



WINTHROP WEEKLY

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
FOR THE TOWN OF WINTHROP

February 27, 2025

TOWN OF WINTHROP PUBLIC CALENDAR

All meetings and agendas are posted up to 48 hours in advance. Click on meeting information below to read posted agendas.

School Committee

March 3, 2025, 6:00 PM
Harvey Hearing Room
[More Details](#)

Town Council

March 4, 2025, 6:30 PM
Harvey Hearing Room
[More Details](#)

Board of License

March 5, 2025, 6:00 PM
Gathering Room
[More Details](#)

Economic Development and Capital Assets Committee

March 5, 2025, 6:00 PM
Gathering Room
[More Details](#)

OPEN DISCUSSION WITH THE TOWN COUNCIL PRESIDENT

March 5, 2025, 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Harvey Hearing Room
[More Details](#)

Conservation Commission

March 5, 2025, 7:00 PM
[More Details](#)

Library Board of Trustees

March 6, 2025, 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM
Winthrop Public Library, Bergman Room
[More Details](#)

Stay informed of all town notifications:

Sign up for Code Red & the
Town Manager's Blog
Town Website
Facebook

Contact the Town Manager's Office

(617) 846-1705

email: townmanager@winthropma.gov

Local Election
Saturday, April 5th
Make Your Vote Count!

Precincts 1 - 2 - 3 - 5 - 6
Vote at Old Middle School
on Pauline Street

Precinct 4 Vote at
Golden Drive

Polls Open 7 AM - 8 PM

Questions will include:
• Building a New Fire Station
• Funding School Budget
Override

Questions?
Contact the Town
Clerk's office
617 846-1852

Fire Station Information Sessions and Open House Fire Station Tours

Residents are invited to tour either Fire House on
Saturday March 8, 2025 from 9 AM -noon. There will be Firefighters present to
conduct tours. For safety reasons, please do not bring children to the stations for a tour.

Questions about the proposed new fire station? Fire Chief Wiley is available for Coffee Hours
for informational purposes only, the Chief at 617-539-3401 to set a date and time.
a Residents can email the Fire House Building Committee directly at fhbc@winthropma.gov.
Or visit the Proposed Fire Station Building web page at www.winthropma.gov/396/Proposed-New-Fire-Station-Facility.



Proposed Fire Station Design image from the 2/3/2025 Fire House Building Committee meeting.

PUBLIC SKATING AT THE LARSEN RINK

Every Sunday 12:40 to 1:50pm for \$3



Save the Harbor's Better Beaches Program

SHAMROCK SPLASH PRESENTED BY JET BLUE

Sunday, March 2nd 11am-2pm at Constitution Beach, East Boston

Donate in person at the event or

Use this link to register online to Splash or to **donate**. Be sure to select **Winthrop**.



[Support Shamrock Splash presented by JetBlue | Pledge for Charities](#)



Support The Friends of Winthrop Beach

MOVIE NIGHT ON THE BEACH

And more free, public events on beaches from Nahant to Nantasket

Thrift Shop Dates - 2025

First Church of Winthrop United Methodist

217 Winthrop Street – Back Entrance

Time: 10:00 am – 1:00 PM



2nd and 4th Thursday
and Saturday of month
Women's, Men's and
Children's Clothing

Join us for our Annual St. Patrick's Day Boiled Dinner With Homemade Desserts

FIRST CHURCH OF WINTHROP UNITED METHODIST

217 Winthrop Street, Winthrop, MA

Entrance is in the rear



Irish Music By Ralph O'Tuif

DOOR PRIZES

Saturday, March 8th @ 5:30 PM

Cheese & Crackers

Call Church office for Tickets 617-846-0708

\$15.00 Adults - \$10.00 Children (12 and under)

WINTHROP COUNCIL ON AGING'S

SENIOR VAN



The Senior Van runs Monday - Thursday from 8:45am to 3pm. Reservations must be made at least 2 weekdays in advance of your trip.

Medical rides will be prioritized. A full list of destinations and pricing is available on our website and in our newsletter. To schedule a ride, call the Senior Center at: 617-846-8538.

