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WINTHROP DEMS TO CAUCUS ON MARCH 11

On Monday, March 11, at 6 p.m., Democrats will convene virtually, to elect 10 delegates and 4 alternates to represent Winthrop at the June 1, 2024 State Democratic Convention in Worcester. Any Winthrop registered and pre-registered Democrats may vote and be elected as a delegate or alternate during the caucus.

Zoom Caucus link: <https://bit.ly/winthrop-demscaucus2024>

The 2024 Convention will be held on Saturday, June 1st at the DCU Center in Worcester. The 2024 Democratic State Convention in Worcester will be a fully in-person event. It is the nominating convention for the United States Senate seat held by Senator Elizabeth Warren. Those interested in getting involved with the Winthrop Democratic Committee should contact Catherine DelVento at catherinedelvento@gmail.com

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PROJECT PLAY SWAP SHOPS A WIN-WIN FOR WINTHROP

Since its formation in early 2023 by a group of local Winthrop moms, Project Play has become known throughout the community as a purveyor of fun, festive events where young children ages 0-5 and their grown ups can move, groove, play and create great memories together. But one piece of their programming that's received less attention, but offers as much value to the community, is the seasonal "swap shops."

Starting with the landmark "Spring Swap Shop" in April 2023, which brought over 100 people out to donate baby and small child clothing and equipment they no longer need and swap them for things they do need, and would otherwise have to buy new, Project Play has taken to a regular cadence of "swap shops" during which people can bring in bags of outgrown clothing and walk out with items that fit their children. All items left over at the end of the swaps are donated to local charity, including victims of the Veter-



A resident looks over some of the items at the Project Play Swap Shop.

ans Road fire, Winthrop Public Schools, and Mi Amore. February's Winter Swap Shop at Saint John's Episcopal Church was an opportunity for parents to meet and mingle while they shopped and swapped, and thanks to the generosity of all who participated, nearly a dozen bags of clothing and accessories was donated

to Mi Amore of Winthrop who was able to connect them with local families in need as well as newly arrived migrant families.

Stay tuned for details about the next swap shop by following Project Play on Facebook and Instagram, or signing up for email updates at project-playwinthrop.org.



Mothers at the Swap Shop.

Winthrop Fire Department responds to Deer Island for alarm activation

Special to the Transcript

The Winthrop Fire Department responded to the Deer Island Treatment Plant on Monday evening for a report of a fire alarm activation that resulted from an overhead electrical motor, according to Fire Chief Scott Wiley. No fire or hazardous situation occurred.

At 8:52 p.m. Monday, Winthrop Fire responded to 190 Tafts Ave., the loca-

tion of the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority Deer Island Wastewater Treatment Plant. The first arriving firefighters reported to the administrative building, where alarms were sounding and a light smoke condition was observed. As is standard, the Boston Fire Department was also notified.

Winthrop Engine 1 immediately began to investigate.

As are their protocols

for a facility of this magnitude, the Boston Fire Department sent a full box alarm response to the plant, sending many pieces of Boston Fire apparatus to the scene, including several specialized units. A Boston Fire District Chief, reviewing the fire alarm panel, then struck a second alarm response, sending additional units to the scene.

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Voters to go to polls on Tuesday

By Adam Swift

Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, March 5 for the presidential primary.

Early voting for the primaries in the Democratic, Republican, and Libertarian parties began last Saturday, and will continue at Winthrop Town Hall this Thursday and Friday. Voting will be open in Town Hall on Thursday from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. and on Friday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

On the Democratic ballot, President Joe Biden is expected to cruise to victory, although Dean Phillips

and Marianne Williamson remain on the ballot in Massachusetts.

There are also uncontested races for Democratic State Committee Man and Committee Woman on the ballot, with Juan Pablo Jaramillo and Gabriela Gigi Coletta running.

The Republican presidential ballot has more candidates challenging former President Donald Trump, but only former South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley has been actively campaigning. Also on the ballot are Chris Christie, Ryan Binkley,

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School Committee to consider additional half day for elementary schools

By Adam Swift

The school district is looking to potentially add a half day for its elementary schools to the calendar in June.

At Monday night's School Committee meeting, Superintendent of Schools Lisa Howard said she will be back at the next meeting with more specific information, although she said it looks like that half day could be on June 5.

"We want to add a half day for the elementary schools only to the calendar," Howard said. "The purpose of that half day is going to be very specific training on a newly adopted ELA curriculum."

Howard said the dis-

trict has not yet chosen and adopted a new ELA and reading curriculum, but she said teachers, administrators, and staff are going through options and should soon have a presentation before the school committee on a preferred curriculum option.

In other business, Howard said the district is in the midst of continuing its PowerSchool training. The new student information software will be implemented for the 2024-25 school year, she said.

"It takes a full year to train everyone and take all of our data and get it transitioned into the new system," said Howard.

The PowerSchool soft-

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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, FEB. 12

0910: A repossession company reported the repo of a motor vehicle.

10:21: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Walden St. for a civil moving infraction. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1230: A resident came into the station to report that his motor vehicle had been struck by a hit-and-run operator overnight at the Ft. Heath apartments. The officer filed a report.

1734: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Cross and Franklin Sts. for a civil moving infraction. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1816: A tow company reported the trespass tow of a motor vehicle from Governors Park.

1936: A tow company reported the trespass tow of a motor vehicle from Governors Park.

2107: A tow company reported the trespass tow of a motor vehicle from Governors Park.

2110: A tow company reported the trespass tow of a motor vehicle from Governors Park.

TUESDAY, FEB. 13

0635: A tow company reported the trespass tow of four motor vehicles from Governors Park.

1354: Emergency personnel responded to a motor vehicle accident at Hawthorn Ave. and Shore Drive. One person was transported to the

MGH and one vehicle was towed. The State Police took over the investigation.

1452: An officer stopped a motor vehicle missing its front end at Main and Banks Sts. The vehicle had been involved in the accident on Shore Drive, but was not towed by the State Police because the vehicle was still operable. The Winthrop officer ordered the vehicle to be towed and a taxi was called to bring the operator back to Chelsea.

1903: 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.

2103: A repossession company reported the repo of a motor vehicle.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 14

1058: A tow company reported the trespass tow of a motor vehicle from Governors Park.

1249: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Pleasant St. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1414: A person came into the station to report a larceny. The officer filed a report.

1649: An officer stopped a motorcycle on Revere St. and arrested Felix Castaneda, 31, of 200 Governors Drive, for the criminal offenses of disorderly conduct, interfering with a police officer in the performance of his duty, and resisting arrest.

2031: A tow company reported the trespass tow of a motor vehicle from Governors Park.

THURSDAY, FEB. 15

0954: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Main St. for the civil

moving infractions of a red light violation and violating the hands-free law. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1212: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Shirley and Payson Sts. for the civil moving infraction of a stop sign violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1309: Officers responded to a two-car motor vehicle accident on Pleasant St. at Brookfield Rd. in which a trash truck drove through the fence and onto Donovan's Beach. The airbags in the other vehicle, a Nissan Rogue, deployed. A male party was transported to the MGH and the Rogue was towed. The DPW was notified of damage to the sidewalk and the fence at the beach.

