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Mark Your Calendars: Essex Senior Center

Next week at the Essex Senior Center on Pickering Street, three events are on deck. On Tuesday, Aug. 22, it's Arts and Crafts at the center from 1 to 3 p.m. Then, on Wednesday (Aug. 23) it's Games with Gil, also from 1 to 3 p.m. and on Thursday the week of activities rounds out with Grab 'N Go Meals available for pick up from 12 noon to 1 p.m. The Essex Senior Center is open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday to Friday. Info at (978) 768-7932.

Singing Beach Day Authors at Manchester Community Center

On August 24 from 6 to 7 p.m. the authors of the children's book, "Singing Beach Day," Bethany and Martha Eisenberg will be at the Manchester Community Center. There will be fun games from Guatemala and desserts too! The event is sponsored by the MCC and the Manchester Mother's Club. See Scott Energy Bulletin, Page 6

Fall Festival Fun, KoC Style

Free Fun Fall, KoC Style The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a family fun event Saturday, Sept. 9 from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Sacred Heart Church in Manchester. There will be a bouncy house, a "covered maze," face painting, games of skill and lots of fun food that includes hot dogs, cotton candy, snow cones, and there will be music too. Open to the public, and free. A great family event.

Accidental Delight



Kris McGinn went to The Landing in Marblehead on accident, by boat from Manchester on a "gross" (her word) day when planning to go elsewhere. The Landing is a long-running tradition in Marblehead, with ties to Manchester (Antique Table used to be The Landing at 7 Central). Well, nice that McGinn switched up her plans that day, because she learned that the waterfront eatery has new management and a new chef team with pretty spectacular ties to some of Boston's best restaurants. Read about it, Page 8



Photo: Jeb Stanford

It was a big deal Saturday in the lot behind the Legion Hall for the Second Annual Manchester Jazzfest, featuring Jambalaya Horns. The event, organized by Scott Milne and John Filias, is a fundraiser for the 4th of July Committee and this year it raised \$3,000 that will be earmarked for music at next year's Independence Day festivities.

Town Hall Highlights: Reserves, Tuck's Point, Cell Signaling, MBTA Zoning

By Erika Brown

As August winds down and Labor Day approaches, it's that time of year when town boards begin to strategize major initiatives for the upcoming fall. However, this year is different. September will usher in a range of significant matters primed for action.

Manchester's Financial Strategy Shifts While Preserving Reserves

Let's delve into the Finance Committee's recent moves regarding Manchester's municipal reserves. In July, FinCom Chair Sarah Mellish proposed recalculating reserves, which would reduce the town's savings rate from 15.86% to 6.05%. This shift involved a new formula excluding Manchester's share of the regional school district budget from the calculation.

At the outset, the entire FinCom supported this approach. The rationale was twofold: eliminating the double counting of school district contributions and questioning the necessity of

such a high level of savings.

One of the big messages drip, drip, dripping from other boards is that strong savings equals strong bond ratings, and strong bond ratings become critical when it's time to borrow ("float a bond") on big projects like building a new school, or a new DPW headquarters. This notion that reserves alone dictate a municipality's strong bond rating was challenged by FinCom member Michael Pratt.

Pratt has pointed out that other towns with AAA ratings maintained lower reserve rates than Manchester's, and that idea is one of the reasons the board sought outside advice from municipal finance experts.

After consultations with Manchester's auditing firm, Powers & Sullivan, and the Government Finance Officers Association, the FinCom backed off its stance.

They were advised that excluding school district funding from reserve calculations is not ideal, and that recommended reserves should be around 16% of operating expenses. The

FinCom thus decided to follow this guidance, at least in part. It will recommend that the Select Board target a lower reserves target of 10% of the town's operating budget, which is double what it had considered before, but it's still less than Manchester current reserve level of 15.86%.

This revised recommendation will be presented to the Select Board for further debate.

Addressing Capital Needs and Facilities

Interestingly, while the FinCom is recommending lowering reserves, the Select Board will be addressing the new Facilities Master Plan and a roster of capital projects.

In the next three decades Manchester is facing vital infrastructure overhauls like Central Street Culvert replacement, PFAS mitigation for the water supply (\$25 million), and Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrades (\$3 million-\$4 million).

Furthermore, according to the Facilities Plan presented by Dept. of Public

Works Director Chuck Dam, the list of long-awaited needs includes a new DPW facility (\$22 million), enhanced public safety headquarters (\$20 million), Town Hall renovation (\$5.2 million), senior center (\$2 million), Harbor-master's office (\$520,000), and Tuck's Point Rotunda (\$2 million-\$4 million). Dam presented this list to the FinCom earlier this month.

At that meeting, FinCom member Mory Creighton projected the cumulative cost, including the new Essex Elementary School, could exceed \$200 million over the next three decades.

Relief from federal and state grants are not fully reflected in these figures.

Cell Signaling, Tuck's Point, and MBTA Zoning in the Spotlight

For the Select Board and other boards, September will begin public hearings on important issues facing residents.

First up, in its meeting this week, the Manchester Planning Board has targeting September to begin public hearings to consider the expected application by Cell Signaling Technology, the Danvers-based biotech company, to build a headquarters in Manchester's Limited Commercial District.

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Weekly Weather Chart

Saturday 19 Aug		75°	65°
Sunday 20 Aug		78°	62°
Monday 21 Aug		76°	61°
Tuesday 22 Aug		81°	67°
Wednesday 23 Aug		72°	66°
Thursday 24 Aug		72°	66°
Friday 25 Aug		75°	66°

Weather data pulled Wednesday and is subject to change.



Gavel to Gavel
This Week's Town Meetings

Manchester Town Hall is Open to the Public. Public hours are 9 a.m. - 4:45 p.m. Monday through Wednesday and 9 a.m. - 6:15 p.m. on Thursday. Essex Town Hall hours are Monday through Thursday 7:30 a.m.

Essex BOS
Monday, August 21, 6 p.m.

MERSD
MERHS Welcome New Students Orientation
Thursday, August 22, 9 a.m. - Noon

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The Cricket Wins Three National Newspaper Association Awards

By Phileine de Widt

The Manchester Cricket won three awards this year from the National Newspaper Association's juried Better Newspaper Awards, securing awards for feature writing, investigative reporting and reporting in the arts.

The awards ceremony will take place in Washington DC at NNAF's 137th Annual Convention at the end of September.

Entries from 40 states were received in this year's competition, with 516 awards given for work in editorial design, writing and photography as well as advertising. Judging was performed primarily by community newspaper editors and publishers, as well as retired university journal-

ism professors and retired or former newspaper professionals.

All three of the Cricket's NNA awards were for editorial writing.

Cricket features editor Kris McGinn took first place for Best Profile Feature among non-daily newspapers for Jess Yurwitz and Jeff Pacione: The Language of Friendship, her story about two friends—one a teacher and the other, an artist with a condition that prevents speech—who communicate through their preferred way: painting. After a medical emergency, Jeff Pacione developed aphasia restricting his ability to speak. Despite his inability

to drive and work, he was able to paint, which soon would become his new talking. McGinn's piece chronicled their relationship, developed while working together and coming to understand each other through colors, brush strokes, and shadows.

Erika Brown, the paper's editor, was awarded a first-place win in Best In-Depth or Investigative Series among non-daily newspapers for her series on Manchester's municipal water.

Brown's series of stories included the history of the public water system, coverage of the Manchester's water infrastructure and the Water Resources Task Force, the 2022 summer

drought, and the comprehensive examination of a proposed-but-not-adopted Board of Health Water Regulation.

Then, Brown also secured a third-place win for Best Review among all newspaper categories (daily and non-daily) for her review of the Gloucester Stage Company's 2022 production of "Paradise Blue." The play was a commentary on gentrification and urban renewal in 1950s Detroit as it told the story of a trumpeter struggling to hold onto his jazz club in an established Black neighborhood.

Established in 1885, the National Newspaper Association is the longest running association of newspapers in America and one of the largest newspaper associations in the country.



MANCHESTER POLICE NOTES



10:41 a.m. Elm St., alarm, secured/checked. **2:15 p.m.** School St., disturbance, spoken to. **3:33 p.m.** Pleasant St., disabled motor vehicle, assisted as needed. **11:39 p.m.** Summer St., welfare check, vehicle towed.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 8
10:04 a.m. Pine St., motor vehicle stop, written warning. **11:00 a.m.** Beaver Dam Rd., fire alarm, cleared, false alarm. **7:29 p.m.** Central St., motor vehicle stop, criminal application. **9:05 p.m.** Friend St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9
6:53 a.m. Route 128NB, motor vehicle accident with injury, assisted as needed. **2:15 p.m.** Black Beach, directed patrol, secured/checked. **4:50 p.m.** White Beach, animal complaint, secured/checked. **9:02 p.m.** Pine St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 10
8:06 a.m. Route 128SB,

disabled motor vehicle, assisted as needed. **10:30 a.m.** Vine St., motor vehicle stop, written warning. **1:01 p.m.** Pine St., motor vehicle stop, written warning. **10:45 p.m.** Newport Park Rd., motor vehicle lockout, assisted as needed.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11
8:51 a.m. Masconomo St., fire alarm, fire false. **9:45 a.m.** Pine St., motor vehicle stop, written warning. **12:03 p.m.** Summer St., motor vehicle accident, no personal injury, assisted as needed. **2:28 p.m.** Manchester Harbor, watercraft enforcement, written warning.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12
8:41 a.m. Beach St., harassment, assisted as needed. **11:18 a.m.** Manchester Harbor, watercraft enforcement, written warning. **5:15 p.m.** Smith's Point Rd., animal complaint, notification made. **7:21 p.m.** School St., motor vehicle stop, citation issued.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6
9:55 a.m. Route 128SB, motor vehicle stop, arrest. **3:01 p.m.** Church St., watercraft incident, no action taken. **5:24 p.m.** Lobster Cove,

disturbance, gone on arrival. **6:21 p.m.** Woodholm Rd., property damage, vandalism, report to follow.

