



WINTHROP WEEKLY

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE TOWN OF WINTHROP

October 17, 2024

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.

WPS Policy Sub-Committee
October 21, 2024, 5:00 PM
Harvey Hearing Room
[More Details](#)

School Committee
October 21, 2024, 6:00 PM
Harvey Hearing Room
[More Details](#)

Tree Committee
October 21, 2024, 6:00 PM
Department of Public Works
[More Details](#)

Winthrop Cultural Council
October 22, 2024, 7:00 PM
E. B. Newton School & Cultural Center
[More Details](#)

Conservation Commission
October 23, 2024, 7:00 PM
via Zoom
[More Details](#)

Planning Board
October 23, 2024, 7:00 PM
Senior Center
[More Details](#)

School Virtual Town Hall Meeting
October 23, 2024, 7:00 PM
[More Details](#)

Board of Appeals
October 24, 2024, 6:30 PM
Harvey Hearing Room
[More Details](#)

Winthrop residents can easily access *public meeting schedules and agendas with one click!* Simply go to www.winthropma.gov

Make Your Voice Count Early!

Election Day November 5

TOWN OF WINTHROP EARLY VOTING

★★★★

Why wait? Skip the lines and take control of your future. Early voting is your chance to cast your ballot at your convenience. Join us to make sure your voice is heard!

EARLY VOTING SCHEDULE AT WINTHROP TOWN HALL

Saturday, October 19	10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Monday, October 21	8:00 AM - 4:30 PM
Tuesday, October 22	8:00 AM - 7:00 PM
Wednesday, October 23	8:00 AM - 4:30 PM
Thursday, October 24	8:00 AM - 7:00 PM
Saturday, October 26	9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Monday, October 28	8:00 AM - 4:30 PM
Tuesday, October 29	8:00 AM - 7:00 PM
Wednesday, October 30	8:00 AM - 4:30 PM
Thursday, October 31	8:00 AM - 4:30 PM

Beat the crowds, avoid the rush, and cast your vote at your convenience. Your voice matters in shaping the future—don't wait until Election Day!

Last Day to Register to Vote 10/26 by 5:00 PM

For more information
Call 617-846-1742 or visit:
www.WINTHROPMA.GOV

We care about what you think.

The Winthrop Town Council is conducting a town-wide survey question with two options for the location of a new Fire Station. This survey aims to gauge community and resident support for each location. Scan the QR code to complete the survey.

TOWN OF WINTHROP

Map showing potential locations for a new Fire Station, including areas near Palmyra Street, Waldemar Ave, and Walden Street. A QR code is provided for the survey.



STREET SWEEPING NEXT WEEK

Street Sweeping operations occur on the last full week of the month (last week with a Friday) from April through October between 7am and 4pm on the day of a street's trash collection. If there is a holiday on the week of street sweeping, sweeping is done one week early. Town ordinance prohibits on-street parking on the day of sweeping. Violation of the ordinance carries a \$40 fine, and your vehicle can be towed.

The 2024 street sweeping dates are:

April 22-26 (week of the 22nd)	May 20-24 (week of the 20th)
June 24-28 (week of the 24th)	July 22-26 (week of the 22nd)
August 26-30 (week of the 26th)	September 23-27 (week of the 23rd)
	October 21-25 (week of the 21st)

YIRRELL BEACH MANAGEMENT PLAN AND COMMUNITY MEETING

The Updated Beach Management Plan for Yirrell Beach is now available on the Town of Winthrop website and can be viewed

at <https://www.winthropma.gov/641/Yirrell-Beach-Management-Plan>

Yirrell Beach Updated Beach Management Plan

Submitted to: Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, Regional Office
Submitted by: Town of Winthrop, 100 State Street, Winthrop, MA 01890
Prepared by: Epsilon Environmental, LLC, 100 State Street, Winthrop, MA 01890

September 25, 2024

Our next community meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 22nd at 6 PM at the Point Shirley Association Hall. Hope to see you all there.



