



WINTHROP WEEKLY

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE TOWN OF WINTHROP

December 12, 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.

School Committee

December 16, 2024, 6:00 PM
Harvey Hearing Room
[More Details](#)

Retirement Board

December 17, 2024, 4:00 PM
Harvey Hearing Room
[More Details](#)

Town Council

December 17, 2024, 6:30 PM
Harvey Hearing Room
[More Details](#)

MBHSR Critical Infrastructure Subcommittee

December 18, 2024, 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM
[More Details](#)

Board of License

December 18, 2024, 6:00 PM
Gathering Room
[More Details](#)

Planning Board

December 18, 2024, 7:00 PM
Harvey Hearing Room
[More Details](#)

Board of Appeals

December 19, 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



COFFEE AND COATS FOR VETERANS

State Representative Jeffrey Turco and Veterans Services Officer Phil Ronan are hosting a Coffee and Coats gathering for all, especially Veterans in need of a new winter jacket.

Saturday, December 14th
from 8:00 - 10:00 AM

Veterans Services Office *lower level in the EB Newton Building*
At 45 Pauline Street, Winthrop, MA




HARBORCOV
Communities 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

Winthrop Community Electricity Program Opt Out Deadline is Saturday, December 14th

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://cpay.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

Winthrop Community Electricity is our Town's new electricity supply program. It is designed to offer residents new electricity supply options that provide more renewable energy and stable prices for all Winthrop residents and businesses. Although savings cannot be guaranteed, these programs have historically provided savings compare to utility Basic Service over the contract term.

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.

What changes? Participation in Winthrop Community Electricity will only change the "Supply" portion of your National Grid electricity bill.

What Stays the Same?

- The "Delivery" portion of your National Grid bill will remain the same.
- National Grid will still continue to deliver electricity, maintain poles and wires, and respond to storm outages
- Anyone using budget billing or receiving low-income rate discounts will continue to receive their current benefits.
- Customers receiving net metering or other solar benefits will continue to receive their current benefits.

Do I have to participate?

- Participation is voluntary.
- There is never any penalty or fee to opt out of the program.
- The enrollment process differs based on your current electricity supplier.
- Current Natl Grid Basic Services Customers
- Anyone using National Grid Basic Service is eligible to be automatically enrolled in the Winthrop Standard as of their January meter read.
- These customers received a notification letter in Mid-November, explaining their options.
- If an eligible customer takes no action, they will be enrolled in Winthrop Standard starting in January.
- If eligible for automatic enrollment:
 - Dec 14: deadline to opt-out before the program starts.
 - You may opt-out at any time after Dec 14, and you will be returned to National Grid Basic Service supply on your next meter read.
 - There is never any penalty or fee to opt out of the program.
- To Choose a different Winthrop option:
 - Fill out the online form at WinthropCommunityElectricity.com OR call our supplier, Direct Energy, at (866) 968-8065
 - To Opt Out of the Winthrop Program:
 - Return the postage paid card in your notification letter OR fill out the online form at WinthropCommunityElectricity.com OR call our supplier, Direct Energy, at (866) 968-8065

Customers Using Their Own Supplier Anyone currently using their own supplier will not receive the notification letter and will not be automatically enrolled. These customers can voluntarily join the program, but should check with their current supplier in case their current supplier charges penalties or early termination fees.

Questions & Support?

To opt-out, change your option or proactively enroll:

- Call Direct Energy at (866) 968-8065
- Fill out the enroll or opt-out form at WinthropCommunityElectricity.com

For questions, contact Winthrop's consultant, Good Energy:

- Call (617) 329-5783
- Fill out the contact form at WinthropCommunityElectricity.com

Reminder: you may change your option or opt-out of the program at any time

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			

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_zuzkFgzDQEHihBY

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**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



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.



CAPIC Fuel Assistance

at the DeLeo Senior Center
35 Harvard Street

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2024
10:00 am - 12:00 pm**

Appointments will be on a first come, first served basis.