MONDAY, AUGUST 7

CHIEF'S CORNER



concern. We share that concern and want to assure the community that our two officers on the road enforce all traffic laws.

From March 1 to August 8, our officers stopped 97 vehicles through observation or by radar/LiDAR. In 59 stops, the driver was issued a warning. Our officers are not being lenient; they are exercising discretion, which is a vital part of their job. In 90 percent of those cases, the driver was a resident who had never been stopped before. A warning is reasonable and appropriate.

The state and justice system also have set guidelines for traffic enforcement. The Town cannot install fixed cameras, which are illegal. Also, a Superior Court Judge ruled in 2003 that a police chief cannot order officers to hand out citations rather than warnings.

The Department added a new handheld Truspeed LiDAR unit in June, giving offi-

cers more accurate information and leading to improved enforcement. Unfortunately, this news was met with an overwhelmingly negative response on social media.

Our members work with other Town departments every day to keep our roads safe. They serve the community with pride and appreciate your support.

Please remember to drive safely and obey the speed limit!

Sincerely,
 Chief Fitzgerald

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ment and address matters important to our community. Many residents have told us that speeding is their top

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A Preliminary Look at Town Facilities



By Gregory T. Federspiel

As we await the draft of a new Facilities Master Plan from our consulting engineers, some background information and preliminary assessments of our needs can help the community prepare for the discussions that will be needed once the plan is available.

It has been decades since the Town has undertaken a major facility project, the last one being the major upgrades to the sewer treatment plant in the 1990's. Of course, since that time the regional school district has constructed two new schools and is gearing up for a third, the Essex Elementary School project.

The DPW garage off Pleasant Street is our oldest functioning structure. It was built in the 1960's and is a rather tired facility. Among other issues, it lacks adequate space for our fleet of trucks, never included good office space, nor adequate room for staff lockers and a proper break room. A major do-over or a new modern garage is needed. One option is to construct a new facility at the soon to be former compost site off upper School Street. Building here allows operations to continue at the old site while the new construction takes place. Once a new facility is built, the former DPW site becomes available for new uses - cemetery expansion, affordable housing, a new public safety complex or additional athletic fields are all possibilities. A new DPW facility is likely to cost

some \$22 million.

The Police Department continues to operate out of the same space within Town Hall that it has for some 52 years despite the increase in operations and staff. Issues with the station include a lack of a proper woman's locker room, poor space for booking suspects, and insufficient secure storage for evidence, firearms, etc. And, with half of the dedicated police space in the lower level, flooding is a problem which will get worse in the years ahead. Adding to the current Town Hall to address these issues may be possible but has its challenges.

The Fire Station also lacks female quarters and its lower-level floods. There is potential to build out a second floor and move utilities up out of the reach of flood waters. Other improvements like creating a better separation from the truck bays and the offices/station quarters are needed. However, if a new police station is a consideration, then a new combined public safety complex for both fire and police may be a cost-effective move in the long term. In today's dollars such a complex would be in the \$25 million range.

Efforts continue to secure a new Senior/Community Center. If the Town can purchase a suitable site then it may be possible to have a successful fundraising effort to pay for needed renovations/upgrades of the space.

On the water and sewer fronts, a big issue looming here is new treatment for PFAS, the so-called "forever

chemicals" for which the EPA may be imposing stricter limitations than the state's. Costs here could be in the \$25 million range. While the Town may be in line for grant funds and possible partial reimbursement from the manufacturers of the chemicals, local funding will very likely be needed as well.

Upgrades at the sewer plant must be completed soon. These will cost about \$3.5 million. What we do with the plant in the longer term, 20+ years from now in the face of sea level rise, is a much bigger problem. Protecting the existing site, building a new plant at a new site, or sending our wastewater either to Gloucester or Beverly are three options, each with a unique set of hurdles to overcome along with high price tags.

The Library Trustees would like to embark on plans to expand the library. To do so will require additional land. And a waterfront office for the Harbormaster, likely combined with public restrooms and perhaps transient boater amenities has been identified as a need - Reed or Masonom Park are two possible locations.

Other future projects that will need to be discussed include additional athletic fields, cemetery expansion, and seawall improvements.

While there are many needs, a prioritization of the projects will have to take place with projects timed to the ability to fund them without overburdening taxpayers. More on these strategies to follow.



BOARD UPDATES

Select Board Meeting: The next Select Board meeting will be held on Monday, August 21 at 6:30 p.m. Meeting details will be posted to the Town website.

Music in the Park: The last two concerts in Masconomo Park will be held on August 25 with Conscious Reggae and August 29 with Live Dead. Call the cancellation line at 978-525-6429 for weather updates or check social media.

Tuck's Point Rotunda Public Forum: The Select Board will host a public forum on September 14 at 7 p.m. to discuss options for preserving the Rotunda. The Board will choose an option at their meeting on September 18.

Hornets After School Program Staff: Parks and Recreation is seeking to hire high school students (ages 16 and older) to join the Hornets after School Program staff. The program runs on the school calendar. Hours are 2:30 to 6:15 p.m., Monday through Friday. They are looking for a two-day commitment each week. Contact Heather Depriest at depriesth@manchester.ma.us to learn more.

Open Town Planner Position: The Town is seeking applicants for a Director of Land Use/Town Planner to direct and perform municipal land use planning functions and provide staff support to the various land use boards and committees. Learn how to apply on the Town website.

Join Local Government: Volunteer to become a member of a Board or Committee and serve your community. A list of vacancies can be found on the home page of the Town website.

Transfer Station Hours: The Transfer Station is closed on Wednesdays until further notice due to construction at the new compost facility. The Transfer Station is open on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Trash, recycling, and compost collection: Regular Schedule. Please place curbside by 7 a.m. on day of collection. Follow Us on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter @townofmbts and visit the Town website Manchester.ma.us to stay informed.

WHAT WAS HAPPENING

90 YEARS AGO - 1933

A large crowd of spectators and participants gathered at the Playground Monday morning to witness the first track and field meet held in many years. Participants were limited to taking part in three events, one arm and two leg events or vice versa. Blue ribbons were given for first prize, red for second and green for third. Mr. Mitchell and Joe Hyland officiated.

H.S. Tappan has completed painting the Price School building two coats which has much improved its appearance. He has completed painting the Cheever residence corner of Beach and Union Streets which is very attractive in its new colors.

75 YEARS AGO - 1948

1st. Lieut. Thomas J. Hurley, U.S. Army, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Hurley, School Street was awarded the Bronze Star at a parade held July 30 at Camp Omaha Beach, Germany, for "exemplary conduct in grand combat against an enemy force on about the 17th of September, 1944, during the fighting in the European Theatre of operations."

Manchester's softballers, paced by the hurling and batting of Stan Koch hit their victory stride this week and came up twice in the win column. They defeated the Franco-American club

of Beverly Monday night at the Playground, 13-7 and then trounced the United Shoe team 18-3 at Beverly Wednesday evening.

60 YEARS AGO - 1963

Jack Nicklaus and Gary Player, two of the best professionals in the country, thrilled a crowd estimated at 1200 on Friday of last week at the Essex County Club with a golf clinic and a 17 hole match. The match was staged as a benefit for the North Shore Children's and Babies' Hospital.

The Means Shopping Center has added another improvement in the business district with the completion of hot-topping their property across the railroad track. The Center which will have three retail stores, is nearing completion. Parking spaces for railroad commuters were also hot-topped.

45 YEARS AGO - 1978

Airline officials at Logan Airport are trying an experimental flight pattern which takes the traffic directly over Manchester. Many residents have noticed with dismay, the unusually large number of planes going over our town and have been upset with the noise created.

Lloyd Johnson and Jake Majjenski won the annual Town Golf Association Scotch Foursome. In the semi-finals Johnson and Mai-

jenski defeated Carl D'Epiro and Tige Doane, and Bob Lear, Sr., and Bob Lear, Jr., defeated Gene Parady and Gordon Bell, Jr. In the finals Johnson and Majjenski defeated Lear and Lear, 1 up.

30 YEARS AGO - 1993

The Manchester Water Department is pleased to report that water usage for the last three weeks has averaged approximately one million gallons per day. This is a significant improvement over the two million gallons pumped on July 11th.

A DISK task force has been hard at work on renovating the Memorial School computer lab. Architect Herb Everett, a DISK member, redesigned the room to accommodate 25 computer workstations. A crew from the DISK committee gathered last Wednesday night to remove the old computers and the dusty blackboards.

15 YEARS AGO - 2008

The tide is low during the middle of the day this coming weekend so the annual Sand Sculpture Competition, sponsored by the Manchester Cultural Council, will be held this weekend at Singing Beach.

On Thursday night, July 31st Manchester Native Doris Crane Milne was feted by family and friends from all over the Eastern Seaboard in honor of her 80th birthday.