Town of Winthrop Upcoming Road Work



Reconstruction & Related Work along Winthrop Street & Revere Street Corridor

Project No. 607244-122603
Federal Aid No. CMQ-0036(014)X, STP-0036(014)X, TAP-0036(014)X A. R. BELLI, INC

Week of 9/30/2024

Finish drainage work into Main/Winthrop St intersection

Week of 10/7/2024

Drainage on west side of Main St in the Winthrop/Main St intersection

Week of 10/14/2024

Drainage on south side in the Winthrop/Main St intersection

Week of 10/21/2024

Finish drainage work at Winthrop/Main St intersection

Start drainast on Revere St (beginning at No. 283)

**Please follow all posted signage in the area.
EXPECT DETOURS AND DELAYS**

Questions? Call the Winthrop DPW at 617-846-1341.

FRIENDS OF BELLE ISLE MARSH

Harvest Festival

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1-3PM

BELLE ISLE MARSH RESERVATION, 1399 BENNINGTON STREET, EAST BOSTON (ACROSS FROM SUFFOLK DOWNS T STATION, BLUE LINE)

FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

- ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES
- NATURE WALKS
- LIVE MUSIC
- COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Logos: Friends of Belle Isle Marsh, dcr Massachusetts, EAST BOSTON FOUNDATION

AMIGOS DE BELLE ISLE MARSH

Fiesta de la cosecha

DOMINGO 20 DE OCTUBRE, 13:00-15:00 HORAS

RESERVA DE PANTANOS DE BELLE ISLE, 1399 BENNINGTON STREET, EAST BOSTON (FRENTE A LA ESTACIÓN T DE SUFFOLK DOWNS, LÍNEA AZUL)

GRATIS Y ABIERTO AL PÚBLICO

- ACTIVIDADES PARA TODAS LAS EDADES
- PASEOS POR LA NATURALEZA
- MÚSICA EN VIVO
- CONEXIONES COMUNITARIAS

Logos: Friends of Belle Isle Marsh, dcr Massachusetts, EAST BOSTON FOUNDATION

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EXPLORE A COLLECTION OF
SUMMER IN WINTHROP
BIRDS AND BEES AND
BUTTERFLIES

THE CLOCK TOWER GALLERY
45 PAULINE STREET WINTHROP

EXHIBIT RUNS THROUGH NOVEMBER 9 (CLOSING RECEPTION)
GALLERY HOURS:
THURS. 1:00 P.M. TO 4:00 P.M.
SAT. 1:00 P.M. TO 3:00 P.M.
SEP. 14, 26, OCT 12, 26

DISCOVER WINTHROP HISTORY IN THE HERITAGE ROOM

PUBLIC SKATE



Public Skating
at the rink
begins Sunday
October 13th.
Every Sunday
12:40 to
1:50pm for \$3.

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

Flu Vaccine Clinics

(Registration Encouraged)



TUESDAYS
9:00AM-5:00PM

Winthrop Public Health
EB Newton Building
45 Pauline Street, 1st FL



OFFERING TO AGES 2+



FLU MIST



REGULAR DOSE



HIGH DOSE

Contact Us

(617) 539-5837



**Winthrop Department of Public
Health & Clinical Services**

BIKE WINTHROP'S
7TH ANNUAL
KALLOWEEN
BIKE PARADE & FUN RIDE

MUSIC WITH DJ DIZZY!!
FOOD AND GAMES!

11:00 PARADE REGISTRATION, FUN COURSE & BIKE REPAIR
12:00 PARADE
12:30 AWARDS
1:00 FUN RIDE ENDING AT DROP ZONE

Grab your costume, bike, family and friends and head down to the park for the annual Winthrop tradition of a kids' bike (or scooter) parade and celebrate this spooktacular season!

DON'T MISS THE FREE BIKE REPAIR, HELMET DECORATING,
PUMPKIN PAINTING, CRAFTS, FOOD TRUCK, LOCAL
ORGANIZATIONS AND VENDORS

AT INGLESIDE PARK
OCT 26 | 11AM - 1PM
RAIN DATE OCT 27

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS!

