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# School Committee Faces Protest to Cuts in FY24 Budget

By Erika Brown

Hundreds of people packed into the Manchester Essex High School cafeteria Tuesday as the regional school district committee faced hard program choices following a rejection by Essex voters two weeks ago of a \$289K Proposition 2½ override that would have fully funded its share of a \$29.75 million FY24 district budget.

ME Regional School Committee (MERSD), the Manchester and Essex Select Boards and members of both towns' Finance Committees entered a room filled with approximately 300 parents, students, and teachers pleading them not to cut into the arts, language (specifically French), and STEM programs they say make MERSD schools one of the best in the state.

"It's our job as citizens to support the future," said Bruce Shaw, an Essex resident who supports the original district budget.

The district is currently in a 30-day window to produce a new final FY24 budget or make \$781K in budget cuts to meet the spending level accepted by Essex before the override. The School Committee will make a final recommendation on June 6.

A parade of students holding signs to support targeted programs lined the cafeteria. There were children from all grades (one sign from an Essex elementary kindergartener read, "I will never get to experience the programs that get cut"). Alumna, like 2022 graduate Charlie Weld, said



On Tuesday at the ME High School, hundreds of students, parents, teachers and community members protested cuts in the school budget.

she was admitted to the elite Berklee School of Music after learning music only in public school. ("Think of me a DI music student," she joked, referring to successful college sports recruits). There were teachers who said cuts to arts, language and STEM programs would devastate the quality of local education.

"This cut will impact the culture of our entire school," said Michelle Magana, head of the MERSD world languages department.

"The simple truth is, we cannot teach classes of 30 the same way we teach a class of 15," said Caroline Coshow, a

17-year French teacher. "Our students deserve better," said Doris-Ann Vosseler, world languages teacher.

ME School District Superintendent Pamela Beaudoin said in the district's final FY24 budget was a responsible one with "level services" that supported optimal class sizes, course offerings and services. That budget—ultimately rejected by Essex—was 2.85% higher than the FY23 budget, and she said it is within those of comparable districts.

"We need to find a long-term solution, because it's not a cycle that is good for the school or the students,"

said Beaudoin, who added that communication between the district and the towns has broken down in recent years.

In Essex, where student enrollment is becoming an increasing portion of the overall district, the annual escalations in the town's apportionment of the budget have been escalating disproportionately (upwards of 5%) because of the proportion of children from Manchester in the school district has been declining. Essex's FY24 district apportionment is approximately \$9.3 million and 48.7% of the town's budget, exclusive of debt, is spent an-

nually on MERSD costs.

Behind the move to force an override this year was a need to "reset" dysfunction in district budgeting, specifically to stop the school district's use of reserve funds for operations every year. With the rejection by Essex voters, the School Committee now faces three options before June 4. First, do nothing, and keep the same level services budget accepted by Manchester and return it for consideration to Essex voters at a June Special Town Meeting and at the ballot.

The second option would cut the full \$781K and live

within the lower budget approved by Essex at its Annual Town Meeting in April. The message from the school committee and administration on how to do this was clear: the district is no longer in the realm of finding efficiencies. It would have to eliminate programs and staff.

The recommendation being considered would include furthering teacher reductions—including by way of layoffs that would require notification by June 15 of this year—to 11.5 full-time teachers (comprised of 7.5 teachers in addition to four reductions in the district's previously approved budget). It also included significant cuts to arts education across the board; it recommended doubling the class size for middle school exploratory classes as well as eliminating several STEM (science, technology, engineering, math) classes at the high school.

The cuts also feature elimination of the district's widely admired French program. Under the recommended new FY24 MERSD budget, starting next year, no MERSD student can start French, and students in middle school and higher studying French would have to migrate to Spanish next year.

These cuts and layoffs are what many at Tuesday's public hearing were fighting to stave off.

The third option is cobbling together a compromise budget, and exploring compromise methods of funding. Some—including those

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## Out & About on Cape Ann Summer Guide Published



Cape Ann is known far and wide for its scenic beaches, historic landmarks, stunning marsh, and a vibrant cultural scene. And this week, *The Cricket* has produced a 48-page magazine, "Out & About on Cape Ann" as a summer guide for local residents of Rockport, Essex, Manchester and Gloucester. Read about the Gloucester 400+ celebration, food, music and ideas for how to have a "perfect" day on Cape Ann. Oh yes, and there's also a comprehensive calendar for the summer. Look for it in mailboxes next week for Memorial Day.

## Manchester Memorial Day Program



On Monday, May 29, the Manchester American Legion Amaral-Bailey Post 113 program will begin at 8:45 a.m. in front of the Legion building on Church Street. The Waterside Service begins at 9 a.m., with an invocation and benediction by Judith Epstein before the service remembers those veterans lost at sea. Then, the Legion ceremony with a salute to departed comrades and trumpet taps is played before the parade begins near the Honor Roll.

This year's Memorial Day parade route has changed slightly. The parade will begin on Pine Street and up to the Pleasant Grove Cemetery, then it proceeds to Rosedale Cemetery. The ceremony at Rosedale will include a welcome by the Legion Commander, followed by the MERSD band, the recitation of Flanders Field (and response recitation to Flanders Field), the

naming of those who made the Supreme Sacrifice, an address by the Chaplain, placing of the wreaths by the Legion Commander and Auxiliary President. The keynote speaker is Judith Epstein.

The procession then will move to the Hinkley Me-

memorial for a Salute before the procession heads up to Union Cemetery and then returns to the Amaral Bailey Post 113 Legion Hall. A separate bus will travel to Kettle Cove Cemetery for firing detail, and will stop at the 1661 Cemetery on the way back.

### Weekly Weather Chart

|                  |  |     |     |
|------------------|--|-----|-----|
| Saturday 27 May  |  | 65° | 49° |
| Sunday 28 May    |  | 74° | 53° |
| Monday 29 May    |  | 62° | 57° |
| Tuesday 30 May   |  | 75° | 58° |
| Wednesday 31 May |  | 65° | 58° |
| Thursday 1 June  |  | 64° | 59° |
| Friday 2 June    |  | 62° | 59° |

Weather data pulled Wednesday and is subject to change.



