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SEN. LYDIA EDWARDS TO RECEIVE LEGISLATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD

The Massachusetts Bar Association will honor State Sen. Lydia Edwards with its Legislator of the Year Award at the MBA Annual Dinner on Thursday, May 7, at the Westin Boston Seaport District, 425 Summer St., Boston. The award recognizes state or federal legislators who have distinguished themselves in public service through outstanding contributions to the legal profession, courts and administration of justice.



State Sen. Lydia Edwards

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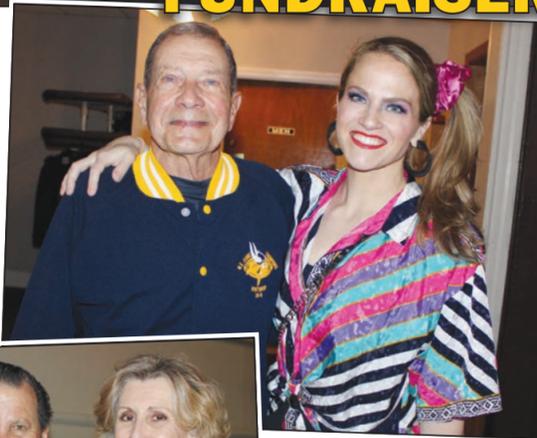
WINTHROP CHARITIES



MYSTERY DINNER FUNDRAISER

CARY SHUMAN PHOTOS

Winthrop Charities hosted a Murder Mystery Dinner Fundraiser Saturday night at the Winthrop Yacht Club. Pictured above are the cast members of the show with Debbie Oliver (far left). In the photo (right) is Mass. Hall of Fame football coach Tony Fucillo and his daughter, Jenny Fucillo Golic.



In the photo (left) are Olympic gold medalist Mike Eruzione with Jayne Cleary and Cheryl Douglas.

In the photo (below) are Jill Callinan (seated) and Jess Hurley, Jennifer Reth, Nina Hollien, Jessica Upton, John Hurley, Sunday Reth, Zach Brennan, and Ashley Brennan. See more photos on Page 6.



Town council looks at plans for 250 celebration

By Adam Swift

Town officials are looking at ways to celebrate the 250th Anniversary Celebration of America this July, possibly in conjunction with the Tall Ships coming to Boston.

"We have a meeting scheduled with MWRA to discuss upcoming plans for the arrival of the Tall Ships in July 2026," stated Town Manager Tony Marino in his most recent report to the town council. "We have some plan ideas from the last time the Tall Ships came to Boston, and we will coordinate with MWRA to ensure we take full advantage of their prime viewing location at Deer Island. We are also looking for ideas to host a 250th Anniversary Celebration of America in Winthrop."

Marino said he and Town Council President Jim Letterie were discussing the possibility of hosting an

event from July 11 to 16 to coincide with the Tall Ships' visit to Boston and were looking for a few town councilors to volunteer to help with ideas, community outreach, and event planning.

In other business in his report, Marino stated that the next update meeting on the Revere Street TIPS project will be held on Saturday, April 4 at 9 a.m. at the Senior Center.

"This meeting will include a review of work progress to date and what to expect as we enter the final phase of this project," Marino stated.

Marino also provided an update on the new fire station project.

"With the Old Middle School and Auditorium work now complete, we are working on getting the stormwater pipes moved to accommodate the new fire

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School committee provides update on teachers' contract negotiations

By Adam Swift

On Wednesday, March 18, the Winthrop School Committee held a Special Meeting to present a comprehensive counterproposal to the Winthrop Teachers Association (WTA), aimed at advancing ongoing collective bargaining negotiations. The proposal would increase staff wages by \$2.6 million and benefits by \$468,000 over the next 3 years. The presentation outlined a path forward that addresses the Union's top priorities while maintaining the fiscal stability mandated by the community's recent override.

Throughout the negotiation process, the Commit-

tee has recognized the core priorities identified by the WTA: increased compensation for veteran teachers, improved wages for ESPs, and the establishment of paid parental leave.

While both parties agree that staff deserve competitive compensation, the School Committee is focused on balancing that priority with the district's budget constraints. The WTA's March 4, 2026 proposals would increase spending by more than \$3.78 million across all units over the first three years, in addition to more than \$1.5 million in expanded benefits.

Town Council President

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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.

SUNDAY, MARCH 1

0728: A Fairview St. resident came into the station to show a video of a person opening the doors of their motor vehicle and searching the inside of the vehicle with a flashlight on the previous night. The officer filed a report.

1057: A resident came into the station to report ongoing fraud and identity theft involving his bank account. The officer filed a report.

1136: A Coral Ave. resident came into the station to report that her vehicle was struck by a hit-and-run operator. An officer went to the scene and observed a parked vehicle with matching damage. The officer contacted the owner of that vehicle, who was out of

state and who denied that anyone had been operating their vehicles. The officer filed a report.

1207: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Main St. for the civil moving infractions of speeding and a number plate violation. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1535: An officer directed the owner of a motor vehicle parked on the sidewalk on Sagamore Ave. to move the vehicle.

2100: An officer directed a person playing music loudly in their residence on Hermon St. to turn it down.

MONDAY, MARCH 2

0807: A report of a pit bull roaming on Shirley St. and defecating without anyone cleaning it up was referred to the Animal Control Officer.

0940: An officer ordered a tow for a motor vehicle with a registration revoked for insurance cancellation on Pauline St.

1233: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Hillside Ave. for the civil moving infractions of a number plate violation and operating an

unregistered motor vehicle. The officer followed the vehicle to the owner's residence and ordered it to be parked in the driveway. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

1814: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Main St. for the civil moving infractions of a lights violation and operating an unregistered motor vehicle. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator for the lights violation, but issued a citation to the owner of the vehicle, a rental car company, for the unregistered vehicle violation. The operator of the vehicle was allowed to drive the vehicle back to the car rental company at Logan Airport to switch vehicles.

TUESDAY, MARCH 3

0217: An officer issued parking tickets to vehicles without resident parking stickers on Revere St.

0701: An officer issued a parking ticket to a vehicle parked in a handicapped spot on Cutler St.

0736: An officer issued a parking ticket to a vehicle parked in the No Parking Here to Corner area on Cut-

ler St.

0949: Officers executing a search warrant at a Governors Park apartment arrested a person on a charge of illegal possession of a Class B controlled narcotic substance with intent to distribute.

1754: An officer ordered the owner of a motor vehicle blocking a driveway on Cutler St. to move the vehicle.

1822: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Shirley St. and arrested the operator for the criminal offenses of: trafficking in more than 18 grams, but less than 36 grams, of heroin; and illegal possession of cocaine with intent to distribute. The vehicle was towed.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

0705: A repossession company reported the repo of a motor vehicle.

0903: The Animal Control Officer responded to a report of a person being bitten by a dog at Beacon Circle. The officer went to the home of the dog's owner.

1852: An officer ordered the owner of a motor vehicle blocking a driveway on Nevada St. to move the vehicle.

2216: A repossession company reported the repo of a motor vehicle.

THURSDAY, MARCH 5

0101: An officer directed a person playing music loudly in their residence on Hermon St. to turn it down for the night.

0507: Officers returned to the residence on Hermon St. where music was playing loudly. The officer filed a report.

1353: An officer responded to a minor motor vehicle accident at Winthrop and Centre sts. The officer filed a report.

1451: A tow company re-

ported the trespass tow of a motor vehicle from Governors Park.

1818: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Veterans Rd. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1847: 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.

2028: An employee at Energy to Go on Shirley St. reported being assaulted by persons who took off on two motor vehicles. The officer filed a report.

FRIDAY, MARCH 6

0049: An officer issued a parking ticket to a box truck parked on Ocean View St.

0814: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Main St. for the civil moving infraction of making an improper turn. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

0903: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Pauline St. for the civil moving infraction of excessive window tint. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator, who said they had just purchased the vehicle and will have the issue corrected.

1121: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Walden St. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

1608: A report of traffic signs on the ground at Highland and Crest Aves. was referred to the DPW.

1709: An officer issued a parking ticket to a vehicle in French Sq.

1723: A Revere St. resident reported that a motor vehicle had struck a retaining wall and fled the scene. The officer filed a report.

2129: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Revere

St. for a civil moving infraction. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

2148: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Main St. for the civil moving infraction of operating without headlights after dark. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator.

2252: An officer dispersed persons in a motor vehicle from Hannaford Park, which is closed after dark.

2321: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Pleasant St. for the civil moving infraction of an equipment violation. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

SATURDAY, MARCH 7

0057: An officer stopped a motor vehicle on Main St. for the civil moving infraction of speeding. The officer issued a citation to the operator.

0133: An officer issued parking tickets to four vehicles without resident parking stickers on Revere St.

0339: An officer issued parking tickets to five vehicles without resident parking stickers on Bowdoin St.

1111: An officer stopped a motor vehicle at Main and Paine Sts. for the civil moving infraction of making an illegal left turn. The officer gave a verbal warning to the operator, who had just moved to town and was unaware of the left turn prohibition.

1551: Custodial employees reported vandalism at the high school that had occurred overnight. The matter was referred to Officer Carter.

1708: An officer stopped a moped without registration plates on Morton St. The officer allowed the operator to drive it to his home, but advised him that the next time it will be towed if the vehicle is not registered.

250th Celebration // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

station structure," he stated. "Plan design continues, and we will hold a public hearing on the design in early April 2026; date and time to be announced soon."

The DPW was also able to complete more of the coastal dune at Yirrell Beach in the past several weeks than was originally reported earlier this month.

"The DPW was able to complete approximately

500 linear feet of Coastal Dune at Yirrell Beach," Marino stated. "We will set up another meeting in the next few weeks with the neighbors who have staircases down to the beach to plan and identify the five entry points authorized in our Beach Management Plan. We are working with a vendor to get the plantings installed on the coastal dune before April 1, 2026."

Marino said the town plans to install additional coastal dune materials after Labor Day and finish the project next February or March.