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INSTAGRAM:BIKE_WINTHROP

WINTHROP COUNCIL ON AGING
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

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

Thrift Shop Dates - 2024

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

Green Waste/Yard Waste Transfer Station Information



Open:
April 6th-December 7th, 2024

Hours:
Fridays: 9a-12p and 3a-6p
Saturdays: 9a-12p and 1p-3p

What is Green Waste? Green waste is yard waste which is banned from regular trash collection. This waste includes grass, leaves, vines, hedge trimmings, and small to medium-sized branches under 3" in diameter. Root balls and branches over three inches are not accepted. Other wastes, such as rocks, plastic, construction material, trash, or animal waste cannot be mixed with green waste.

Why was my trash/recycling not collected? Why did I receive a trash violation?

- Residents in 1-3 unit dwellings are permitted to utilize one (1) Town-issued trash bin and one (1) Town-issued recycling bin per unit, per dwelling. Bins are Town property. Bins are to remain at the assigned address. Please label each bin with your address/ unit number.
- All trash and recycling should be neatly stored in your Town-provided bins on your property.
- All trash is to be bagged inside the trash bin. Bags/items placed on the curb WILL NOT be collected.
- All recyclables are to be unbagged, and free-flowing in the recycling bin.
- Any trash that does not fit in your closed Town-issued trash bin must be in a Town of Winthrop Pay-As-You-Throw Overflow Trash Bag. These bags must be placed inside a covered bin supplied by the resident. These bags are for household trash only. Do not place hazardous waste, yard waste, recyclables, construction debris, hazardous waste, textiles, or banned materials in these bags. Overflow bags are sold in sleeves of 5 bags for \$15.00. Bags are available at the DPW, Town Hall, Cumberland Farms, T&T, and QuickFood Mart.
- Please note: Bug-infested items and rain-soaked items may be rejected by the hauler for pickup. You will need a private hauler for your item if this occurs. Items outdoors to be given away for FREE must be on your property and not on any public sidewalk or way. Items not taken after 48 hours need to be removed. Fines may be assessed for items on a public sidewalk or not removed from your property within 48 hours.

The hauler will not collect any trash placed for pickup not following these regulations. Violations of solid waste ordinances and regulations will result in trash or recycling being rejected. A violation or fine may be assessed in accordance with the State Sanitary Code and Town of Winthrop Board of Health Trash/Recycling ordinances.

The removal of uncollected trash/recycling becomes the responsibility of the homeowner/tenant.



WANT TO HAUNT A FRIEND?

Sign up to have a Winthrop address of your choice "BOO'd" for 48 hours! After that, your victim will have the chance to BOO someone else and keep the fun going!

Minimum donation: \$15 per Boo payable via VENMO with "BOO" @ Kayla-McKinnon-1

CLICK BELOW OR SCAN CODE TO ORDER

ORDER NOW



or Email your completed order to:
Danielle Reardon, Class of 2025 Parent Advisor
danielle.reardon@comcast.net

All BOO's will be removed after 48 hours whether they are helped to move on or must find their own way!

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 Department and Public Health Departments.

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



SIT AND SEW

NOVEMBER 23, 2024
10:30 A.M. TO NOON

Scrunchie time with holiday fabrics and as always bring your projects!

Winthrop Public Library Hazlett Room

Two Metcalf Square, Winthrop, MA
 Join in an informal sewing, knitting, crochet, embroidery, circle

HALLOWEEN COSTUME PARTY FUNDRAISER

OCTOBER 26, 6:30 PM

COTTAGE PARK YACHT CLUB, 76 ORLANDO AVE

PRIZES FOR:
 • BEST COSTUME
 • COUPLE COSTUME
 • GROUP COSTUME

WINTHROP LITTLE LEAGUE

TIX: \$30. CASH OR VENMO @WINTHROPLITTLELEAGUE02152

Mystic Valley Elder Services
 invites you to the
Independence Legacy Society Luncheon
 featuring
Dr. Immaculata De Vivo

Wednesday, November 20, 2024
 12:30 to 2:30 PM
 Mystic Valley Elder Services
 300 Commercial St., #19, Malden, MA
 Featured Speaker: Dr. Immaculata De Vivo -
 "The Biology of Kindness, Six Daily Choices for Health, Well-Being, and Longevity"

MVES Independence Legacy Society members and others interested to learn more about the society are invited to join us at the annual MVES Independence Legacy Society Luncheon. Come learn about the impact of planned gifts for people served by MVES and how you can leave your legacy to benefit your community.