1332: An officer assisted the parties with the exchange of papers at a minor motor vehicle accident on Overlook Drive.

1429: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Shirley St. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1558: Officers responded to a motor vehicle accident involving a Honda CRV and a Paul Revere bus at Walden and Main Sts. No injuries were reported and the MBTA police took over the incident.

1717: A person came into the station to report that her motor vehicle had been struck and damaged by a hit-and-run operator on Winthrop St. The officer filed a report.

2018: A tow company reported the trespass tow of a motor vehicle from Governors Park.

FRIDAY, FEB. 16

0134: An officer issued parking tickets to six vehicles at Villa Ave. and Buckthorn Terrace.

0836: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Shirley St. for the civil moving infraction of a stop sign violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1205: Officers responded to a two-car minor motor vehicle accident between a Ford Explorer and a white Lincoln MKZ on Main St. at the Dunkin' Donuts. Both parties declined medical attention and the officer filed a report.

1443: Officer Carter

assisted a family with the installation of a child car seat.

1509: A motor vehicle that was blocking the intersection at Cutler St. and Shore Drive was ordered to be towed.

1634: A person came into the station to report that his motor vehicle had been vandalized while parked on Wilshire St. The officer filed a report.

1701: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Shore Drive for a civil moving infraction. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

2320: An officer issued a parking ticket to a vehicle without a handicapped placard that was partially parked in the handicapped spot on Sagamore Ave.

SATURDAY, FEB. 17

0919: An officer ordered a tow for a motor vehicle with a registration revoked for insurance cancellation that was parked on Shore Drive.

1038: An officer ordered a tow for another vehicle parked on Shore Drive with a registration revoked for insurance cancellation. When the

owner came outside and explained his hardship situation, the officer called off the tow. The officer took the plates and directed the owner to register the vehicle forthwith.

1237: An officer ordered a tow for a motor vehicle with an expired registration on Shore Drive.

1338: 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.

1658: A tow company reported the trespass tow of a motor vehicle from Governors Park.

2348: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Main St. for the civil moving infraction of improper operation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

SUNDAY, FEB. 18

0327: Officers assisted the Fire Dept. at a residence on Almont St. where a burner on a gas stove had been left on without a flame.

1050: A resident called the station to report that

he had found a firearm in the attic of his house. An officer came to the scene to retrieve the firearm.

1211: A tow company reported the trespass tow of a motor vehicle from Governors Park.

1508: A Summit Ave. resident reported that his motor vehicle had been struck by a hit-and-run operator while he had been away on vacation. The officer filed a report.

1808: Emergency personnel responded to a report of a delivery driver being bitten by a dog on Morton St. The victim was transported to the hospital for treatment of the dog bites to his arm and leg. The owner of the dog was informed that the dog had to remain inside and quarantined.

MONDAY, FEB. 19

0337: Officers responded to a report of loud music at a Cutler St. residence and ordered the music to be shut down for the night.

0712: A report of a Toyota Highlander striking a pole and knocking it down in the parking lot at Deer Island was referred to the State Police.

State Sen. Lydia Edwards announces re-election campaign

By Adam Swift

State Senator Lydia Edwards has officially announced that she is running for a second full term in office.

Edwards represents the Third Suffolk District, comprising Revere, Winthrop, and portions of Boston including East Boston.

Edwards won a special election to replace former state Senator Joe Boncore in early 2022 and then won the regular election for the Third Suffolk seat in November of 2022.

Edwards is a former Boston City Councilor who represented Charlestown, East Boston, and the North End.

"It's been more than 2 years since I was first elected as your State Senator in the Massachusetts State Senate, (it) has been



State Senator Lydia Edwards.

the honor of my life serving you," Edwards stated in an email to supporters earlier this week. "We have achieved tremendous wins throughout these past years, from organizing the first PRIDE potluck in Winthrop, celebrating the East Boston Latino Festival, passing tax relief for homeowners, advocating for millions of dollars for

the 3rd Suffolk District, and now working on a major Housing Bond Bill that would provide \$4.1B to solve the current housing crisis in Massachusetts."

Edwards stated that she is currently collecting signatures to guarantee her name is on the ballot.

Over the past several years, Edwards has supported a number of local candidates for office, including Revere Mayor Patrick Keefe in his recent race against former mayor Dan Rizzo, as well as city councillors Juan Pablo Jaramillo and Marc Silvestri and School Committee member Jacqueline Monterroso.

In Winthrop, Edwards supported town councilors Max Tassinari, John DaRos, John Munson, and Suzanne Swope.

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Vivek Ramaswamy, Asa Hutchinson, and Ron DeSantis.

Unlike the Democratic ballot, there is competition for State Committee Man and State Committee Woman on the Republican side. Incumbent Paul Ronakaitis is being challenged

by Talen John Carvalho, and there is a three-way race for State Committee Woman between Vera Carducci, Rachel Miselman, and Jeannamarie Tamas.

On the Libertarian ballot, Jacob Hornberger, Michael Rectenwald, Chase Oliver, Michael Ter Maat,

and Lars Mapstead are candidates for president.

Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, March 5. Voters in precincts 1, 2, 3, 5, and 6 will vote at the Old Middle School. Voters in precinct 4 will vote on Golden Drive.

Fire // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

It took some time to locate the source of the smoke, but it was later determined that the smoke was originating from an overheating second-floor electrical motor. No fire was present, and it was

then quickly determined that there was no danger to the facility or surrounding neighborhoods.

Wiley stated that the significant fire response by both agencies is done out of an abundance of

caution for such a sensitive, remote facility. Despite the significant fire response of more than two dozen vehicles, he added that there is no danger to the community.

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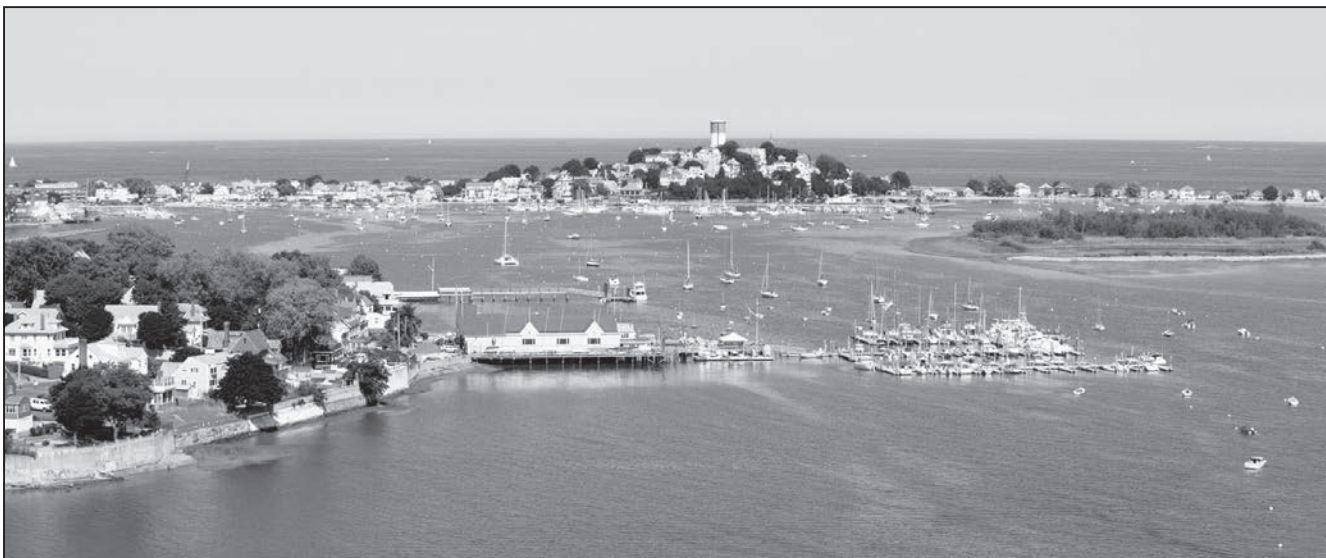
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Leap ahead for Summer 2024!