Marino said that work continues on the new dispatch center for the Metro North Regional Emergency Communications Center (MNRECC) at the McKinley School in Revere.

"The MNRECC portion of this project will be \$19 Million dollars," Marino stated. "MNRECC will apply for grant monies for the coming fiscal year (FY27), apply for a bond for the remaining portion of the project, and then apply for State 911 grant funding to cover the yearly principal and interest payments. This work and the new dispatch center will host our dispatch services for Revere, Winthrop, and, most recently, Chelsea."

The town manager said the State 911 has assured the region that they are committed to the project, and that the town anticipates long-term savings with the addition of Chelsea and, hopefully, other communities to the regional dispatch center.

THE HALF COOKIE, BAKEHOUSE AND ESPRESSO BAR OPENS IN MICHAELS MALL



The Half Cookie, Bakehouse and Espresso Bar located at Michaels Mall held its grand opening this past Saturday. shown are owners Danielle Velez, Manuel Velez, daughters Audrey, Olivia, with town dignitaries Senator Lydia Edwards, Rep Jeff Turco, Council President Jim Letterie, Councilors Kim Dimes, Kurt Millar, chamber members Justin Kopec and Chamber President Sheryl Queen. We wish you much success. Welcome to Winthrop.

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nerable. She was raised all over the world by her military mom but chose to make East Boston her home.

Prior to being elected to the State Senate and Boston City Council, Edwards worked extensively in the legal field. She worked as a public interest attorney with Greater Boston Legal Services, focusing on labor issues such as fighting for access to unemployment insurance, back wages, and fair treatment for domestic workers, and combating human trafficking.

Edwards coordinated a statewide campaign to pass the Domestic Workers Bill of Rights — and she won. Following the bill's passage, she was named Bos-

tonian of the Year, Honorable Mention, by the Boston Globe. In February 2023, Edwards was named chair of the Joint Housing Committee and led the passage of the Affordable Homes Act, which included policies like eviction record-sealing, accessory dwelling units as a right for homeowners, the creation of a Fair Housing Office, and \$5.4 billion in bonds to address Massachusetts' housing crisis.

In March 2025, for the 194th legislative session, she was named chair of the Joint Committee on the Judiciary, overseeing matters related to crimes, penalties, sentencing, criminal records, judicial appointments and court administration.

In addition to her role as a state senator, she serves as a captain in the Massachusetts National Guard, working as a judge advocate general, where she addresses military legal matters.

"As chair of the Joint Committee on the Judiciary, Sen. Edwards has brought the same commitment to fairness and justice that defined her much-heralded work as a legal aid attorney," said MBA Chief Legal Counsel and Chief Operating Officer Martin W. Healy. "We are proud to present her with the MBA's Legislator of the Year Award in recognition of her selfless service to the people of this commonwealth."

WPS Kindergarten Screening 2026-27

Please complete this form by **Friday, April 24, 2026** to sign up your child for a screening appointment for Kindergarten in the Winthrop Public Schools. All children must be residents of Winthrop, MA and be 5 years old before September 1, 2026 in order to be eligible.



After completing the form, you will also need to complete the online pre-registration using the code at left. You will be contacted by the school to schedule an appointment for Kindergarten screening. Screenings will be held May 4-8, 2026.

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One quarter of North Atlantic right whale population seen in southern New England waters in last six weeks

Special to the Transcript

The ocean waters off southern New England continue to see high North Atlantic right whale activity, with the New England Aquarium documenting over a quarter of the population in the last six weeks.

Scientists in the Aquarium's Anderson Cabot Center for Ocean Life regularly conduct aerial surveys south of Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket to collect data on whales, dolphins, turtles, and other marine species. The team flew six surveys in this area between Feb. 5 and March 18 and photo-

graphed over 115 unique right whales during that period, collaborating with another aerial survey team at the NOAA Northeast Fisheries Science Center to document the aggregation. Right whales can be individually identified through unique markings on their heads called callosities, which are visible in the photographs researchers capture and match to images in the North Atlantic Right Whale Catalog. On the March 2 survey flight alone, observers sighted over 70 right whales, marking the highest number of individual right whales the New

England Aquarium has photographed in a single day since it began survey flights here in 2011. The scientists noted that the whales were likely feeding deep below the surface, which indicates that food may be abundant south of Massachusetts, especially in the Nantucket Shoals area.

"Seeing this many right whales in one area has been incredibly exciting for our team and marks one of the busiest seasons we've ever had," said Katherine McKenna, an Associate Scientist on the aerial survey team. "Our recent surveys high-

light the Nantucket Shoals as an important habitat for a significant portion of the population."

Most of the documented right whales are adults, which is typical for this time of year in southern New England. Of the 31 adult females seen, 17 are known to be calving females. Among them was "Calvin" (Catalog #2223), a 34-year-old female who the Aquarium sighted last year in the same survey area. Calvin illustrates the resiliency of this critically endangered species: She was orphaned as an 8-month-old calf, has endured eight entanglements in fishing gear, and has given birth to four calves of her own.

Another notable whale seen this past month is "the Irish whale" who made headlines in 2025. This right whale, who hasn't yet been entered into the North Atlantic Right Whale Catalog, was first sighted in Ireland in 2024 and then again in Cape Cod Bay last year.

The most recent sighting marks just one of the few times researchers have ever documented it.

The winter/spring season is the peak time of year for right whale sightings in southern New England waters.

"We have seen right whales in southern New England waters year after year, and they are extremely vulnerable to fishing gear entanglements and vessel strikes," said Orla O'Brien, Research Scientist in the Aquarium's Anderson Cabot Center who leads the aerial surveys. "This area has seasonal fishing restrictions in place, yet right whales still face risks from vessel strikes without mandatory speed restrictions to protect them."

The Aquarium's February aerial surveys triggered a dynamic management area (DMA) or voluntary Slow Zone, which urges mariners to slow down to 10 knots or less to prevent collisions

with whales, and repeated sightings have extended the DMA. The latest DMA is in effect until March 27, one of several active voluntary slow zones from Massachusetts to Maryland due to right whale sightings. Alongside entanglement in fishing gear, vessel strikes are one of the leading causes of injuries and deaths for this species, which numbers about 380 individuals, making it critical that vessels slow down to the recommended speed.

The New England Aquarium is a nonprofit research and conservation organization that has protected and cared for our ocean and marine animals for more than 55 years. We provide science-based solutions and help shape policies that create measurable change to address threats the ocean faces. We inspire action through discovery and help create engaged, resilient communities.



NEW ENGLAND AQUARIUM, UNDER NMFS PERMIT #25739

Several North Atlantic right whales in a surface active group on Feb. 28, 2026.

Negotiations // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Jim Letterie was on hand to provide an overview of the town's budget and the fiscal framework in which the Committee is working. The School Committee has reiterated that any new agreement must maintain long-term district stability without jeopardizing current staffing levels or student programs.

The Committee presented its counterproposals across the nearly 58 items currently under negotiation, including:

Annual Salary Increases: Three distinct salary advancement options were proposed for both the ESP and Teacher units with an emphasis on the top steps, where 50-70% of staff will be over the course of the contract.

Paid Parental Leave: A new, district-funded paid parental leave benefit that includes both birthing and non-birthing parents.

On its website, the School Committee has published a detailed presentation outlining the current proposals, the financial parameters of the district budget, frequently asked questions, and the structural impact of the recent override.

Community members are encouraged to review the full informational deck and track the status of negotiations by visiting: <https://www.winthrop.k12.ma.us/about/school-committee/collective-bargaining>

The Committee will continue to share updates as negotiations progress and remains committed to frequent meetings with the Union to move the process forward.

The School Committee expressed appreciation for the community's continued engagement throughout the negotiation process.

The WTA provided a statement in response to the

school committee's update on the negotiations.

"The WTA's goals remain the same as it has been for the past year. The fact is that we need to reach fair agreements as soon as possible," the statement read. "We are now 200 plus days without a new contract. We have educators in our school making little more than \$20,000 per year. We have a parental leave policy that is negligible, and is unfair for many new parents. Too many teachers are leaving Winthrop every year for other districts that pay veteran teachers higher wages."

"We've presented the School Committee with a path towards settling our contracts, and we will continue to work with them to address these issues. We are committed to put in the work to settle a contract that our schools and members deserve."

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OUR Opinions

CLIMATE NEWS JUST KEEPS GETTING WORSE

A little while back, we wrote in this space that it seemed likely that climate change would accelerate even beyond scientists' worst-case scenarios. It was clear -- even to non-scientists such as ourselves -- that the negative effects on our environment caused by climate change were creating a positive feedback loop: global warming causes damage, which in turn causes more warming.

For example, as the tundra in the Arctic regions thaws, it releases methane and carbon (which had been trapped in the frozen earth for thousands of years) into the atmosphere, which then makes the planet even warmer, and thus leads to even faster thawing of the tundra.

Similarly, as the world's glaciers begin to melt at the poles, this process leads to even more warming of the oceans (because the exposed darker oceans absorb more solar heat), which in turn leads to even more ice-melt.

In short, it was only common sense, we wrote at the time, that these positive feedback loops inevitably would speed up the process of climate change.

Well, last week, amidst the news of a record-warm winter in Colorado, the record-shattering heat wave in California, and the record floods in Hawaii, it was reported that scientists seem to have reached a consensus that climate change is indeed accelerating faster than expected.

Some scientists had predicted that climate change would result in this sort of crazy weather. We remember a column written by the great New York Times writer Thomas Friedman almost 20 years ago in which he interviewed a climate scientist who said that "global warming" (which was the catchall phrase back then) was a bit of a misnomer.

Rather, Friedman's expert put another term on it -- "global weirding" -- to describe how the effects of climate change would pop up in ways that would prove to be completely beyond what humankind ever had experienced.

Friedman wrote: "I prefer the term 'global weirding,' coined by Hunter Lovins, co-founder of the Rocky Mountain Institute, because the rise in average global temperature is going to lead to all sorts of crazy things -- from hotter heat spells and droughts in some places, to colder cold spells and more violent storms, more intense flooding, forest fires and species loss in other places."