### Gavel to Gavel This Week's Town Meetings

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|---|--|
| 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.<br>All board and committee | meetings continue to be conducted virtually. Details on <a href="http://thecricket.com">thecricket.com</a> |
|   | Essex Affordable Housing Trust<br>Tuesday, May 30<br>7 p.m.  |

## CST's Parking Issues Debated at MBTS Planning Board

By Jeff Pope

When Cell Signaling Technology's representatives met with the Planning Board earlier this month, they sought guidance from the board whether a few deviations from the town's zoning bylaws would be acceptable to the Planning Board.

CST is planning to build a

four-storey parking garage to go with its two-phase research and development laboratories complex off of Atwater Avenue.

Where CST's plans differed from the town's zoning bylaws was in the size of the parking spaces and the number of spaces. The bylaws call for two-thirds of the spaces to be 9-feet by 19-feet and the other third to be 8-feet by 16-

feet. CST requested that all of their spaces be the same size, basically a compromise between the town's two sizes at 8-foot-6-inches by 18-feet.

Concerning the number of parking spaces, Interim Planning Director Betsey Ware said there is nothing quite like the CST plan in town. For a business and professional office building in town, the requirement is one parking

space for every 300 square feet of building. At those calculations, the CST would need 833 parking spaces for its 250,000 square foot buildings.

CST was looking to build 236 parking spaces for the first phase of its development, when it would have 280 employees.

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# Obituaries

Following a long-standing tradition, The Cricket publishes obituaries as a public service for our readers. If an obituary cannot be published in time for a service, we will post the notice to our website and Facebook page (facebook.com/TheManchesterCricket).

### Lisa Joan Eliassen



Lisa was in the Air Force for seven years, joining in 1970, and stationed at Fairchild AFB, WA and Keesler AFB, MS. Lisa was a technical instructor, base security supervisor, and squad leader for recruits. She retired from the Air Force as a Staff Sergeant in April 1978. She was very proud of her service and spoke often of wishing she had been able to retire from the service.

Lisa was co-founder of Eliassen Group Inc. in 1989 with her sister Mona Eliassen Tallaferro. After leaving the company in 1997, she started a new venture, MagnaSource, with her good friend Mark Maguire. She was adored by those she worked with and her positive energy, and magnetic personality and authentic interest in people's success drew people to her side.

Lisa is survived by her partner, Raynald Coitoux of Manchester via Montreal, Canada; sons Mark Eliassen of Manchester-by-the-Sea and Eric Grey of St Petersburg, FL; brothers Eric Eliassen of Sumnerland Key, FL and Nils Eliassen of New York, NY; sister, Mona Tallaferro of Manchester-by-the-

interest in touch and energy healing was always appreciated, and good for a nice back or neck rub.

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Sea, Adria Eliassen of Lauderdale by the Sea, FL, and Trina Eliassen of Gold Coast, Queensland, Australia; grandchildren Isabella, Caroline and Estella Eliassen, and Edward Siqueira; nephews, Leif, Alex, Ian, Colin and Anders, and nieces, Chanel, Nina, Eva, Alessandra, Carina, Ciera, and Savannah. She was predeceased by her brother, Kim Eliassen.

Visiting hours will be at the Campbell Funeral Home, 525 Cabot St., Beverly on Friday, May 26, from 4 - 7 p.m. Her graveside funeral service, with military honors, will be at Pleasant Grove Cemetery, Manchester-by-the-Sea, on Sunday, July 2, at 1 p.m. Relatives and friends are invited to attend. A Celebration of Life in Manchester will follow the graveside service. Those interested in attending, please contact Lisa's sister, Mona. Contributions may be made in Lisa's memory to Cape Ann Animal Aid at capeannanimalaid.org.

### Sharon Moniz

Former Manchester-by-the-Sea and Rowley Mass. resident Sharon (Silva) Moniz passed away in Newport Beach, Ca at Hoag Hospital. She is survived by her



husband of 56 years, George Moniz of Costa Mesa, CA., her son and daughter in law Charles and Dina Moniz along with her beloved grandchildren Sam, Lila and Sydney of Marblehead, MA., her son in law Kurt Smith of Cody, WY., her sister, Gail Purington of Chichester, NH, brother in law, Michael Moniz of Jupiter, FL., her beloved mother in law Irene Moniz of Palm Beach Gardens, FL. (formerly of Manchester-by-the-Sea, MA) her niece, Wendy Despres, her husband Lee and their children Colby and Camdyn of Chichester, NH., her niece, Emily Moniz of Boston, MA and nephew, Henry Moniz of Olympia, WA.

She was predeceased by her daughter Jennifer (Moniz) Smith of Cody WY., her parents, William and Mary Silva and her father-in-law George Moniz Sr. all of Manchester-by-the-Sea, MA.

7:44 a.m. Lincoln St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning. 10:54 a.m. Route 128NB, vehicle fire, fire confirmed. 5:13 p.m. Pine St., motor vehicle stop, written warning. 6:38 p.m. Old Neck Rd., parking complaint, spoken to.

FRIDAY, MAY 19 8:34 a.m. Beach St., directed patrol, secured/checked. 11:15 a.m. Pine St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning. 2:43 p.m. Route 128SB, motor vehicle stop, criminal application. 4:19 p.m. Woodholm Rd., animal complaint, notification made.

SATURDAY, MAY 20 12:57 a.m. School St., directed patrol, secured/checked. 7:47 a.m. Woodholm Rd., utility request, notification made. 11:10 a.m. Central St., citizen assist, spoken to. 1:20 p.m. Forest St., citizen assist, notification made.

THURSDAY, MAY 18

On Monday evening, our two newest MBTS full-time patrolmen were sworn in during the select board meeting. Pictured, with their families, are Officer Sean Mullins, who recently graduated from the Lynnfield Academy 2nd ROC on April 28 and Officer David Ko, who joins our ranks from Gordon College Police. We welcome them to the department and wish them a happy, fulfilling, and safe career.

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## MANCHESTER POLICE NOTES



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SUNDAY, MAY 14 10:04 a.m. Forest St., fire alarm, fire false. 1:07 p.m. Coolidge Point, animal complaint, assisted as needed. 4:35 p.m. Route 128NB, fire investigation, fire false. 7:43 p.m. Church



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# Next Steps for the School Budget

By Gregory T. Federspiel

As many residents know, the proposed School District budget did not receive the needed Proposition 2 1/2 override in Essex. Essex approved a lower amount which, because of the apportionment formula, would also lower the amount Manchester approved, resulting in nearly \$800,000 less in District spending for the new fiscal year that begins July 1. The School Committee is currently working through options with the aim of voting on a path forward at their meeting on June 6.