Tides & Sun Chart For The Week Ahead

DATE	HIGH				LOW				☀️	
	AM	FT	PM	FT	AM	FT	PM	FT	RISE	SET
18 Fri	1:12	9.7	1:36	8.9	7:41	0.6	7:49	1.0	5:51	7:42
19 Sat	1:45	9.6	2:07	9.0	8:17	0.7	8:30	0.9	5:52	7:40
20 Sun	2:20	9.4	2:39	9.2	8:54	0.8	9:12	1.0	5:53	7:39
21 Mon	2:57	9.2	3:15	9.3	9:32	1.0	9:56	1.1	5:54	7:37
22 Tue	3:38	8.9	3:55	9.4	10:12	1.3	10:42	1.2	5:55	7:36
23 Wed	4:23	8.5	4:40	9.4	10:55	1.5	11:34	1.3	5:56	7:34
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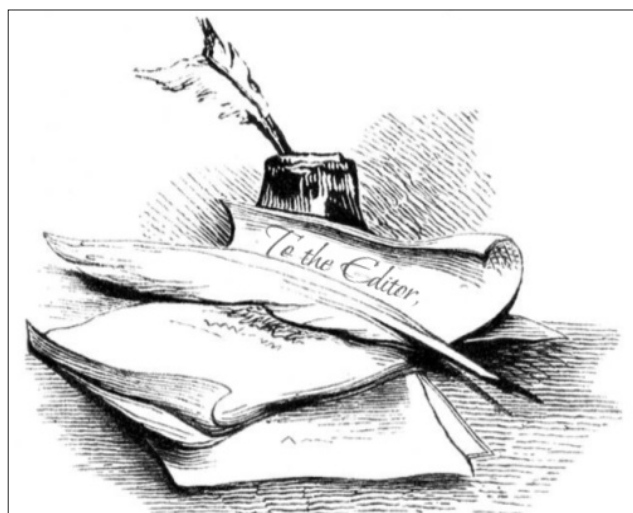
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Far From the Clean Air Act Dream

To the Editor,

The Clean Air Act was enacted in 1963, the first in a series of landmark post-war environmental legislation. Then, on November 5th, 1965, climate scientists summarized the risks associated with rising carbon pollution in a report for President Lyndon Baines Johnson titled "Restoring the Quality of Our Environment." According to this report: "Only about one two-thousandth of the atmosphere and one ten-thousandth of the ocean are carbon dioxide. Yet to living creatures, these small fractions are of vital importance. Through his worldwide industrial civi-

lization, Man is unwittingly conducting a vast geophysical experiment. Within a few generations he is burning the fossil fuels that slowly accumulated in the earth over the past 500 million years." The predictions of this report's authors in regard to effects on the ocean and the atmosphere, and the resulting climate change, were substantively correct, as have been those of scientists who have followed since with much more research and reporting. Based upon developments we now see in our biosphere, these scientists have if anything been quite conservative in their outlook: the changes we've induced are occurring more quickly and at greater magnitudes than the climate models have projected, and there are "feedback loops"

accelerating these changes. Now we see that even Hawaii has unprecedented wildfires, among hundreds of other signs that the ecosystem is under enormous stress.

And yet, the heavy smog, "smelly buses", burning rivers and leaded gasoline exhaust of my youth seem to be nearly forgotten, as have the Clean Air Act's enormous health and cost benefits. In fact, many of us seem oblivious or even outright hostile to the idea that we should clean up our act, to "stop burning things" as Bill McKibben puts it. Here we are, six decades on from these landmark events, and this is a sampling of what we see, from the seemingly trivial to planetary in scale, including inventive new ways to put CO2 into the atmosphere:

- A new generation of nostalgic Detroit muscle, reimagining the "pony" cars of the '60s and '70s, and pickup trucks and SUVs scaled up to Bunyanesque size.
- The noise and air pollution of leaf blowers, which seem usually just to blow stuff around, often into the streets.
- People sitting in parked cars on perfect summer days, with the engines running, the windows up, and their faces in their cell-phones.
- Power boats with three, four, even five outboard motors in the 300-400 horsepower range.
- People "camping" in what amount to rolling apartments with AC, huge flat screen TVs and all the conveniences of home.
- Oil companies and countries worldwide failing to meet carbon reduction goals, which were inad-

quate to the task in the first place.

- One of our major national parties, yes, the GOP, whose 2024 energy policy is to negate the recently hard-won green energy initiatives and to INCREASE fossil fuel production.

There is no doubt that fossil fuels have enabled our technological revolution and the health and comfort of our materialistic consumer society, and that hundreds of millions of people overseas rising into new middle-class status have every right and reason to achieve it. But the devastating impacts are clear to us. This is an "all hands-on deck" situation, where we finally hold ourselves accountable for the "vast geophysical experiment of burning the fossil fuels" that the Earth sequestered for over a half billion years. Many of us have asked "what's the use?", but there's room for improvement in everyday life, on everyone's part, in ways small and large. It is now time for all of us to step up and find ways to curb our fuel-guzzling ways, consume less stuff, and demonstrate a real commitment to our children's and grandchildren's future.

Mike Dyer
Essex

Tuck's Point Rotunda: Better On Land

On July 27th the Manchester Select Board held a forum to discuss how to replace the rotting pilings beneath the Tucks Point pier. Four options were presented (now reduced to three), all aimed at protecting the much-loved Rotunda from rising sea lev-

els and storm surge flooding. While each option will keep the existing 115' stone and wood access pier in its present location, raised higher, there are more options for the Rotunda. As follows, according to the engineering report (with preliminary cost estimates):

Option 1. The Rotunda remains in its current location and is raised five feet (to 19 feet) with new steel pilings - \$2.25 million.

Option 2. Eliminated.

Option 3. The Rotunda moves up to the knoll at the beach, replaced by a new viewing jetty that could have the same shape and feel as the Rotunda - \$1.75 million.

Option 4. The Rotunda remains in its current location and is raised two feet now and an additional three feet in about 25 yrs. - \$5.75 million.

As long-time residents who love the Rotunda, when we heard about the report, we went out to Tuck's Point to take a look for ourselves. We discovered that Option 3, the knoll, and new jetty, has a lot to offer. The Rotunda would sit at water's edge with commanding views up and down the harbor, it would complement the Chowder House without blocking its views, and we'd get a new viewing deck in the familiar location. Option 3 would be a lower cost choice in the short term that in the longer term offers a safer and more economical future for the iconic structure.

The Rotunda is special. Like a plucky friend who wades into the surf with pant legs pulled up and beckons us to join, the aging Rotunda has welcomed our picnics, weddings, prom photos, memorials, rites of passage, out of town visitors,

romantic conversations, and many more occasions. When we walk out onto its broad octagonal deck, its magical proportions transport us into another world.

Yes, we like the Rotunda where it is and the Town has put a lot into preserving the superstructure. We can all agree on that. But we ask ourselves, what's the right decision for our time? This is one of many choices the Town will make to prepare for changing weather along the coast. In 1896, the harbor was a tidal mudflat with a channel down the middle, and people understandably wanted a view of the outer harbor. Today, we have a gorgeous harbor full of boats lined by lovely homes in addition to views of the outer harbor - with adverse weather to plan for. We suspect that perched on the knoll, safe and still unique, our beloved Rotunda will remain ready for our special occasions in the decades to come.

We know the sympathy is for keeping it in the water. Let's be sure we know what the Rotunda will actually look like when raised five feet (especially at low tides) and try to make a decision that doesn't saddle future generations with costly maintenance, repairs, or even a move. The Select Board has commissioned 3-D drawings of each option. With these in hand, we encourage everyone to take a walk on-site to imagine how the Rotunda will look and feel, and to consider Option 3 with an open mind.

Respectfully,
Chuck Wisner
Kata Hull
Axel Magnuson
Anita Brewer-Siljeholm
Manchester

LIBRARY NEWS



Didgeridoos and ice cream sandwiches in honor of Ron Borel and his generous donation to the MBTS Library. Photo: Paul Clark

Special Agent Julia Cowley (Virtual)

Tuesday, August 22 from 7-8 p.m. Join Special Agent Julia Cowley for a look inside FBI's Behavioral Analysis Unit. Cowley will discuss how and why she became an FBI profiler, what profiling is (and

isn't), and some of the most memorable cases in her career.

Mystery Book Club

Friday, August 25 from 10:30-11:30 a.m. August's meeting will occur in the library's reading room or outside on the lawn. We will discuss "Right as Rain" by George Pelecanos.

Hearthside Book Group

Tuesday, September 5 from 4-5 p.m. We will discuss "Rough Sleepers" by Tracy Kidder. It became Jim

O'Connell's life calling to help people known as "rough sleepers." For the past three decades, Dr. O'Connell has run the Boston Healthcare for the Homeless Program, which he helped to create. Affiliated with Massachusetts General Hospital, the program includes clinics and a van on which Dr. O'Connell and his staff ride through the Boston streets at night, offering outreach of medical care, socks, soup, and friendship.

Calling All Local Artists

For the Friends of the Library's 1st Falling For Art Ex-

hibit and Sale, October 20-22, 2023. Artists and photographers are invited to submit up to five digital jpg images by August 30 to fallingforartmbts@gmail.com. Include your name, title of piece and price.

Author Nan Fischer discusses "The Book of Silver Linings" (Virtual)

Monday, August 21 from 7-8 p.m. We're excited to be celebrating a book birthday with author Nan Fischer with her new book "The Book of Silver Linings" which comes out on August 15th is a must read for anyone who loves uplifting books with a touch of magic.

Friday Movies at MBTS

Friday, August 18 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. in our newly renovated Reference Room. We will supply the popcorn.

MPL Children's Events:

Storytime with Miss Audrey
Mondays at 10:30 a.m. ages 0-5

Summer Art and Sensory

Wednesday, August 23 from 3-4 p.m. and running every Wednesday this summer for ages pre-K - 2nd grade. Art and Sensory encourages students to explore their creativity through the fun of using many different art materials. The project is always step by step, hands on and guided to help create individual masterpieces. Space is limited and registration is required for each week's session.

North Shore Children's Museum Pass

The Friends of the Manchester Library have donated a discount pass to the North Shore Children's Museum in Peabody. The pass admits up to 5 people at half-price admission.