According to last week's Times, this prediction is exactly what has come to pass, according to another expert:

"Things are getting really outside of what humans have ever seen," said Friederike Otto, a professor of climate science at Imperial College London. "Almost every part of the world is experiencing these extreme events."

This is all bad enough, but there is no indication that the world's carbon emissions, which are responsible for climate change, are declining. Although carbon emissions in the United States have been flat for the past 25 years, emissions worldwide have doubled and continue to grow each and every year, driven by rapid industrialization elsewhere. The U.S. could become carbon-neutral tomorrow and it would only make a small dent -- about 16 percent -- in reducing global emissions.

In short, the most recent climate news brings to mind the title of a 1987 song by R.E.M. The song has nothing to do with climate change, but seems appropriate for what is coming: "It's the end of the world as we know it."

BOB TRAV AND OBAMACARE

Dear Editor,

As April 13th approaches, the Commonwealth prepares to celebrate one of the most important and historically meaningful legislations in Massachusetts's history, specifically the 2006 groundbreaking landmark healthcare law, officially known as Chapter 58 and its Health Connector, and which has become known at the federal level and universally as Obamacare.

At the time I was busy at the State House, engaged with Transportation issues, and remember the intense activity concerned with the proposed healthcare law which seemed to override all other issues. Senator Ted Kennedy was putting pressure on the legislature to pass the bill to be the foundation of the federal version of the law, while a host of state legislators were debating over the final version of the State Law when the Senate President, Robert Travaglini representing East Boston, Revere and Winthrop, took personal com-

mand of the historic issue, gave it the highest legislative priority and oversaw every aspect of the bill's approval process up to and including Governor Mitt Romney's signature.

There will surely be many notable and deserving dignitaries present at the April 13 Faneuil Hall event celebrating 20 years of the landmark Massachusetts healthcare law. None will be more deserving than former Senate President Robert Travaglini, Obamacare's savior.

Thank you.

John Vitagliano

ON CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS

Dear Editor,

I am writing this letter as a means of sharing information with Winthrop residents regarding the ongoing contract negotiation for members of the Winthrop Teachers Association.

At the time of print, members of the Winthrop Teachers Association members will have worked more than 150 days without a contract. Some progress has been

made but other differences have yet to be resolved.

Facts you should know:

- The override last spring was not for teacher wages/increases, but to keep the schools only level funded to cover the cost of running the schools

- Winthrop Public Schools are ranked 218th out of 219 districts across Massachusetts for teacher retention. New teachers are learning how to be great teachers and then taking their skills to other districts for more money/better benefits and are unable to afford to live and work in Winthrop

- Currently some of our ESP (education support personnel) are making \$21,000 per school year while working to help our most vulnerable students, and the highest earning ESP making \$35,700 (with a Bachelor Degree). The most recent proposal from the school committee would have Winthrop ESPs paid 18% lower than any other surrounding district.

- Surrounding school districts provide (or will provide soon) at least two weeks of paid parental

leave following the birth of a child, Winthrop provides zero paid days.

As a Winthrop homeowner and tax payer, I understand that the town budget is limited by its size and lack of commercial income, but my concern for our students are drawn from the published comments in the Winthrop Pilot of Jim Letterie, the Town Council President, basically telling teachers that we can find work in other school districts if we don't like it here. No other union - Police, Fire, Town Hall Employees - in Winthrop appear to be treated with such disrespect when it comes to bargaining.

I'm writing because of my heartfelt concern that many good teachers -- in the absence of a meaningful pursuit of resolution -- will take Mr. Letterie's advice to heart. The children of Winthrop deserve to learn in a respectful environment with teachers who feel valued and respected as well.

Regards

Elizabeth Donovan
WMS Teacher

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 March 26, 2016

The Board of Health has ramped up its regulations pertaining to the keeping of chickens and bees and plans to present them to the town's Ordinance Review Committee for review. Board of Health member Tracy Honan spent most of the time on the regulations.

Representatives of the East Boston Neighborhood Health Center (EBNHC) made an appearance at Monday night's School Committee meeting to discuss the possibility of establishing a clinic in the new high school/middle school. The clinic would be designed to provide comprehensive health care, physicals, immunizations, treatment for sports injuries, and to address behavioral issues for students who attend the school. "The clinic that we recently opened at East Boston High School has been very successful," said EBNHC's Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Jackie Santis.

My Big Fat Greek Wedding 2 is playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

20 years ago March 30, 2006

The School Committee voted 6-0 to approve a budget of \$17,054,968. School Committee chairperson Pat Milano said the budget, which still must be approved by the Town Council, will restore many of the cuts made in school programs over the past few years.

The School Committee gave high marks to School Supt. Mark Jenkins in its annual evaluation of the superintendent.

The Winthrop CASA group will hold a public meeting at Town Hall Tuesday to raise awareness of the dangers of underage drinking.

She's The Man, Madea's Family Reunion, and Ice Age: The Meltdown are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

30 years ago April 4, 1996

School Committee member Gerald Ogun handily won election to the Board of Selectmen, receiving 1986 votes to 395 for former selectman Henry O'Connell and political newcomer Thomas Donovan in Monday's annual town election. Ogun will replace longtime selectman Robert Noonan, who chose not to seek re-election. In the contest for School Committee, incumbent Nancy O'Malley topped the voting with 1600 votes, but fellow incumbent Steve Machcinski was defeated by newcomer Rick Roberts. Frank Daloia finished fourth. In the battle for Tree Warden, Dawn Osborne handily defeated incumbent John Dowd, 1313-775. Town Clerk Paul Dawson reported that only 25.8 percent of voters turned out for the town election.

Winthrop State Rep. Robert DeLeo has indicated he will be supporting Ways and Means Chairman Thomas Fineran for the post of Speaker of the House over Chelsea State Rep. Richard A. Voke, the Majority Leader. DeLeo and Fineran were classmates at Boston Latin High School. Voke reportedly has the support of a majority of Democrats, but Fineran may be able to obtain the support of House Republicans to defeat Voke.

Police Chief Thomas Shamshak has interviewed candidates for the nine open spots in the Police Dept. The vacancies were created because of members of the department leaving Winthrop for other cities and towns that pay more than Winthrop. Lieut. Mike McManus, Sgt. Joe Ryan, and Fr. Don Milligan assisted Shamshak in the interview process.

Oliver and Company, Sgt. Bilko, and Fargo are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

40 years ago April 9, 1986

A low turnout and no surprises marked Monday's annual town election. Incumbent selectman Ron Vecchia with 1683 votes easily defeated challengers John Van Dalinda, a former selectman (564 votes), and Richard DiMento (458 votes). In other contests, Noel Bolger won election to the Board of Assessors, defeating Daniel R. McCarthy, and Rick Lombardi defeated Robert DeBonis for a seat on the Planning Board.

Two men in a blue sedan committed an armed robbery with a knife at the Texaco station at 9 p.m. April 1. The very next day, the same gas station was hit again by an armed robbery, this time with the robber carrying a handgun.

The Money Pit, Pretty in Pink, and Down and Out in Beverly Hills are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

50 years ago April 7, 1976

Incumbent selectman Dick Dimes turned back a strong challenge by Arthur Cayon to win re-election by a vote of 2777-2194 in Monday's annual town election. In the School Committee contest, incumbents Richard Gill and Roland Fluet both were re-elected.

Tony Barrasso of 46 Bartlett Parkway is the new Exalted Ruler of the local Elks.

Bishop Thomas V. Daily will confirm a class of 227 eighth grade boys and girls at St. John the Evangelist Church on April 9.

School Committeeman Donald Clayman has criticized the budget released by Gov. Michael Dukakis which reduces Chapter 70 funding for local schools, with Winthrop seeing a cut from \$1,224,863 to a new figure of \$829,50.

Police Sgt. Angelo LaMonica, who was off-duty at the time, thwarted a robbery at Rand's Jewelers in the Centre Thursday night

when LaMonica heard the sound of breaking glass and notified the police station. He then took off after the suspects in his own vehicle.

A group of WHS juniors and seniors is headed to France this week for a school trip.

Young Frankenstein is playing at the Kincade Theatre.

60 years ago April 7, 1966

Town Meeting appointed two study committees at its fourth session Monday evening, one to study a town manager form of government, the other to study the creation of an executive secretary position to the Board of Selectmen.

Bright and industrious WHS junior Steve Martinez has won first place in the annual Winthrop High Science Fair with his project, Modulation of Light by Sound.

A press release from the Bermuda Dept. of Tourism reports that Linda Finestone of Winthrop, a student at Boston University, is among the thousands of U.S. college students enjoying Bermuda College Weeks from March 20-April 17.

Ursula Andress stars in She at the Winthrop Theatre.

70 years ago April 5, 1956

In an unprecedented session of Town Meeting Wednesday night, members managed to act on only two of the 64 articles remaining from the original 94-article town warrant because of heated discussion on the matters regarding the relocation and laying out of Walden St., and its acceptance as a town way, and related articles pertaining to its use and zoning. The debate took up the entire session, with the heart of the issue being whether the town should appropriate the \$40,000 needed to construct the road, which would run

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Preliminary school budget to be presented to school committee subcommittee this week

By Adam Swift

The 2026-27 school budget and the status of several district grants were the focal point of Monday night's school committee meeting.

Superintendent of Schools Lisa Howard outlined the budget process for the coming weeks as the school committee subcommittees get ready to meet on a proposed Fiscal Year 2027 budget. She also discussed how the MBTA 3A Communities Act has and could continue to affect several grants, including the 21st Century Grant, which provides funding for after-school student programming in Winthrop.

"The preliminary projected budget is drafted and almost ready for the budget subcommittee to meet and discuss," said Howard. "In this draft you will receive, all the salaries have been updated in terms of steps and lanes as we know of it right now. All the expenses have been reviewed and updated."

