



WINTHROP WEEKLY

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE TOWN OF WINTHROP

October 31, 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.



Happy Halloween
Town Offices Close
at 4:30 PM
October 31, 2024

School Committee

November 4, 2024, 6:00 PM
Harvey Hearing Room
[More Details](#)

November 5th is Election Day
Remember to vote!



Election Day
Tuesday, November 5th
Make Your Vote Count!

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Ask for Help if Needed

Polls Open 7 AM - 8 PM

www.winthropma.gov



Questions?
Contact the Town
Clerk's office
617 846-1742

Conservation Commission

November 6, 2024, 7:00 PM
Via Zoom
[More Details](#)

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

HALLOWEEN HAUNT

READY FOR HALLOWEEN?
US TOO!

OCTOBER 31
4:00-6:00
WINTHROP CENTER

JOIN US IN
WINTHROP CENTER

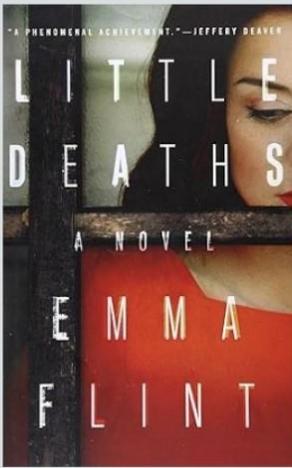
FOR KIDS TRICK OR TREATING
AT ALL PARTICIPATING
BUSINESSES

HAPPY HALLOWEEN



HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS

-  Costumes, wigs and accessories should be fire-resistant and makeup should be nontoxic.
-  If your children are out after dark, they should wear reflective tape on their costumes and bags or be given flashlights or glow sticks.
-  An adult should accompany young children during trick-or-treating.
-  If your children are going alone, plan and agree on a route and specific time they should return home.
-  Ensure that your children are walking attentively, with no electronic devices, and with their heads up.



Winthrop Public Library & Museum
2 Metcalf Square

Mystery Book Club

November 6, 2024 10:30 a.m.
Hazlett Room

THE FOURTH ANNUAL

THE GREAT PUMPKIN DROP

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH 10-12
FORT BANKS SCHOOL PLAYGROUND



Don't throw your pumpkins out,
roll them down the hill
and drop them!

STOP, DROP & ROLL YOUR OLD PUMPKINS

You can turn your old pumpkins into valuable compost!

Reduce Food Waste! Crafts for Kids!



Sponsored by Mothers Out Front Winthrop

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/selection>
2. Enter "Winthrop MA" in the Municipality field and select View/Pay bills
3. Scroll down under "Select Your Bill" and select "Resident 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 (85yrs and up / handicap are Free)
7. Select "Add to Cart" and complete the Checkout process

YIRRELL BEACH MANAGEMENT PLAN

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>



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ST. GEORGE

PHOTOGRAPHY



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

THE CLOCK TOWER GALLERY

45 PAULINE STREET WINTHROP

CLOSING RECEPTION SAT. NOVEMBER 9, 2024 1-3 P.M

NETWORK WITH ENVIRONMENTAL GROUPS
FRIENDS OF BELLE ISLE MARSH, MOTHER'S OUT FRONT, TREE WINTHROP,
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMISSION ON CLIMATE,
CONSERVATION COMMISSION, DCR

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**

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

SIX
The Musical: Teen Edition
By Toby Marlow and Lucy Moss
7pm November 14, 15, and 16
at the Neil Shapiro Center for the Performing Arts at WHS
tickets available now at whsds.booktix.com
\$10 for Students & Seniors \$15 for Adults

contact whsdtickets@gmail.com
with any questions or concerns

@whs_dramasociety
[whsdramasociety](http://whsdramasociety.com)
winthropdramasociety.com

WINTHROP HIGH SCHOOL
DRAMA SOCIETY

SIX: TEEN EDITION is presented by special arrangement with Concord Theatricals. www.concordtheatricals.com

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**

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.

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.

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

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

The Winthrop Art Association Presents

Hand Building with Air Dry Clay

A Workshop with local artist

Paige Covello

Sunday, November 10 2-4 pm

E.B. Newton Cultural Center - Lyceum Room
45 Pauline Street, Winthrop, MA



The workshop fosters creativity and builds skills while ensuring that everyone can explore their creative potential in a supportive environment.

The workshop is free. Everyone welcome.
For information, please call Dawn 617-846-2644



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

COME SUPPORT WHS GIRLS BASKETBALL BOOSTERS!