*Free Winthrop van rides are limited to two roundtrip rides per day.

Destination	Round Trip
Local (Winthrop Area)	FREE*
Revere MGH (Beach)	\$5
Stop & Shop	\$5
Beth Israel (Chelsea)	\$7
East Boston Neighborhood Health Center	\$7
Revere MGH (Broadway)	\$7
Chelsea MGH/Market Basket (Chelsea)	\$8



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

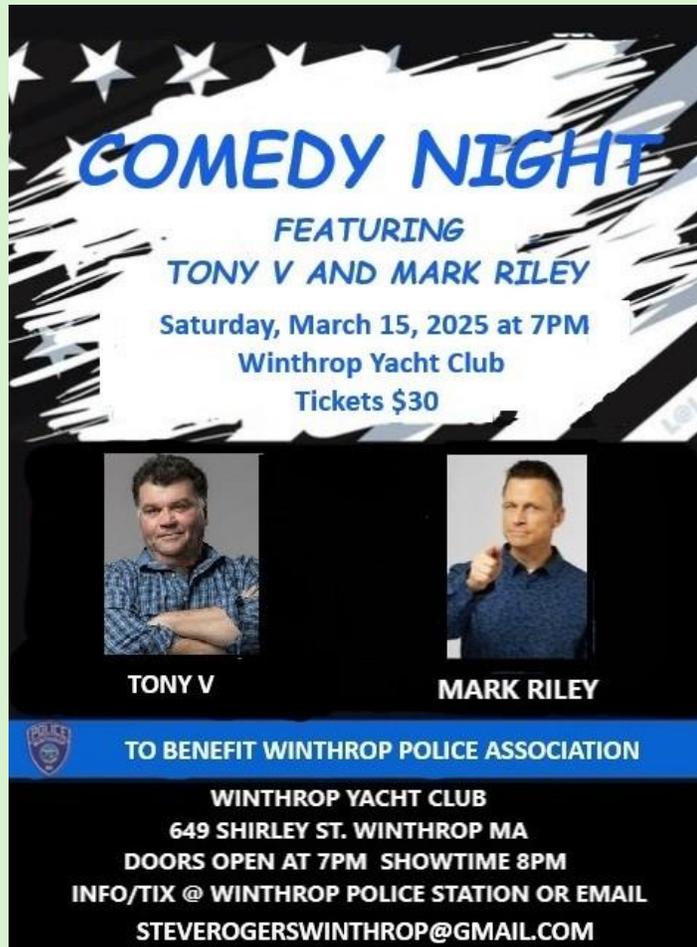
RESCHEDULED: 1st Annual Suffolk County Non Profit Job/Resource Fair ***

Due to the inclement weather expected this Thursday, the 1st Annual Suffolk County Non Profit Job/Resource Fair has been rescheduled for:

Tuesday Mar 18, 2025 4:00pm - 7:00pm at the Springhill Suites by Marriott (400 Ocean Ave, 2nd Floor, Revere MA 02151).

*If you have any questions, please email, Chamber Non Profit Liaison, Judie Vankooiman: judievankooiman@gmail.com,

or email: events@reverechamberofcommerce.org



COMEDY NIGHT
 FEATURING
TONY V AND MARK RILEY
 Saturday, March 15, 2025 at 7PM
 Winthrop Yacht Club
 Tickets \$30

TONY V **MARK RILEY**

TO BENEFIT WINTHROP POLICE ASSOCIATION

WINTHROP YACHT CLUB
 649 SHIRLEY ST. WINTHROP MA
 DOORS OPEN AT 7PM SHOWTIME 8PM
 INFO/TIX @ WINTHROP POLICE STATION OR EMAIL
 STEVEROGERSWINTHROP@GMAIL.COM



OPEN RECREATION
 Old Winthrop Middle School
 151 Pauline St.
 Starts
 Every Friday Night Weekly Until May
 6:00pm to 8:00pm

For Winthrop youth going into 6th, 7th, and 8th grade.

