fulfill the goal to preserve, enhance, and grow East Boston through zoning changes. However, preservation is missing entirely from the plan, and the plan was drafted

without a needs analysis to consider current and future needs,” reads the

letter.

“East Boston should be afforded the same opportunity as Charlestown and Mattapan, who each received a needs analysis to help guide future zoning, allowing for appropriate consideration for services and infrastructure that benefits existing residents and allows for future growth,” the letter continues.

Another significant comment at the beginning of the letter concerns the Zoning Board of Appeal (ZBA) and its ability to enforce the zoning code.

“Our expectation is that your agency and our elected officials will offer clear direction to the ZBA around the importance of not setting future precedent in the variance dispensation process and putting the community back in the same position we are in today.”

Further, the letter also requests that the BPDA meet with the plan’s advisory group and the community at intervals no less than every six months for the first year and a half to review and correct aspects if necessary.

After the overall comments in the letter, it lists 13 different topics ranging from structural massing to data requests with specific suggestions and feedback for the plan.

The first topic was structural massing and the proposed consolidation of residential subdistricts into three — East Boston Residential (EBR)- one, two, and three.

In this section of the letter, the group proposes actions for each EBR subdistrict. For example, in EBR-1 subdistricts, the East Boston Board of Boards wants the plan to clearly state that the gross floor area per floor is capped at 1,800 square feet.

Currently, in EBR-2 subdistricts, the plan would allow six units for lots greater than or equal to 50 feet in width, but the group would like that changed to 55 feet.

Moreover, in EBR-3 subdistricts, the Board of Boards would like to see the gross floor area decreased from 8,000 sq feet to 5,000 sq feet per floor.

It should be noted

homeowners in Winthrop and the parents of two young children.

Max will bring to the Town Council an expertise in finance, gained by both education and experience including work in the area of finance in both the private and public sectors.

Among Max’s top

priorities are our public schools, responsible budgeting and infrastructure.

Max is a “people person.” He will be accessible and will listen. He will work effectively, with his fellow counselors, citizens of the town, and other governmental agencies.” – Richard Gill

that these examples only scratch the surface of the numerous proposed actions from the Board of Boards regarding structural massing.

The next topic discussed was transitional zoning out of fear that how certain areas are zoned could lead to “jarring, out of place and large buildings next to historic housing stock.”

The letter uses the example of Faywood Avenue in that portions of that street are zoned as EBR-3, which allows buildings up to four stories but abuts an EBR-1 zone that only allows two and a half stories.

To combat this, the Board suggests implementing gradual transition zones, a transition zone on Bennington Street, and reducing zoning on the left side of Faywood Avenue.

In terms of Planned Development Areas and squares, the Board of Boards would like to see the reconsideration of how squares are being developed, an analysis of neighborhood amenities needed

to be able to take in more density, and ground floors of buildings to have those amenities.

Parking was a big topic in the letter, with several proposed actions, such as giving clear parking requirements in the plan for buildings over three units, contemplating a spot where a municipal parking garage could ease parking shortages, and more.

“The BPDA is overlooking the reality that a car free environment in certain parts of the neighborhood is just not feasible due to the lack of amenities, infrastructure, demographics or topography,” reads the letter.

Additional Dwelling Units (ADUs) were also covered in the letter, requesting that the implementation be outlined in the plan as it is in PLAN: Mattapan. Moreover, the group would like ADUs implemented into the existing recommendations, among other suggestions.

The letter then moves

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The Myles P. Vercruysse Memorial Community Fair

The Myles P. Vercruysse Memorial Community Fair to be held at the Old Middle School Gymnasium on Nov. 4th to Benefit the Mylestones Fund. the Mylestones Fund.

On Saturday, November 4th, please join the Vercruysse family and friends at a community fair to benefit the Mylestones Fund: The Myles P. Vercruysse Memorial Fund Fair will be held at the old Middle School Gym in Winthrop, located at 151 Pauline Street. The doors will be opened promptly at 9am and the event will run until 3pm. The fair will be featuring crafters, small businesses, community programs, non-profits, and much more!! There will be games, prizes, project play, touch-a-truck, and fun for the entire family. Proceeds from vendor fees, raffle tickets, and games will all be donated directly to Mylestones Fund. Visit our event page on Facebook.



The Mylestones Fund was created in memory of Myles Philip Vercruysse, who in 2021, entered this world three months early and left far too soon, July 17, 2021 – August 4, 2021. Myles was born weighing 2 pounds, 4 ounces, but was stronger than most term babies. Our fighter loved to lift his little blonde head and look around, push himself with his little legs out of the sleeping ring in his isolette, and had a champion's grip. Unfortunately, due to his prematurity, his lungs just were not as ready for this world as he was, and he passed peacefully in his parents' arms. Myles had so much strength and light, we knew he still has so much more to offer this world. It is our mission to do our best in his memory to help all babies meet their "Mylestones." For more information, please visit <https://bit.ly/MylestonesFund>.