Cottage Park Yacht Club hosts community Open House

Summer 2024 may seem like a mirage, with weeks of winter gloom still ahead. But a sure sign of warmer weather on the way is Daylight Saving Time’s annual “spring ahead.” To mark this seasonal milepost on the way to summer 2024, Cottage Park Yacht Club is hosting a community Open House on Sunday, March 10.

So, if you’ve been thinking about how to get on the water more this summer, or that it’s finally time to learn to sail, buy that fishing boat, or just spend more afternoons hanging out with friends on the harbor, doors open



Cottage Park Yacht Club.

at 1 p.m. and the party is in the Westerly ballroom. At the March 10 Open House, you will learn more about the 122-year-old gathering spot, tour the Pilot House pub, the Sunset Bar, the Westerly Ballroom, our bowling alley, gym and marina. Representatives of different programs will be on hand to discuss summertime youth sailing, adult sailing lessons, our kayak and sailboat rental program, mooring and slip facilities, and offer a taste of the broader community that CPYC brings together.

Cottage Park Yacht Club began in 1902 when a group of boat owners bought the ticket office and pier of a defunct steamboat service that had been bringing people to Winthrop each summer. Since then, CPYC has become a center of boating and sailing on Boston Harbor, hosting everything from monthly trivia nights to international regattas in an event calendar that runs throughout the year. The club has a commitment to supporting the community around it, and regularly reaches out to help others

through blood drives, food donations, use of its facilities by community groups like the Winthrop High Sailing Team, as well as the centerpiece to its charitable efforts, the annual summer weekend to benefit Make-A-Wish. The club is in a period of physical renewal and member growth. To learn more, email Membership@cpyc.org, and if summers on the water, sunsets on the head pier, after work drinks on the Pilot House deck all sound like a welcome relief after this rainy, cloudy winter,

come find out more. The doors open at CPYC, 76 Orlando Ave. in Winthrop, at 1 p.m. on Sunday, March 10.



Sailboats, kayaks and more available for use at CPYC.



Young members sailing on the harbor.



The Boston skyline as seen from the Harbor.

FBHW holding Winter Harbor Cruise

Special to the Journal

How has Boston’s waterfront changed? What types of commerce continues? What challenges do we face along the waterfront? On Saturday, March 2 at 10 a.m. join the Friends of the Boston Harborwalk (FBHW) for a 2 ½ hour cruise around Boston’s inner harbor on a multi-deck,

heated vessel. FBHW tour guides will discuss the history of the city, its harbor, and how much the waterfront neighborhoods and the harbor continue to evolve – nearly 400 years after the city’s founding. The tour departs from and returns to Long Wharf on a Boston Harbor City Cruises’ marine vessel. We will begin boarding at 9:45 AM and will depart

at 10:00 AM (sharp) - returning at approximately 12:15 PM. Specific dock location and boarding information will be sent out days prior to the tour. Cost \$20. Register in advance at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/friends-of-the-harborwalk-winter-harbor-cruise-tickets-824086453767>

School Committee // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

ware is more powerful than the current school information system and provides more communications opportunities for families and staff, Howard said. Later in the year, there will be training opportunities for families to learn

how to use the new system, she added. During February vacation, there was a major wifi upgrade at the Gorman Fort Banks School using federal Covid relief funds. “We needed all new access points,” said Howard.

“There is a lot of difficulty in that building because of the cement walls.” Howard said the issues with the service didn’t have to do with the bandwidth, but with issues getting the wifi connections through certain walls in the school. Howard said the district will also be using some of its ESSER III Covid relief funds to purchase a new server for the district.

“One of the servers that we thought was going to get us through the school year is flashing us that it will not,” said Howard. It is anticipated that the server will be replaced during April vacation. The superintendent noted that the next meeting of the school committee’s budget subcommittee is scheduled for March 6. Howard said the administration will have more detail on the budget and should have details on what will be required for a level-services budget for the 2024-25 school year. She said there will likely be more information about what is required for a needs-based budget at a future meeting.

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PROJECT PLAY WELCOMES MUSIC AT THE BLISSFUL TO WINTER PLAY DAY

This Saturday, March 2, the Winter Play Day at Harbor City Church (214 Winthrop St) will feature a free concert by Evan from

Music at the Blissful, who has become a familiar face for little ones in Winthrop since his Music for Babies series in Spring 2022 and regular appearances at the Project Play pop up at the Winthrop Farmers Market. Doors open at 10:00 for free play and music will begin at 10:30.

Admission is free but donations to Project Play are welcome and all are encouraged to bring easter egg stuffers and plastic eggs to donate to Harbor City Church’s community egg hunt. Huge thank you to this week’s event sponsor, Seth Williams of Reference Real Estate!

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This Tuesday, March 5, is the quadrennial Presidential Primary Election Day when Democrats and Republicans (as well as the members of the Libertarian Party) will have an opportunity to choose their candidates for President.

In addition, although those who are registered as Democrats, Republicans, or Libertarians must vote in their own party's primary, those who are registered as Unenrolled (also known as Independents) may choose to vote in any party primary.

On the Democratic side, the candidates are President Joe Biden, Marianne Williamson, and Dean Phillips. For the Republicans, the only remaining announced candidates, Donald Trump and Nikki Haley, will be on the ballot.

We would note that there also is a separate line on the ballot for "No Preference." Although the consensus is that the selections of the major party candidates, Joe Biden for the Democrats and Donald Trump for the Republicans, are a foregone conclusion, voters still have the opportunity to express their overall regard for those candidates by filling in the oval for "No Preference." Nikki Haley recently was on the Republican ballot in Nevada (Trump was not) and she actually lost to the choice for "None of the above" -- truly a harbinger for her candidacy.

Tuesday's primary also serves as the election for the candidates for the State Committees (male and female) and the local city and town committee members for each party. The Presidential Primary serves as the once-every-four-years opportunity for party voters to choose the future direction of their party with the election of their state and local party committee members.

Early voting for the primary already is underway. We urge all of our readers either to vote early or on March 5. Every election has consequences and only by voting at every possible opportunity can we express our preferences to our elected and party leaders.