Program funded by the Senator Charles E. Shannon Grant

Winthrop Police Department
 3 Metcalf Sq.
 Winthrop, MA 02152
 617-848-1212

CASA
 Community Action for Safe Alternatives
 45 Pauline St.
 Winthrop, MA 02152
 (617) 530-6940



Why CASA and Winthrop Police Youth Rec?

Provides opportunities for youth to build trust and partnerships with law enforcement officers. By establishing positive relationships between students in the program and law enforcement, as well as provide valuable mentorship to youth. Program partnering with law enforcement allows officers and youth to interact on a regular basis and can help them develop meaningful relationships in a positive setting.

PETER CONCANNON
GYOTAKU ARTIST



WINTHROP PUBLIC LIBRARY & MUSEUM
2 METCALF SQUARE
WINTHROP, MA

EXHIBIT THROUGH
MARCH 22

Gyotaku - Japanese method of printing where ink is applied to a fish, which is then pressed onto rice paper, was used by fishermen to record their catches, but has also become an art form of its own.



A reminder for curbside parking in the winter.

Per Town Ordinance 10.16.010 D

Any car parked on a public street is to be no more than 12 inches from the curb.

You may need to remove snow to access the curblane to park properly. When clearing, do not place the snow on the street.

Emergency vehicles, trash/recycling trucks, public works crews, utility vehicles, and delivery trucks need access.

Thank you.



**Click Here for
Winthrop
Winter Parking
Information**



SIT AND SEW

MARCH 15, 2025
10:30 A.M. TO NOON

Bring your projects!
Upcycle Sewing Workshop - bring a sweater or sweatshirt to participate

**Winthrop Public Library
Hazlett Room**
Two Metcalf Square, Winthrop, MA

Join in an informal sewing, knitting, crochet, embroidery, circle

ADOPT A TREE



The Town of Winthrop has established a tree adoption program. Volunteers will be paired with a young public tree that will benefit from regular watering, especially in occasions of drought. The goal of this program is to increase the tree canopy of the Town of Winthrop nurturing young trees in a manner that may increase their chances of survival and reaching their full potential. If you have questions regarding this program and its requirements, please contact the Tree Warden (tom.derderian@comcast.net).

Name _____

Date _____

Address _____

Preferred Phone _____

Email _____

Please indicate your preferred adoption location:

Calendar year being volunteered for: _____

To participate in the Tree Adoption Program please complete this form and email it to tom.derderian@comcast.net.



Biohazard Waste Sharps Disposal

Includes Needles, Syringes, Lancets, or any other medical waste sharps item.

Walk In & Drop Off

Winthrop Public Health

45 Pauline Street, 1st FL

617-539-5937



APPLY FOR PERMITS ONLINE

The Town of Winthrop has partnered with OpenGov to drive efficiency for staff and improve the quality and convenience of services for community members with technology that automates permitting and licensing approvals processes, allows for online inspections management, and provides a user-friendly online portal for applicants. Residents can now apply for permits, request inspections and access information online from the Building and Public Health Departments.

<https://winthropma.viewpointcloud.com/>

How may we help?

Access service information and apply online - all from here.

Search for something like "Certificate of Occupancy" or "Certificate of Inspection - Multifamily"

Discover Online Services

Choose below to browse services by department.



Building Department
See Other Permits, Electrical Permits • Windows



Health
Basic and Conditional Permits, Complaints, Licenses, Complaints, Inspections • Inspections

MA CERTIFIED BOATER SAFETY COURSE

The Winthrop Harbormaster Marine Unit in partnership with The Massachusetts Environmental Police will be holding a Basic Safety Boating course at the Town Landing. These classes are sponsored by the Massachusetts Environmental Police at no cost to the public. This course is nationally approved, and course completion will allow persons to legally operate a boat in states requiring the Basic Boating Safety Course.

Courses will be operated periodically throughout the year.

Who needs to take this course?