Dr. Immaculata De Vivo, Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School, Professor of Epidemiology at the Harvard T. H. Chan School for Public Health and an international leader in the area of molecular and genetic epidemiology of cancer, will speak about her book, "The Biology of Kindness, Six Daily Choices for Health, Well-Being, and Longevity." Dr. De Vivo will share how scientific evidence supports that doing good things and showing kindness to others can actually lead to a long, healthy, and happy life.

Lunch will be served. Admission is free but seating is limited and an RSVP is required. Reserve your spot at www.bit.ly/ILS-2024. For more information, please contact Jenny Vanasse, Director of Development at 781-388-4802.

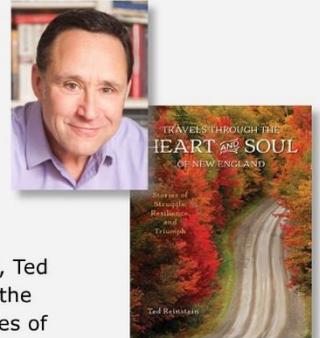
The first 25 people who register and attend this event will also receive a free copy of Dr. De Vivo's book, "The Biology of Kindness, Six Daily Choices for Health, Well-Being, and Longevity."



At the **E.B. Newton Cultural Center, Lyceum Room, 45 Pauline St.**

WPL&M Winthrop Public Library & Museum

Winthrop Public Library welcomes back Winthrop's own **Ted Reinstein** as he discusses his book
Travels through the Heart and Soul of New England



After 25 years of reporting all around New England, Ted has now condensed his travels into a book about the most memorable people he has met and their stories of struggles, resilience, and triumph

Wednesday, October 30th at 6:00 p.m.

Copies of his book will be available for purchase.

While you are there visit the **Winthrop Heritage Room** and **The Clock Tower Gallery** from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Winthrop Public Library & Museum
 617 846-1703 www.winthroppubliclibrary.org

At the E.B. Newton Cultural Center,
Lyceum Room, 45 Pauline St.

WPLM Winthrop Public Library & Museum

Winthrop Public Library welcomes back
the Delvena Theatre Company

Bon Voyage Forever!



An exciting, live, comedy murder mystery performance
set on a cruise of a lifetime. Murder on a cruise? Who dunnit?
Lots of audience interaction, token prizes and fun!

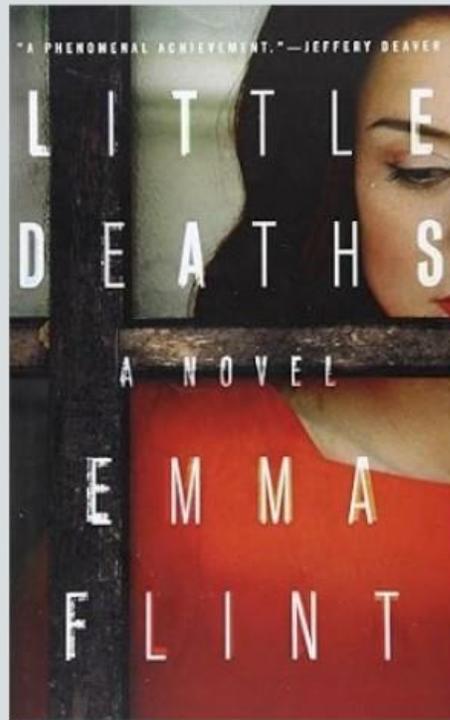
Wednesday, October 23rd at 6:00 p.m.