GIRLS BASKETBALL

BAKE SALE!

Saturday, November 23rd
9AM-12PM
French Square
Winthrop, MA 02152

COME SUPPORT!



ATTN: Riders of Routes

712 713 714 716

Now Arriving: Your Feedback

Share your insights to help us improve your experience.



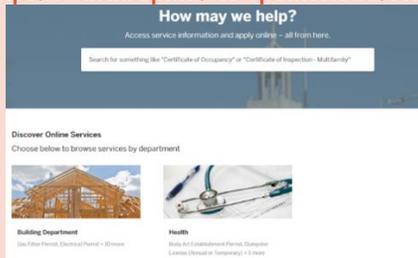
Take our 2 minute survey.



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/>



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



WINTHROP BOY SCOUTS TROOP 75 GREENERY SALE



ORDERING

Orders will be collected outside of 4pm, 8am, 10am, & 12pm masses @ St. Michael's Parish the weekend of November 2nd.

Orders can also be returned to a Scout or mailed to:
Troop 75 c/o Scott Beuoy 15 Mermaid Ave, Winthrop, MA 02152

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT ALL ORDERS IS Wednesday, NOVEMBER 6th
(Mailed orders must be received by Monday Nov. 4th)

PAYMENT

Please make checks payable to "TROOP 75 Winthrop" or VENMO @Winthrop-BoyScouts
**If paying with Venmo include Name, Address, phone & Order Details*

PICK UP/ DELIVERIES

DELIVERIES – MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25 – TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26

PICK UPS - SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1

During 8am, 10am & 12pm Masses @ St. Michael's Parish garage
We offer complimentary delivery to Winthrop addresses upon request.

----- Cut Here - Keep Top portion for your records. -----

NAME _____ TEL _____

EMAIL: _____ ADDRESS: _____

ITEM	QUANTITY	PRICE	TOTAL \$
REGULAR SIZE DECORATED WREATH		\$30	
REGULAR SIZE WREATH WITH BOW ONLY		\$20	
REGULAR SIZE PLAIN WREATH		\$15	
XL SIZE PLAIN WREATH (36" center)		\$50	
XL SIZE WREATH W/ BOW (36" center)		\$60	
KISSING BALL		\$30	
LOG BASKET		\$30	
TOTAL ITEMS		TOTAL DUE	
<input type="checkbox"/> DELIVERY <input type="checkbox"/> 8am PICK UP <input type="checkbox"/> 10am PICK UP <input type="checkbox"/> 12pm PICK UP			
PAYMENT METHOD <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> CHECK # _____ <input type="checkbox"/> VENMO _____ (Verified)			

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING WINTHROP BOY SCOUTS
WinthropBoyScoutsTroop75@gmail.com

THE GFB PTO PRESENTS

MUSICAL BINGO NIGHT

PRIZES | FOOD | FUN

All proceeds support enrichment activities at the GFB

Friday, November 15, 2024: 6PM-8:30PM

Winthrop Yacht Club
649 Shirley Street

\$25 for adults;
\$15 for children

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

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

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, TST, and Quick Food Mart.
- Please note: Bag infested items and rain soaked items may be rejected by the hauler for pickup. You will need a private hauler for your bin if this occurs. Items destined 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.



SPINELLI'S & WHS CLASS OF 2025

THANKSGIVING PIE FUNDRAISER

Spinelli's most awaited seasonal pies are back! Grab them while they're hot.
 Orders due by 11/19

Pies are \$20 Each

[Click Here](#) OR Scan the QR Code to order!

Pumpkin Pie
 Blueberry Pie
 Apple Pie
 Ricotta Pie
 Lemon Meringue

Pick Up Location:
 Winthrop High School Tuesday 11/26 5:00pm -7:00pm
 Deliveries 11/26 AFTER 5pm

For more information reach out to Danielle Reardon at
 617-529-8498 or danielle.reardon@comcast.net

GIFTS FOR FIRST 50 TO ENTER!!

CLASS OF 2026 PRESENTS

Country fair!

NOVEMBER 21ST

ST MICHAEL'S GYMNASIUM | DOORS OPEN AT 5:30 PM

\$5 ENTRY FEE

A NIGHT FULL OF RAFFLES AND LUCK!

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE WHS CLASS OF 2026

RAFFLES, 50/50, DOOR PRIZE, TURKEY GIVEAWAY!!

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.