- Anyone born before 1989 operating a motorized vessel needs to possess a Boater Safety Certificate by April 1 of 2028
- Anyone born after January 1 of 1989 operating a motorized vessel needs to possess a Boater Safety Certificate by April 1 of 2026

TO SIGN UP, OR FOR MORE INFORMATION REGARDING THESE CLASSES, VISIT THE WINTHROP HARBORMASTER DEPARTMENT PAGE AT WWW.WINTHROPMA.GOV/182/HARBORMASTER-DEPARTMENT

CHESS

2025

CLUB AT CASA

MEETS EVERY THURSDAY 3:30PM-4:30PM

Join us in CASA!
Visit us at 45 Pauline St, Winthrop, MA 02152
FREE FOR ALL MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS!!

FIRST MEETING: THURSDAY, MARCH 6TH

2025

**Resident Parking
Stickers / Visitor Placard**

ONLY AVAILABLE ONLINE

**Order Today and Receive
Before the New Year**

Scan on phone



OR

1. Go to <https://www.cityhallsystems.com/usa/en>
2. Enter "Winthrop MA" in the Municipality field and select View/Pay bills
3. Scroll down under "Select Your Bill" and select "Residents Stickers"
4. Then select "2025 Resident Sticker"
5. On the next screen scroll down to the bottom and select your Street and Street Number
6. Next fill in all of the required fields and payment if required (Elys and up / handicap are Free)
7. Select "Add to Cart" and complete the Checkout process

2025 Resident Parking Stickers

Winthrop residents can apply online for a Resident Parking Permit. There is a \$5.00 fee for a parking permit and a fee of \$10.00 for a visitor's placard whether you apply online or by mail. These fees are waived for senior citizens, or residents with a valid handicapped parking placard or plate issued by the RMV.

In-Person applications are no longer accepted except under special circumstances by appointment. All applications are only accepted online or by mail.

City Hall systems is the Town's vendor for parking permit fulfillment. If there is an issue with your order, you will receive an email from City Hall Systems.

CALL FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL ARTISTS

JOIN CASA'S ART CLUB EVERY TUESDAY FROM 3:30 TO 4:30 PM!
EXPLORE CRAFTS, COMIC BOOK ART, ANIME, MANGA, PAINTING, SKETCHING, AND MORE.
ALL SKILL LEVELS WELCOME!

FIRST MEETING
TUESDAY
MARCH 11TH

AT CASA, EB NEWTON
BUILDING, 45 PAULINE ST.



Dear Winthrop Middle Schoolers!!

CASA is Looking For Help Planning 1/2 Day Events For This Year

- Join us every MONDAY from 4-5PM
- Starting March 10th, 2025
- Earn a \$100 Gift Card, for participating in 12 planning sessions
- Meet new people & gain experience planning community events
- Pizza will be served

Sign-Up Here OR For More Information:



Stop by CASA Monday-Friday, 3-6PM

OR

Email Skyla Buonopane,
sbuonopane@winthrocasa.org



**Town of Winthrop
Pay-as-You-Throw
Overflow Bags**
are available at the following
locations:



**Cumberland Farms, 7/11, T & T
Convenience, Quick Food Mart,
D&T Convenience, Town Hall,
and the DPW.**
Sold in a roll of 5 bags for \$15

YOU CAN BE A TV PRODUCER



Sign up for the next video production class at WCAT.
Learn Digital Camera Operation, Video Editing,
Sound board, Lighting, Green Screen and more!

CALL MIKE AT WCAT 617-846-3400



Join the Winthrop Farmers Market
Volunteer Crew



Why Volunteer?

- Connect with the community
- Support small businesses
- Get involved

Volunteer Responsibilities:

- Assist with market setup & breakdown
- Vendor assistance – Offer support to vendors as they get settled in.
- Customer service – Greet shoppers, provide information, and ensure a welcoming atmosphere.