Sailing is limited. Please register on the Calendar section
of the library website: winthroppubliclibrary.org

Winthrop Public Library & Museum
617 846-1703 www.winthroppubliclibrary.org

While you are there visit the Winthrop
Heritage Room and The Clock Tower Gallery
from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m.

This performance is funded in part by a grant from the Winthrop Cultural Council,
which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.



Winthrop Public Library & Museum
2 Metcalf Square

Mystery Book Club

November 6, 2024 10:30 a.m.

Hazlett Room

COME SUPPORT WHS GIRLS BASKETBALL BOOSTERS!

GIRLS BASKETBALL

BAKE SALE!



Saturday, November 23rd

9AM-12PM

French Square

Winthrop, MA 02152



COME SUPPORT!

Festival of Wreaths

Presented by the Odd Fellows Zenith Lodge #42
196 Winthrop St. Winthrop, MA



***The Festival of Wreaths Open House & Raffle
will last from November 12th thru December 12th
Open Tues. thru Thurs. 3-6 pm and Saturdays 12-2pm***

Enjoy refreshments while viewing the festive handmade
wreaths created by local artisans and make your own holiday
decorations with our live winter evergreens and supplies.

20 Raffle tickets included with your \$10.00 donation.

Winners drawn at the December 14th Zenith Lodge Holiday Dinner
and called for pick-up the following week.

The Odd Fellows Zenith Lodge Thanks You For Your Support.

QUESTION 2

LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives before May 1, 2024?

SUMMARY

This proposed law would eliminate the requirement that a student pass the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) tests (or other statewide or district-wide assessments) in mathematics, science and technology, and English in order to receive a high school diploma. Instead, in order for a student to receive a high school diploma, the proposed law would require the student to complete coursework certified by the student's district as demonstrating mastery of the competencies contained in the state academic standards in mathematics, science and technology, and English, as well as any additional areas determined by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education.

A YES VOTE would eliminate the requirement that students pass the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) in order to graduate high school but still require students to complete coursework that meets state standards.

A NO VOTE would make no change in the law relative to the requirement that a student pass the MCAS in order to graduate high school.

YES
NO

QUESTION 3

LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives before May 1, 2024?

SUMMARY

The proposed law would provide Transportation Network Drivers ("Drivers") with the right to form unions ("Driver Organizations") to collectively bargain with Transportation Network Companies ("Companies") which are companies that use a digital network to connect riders to drivers for pre-arranged transportation to create negotiated recommendations concerning wages, benefits and terms and conditions of work. Drivers would not be required to engage in any union activities. Companies would be allowed to form multi-Company associations to represent them when negotiating with Driver Organizations. The state would supervise the labor activities permitted by the proposed law and would have responsibility for approving or disapproving the negotiated recommendations.

The proposed law would define certain activities by a Company or a Driver Organization to be unfair work practices. The proposed law would establish a hearing process for the state Employment Relations Board ("Board") to follow when a Company or Driver Organization is charged with an unfair work practice. The proposed law would permit the Board to take action, including awarding compensation to adversely affected Drivers, if it found that an unfair work practice had been committed. The proposed law would provide for an appeal of a Board decision to the state Appeals Court.

This proposed law also would establish a procedure for determining which Drivers are Active Drivers, meaning that they completed more than the median number of rides in the previous six months. The proposed law would establish procedures for the Board to determine that a Driver Organization has signed authorization from at least five percent of Active Drivers, enabling the Driver Organization to a list of Active Drivers; to designate a Driver Organization as the exclusive bargaining representative for all Drivers based on signed authorizations from at least twenty-five percent of Active Drivers; to resolve disputes over exclusive bargaining status, including through elections; and to decertify a Driver Organization from exclusive bargaining status. A Driver Organization that has been designated the exclusive bargaining representative would have the exclusive right to represent the Drivers and to receive voluntary membership dues deductions.