2ND ANNUAL
COMMUNITY FAIR
TO BENEFIT
Myles  **ones**
The Myles P. Vercruysse Memorial Fund
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH
Memorial Gymnasium,
By Larsen Rink - Pauline Street, Winthrop, MA
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
**Crafters, vendors, small businesses, community
programs, games, and prizes!**
Also featuring animals from Reptiles Circus, games with Yard Games World, fun with Project Play, Touch-A-Truck with Winthrop Police, Fire, EMS, ABH Services, Inc, and more!



2024 Needs Assessment

A community survey for adults 60 and older and caregivers

Share Your Opinion

What supports would help you on your aging journey?

What is your community doing well?

What would you like to see more of?

Share your thoughts with Mystic Valley Elder Services and the MA Executive Office of Elder Affairs!

Take the Survey Online

Scan the code with your phone's camera or go online to www.bit.ly/2024-needs-survey



Amy's Breakfast with Santa

Great food, raffles, take photos with Santa

For tickets, write name and how many
Text: Kathy Hubert 617-981-3866
Venmo: Ellen-baxter-2 |

Donations of any kind appreciated. Benefiting St Michael's youth ministry with a portion donated to Amy's Washington DC fund to ensure no child is left behind.

Proceeds benefit St Michael's Youth Ministry and Amy's Washington DC fund

Tickets \$5
Age 2 and under are free

Sunday, December 8
After 10 a.m. Mass

St. Michael's Lincoln Street Entrance
St. Michael the Archangel Parish
320 Winthrop Street
Winthrop, MA 02152

How can we protect our coastal floodplains?

The most effective way of protecting the coastal floodplain, and thereby protecting our homes and infrastructure, is to safeguard its natural floodplain features and functions wherever possible.

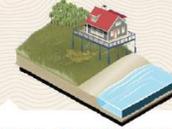
Where the coastal floodplain is already developed, measures to modify buildings when they are substantially repaired or improved to accommodate floodwaters are important. Elevating buildings on open piles and removing obstructions from the floodplain are two strategies for reducing risk from coastal flooding and storm damage. The Coastal Resilience Grant Program provides financial and technical support for public projects which enhance coastal resilience to storms and flooding. FEMA Grants are available to help elevate homes.



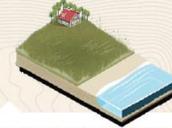
Avoid – Wherever possible, we should leave natural coastal floodplains undeveloped. These areas provide many important services and are also becoming likely to flood more frequently.



Protect – In developed areas, elevation of existing seawalls or flood control berms, under limited circumstances, or nature-based protection options, like deep-rooted vegetation plantings or dune planting, can help reduce erosion and dissipate storm energy.



Accommodate – Measures like elevating buildings on piles, removing obstructions (like fences and walls), and providing vegetated areas where coastal floodwater can infiltrate, all help to accommodate floodwaters in the coastal floodplain.



Retreat – Where possible, managed retreat from the coastal floodplain may be the best option. State Coastal Resilience Grants can help with managed retreat planning and FEMA Grants may help with government buyouts of vulnerable land in the coastal floodplain.

www.mass.gov/info-details/shores-of-change

Shores of Change

COASTAL FLOODPLAIN RESILIENCE

Coastal Floodplains Under Pressure

Why are coastal floodplains under pressure?

Many pressures are exerted on our coastal floodplains, from the land and from the sea.

As sea levels rise and coastal storms become stronger, coastal floodplains are becoming more frequently flooded.

At the same time, continued development on the coastal floodplain exacerbates the impact of the floodwaters and increases erosion, loss of vegetation, and storm damage.

The entire site depicted below is located within FEMA Floodplain. Refer to the FEMA Maps to determine the exact location of the floodplain boundary.

Unique wildlife may be lost as coastal floodplains are developed.

As the floodplain is developed, it loses its ability to slow velocity of flows and absorb storm energy, allowing storm impacts to be felt further inland.

Hard, paved surfaces prevent water from being absorbed into the ground. With no where else to go, coastal floodwater travels further inland.

Hard sea walls and revetments can increase erosion of adjacent beaches, reducing their ability to dissipate waves.

Loss of vegetation and increased impervious surfaces means coastal floodplains cannot absorb pollution and sediments as effectively, which can lead to water quality impacts.

Gaps in dunes, streets, and areas between structures often channel floodwater flow and can increase property damage.

