



WINTHROP WEEKLY

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE TOWN OF WINTHROP

December 5, 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.

Board of License

December 9, 2024, 6:00 PM
Harvey Hearing Room
[More Details](#)

School Committee

December 9, 2024, 6:00 PM
Neil Shapiro Center for the Performing Arts
[More Details](#)

Library Board of Trustees

December 10, 2024, 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM
Winthrop Public Library, Bergman Room
[More Details](#)

Commission for Diversity, Inclusion & Community Relations

December 11, 2024, 6:00 PM
Gathering Room
[More Details](#)

Commission on Disability

December 11, 2024, 6:00 PM
Harvey Hearing Room
[More Details](#)

Council on Aging

December 12, 2024, 10:30 AM
Senior Center
[More Details](#)

Board of Health

December 12, 2024, 3:30 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

Winthrop Police Department
Cordially Invites You to Our

HOLIDAY GALA

Where: Winthrop Yacht Club

When: December 7, 2024 7pm

Donation: \$40 per ticket
(Table of 8 \$300)

Purchase tickets at the Winthrop Police Station

For Info:
Deputy Chief Steve Rogers (strogens@town.winthrop.ma.us)
Sergeant Samantha Ferrino (sferrino@town.winthrop.ma.us)

*This is an adult event. All proceeds to benefit Winthrop Police Explorer program.
There will be a DJ, Dancing, Chinese food buffet and prizes.
Dress wear is Christmas themed so wear that ugly Holiday sweater,
Holiday Pajamas or your best Victorian suit.*

HarborCOV
Collaborative Overcoming Violence

HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE

HarborCOV is collecting toys for children ages 0-22 who have experienced domestic violence.

Many of these children would not otherwise have holiday gifts. Thanks for helping make the season brighter for them!

Please drop gifts off at:
Winthrop Department of Public Health
45 Pauline Street, 1st floor
Winthrop, MA

or

Larsen Rink Lobby
Winthrop, MA

Please contact juliana@harborcov.org with any questions

www.harborcov.org

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

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://epay.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 (65ys and up / handicap are Free)
7. Select "Add to Cart" and complete the Checkout process

St. John's Episcopal Church
222 Bowdoin St. Winthrop

SNOWFLAKE FAIR

Sat. December 7th 10-2pm

Live Wreaths, Swags & Gift Baskets

Crochet & Quilted Handmade Gifts

Homebaked Holiday Treats,
Cookies & Dinners-To-Go

Beautiful Jewelry & Raffles

Lobster Lunches,
Chowder & more
served for lunch



To Reserve your Generous Lobster Roll, Bag of Chips
& Triple-Chocolate Brownie for only \$20:
Call or Text the Church by Wed. Dec.4th
@ 617-846-2363 and leave a message

BU School of
Public Health



How can we make our community healthier?

With you, to start!

The Winthrop
Community Equity
Health Needs
Assessment aims to
help us understand
the biggest health
needs of our
community, and
what we can do to
meet those needs.

TAKE THE
SURVEY:



(It'll only take 15 minutes!)

Or, go to this link
https://winthropma.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_2uzkFgzDQEhihBY



Thanks to our sponsor



Project Play Presents

Holiday Hop & Coat Drive

4:30-6:00

Saturday 07 December

Adriana's Cafe, 19 Main St, Winthrop

Celebrate the holidays with a
FREE kids concert by Evan of
Music at the Blissful!

Free hot cocoa & crafts
Food, beer & wine for purchase

Bring new or gently used winter
wear to donate to local families
in need



**Town of Winthrop
Curbside Leaf-Green Waste Collection**

**Saturday,
November 23, and December 14, 2024**
Capital Waste will go throughout the
entire Town for pickup.
Leaf Bags/Bins must
be on the curb by 7 am



What is "Green Waste"?
Green waste includes grass, leaves, vines, hedge
trimmings, and small to medium size branches. Root
balls and branches over three inches are not
accepted. Grass, leaves, vines, and hedge
trimmings need to be in brown bags or unbagged
in a bin. It is not necessary to purchase special
compost bags to participate in the program. It is
essential that other wastes, such as rocks, plastic,
construction material, trash, or animal waste do
not mix with green waste.
Missed pick up? Call Capital Waste 617-569-1718

Now, More than Ever, Our Community Needs Food Donations!

Please join the Winthrop Public Library's *Food
for Fines* Promotion to benefit
the Winthrop Food Pantry

Please bring donations of usable, non-perishable food during
the month of December.

One item of food = up to \$5 in fines. We encourage
participation even if you owe no fines!