Once the Board determined that a Driver Organization was the exclusive bargaining representative for all Drivers, the Companies would be required to bargain with that Driver Organization concerning wages, benefits and terms and conditions of work. Once the Driver Organization and Companies reached agreement on wages, benefits, and the terms and conditions of work, that agreement would be voted upon by all Drivers who has completed at least 100 trips the previous quarter. If approved by a majority of votes cast, the recommendations would be submitted to the state Secretary of Labor for approval and if approved, would be effective for three years. The proposed law would establish procedures for the mediation and arbitration if the Driver Organization and Companies failed to reach agreement within a certain period of time. An arbitrator would consider factors set forth in the proposed law, including whether the wages of Drivers would be enough so that Drivers would not need to rely upon any public benefits. The proposed law also sets out procedures for the Secretary of Labor's review and approval of recommendations negotiated by a Driver Organization and the Companies and for judicial review of the Secretary's decision.

The proposed law states that neither its provisions, an agreement or a determination by the Secretary would be able to lessen labor standards established by other laws, if there were any conflict between the proposed law and existing Massachusetts labor relations law, the proposed law would prevail.

The Board would make rules and regulations as appropriate to effectuate the proposed law.

The proposed law states that, if any of its parts were declared invalid, the other parts would stay in effect.

A YES VOTE would provide transportation network driver the option to form unions to collectively bargain with transportation network companies regarding wages, benefits, and terms and conditions of work.

A NO VOTE would make no change in the law relative to the ability of transportation network drivers to form unions.

YES
NO

QUESTION 4

LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives before May 1, 2024?

SUMMARY

This proposed law would allow persons aged 21 and older to grow, possess, and use certain natural psychedelic substances in certain circumstances. The psychedelic substances allowed would be two substances found in mushrooms (psilocybin and psilocyn) and three substances found in plants (dimethyltryptamine, mesocaine, and bogaine). These substances could be purchased at an approved location for use under the supervision of a licensed facilitator. This proposed law would otherwise prohibit any retail sale of natural psychedelic substances. This proposed law would also provide for the regulation and taxation of these psychedelic substances.

This proposed law would license and regulate facilities offering supervised use of these psychedelic substances and provide for the taxation of proceeds from those facilities' sales of psychedelic substances. It would also allow persons aged 21 and older to grow these psychedelic substances in a 12-foot by 12-foot area at their home and use these psychedelic substances at their home. This proposed law would authorize persons aged 21 or older to possess up to one gram of psilocybin, one gram of psilocyn, one gram of dimethyltryptamine, 10 grams of mesocaine, and 30 grams of bogaine ("personal use amount"), in addition to whatever they might grow at their home, and to give away up to the personal use amount to a person aged 21 or over.

This proposed law would create a Natural Psychedelic Substances Commission of five members appointed by the Governor, Attorney General, and Treasurer which would administer the law governing the use and distribution of these psychedelic substances. The Commission would adopt regulations governing licensing qualifications, security, recordkeeping, education and training, health and safety requirements, testing, and age verification. This proposed law would also create a Natural Psychedelic Substances Advisory Board of 20 members appointed by the Governor, Attorney General, and Treasurer which would study and make recommendations to the Commission on the regulation and taxation of these psychedelic substances.

This proposed law would allow cities and towns to reasonably restrict the time, place, and manner of the operation of licensed facilities offering psychedelic substances, but cities and towns could not ban those facilities or their provision of these substances.

The proceeds of sales of psychedelic substances at licensed facilities would be subject to the state sales tax and an additional excise tax of 15 percent. In addition, a city or town could impose a separate tax of up to two percent. Revenue received from the additional state excise tax, license application fees, and civil penalties for violations of this proposed law would be deposited in a Natural Psychedelic Substances Regulation Fund and would be used, subject to appropriation, for administration of this proposed law.

Using the psychedelic substances as permitted by this proposed law could not be a basis to deny a person medical care or public assistance, impose discipline by a professional licensing board, or enter adverse order in child custody cases absent clear and convincing evidence that the activities created an unreasonable danger to the safety of a minor child.

