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**NEWS Briefs**

**WFD RECEIVES STATE GRANT FOR FIRE EDUCATION PROGRAMS**

Chief Scott Wiley is pleased to announce that the Winthrop Fire Department (WFD) was awarded a grant to support its fire education programming in the community.

The Massachusetts Department of Fire Services awarded Winthrop Fire \$4,381 for its Student Awareness of Fire Education (S.A.F.E.) Program and \$2,277 for the Senior S.A.F.E. Program.

The funding gives the department the opportunity to work directly with students in schools and seniors to educate them about fire safety and prevention. Each program is tailored to the common needs of each age group and includes general fire prevention reminders and safe practices in the home. Lessons feature many safety topics including steps to take if a fire alarm goes off.

The lessons taught in the school-based program are in line with the standards of the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Health Curriculum Frameworks and the state Department of Fire Services Curriculum.

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Shown left to right, Massport Aviation Director Ed Freni, Massachusetts State Police Troop F Major Marc Lavoie, Massport Chief Security Officer Hank Shaw, TSA Supervisory Transportation Security Officer Michael Joyce, Massport CEO Lisa Wieland, Boston Police Commissioner Michael Cox and Massport Fire Chief Joe DeGrace.

## Winthrop's Joyce recognized for commitment to safety and security

Special to the Transcript

The Massachusetts Port Authority (Massport) has awarded Winthrop resident Michael Joyce with the Authority's "Logan Stars" award. The award honors non-Massport employees at Boston Logan International Airport who exemplify the highest level of customer service and/or perform acts of courage in their roles.

Joyce is a Transportation Security Administration (TSA) Supervisory Transportation Security Officer (STSO) at Logan Airport. In September of 2021, Joyce and his colleague were informed that a young woman was being assaulted by a male counterpart near the checkpoint

in Terminal E. When they arrived at the scene, no further contact occurred between the parties involved and Massachusetts State Police was notified. Joyce documented the names and contact information of witnesses and gathered physical evidence, which was then provided to the authorities. Joyce and his colleague explained the situation to the Massachusetts State Police and identified the two individuals involved in the altercation. The male individual was ultimately placed under arrest by authorities.

The "Logan Star" award recognizes contributions of non-Massport employees at Boston Logan in one or more categories:

- Providing exceptional

customer service;

- Engaging in an act of bravery and/or heroism;
- Improving safety or security;
- Increasing operational efficiency or excellence in a way that benefits the Logan community; and
- Creating innovations or new work processes that benefit the Logan community as a whole.

Joyce received the award during the 17th Annual Massport S.A.F.E. and Logan Stars Ceremony held Tuesday, January 10. The ceremony, which highlights Massport's commitment to safety and security, recognized over 30 employees for their contributions to keeping

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## EMBRACE UNVEILED ON BOSTON COMMON



Local artist Samantha Giarratani (project manager at the Hank Willis Thomas team) shown with family members last Friday at the unveiling of The Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. EMBRACE sculpture on Boston Common. Shown left to right Liz Chaboya, Susan Giarratani, Bob Giarratani, Will Briamonte, Sam Giarratani and Robert Giarratani.

## Town looking to fill position on Finance Committee

By Adam Swift

The town is seeking a new member for its Citizens Finance Committee after a long-time member has stepped down.

"Jan Twombly has been a member of that committee for over a decade and has provided so much to that committee, from her professionalism, her ability to listen to both sides of an issue and just come up with the right suggestion," said Town Council President James Letterie. "Her unique financial skill set has just been so admired by everyone on that committee, and I thank her for her time."

Letterie said Twombly's work schedule has made it next to impossible for her to continue on the finance committee, so she will be stepping down.

"She will be sorely missed, but we are looking for someone on the Ci-

zens Finance Committee," said Letterie.

In other business, the council approved the reappointment of Paul Flanagan to the MWRB Board of Directors for the town for a term that runs through Feb. 15, 2027.

Town Manager Tony Marino is also looking for additional feedback from the Town Council on a new trash ordinance before the council takes a vote on it.

Council Vice President Stephen Rugeiro said the new ordinance seeks to make sure there are rules in place that can be enforced by the town so that everyone in Winthrop is following the same set of rules for the disposal of trash.

The ordinance also establishes an enterprise fund so that the trash program is funded through the

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## Save the Harbor seeks applications from organizations for 2023 Better Beaches Grant Program

Special to the Transcript

Save the Harbor/Save the Bay and the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) are now seeking Better Beaches Program grant proposals from organizations to support free beach events and activities on the region's public beaches in Nahant, Lynn, Revere, Winthrop, East Boston, South Boston, Dorchester, Quincy, and Hull this summer.

Last year, Save the Harbor awarded \$28,500 in Better Beaches grants to local organizations like Triangle, Inc, Northshore Juneteenth Association, Piers Park Sailing Center, A Trike Called Funk, Boston Circus Guild and others. This money was used to put on the Beats on the Beach Block Party, Diversity Matters Festival Beach:Ability accessible

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beach day, the Maritime Festival, a Teen Beach Bash, bike rides, movie nights, wellness workshops, beach yoga, concerts, and more.