See marked boxes at the library desks

Suggestions for needed items:

Pasta, pasta sauce, tuna, mayonnaise, jelly, pancake mix,
pancake syrup

All usable, non-perishable items are welcomed!

Visit the library soon - bring along some food donations along
with your books!

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

CLASS OF 2025 PRESENTS

SKATE WITH SANTA

Have a holly jolly holiday season kickoff with Santa!

**DECEMBER 7TH
1PM
\$10 Entry Fee
LARSEN RINK**

Come join us to skate with Santa!
Raffle prizes (we accept Venmo and cash).
Photos with Santa, Hot Cocoa., Crafts, Snacks,
Letters to Santa and more!

Note: No skate rentals available.

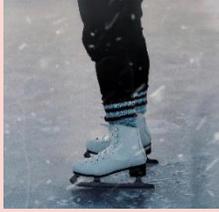
Joy and Peace on Earth

Art Market and Exhibit - December 1 and 14, 2024, 10:00-2:00
Exhibit Only Through January
Gallery hours: Thursdays 1:30-4:00
Saturdays 1:00-3:00 December 7 and 21, January 4 and 18

The Cloek Tower Gallery
E.B. Newton Cultural Center
45 Pauline Street, Winthrop MA
617-751-5162

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

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.



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. BELL, INC

Week of 11/25

Conduit crossings at Winthrop/Main Streets

Week of 12/2

Finish conduit crossings at Main/Winthrop Streets - Drainage at Argyle Street

Week of 12/9

TBD (Weather-pending)

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

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

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.

Winthrop Chamber of Commerce Memory Star Dedication

Dedicate a Star

DEDICATE A STAR TO A LOVED ONE TO BE
HUNG ON THE HOLIDAY TREE IN FRENCH SQUARE.



\$25.00
for a
NEW
star



*In
Memory*



*The
Family*



\$15.00
to hang
last
year's
star



*Class of
2024*

CONTACT NAME _____
 DEDICATED TO _____
 PAYMENT ___ CHECK ___ CASH ___ CC ___
 CREDIT CARD # _____ CODE ___ EXP DATE _____
 CHECK NUMBER _____

Contact the Chamber of Commerce for more information
at (617) 846-9898 or visit the following Links for Stars:

[Dedicate a New Star](#)

[Re-Dedicate a Star from Last Year](#)

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.

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

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

ATC PTO
Holiday Raffle
DAILY DRAWING
DECEMBER 1ST-12TH

1. Disney on Ice, Agganis Arena-4 Tickets
2. Mane & Mani-3 Pack of Blowouts
3. Cheesecake Factory \$50 GC
4. Kendra Scott Sunburst Necklace & Earrings
5. Worcester Red Sox-4 Tickets Spring 2025
6. Immersive GameBox, Peabody-1 Game for 4
7. Celtics vs. Spurs February 12, 2025-2 Tickets
*Donated by the Chapdelaine Family
8. Newport Marriott-Hotel Stay & \$150 Spa GC
9. Taqueria Jalisco, East Boston \$50 GC
10. Blue Man Group, Boston-4 Tickets
11. Santa's Village, Jackson NH-2 Tickets
12. Patriots vs. Bills January 5, 2025-4 Tickets
*Donated by the Ross Family

TICKETS \$20 EACH
CASH, CHECK OR VENMO

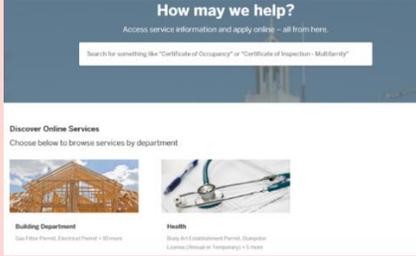


ATC PTO
WINTHROP
VENMO

APPLY FOR PERMITS ONLINE

The Town of Winthrop has partnered with Open GOV 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/>



The Winthrop Art Association Presents the Annual

JAZZ BRUNCH

Sunday, December 8, 2024 Noon — 2 PM

E. B. Newton Cultural Center, 45 Pauline Street, Winthrop

Featuring

MAX WHITING'S MUSICMAKERS

The Public is Invited. Free - Donations Accepted



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



Need a Mammogram?

If you are due for your breast cancer screening, please join us on **Dana-Farber's Mammography Van!** The American College of Radiology recommends a mammogram every year if you are age 40 or older.



Lawrence Larsen Rink

45 Pauline Street, Winthrop, MA 02152

Wednesday, December 18
7 AM to 3:15 PM

The mammography van offers digital screenings (3D mammography). The van comes to you, and our friendly, professional staff provides easy access to a vital screening. The entire process takes less than 20 minutes.