This past Tuesday, May 23, the School Committee hosted a public hearing to offer residents from both communities an opportunity to express their preferred approaches to getting to an approved budget.

A large turnout packed the cafeteria and many more joined virtually expressing strong support for the budget that was presented at the annual town meetings. In addition to concerned parents, supportive empty-nesters and worried teachers, a large contingent of current students and recent graduates voiced their support for programs that are on a tentative list to be reduced or eliminated.

Passionate, often emotional comments were delivered to the School Committee advocating for sticking with the proposed budget that was approved at the annual town meetings in both towns but failed the ballot override question in Essex.

Prior to the School Committee hearing the Manchester Finance Committee and the Select Board met to discuss the overall situation. Given the defeat of the pro-

posed override at the ballot, the consensus of the two bodies was that the School Committee should advance a compromise budget, one that would require a smaller override vote for Essex. If a reduced overall budget was approved the two towns would avoid the necessity of holding a joint town meeting.

The two boards also recommend that the School Committee should consider potential cuts across the board and not focus on any one area. Additional recommendations included revisiting the amount of reserves being carried by the District and pursuing new revenues (fees for specialized programs, etc.).

There is also interest in beginning a new process involving the two towns and the School Committee aimed at examining new approaches that may bring about higher efficiencies while advancing quality education. Regardless of how the FY24 budget gets resolved, there remains the longer-term issue of stable funding for the District. To avoid annual struggles over budgets new agreements are needed on the level of funding the residents are willing to support. Determining what type of school system residents want and how the two towns should best pay for the system will require a concerted effort to engage voters.

One of the issues that complicates getting to an approved budget is shifting demographics and enrollment patterns from Manchester and Essex. How much each town contributes to the district is based on three factors - the number of students from each town, the total

population in each community, and the total value of all properties in each town. The latter two factors are fairly stable. Enrollment patterns have fluctuated. It was not that long ago that Manchester was adding more students relative to Essex and thus Manchester was picking up a bigger share of the annual increase in the District's budget. The enrollment pattern has now changed. Manchester's student population has declined relative to Essex's causing Essex to now pick up a larger share of any proposed annual increase. Thus, a District wide increase in spending of say 3% can turn into a 5% increase for Essex and only a 2% increase in Manchester. This is a reversal of what was happening for many years prior to the past few years. Enrollment patterns are smoothed out over a three-year period per the regional school agreement.

Once a new budget is approved by the School Committee new special town meetings will be needed in each town. These are likely to take place in late June. If the new budget requires an override in Essex, a special election will be needed to approve the override. If this second round of votes was to fail in either community, a third try would be needed. This third try would be a joint town meeting with a majority vote of the combined attendees. A third try would not be dependent on an override vote. The joint vote is binding on both towns.

The month of June and possibly July will be important ones for determining next year's budget for the regional school district.

gap means the district would need to cut an additional \$900K from next year's budget before it does anything else.

The School Committee will make its recommendation by June 4. School Committee Chair Theresa Whitman said she has personally received more than 200 emails from concerned residents about potential cuts to programs and staff. If the budget is reduced by the amount asked for in the override, nothing more is needed. If not, the budget will have to again go before voters, first at a Special Town Meeting and then at the ballot box in a special election.

If that fails, then a joint Special Town Meeting of both towns would decide the final budget.



## BOARD UPDATES

Town Hall Closed: Town Hall will be closed on Monday, May 29 in observance of Memorial Day. All trash, recycling and compost collection will be delayed by one day.

Memorial Day Services: Join us to honor our veterans on Memorial Day, Monday, May 29. The program will start at 9 a.m. at Post 113 (behind Town Hall) then will proceed up Pine Street to Pleasant Grove Cemetery, Rosedale Cemetery, Hinkley Memorial and Union Cemetery.

Police Chief Office Hours: Chief Fitzgerald will hold

his monthly office hours on Thursday, June 1 from 4-6 p.m. at the Police Station. All residents are invited to come by and say hello.

Beach Walk on Tags: Singing Beach tags that were ordered online are ready to be picked up at the Town Clerk's office. All visitors to Singing Beach ages 12 to 65 need a tag. Tags can be purchased online or in the Town Clerks office for \$35.

School Street Paving: School Street repaving continues this week. The project is expected to be completed by mid-June. Expect road closures and detours at times.

Please contact DPW with questions.

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: Delayed Schedule. Please place curbside by 7 a.m. on day of collection.

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## WHAT WAS HAPPENING

### 90 YEARS AGO - 1933

At the meeting of the Board of Selectman held Tuesday evening, milk licenses were granted to the Deerfoot Farms Co., and the Hampden Creamery.

Peter A. Sheahan expects to get busy on the spraying of town trees along the roadsides next week and will do it in the early morning hours in order to interfere with traffic as little as possible.

### 75 YEARS AGO - 1948

Last week figures were given showing the poor lighting now existing in the Manchester Public School classrooms. In the Price school 38 children are exposed to possible eye strain, 51 pupils in the Priest School and 51 students in Story High. The problem of securing good lighting in modern classrooms has been the subject of much study by architects all over the country.

### Bids for the construction

of concrete piers and work incidental thereto under the building at New Rosedale Cemetery were opened Tuesday evening by the Board of Cemetery Commissioners, two bids having been received. They were: John Halloran, \$497,000. and William D. Plately, \$690,000. The contract was awarded to Mr. Halloran.

### 60 YEARS AGO - 1963

Manchester Police officers issued 100 tickets for parking violations during the first week of the crackdown ordered by the Board of Selectman as a measure to try to improve the parking situation in Manchester, particularly in the downtown section.

Charles A. Filias has been promoted to President and District sales manager of Do All Boston Company. Charles, who is a lifelong resi-

### dent of Manchester,

makes his home at 62 Pine St., with his wife Ann, and two children, Kathy and Arthur. He has been with Do All of Boston for seven years, being promoted in 1960 to Executive Tool Counselor and now to the top position in the company.

### 45 YEARS AGO - 1978

New Postal Rates will be effective at 12:01 a.m. on Monday, May 29, 1978. First class letter mails destined in the United States, Canada and Mexico will be 15 cents for the first ounce and 13 cents for each additional ounce. Postcards will require 10 cents each.