THANK YOU,
MAURA SWEENEY DOYLE

We wish to take a moment to offer our sincere thanks to Maura Sweeney Doyle, a native of Winthrop, who announced last week that she will not be seeking re-election to the office of Clerk of the Supreme Judicial Court (SJC) for Suffolk County, a post she has held for the past 28 years.

Although the clerk's job is elected only by the voters of Suffolk County, the clerk serves the entire state in two important areas. The first is that the office handles all petitions to a single justice of the SJC from throughout the state. Requests for injunctions and other emergency relief, including all petitions for which there is no specific statutory authorization to another court, are handled through the office of the SJC Clerk for Suffolk County.

The other is that the office handles applications for the Massachusetts Bar (every lawyer in Massachusetts is sworn-in by the Clerk of the SJC for Suffolk County, who signs every bar admission certificate) as well as all bar disciplinary proceedings.

Generally speaking, both of these functions are what are referred to as under-the-radar in terms of the public's perception (although SJC single justices have handled many high-profile matters over the years), and only when there is a mishap do they receive public scrutiny.

However, during Maura's 28-year tenure as the clerk, there never was even a suggestion of anything improper, which is another way of saying that she performed her job with the utmost degree of professionalism and integrity.

During an era when public service is viewed under a microscope and criticized for everything imaginable (whether fairly or unfairly), Maura Sweeney Doyle epitomized the ideal of a public servant who went about her job day-in and day-out without fanfare and with a deep commitment to serving the public interest.

We know we join with all of our fellow citizens of the Commonwealth in thanking Maura for her three decades of exemplary service and wishing her the best in her retirement years.

ON THE BIDEN-HARRIS WHITE HOUSE

Dear Editor,

For a listing of what the Biden-Harris administration has accomplished in less than 4 years, go to: www.whitehouse.gov/therecord

In the Feb. 22 "Winthrop Sun Transcript," you note, "Let's be clear where we stand: Joe Biden has been a great president and his administration has accomplished more legislation that will benefit Americans than any since Lyndon Johnson's in the 1960's."

You proceed to urge Joe Biden to step aside as the Democratic Presidential candidate because of his age and sometimes "stumbling" during public speeches. However, you appear to agree with me when you further state, "and candidates have to be judged based on what they can do if re-elected." I, for one, vote for any candidate based on their voting records and legislation that gives promise to hard-working American families. www.whitehouse.gov/therecord enumerates the Biden-Harris record with such efforts as:

- Lowering costs of families' everyday expenses (health insurance, clean energy tax credits, prescription drugs for seniors, \$0 tax increase for families earning less than \$400,000/year.)
- More people working than at any point in American history. 13.9 million jobs created during the Biden administration—7x more than the last 3 Republican presidents combined.
- In efforts to level the playing field, the administration adopted our own Senator Warren's bill to effect a 15% minimum tax on billion-dollar corporations and a 1% surcharge on corporate stock buybacks. (Most of the Wall Street group who received major tax cuts from former President Trump in 12-2017, used that money to buy back their own

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stocks.)

- Lowered the deficit with the single largest annual reduction in American history.
- Rebuilding our infrastructure.
- Awarded the most ever Federal contracting dollars to small businesses and disadvantaged small businesses.
- Signed the Electoral Count Act, which takes long overdue steps to protect the integrity of our elections.
- Enacted first meaningful gun violence reduction legislation in 30 years, and signed legislation to put more cops on the beat and invest in community policing.
- More people with health insurance than ever before. Capped seniors' out-of-pocket prescription drug expenses at \$2,000/year. People enrolled in Medicare will not pay more than \$35 for a month's supply of insulin, and recipients will receive free vaccines. Lowered the cost of hearing aids by making them available over the counter (E. Warren initiated). Expanded benefits and services for toxic exposed Veterans, and advanced cutting-edge research on cancer and other diseases through the ARPA-H initiative.
- Protecting and fighting to expand Social Security.
- More than 40 million borrowers from middle and working-class families stand to benefit from student debt relief.
- Advancing equity and racial justice, including historic criminal justice reform. Signed legislation to strengthen the Violence Against Women Act, lifted the "gag rule" protecting reproductive rights, and protected marriage for LGBTQI+ and interracial couples.
- Rejoined the Paris Agreement on day one to reassert US leadership to combat the climate crisis, jumpstarted the American offshore wind industry, and set new policies to reduce super pollutants like HFCs and methane to protect communities and reduce emissions that fuel

climate change. Delivering the most aggressive climate and environmental justice agenda in American history. Took action to lower energy costs for families.

I will vote for President Biden again, because through his many years, Joe Biden has gained tremendous amounts of experience and wisdom as Senator, Vice-President, and President of these United States. I vote for a candidate based on his/her voting record. THAT's what tells me "what they can do if re-elected." Go to www.whitehouse.gov/therecord to review the Biden-Harris record.

Thank you.

Donna Segreti Reilly

VOTE FOR
JOE BIDEN

Dear Editor,

Registered Democrats and Independents (Unenrolled) can vote on Election Day, Tuesday, March 5th, or by mail or early voting, in the Presidential Primary for Joe Biden who has been a very good President.

The country is better off because of his leadership, and in a time of enormous challenges, we are fortunate to have had a man of his experience, wisdom, and decency in the White House.

Much has been made of Joe Biden's age, his physical appearance, and mental capacity. Let's be clear, the job of President is to hire good people and make difficult decisions. It is not about getting up before a crowd and speaking for an hour or so.

Joe Biden has been a successful President (as judged by most neutral observers) because of his age, not in spite of it!!!

If the job was all about physical appearance, Abraham Lincoln and Franklin Roosevelt, our two greatest Presidents, would never have been elected.

In terms of mental capacity, world leaders, domestic advisers, and journalists who have interviewed Joe Biden, all

say that he is sharp and focused in meetings.

During President Joe Biden's first term:

- He has led our nation to the other side of COVID successfully.
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- We have the best job market since the 1960s.
- The Dow Jones Industrial Average closed above 39,000 for the first time ever.
- Wage growth is at a historically high level.
- Prices are falling, and domestic oil and renewable production are at record levels.
- We have the lowest uninsured rate in history, and crime rates are falling.
- Consumer sentiment has risen sharply recently, and people are feeling better.

There is no doubt that there are difficult problems in the world -- Ukraine and the Middle East specifically -- and at home -- immigration most notably -- but Joe Biden has been working hard to resolve these issues, most often without assistance from the Republican Party that seems to be more interested in playing politics than in solving problems.

If re-elected, Joe Biden will have the opportunity in his second term to complete the work that he has started.

So, we urge Democrats and Independents to get out and vote for Joe Biden in the Presidential Primary. Your vote does make a difference!!!

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THE MORE Things Change ...

Items selected from past issues of the Winthrop Sun, The Winthrop Review, The Winthrop Visitor, The Transcript and The Sun-Transcript

**10 Years ago
February 26, 2014**

The Winthrop School Committee has voted to allow seniors at the high school to have an open campus beginning next school year, a development that has Principal Eileen Belastock excited

Winthrop High seniors have not had an open campus since the 1970s. Most seniors only need to carry a six-class load schedule in order to graduate, which leaves one slot during the school day open.