Vox and Wonder Books

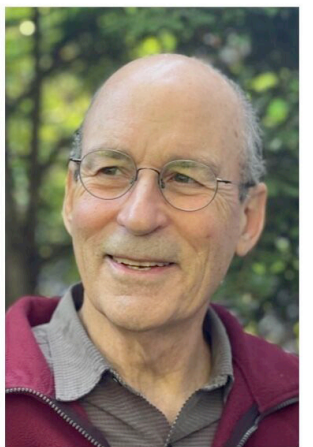
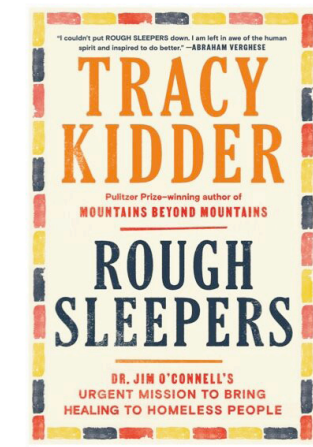
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Julia Cowley, retired FBI special agent

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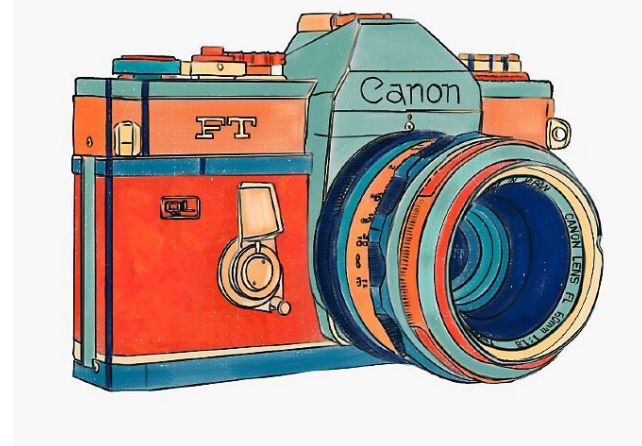
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Teen Advisory Board (TAB)

Second Tuesday of the month from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Want to earn community service hours while you design amus-

ing activities for your friends and neighbors? Register on the library events calendar.

Library Hours and Holidays

MBTS Public Library will be closed on Saturdays and Sundays until September.

Hammering Away in Essex



Anna Hardy instructs workshop attendees in an ancient textile design technique in which leaves and flowers are hammered onto fabric.

Photo Erika Brown

By Erika Brown

The invitation came via email for last Thursday in Essex. It was a Hammer & Sip event at Anna Hardy's lovely interior design showroom and shop on Eastern Avenue.

Hammer and sip? Hmm, well, my first thought went to the recent trend of bars that offer ax throwing. (Yes, that's actually a thing).

I was flat wrong. Yes, there are hammers and, yes, there was wine to sip and finger foods to enjoy.

But this event at Anna Hardy Interiors and Shop—one in a series of workshops exploring design-focused crafts—introduces attendees to an ancient technique of textile design in leaves and flowers



are hammered onto fabric, leaving an imprint from the natural "ink."

This unique art is not at all new, and it's simple. Just gather leaves and flowers from the outdoors and as-

semble your needed tools: a hammer, some masking tape, fabric for printing, a board to hammer on, and a piece of wax paper.

The art of hammered leaf and flower textile art goes



way back in history and draws inspiration from cultures around the world. Indigenous traditions, like the Native American use of natural materials in textile art. This hammering technique is largely associated with the Cherokee peoples (some call it "the Cherokee leaf pounding"). To complete their piece, artisans often add embroidery, embellishments, or other details that complement the hammered design.

With Hardy as our guide, everyone seemed to get the idea quickly and, before long, everyone was making designs by laying out leaves and flower petals on fabrics. Choosing suitable plant specimens is paramount, we were told, as they must be both visually appealing and capable of retaining their colors post-hammering.

Hardy, who wore a white cotton blouse that featured her own hammered leaf printing skills, said proper drying and preservation methods (like setting the design with vinegar) would ensure the hammered print would retain its color and vibrancy.

Many of us learned that design layout is a crucial step, requiring careful planning and consideration of color combinations and compositions. Some participants did a better job than others, layering leaves and flowers onto chosen fabric and hammering (gently, we were instructed) to transfer the pigments from the plants onto the fabric, creating intricate imprints that capture the beauty of each botanical element.

In a world filled with wonders of technology, the act of hammering natural materials like leaves and flowers textile harkens back to a simpler time when people seemed more connected to nature. It also just feels good to make something so beautiful with tools and materials that are easy, affordable, and utterly within reach.



Approximately 200 people descended Saturday in the lot behind the Amara Bailey American Legion Hall for the Second Annual Manchester Jazzfest, featuring Jambalaya Horns. The night was clear and the setting—overlooking Manchester's inner harbor—was a stunner and raised \$3,000 that will fund music at next year's Independence Day festivities. (Photos: Jeb Stanford)



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The Manchester Yacht Club launch, the Henry E. Hall, transports a couple of sailors to their boat on a beautiful weekend day at Tuck's Point.

(Photo Paul Clark)

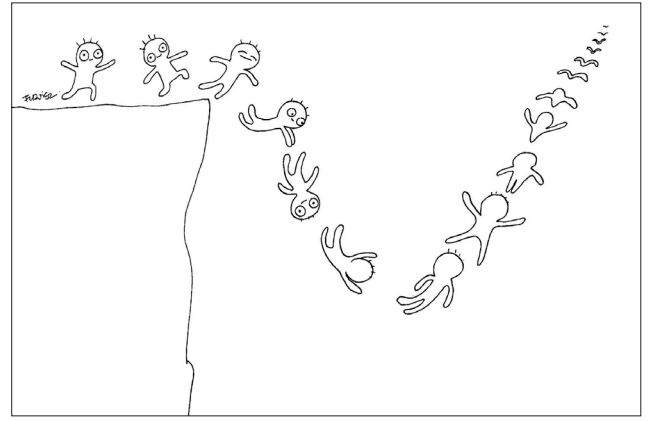
Off at School and Doing Great

Local students enrolled in college have returned from their academic year, but we continue to receive news from colleges and universities across the country announcing successes by local students. We're happy to see that so many are doing well and have achieved academic honors:

We're continuing with news on local graduation milestones. At Hobart and William Smith Colleges in Geneva, NY, Manchester's **Corinna Dorr** received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychological Science during the school's 2023 Commencement Ceremonies held in May. Dorr is the child of Elena W. Dorr and Glenn B. Dorr, III and studied abroad in Galway, Ireland while at

HWS. City Year Co-Founder Alan Khazei, one of the nation's leading advocates for national service and social entrepreneurship, delivered the 2023 Commencement Address. Then, in Danvers, North Shore Community College President William Heineman announced that three local individuals recently participated in the school's commencement ceremonies. In

Essex, **Maggie Richards** and in Manchester **Lillian Calandra** and **Patrick Willwerth** all successfully received their degrees from the school. Congratulations to all. Got some news from a student we should know about? Email us at news@thecricket.com and we'll include it here in Off at School and Doing Great.



Cape Ann Community Band Salutes Gloucester 400TH



Photo Carl Wycoff

Bandstand, Stage Fort Park, Hough Avenue, Gloucester. The rain date for the concert is Wednesday, August 23 at 6:30 p.m. The program is a musical tribute to Gloucester and it will be the highlight of the 2023 Antonio Gentile Bandstand Summer Concert Series. The Cape Ann Community Band, David Benjamin, Director, will present "Salute to Gloucester's 400th Anniversary Concert" featuring music special to Cape Ann.

"We've planned a program that covers the music of Indigenous people who first inhabited Cape Ann, those first English fishermen here in Stage Fort Park and the immigrants who followed through-

The remaining concerts of the 2023 season are as follows:

- August 19, 2023, 6:30 p.m. Cape Ann Community Band "Salute to Gloucester's 400th"
- August 20, 2023, 6:30 p.m. Old Cold Tater, Daisy Nell & Capt. Stan (Bluegrass & swing)
- The rain date for the August 20 concert is Monday, August 21, 6:30 p.m.
- August 27, 2023, 6:30 p.m. Rico Barr Band with the J&J horns (Classic Rock & Pop)

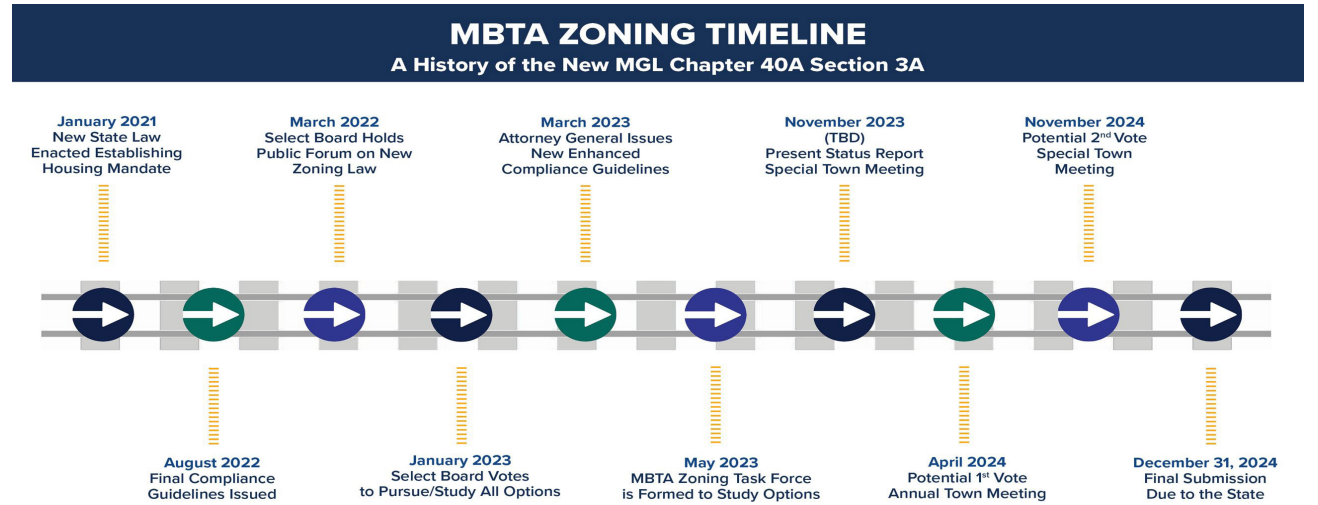
For concert information please visit www.DavidLBenjamin.com or telephone 978-281-2286

out the next 400 years", said David Benjamin, the conductor of the band. "We'll feature the Irish, Swedish, Finnish, Italian, Portuguese, Eastern Europeans and the Brazilians; our most recent group to emigrate here. The concert will be introduced by young musicians from the Gloucester Elementary School Band program, who are our next chapter of Gloucester's musical jour-

ney." The concert will end with movie music from "The Perfect Storm". The program also features the work of local composer Robert J. Bradshaw. The band will play Bradshaw's "Gloucester Fanfare", which he wrote for the city's 375th anniversary. As a special treat, the band will include Bradshaw's arrangement of the "Gloucester High School Song". The Anniversary concert is

sponsored by Bank Gloucester and the Gloucester Cultural Council. Benjamin encourages all to attend. "Fantastic music overlooking the outer harbor; glorious sunsets; schooners sailing by; it doesn't get any better than this in Gloucester!" Admission and Parking are free. Restrooms are ADA accessible. Bring a chair or blanket.