Dates & Times:

Volunteers are needed every Sunday, June 22-September 14
from 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM
(Flexible 2-hour shifts available)

**Be a part of something special—helping the Winthrop Farmers Market
grow, thrive, and bring fresh, local goods to our community!**

WINTER PLAY DAYS 2025



EVERY SUNDAY 10AM-12PM
JANUARY THROUGH MARCH
FOR KIDS ONLY (FKOI) GYM
233 WINTHROP ST. WINTHROP

FREE INDOOR PLAY WITH WEEKLY SPECIAL
ACTIVITIES & ENTERTAINMENT FOR
CHILDREN AGES 0-5

JANUARY 5TH: KNUCKLEBONES
JANUARY 12TH: ROCKABYE BEATS
JANUARY 19TH: CAPTAIN RALPH TUFO
JANUARY 26TH: KALILOOPS
FEBRUARY 2ND: KNUCKLEBONES
FEBRUARY 9TH: ROCKABYE BEATS
FEBRUARY 16TH: HIP KIDS MUSIC
FEBRUARY 23RD: MUSIC JULIE & COASTAL YOGA
MARCH 2ND: KNUCKLEBONES
MARCH 9TH: KALILOOPS
MARCH 16TH: MUSIC AT THE BLISSFUL
MARCH 23RD: CAPTAIN RALPH TUFO
MARCH 30TH: ROCKABYE BEATS



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Local Election Information

POLLING LOCATIONS:

- Precinct: 1, 2, 3, 5, 6 – OLD MIDDLE SCHOOL GYM, 151 Pauline Street
- Precinct: 4 – O'CONNELL HALL, 9 Golden Drive

You must submit an application for Absentee or Vote by Mail Ballot-“Vote by Mail” post cards will NOT be mailed out

*****LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE IS 3-26-25*****

Applications can be requested in person, by phone or found on our Town Clerk's website at:

<https://ma-winthrop.civicplus.com/624/Election-Information>

Applications must be returned to our office by 4:30 p.m. on March 31, 2025 either in person, U.S. Mail, Town Hall front door mail slot, Ballot box at rear Town Hall door by parking lot or email (npuopolo@winthropma.gov)

Please call the Town Clerk's Office at 617-846-1852 with any questions



SPECIAL LOCAL ELECTION- SATURDAY, APRIL 5, 2025 / 7AM to 8PM

Building a New Firehouse location at 151 Pauline St.

Question: Shall the Town of Winthrop be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bonds issued in order to pay costs of the demolition of the Old Middle School and Auditorium and for designing, engineering, constructing, equipping, and furnishing a new Fire Station, including the payment of costs incidental or related thereto?

The town council has voted to appropriate funds to demolish the Old Middle School and Auditorium and build a new Fire Station in the town. The new station will replace the two existing stations that will be deactivated upon completion of construction. The appropriated funds would authorize vendors to demolish the existing Old Middle School and Auditorium, and design, engineer, build, and furnish the new Fire Station. The funds would be borrowed by the Treasurer and approved by the Town Manager. The cost of the debt service, like a mortgage, will be added to your taxes ONLY until the debt service is paid off. Again, just like a mortgage, when the debt service is paid off, there will be no Fire Station debt service payments added to your taxes. The entire debt service payments are anticipated to begin in Fiscal Year 2028.

A **YES** vote will authorize the town to fund all the costs of building the Fire Station, anticipated not to exceed 38.5 million dollars, by issuing bonds to pay for the costs of the project and to temporarily exclude that amount of debt from the provisions of Proposition 2 1/2. This is the definition of a "Debt Exclusion". In other words, a debt exclusion is a means of funding a particular project with a temporary increase, which we anticipate 25 years, in the levy limit. The debt service is excluded from the levy limitations of Proposition 2 1/2.

A **NO** vote will not authorize the town to exclude the debt service from the levy and will be held to the limitations required by Proposition 2 1/2. The town would not be able to build the fire station or need to bring forward a new or the same ballot question seeking

Funding School Budget Override

Question 1: Shall the Town of Winthrop be allowed to assess an additional \$3,500,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the funding of FY26 Winthrop Public School's Operational Budget (\$3,500,000) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 **Vote Yes or No**

Question 2: Shall the Town of Winthrop be allowed to assess \$1,450,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the funding of a School Stabilization Fund (\$1,450,000) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 **Vote Yes or No**

A **YES** vote on **Question 1** would allow Winthrop Public Schools to stabilize the FY26 Operational School Budget (\$3,500,000) at level service, maintaining school standards and preserving current staffing and class size, curriculum, technology, and general school expenses beginning July 1, 2025 and for the FY26 school year.