Howard said the district looked at the FY26 expenditures and where the district is looking at cost increases for certain contracts has been updated.

"All of the new mandatory special education items such as staffing, tuition, transportation cost projections, service contracts, and general expenditures have also been updated," said Howard.

One big factor in the budget revolves around the currently unresolved budget negotiations with four bargaining units.

"Given the state of contract negotiations not being settled right now for teachers, ESPs, nurses, and secretaries; similar to what we did in past years, we've created a contingency line with dollars in that contingency line," said Howard. "We will be updating that over the next couple of days based on our last offer to make sure that we are in line with what those increases may be. We cannot put them in the salary line yet because we have not established what those salary tables will look like, but we do have a projected figure, and I will share that with the subcommittee."

As of Monday, Howard said she was looking to have the budget subcommittee meet on Thursday, March 26 with a second meeting scheduled for Wednesday, April 1.

Moving forward, Howard said there will need to be a public hearing on the budget at a school committee meeting that will likely take place in early April.

The next step after the public hearing would be for the school committee to vote on a budget, and then the budget would be brought to the town's finance commission on May 14.

"Typically, it is me that does the presentation to the finance commission," said Howard. "They ask questions about the budget; their job is to make a recommendation to the town council. They will likely have me come in twice this year; our budget is the largest budget in the town and it takes an awful lot of time to go

through it."

After the finance commission to the town council on the total allocation of funds for the FY27 budget, the town council will vote on the budget. The budget then goes back to the school committee for a final vote and that becomes the budget for FY27, Howard said.

Howard also gave the school committee on where the district stands on a number of grants, including the 21st Century Grant which helps fund afterschool programs in the district. She said Winthrop is rated as an exemplary district in the program, yet it was not awarded a supplemental grant award to help fund programs during the summer, as well as supplemental funds to help students with special needs. Howard said those supplemental amounts totaled about \$26,000.

The superintendent also noted that she has gone through a frustrating process trying to find out from the state department of education ties the grant to compliance with the MBTA 3A Communities Act, with the application process for the next three-year round of grant funding for the program ongoing.

"I reached out to the associate commissioner of student and family support at the Department of Education on Friday and she was sorry and sad to tell me the reason that grant had not been reviewed is because one of the criteria to apply for the grant is you have to be a community that is recognized as being compliant with 3A," said Howard.

"As you can imagine, I had many questions about why 3A would have anything to do with students who can't vote and don't have input into that process. Why would the Department of Education, who is asking us to move students forward and support mental health and keep kids safe after school, why would they be putting handcuffs on us for a decision that students can't make and that's not really tied to public education in that context."

Howard said grants are never guaranteed, and that if the district is eligible for the 21st Century Grant in FY27, it will apply for the grant, and if it is not, it will not apply.

"It's a tremendous amount of work to write that grant," said Howard.

Overall, between discretionary competitive grants and entitlement grants, Howard said the district typically gets about \$1 million per year from those funding sources.

"You wonder why somebody focuses so much on grants, the Winthrop public schools relies heavily on over \$1 million in grants," said Howard. "So when you take one grant away, the majority of our grants supplement staff in the schools, so when you take the salary out, the salary goes away and typically the person will go away."

Town Council President Jim Letterie said both state Representative Jeff Turco and state Senator Lydia Edwards have been made aware of the issue with the 21st Century Grant.

OBITUARIES

Annie "Nancy" Kilmartin

Her life was a testament to faith, family, gratitude, and quiet strength, and she will be deeply missed and forever remembered.

Annie M. "Nancy" (Staunton) Kilmartin, 90, passed away peacefully in North Andover on March 18, 2026, surrounded by the love of her family. Though she resided in North Andover most recently, Winthrop always remained her true home and the place closest to her heart.

Born June 12, 1935, in Galway, Ireland, Nancy was the beloved daughter of the late John and Mary (Kelly) Staunton. She immigrated to the United States as a teenager, carrying with her a deep pride in her Irish heritage that remained a defining part of her life.

Nancy was the beloved wife of the late John Kilmartin, with whom she shared 47 years of marriage. She was the devoted mother of John and his wife Adriana, Maureen and her husband James, Robert, Anne-Marie, and Kevin. She was the proud and loving grandmother of Stephanie, Michael, Brian, Elizabeth, Thomas, Jason, Grania, and Aidan, and cherished great-grandmother of Alexis. Nothing brought her greater happiness than her family.

Nancy is also survived by her siblings, Andrew and his wife Dell, Maureen, Una and her husband Jerry, Bridgit and her husband John, and Bernadette along with many nieces and nephews and cousins in both the United States and Ireland.

Nancy worked for various organizations throughout her career including the Boston Police Department, MWRA, CRW Homecare. Later in life she returned to school, something she was very proud to have accomplished. She was an active member and daily communicant of St. John the Evangelist for as long as possible. She was a long-time member of the Winthrop Catholic Womens Club, Friends of Belle Isle Marsh,



and the Winthrop Historical Society, always giving her time generously and forming lasting friendships.

Nancy had a wonderful sense of humor and a grateful spirit. She was known for her warm laugh, her positive outlook, and her frequent reminder that she always felt blessed. While she joked that cooking was not her favorite activity, she truly loved traveling and was fortunate to see the world, creating memories and stories she loved to share.

Above all else, Nancy will be remembered for her deep faith, her strength, her kindness, and the love she gave so freely to her family and friends. Her Irish roots, her resilience, and her joyful spirit will remain a lasting legacy to all who knew her.

The funeral was conducted from the Caggiano-O'Maley-Frazier Funeral Home, Winthrop on Monday, March 23 followed by a funeral mass in St. John the Evangelist Church. Services concluded with the interment in Holy Cross Cemetery, Malden.

Nancy's family finds comfort in knowing she is reunited with her beloved John and those who went before her. Her life was a testament to faith, family, gratitude, and quiet strength, and she will be deeply missed and forever remembered.

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

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between Pauline and Lincoln Sts.

State Senator Andrew P. Quigley has filed a bill to establish a committee to study whether jet aircraft should be abolished at Logan Airport. Quigley said that the ever-increasing noise from jet aircraft is causing residents from Winthrop and other surrounding areas to leave those communities.

More than 250 parishioners of St. John the Evangelist Church were on hand for the observance to honor the 40th anniversary of the ordination into the priesthood of Msgr. Aloysius Finn, the church's pastor.

The eighth dance of the season for teens sponsored by the Recreation Commission will be held Friday night in the junior high gymnasium.

Academy Award winner Anna Magnani and Burt Lancaster star in The Rose Tattoo at the Winthrop Theatre.

80 years ago April 4, 1946

Malvern Buchanan, chairman of the local Red Cross campaign, reports that the town has exceeded its quota of \$6600 by \$1700. He said that 61 percent of the funds raised will stay in the treasury of the Winthrop Red Cross chapter.

Gervaise "Gerry" Carlz is the new Exalted Ruler of the local Elks.

Ray Milland stars in The Lost Weekend at the Winthrop and State Theatres.

90 years ago March 28, 1936

Town Meeting members voted last week to purchase the former Unitarian Church building on Hermon St. for \$2000. Church members voted to donate the proceeds from the sale,

after paying off the balance of \$595 left on the mortgage, to the Winthrop Community Hospital and the Unitarian Society. They also voted to give the organ to the Masonic fraternity. Even though their church has been sold, members of the church will continue to meet in their homes.

Town Meeting members voted a loud, "No!" on the article that would have permitted sports activities to be conducted on Sundays. Thus, local yachtsmen, golfers, tennis players, etc., presumably will be in violation of the town by-law.

Town Meeting appropriated \$10,000 as Winthrop's share of the project to dredge the channels approaching the Cottage Park and Pleasant Park yacht clubs. The state will pay 75 percent of the \$40,000 total cost of the project. The fill from the dredging will be used at Ingleside Park, which for many years has been a problem for the town because of its original swampy nature.

Town Meeting voted to delay for a year taking up the matter of an appropriation for showers and locker room facilities for girls at the senior high school.

Paul Muni stars in The Louis Pasteur Story at the Winthrop and State Theatres.

100 years ago April 3, 1926

Palm Sunday was observed fittingly at St. John the Evangelist Church, where the Rev. John T. O'Brien blessed palms before 7 a.m. and then gave Communion to 500 worshippers at the 7 a.m. Mass. All subsequent masses were filled to capacity.

Firefighters subdued a fire in the Court Park home of

State Rep. Edgar Power, but not before the blaze caused more than \$5000 worth of damage. Rep. Power praised the quick work of firefighters who raised a ladder to a second floor window to enable Power to retrieve some important papers.

Rudolph Valentino stars in Cobra at the Winthrop and Dream Theatres.

110 years ago April 8, 1916

A man posing as a Secret Service agent tried to convince the authorities at Ft. Banks that a German spy was in their midst. However, the man soon was found out and was brought to the local police station, where he was kept for the night to sleep off his drunkenness. Judge Stewart found the man guilty of the crime of public drunkenness the next day and sentenced him to 10 days in jail.

The Mass. Humane Society has honored former Tree Warden Millard Smith for his rescue this past Christmas of the two young Winthrop youths who were caught in a howling gale in the harbor and who became stranded on Apple Island.

A grass fire started by a group of boys almost engulfed the Baptist Church before it was extinguished by the Fire Dept.

Charles Hatch, the proprietor of the Winthrop Theatre, will hold a monster program next week to observe the first anniversary of the opening of his beautiful playhouse. Hatch initially purchased the Dream Theatre at the Beach and now his \$40,000 investment in the new theatre in the Centre has brought one of the best theatres of its kind in the state to our town.

120 years ago April 7, 1906

The Quest and Question Club held its 14th meeting of the season at the home of Mrs. Hay on Crest Ave. Tuesday afternoon. The club, the oldest in our town, is in its 12th year.

Preparations for the annual Easter celebration are underway in the churches throughout Winthrop.

130 years ago April 4, 1896

Easter services will be held in the town's Unitarian, Methodist, Episcopal, and Catholic churches Sunday.