Police investigated a break into the Shepard Brown house at 69 Bridge St., Saturday night. Jewelry and silver of undetermined value were taken sometime during the day. The incident is still under investigation.



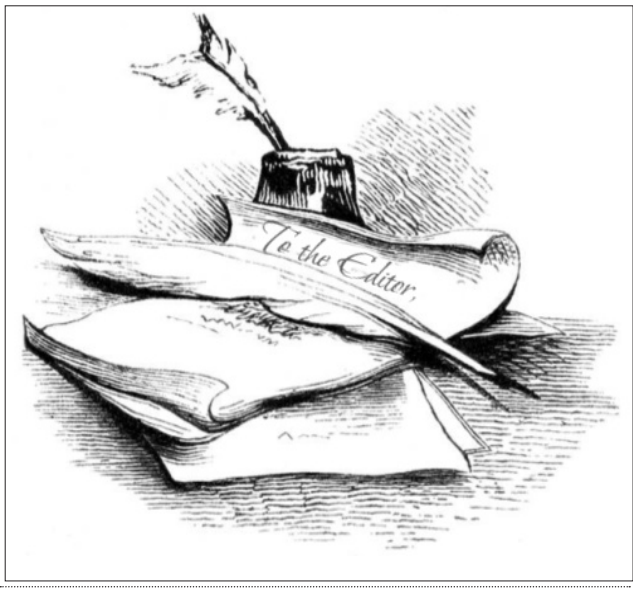
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## Tides & Sun Chart For The Week Ahead

| DATE   | HIGH  |     |       |     | LOW   |     |       |     | RISE | SET  |
|--------|-------|-----|-------|-----|-------|-----|-------|-----|------|------|
|        | AM    | FT  | PM    | FT  | AM    | FT  | PM    | FT  |      |      |
| 26 Fri | 4:37  | 9.0 | 5:22  | 8.2 | 11:18 | 1.4 | 11:30 | 2.1 | 5:09 | 8:10 |
| 27 Sat | 5:27  | 8.7 | 6:09  | 8.2 | 12:05 | 1.6 | 12:05 | 1.6 | 5:09 | 8:11 |
| 28 Sun | 6:20  | 8.5 | 6:59  | 8.3 | 12:22 | 2.1 | 12:54 | 1.7 | 5:08 | 8:12 |
| 29 Mon | 7:17  | 8.4 | 7:49  | 8.6 | 1:16  | 2.0 | 1:44  | 1.7 | 5:07 | 8:13 |
| 30 Tue | 8:13  | 8.3 | 8:38  | 8.9 | 2:11  | 1.8 | 2:34  | 1.7 | 5:07 | 8:14 |
| 31 Wed | 9:07  | 8.4 | 9:25  | 9.3 | 3:06  | 1.5 | 3:23  | 1.6 | 5:06 | 8:14 |
| 1 Thu  | 10:00 | 8.5 | 10:11 | 9.7 | 4:00  | 1.1 | 4:13  | 1.5 | 5:06 | 8:15 |

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**Thanking Voters for Their Support**

To the Editor,

I write to express my thanks to the folks who came to the polls on May 16 to cast their votes as well as to those who worked so hard on all the campaigns. I thank the voters for supporting Sue Philbrick and me for the Planning Board, and I will do my best to work on your behalf.

I have to admit that I am not a natural campaigner. I did not like the organizing and asking for contributions and all the work associated with making and placing signs, designing cards, attending meet and greets, and calling for help at every step of the way. I was fortunate in having assistance and encouragement from many others. The fact is that even with all the support, it was stressful and exhausting. It was also weird seeing my name stuck into front yards all over town.

But it wasn't all bad. There were some wonderful take-aways. I enjoyed meeting and hearing the opinions of a lot of thoughtful and kind people. It was gratifying to have folks contact me - often out of the blue - and ask for a sign on their front lawn or to wish me well. I spent

ing. Their festive group of sign holders during election day at Memorial School called out the slogan to passing cars, "It's time for change!"

Indeed, it is time for change. We have critical decisions to make in the coming years. Let's finish the job of creating a better zoning bylaw. Let's keep working together to bring about the changes needed to make Manchester a more sustainable, thriving and vibrant community.

Thank you again,

Chris Olney

**Gratitude to Voters**

I write to thank Manchester's voters for electing me to another term as moderator. After 28 years in office, my enthusiasm for the job is undiminished, and I'm grateful for their support.

As it was last year, turnout at the election was strong. 1,332 voters went to the polls out of 4,351 registered, or 31%. This was driven, of course, by contested races for Select Board and Planning Board. Competition for elected positions is healthy for Manchester, introducing new candidates and possibly new ideas to town government. I congratulate those who were elected and thank those who were not for participating.

This election evidenced differences of opinion on critical issues facing the town: operating budget and capital expenditure questions, potential changes to our zoning by-law, and on the horizon, whether and - if yes - how to comply with the mandate of state law for communities served by the MBTA. These are questions that will profoundly affect the future of Manchester; they also elicit strong emotions.

In fact, they are potentially divisive. It is crucial that we address them as friends and neighbors, respecting those whose opinions differ and recognizing that we all want the best for our town. Each of us has a responsibility to state our views clearly, but equally to listen to those with whom we disagree. Only by both speaking and listening can we hope to forge a consensus on the town's future. Without consensus - or at

least a strategy that most residents support - we face dissension and dysfunction. As Abraham Lincoln said, "A house divided against itself cannot stand." Residents have met tough challenges in the past; I am hopeful we will do so again.

Sincerely yours,

Alan Wilson  
Town Moderator

**MBTS Needs More Family Affordable Housing**

Building affordable housing in Manchester is a big project, but we also think that it is obvious that something needs to be done.

We are three students in the eighth grade at Manchester-Essex Middle School, and we can see the impacts of less affordable housing in our neighborhoods. Additions to affordable housing would benefit everybody and help increase diversity. Currently, there are only four family affordable housing units in Manchester. Comparably, a similar town like Wrentham has more than double that number.

The town needs to develop more units for families. If you sign the petition to bring the topic to the next town meeting, we can create more affordable housing units for families in Manchester.