Household Size	Fuel Assistance / HEAP 2024-2025 Income Guidelines	
	Annual Income	Past 4 Weeks Income
1	\$49,196	\$3,784
2	\$64,333	\$4,949
3	\$79,470	\$6,113
4	\$94,608	\$7,278
5	\$109,745	\$8,442
6	\$124,882	\$9,606

For more information, contact CAPIC at: 617-884-6130

www.capicinc.org/fuel-assistance

Winthrop Council on Aging
617-846-8538
www.winthropma.gov/council-aging



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:**



**CumberlandFarms, 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**

SIT AND SEW

**DECEMBER 21, 2024
10:30 A.M. TO NOON**

Bring your projects! We will have
scrunchie materials available.

**Winthrop Public Library
Hazlett Room**

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



W H S C L A S S O F 2 0 2 5



Holiday WREATH RAFFLE

INCLUDES

\$25 BOOK DEPOT
\$25 JAC'S
\$25 MEAT MARKET
\$25 TWIST N' SHAKE
\$50 SPECIAL F/X
\$25 IN SCRATCH TICKETS

**WINNER TO BE
DRAWN ON
12/20**

\$5 PER CHANCE OR
\$20 FOR 10 CHANCES

VENMO



**VENMO "WREATH" TO DANIELLE-REARDON-5
(PLEASE INCLUDE PHONE NUMBER)**

PLAY EQUIPMENT DRIVE

HELP US REPLACE & EXPAND OUR
INVENTORY FOR 2025!



Shop our Amazon Wish List
bit.ly/SponsorAToy

THANK YOU

THANK YOU

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.



Holiday

CRAFTERNOONS DECEMBER 2024

JOIN US FOR A WEEK OF FESTIVE FUN DURING
MIDDLE SCHOOL DROP-IN

Monday
16TH

TREE ORNAMENTS

DECORATE YOUR OWN UNIQUE ORNAMENTS FOR YOUR TREE OR TO GIVE AS GIFT. CHOOSE FROM A VARIETY OF MATERIALS & DECORATIONS TO CREATE SOMETHING SPECIAL!

Tuesday
17TH

DIY SOAP

CHOOSE YOUR FAVORITE SCENTS, COLORS, & FUN SHAPES! TAKE HOME YOUR OWN HANDMADE SOAP TO USE OR GIVE AS A GIFT

Wednesday
18TH

BEEES WAX CANDLES

DISCOVER THE ART OF MAKING BEEESWAX CANDLES, CHOOSE FROM A VARIETY OF COLORS! TAKE HOME YOUR OWN HANDMADE BEEESWAX CANDLES TO ENJOY

Thursday
19TH

PICTURE FRAMES

DECORATE YOUR OWN PICTURE FRAME TO DISPLAY YOUR FAVORITE PHOTOS. CHOOSE FROM A VARIETY OF MATERIALS AND DECORATIONS

Friday
20TH

GINGERBIRD HOUSES

BUILD YOUR OWN GINGERBIRD HOUSE & DECORATE IT WITH FAUX CANDY & ICING FOR THE BIRDS IN YOUR YARD

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

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

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/>

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"

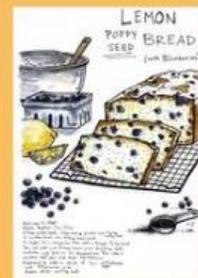
Discover Online Services
Choose below to browse services by department

Building Department
Get a Fire Permit, Electrical Permit - Minutes

Health
Buy All Establishment Permits, Sanitation License Renewal or Temporary License

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

ART EXHIBIT KAITLYN RIPALDI



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





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



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



IMPORTANT

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

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

Thank you.