Fifteen new students were in attendance at the Pauline St. school when schoolhouses in the town reopened Monday.

The Whist Party at the War Veterans Hall Friday evening was a great success.

140 years ago April 9, 1886

Sales of real estate at the Beach area have come to a standstill because of the uncertainty over the sewage issue in that part of the town.

Mr. Frost reports that of the 40 students enrolled in the high school, only 29 were in attendance last week because of colds.

Workmen digging up Hermon St. for a street project last week were horrified to discover a human skeleton. Kitchen implements were found around the skeleton, which is believed to have been the remains of an Indian.

Mission Work in China was the theme of the Methodist Society's lecture Sunday evening.

The newly-formed Board of Health, whose members were elected at the last town election, have formulated their first official set of regulations.

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CAPACITY CROWD ATTENDS WINTHROP CHARITIES' MYSTERY DINNER FUNDRAISER

Mike Eruzione packed the house at Lake Placid in 1980 and he packed them in Saturday night at the Winthrop Yacht Club.

Eruzione, forever the Olympic gold medal-winning captain and hometown sports hero, and his wife, Donna Eruzione, led the Winthrop Murder Mystery Dinner to support the family's Winthrop Charities organization.

The dinner, which drew a capacity crowd, came on the skates [heels] of Team USA's scintillating victory over Canada in the Winter Olympics in Italy. Jack

Hughes' golden goal served to enhance the magnitude of Eruzione's winning goal 46 years ago versus the Soviet Union. Throughout the recent Olympics, Eruzione was besieged by autograph seekers in Italy and a was a guest on television shows seen by millions worldwide.

Eruzione delivered the welcoming remarks Saturday night, noting that the charity had its roots when he won \$250,000 on the "Who Wants To Be A Millionaire?" show hosted by Regis Philbin.

The Eruzione family has donated hundreds of thou-

sands of dollars through Winthrop Charities to a number of local causes, including the schools for defibrillators, scholarships, and athletic and local families in need during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. Winthrop Charities has also answered the call for national causes as well.

Guests enjoyed a marvelous buffet dinner by Brett Henry Catering of Nahant. Several guests wore 1980s-themed attire.

Eruzione thanked the following sponsors: Sailloft- Jamie Tipping



Mike Eruzione delivers the welcoming remarks on behalf of Winthrop Charities.

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The only question to be answered from this spectacular evening of food, mystery, and fun: Who was the best athlete in the room?

Was it the gold medalist Mike Eruzione himself, NHL Canucks and Bruins alumnus Dale Dunbar, BU

Quarterback, Jimmy English, multi-sporter Mike Norris, Hall of Fame football coach and Cincinnati pro hockey player Tony Fucillo, Notre Dame's Jenny Fucillo Golic, all-time Winthrop Little League home run king Jarrett Herdt, the immensely talented Paul Ferrara, track star Colleen Kinsella, or the Lally sisters, Kim (Paulson) and Elizabeth (Ferrara)?

No, we're going with Vinnie Eruzione, a three-sport (football, hockey, and baseball) Division 1 athlete at the College of Holy Cross and now the director of athletics at Curry College.



Mary LaMarra and Debbie DiPasquale.



WHS assistant hockey coach Mike Norris and Kathy Norris.



John Garrow and Lauren Garrow.



Event hosts and leaders of Winthrop Charities, Mike Eruzione and Donna Eruzione.



TONY SHUMAN PHOTOS
Tony Fucillo and Mike Norris.



The Eruzione Family, Tim Callinan, LeighAnn Eruzione, Mike Eruzione, Donna Eruzione, Paul Eruzione, Marissa Eruzione, Megan Eruzione, and Michael Eruzione Jr.



Seated are Claudia English and Priscilla Dunbar. Standing are Jimmy English, Mike Norris, Kathy Norris, Dale Dunbar, Kenny Streeter and Koren Streeter.



These guests had a great time at the Winthrop Charities Murder Mystery Dinner at the Winthrop Yacht Club.



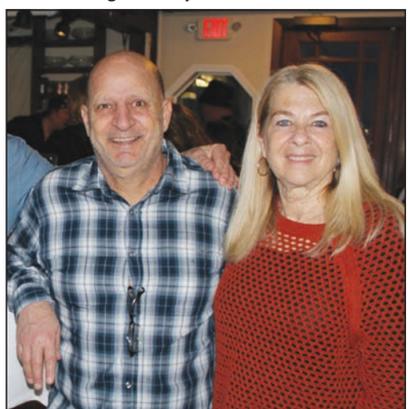
Seated are Dan Spinale, Mary Spinale, Jillian Bordonari, Charlie Bordonaro, and Ryan Mackenzie. Standing are Tony Titmore, Stacie Mackenzie, Elizabeth Ferrara, and Paul Ferrara.



Elaine Doris, Sharon Goodwin, Winthrop Police Chief John Goodwin, and Revere Police Lt. Rob Impemba.



Neil Gould, Mary LaMarva, Andrea Chaklos and Brian Chaklos.



Vinnie Eruzione and Anne Eruzione.



Paul Eruzione, Vincent Crossman, Rocco Festa, and Crystal Sweeney.



From left, Mark Paulson, Kim Paulson, Jarrett Herdt, Nicole Herdt, Jilane Previte, Chris Previte, Jess Murphy, and Ryan Murphy.



Seated are Jessica McCollom, Lindsey Sadler, and Meghan Hanson. Standing are Teresa Dankner, Michelle Rich, Jill Callinan, Tami Boncore, and Toni Titmore.

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Sports

CONGRATULATIONS, WINTHROP U-10 STATE CHAMPIONS



The Winthrop Squirt AA team from Winthrop Youth Hockey, took home the State Championship Title for the 2nd year in a row.

The players on the team, Sofia Beutel, Briac Cadigan, Axe Crane, Catherine DiMento, Sienna Dougherty, Alexia Graygor, Jayven Harris, Mario Marengi, Becket McDonough, Mia McFarland, Adeline Morris, Sloane Morris, Vincent Wisniewski, Thomas Wright and Andrew Yang were led by Head Coach Mike DiMento and Assistant Coaches Tyson Graygor, Matt Crane, Rob McFarland and Gemma DiMento. This team won all 4 games in Marlborough MA at the New England Sports Center.

- Friday vs Saugus/Lynnfield (won 2-6)
- Saturday vs Wilmington (won 5-3)
- Saturday vs Melrose (won 0-5) Thomas Wright in Net had a shutout!

Winthrop became the #1 Seed and played Sunday vs the #2 seed, Melrose (won 2-4). Players Sofia Beutel, Catherine DiMento, Alexia Graygor, Jayven Harris, Mario Marengi and Andrew Yang are 2nd year Champs along with Coaches Mike DiMento and Tyson Graygor.

WHS SPORTS ROUNDUP

WHS SOFBALL OPENS SEASON TUESDAY

The Winthrop High softball team is set to open its 2026 season this coming Tuesday (March 31) with a contest against non-league opponent Hamilton-Wen-

ham. The season-opening pitch at the Lady Vikings' new softball field at Ingleside Park is set for 4:00.

"We are so excited that the season is here and the girls have already started putting in the work," said WHS head coach Erin Ver-cruysee, whose 2026 edi-

tion will be led by a pair of junior captains, Francesca Indrisano and Sofia Gonzalez. "We have a new home at Ingleside Park and we are excited to finally get to play on a regulation softball field," said Ver-cruysee, alluding to the former long-time home field for the Lady

Viking softball program at the Winthrop Little League field. "Our team is ready to step up to show that they've

more than earned it."

The Lady Vikings are returning a solid nucleus from last year's squad, led

by their ace starting pitcher, sophomore Lucy Boncore,

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Mass. House passes fair share supplemental budget

Special to the Transcript

The Massachusetts House of Representatives today passed a \$1.8 billion supplemental budget that invests \$885 million in public transportation and \$417 million in public education, and funds several Fiscal Year 2026 (FY26) deficiencies. The bill passed today also includes the tax conformity legislation filed by Governor Healey that delays the state's alignment with the corporate tax changes passed by Congress in the OB3 Act last year.

"From significant investments in public transportation and public education, to support for DTA caseworkers and expenses related to the World Cup, to fiscally prudent tax conformity measures – this legislation is representative of the responsible approach that the House will continue to take as we navigate a period of significant economic uncertainty," said House Speaker Ronald J. Mariano (D-Quincy). "I want to thank Chairman Michlewitz for his hard work, as well as all my colleagues in the House for recognizing the importance of the investments and reforms that this legislation makes."

"The use of these one-time surplus funds provides us with a unique opportunity to better strength the Commonwealth in numerous ways. By further improving our educational and transportation sectors we will build off the work we have done in the last several budget cycles with a judicious use of the Fair Share funds. The tax changes contained in this bill will help

support the state's economic competitiveness, while giving us time to absorb the expected loss in revenue," said Representative Aaron Michlewitz, Chair of the House Committee on Ways & Means (D-Boston). "I want to thank Speaker Mariano and all our House colleagues for their input and support on this critical funding legislation."

"I'm proud to support this supplemental budget, which delivers meaningful investments in public transportation and education while responsibly addressing our fiscal obligations. I'm especially grateful to Speaker Mariano and Chairman Michlewitz for their leadership in advancing a thoughtful, balanced approach during a time of economic uncertainty," said Representative Jessica Giannino (D-Revere). "Working closely with my colleagues in the House delegation, I am proud to have helped secure critical funding that directly benefits our district—strengthening local infrastructure, supporting our schools, and ensuring resources reach the communities we represent. This legislation reflects what we can accomplish when we collaborate and stay focused on delivering for our constituents."

"This important legislation delivers for the residents of Revere. The working class in Revere rely on an MBTA that works. This legislation provides critical funding to improve the MBTA. The Revere Public Schools rely on state aid for special needs funding. This legislation fully funds the promise of special edu-

cation reimbursement. And working with Rep. Giannino and Mayor Keefe, this legislation provides important funding for Revere specific projects," said Representative Jeffrey Rosario Turco (D. Winthrop).