This proposed law would not affect existing laws regarding the operation of motor vehicles while under the influence, or the ability of employers to enforce workplace policies restricting the consumption of these psychedelic substances by employees. This proposed law would allow property owners to prohibit the use, display, growing, processing, or sale of these psychedelic substances on their premises. State and local governments could continue to restrict the possession and use of these psychedelic substances in public buildings or at schools.

This proposed law would take effect on December 15, 2024.

A YES VOTE would allow persons over age 21 to use certain natural psychedelic substances under licensed supervision and to grow and possess limited quantities of these substances in their home, and would create a commission to regulate those substances.

A NO VOTE would make no change in the law regarding natural psychedelic substances.

YES
NO

SAMPLE BALLOT

CONTINUE VOTING ON CARD 2

5000

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

STATE ELECTION

WINTHROP

William Francis Galvin
SECRETARY OF THE
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

OFFICIAL
EARLY / ABSENTEE
BALLOT

Tuesday, November 5, 2024

Card No. 2 of 2

570

To vote for a candidate, fill in the oval ● to the right of the candidate's name. To vote for a person not on the ballot, write the person's name and residence in the blank space provided and fill in the oval.

QUESTION 5

LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives before May 1, 2024?

SUMMARY

This proposed law would gradually increase the minimum hourly wage an employer must pay a tipped worker, over the course of five years, on the following schedule:

- To 64% of the state minimum wage on January 1, 2025;
- To 73% of the state minimum wage on January 1, 2026;
- To 82% of the state minimum wage on January 1, 2027;
- To 91% of the state minimum wage on January 1, 2028; and
- To 100% of the state minimum wage on January 1, 2029.

The proposed law would require employers to continue to pay tipped workers the difference between the state minimum wage and the total amount a tipped worker receives in hourly wages plus tips through the end of 2028. The proposed law would also permit employers to calculate this difference over the entire weekly or bi-weekly payroll period. The requirement to pay this difference would cease when the required hourly wage for tipped workers would become 100% of the state minimum wage on January 1, 2029.

Under the proposed law, if an employer pays its workers an hourly wage that is at least the state minimum wage, the employer would be permitted to administer a "tip pool" that combines all the tips given by customers to tipped workers and distributes them among all the workers, including non-tipped workers.

A YES VOTE would increase the minimum hourly wage an employer must pay a tipped worker to the full state minimum wage implemented over five years, at which point employers could pool all tips and distribute them to all non-management workers.

YES

A NO VOTE would make no change in the law governing tip pooling or the minimum wage for tipped workers.

NO

QUESTION 6

Shall the Town of Winthrop be allowed to assess an additional \$4,950,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of funding the Winthrop Public Schools Operating Budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025?

YES

NO

SAMPLE BALLOT

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING

8001

SAMPLE BALLOT



SAMPLE

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

STATE ELECTION

WINTHROP

William Francis Galvin
SECRETARY OF THE
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

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- To 100% of the state minimum wage on January 1, 2029.

The proposed law would require employers to continue to pay tipped workers the difference between the state minimum wage and the total amount a tipped worker receives in hourly wages plus tips through the end of 2028. The proposed law would also permit employers to calculate this difference over the entire weekly or bi-weekly payroll period. The requirement to pay this difference would cease when the required hourly wage for tipped workers would become 100% of the state minimum wage on January 1, 2029.

Under the proposed law, if an employer pays its workers an hourly wage that is at least the state minimum wage, the employer would be permitted to administer a "tip pool" that combines all the tips given by customers to tipped workers and distributes them among all the workers, including non-tipped workers.

A YES VOTE would increase the minimum hourly wage an employer must pay a tipped worker to the full state minimum wage implemented over five years, at which point employers could pool all tips and distribute them to all non-management workers.

YES

A NO VOTE would make no change in the law governing tip pooling or the minimum wage for tipped workers.

NO

QUESTION 6

Shall the Town of Winthrop be allowed to assess an additional \$4,950,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of funding the Winthrop Public Schools Operating Budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025?

YES

NO

SAMPLE BALLOT

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING

