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CELEBRATE “WINTHROP DAY” AT SUFFOLK DOWNS
SATURDAY, JULY 25

EAST BOSTON, MA – Suffolk Downs will be celebrating individuals and organizations in the town of Winthrop that make a positive difference in their community on “Winthrop Day,” Saturday, July 25. It is the fifth of eight days on which the track will recognize individual cities and towns as part of its 2009 “Commitment to Community” program.

Parking and admission will be free for Winthrop residents (with proper ID). In addition to a full card of live racing, the track will provide free family entertainment, including pony rides, carnival games, face painting and a balloon artist, at the outdoor tent and playground area. All in attendance will have the opportunity to have their picture taken with a racehorse and jockey at the track’s “Fan Photo Experience.” The family fun begins at 12:30 p.m. First post time for live racing is 12:45 p.m.

The following Winthrop organizations will be recognized in the track’s “Community Winner’s Circle”: Viking Pride Foundation, Winthrop Parks & Recreation Department, Friends of Winthrop Council on Aging, Winthrop CASA, WINARC and Winthrop Community Access Television.

The “Community Winner’s Circle” was established last year by Suffolk Downs in a continuation of the track’s long-standing community outreach program. Each “Community Winner’s Circle” honoree is recognized by the track in a post-race winner’s circle ceremony and with a contribution to their cause.

Winthrop resident Anthony Atkins will be receiving Suffolk Downs Employee of the Month honors. Atkins is a member of the AlliedBarton security team at the track.

Nine-year-old Winthrop resident McKayla Norris will be performing the national anthem prior to the start of racing. Norris will be entering the fourth grade at the Cummings School.

The Winthrop Jam Band will be performing classic rock hits throughout the afternoon. Founded in March of 2008 by director Rob Mahoney, the Jam Band consists entirely of children from Winthrop. Band members include lead singer Meg Dolan, guitarists Jacob Lloyd, Sean Egan and Brian Manning, drummer Gerry Driscoll, electronic pianists Forrest Eimold and Abby Lloyd, bass guitarist and drummer Dan Manning, and saxophonist and percussionist Charlie Gosselin. Michael Mahoney and Walter Egan are the sound engineers.

The remaining schedule of “Commitment to Community” days at Suffolk Downs is as follows: Revere (August 1), Saugus (August 8) and East Boston (August 22).