House Speaker Robert

A. DeLeo joined his colleagues in the House to pass legislation that builds on the 2010 landmark anti-bullying legislation by creating new reporting measures and recognizing certain populations as more vulnerable to bullying.

The Winnisimmet Regional Opioid Collaborative (WROC), which was formed in early 2013, works to reduce fatal and non-fatal opioid overdoses as well as the misuse of prescription medication and over the counter

drugs. As part of a pilot strategy, the group is organizing free opioid overdose prevention and reversal trainings within the four communities of the collaborative, Chelsea, Revere, Saugus and Winthrop.

Several Winthrop residents are expected to travel to the Lowell Auditorium next week to see local resident and WHS graduate Stephanie Moskal perform in the national tour of "Beauty and the Beast." Stephanie is drawing rave reviews for her portrayal

of Babette in the production that has been staged at venues throughout the United States and in parts of Canada. Moskal's career as a musical theater professional has been soaring since her graduation from Boston Conservatory.

**20 years ago
March 4, 2004**

A meeting between members of the School Committee's athletics subcommittee and a new

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LOCAL STUDENTS EARN ACADEMIC HONORS

SNHU ANNOUNCES FALL 2023 PRESIDENT'S LIST

It is with great pleasure that Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) congratulates the following students on being named to the Fall 2023 President's List. The fall terms run from September to December.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.700 and above for the reporting term are named to the President's List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.

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SPRINGFIELD COLLEGE RECOGNIZES DEAN'S LIST STUDENTS

Springfield College Recognizes Dean's List Students for academic excellence for the 2023 Fall Semester.

Brandi DiCicco from Winthrop, was named to the dean's list. DiCicco has a primary major of Exer Sci / Applied ES.

Robert Hubert from Winthrop, was named to the dean's list. Hubert has

a primary major of Business Management.

Tyler Rockefeller from Winthrop, was named to the dean's list. Rockefeller has a primary major of Sport Management.

Megi Zogasi from Winthrop, was named to the dean's list. Zogasi has a primary major of Exer Sci / Applied ES.

The criteria for selection to the Dean's List are as follows: The student must have completed a minimum of 12 credit hours of graded coursework for the term, exclusive of "P" grades. The student must not have any incompletes or missing grades in the designated term. The student must have a minimum semester grade average of 3.500 for the term.

UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND STUDENTS NAMED TO FALL 2023 DEAN'S LIST

The University of Rhode Island is pleased to announce the Fall 2023 Dean's List. Students named to the Dean's List

represent nearly all of Rhode Island's cities and towns, all six New England states, New York and New Jersey, and many other states and countries. They include:

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Summer Tallent
Daniella Zanelli

To be included on the Dean's List, full-time students must have completed 12 or more credits for letter grades which are GPA applicable during a semester and achieved at least a 3.30 quality point average.

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BARRY HAS BEEN NAMED TO DEAN'S LIST

Devon Barry of Winthrop has been named to the University of Delaware Dean's List for the Fall 2023 semester.

To meet eligibility requirements for the Dean's List, a student must be enrolled full-time and earn a GPA of 3.5 or above (on a 4.0 scale) for the semester.

SICURELLA ON DEAN'S LIST

Jack Sicurella of Winthrop been named to the Dean's List for the 2023 fall semester at the University of New England. Dean's List students have attained a grade point average of 3.3 or better out of a possible 4.0 at the end of the semester.

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DORR ON DEAN'S LIST AT PROVIDENCE COLLEGE

Maura Dorr of Winthrop, MA daughter of Jill and Jerry Dorr, has earned Dean's List honors at Providence College for the Fall 2023 semester.

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SJC Clerk Maura Doyle will not seek re-election in 2024

Special to the Transcript

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"It has been an incredible honor to work at the Supreme Judicial Court for 32 years, first as an assistant clerk for 4 years and then as the Court's elected Clerk for the past 28 years, during which time I have had the privilege of working with 28 justices and 6 chief justices.

I have been invigorated over the years by the numerous collaborations I have had with my constituents,

court professionals, attorneys, law schools, and bar associations. Most of all, I have cherished working with my extraordinary staff and assistant clerks who have aided me in creating an incredibly responsive, accountable, and professional office for all who seek relief from

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However, I will not be seeking reelection in 2024 because the time has now come for me to step back from public life and look to a future spent with my amazing family who have graciously supported me throughout the years."

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Sports

WHS girls basketball team wins MIAA Tournament opener

Fleuriel, Brodin power Vikings to victory

By Cary Shuman

The Northeastern Conference has always prepared Winthrop High girls basketball teams well for the MIAA Tournament. Just ask former Hall of Fame coach Ron Spinney, whose teams regularly pounced on opponents from other leagues.

Head coach Anthony Hatzisavas felt this year's team was "battle tested" during the regular season. Monday night in the opening round of the MIAA State Tournament, the Vikings demonstrated their higher level of preparedness from the opening ta-

Bailey Ferguson (3) makes her move between a pair of Bethany Christian defenders.



Reese Brodin fights her way through a defensive trio on the way to the basket.

poff on the Chris Tsiotos Court.

Senior center Grace Fleuriel had 12 points and 10 rebounds to lead the Vikings to a 73-29 victory over Bethany Christian Academy (Mendon).

Fleuriel accomplished all that in 18 minutes of play, helping Winthrop race to a 27-10 lead after one period and 48-21 advantage at the half.

"Grace played tremendous," said Hatzisavas. "We were looking to get



Hailey Forsyth makes her way past Bethany Christian's Olivia Renier.

Senior guard Reese Brodin led all scorers with 14 points while also contributing four steals and some transition layups.

Senior forward Kaylee Farrell had 11 points and five rebounds, connecting on one 3-pointer. Junior guard Sophia Lindinger scored 10 points in a reserve role, showing her long-range capabilities with two 3-pointers. Sophomore guard Bailey Ferguson scored nine points.

Hatzisavas used a

BOB MARRA PHOTOS

WHS SPORTS ROUNDUP

WHS GYMNASTS DO WELL AT CONFERENCE MEET; GOBIEL IS COACH OF YEAR

The Winthrop High gymnastics team turned in some superb performances at the recent Northeastern Conference meet that was held at the Beverly Y. The format provides for each team to put up two athletes in each event.

Winthrop started on the vault with Sara Jurovich, who scored an 8.6, which was Sara's highest score of the season. Macy Werstak went next for the Lady Vikings and also scored a season high of 9.1 to earn a fourth-place medal.

On the uneven parallel bars, first up for Winthrop was Isabella Rice, whose score of 8.6 brought Isabella a fourth-place medal. She was followed by Zoe Rey, who scored an 8.7 for

third place, which was the top performance for the Lady Vikings at the meet.

The balance beam was the next event, with Rice going first and trying out her new routine for states, scoring an 8.1. Rey competed next, scoring an 8.8 for her highest score of the season.

On the floor exercise, junior Brooklyn Banfield turned in a great routine, scoring a personal best score of an 8.4. Brooklyn was followed by eighth-grader Werstak, who received a score of 8.5.

The meet concluded a successful season for the Lady Vikings, who compiled a record of 6-3 in their 2024 campaign.