Aiden Cronin  
Manchester

**Best of Luck to Mark Hammond in his Retirement**

I recently read in the Cricket about Mark Hammond's retirement. At first, I was surprised that he was old enough to retire and then started going back down memory lane.

In the 90s and the early aughts, I was Chair for the Christmas Greens on the Common on behalf of the Woman's Club. The Annual tradition where members of the W's Club created three large wreaths with cut Greens provided by the DPW for the facade of the First Parish Church, which the Manchester Fire Dept. firemen had the task to hang up and take

down each year until now.

One year the wooden wreath forms couldn't be found and that ended that "hands on" project and the W's Club purchases the Green wreaths ever since.

For many years, the DPW would wrap chicken wire around the fountain secured with wire in a cone shape and the women, most of them members of both the W's Club and the Seaside Garden club, would fill it with all the Pine tree branches which the DPW would bring. The fountain looked like a tree.

When I took over, I asked Mark not to use chicken wire anymore and to tie only wire runners from the peak to the corners. Also, instead of Pine Greens we would decorate the Fountain with garlands of laurel, etc. as a fountain should and it has been each Holiday Season since.

Mark continued this collaboration with me and my successors, between the Club and the Town, and it was always the man to contact.

In the 80s and 90s I was an exhibiting artist member of the Manchester Arts Council (later on "Manchester Cultural Council" part of the Mass Local Cultural Council Program) and became the MCC Chair of it for six years in 2000 and stayed as member afterwards.

Up to that point, once a year the Council would hold a weekend "Arts Gala" where Manchester Artists would exhibit their artwork for sale or not.

We had wooden panels built for it and held these Exhibits at the First Parish Hall and later on at the Manchester Community Center.

The wooden panels were kept in the Town Hall's second floor storage room and Mark and his crew would bring them with a truck to the Exhibiting Hall and take them back to the storage after the Exhibit each time.

After seeing all their hard work that it involved I spoke to Mark and informed him that I had approached the Selectmen about using their Meeting Room, the Hallway upstairs, the staircase walls and the front lobby in the Town Hall for the Arts Gala Event instead as a lot of other towns and cities in Massachusetts had been doing by dedicating spaces for the Arts

according to the Globe.

I reassured them that I would be responsible for setting everything up on Friday evening as a Gallery with a reception for Artists and the public on Saturday evening and open house for all during the weekend. After closing on Sunday night everything was moved back in order, as if nothing had happened and the spaces were ready for business on Monday morning. And, from then on Mark Hammond did not have to deal with the wooden panels anymore. I will always be grateful to Mark for his willing contribution while I was in charge of those activities for each of those Town Groups. Wishing him a good retirement with good health and pleasant times for the years ahead!

Thanks Mark,

Katerina Gatas  
Manchester

**Masconomo Council 1232 Knights of Columbus Record Sock Drive**

In late winter, we urged everyone to donate socks. Now we thank everyone who did.

Thanks to everyone who gave new, clean socks to the Masconomo Council 1232 Knights of Columbus 2023 Sock Drive.

Socks are one of the most important and useful clothing items that are provided to homeless people. Clean socks promote good hygiene, health, and provide warmth during the cold winter months.

This year generous Cape Ann residents and parishioners form Visitation parish Essex and Manchester-by-the-Sea and St Paul's Hamilton-Wenham donated a record total of 1,127 pairs of socks that were distributed to local area homeless shelters on the North Shore and in Boston. The total this year knocked it out of the park and exceeded last year's total of 1,000 pairs. Again, thanks to all who gave.

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# Manchester Historical Museum What's Old is New: The Trask House Portico

This year is the 200th anniversary of Manchester's Hooper-Trask house, built in the summer of 1823 for Nabby Hooper, a then-unmarried self-made banker and retail operator, and now the home of the Manchester Historical Museum at 10 Union Street.

Among the museum's bi-centennial undertakings is the restoration of a very important missing piece to downtown Manchester: the beautiful front entry portico at the center-point of the house. The original, removed about a hundred years ago, was added to the house when it was enlarged in 1830 for Abigail Hooper and husband Capt. Richard Trask.

The restored portico will be the portal which welcomes museum-goers to an entirely new experience at the Museum, complete with interac-

tive exhibits (some designed for young children) and a new room-by-room transformations (already under way) to relate a vivid narrative of Manchester's people and enterprises in the 19th Century.

One focus is Nabby Hooper (1788-1885), entrepreneur and builder of the house—the first woman in Massachusetts known to have built both her own business and her own residence. Her story will be told through renovated and furnished rooms: a restored 1823 kitchen, a corner of her department store, and her parlor, restored to its original color scheme.

Other new exhibits will feature little-known Manchester stories about the pre-colonial indigenous people, the salt-cod fishery that sustained the town for nearly 200 years, its ascendancy as a furniture-manufacturer (1830-1880),



A computerized rendition of the Manchester Historical Museum's Trask House, circa 1823 when the house was built, with its handsome portico entry that the museum hopes to restore this year as part of its bicentennial. Courtesy photo

and the advent of its fame as a summer colony and center of the arts and theatre. In addition, spaces will accommodate art shows, lectures and community gatherings.

To mark this significant 200th anniversary, the Museum board has set a goal to raise \$200,000 for the endowment in support of the new programming and to attract 200 new members at the outset of the third century of the Hooper-Trask house and its central place in the town. The first celebratory event, a party with orchestral music and catered food and beverages, will be held at Sharksmouth Estate at Kettle Cove on Wednesday, June 7 and will include a presentation on "Winslow Homer In Manchester And Beyond" by Manchester author Bill Cross. Tickets are available on the MHM website.

# Peek Into History: The Last of The Privateers of Manchester in the Revolutionary War



From this front door at 8 Washington Street, Dr. Joseph Whipple bade farewell to his young children and pregnant wife Eunice and went off to Gloucester to go privateering at the head of a band of Manchester men. Courtesy photo

By Robert Booth

After the Revolution began at Lexington and Concord in April, 1775, the war for independence went on for eight long years. The land battles were fought in other colonies; but the war at sea was carried on largely from the ports of New England, notably from Salem, Boston, Portsmouth, and Newburyport. For seafaring men and boys, the fishermen and merchant mariners who

made up most of the male inhabitants of Cape Ann, their usual livelihoods had been shut down, so privateering was the way forward. At first, the rebelling united colonies had no navy at all; then a few battleships were built by order of the Continental Congress; but the main naval force throughout the war was made up of the relatively small vessels—fishing schooners and freighters and, later, captured (former) British merchant vessels—that were

fitted by their owners with deck cannon and rail-mounted swivel guns and sent out as licensed privateers to prey on relatively defenseless enemy merchant shipping. Among the military leaders of the town was its physician, Dr. Joseph Whipple, the father of several young children, all residing at now-8 Washington Street (then called High Street). In July 1777, 19 Manchester men and boys—including Doctor Whipple, bidding farewell to

men prepared for a cruise of about three months; but we will never know how long they were at sea, for their vessel, evidently hit by a terrible storm, was seen no more.