Development close to the coastline puts buildings and infrastructure at increased risk of erosion, storm damage, and flooding.



www.mass.gov/info-details/shores-of-change

This project was made possible in part by a Wetland Program Development Grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (Region One), Section 104 (b)(5) of the Federal Clean Water Act.



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 Tuesday, November 5th
 Make Your Vote Count!

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YOUR VOTE MATTERS

Questions?
 Contact the Town Clerk's office
617 846-1742

SAMPLE BALLOT

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

STATE ELECTION

WINTHROP

**OFFICIAL
 EARLY / ABSENTEE
 BALLOT**

Tuesday, November 5, 2024
 Card No. 1 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.

ELECTORS OF PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT
 Vote for ONE

- AYYADURAI and ELLIS ++++++ Independent
- DE LA CRUZ and GARCIA + Socialism and Liberation
- HARRIS and WALZ ++++++ Democratic
- OLIVER and TER MAAT ++++++ Libertarian
- STEIN and CABALLERO-ROCA + Green Rainbow Party
- TRUMP and VANCE ++++++ Republican

DO NOT VOTE IN THIS SPACE.
 USE BLANK LINE BELOW FOR WRITE-IN.

 WRITE-IN SPACE ONLY

SENATOR IN CONGRESS
 Vote for ONE

- ELIZABETH ANN WARREN ++++++ Democratic
24 Lincoln St., Cambridge
- JOHN DEATON ++++++ Republican
8 Mohall Ave., Swansea

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REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS
 Vote for ONE

- KATHERINE M. CLARK ++++++ Democratic
15 Olean Pier Ave., Revere

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COUNCILLOR
 Vote for ONE

- TERRENCE W. KENNEDY ++++++ Democratic
3 Shaford Rd., Lynnfield

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SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT
 Vote for ONE

- LYDIA MARIE EDWARDS ++++++ Democratic
186 London St., Boston
- JEANNA MARIE A. TAMAS ++++++ Republican
56 Walmeier Ave., Winthrop

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REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT
 Vote for ONE

- JEFFREY ROSARIO TURCO ++++++ Democratic
61 Court Rd., Winthrop

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CLERK OF SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT
 Vote for ONE

- ALLISON S. CARTWRIGHT ++++++ Democratic
105 Warren Ave., Boston

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CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT (CIVIL BUSINESS)
 Vote for ONE

- JOHN E. POWERS, III ++++++ Democratic
547 East Fifth St., Boston

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CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT (CRIMINAL BUSINESS)
 Vote for ONE

- MAURA HENNIGAN ++++++ Democratic
36 Woodland Rd., Boston

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REGISTER OF DEEDS
 Vote for ONE

- STEPHEN J. MURPHY ++++++ Democratic
141 Warren Ave., Boston

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REGISTER OF PROBATE (TO FILL VACANCY)
 Vote for ONE

- STEPHANIE L. EVERETT ++++++ Democratic
157 Manchester St., Boston
- MOHAMED BAH ++++++ Independent
22 Saint Marks Rd., Boston

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REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE
 Vote for not more than ONE

- BLANCA GACHARNA ++++++
16 Lambert Avenue # 1, Chelsea

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REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE
 Vote for not more than ONE

- JAMES J. HOLLAND ++++++
48 Lyle Street, Malden

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REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE
 Vote for not more than ONE

- ROBERT S. MCCARTHY ++++++
33 Pine Ridge Road, Reading

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REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE
 Vote for not more than ONE

- ANTHONY L. CAGGIANO ++++++
303 Park St., Boston

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REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE
 Vote for not more than ONE

- PETER A. ROSSETTI, JR. ++++++
6 Summit Avenue, Salem

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REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE
 Vote for not more than ONE

- LAWRENCE M. MEANS ++++++
4 Victoria Lane, Stoneham

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REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE
 Vote for not more than ONE

- BRITTANY A. CARISELLA ++++++
215 Nahant Street, Wakefield

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REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE
 Vote for not more than ONE

- DEBORAH P. DAVIS ++++++
61 Hudson Circle, Woburn

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**QUESTION 1
 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 specify that the State Auditor has the authority to audit the Legislature.

A YES VOTE would specify that the State Auditor has the authority to audit the Legislature.

A NO VOTE would make no change in the law relative to the State Auditor's authority.

YES

NO

CONTINUE ON BACK
 VOTE BOTH SIDES

**SAMPLE
 BALLOT**

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 authorizations 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 have 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, mesquite, 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 mesquite, 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

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QUESTION 5

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NO

QUESTION 6

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YES

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