The season also was highlighted by the selection of the program's long-time head coach, Peter Gobiell, as the Coach of the Year for the Northeastern Conference.

The Winthrop High gymnastics program concluded another successful season with the team's annual awards and break-up banquet last week. Long-time WHS head coach Peter Gobiell, who was named the 2024 Northeastern Conference Coach of the Year, is shown with the award recipients who are proudly displaying their plaques (l-r): Zoe Rey, Hardest Worker Award; Macy Werstak, Most Improved Gymnast; senior captain Shannon Abbott, Coaches Award; and senior captain Ellie O'Donnell, Most Valuable Gymnast.



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Basketball //

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game,” said Hatzisavas. “It was very nice to have that support.”

Bethany Christian, who plays in the Worcester County Athletic Association, finished its season at 7-6. Winthrop improved its record to 9-12.

Winthrop is set to play at No. 13-seeded Wahconah Regional (14-6) in Dalton Thursday at 5 p.m. Dalton is approximately 150 miles from Winthrop.

“I think it’s near the border of New York, it’s past Pittsfield,” said Hatzisavas. “It’s about a three-hour ride.”

Winthrop is playing in the first game of an MIAA Tournament doubleheader. The Wahconah boys team will host Case High School in the second game at 7 p.m., meaning there will be a large crowd at the games. Wahconah draws students from seven towns in the Central Berkshire Regional School District.

Anthony Hatzisavas scripted his own post-season masterpieces

Watching Anthony Hatzisavas coach the Winthrop High School girls basketball team in the MIAA Tournament rekindles the grandest of memories for long-time Viking sports followers.

Hatzisavas was the 6-foot-3-inch senior starting center on the 2011



Bailey Ferguson tries an over-the-head hook shot as she drives under the basket.

state champion WHS boys basketball team. His performances on the Vikings’ road to the title were, in a word, legendary.

In fact, here’s the Sun-Transcript recap of Hatzisavas’ clutch 22-point-17 rebound effort in a 71-58 victory over Georgetown in the North sectional semifinals at Malden High’s Roy G. Finn Gymnasium (which is named after the father of former Supt. of Schools Peter Finn of Winthrop):

“On any given night a student-athlete can produce something extraordinary, a performance that will be remembered for a long-time and rehashed at every class reunion. Anthony Hatzisavas, who has battled his way back from herniated disc surgery, had one of those awe-inspiring efforts that helped keep alive the dream of a state



Lily Conway (24) reaches for control of a rebound.

championship for Dave Brown’s overachieving basketball team.”

But Hatzisavas wasn’t done etching his name alongside some of Winthrop High’s greatest post-season heroes. In the state championship game at the Boston Garden, Hatzisavas had team-

highs of 17 points and 13 rebounds in a thrilling 58-55 victory over Cohasset. Hatzisavas scored in every quarter of that game as did Quinton Dale (12 points), now the WHS boys basketball head coach.

Yes, Anthony Hatzisavas - whose terrific pivot play earned him commen-



Reese Brodin poses an obstacle for Bethany Christian’s Roberta Rosa.



Grace Fleuriel is fouled by Bethany Christian’s Sarah Fabiano as she strides toward the basket.

dation as “the big man with the soft inside touch” – was immense throughout the Vikings’ march to the state title, the program’s first since Coach Peter Grimes’ contingent had captured a crown in 1995.

The Winthrop Police’s

escort of the team bus from the town border to the high school gymnasium for the championship celebration capped off one of the most memorable days in Viking sports history – and tall and talented Anthony Hatzisavas was in the middle of it all.



PHOTOS BY BOB MARRA

SAD END: Junior Amelia Spencer (9) consoles junior Izzy Cash as the clock ran out on Winthrop’s season. Both juniors will lead what promises to be a strong Winthrop team next season.

Westford upsets Winthrop, 3-2, in Round of 32 tournament game

Martucci scores two goals, but Ghosts prevail late

By Cary Shuman

Winthrop High girls hockey coach Anthony “Butch” Martucci is not one to mince his words when it comes to his highly successful program. Win or lose, Martucci tells it like it is, with a lifetime of hockey-playing and coaching experience to back it up.

“It’s hard to win games when you give up two power-play goals and a shorthanded goal,” summarized Martucci following his team’s 3-2 loss to Westford Academy in an MIAA Tournament first-round game Tuesday night at Larsen Rink at the Mike Eruzione Center.

Westford Academy took advantage of the extra-skater advantage for its first and third goals, the latter with 4:25 left in the game to break a 2-2 deadlock.

There was a controversial sequence that preceded Westford’s final power play opportunity. After the referee assessed Winthrop a tripping penalty, play ensued in the zone and it appeared that a Winthrop player had been tripped by a Westford player, but no

equalizing call was made.

Winthrop kept the pressure on the Westford defense throughout the game.

One of Winthrop’s major contributors all season, senior captain Hannah Parker used her skating ability

to produce some excellent scoring opportunities.

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CLOSE: Reese Ferrara is on a knee and tries to get control of a rolling puck during a scramble in front of the Westford Academy net.



PAD SAVE: Goalie Riley Towse uses her leg pad to stop a bid by Westford’s Jacqueline Chase.



FOOTRACE: Winthrop’s Angela Coscia races Westford Academy’s Emily Boneck for a loose puck.



STOPPED OUT FRONT: Izzy Cash watches her shot rebound off Westford goalie Kiera Tucker.

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Holy Thursday, March 28 Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00pm

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§ There will be free fares at Copley Station with the fare gates open.

D Branch: Free and accessible shuttle buses will operate between Brookline Hills and Copley stations.

§ Riders are encouraged to consider walking 5-10 minutes from Brookline Hills and Brookline Village to Riverway station on the E branch for Green Line train service.

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As a result of this service change, riders traveling on Green Line trains between Government Center and Copley are encouraged to plan extra time and should anticipate longer waits.

§ Riders are strongly encouraged to utilize the Orange Line in the downtown area as a service alternative, especially during morning and evening peak travel periods as there will be fewer Green Line trains in the downtown core. The fare gates at Back Bay will be open to riders, allowing free fares for riders who choose to utilize the Orange Line during this service change.

Riders should also note that this service change overlaps with a planned weekend closure on the Red Line between Harvard and Broadway from February 24-25[CN1] and between Park Street and JFK/UMass on March 2-3. Additional details are available at mbta.com/RedLine.

As previously announced, this service change is in place as part of the MBTA's Track Improvement Program. To improve safety, reliability, and the customer experience, crews will perform track and tie replacement work; infrastructure upgrades; station amenity upgrades like new lighting, painting, tiling, and power washing; and more.

On the Red Line:

- Red Line service will be suspended between Park Street and JFK/UMass stations all day from start to end of service during the weekend of March 2-3.

Free and accessible shuttle buses will make all stops between Park Street and JFK/UMass.

There will be free fares at Park Street and JFK/UMass stations with the fare gates open.

The Commuter Rail will be fare-free between JFK/UMass and South Station during this Red Line service change. Riders should note that regular fares should be purchased beyond JFK/UMass.

This service change is in place to allow crews to perform necessary inspections of Red Line tunnel infrastructure. Crews will also maximize the unencumbered access to the work area by performing power and signal work along the Red Line as well as station amenity upgrades like new lighting, painting, tiling, and power washing.



Winthrop Senior Center News

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A full list of the activities, programs, trips, and services offered at the Senior Center can be found in the newsletter, which is available at the Senior Center and on our website.

Monday, March 4

9:00am-3:00pm: Computer Usage

10:00am-11:00am: Yoga with Trish

11:00am- Grab and Go Lunch Pick-Up

11:30 -12:30pm: Creative Writing Workshop

Tuesday, March 5

9:00am-3:00pm: Computer Usage

9:30am-10:30am: Exercise Class (\$1)

10:00am-12:00pm: Blood Pressures

11:00am-12:00pm: Exercise for Arthritis

11:00am: Grab and Go Lunch Pick-Up

12:30pm-2:30pm: Art Class with Dawn (\$5)

Wednesday, March 6

9:00am-3:00pm: Computer Usage

9:30am-10:30am: Yoga with Trish (\$5)

10:00am-12:00pm: Bereavement & Caregiver Support Group

10:30am-11:30am: Zumba with Cindy (\$5)

11:00am: Grab and Go Lunch Pick-Up

11:30-12:30pm: Tai Chi / Qi Gong with Cindy (\$5)

12:30pm-2:30pm: Charlie Card Workshop (By Appointment Only)

1:15pm-2:45pm: Italian Class

Thursday, March 7

9:00am-3:00pm: Computer Usage

9:00am-3:00pm: Medical Pedicures

9:30am-10:30am: Exercise Class (\$1)

10:30am-12:00pm: Red Hatters

Friday, March 8

9:00am-12:00pm: Computer Usage

10:00am-11:00pm: Line Dancing (\$5)

11:00am- Grab and Go Lunch Pick-Up

11:30 -12:30pm: Creative Writing Workshop

Visit the Senior Center Online for more information

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

Senior Van. The Senior Van runs Monday - Thursday from 8:45am-3pm. Reservations are on a first come, first served basis, and can be made by calling the Senior Center at least two weekdays prior to the desired date. Rides to medical appointments will be prioritized. A list of destinations and pricing is available on our website and in our newsletter.

March 2-3.

· Accessible shuttle bus service will replace Red Line trains between Broadway and Ashmont Stations on the Ashmont Branch and between Broadway and North Quincy Stations on the Braintree Branch all day from start to end of service during the weekend of March 23-24.

Free and accessible shuttle buses will make all stops between Broadway and Ashmont / North Quincy.

There will be free fares at Broadway and North Quincy stations with the fare gates open. Riders boarding Mattapan Line trolleys at Ashmont also do not have to pay a fare.

The Commuter Rail will be fare-free between Braintree, Quincy Center, JFK/UMass, and South Station during this Red Line service change. Riders should note that regular fares should be purchased beyond Braintree.

This service change is in place to allow crews to perform necessary work as part of the Dorchester Avenue Bridge Replacement Project. Originally built in 1925 and last rehabilitated in 1975, the bridge will be replaced to protect its structural integrity and ensure reliable service. When complete, this project will result in safer, more reliable Red Line service. [CN2]

· Accessible shuttle bus service will replace Red Line trains between Broadway and JFK/UMass Stations on the Ashmont Branch and between Broadway and North Quincy Stations on the Braintree Branch all day from start to end of service during the weekend of March 30-31.

Free and accessible shuttle buses will make all stops between Broadway and JFK/UMass / North Quincy.

There will be free fares at Broadway, JFK/UMass, and North Quincy stations with the fare gates open.

On the Orange Line:

- Orange Line service

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CONSERVATION COMMISSION

NOTICE is hereby given that in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 131, Section 40, Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and Winthrop Town By-Laws,

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Free and accessible shuttle buses will make all stops between Forest Hills and Ruggles.

The Commuter Rail will be fare-free between Forest Hills, Ruggles, Back Bay, and South Station. Riders should note that regular fares should be purchased beyond Forest Hills.

This service change is in place for crews to perform critical signal improvement work.

As previously announced, Orange Line service will be suspended between Jackson Square and North Station all day from start to end of service for four days from March 18-21.

Free and accessible shuttle buses will make all stops between Jackson Square and Back Bay. From Back Bay, riders can travel less than a quarter mile (about a 5-minute walk) to Copley Station on the Green Line for continued service to the downtown area and North Station.

There will be free fares at Jackson Square and Back Bay stations with the fare gates open. There will also be free fares at Copley station inbound/eastbound on the Green Line with the fare gates.

The Commuter Rail will be fare-free between Forest Hills, Ruggles, Back Bay, and South Station. Riders should note that regular fares should

be purchased beyond Forest Hills.

This service change is in place as part of the MBTA's Track Improvement Program. Crews will perform track and tie replacement work; infrastructure upgrades; station amenity upgrades like new lighting, painting, tiling, and power washing; and more

On the Kingston, Middleborough, and Greenbush Commuter Rail lines:

The Kingston, Middleborough, and Greenbush Commuter Rail lines, which run adjacent to the Red Line, will also experience service changes due to work on the Dorchester Avenue Bridge Replacement Project. Accessible shuttle bus service will replace all trains between South Station and Braintree during the following times and dates:

Beginning at approximately 8:45 PM through the end of service on Friday, March 22, and continuing all day from start to end of service during the weekend of March 23-24.

Beginning at approximately 8:45 PM through the end of service on Friday, March 29, and continuing all day from start to end of service during the weekend of March 30-31.

Accessible express shuttle bus service will operate directly between South Station and Braintree Station.

Passengers should note that bicycles are not allowed on shuttle buses, and regular Commuter Rail fares will be collected between Kingston, Mid-

dleborough, Greenbush, and Braintree Stations.

Keolis Customer Service Agents, MBTA staff, and Transit Ambassadors will be on-site at impacted stations to support riders.

The diversion schedule will be available online at mbta.com/CommuterRail.

On the Framingham/Worcester Commuter Rail Line:

Framingham/Worcester Commuter Rail Line service will be suspended between South Station and Framingham stations from start to end of service on March 2.

A dedicated diversion schedule will be in effect and available on mbta.com soon.

Free and accessible shuttle buses will replace service between South Station and Framingham.

Passengers are expected to purchase a regular subway fare and/or Commuter Rail interzone fare.

This service change allows crews to perform Automatic Train Control (ATC) work. ATC is a federally mandated safety system that sends signals to trains about potentially unsafe conditions, automatically slowing and stopping a train if needed.

On the Haverhill Commuter Rail Line:

Accessible shuttle buses are replacing Haverhill Line trains between Ballardvale and North Station during the weekends of March 9-10, March 23-24, and March 30-31. This service change allows crews to perform Automatic Train Control (ATC) work. ATC is a federally mandated safety system

that sends signals to trains about potentially unsafe conditions, automatically slowing and stopping a train if needed.

Shuttle buses will replace train service between Reading and Oak Grove where passengers can connect to Orange Line subway.

A shuttle bus will also provide service between Reading and Anderson/Woburn for connections to the Lowell Line and Haverhill Line.