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The application was delayed because of a lapse in the town bylaw governing parking which would have been a stumbling block for the company's application. The issue was addressed after approval of changes at Town Meeting. Planning Board Chair Ron Mastrogiacomo said the public hearing would behave similarly to the Zoning Board of Appeals public hearing for the SLV 40B residential housing development application in the LCD, which solicited expert consultant reviews on impact to the town in such areas as public finance, traffic, safety and environmental impact. If the public hearing process tracks with SLV's, Cell Signaling will be in for six months of hearings with the Planning Board. Then, also in September, the **Select Board** will open a public hearing on the reconstruction of the Tuck's Point

Rotunda. A public hearing has been scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 14. This has been a heated public issue, since Tuck's Point is a cherished and beautiful waterfront public park and its Rotunda, located off the shore, is packed with nostalgia from generations of locals who have enjoyed the structure and its views for everything from weddings to prom photographs to simple leisure. The board will be reviewing three options for the project, including replacing the Rotunda as is, where it is (\$2.3 million), or replacing the structure with an extension (\$2.5 million), relocating the structure up onto land (\$1.7 million) or replacing it as is in two phases (\$5.8 million). Following the public hearing, the Select Board will vote on a decision on Monday, Sept. 18.

Finally, it's not a public hearing, but starting in September, the newly formed **MBTA Zoning Task Force**, led by Chair Chris Olney, will begin meeting monthly with the Planning Board, in addition to its regular monthly meetings. That means the task force will be meeting every other week. That's good news, because the task force is implementing an ambitious schedule to bring consideration of this mandated state proposal to voters at a Special Town Meeting in the spring. As a reminder, the MBTA Zoning Legislation was enacted as part of a Massachusetts economic development bill in early 2021, (loosely called the "40A Zoning Act") that requires all communities served by the MBTA commuter rail either approve or reject a zoning district of reasonable size in which multi-family housing is permitted as of

right. Towns may reject the state-proposed zoning, but doing so would remove Manchester from access to infrastructure grants from the state as well as other grant programs. The deadline to comply or reject is December 31, 2024. The plan is to bring the MBTA Zoning District for a vote in the spring, which gives the town an opportunity to return to voters in the fall if necessary. MBTA Zoning Task Force has started by assessing specifically how many units are currently allowed in Manchester so it can clearly understand just how far (or close) the town is from complying now. The task force is assessing Manchester's compliance status and has created a resident-oriented FAQ. The task force met Thursday, Aug. 17 and we will run a story on that meeting in next week's edition.

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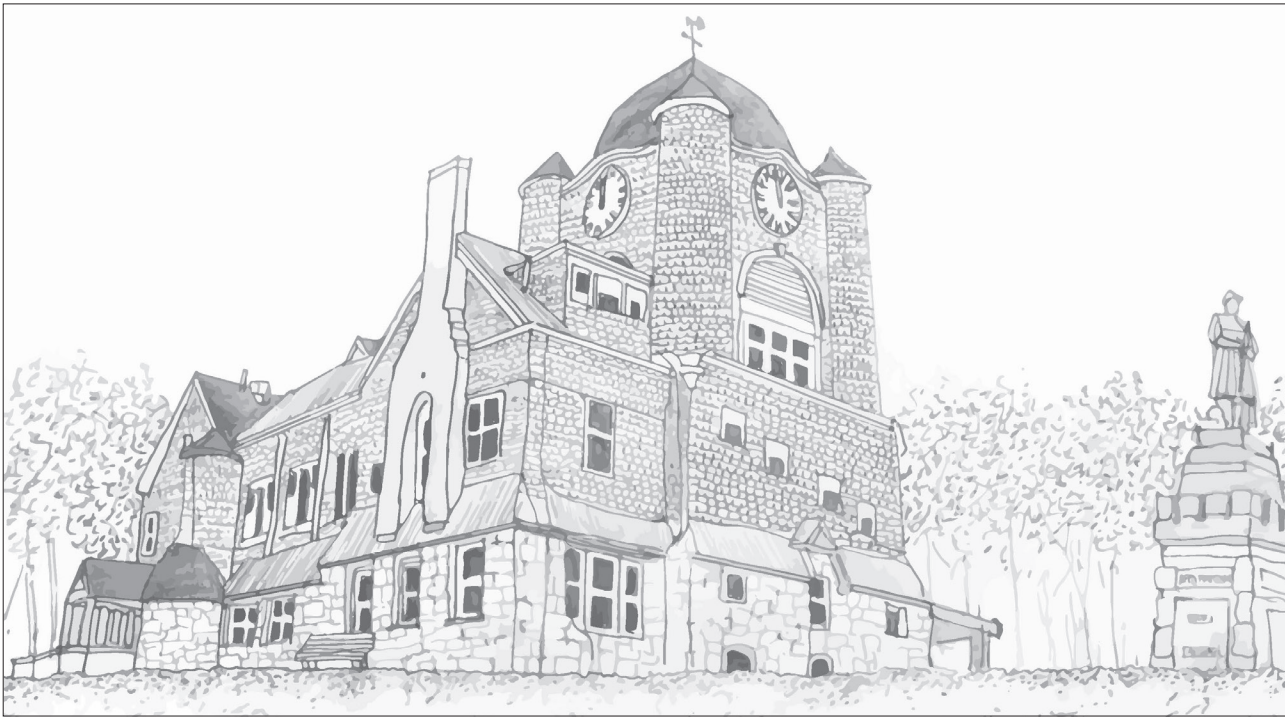
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Town Administrator's Report



Board of Selectmen's Meeting of August 7, 2023
Report covers from July 22, 2023, to August 4, 2023

New Emergency Notification System Available

Through Regional Dispatch Essex's ability to provide the public with emergency alerts by e-mail, phone, or text has been supported via a system maintained and paid for by the North Shore Regional 911 Center. That system was pre-

viously known as SwiftReach and the Center has now migrated to a new system, known as RAVE. Personnel from the Center provided users in the various communities with training on the new system on July 26, 2023, and Chief Francis, Sergeant Bruce, and the TA were all in attendance. We have now revised our website link to the system allowing residents to sign up for alerts. We have migrated all previous enroll-

ees from the old system (no new enrollment is necessary for previously enrolled residents) and we have retained the ability to send message to a "whitelist" of publicly available phone numbers.

Chief Francis and Mr. Zubricki had a more in-depth training session with Center personnel on August 1, 2023 to set protocols specific to Essex. The 911 Center is presently working to configure a variety of settings on the new

platform and full functionality will gradually be phased in.

Town Administrator Leave

Mr. Zubricki was out of the office, on leave, for a portion of the day on July 31, 2023, and all day on August 3, 2023.

This report is available at www.essexma.org on the morning after any regularly scheduled Essex Board of Selectmen's Meeting.

Senior Living in Essex

The Essex COA offers a variety of events and trips for seniors. For further information or to sign up for an event, please call the Essex COA Office at 978-768-7932 or visit the Senior Center at 17 Pickering Street. Here's what's going on:

Games with Gil at the Senior Center: Wednesdays 1 p.m.: Don't be BORED, come play BOARD games or Scrabble, Boggle, Cribbage, Backgammon, join us or bring a friend and come play ANY-TIME!

Arts & Crafts activities: Tuesdays, 1 p.m. Computer and Technology Assistance: Do you have questions about your computer, tablet, phone, etc.? Drop-in with Curt Wednesdays 1-3 p.m.

Men's Coffee and Donuts, Wednesday, August 9, 9:30 a.m.: Enjoy a cup of hot coffee and delicious donuts.

Hearing Wellness Group, every second Wednesday of the month, 10:30 a.m. July's theme was Hearing and Alzheimer's Prevention.

Mystery Ride: Wednesday, August 16 and Tuesday, September 5, 12:15 p.m.: Join us for an adventure - a scenic ride and a stop for a sweet treat! \$5 per person. Please arrive at 12:15 p.m. at Memorial Park, the van leaves at 12:30 p.m. Transportation is free but seats are limited. Call 978-768-7932 to sign up.

Ladies Brunch, Tuesday, August 15, at 11 a.m.: Come and enjoy socializing and some tasty treats. Please RSVP five days before.

COA Fitness Programs:

- BALANCE IN MOTION Tuesdays and Fridays, 10 a.m. - \$5 donation requested.
- GROOVE FITNESS VIDEO Mondays, 9:30 a.m. - get your dancing shoes on and join this fun, energetic dance class! Video, no instructor.

Monthly Book Club: last Tuesday of each month, 1 p.m.: Join us for a lively discussion about the current book of the month and other topics. Tuesday, August 29 - "The Shell Seekers" by Rosamund Pilcher. Through

the generosity of the Friends, multiple copies of each title are available to borrow but please return them for others to read! New members are always welcome!

ESSEX EATS! Lunch at the Boathouse, Wednesday, August 23, 12 noon. Burger, baked haddock, chicken parm, please RSVP by August 21. \$15 per person.

Root Beer Floats and Elvis Hits! Thursday, August 10, at 2 p.m.: Celebrate National Root Beer Float Day and Elvis Awareness Week! Come hear/sing some of Elvis's greatest hits while enjoying a tasty root beer float. Please call to RSVP - 978-768-7932.

Pickity Place Trip: Monday, August 21, 10:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.: \$38.50 per person, transportation included. Pickity Place is a mecca for gardeners, foodies and anyone looking for inspiration and relaxation. Lighten your spirit as you stroll the themed gardens and also enjoy a five-course gourmet herbal luncheon: Lemon dill dip, gazpacho soup, seasonal salad, plus your choice of blueberry BBQ boneless ribs - or sum-

mer vegetable arancini, plus raspberry lemonade whoopie pie with mango sorbet for dessert. Please RSVP by August 7 - 978-768-7932.