Andrew Leach's brother, Ezekiel (1755-1822), began the war as a soldier and remained so into 1776; thereafter, he went privateering. He was captured with the rest of a crew and spent years as a prisoner of war. He survived to be repatriated; and he resumed his sea-roving as a Manchester privateer. He and his wife Susannah (Sukie) Hilton would have seven surviving children—including a son Andrew, named for his lost brother—all of whom got to hear their father curse out anyone who would even mention the word England. After the war ended in 1783, he shipped out as a sea

captain, and then became a shoreman, owning fishing vessels and supervising the curing of salt codfish in a fishyard. Residing in the family home at 96 School Street, he prospered, and came to own trading vessels; the 54-ton schooner "Jane," and the 90-ton "Active." After the conclusion of the war in 1783, Capt. Ezekiel Leach was notable for his generosity to the numerous poor, of whom many were young widows and fatherless children. The town had lost at least 50 of its men and boys, gone privateering; the extent of their sacrifice cannot be overstated.

Historian and author Robert Booth is curator and museum director of the Manchester Historical Museum, and regular contributor on local history for the Cricket.

## LIBRARY NEWS



**Memorial Day Closure**

The library will close early at 1 p.m. this Saturday, May 27 for carpet cleaning and will be closed Monday, May 29 in observance of Memorial Day.

**Hearthside Book Group**

Tuesday, June 6 from 4-5 p.m. join us in person or on Zoom to discuss the novel "Horse" by Geraldine Brooks.

**Discover India Series: The Spice Bowl (Virtual)**

Drop in Craft Saturday, May 27 from 10

Tuesday, May 30 from 7-8 p.m. India is famous for its spices that are used for both culinary and health purposes, many of which were included in ancient herbal medicines. This presentation will describe the history of some of the spices, their benefits, and how they are used in Indian cuisine and/or for health purposes.

**Annual Book Sale and book donations**

Annual book sale is August 5. Book donations will be at the Manchester Middle High

a.m.-1 p.m. Stop by and make a window cling mandala with an intricate paper outline and tissue paper. The library will be open 10 a.m.-1 p.m. on this day due to annual carpet cleaning. All ages, as long as you can handle cutting or tearing tissue paper.

**Literary Libations Writing Group is moving to Thursdays**

Thursdays from 7-8 p.m. Do you need inspiration to start your next project? Do you want some constructive criticism before you send your work to an editor or publisher? Meet with librarian Maddy Willwerth or



MBTS Library's beloved Children's Librarian, Carol Bender, is retiring at the end of the month. Come say goodbye and shower her with well wishes this week. Courtesy photo

**School parking lot on June 10**

between 9 a.m. and 12 noon.

**Craft Circle by the Hearthside**

Sundays from 2-3 p.m. Bring your craft project and covered beverage and enjoy comradery and conversation by the fireside. All ages welcome.

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poet Crystal Condakas at the library's hearthside for writing prompts, critique, and comradery. Snacks and coffee provided. Please register.

**MPL Children's Events: 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 five persons at half-price admission.

**Vox and Wonder Books**

Kids are going to love these new audio and print picture and chapter books bound together for literacy and fun. The permanently attached

Reader transforms an ordinary print book into an all-in-one read-along experience. No need for computers, tablets or CDs, children simply push a button to listen and read.

**Wicked Good Henna Summer Reading Kick Off**

Tuesday, June 6 from 3-5 p.m. For ages 11-18: It's our Summer Reading Kickoff. Stop by to get a splash of sweet body decoration courtesy of library fave Mandy Roberge—and grab a sweet treat too. No registration required.

**Stories and Songs with Ms. Carol**

Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. Our youngest patrons are invited to share songs, rhymes and simple stories with Ms. Carol. .

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

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# Hornets Nest

**Boys Lacrosse:** The ME boys' lacrosse team hosted CAL member Amesbury HS on Monday. First 12 minutes out of the gate were back and forth, both teams exchanging tallies off possessions which Amesbury seemed to control. The defense would find a rhythm, get stops, and transition to offense. Three first quarter goals from Jesse Oliver, Mac Edgerton, and Quinn Brady would not be enough for the Hornets as they trailed 4-3 heading to the second quarter. The Hornets offense responded with four unanswered goals in the second quarter to gain the lead 8-4 at halftime.

The third and fourth quarters were explosive for the Hornets offense. There were 11 different goal scorers on the afternoon, including Freshman attack Charlie Thurlow's first two registered varsity points (lg, 1a) following his first start of the season. Manchester would outscore Amesbury 11-2 in the final two frames of the contest winning by a final of 19-6, securing yet another home win on the season, and Manchester's sixth CAL win. Manchester improves to 11-4 on the season.

**Game Scoring:** Quinn Brady 4g, Mac Edgerton 2g, 2a, Jesse Oliver 2g, 1a, Sam Athanas 2g, Cam Hubbard 1g, 2a, Stephen Martin 1g, 1a, 4/4 on face-offs, Doug Pratt 1g, 1a, Charlie Thurlow 1g, 1a, Declan Kirk 1g, Alex Fraser, 1g, Jack DiPasquale 8 saves, 5 goals allowed and Connor Dickson 1 save, 1 goal allowed.

ME boys' lacrosse hosted the Tanners of Peabody HS on Wednesday, their first out of conference contest since April 27. Peabody would find the back of the Hornets net early in the first quarter off a low angle shot. The Hornets responded with a goal from Jesse Oliver, how-

ever the Tanners would score three more times in the first quarter leading 4-1 after one. Manchester Essex's defense would stand tall, killing off a man down penalty, and holding Peabody scoreless in the second quarter. Quinn Brady would score twice to cut the lead to one, trailing 4-3 at halftime.