The bill delays conforming to the federal corporate tax changes that were passed by Congress in the OB3 Act last year, which will represent approximately a \$400 million revenue loss for the Commonwealth when fully implemented. Under the bill, the Research and Experimental expense deduction will be delayed one year, the deductions for the Modification of Business Interest, Depreciable Asset Expensing, Qualified Production Properties will be delayed two years, and the Modification of Qualified Opportunity Zone Investments program will also be delayed two years. However, should the ballot question to lower the state income tax from 5 percent to 4 percent pass in November, which would result in a \$5 billion revenue loss when fully implemented, the Commonwealth would permanently decouple from these tax credits, preventing them from going into effect.

The \$1.8 billion bill is funded in part by \$1.3 billion from excess Fair Share surtax funds to invest in public transportation and education. Highlights include:

- \$885 million towards transportation:
 - o \$740 million towards the MBTA
 - o \$525 million for the Deficiency Reserve
 - o \$125 million for the Workforce & Safety Re-

- serve
 - \$60 million for physical infrastructure with a focus on the core subway system
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 - \$417 million towards

- education:
 - o \$150 million towards Special Education Circuit Breaker costs
 - o \$150 million to fund Early Education Child Care costs
 - o \$38.7 million for the EEC income eligibility

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and a solid line-up at the plate.

"We will have some serious speed with freshmen newcomers Gabriela Bustamante and Molly Titemore," said Vercruysse. "Our core group of returning players have really put in the work in the off-season and we're ready to take on our incredibly tough conference with our best foot forward yet."

The other members of the 2026 varsity roster include Makayla Herdt, Giuliana Marengi, Briella McFarland, Kylie McFarland, Deanna Nee, Brianna Rizzotto, Jenna Whitehead, and Norah Zaffini.

The members of the junior varsity squad are Stella Braga, Caroline Collins, Kourtney Darcy, Alexandra Diane-Poquet, Violet Dougherty, Giuliana Grimaldi, Aaliyah Hanson, Daniella Hurley, Gabriella Ilie, Laynie Logan, Fiona Macdiarmid,

Emma Previte, Ava Rogowicz, Diana Stockbridge, and Sonny Theberge.

Vercruysse and her crew

were scheduled to play a scrimmage at Boston Latin Academy today (Thursday) ahead of next Tuesday's season-opener with Hamilton-Wenham. They will host Salem next Wednesday and Rockport next Friday (April 3). All home games on the Ingleside diamond will start at 4:30.

SPRING SPORTS SEASON SET TO GET UNDERWAY

Winthrop High athletes will be springing into action in the coming week for the start of the 2026 spring sports season.

The WHS baseball team, under the direction of new head coach Tom Capasso, will open their 2026 campaign on Monday with a contest against non-league opponent Northeast Regional. The season-opening pitch is set for 4:30 at Veterans Field. The Vikings then will trek to Northeastern Conference (NEC) rival Salem next Wednesday (April 1).

The Vikings are scheduled to engage in a pre-season scrimmage with Everett this Saturday at 11:00 at Veterans Field.

Head coach Brian Donnelly and the Winthrop High boys lacrosse team will open their 2026 season with a contest against non-league opponent St. Mary's of Lynn next Wednesday. The season-opening face-off is set for 4:30 at Miller Field.

The girls lacrosse team, led by head coach Anthony Hatzisavas, will travel to NEC foe Saugus next Wednesday for their season-opener.

Coach Marie Finn and the boys tennis team will open their season next Wednesday with a match vs. non-league opponent Stoneham and the girls tennis team, led by coach Heidi Baker, will get underway April 6 vs. Salem.

The WHS boys and girls outdoor track teams, coached by David Ford and Scout Grifoni respectively, will open their season on April 9 vs. Masconomet.

THE TRIANTS CELEBRATE STATE BASKETBALL TITLE



CARY SHUMAN PHOTO

Chase Triant, a first-year player in the St. Mary's High School boys basketball program, and his father, Mike Triant, an assistant coach for the Spartans, proudly hold the Massachusetts Division 2 state championship trophy after St. Mary's defeated Masconomet Regional in the MIAA title game March 13 at Tsongas Center in Lowell. An eighth-grader, Chase was the starting point guard on the St. Mary's junior varsity team and was promoted to the varsity for the MIAA Tournament.

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State to celebrate 20 years of landmark health care reform at Faneuil Hall on April 13

Special to the Transcript

Governor Maura Healey, former Governors Mitt Romney and Deval Patrick, and other state leaders will gather at Faneuil Hall on Monday, April 13, to mark the 20th anniversary of Massachusetts's landmark health care reform law, Chapter 58 of the Acts of 2006.

Signed into law on April 12, 2006, at Faneuil Hall, the historic legislation expanded access to affordable health coverage for hundreds of thousands of Massachusetts residents. Before the law was enacted, nearly 10 percent of residents were uninsured. Today, Massachusetts has the highest coverage rate in the nation, with more than 97 percent of residents insured.

The law created a first-in-the-nation health insurance marketplace, introduced key consumer protections, required most adults to carry health insurance, and pro-

vided financial assistance to help residents afford coverage. It also reduced uncompensated care costs and strengthened financial protections for patients and families.

Four years after the law was passed, the Massachusetts model was used as the framework of the federal Affordable Care Act, which currently delivers health insurance to more than 20 million Americans, including more than 350,000 people in Massachusetts. The law continues to shape how Massachusetts approaches affordability, access and equity in health care today.

"Twenty years ago, leaders from both parties came together to prove that we could expand health care and make it more affordable for people across Massachusetts," said Governor Maura Healey. "I'm grateful to Governor Romney and the Legislature for championing the effort to create

this landmark law, to the late Senator Kennedy for his leadership, and to Governor Patrick for carrying it forward. Because of that work, more families can see a doctor, fill a prescription and have the peace of mind that comes with health coverage. As we celebrate this milestone, we're reminded of what's possible when we work together and of our responsibility to keep building a health care system that works for everyone."

"I'm proud to have been part of a team that expanded access to health insurance for so many people across Massachusetts," said Governor Mitt Romney. "As a result, over a million residents have been able to receive preventive, wellness, and life-saving care from our world-renowned health-care professionals."

"Health care reform 20 years ago was neither perfect nor unanimous. But it has helped millions of

people — first in the Commonwealth and eventually across the country — lead healthier lives," said Governor Deval Patrick. "I am proud of the role my team and I played in standing up and making it better. This anniversary is a reminder that, if we work together, we can do the work that remains to extend affordable, high quality care to everyone, everywhere."

The event is being co-hosted by Governor Healey and the Massachusetts Health Connector, which was created as a centerpiece of the 2026 reform law. The Health Connector is a competitive health insurance marketplace that allows residents to compare plans, enroll in coverage, and access financial assistance to help lower costs.

Since the first enrollment period in 2007, more than 1.5 million Massachusetts residents have received coverage through the Health

Connector.

"The Commonwealth's health reform law was a historic, collaboration-based achievement — one that allowed more Massachusetts residents than ever to have the protections of high-value health coverage and to be able to count on the meaningful health care access and financial security that comes with it," said Audrey Morse Gasteier, the Executive Director of the Massachusetts Health Connector. "Twenty years later, the law and the Health Connector have proven to be effective and enduring models that continue to make our Commonwealth a healthier, fairer, and more secure place to live."

The event will feature remarks from Governor Healey, Governor Romney, Governor Patrick, whose administration implemented the reform and later helped advance the Affordable

Care Act. Additional speakers will include current and former legislative leaders, as well as Health Connector enrollees who will share how the law has impacted their lives.

Two panel discussions featuring leaders from the business community, health care industry, government and policy sector will reflect on the collaboration required to pass the law, and then the necessary momentum post-signing needed to successfully implement it.

The event will be held at Boston's Faneuil Hall beginning at 10 AM on Monday, April 13, the same location it was signed 20 years ago. Faneuil Hall was opened in 1742 and is known as "America's Cradle of Liberty" as the site of Revolutionary-era gatherings and protests. The event is open to the press, and more information will be provided closer to the event date.

FRESH & LOCAL

Mastering Small Kitchens

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

Over the years, we've cooked in a suburban kitchen large enough for all the guests at a party to gather around and make their own tortellini. The kitchen in our first pied-à-terre in Boston was so small that we had to fit a cutting board across the sink because of the lack of counter space.

Our current kitchen has an 8'x 8' footprint. But this is common for city life, and we have many friends who, like us, do a lot of cooking in a small space. It does take some adaptation, but generations of cooks have made do with less and produced great food.

Our Solution

Since we write about food and do a lot of cooking, we decided to use space in other areas of our condo to house items that would normally be in the kitchen. A long hallway was fitted with shelves where our pantry items are stored in glass jars.

We converted our din-

ing area adjacent to the kitchen into a combo dining and work space with a counter-height dining bar, a matching console for appliances, and a baker's rack for storing pots and pans.

We store seldom-used items, such as baking equipment, under our base cabinets in covered plastic containers.

Prioritize and Downsize!

We also moved from two homes to one, leaving us with duplicates of many kitchen items.

One way to make the most of a small kitchen is to reduce your selection of cooking equipment and appliances. Every so often, we all have to think about the items we actually use and prioritize our kitchen storage anew.

In addition to knives, cutting boards, a few good pans, and a utensil crock filled with basics (like wooden spoons, spatulas, a masher, tongs, and ladles), we have some multi-use items that we use all the time.

For example, full, half, and quarter sheet pans with matching silicone mats are stored in our oven and serve not just for roasting and baking, but also are routinely placed on our cooktop to extend our counter space.

These pans are used to hold ingredients as we prep them. Covered with a thirsty kitchen towel, they serve as drying racks for clean equipment. They've been used to spread and sort beans and legumes, and to dry herbs. These sturdy metal trays can be moved to and from our dining table when the kitchen counters are full.