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STATE REP. JEFF TURCO HOSTS FALL FLING AT BEACHMONT VFW



State Rep. Jeff Turco and family, his wife, Melissa (Carbone) Turco, and their six children, (front row), Matteo Turco and Grace Turco, (back row), Dominic Turco, Joseph Turco, Mary Turco, and Sonny Turco, who took a break from his studies at WPI to attend the reception.

Cary Shuman Photos

State Rep. Jeff Turco of Winthrop hosted a Fall Fling Fundraiser Saturday night at the Beachmont VFW in Revere.

A large crowd of Tur-

co’s supporters from Winthrop and Revere attended the event, packing the large function hall.

The guests enjoyed a delicious pasta buffet dinner, desserts, and musical entertainment.



State Rep. Jeff Turco welcomes Winthrop Town Council President Jim Letterie to his fundraiser at the Beachmont VFW.



State Rep. Jeff Turco welcomes well-known Winthrop resident Ed Cash and Revere City Councilor Joanne McKenna to his Fall Fling fundraiser at Beachmont VFW.



State Rep. Jeff Turco, pictured with brother-in-law Michael Balian, sister, Michele (Turco) Balian, his wife, Melissa Turco, Barbara O’Brien, and former Winthrop Selectman Marty O’Brien.



From left, Michael Bertino, Shannon Poulos, Chris Ford, State Rep. Jeff Turco, Kathleen Riley Cappuccio, and Scott Kinsella.



State Rep. Jeff Turco and Legislative Aide Kaitlyn Carter.

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to the protection of family affordable housing. “The plan fails to address how we deepen affordability and avoid the displacement of many of the middle to low-income residents and families in East Boston, other than a build, build, build mindset.”

An example of a proposed action for this topic, of which there were a few, is to “require an overall percentage of square footage in addition to unit counts” when determining affordability and using Area Median Income (AMI) levels that reflect the community.

As the letter continues, several other topics were covered with proposals, such as protecting single-family homes, adding Orient Heights and Harbor View to the travel section of the plan, adding a community needs and services enhancement section, data requests in terms of population, and much more.

In addition to the 13 topics covered in the letter, it also lays out key prioritized concerns not touched on in the plan, such as protecting the greenway, pedestrian walkway en-

hancements, the airport, and more.

Moreover, the letter also lays out specific concerns for different associations and some overall clarification requests.

As previously noted, descriptions of these proposed actions merely scratch the surface of the 10-page letter. If you want to see the full version of the letter, visit <https://tinyurl.com/planeastboston>.

“The current draft of the PLAN is a good start; however, it fails to strike a balance of benefit to existing residents vs developers. We hope this letter and recommendations will help to swing the pendulum allowing existing residents to benefit from future zoning and the city to continue to grow,” reads the letter.

Later, concluding, “We look forward to a robust conversation with the BPDA and elected officials around these concerns and how we can make PLAN: East Boston something that we can all proudly support.”

AHTF APPROVES CONTRIBUTION TO PROJECT TO INCREASE AFFORDABLE UNITS

REVERE - The board of the Revere Affordable Housing Trust Fund (AHTF) held its regular meeting last Wednesday, October 11, in Revere City Hall. On hand for the session were chair Joe Gravelle and fellow members Jan Dumas, Laila Pietri, Anayo Osueke, Claire Inzerillo, Deb Frank, and Dean Harris.

The meeting began with Osueke, the board's treasurer, presenting his monthly update. He said the board has a balance in its account of \$860,125.

The members heard of an opportunity to support additional affordable housing stock in North Revere from Mikael Vienneau of Broadway Capital Inc., which is developing the former, 140-bed Revere Nursing Home at 133 Salem St. into a condominium project consisting of 71 one- and two-bedroom units with a commercial space in the

basement.

Vienneau told the board members that Broadway Capital, which has done three development projects in Chelsea and presently is doing one in Swampscott, originally had planned to designate seven of the units as affordable, with two earmarked for military service members and two for seniors. However, Vienneau said that there now is an opportunity to increase the number of affordable units from seven to 18 pursuant to MassHousing's Commonwealth Builder Grant program, the purpose of which is to spur the construction of single-family homes and condominiums that are affordable to households with moderate incomes, particularly in communities of color.

However, in order for a development to qualify for the grant, the local municipality must make a contribution to the project. Vienneau further said that there is an urgency to taking action because the project is nearing completion and the application for a grant from the state is time-sensitive. Vienneau asked that the city's contribution to the project come in the

form of a 50% waiver of the Community Improvement Trust Fund Fee.