The second half both teams exchanged lengthy possessions at both ends, where both team's goalies shined. Senior Captain Jack DiPasquale backboned the Hornets' defense with a season high 14 saves on the afternoon, while Senior Sam Athanas played lockdown defense at the midfield. Peabody was scoreless again all of the third quarter before scoring halfway through the fourth quarter to go up 5-4 with their second lead of the day. Athanas would score in transition with a bounce shot from the slot to tie the game at 5. Then it was Hornets Senior Midfielder Chase Dickson with a dodge to his left to the middle and tuck one past the Peabody goalkeeper, to earn himself the game winning goal with little time to spare. Peabody would win the ensuing faceoff, and yet turn the ball over to the Hornets defense once again. Manchester would march down the field, call a timeout and kill off the last two minutes of the clock in the box to secure the win 6-5. It was an absolute battle of a win over a solid Division One team for the Hornets as they improve to 12-4 on the season.

**Game Scoring:** Quinn Brady 2g, Mac Edgerton 1g, 1a, Jesse Oliver 1g, Sam Athanas 1g, Chase Dickson 1g and Jack DiPasquale 14 saves, 5 goals against.

The ME Boys Lacrosse team travelled up the North Shore on Friday to Ipswich High School for a rematch of their previous meeting



Girls LAX coach Nan Gorton congratulates sophomore goalie, Brigid Carovillano, on her 300th career save on May 11 @girls lacrosse game vs. Hamilton-Wenham. What an incredible achievement!

just two weeks ago. The first game was a dominant win by Ipswich; however the roles were in reverse as the Hornets took a quick 2-0 lead early in the first quarter thanks to back-to-back goals from Junior Midfielder Quinn Brady. Ipswich cut the lead to 2-1 shortly after with a long possession of their own and shortly tied the game soon after to end the first quarter of play. Second quarter the home team Tigers scored early to take the lead, but with the Hornets defense playing shut down defense on top opposing players they were able to hold Ipswich scoreless for the rest of the quarter. The Hornets responded with two more goals to head into half 4-3. The third quarter was scoreless for about eight minutes, with both teams' defense making stops and big saves. Jack DiPasquale made

some spectacular composed saves when Manchester Essex needed to be bailed out, while Mark Pollock, Brennan Twombly, and Sam Athanas held it down for the defense. It would be Mac Edgerton that stuck a shot off stick high from outside with about three and a half minutes remaining to increase Manchester's lead to 5-3 leading into the fourth. The last 12 minutes seemed to be all controlled by the visiting Hornets, with goals from Doug Pratt and Quinn Brady again in the slot off a feed from Charlie Thurlow behind the cage. Ipswich would win two face-offs and gain two possessions of their own and cash in on both to climb back within 2 with short time left in the fourth. Manchester would end the game by killing the clock to beat Ipswich for the first time since 2012.

**Baseball:** HW 12 - ME 6. Troy Flood went 2-4 with a HR a double and an RBI with 2 runs scored. Kevin Mckenna and Matteo Sarmanian each drove in a run.

**Lynnfield 11 - ME 2.** Troy Flood threw 6 innings but fell short as Lynnfield broke it open in the 6th. Kevin Mckenna and Matteo Sarmanian each had a hit.

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Courtesy Photo



The families of Hadley Levendusky (left) and Paige Garlitz celebrate Senior Day for the girls lacrosse team. Photo Paul Clark



ME Hornet senior tennis players from left to right; Sophie Zalosh, Emery Weber-Provost, Vanessa Gregory, Lexi Hano, Callista Lai, Helaina Davis and Mary Callahan. Courtesy Photo

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## ScottEnergy Community Bulletin Board

**National Poppy Day Friday, May 16**

After World War I the lime filled ribbed battle grounds of France and Belgium were blanketed with blood red poppies. The poppy soon became the symbol of the fallen for the American Legion. In 1924 the first handmade crepe poppies were seen around the nation on Memorial Day and Veterans' Day along with Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae, M.D.'s poem "In Flanders Fields". Millions of poppies are handmade by veterans as part of their therapeutic rehabilitation.

Honor the fallen and support the living on Saturday, May 27th. This year you will find American Legion Auxiliary members in four locations in Manchester on Saturday mornings, May 27th.

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## Tennis Lessons: ME Boys Tennis Shows Growth Against Top Competition

By Jason Brisbois

While it might seem natural to focus on the pile of victories that the MERHS boys' tennis team has accumulated this spring, coach Rob Bilsbury would rather look at how his team played in losses to the top competition in the CAL as the season has progressed to gauge how much the Hornets have improved.

The Manchester Essex coach points to the team's two losses against Hamilton-Wenham. On paper, the Hornets lost to the Generals twice by an identical 4-1 score on both May 17 and April 28. To Bilsbury, the important thing was just how his team played the second time around against the same challenging CAL foe.

At first singles, Jack Cummins lost 0-6, 3-6, in the April match but was much more competitive on May 17, losing 5-7, 3-6 in much more competitive sets. It was a similar story at first doubles and third singles, while second singles stalwart Charles Virden provided the Hornets' only points in each match.

"We went from being beaten handily to a more closely contested 4-1 loss," says the coach. "It makes us feel like if we see them again in the state tournament, we will be right there with them, and there's no reason to be afraid of them because we can play



ME Hornet Jack Cummins shows perfect form as he lines up to serve to his CAL opponent. Photo Paul Clark

with them. We are lucky enough to know we can get there and now we don't have to put them on a pedestal." As a result, a team that is 11-6 overall and 9-3 in the Cape Ann League is finding encouragement in losses like the recent one to Hamilton-Wenham, as well as seeing similar improvement in a 4-1 loss to Lynnfield on May 19. A May 22 matchup with Marblehead completes the "murderer's row" segment near the end of the regular season schedule that could end up being the perfect preparation for things going up another notch when the MIAA tournament begins next month.

"Marblehead is a team that would probably beat Lynnfield, and Lynnfield beat Hamilton-Wenham," explains Bilsbury. "Those are the types of matches - when

Cummins, Virden, Finn Straub and Alexander Breuker have done as the primary reason these sessions are so competitive and so successful.

"That's why practice is the way it is," explains Bilsbury. "Those guys have just really helped us get to where we are right now."