We Shop More Often

We don't have a car, so we shop almost every day. Even if you do have a car, you might want to do fewer large grocery shopping trips if they mean carrying load-after-load from the nearest parking space and up flights of stairs.

Once you attune your routine to many smaller shopping trips, you'll find



We converted our dining area adjacent to the kitchen into a combo dining and work space, featuring a counter-height bar with a matching console table for storage.

you may be spending less money, and you will certainly waste less food. Daily shopping means you pick up what you need for the next day or so.

It makes you more likely to check what you have on hand, so you don't have to carry more than you need.

In doing that, you can plan to use up what's already in your refrigerator and buy only what you need to fill out upcoming meals.

You may also find yourself shopping at more small local businesses, farmers' markets, and having food delivered via local services.

All of this is good for our community and will also help you become a welcome part of your new neighborhood.

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

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waitlist

- Includes \$8 million for child care for providers and \$7.5 million for the loan forgiveness program for providers

- o \$20 million for Green SchoolWorks program to help schools with clean energy upgrades

- o \$18.3 million for Financial Aid Supplements

- o \$20 million endowment Match for UMass and other state colleges and universities

- o \$5.1 million for Tomorrow's Teachers Loan Forgiveness program

- o \$5 million for ESOL Services Waitlist

The bill also allocates \$507 million from the General Fund:

- \$300 million for the Group Insurance Commission (GIC)

- \$54.4 million for sheriffs, representing half of the deficiency

- o Requires reporting on the expenses of proposed usage of the funds

- \$41.6 million for DTA caseworkers

- \$10 million for FIFA Boston for World Cup relat-

ed expenses

The bill also includes the following outside sections:

- Food Donation Tax Credit: Establishes a food donation tax credit for farm businesses based on the amount of food donated to a nonprofit food distribution organization. The credit is capped at \$5,000 annually per individual.

- Sustainable Aviation Fuel Credit: Allows taxpayers to take a credit against the tax imposed on fuels used for aircraft propulsion and, subject to limitation, requires the amount of credit per gallon of sustainable fuel to increase by \$0.015 for each additional 1 percent reduction in life-cycle greenhouse gas emissions above 50 percent. The credit is capped at \$10 million total for all cumulative tax credits over a fiscal year.

- Ratifies eight Collective Bargaining Agreements (CBAs)

The bill passed the House of Representatives 150-3 and now goes to the Senate for consideration.

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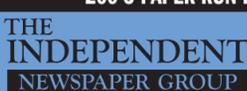
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The Museum of African American History celebrates throughout April with programs & special events

Special to the Transcript

The Museum of African American History | Boston & Nantucket (MAAH) invites the public to take part in a series of vibrant programs, all offered at no cost, at its 46 Joy Street location on Boston's Beacon Hill. From wellness classes and thought-provoking discussions to story hours and film screenings, these events honor Black history, creativity, and community across generations. All programs are open to the public. For more information and to reserve a spot at these events, please visit www.maaah.org/events.



“Glitter Road”: A Reading and Conversation with January Gill O’Neil

Thursday, April 2, 2026, 6:00 PM-8:00 PM

FREE, Donations Appreciated

Join the Museum of African American History for an evening with January Gill O’Neil, author of *Glitter Road*, a Massachusetts Book Awards Honors winner in poetry. O’Neil will read from this celebrated collection, discuss the legacy of poet Phillis Wheatley, and review the landscape of contemporary Black women’s poetry in Boston and across Massachusetts. The evening includes a Q&A

and book signing.

FREE, Donations appreciated.

Saturdays with Sheila: Yoga at MAAH

Saturday, April 4, 2026, 10:00 AM-11:00 AM

FREE, Donations appreciated

Refresh your mind, body, and spirit this April with a morning of mindfulness and yoga. Find your flow with Yogi Sheila Thorne of Bous Yoga at an all-levels class on the first Saturday of each month. Arrive early to secure a mat or bring one from home.

Boston Family Days: Rebirth and Renewal Soundbath with Haus of Glitter

Sunday, April 5, 2026, 1:00 PM-2:00 PM

FREE, Donations appreciated.

Experience sound and movement centered on self-care, rebirth, clarity, and healing. Participants will be guided through restorative breathwork, deep listening, and gentle movement, immersing themselves in the frequencies of healing and renewal.

Boston Family Days: Exploring Haitian History with Jean Appolon

April 11, 2026, 1:00 PM-2:00 PM

FREE, Donations appreciated.

Join the Museum of African American History for a Workshop on Haitian Folkloric Dance with choreographer and teacher Jean

Appolon. This community-building workshop emphasizes the belief that we can learn about ourselves and one another when we dance together. Suitable for all levels.

Hidden Histories Workshop: Touching the Past: Historical Artifacts as Portals

April 16, 2026, 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

FREE, Donations appreciated.

Have you ever wondered how the objects around us can tell stories of the past? Artists Clarese Hill and Elisa Hamilton lead a hands-on workshop exploring how historical objects reveal the stories of Boston’s Black community in the 1800s. Participants will engage with artifacts and documents such as barbers tools from the 1800s, newspaper reproductions of *The Liberator*, and a reproduction of *Chloe Russell’s The Complete Fortune Teller and Dream Book*, uncovering hidden histories and reflecting on the lives, struggles, and triumphs of those who came before us.

Black Boston in Focus: A Public Art Walking Tour

April 18, 2026, 1:00PM-3:00PM

Reimagine Beacon Hill through art and history with Elisa Hamilton and Clarese Hill on a walking tour of their public art projects, *Glimpses of Glapion* and *The Black Boston Dream Oracle*. The tour begins at 1:00 pm at Boston Com-

mon Visitors Center and is followed by a reception and Q&A at the Museum of African American History at 2:15 pm. Explore digital and XR works that bring Boston’s Black history and stories to life.

Living Language: A Poetry Celebration of Voice with Amanda Shea

April 25, 2026, 4:00 PM-6:00 PM

FREE, Donations appreciated.

Celebrate the liberating power of language when poet Amanda Shea brings her dynamic storytelling to the stage. The evening includes a community open mic for local poets and an interactive mini-workshop, *Poetry as Preservation*, where participants will write a five-line poem inspired by a museum artifact or exhibit piece. The program concludes with a collective reading of audience-created poems.

World-building Cartography: Reimagining History Through Mapmaking

April 30, 2026, 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Free, Donations Appreciated.

Join artists Clarese Hill and Elisa Hamilton for a hands-on mapmaking workshop exploring African, Indigenous, and tarot practices and traditions. Participants will consider the political narrative of mapmaking; examine Boston maps from colonial times and create a map together. All materials are provided.



The Renaissance String Quartet.

ISG Museum presents violinist Randall Goosby with pianist Zhu Wang in April, the Renaissance String Quartet in May

Special to the Transcript

The Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum continues its Winter/Spring 2026 Weekend Concert Series, presenting superstar violinist Randall Goosby with pianist Zhu Wang on Sunday, April 12, 2026 at 1:30 pm and the Renaissance String Quartet (of which Goosby is a member) on Sunday, May 17, 2026 at 1:30 pm. This fifteen-concert season curated by Abrams Curator of Music George Steel runs from January 25 through May 17, 2026, and features world-class artists in the Museum’s extraordinary Calderwood Hall—a 300-seat “sonic cube” with three levels of balconies designed so that 80% of seats are front row, creating a uniquely intense and intentional listening experience.

Virtuoso violinist Randall Goosby returns to Calderwood Hall on April 12 with pianist Zhu Wang for an intimate recital of epic music. Two major sonatas bookend

the program: Debussy’s elusive and gorgeous sonata is paired with Beethoven’s sunny F major essay in the form. The concert also includes *Southland Sketches* by Harry Burleigh, who was key in forging a quintessential American musical language, modifying the gorgeous modal inflections of spirituals with the chromatic ambiguities of Wagner’s harmony. *Romance* by Boston’s Amy Beach, the best of the Second New England School of composers, gorgeously drinks from a similar Wagnerian well. Dvořák’s *Four Romantic Pieces* provide a bridge between these worlds, showing how Romanticism and folk traditions can be seamlessly interwoven.

Signed exclusively to Decca Classics in 2020 at the age of 24, American violinist Randall Goosby is acclaimed for the sensitivity and intensity of his musicianship alongside his de-

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MARCH 30-APRIL 3, 2026

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10:00am-11:00am
Indoor Walking @ St. Michael’s Parish Gym

10:00am-11:00am
Yoga with Trish (\$5)

10:00am-2:00pm
SHINE Counseling (appointment required)

11:30am-3:00pm
Game Day (Mahjong, Cards and Cribbage)

4:00pm-5:30pm
Broken Jewelry Workshop (pre-registration required)

TUESDAY

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

10:30am-11:30am
Q&A Session with Jay Higgins from Congresswoman Clark’s Office

10:30am-11:30am
Spanish with Pete

12:30pm-2:30pm
Art Class with Dawn (\$6)

WEDNESDAY

9:15am-10:15am
Yoga with Trish (\$5)

10:00am-11:00am
Indoor Walking @ St. Michael’s Parish Gym (pre-registration required)

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

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

11:45am-12:45pm
Tai Chi/Qi Gong with Cindy (\$5)

12:00pm-2:00pm
Nutrition Clinic (appointment required)

12:15-1:45pm
Italian with Michael

1:00pm-2:30pm
CharlieCard Workshop (appointment required)

THURSDAY

9:00am-3:00pm
Medical Pedicures (\$30 - appointment required)

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

12:00pm-12:30pm
Dine-In Lunch (must order by 11am Wednesday)

12:45pm-3:00pm
Bingo

FRIDAY

9:00am-10:00am
Yoga with Trish (\$5)

10:00am-11:00am
Indoor Walking @ St. Michael’s Parish Gym (pre-registration required)