This year, Better Beaches state funding has increased. Save the Harbor we will be awarding more than \$300,000 in 2023 Better Beaches grants for even more events free to the public.

If you or your organization has a great idea for a free beach event or program, visit the following website: <https://www.savetheharbor.org/better-beaches>

“I’m just so delighted that the Better Beaches grant exists,” said Magdalena Ayed, Founder and Executive Director of the Harborkeepers, a Better Beaches grantee. “This grant allows us to provide a platform to learn about what’s happening on the ocean and how we as the Community can be advocates to improve it. It’s a fantastic opportunity.”

“Save the Harbor’s grant program has done so much good for local businesses, individuals, and so many others. Beats on the Beach and the Block Party wouldn’t be the same without their help,” said Rilla Force, creator of and performer at the Beats on the Beach Block Party.

The Better Beaches program puts resources in the hands of local beach lovers, supporting and empowering them to execute events for their communities. The impact is clear — Save the Harbor has brought millions of community members to the region’s beaches with over 1,000 free events since 2008.

Grant applicants can come from any community as long as their idea centers one of our region’s public beaches. Better Beaches funds will be awarded to organizations, programs, individuals, and creatives who empower, amplify and invest in community members of color, people with disabilities, people who’s first language is not English and members of the Queer community. The event must be free and open to the public, be ex-



Children dressed up for a showing of Moana on the beach in Winthrop last summer.

ecuted in Summer 2023, and comply with DCR’s restrictions on what’s allowed on the beaches.

A Trike Called Funk, a Better Beaches grantee, used their funds to perform at events on multiple beaches and host their own event series, Bike to the Beach and Boogie. “None of this would have been possible had it not been for the support of Save the Harbor/Save the Bay and the Better Beaches initiative,” said A.a.ron Myers, Co-Founder of A Trike Called Funk. “We are happy to amplify Save the Harbor and celebrate what they’re doing to bring people together and to appreciate, but also become stewards of, these beautiful blue and green spaces in and around Boston.”

Information about the events and programs that were supported last year can be found in Save the Harbor’s 2023 Impact Report, which is available at <https://www.savetheharbor.org/publications>.

You can apply for a Better Beaches grant at <https://www.savetheharbor.org/better-beaches>. You will be notified of the result of your application in April. If you have any questions about the Better Beaches Program, please contact Maya Smith at [smith@savetheharbor.org](mailto:smith@savetheharbor.org).

Funds to support the program come from the Department of Conservation and Recreation, the Baker/Polito Administration, and from the Harpoon Shamrock Splash, which will take place on March 12th, 2023. To register for the Splash, visit <https://savetheharbor.secsweet.com/default.asp>.

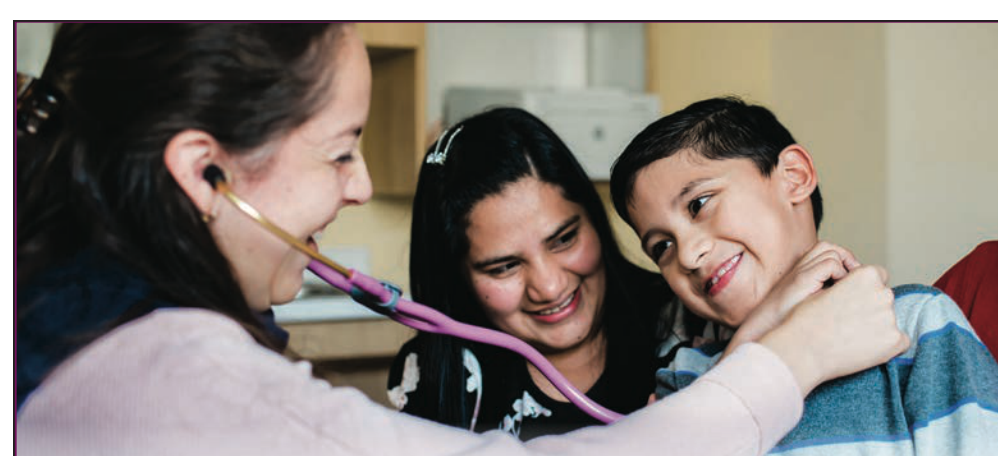
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In addition, Save the Harbor recognizes the Metropolitan Beaches Commission Co-Chairs Senator Brendan Crighton of Lynn, and Representative Adrian Madaro of East Boston and the legislative and community members of the Commission as well as Senate President Karen Spilka and House Speaker Ron Mariano for their support for our beaches and our communities. We also thank the Baker-Polito Administration, the Massachusetts Legislature, Save the Harbor’s partners at the Department of Conservation and Recreation, the Boston Centers for Youth & Families, the YMCA of Greater Boston, and the hundreds of people who take part in the Shamrock Splash for their support.



Hundreds of children and families flocked to the beach for a free movie night in Winthrop.



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