The shuttle service between Reading and Oak Grove will stop in Wakefield, Greenwood, Melrose Highlands, Melrose Cedar Park, Wyoming Hill, and Oak Grove.

North Wilmington Station will not have shuttle bus service with passengers encouraged to utilize Lowell Commuter Rail Line service at Wilmington Station instead.

Train service for passengers between Ballardvale and Haverhill will be re-routed along the Lowell Line after Ballardvale, making one additional stop at Anderson/Woburn

and then running express to North Station. Riders desiring service to or from Reading and Oak Grove should disembark at Anderson/Woburn and board the shuttle bus service.

A dedicated diversion schedule will be in effect and is available on mbta.com.

On the Newburyport/Rockport Commuter Rail Line:

The entire Newburyport/Rockport Commuter Rail Line on both branches will be suspended between North Station and Newburyport and North Station and Rockport from start to end of service during the weekend of March 23-24. Service between North Station and Swampscott will also be suspended on the weekends of March 9-10 and March 30-31.

A dedicated diversion schedule will be in effect and available on mbta.com soon.

This service change allows for station improvement work at Beverly Depot station and for crews

to perform Positive Train Control (PTC) / Automatic Train Control (ATC) work. PTC/ATC is a federally mandated safety system that sends signals to trains about potentially unsafe conditions, automatically slowing and stopping a train if needed.

The MBTA previously announced service changes in February. More information is available here.

The MBTA understands how these service changes affect riders' daily travels during this period, but we are committed to improving your travels long term with more reliable, timely, and safe service. We thank riders for their patience as we deliver this important work and for continuing to ride our system.

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Switch It Up!

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

Those of us who cook have a roster of dishes we make more often than others. When you dine in or have takeout from a favorite restaurant, you probably have a few dishes you usually order. If you or your eaters find the love for a long-time favorite fading, it may be time to switch it up.

Salad Revision

We often add a favorite arugula and grilled shrimp salad to our order at Piatini on Newbury Street. Penny has made it at home several times, but it has yet to measure up to the original. She just can't duplicate the restaurant's great balsamic salad dressing. However, she made an excellent replacement salad by switching things up.

Penny replaced the shrimp with grilled sweet chili salmon, the dried cranberries with unsweetened dried cherries, and

candied pecans with roasted pecans. Finally, she created a salad dressing from the remains of the sweet chili glaze from the salmon.

It was not just delicious but seasonal with winter fruits and nuts. It was healthier, with less sugar and higher omega-3 fatty acids. It was not as expensive since it used less costly fish and pantry ingredients. We're already talking about switching up this salad for spring, summer, and fall using seasonal ingredients and seafood from farmers' markets.

Another way to change a salad like this is to take your inspiration from a different culture or food preference. It could become Asian and vegan with grilled tofu, shiitake mushrooms, crispy shalots, and a ginger sesame vinaigrette.

How Restaurants Do It

Some items stay, without change, on restaurant

menus forever and are sorely missed when they disappear, such as the legendary Hamersley's roast chicken. However, many chefs find ways to freshen their menus with seasonal flourishes.

For example, one of our neighborhood hangouts, Little Whale, keeps Ed's favorites, swordfish, and haddock, on the menu. However, as the seasons change, the sauces and sides offered with these standbys are adapted to use seasonal ingredients. This winter, a side of marble potatoes and roasted fennel, sauced with a country mustard beurre blanc, has Penny ordering swordfish and wishing that side was offered by itself.

Another option for home cooks and restaurant chefs is to change their regular menu to include seasonal ingredients intentionally. The local asparagus season is so short that we will incorporate it into our meals many



Our spicy grilled salmon, dried cherry, and pecan version of an arugula salad is a favorite busy-day meal.

times a week. We might roast it along with some chicken on a sheet pan. Sometimes, we peel it into ribbons to create a fennel and asparagus salad that we only eat in spring. In winter, we surround that chicken with roasted root vegetables.

Change something as routine as "Taco Tuesday" by brainstorming for other fillings. The taco is just the carrier for the meal. You could choose an Italian sausage, pepper, and

onion taco or a pizza taco. Consider ordering from a different taco shop if your tacos are take-out. There are dozens of discussions online about the best of any food category in the area.

Photos Are Reminders

One good thing about taking photos of our food is that we can check back at what we ate at home and when dining out this time of year. A glance at your pictures from the fall and

winter could remind you of a great truffle ravioli you had in the past.

Check your photos for meals you've enjoyed. Look at current restaurant menus that use local food well and be inspired to try a new take on an old favorite.

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

Atlantic Works Gallery to highlight new member works in March

Special to the Journal

Atlantic Works Gallery (AWG) announced that its March exhibition will be Contemporary Dialogues, a group show of three of the gallery's newest members, Richard Dorff, John Greiner-Ferris, and Joan Ryan. The exhibition examines multiple forms of artistic dialogue, and opens Saturday, March 2 with a reception from 2:00 – 6:00 p.m. and closes Saturday, March 30. There will be an AWG traditional "Third Thursday"—the gallery's friendly, cultural community get-togethers—on March 21.

Dorff is a visual artist and set designer who works in sculpture and installation, and in this exhibition his primary interest is with the space his work occupies and how that space and the objects themselves interact with one another. "By making these connections primarily through lighting and placement, objects and space create installations that extend beyond their own physical dimensions," he explained.

On Saturday, March 23 at 3:00 p.m., in conjunction with Dorff's work, Fort Point Theater Channel, where Dorff is co-ar-

tistic director, will present Stations of the XX, a work-in-progress performance piece using sound and movement.

Greiner-Ferris, a politically motivated visual artist who is informed by the theater, combines his love of images and words in assemblage. "You don't lean back in a theater seat and say, 'Entertain me.' For the actors to do their jobs well, the audience has to be just as involved as the actors to give the actors something to respond to," he said. "Nor do you walk into a gallery and just look at pictures on a wall. Pictures are something you

engage with. The worst thing I could think that could happen to my art is if someone leaves the gallery and says, 'Well, that was nice. Do you want to get some ice cream?' I want people to discuss and fight about art."

Ryan uses painting and drawing as a critical language to explore contemporary society, politics, and concepts of identity. In her most recent works, she incorporates a wide variety of images, cartoons, fairy tales, and political iconography combined with heightened color to confront the viewer at an intersection of a broad

range of cultural moments. "This junction of imagery creates dynamic interplay and peculiar juxtaposition with the past and present," she said. "We no longer live in a world of neat patterns, and my work imitates the way knowledge often comes to oneself, which is by fits and starts and indirection."

Atlantic Works Gallery Contemporary Dialogues (details)

- Show opens Saturday, March 2; reception 2:00 – 6:00 p.m.
- "Third Thursday"; March 21, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.
- Stations of the XX ;

Saturday, March 23; 3:00 p.m.

- Show closes Saturday, March 30

Atlantic Works Gallery, 80 Border Street, Boston, MA 02128, now in its twenty-first year, is an artist-run collaborative space for art and ideas located in East Boston. The gallery is open to the public every Friday and Saturday, 2:00 – 6:00 p.m. For private viewing, contact contact@atlanticworks.org. For more information, visit https://atlanticworks.org/

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