In response to questions from the AHTF members, Vienneau said that six of the 18 units will be sold to buyers with incomes of 70% of the area's average median income (AMI) and 12 will be sold to buyers at 80% of AMI. He further stated that there will be deed restrictions for the first 15 years of ownership. The units cannot be rented and AMI buyers today will have to sell to AMI buyers unless they own the condo for more than 15 years, after which time they can sell at market rates. Prices for the units are expected to range from \$219,000 for one-bedroom units for 80% AMI buyers and \$190,000 for 70% buyers, to \$265,000 for two-bedroom units for 80% AMI buyers. He said the market rate units are expected to range in price from \$320,000 to \$500,000 for two-bedroom units of 1000 sq. ft.

He said that the income level for a single person at 80 percent of AMI is in the range of \$60-\$70,000. In addition, those buyers

must have good credit scores in order to qualify for a mortgage.

However, AHTF member Deb Frank pointed out that because of the recent increase in mortgage interest rates, the necessary income level to qualify for "affordable housing" would be in the range of at least \$80,000 in order to purchase one of the "affordable" condo units.

Although all of the members agreed that the term "affordable housing" may be an oxymoron in the context of this project, Inzerillo, noting that Revere has not constructed any form of affordable housing, suggested that, "We should take what we can get."

Gravelle made a motion for \$100,000 of support from the AHTF on the condition that the City Council approve the necessary zoning changes for the special permit that encompasses the stated income levels and the number of affordable units. "We don't want to put in funds for a project that might not occur," he noted.

The members unanimously approved the motion.

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Sawyer Air Force Base in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan until I was about 15 years old.

“Base is a small bubble, but it amounts to an entire ecosystem and culture of service. Everyone on base is there to serve. My mom had two girls to raise, and we didn’t want for a babysitter, helping hand, or rides home. I am forever grateful to those adults who helped us. I want to give a special shout-out to the base wives. They really connected with my mom and helped her.”

The reasons for her decision
“I think it’s normal for people to do what their parents did. I had interviewed for the JAG while in law school and took an offer from a law firm in Boston. I always wondered about the opportunity I had given up. I actually made it to a second round with JAG. Then I met Sen. John Velis and Sen. Mike Rush. I learned they were very much serving the country and commonwealth. I started the 18-month process soon thereafter. I was “old” and needed a waiver. I had support from Council President Ed Flynn, Mayor Michelle Wu, former Gov. Charlie Bak-

er, and various attorney supervisors from my past that could speak to my legal chops.
I chose the Army because of the comradery and excitement of the people I met. I talked with Hank Naughton, a former state representative, and Jerry Parisella, a current state representative. Both served as Army JAG attorneys.
The National Guard is something special. At its very essence is the concept of the citizen soldier. The person who lives an everyday normal life but when the country calls, you respond. The Guard is often called during natural disasters and was recently called to respond to the migrant crisis. Many of the soldiers deploy to various locations as well. At each major point, a JAG officer is there to provide legal advice to a commanding officer or to directly represent soldiers (such as writing wills). This aspect really spoke to me. I am essentially a legal services attorney for soldiers.
I also deeply believe in civil liberties and that everyone including soldiers should have the right to due process. JAG has defense and prosecutorial



Sen. Lydia Edwards.

aspects. Soldiers are people who need help. Some need to fight to keep their jobs as their civilian employer may not want to hear about you deploying for several months. Some need advice on family matters such as divorce, adoption etc. Some soldiers have committed horrible crimes and need a defense attorney.”
What’s next?
“Well, I have been to drill already. I will contin-

ue to go once a month and two weeks a year. I will continue to be Winthrop’s senator and advocate on Beacon Hill. I won’t be alone with Sen. John Velis (Major -MA NG) and Sen. Mike Rush (Commander US Navy) already in the State House.
Colleagues offer their congratulations to Sen. Edwards
Colleagues in government of Sen. Lydia Edwards extended their

congratulatory wishes on becoming a Judge Advocate General in the Massachusetts Army National Guard. Following are their remarks:
State Rep. Adrian Madaro
“I congratulate Senator Edwards on becoming a Judge Advocate General in the Massachusetts Army National Guard. This is a wonderful accomplishment and an amazing way to continue her mother’s legacy of service in the Armed Forces.”
State Rep. Jessica Giannino
“Senator Edwards is a shining example of a

strong woman who is continuing a family legacy of military service. I wish her all the best in this journey, and I know that she will bring the same commitment she brings to the State House to our soldiers.”
State Rep. Jeff Turco
“Congratulations and best wishes to Lt. Lydia Edwards. From the first time I met Lydia, she has always spoken so well and admirably of her mother’s service in the U.S. Armed Forces. As she joins the ranks of the Massachusetts National Guard as a JAG officer, she honors her mom and all of us.”

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