Monthly Movie Outing: Cape Ann Cinema in Rockport: Thursday, August 24, 11 a.m.: \$5: Movie The Fabelmans (the life story of Director Steven Spielberg). Growing up in post-World War II era Arizona, young Sammy Fabelman aspires to be a filmmaker as he reaches adolescence, but soon discovers a shattering family secret and explores how the power of films can help him see the truth. Best picture nomination. Transportation is available - please let us know if needed when you RSVP.

Down River Cruise: Wednesday, September 13, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.: Lunch on board at Farnham's. Choice of Lobster Roll Boat - \$24, Haddock Bits Boat - \$11, GF Grilled Chicken with salad - \$11. Registration required; payment due at registration. Depart from Essex River Cruise, 35 Dodge Street. Cruise sponsored by the Friends of Essex COA.

SAVE THE DATE, Tuesday, September 19, at 6 p.m.: Social Security & Medicare 101 presentations.

LIBRARY NEWS

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Library is closed Saturdays in July and August

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Cut Flowers for Sale

Mondays, Holly generously delivers six bouquets of freshly cut flowers from her Essex garden. Purchase a bouquet for \$10 and support the Friends of the Library and the children's collection.

Regional Social Worker

Wednesdays, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. in the first floor meeting room. Free, private and confidential, learn about resources, gain strategies and skill to assist in stress reduction and management. No appointment necessary.

Hospice Care and Services (Virtual)

Wednesday, August 23 at 7 p.m. Over the past few decades, hospice care has become a more familiar part of our collective vocabulary and experience, yet many of us still don't fully understand its purpose, scope, costs, availability, and more. We will be joined by Dr. Bernice Burkarth-Chief Medical Officer and Chaplain Eric Redard.

Can you find Rosey the Racoon

Each Monday Rosey will move to an Essex business, visible from the street. Call, email or stop by the library to be entered into a lottery for a prize.

Book Bingo

Thursday, August 17 from 10-11 a.m. Ages 6 and older, join us for a morning of Book Bingo. Book Bingo challenges you to get 5 book covers in a row across your personal board and to win a prize each time you successfully get BINGO.

Yarn Monogram Letters for Teens

Thursday, August 24 from 10-11 a.m. Kids entering grades 6-12 join us for a crafty morning at the library. Design your very own Yarn Monogram Letter to display at home, in your locker or wherever you like.

Yoga Book Club

Saturdays, September 16 - October 7 at 10:30 a.m. Classes suitable for beginners and experienced practitioners. Grab your mat and your favorite book and join us at the library as we relax into gentle poses and immerse ourselves in the book of your choice. After practicing yoga for over a decade, Melanie received her RYT-200hr Hatha & Vinyasa certification and Yin Yoga certification from YogaRenew.

Read to Jackson

Wednesdays at 5 p.m. Sign up for your 15-minute slot to read to loveable Jackson. Please register.

Library of Things

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ESSEX POLICE NOTES

MONDAY, AUGUST 7

11:32 a.m. Pickering St., suspicious activity, secured/checked. 12:59 p.m. John Wise Ave., assault and battery, arrest. 5:40 p.m. Belcher St., animal bite, transported to hospital. 9:26 p.m. Martin St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 8

12:11 a.m. Main St., motor vehicle stop, citation issued. 1:31 a.m. Chebacco Terrace, male fall, transported to hospital. 10:19 a.m. John Wise Ave., animal complaint, notification made. 8:37 p.m. Eastern Ave., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9

6:02 a.m. Southern Ave., motor vehicle stop, citation issued. 11:48 a.m. Conomo Point Rd., watercraft incident, assisted as needed. 5:22 p.m. John Wise Ave., motor vehicle stop, citation issued. 9:50 p.m. Centennial Grove Rd., theft, report to follow.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 10

10:11 a.m. Main St., directed patrol, secured/checked. 10:50 a.m. John Wise Ave., citizen assist, assisted as needed. 11:59 a.m. Martin St., animal complaint, assisted as needed. 10:17 p.m. Martin St., directed patrol, secured/checked.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11

12:12 a.m. John Wise Ave., directed patrol, secured/checked. 1:12 a.m. Martin St., directed patrol, secured/checked. 1:20 a.m. Island Rd., directed patrol, secured/checked. 6:35 a.m. Chebacco Terrace, directed patrol, secured/checked.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12

11:52 a.m. John Wise Ave., motor vehicle stop, written warning. 3:53 p.m. Eastern Ave., male with stroke, transported to hospital. 5:47 p.m. Apple St., motor vehicle stop, citation issued. 6:32 p.m. Essex River, watercraft incident, spoken to.

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2024 Annual Resident Parking Stickers will be available in the Town Clerk's office beginning on 8/14/2023.

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115 Years Ago - 1908

During the severe thunderstorm on Friday afternoon when the wire in front of Elmer Andrews house was struck by lightning, Mr. Perkins, son-in-law of Mr. Andrews, who sat near the window reading was blinded for an instant by the flash. He says that is the nearest he wants to come to being struck by lightning.

90 Years Ago - 1933

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Alex Pineda and Noe Ortega are The New Landing

By Kris McGinn

In truth, I only realized I was dining at The Landing after I was nearly finished with my meal.

My partner and I had decided at the last minute to jump in the boat from Manchester and head to dinner in Marblehead. The day was gross, and we were wet, jostled, and hungry. We arrived earlier than expected, and the restaurant we had planned on visiting was not yet open. But there was one right at the dock that was, so we dashed in.

The inside was light and lovely but all we really cared about was that it was dry. We ordered to share. My first clue should have been the heavenly grilled oysters with lime, sriracha butter, and fried garlic, or the delightful halloumi salad, or perhaps the asparagus soup that was seasoned to perfection (in truth I should have seen the sign outside or maybe the logo on the menu ...).

On it went, the crispy had-dock with parsnip puree, grilled asparagus and sundried tomato pesto! The insane dessert! The food was spectacular. Which after trying to understand why this place was so much better than it had been in the past, finally led to our asking our server if perhaps they had a new chef.

The answer was yes, the wondrous experience we were currently having was indeed the work of new chefs Alex Pineda and Noe Ortega. Then it hit me. Of course! Alex Pineda. The son of Lydia Shire. For a previous Cricket article, I had been researching great Boston chefs who had migrated to the North Shore, Frank McClelland, Barbara Lynch, etc. ... and my editor, Erika Brown, had mentioned that the son of Lydia Shire, renowned Boston chef (of Biba fame, of Pignoli fame, of Scampo fame, of Towne fame, etc.) and two-time James Beard award winner, had begun working in Marblehead.

Now here I was, experiencing his food in this unexpectedly organic way - with zero expectations. And it was amazing.

Alex Pineda and Noe Ortega joined The Landing in 2021. Alex bringing a vast culinary training from his mother's kitchen, Wolfgang Puck in LA, and restaurants in London, Barcelona, and China as well as Boston. Teaming up with Noe, whose work has an inspired freshness from his time on the west coast and in Mexico as well as Scampo in Boston where he met and worked with Alex. The restaurant, located smack dab in Marblehead's historic harbor had, in previous years, benefited from its excellent views and awesome outdoor dining, but not necessarily outstanding food. That changed in 2021 when Robert Simonelli, the Landing's warm and lively General Manager, decided to make a change.

It took us less than a week to return. Once again—killer food. But if I'm honest, what we needed, went for, had to have, was what is simply called cheese ice cream. Sounds a little odd and may-



The view looking out from The Landing in Marblehead.

Photos: Kris McGinn

moreover, to be with each other. I was able to spend some time with Noe while he was, with enviable ease, turning out gorgeous dishes (grilled swordfish with saffron risotto, steak frites, spaghetti bolognese) and he shared that most of the crew was from Columbia, a place he loves to spend time for the culture and the cuisine.

He also explained that he and Alex share breakfast and lunch with the crew nearly every day. They sit together, eat whatever they wish from the current menu and discuss details about the dishes. All are encouraged to ask questions and provide input. I can say that the vibe in the kitchen reflects this. Noe added that as a crew, they have also made the decision to slow down, not be frantic, put making great food first and be easy with the dishes and one another. This is a marked contrast to the high intensity kitchens of old.

All I can say is that, whatever it is, it's working. From Manchester, if you



The team. From left, Noe Ortega, Robert Simonelli, and Alex Pineda.



Turning out gorgeous dishes (grilled swordfish with saffron risotto, steak frites, spaghetti bolognese).



Deceptively simple and crave worthy—cheese ice cream.

be a little simple. It's not; it's divine. This world of inexplicably creamy awesomeness sits on a bed of perfectly powdered graham crackers with a wisp of mint at the top. It will

make you swoon. On the evening we returned Alex made a round of hellos and stopped by our table. We confessed that while everything was, as before, delicious, it was

the cheese ice cream that brought us back so quickly. He explained that while staying in Italy years ago he discovered this ice cream at a small out of the way restaurant and had it every single day he was there. Noting his adoration, as a parting gift, the chef gave him the coveted recipe on the promise that he would never ever share it. And while Alex kept his word, he does share the ice cream, making it by hand and keeping it on the menu year-round. Thank God.

The day I returned to shoot photographs, it was 11:30 a.m. and the restaurant was just opening. While get-

ting my camera ready I happened to be within earshot of the kitchen crew chatting and laughing as they shared breakfast together. It sounded as though they were truly happy to be at work, and

have the good fortune to travel by boat, Marblehead is just a short ride away; we got there in under 15 minutes. You can tie up right at the dock or at busier times, grab a mooring ball and have the lovely folks at Jordan's launch take you in and back. It's a delightful way to enjoy a sunset boat ride and pair it with truly wonderful food.