10:00am-11:00am
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termination to make music more inclusive and accessible, as well as bringing the music of under-represented composers to light. Goosby was recently appointed to The Juilliard School's Preparatory Division and the Pre-College violin faculty. He began studying violin at the age of seven and made his solo debut with the Jacksonville Symphony at age nine. Four years later, he became the youngest First Prize winner of the Sphinx Competition at thirteen, leading to debut performances with the New York Philharmonic, Cleveland Orchestra, and New World Symphony. In addition to his performance at the Gardner Museum, highlights of his current season include debut performances with the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra, Orchestre National de France, and San Diego Symphony. He returns this season to the San Francisco Symphony, Pittsburgh Symphony, and New Jersey Symphony, and appears in recital across the country. Of his concerto debut on Decca, Gramophone raved, "There's an honesty and

modesty...This playing isn't dressed to impress but to express." Randall Goosby returns in May, when the Gardner Museum presents the Renaissance String Quartet on May 17, for the closing performance of the Winter/Spring 2026 Weekend Concert Series. In addition to Goosby, this supergroup includes violinist Jeremiah Blacklow, violist Jameel Martin, and cellist Daniel Hass—four terrific musicians who find time in their busy touring lives as soloists and chamber musicians to perform together. Brahms' String Quartet No. 2 in A minor anchors the program with its characteristic blend of passion and intellectual rigor. The concert also includes the great American composer Florence Price's String Quartet No. 1 in G Major. Price had a special gift for quartet writing; the exquisite and eloquent slow movement of her first quartet shows her love of American song, especially Black spirituals. The program closes with String Quartet No. 1, "Love and Levity,"

by Daniel Hass, the cellist in the Renaissance String Quartet. He describes the piece as "Beethovenian in its thematic and structural tautness, but even more so in its motion towards excess."

The Renaissance String Quartet is driven by a desire to reimagine the role and capacity of the string quartet as a vehicle for change, inspiring audiences, students, and collaborators around the world. Founded in 2021, the New York City-based quartet was formed on the basis of over a decade of friendship at The Perlman Music Program and The Juilliard

School. The quartet feels a responsibility to command a diverse repertoire of classic, underrepresented, and new works, so they can contribute to the reclamation, redefinition, and continuation of a musical tradition that belongs to all of us. They represent and articulate an inclusive vision of the future of classical music, which sees a culture of music wherein all lives and histories are welcomed and celebrated.

George Steel's music programming for the Museum continues founder and legendary arts patron Isabella Stewart Gardner's vision of

bringing together musicians and audiences for inspiring gatherings. Dating to 1927, the Gardner's Weekend Concert Series is the longest running museum music program in the country. Much like Isabella Stewart Gardner did in her time, Steel champions unknown repertoire and embraces new works, creates connections and builds community among musicians, and supports them by presenting them in new endeavors and collaborations. His programming also frequently draws on the history of the Gardner Museum, featuring instruments from the Muse-

um's collection and music by composers who were associated with its founder. In honoring Isabella Stewart Gardner's musical legacy, Music at the Gardner remains strongly committed to broadening the repertoire of music presented to include previously overlooked and marginalized composers as well as performers of all backgrounds.

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Gov. Healey signs Executive Order to support adults with profound autism

Special to the Transcript

On Monday, ahead of Autism Awareness Month, Governor Maura Healey signed an Executive Order to establish a statewide strategy to better support adults with profound autism, or adults who are over 22 years old with diagnosed autism spectrum disorder and require 24-hour support and assistance due to a

significant intellectual disabilities and limited or no language skills. The Executive Order aims to improve coordination across state agencies, promote innovation and advance outcomes for adults with profound autism and their families. Adults with profound autism and intellectual developmental disabilities represent a highly vulnerable and growing population in Mas-

sachusetts.

“Massachusetts is committed to care and support for all. This executive order will strengthen coordination across agencies and help ensure that adults with profound autism and their families receive the support they need,” said Governor Healey. “I look forward to appointing individuals representing families, providers, clinicians and advo-

cates who bring deep expertise and lived experience to this work.”

“Massachusetts has long been a national leader in health care and disability services,” said Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll. “Today’s executive order builds on that legacy by focusing attention and resources on adults with profound autism and ensuring that our systems are better coordinated to meet their needs.”

The Executive Order establishes an advisory council led by the Executive Office of Health and Human Services, with designees from the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities, Executive Office of Administration and Finance, Department of Developmental Services, Department of Mental Health, Medicaid Direc-

tor, and the Chairs of the Joint Committee on Children, Families, and Persons with Disabilities. Governor Healey will also appoint up to 10 additional members representing families, clinicians, providers and advocates with expertise in supporting adults with profound autism.

The advisory council will develop recommendations focused on:

- Reporting on the prevalence of adults with profound autism in Massachusetts;
- Strengthening coordination across state systems serving adults with profound autism, including reviewing eligibility requirements across service systems;
- Promoting person-centered, strengths-based approaches that recognize the needs of adults with pro-

found autism;

• Identifying opportunities to improve access to stable housing, health care, community-based services, and meaningful daily activities;

• Encouraging innovative residential living and service models that support safety, stability, and quality of life;

• Improving the use of data to better understand population needs, service utilization, outcomes, and efficient use of state resources over time;

• Supporting a sustainable and well-trained workforce responsive to level of care and support needs; and

• Informing future policy and budget planning in a manner consistent with the state’s long-term fiscal responsibility.

MBTA restores bus service beyond pre-COVID levels and increases subway frequency

Special to the Transcript

The Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) has announced its service updates which go into effect on Sunday, April 5. Service information is available now at MBTA.com/ServiceChanges.

Riders are strongly encouraged to check schedules in advance and to use the MBTA’s Trip Planner as well as the MBTA Go app to view live information.

“People rely on the MBTA every day to get to work, school, doctor’s appointments and many of our incredible businesses,” said Governor Healey. “Riders deserve service that is frequent and reliable. With bus service now exceeding pre-pandemic levels and more frequent subway trains, riders will see shorter wait times and more dependable trips across the system. This is why my administration and the Legislature have prioritized historic investments in the T. We have more work to do, but these improvements show real progress toward building a transportation system that people can count on.”

“Our seasonal service improvements reflect the decisions and process our workforce makes each day. It’s the MBTA’s priority to increase reliability and deliver more transportation options for our riders,” said Interim Secretary and General Manager Phillip Eng. “With more bus service than before the pandemic and increased subway frequency, we are continuing to make the MBTA a system that people can rely on and want to use.”

Subway Updates

This March, the MBTA put into service the final pair of CRRC Orange Line cars. With these new vehicles, as well as track and operational improvements, the number of scheduled weekday Orange Line trips increases by 8% to the highest level seen in recent recorded history—and exceeds the number of scheduled Red Line trips.

• Orange Line: The frequency of trains is increasing all week due to continued track and procedure improvements.

• Red Line: The frequency of trains is increasing during weekdays due to continued track and procedure improvements.

Starting around 8 PM each evening, riders should budget an additional 10 – 15 minutes of travel time if traveling between JFK/UMass and Ashmont and Braintree due to work at Columbia Junction. Work is anticipated to complete at the end of April. These efforts will improve the overall reliability of the Red Line.



- Blue Line: Trip times will shift slightly to improve weekday reliability.
- Green Line: Trip times will shift slightly to improve reliability every day on the B and E Branches and weekdays on the C Branch.

Bus Updates

Keeping the MBTA’s commitment to improving overall bus service through incremental operational changes and the Better Bus Project, the agency will continue to implement quarterly service improvements. This season, 37 bus routes across the system will see service increases and two routes will be upgraded to operate every 15 minutes or better. These improvements allow the MBTA to offer service at a level beyond Winter 2020 service levels. The MBTA is proud to offer more equitable service and options for transit dependent riders.

• Route 85 and CT2. These two routes will be consolidated and called Route 85 beginning April 5. All trips will extend to Assembly. All stops between Assembly and Ruggles on Route 85 will be served.

• Route 9 and SL2: These routes will become ‘Frequent Bus Routes’ and can be expected to run every 15 minutes or better on all days.

• Routes 16, 24, 42, 96, 101, 220, 455: Frequency will increase.

• Route 87: All trips will extend to Arlington Center, going beyond Clarendon Hill. This makes service simpler, easier to use, and provides new evening and Sunday service along Broadway in Arlington

• Routes 40 and 50: The evening and Sunday combined 40/50 route will be replaced with more individual Route 40 and Route 50 service. Hours of service will increase on both routes every day of the week.

• Route 226: New Sunday service between Braintree and Columbian Square in Weymouth begins.

• Route 350: All trips will serve Burlington Mall Road. This provides more service to the Burlington Mall, Lahey Hospital, Wegmans, and other retail and medical destinations.

• Route 714 and 716: A one-year service pilot to expand service on Routes 714 and 716 begins. Select Route 714 trips extend to Nantasket Junction. New Sunday service begins on Route 716. Seasonal weekend service to Houghton’s Pond will return on Route 716 beginning Saturday, May 23, 2026. Read the full release.

• SL1: Earlier trips will depart at 5:30 AM from both South Station and Logan Airport on weekdays and from South Station on Saturdays.

For other runtime, reliability, and trip shift changes, see mbta.com/ServiceChanges for schedules.

Ferry Schedule Changes

• Hingham/Rowes Wharf weekday service continues to operate year-round. Weekend service does not exist.

• Hingham/Hull Ferry weekday service continues to operate year-round. Weekend service will resume on May 23, 2026 (Memorial Day Weekend).

• East Boston Ferry weekday service will resume on Monday, March 30, 2026. Weekend service will resume on Saturday April 4, 2026.

• Charlestown Ferry weekday and weekend service continues to operate year-round.

• Lynn Ferry, Winthrop Ferry, and Quincy Ferry weekday service will resume Monday, April 27, 2026. Weekend service will resume on May 23, 2026 (Memorial Day Weekend).

For more information, visit mbta.com/ServiceChanges or connect with the T on X @MBTA and @MBTA_CR, Facebook /TheMBTA, Instagram @theMBTA, Threads @them-bta, or TikTok @them-bta.

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