A **NO** vote on **Question 1** would not allow for additional funding beyond the Town's appropriation and not allow for a level service FY26 Operational School Budget and would result in reductions of staff positions, reductions of programs and course offerings and general school expenses as well as increased class sizes and student user fees for athletics and co-curricular activities beginning July 1, 2025.

A **YES** vote on **Question 2** would result in funding \$1,450,000 to a School Stabilization Fund, creating a fund that will support future school budgets by enabling the school committee to seek approval of the Town Council to utilize the funds during a fiscal year for the general operating expenses of the school department. A stabilization fund allows the schools to maintain a steady level of funding, address the rising cost impacts of unfunded mandates and supports the district's strategic planning and operational school district goals.

A **NO** vote on **Question 2** would not allow for \$1,450,000 to fund a School Stabilization Fund and thus not allow the school committee an option to seek approval of the Town Council to utilize the funds or a portion of the funds (\$1,450,000) during a fiscal year for the increases in the operating expenses of the school department.

A **YES** vote on both **Questions 1 and Question 2** would allow Winthrop Public Schools to stabilize the FY26 Operational School Budget (\$3,500,000) beginning July 1, 2025, and would also add (\$1,450,000) to a School Stabilization Fund for the purpose of ensuring financial stability and sustainability in school operational budget funding beyond FY26.

Project Advisory

Bridge Repairs on Revere Beach Parkway over Broadway, Revere



Priority Bridge Repairs

What is happening?

The bridge carrying Revere Beach Parkway over Broadway will undergo a series of targeted priority bridge repairs. The purpose of this project is to address targeted areas of deterioration to improve public safety and maintain the existing through-travel capacity on Route 16 prior to the full replacement of the bridge.

The bridge currently provides two westbound lanes and three eastbound lanes on Route 16 that connect to on and off ramps to/from Route 107. The existing lane configuration will be restored when repairs are complete.

How will this affect you?

Repairs are expected to begin in early January 2025 and are expected to be completed in Spring 2025. Repairs will occur in three (3) phases. Weather and unexpected circumstances make all construction activities subject to change, but we will do our best to keep you updated.

Phase 1 – estimated seven weeks

In phase 1, the westbound side of Revere Beach Parkway (Route 16) will be reduced to one lane of traffic and the eastbound side will be reduced to two lanes of traffic. On Broadway (Route 107), a temporary traffic signal will be installed at the Route 16 westbound off ramp and traffic will be shifted to the westerly side and will be reduced to one lane of traffic in each direction. The work zone on Broadway (Route 107) will impact vehicular and pedestrian traffic and will require temporary parking restrictions on Broadway and the Route 16 westbound off ramp.

Phase 2 – estimated three weeks

In phase 2, two lanes of traffic will be open in each direction on Revere Beach Parkway (Route 16). On Broadway (Route 107), the temporary traffic signal will remain at the Route 16 westbound off ramp and traffic will continue to be shifted to the westerly side with one lane of traffic in each direction. The work zone on Broadway (Route 107) will impact vehicular and pedestrian traffic and will require temporary parking restrictions on Broadway and the Route 16 westbound off ramp.

Phase 3 – estimated four weeks, including restoration of existing traffic layout

In phase 3, two lanes of traffic will be open in each direction on Revere Beach Parkway (Route 16). On Broadway (Route 107), traffic will be shifted to the easterly side and will be reduced to one lane of traffic in each direction during temporary nighttime operations. The work zone on Broadway (Route 107) will impact vehicular and pedestrian traffic, primarily during overnight periods, and may require temporary parking restrictions.



Travel tips

Please take care to pay attention to all signage as it is posted. Police details, temporary traffic signals, changes in lane markings, temporary controls such as barriers and traffic cones, signage, and other tools will be used throughout the project to control traffic and create safe work zones within the project limits.

How can I find more information?

Stay up-to-date and informed by following the [@MassDOT](https://twitter.com/MassDOT) twitter account and [Mass 511](https://www.mass.gov/info-details/mass-511) for real-time updates, or email Dan Fielding, MassDOT Legislative Liaison, at daniel.fielding@dot.state.ma.us with any questions.