**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 Lithcut
Tracy.Lithcut@mass.gov




Tuesday, December 24th

Winthrop Firefighters Local 1070 2024 Santa Parade Route



(ALL TIMES ARE ESTIMATED)

(4:30) Leaves Deer Island to Tafts Avenue, Tafts Avenue to Elliott Street, Left on Elliott Street to Church Square, Left on Shirley Street to Triton Avenue, Down Triton Avenue to Bay View Avenue, Bay View Avenue to Shirley Street, Left on Shirley Street to Crystal Cove Avenue, Crystal Cove Avenue to Park Avenue, Left on Park Avenue to Beacon Street, Right on Beacon Street to Beacon Circle, Left on Shore Drive to Tewksbury Street, Left on Tewksbury Street to Shirley Street.

(4:45) Right on Shirley Street to Cutler Street, Continues down Shirley Street. (wrong way) to Veterans Road, Right on Veterans Road to Locust Street, Left on Locust Street to Revere Street, Right on Revere Street to Sagamore Avenue, Right on Sagamore Avenue.

(5:00) Sagamore Avenue to Grovers Avenue, Left on Grovers Avenue to Cliff Avenue, Right on Cliff Avenue to Seal Harbor, Seal Harbor to Pond Street, Right on Pond Street to Highland Avenue, Right on Highland Avenue to Nahant Avenue, Nahant Avenue to Grovers Avenue, Left on Grovers Avenue.

(5:30) Grovers Avenue to Highland Avenue, Right on Highland Avenue to Cliff Avenue, Cliff Avenue to Quincy Avenue, Left on Quincy Avenue, Quincy Avenue to Upland Road, Left on Upland Road to Revere Street, Left on Revere Street, Right on Revere Street to Crest Avenue, Continues down Revere Street to Harvard Street, Left on Harvard Street to Franklin Street, Franklin Street to Cross Street, Right on Cross Street.

(6:00) Right on Main Street to Bowdoin Street, Left on Bowdoin Street to Centre Street, Right on Centre Street to Hermon Street, Left on Hermon Street to Belcher Street, Belcher Street to Winthrop Street, Left on Winthrop Street to Atlantic Avenue, Left on Atlantic Avenue to Hermon Street.

(6:30) Right on Hermon Street to Main Street, Right on Main Street to Winthrop Street, Left on Winthrop Street to Banks Street, Banks Street to Main Street, Right on Main Street to Pleasant Street, Left on Pleasant Street to Lincoln Street, Left on Lincoln Street to Brookfield Road, Right on Brookfield Road to Pleasant Street, Left on Pleasant Street to Waldemar Avenue.

(7:00) Left on Waldemar Avenue to Pauline Street, Right on Pauline Street to Lowell Road, Lowell Road to Maple Road, Maple Road to Loring Road, Right on Loring Road to Court Road, Court Road to Johnson Avenue, Johnson Avenue to Somerset Avenue, Left on Somerset Avenue.

(7:30) Somerset Avenue to Pleasant Street, Right on Pleasant Street to Cottage Park Road, Right on Cottage Park Road to Bartlett Parkway, Left on Bartlett Parkway to Orlando Avenue, Orlando Avenue to Bartlett Road.

(8:00) Right on Bartlett Road to Pleasant Street, Right on Pleasant Street to Plummer Avenue, Right on Plummer Avenue to Frances Street, Left on Frances Street to Sunnyside Avenue, Left Sunnyside Avenue to Pleasant Street, Left on Pleasant Street to Bartlett Road, Right on Bartlett Road to Jefferson Street, Jefferson Street to Putnam Avenue, Right on Putnam Avenue. to Buchanan Street.

(8:30) Left on Buchanan Street to Winthrop Street, Right on Winthrop Street to Washington Avenue, Washington Avenue to River Road, Left on River Road to Chester Avenue, Left on Chester Avenue to Bowdoin Street, Right on Bowdoin Street to George Street, Left on George Street to Winthrop Street, Left on Winthrop Street to Jefferson Street, Jefferson Street to Putnam Street, Right on Putnam Street to Pauline Street, Right on Pauline Street to Winthrop Fire HQ.





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.



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.



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.



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

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.



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.