As I finish this, I am still at the restaurant. It is possible that I ended up ordering the grilled swordfish after watching Noe plate it earlier. The soundtrack of playful banter and laughter from the kitchen continue, as does the scent of beautiful food. Gorgeously prepared dishes are being carried off to lucky lunchers and all around me is the hustle and bustle of a community of people making it all happen together. I can't wait to come back.

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The Ding Dongs: Welcome Home?



The Ding Dongs has a three-person cast, Karl Gregory and Erica Steinhagen as Joe and Natalie, the determined married couple and Nael Nacer as Redelmo, the threatened homeowner.

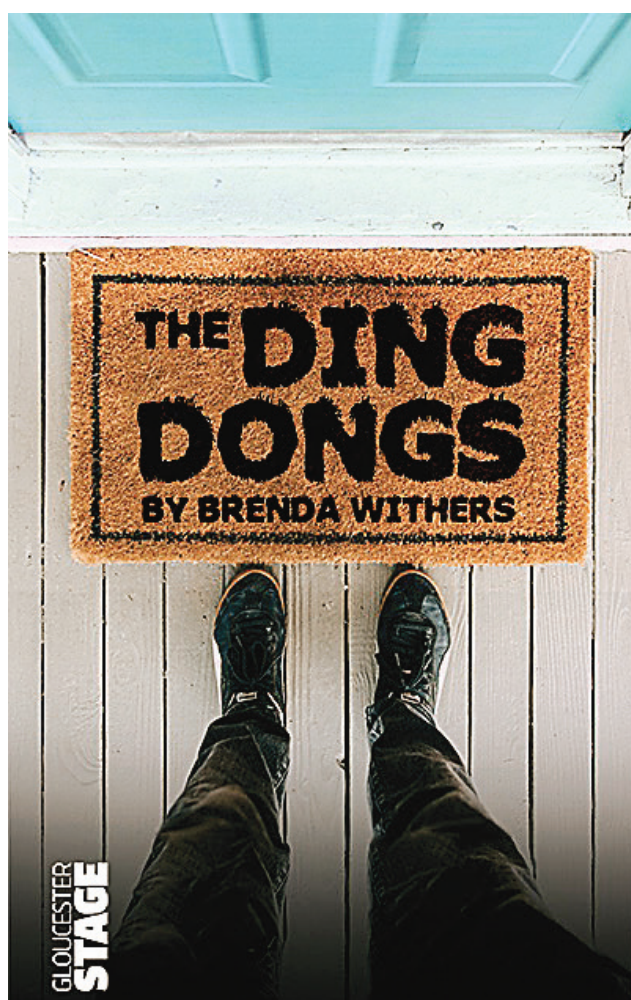


Married couple Joe and Natalie use their wittiness and perseverance to relive their history from a new perspective. Photos: Shawn G. Henry

By Phileine de Widt
What's worse than a Ding Dong Ditch...? A Ding Dong Stay.
 In Brenda Withers' The Ding Dongs this odd phenomenon comes to life. From August 11 to 27, the comedic thriller will play at the

Gloucester Stage Company on Wednesday through Sunday at varying times. Whether it be for the knee-slapping jokes, the cozy theatre environment, or the witty dialogue, this play is well worth it.
 On a Sunday afternoon, members of the community

decided to skip a perfect beach day, and instead filled the seats of the live theatre and responded greatly to what occurred before them.
 Throughout the scenes, each form of laughter could be heard. Snorting, giggling, loud HA's. It was as if the play takes place in a theatre



From Aug. 11 through 27, The Ding Dongs will run at the Gloucester Stage Company.

of farm animals- in the best way possible.
 Written by Brenda Withers from Cape Cod, and directed by Gloucester Stage Co.'s artistic director Rebecca Bradshaw, the Ding Dongs is a perfect addition to the 2023 season here in artistic Cape Ann.
 Originally, the play had its debut in 2022 at the Kitchen Theatre Company in New York. Despite the location change, the cast and director

remain the same ensuring for a cohesive act on stage.
 The play stars three experienced actors, Karl Gregory as Joe, Erica Steinhagen as Natalie, and Nael Nacer as Redelmo.
 Joe and Natalie are a married couple, a suburban-dad and soccer-mom, that decide to visit "their" childhood home. This residence, which was actually only Joe's childhood home, is now where Redelmo lives with his deceased

brother's two children. The couple eagerly ask to enter the home so they can simply walk around and feel the nostalgia- or as Joe puts it déjà vu. When Redelmo hesitates to let these strangers into their home, the couple do not give up, and ultimately finagle their way in. As the three stand in the living room, it soon becomes apparent that Joe and Natalie are not ready to leave anytime soon.
 The play will get you thinking. What's in there? What did he do? Though it is a short 75 minutes, you'll be left with many questions and perhaps a new perspective on the idea of change and revenge.
 The dialogue, which has been impressively memorized by each actor, is witty, sometimes frustrating, and awkwardly hilarious. To match, Joe, Natalie, and Redelmo, utilize facial expressions that leave the audience with tears and shaking bodies out of laughter.
 There are abrupt moments of rage that can make you jump, but also sadness that leaves a quiet aroma in the room. As the theatre turns black, signaling the end, this mixture of emotions will leave you wanting more.
 All performances of The Ding Dongs, unless otherwise noted, are on Wednesday and Thursday at 7:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday at 8:00 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday at 3:00 p.m. from August 11 - 27 at the Gloucester Stage Company, 267 E Main St., Gloucester. Tickets are now on sale and available at gloucesterstage.com/ding-dongs/.

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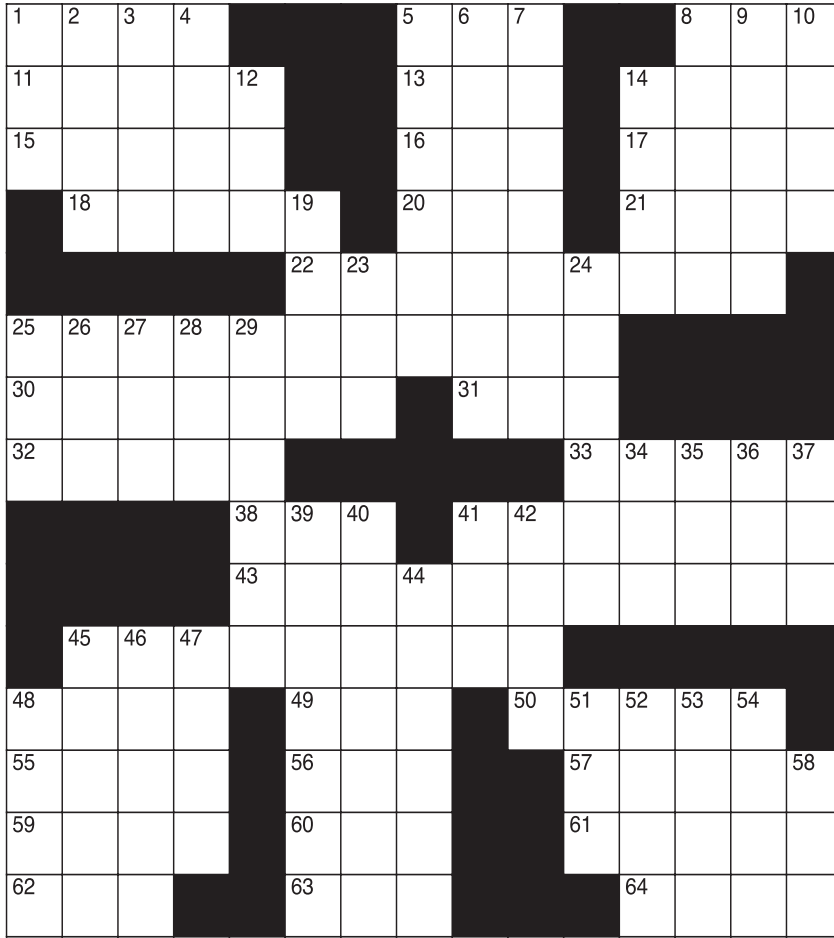
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5. Calendar month (abbr.)
8. Monetary unit of Burma
11. Twyla __, US dancer
13. Everything included
14. ÖantmanÖ actor Rudd
15. Italian city
16. Nowhere to be found
17. Mild yellow Dutch cheese made in balls
18. Turkish officer
20. Perform on stage
21. Ribosomal ribonucleic acid
22. Canadian coastal provinces
25. Furnishes anew
30. Edible mollusk
31. No seats available
32. Garden figurine
33. Two-legged support
38. Rest here please (abbr.)
41. In a silly way
43. One from the Golden State
45. Photographers
48. Native religion in parts of China
49. Dickens character
50. Broadway actress Daisy
55. Ancient Greek sophist
56. Undivided
57. Daniel __, French composer
59. Nocturnal S. American rodent
60. Rusty
61. Jewish spiritual leader
62. Patti Hearst's captors
63. Popular global holiday (abbr.)
64. Tall, slender plant



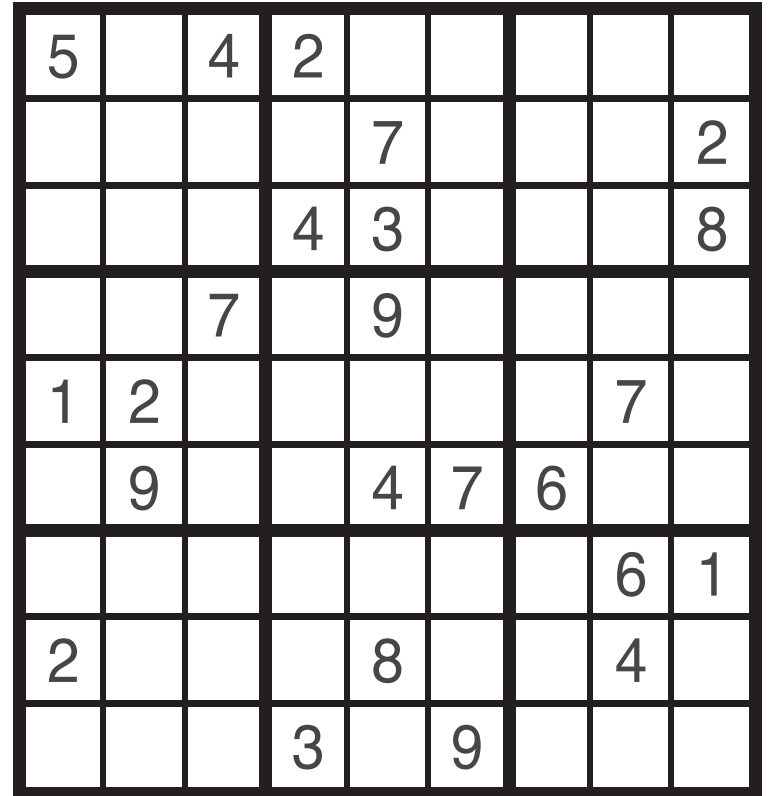
CLUES DOWN

1. Defunct US energy company
2. Fellow
3. ItÖs issued from volcanoes
4. Type of acid
5. Winged nut
6. Arouses
7. Things are served on it
8. San Diego ballplayer
9. Currency and a Chinese dynasty
10. __mater, one's school
12. Exclamation that denotes disgust
14. Hairstyle
19. Supreme ancient Egyptian god
23. They __
24. Connecting line on a map