Pre-registration is required. To schedule your mammogram or learn more, please [register online](#), call 617-632-1974 or email mammo_van@dfci.harvard.edu.

This van day is hosted in conjunction with the Winthrop Department of Public Health & Clinical Services. Dana-Farber's Mammography Van possesses a valid license and certificate of inspection issued by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health.



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



Project Play

PLAY EQUIPMENT DRIVE

HELP US REPLACE & EXPAND OUR INVENTORY FOR 2025!

Shop our Amazon Wish List
bit.ly/SponsorAToy

THANK YOU!

THE GFB PTO INVITES YOU TO



DINE & DONATE

AT THE WINTHROP ARMS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9TH, 2024
4PM-10PM

130 GROVERS AVE, WINTHROP, MA

10% OF ALL TAKE-OUT AND DINE-IN FOOD & DRINK ORDERS WILL BE DONATED TO THE GORMAN FORT BANKS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL!

TICKETS WILL BE ON SALE FOR A 50/50. CASH ONLY.

FOR RESERVATIONS CONTACT THE ARMS AT (617) 846-4000 OR VISIT WINTHROPARMS.COM

FOR QUESTIONS EMAIL FORTBANKSPTO@GMAIL.COM

WINTHROP PUBLIC LIBRARY AND MUSEUM
2 METCALF SQUARE, WINTHROP, MA

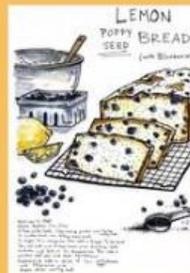
ART EXHIBIT KAITLYN RIPALDI



Photography by UFO Originals



Old Fashioned



LEMON POPPY SEED BREAD (with Blueberries)



Illustrator and designer with a focus on fluid watercolor paint and technical micron pen

Exhibit through Jan. 15

Winthrop Library Exhibit Special:
Get 10% off any custom portraits booked between January and April 2025. Note Winthrop Library as your referral.

visit www.yellowleafdesign.com





DISTRICT ATTORNEY
KEVIN R. HAYDEN

SUFFOLK COUNTY FRAUD FIGHTERS WORKSHOP FOR OLDER ADULTS

Attend our second presentation in Winthrop! Get the latest updates on the newest scams, learn effective methods to identify fraud, protect your finances, and ensure peace of mind. Knowledge is power - take advantage of this opportunity to learn more!

Tuesday, December 17
1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

Winthrop Senior Center
35 Harvard St, Winthrop, MA

Hosted by the Winthrop Police Department's Senior Monthly Outreach Program.
Presented by the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office and community partners.

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT:
Deputy Chief Stephen Rogers
Srogers@town.winthrop.ma
Lt. Mary Crisafi
Mcrisafi@town.winthrop.ma
Tracy Litthcut
Tracy.Litthcut@mass.gov



IMPORTANT

Message from The Department of Public Works
Solid Waste & Recyclings Department

Please add your house number and street
name to your trash and recycling bins.

Thank you.



Recycle Smart This Holiday Season!



Packing Peanuts, Bubble Wrap, Boxes and Padded Envelopes

Shipping boxes and packaging are unavoidable during the gift-giving season. Remember to flatten all cardboard boxes before putting them in the recycling bin - do not nest open boxes within each other. Packing peanuts and any paper envelopes with plastic padding on the inside go in the trash. Bubble wrap and fully plastic padded envelopes can be brought back to your supermarket to be properly recycled along with plastic wrap and plastic bags.



Real Christmas Tree Collection Weeks of January 6 and January 17, 2025



WINTHROP
MASSACHUSETTS



- Place your bare tree curbside, next to your bins
- Do not bag your tree
- No lights
- No ornaments
- No garland



Unbagged, bare, real Christmas trees will be collected on your regular trash day after the 2024 Holiday season. Pickup will be the weeks of January 6th and January 13th, 2025.





Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection

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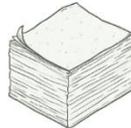


Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection

Paper Plates and Napkins, Plastic Utensils and Cups



Disposable plates, napkins, utensils, and cups make cleanup easy. Unfortunately, most of these items cannot be recycled. All noncompostable, disposable paper products go in the trash. Plastic cups made of polystyrene (colored cups or those that crack or crinkle when squeezed) also go in the trash. Clear plastic cups that easily squeeze in your hand and all aluminum cans can be recycled.



Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection

Food Waste

No matter what holiday you are celebrating, a tasty meal is more than likely a central part of it! After you've cleared the table and packed your guests' leftovers, rinse out those cans and jars, and make sure everything you put in the recycling bin is free of food! Check the Smart Recycling Guide or the Recyclopedia to ensure you are putting the right things in the bin. All food waste should be placed in your compost or trash.





Massachusetts Department of
Environmental Protection

Recycle Smart This Holiday Season!



String lights

Though beautiful on your house, tree or mantel, string lights don't belong in your recycling bin. They wrap around machinery at your local recycling facility, causing sorting to come to a grinding halt. Broken string lights may be an easy fix – try this repair tip. If they still don't work, many municipalities across the state provide special collection bins for string lights at the holidays or year-round as e-waste or scrap metal (search “city/town name’ trash and recycling”). You can also search Beyond the Bin for collection locations. If you can't find a location near you, you can put them in the trash.



Massachusetts Department of
Environmental Protection

Recycle Smart This Holiday Season!



Trees and Wreaths

As the Holidays are winding down, remember cut Christmas trees and Holiday wreaths are handled differently. Most Massachusetts cities and Towns provide tree collection. (Usually the first two weeks in January.) The trees collected are chipped and either used for compost or mulch. If you have questions about where to take your tree for proper disposal or when to put it on the curb, contact your city/town for information. Remember to remove all lights, tinsel, ornaments, and garlands. Bare trees only!

Although many wreaths are made from trees, they are not collected with trees or yard waste collection.

The wires in wreaths are a contaminant.

Wreaths go in the trash.



What is Winthrop Community Electricity?

Winthrop Community Electricity is our Town’s new electricity supply program. It is designed to provide residents with new electricity supply and options that feature competitive prices, longer-term price stability and more renewable energy (though savings cannot be guaranteed). This program was approved by the Winthrop Town Meeting in 2023 and by the Department of Public Utilities in September 2024. Nearly 170 other cities and towns in Massachusetts have similar programs.

When does it start? The Town chose Direct Energy to provide the program’s electricity starting January 2025. All program prices are fixed for 35 months until December 2027.

How do I participate? The answer depends on your current electricity supplier:

- *I am using National Grid Basic Service* (most residential customers) - Anyone currently using National Grid Basic Service supply is eligible for automatic enrollment and will receive a letter in November informing them of their options and how to opt-out (i.e. not participate) if desired. The deadline to opt-out before the program begins is December 14, 2024. Those that do not opt-out will begin receiving electricity from Winthrop Community Electricity in January 2025.
- *I have chosen another electricity supplier already* - Anyone that has proactively chosen their own electricity supplier will not be automatically enrolled in the program; however, these customers may sign up for the program at any time (please check with your current supplier for any cancellation penalties). To join, use the form at WinthropCommunityElectricity.com or call (866) 968-8065.

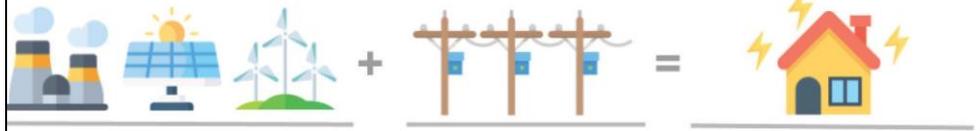
Do I have to participate? Participation is voluntary. Customers may opt-out at any time, without penalty, before or after the program begins.

Why is this an automatic enrollment program?

The State law that enables municipal aggregation programs like Winthrop Community Electricity, M.G.L. c.164 section 134(a), specifies that these programs are opt-out. This design was intended to give a Town or City enough buying power to attract qualified suppliers and negotiate favorable prices for the community (again, recognizing that savings cannot be guaranteed).



WINTHROP COMMUNITY ELECTRICITY



SUPPLY

Winthrop chose Direct Energy to supply the electricity for Winthrop Community Electricity

DELIVERY

National Grid delivers the electricity to your home, maintains power lines, and responds to power outages

POWER FOR YOU

You continue to pay a single bill to National Grid. No changes to solar, discounts, or budget billing



WINTHROP COMMUNITY ELECTRICITY

Winthrop Basic	Winthrop Standard (Default)	Winthrop Plus	National Grid Basic Service
12.910 ¢/kWh	13.340 ¢/kWh	14.220 ¢/kWh	16.055 ¢/kWh
No additional renewable energy	Adds 10% renewable energy (MA Class I RECs)	Adds renewable energy (MA Class I RECs) to total 100%	No additional renewable energy
January 2025 through December 2027 meter reads			August 2024 through January 2025

LAUNCHING JANUARY 2025