25. Mock
26. One point north of due east
27. Chinese philosophical principle
28. Type of tree
29. Persuade to do something
34. A place for travelers to rest
35. National Gallery of Art designer

36. Panamanian province
37. Field force unit (abbr.)
39. Whalers' tool
40. Simply
41. Nigerian City
42. Not one
44. Obstruct
45. Political plot
46. Manila hemp plant
47. Dough made from corn flour

48. Fishes by letting the bob fly
51. Swiss river
52. Plant that makes gum
53. A French abbot
54. One point east of north-east
58. Get free of



Solutions on Page 11

Level: Advanced

Religious Notes

Cornerstone Church

We gather for worship each Sunday at 10 a.m. and welcome you to join us for a time of studying the scriptures and praising the Lord. Other ministry updates and details can be found on our website, www.CornerstoneNorthShore.org. If you have any special needs or concerns, please let us know! We're here to serve!

Visitation Parish - Mass Schedule

The Visitation Parish Mass Schedule:

Sacred Heart Church - Saturday Vigil Mass - Virtual Mass - on our Youtube as well as www.mecatholic.org

Sunday Mass - 8:30 a.m.

St. John the Baptist Church - Saturday Vigil Mass - 5 p.m. Sunday Mass -10 a.m.

Please go to our website: www.mecatholic.org for Sacramental Information as well as Parish Registration if you are new to town or looking to join a Catholic Church.

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Friday 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

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If you are new to Quakers, someone will be happy to talk with you and answer any questions you may have. Send an email to: northshore-quaker@gmail.com. First Day School, our Children's Program, consists of forest walks near the Glen Urquhart School led by Jessica Kagle from the Kestrel Foundation. Blessings To You.

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Causes of Blindness in Dogs and Cats

PETS AND PEOPLE



By Lawrence Lamb, DVM

If you notice your pet is disoriented, bumping into objects, and struggling to find food and toys, these all may be signs of blindness. There are many potential causes of blindness in dogs and cats. At the Manchester Animal Hospital before discussing what leads to vision loss, it helps if I assist my clients understand how the eye functions.

The eye acts like a camera that takes pictures and sends them to the brain for interpretation. Light reflecting off an object enters the eye through the cornea, which is like the eye's windshield and helps focus light onto the retina. It then passes through a central black hole called the pupil. The iris, which is the colored part of the eye, surrounds the pupil and regulates how much light passes through it. Behind the iris and pupil is the lens, a transparent structure that also focuses light onto the retina. The retina converts the light into nerve impulses, which travel to the brain through the optic nerve. The brain interprets these impulses into an image. Abnormalities in these and other structures of the eye may lead to blindness.

Some of the more common causes of blindness in dogs and cats include the following.

Uveitis: Uveitis is a painful condition in which the uvea becomes inflamed. The uvea is a blood vessel-rich tissue consisting of the iris, the ciliary body (which produces fluid inside the eye) and the choroid (which nourishes the retina). Causes of uveitis include infections such as feline infectious peritonitis (FIP) and tick-borne ehrlichiosis, tumors, immune-mediated conditions, eye trauma, toxins and eye irritants.

Cataracts: A cataract is a cloudiness in the lens. The lens is supposed to be transparent to allow light to pass through, but cataracts impair this function. Cataracts may affect only a small part of the lens initially, but progress to affect more of the lens over time. The most common cause of cataracts in cats is uveitis, while genetics and diabetes are the two most common causes in dogs. Other causes include eye trauma, toxins, nutritional deficiencies, radiation, electric shock and age-related de-

generation.

Glaucoma: Glaucoma is increased pressure in the eye. In a healthy eye, the volume of fluid that goes in and out of the eye is balanced to maintain a normal eye pressure. In glaucoma, a problem draining that fluid causes the eye pressure to rise, a condition that can quickly and painfully cause loss of sight. Primary glaucoma results from genetics while secondary glaucoma results from conditions such as uveitis, eye tumors and anterior lens luxation (see section on lens luxation).

Retinal detachment: The retina is a 10-layered structure that converts light signals into nerve impulses that are sent to the brain for interpretation into an image. When specific layers of the retina separate or detach from one another, the retina can no longer carry out this function properly, resulting in impaired vision. Causes of retinal detachment include genetics, trauma, tumors, infections, immune-mediated conditions, uveitis, eye surgery and high blood pressure.

Progressive retinal atrophy (PRA): PRA is an inherited disease that occurs in dogs and more rarely in cats. In pets with PRA, the retina

degenerates over time, leading to blindness. In most cases, the pet is initially blind only in low-light conditions but will eventually become blind in all conditions. Cataracts may also accompany PRA in some dogs.

Sudden acquired retinal degeneration syndrome (SARDS): This syndrome is a disease in dogs in which the retina rapidly and irreversibly deteriorates, leading to blindness within days to months. The cause of SARDS is unknown.

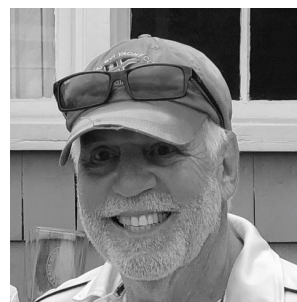
Optic neuritis: Optic neuritis is inflammation of the optic nerve, which carries impulses from the eye to the brain to be interpreted as images. Dogs and cats affected by this condition generally end up with partial or complete blindness. Causes of optic neuritis include such infections as distemper in dogs and cryptococcosis, a systemic fungal infection, in cats. Inflammation, immune-mediated conditions, toxins such as rodenticides, eye trauma and tumors are other potential causes.

Lens luxation: The lens is normally held in position by fine ligaments. If these ligaments fail, then the lens shifts - or luxates - from its normal position. A forward shift can block circulation of the eye's fluid and quickly

lead to painful glaucoma. A backward shift is not as immediately harmful, but secondary glaucoma and retinal detachment can occur. Terrier breeds are predisposed to primary, inherited luxations. Lens luxation may also occur due to cataracts, glaucoma, trauma, tumors, and uveitis.

Corneal diseases such as keratoconjunctivitis sicca, pigmentary keratitis, and pannus will completely scar the cornea if untreated.

If you notice any signs of blindness or changes in your pet's eyes, take your pet to your veterinarian. Oftentimes, older dogs and cats develop an age-related cloudiness in their eyes that is usually harmless to vision. However, it can look like a cataract, or other diseases of the eye, so it is still worth getting checked by a veterinarian to make certain it's harmless.



Dr. Lamb is the Veterinarian at the Manchester Animal Hospital.

Solution to puzzles on page 10

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You Say Potato, I Say

Potato is being featured as part of our Clear the Shelters campaign to help him find his forever home. Potato's adoption fee is reduced to \$200 and includes 3 months of heartworm/flea/tick prevention along with a consult with our Behavior Associate to help ensure success with his new family.

Hello sweet friends! The name is Potato and I am a 8-month-old doggo from Texas. The first thing you'll notice about me is my unique nose, and excitable personality. I am a big fan of running around with toys and playing tug of war with my friends

here. I do enjoy a nice bubble bath after a long day of dog duties, who wouldn't... am I right? I am looking for an active lifestyle, where I can go on adventures with my new family and get my sniffs and energy out. I am still learning my good boy manners and I am ready to learn new tricks with you! Do I sound like a good match for you? Apply online today and come in to visit me during open hours!

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The Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Manchester-by-the-Sea will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, August 30, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

Location: This is a Hybrid meeting. ZBA Board will meet in Room 5, Town Hall. Applicants, Presenters, and Public are welcome to join the Board in Room 5.
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New Application
Application of **Peter Levasseur, on behalf of Lucy Noyes**, for a Special Permit under Sections 12.5.2, 4.2, 10.1, and 12.5 of the Zoning By-Law, and or other relief as may be necessary to renovate and construct an addition to the existing home adding 288 square feet of living space to the first and second floors at **2 Pulaski Drive**, Assessor's Map 41, Lot No. 41 in District D filed with the Town Clerk on July 17, 2023.
Continued Application

Application of **Brian Stein, BDS Design Inc. on behalf of Joseph & Elyse Campanelli**, for a Special Permit under Sections 10.1, 12.5, and 12.5.2 and a Variance under Section 12.4.6 of the Zoning By-Law, and or other relief as may be necessary to add additional levels to an existing split-level ranch in the flood zone. The main level needs to be raised by 1' to meet code. To increase the living space, the west side will be extended 2' and the side lot line will encroach by .1' further into the setback with the proposed deck encroach .4' further into the side setback. Located at **4 Butler Avenue**, Assessor's Map 1, Lot No. 33 in District B filed with Town Clerk on May 15, 2023.
Site visit will be held at 2 Pulaski Drive on Tuesday, August 29, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. lasting 15 minutes. There will be no deliberations, however, the public is invited to attend.

Sarah Mellish, Chair, Zoning Board of Appeals
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