Cummins and Virden in particular have set an example with their focus on self-improvement. "Charlie, with his backhand and Jack, with his serve and tactical strategies and ability to change things, both have worked hard on their tennis skills and both have been phenomenal."

Also, of note has been the play of Jack Lawler and Finn Birkeland at second doubles.

"They've been super dependable getting real important points for us in big matches," says Bilsbury.

At the start of the week, the Hornets were looking to wrap up another successful season and perhaps improve on their top-10 rating in the MIAA Div. 4 Power Rankings, in determining in determining postseason seeding and playoff matchups. Thankfully, Manchester Essex seems to be peaking at the perfect time.

"It's been a good overall season, and this is a great group that's playing better and better as the season's gone on," says Bilsbury. The coach points to the work that team captains

Scarborough both cruised to straight set wins while Callista Lai won a long, tight 3 setter and Grayson Crocker rattled off 9 straight games after going down 5-4 in the first set to win 7-5 6-0.

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**Transfer Station Solid Waste Compactor Replacement Contract Award**

Bids for the replacement of the Essex Transfer Station Solid Waste Compactor were due on April 20, 2023. We received a total of two bids, with the lowest bid being from Reaction Distributing, Inc. of Ontario, Canada. The base bid (for the solid waste compactor) was \$119,716. The add-alternate bids for up to two, smaller compactors for recycling were \$29,378 each (making the total \$149,094 if one add-alternate is elected or \$178,472 if both add-alternates are selected). The second bid was from Maguire Equipment, Inc. and pricing was as follows: base bid -- \$165,067, each add-alternate -- \$26,465.

The Town apparently budgeted sufficient funds for the improvements to the transfer station (the transfer station special appropriation for \$280,000 presently has a balance of approximately \$239,000 since new site fencing and a new garage door have already been charged to the account). If all aspects of the bid are accepted, the Town will still have approximately \$60,000 to install recycling compactor pads, run underground electrical conduit and wiring, and any other miscellaneous site work. Over the last two meetings, the Board has been waiting for the Superintendent of Public Works and the Board of Public Works to verify that the proposed equipment in the NECB/Reaction Distributing bid meets all of the Town's specifications. The TA learned during the week of May 15, 2023, that the Board of Public Works does, indeed agree that the lowest bid meets the Town's specifications. To be certain of the specifications to be delivered, the vendor has agreed to attach clarifying materials to the contract as certain aspects of the vendor's bid appeared to be in conflict with others.

**Request for Proposals for Summer Camp and Youth/Adult Enrichment Services**

# ESSEX ECHO.



Saturday saw the Essex bridge being dedicated as town officials and guests cut the ribbon across the center of the bridge. This event took place during the 3-day Essex in Bloom celebration. Pictured left to right; Paul Stedman, District 4 Highway Director, MADOT, Tim Hezy, Project Engineer, MADOT, State Senator Bruce Tarr, Ruth Peren, Chairman, Essex Board of Selectmen, Brendan Zubricki, Town Administrator, Paul Francis, Chief of Police and Rick Bodi, General Superintendent, MAS Building & Bridge (project contractor). Photo Paul Clark



Paper flowers adorn a building at Shepard Memorial Park during the Essex in Bloom celebration over Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Flower displays were featured all over town and there were many special events planned. Photo Paul Clark

## Town Administrator's Report

**Board of Selectmen's Meeting of May 22, 2023**  
 Report covers from April 29, 2023 to May 19, 2023

### Bathing Beach Permit Renewals

Every two years, the Board of Health requires any owner of public or semi-public bathing beaches to apply for a renewal of bathing beach permits. The permitting program allows the Board and its staff to keep updated on areas that are being utilized, including a summertime water quality sampling program performed by the Board of Health Administrator. The Selectmen are responsible for three public bathing beaches (the beach on Chebacco Lake at the Centennial Grove, and Clammers' and Front beaches at Conomo Point. With all three permits set to expire this year, the Town Administrator (TA) requested applications for renewals and submitted them to the Board of Health office.

### Town Clerk Hiring Update

At the last meeting, the Board asked that the Town Clerk expected vacancy be re-advertised with a new application deadline of May 16, 2023 after a candidate who had been offered the job declined to accept). The current Town Clerk repeated the advertising regimen used during the month of March and I reposted the job locally. One new candidate with desirable qualifications applied and the Board interviewed the candidate on May 18, 2023. Subsequent to the interview, the Board asked that a specific offer letter be sent to the candidate and that has occurred. The candidate, Marie Felzani, has accepted the Board's offer and will soon work out a schedule for part-time cross-training with retiring Town Clerk, Pamela Thorne, through July 14, 2023. Marie will assume the Town Clerk position full-time as of July 15, 2023. It may be necessary to request a Reserve Fund Transfer to pay both Marie and Pamela during cross-training.

Our engineering team had already developed a detailed memo providing answers to questions raised by the appellants, along with information that the appellants had asserted the Town had not generated (which was not the case). Generally, after suggesting that one particular portion of land adjacent to the project area might have been classified as an upland area when it could actually be a wetland area, the DEP representative took the matter under advisement. The Town will provide to the DEP and to the appellants' legal representative various other documents that may be helpful (including the replanting plan that has been developed by the Town Planner).

### Third-Party Ambulance Billing Agreement Renewal

Our third-party ambulance billing contract is considered on an annual basis. Our present vendor, Comstar, has provided excellent service and has developed a successful agreement for fiscal year 2024. The Fire Chief concurs with this course of action.

### Apple Street Roadbed Elevation and Culvert Replacement Project Update

As the Board is aware, certain abutters retained legal counsel to appeal a recent Essex Conservation Commission Order of Conditions to the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). The abutters are asserting that the DEP should issue a Superseding Order of Conditions that prohibits the project from moving forward. Selectman Phippen, Town Counsel, our engineering team, representatives of the appellants, representatives of the DEP, and Mr. Zubricki participated in a DEP site visit to the project area on May 17, 2023. The group walked the entire project area and the DEP representative took the opportunity to ask ques-

tions. Our engineering team had already developed a detailed memo providing answers to questions raised by the appellants, along with information that the appellants had asserted the Town had not generated (which was not the case). Generally, after suggesting that one particular portion of land adjacent to the project area might have been classified as an upland area when it could actually be a wetland area, the DEP representative took the matter under advisement. The Town will provide to the DEP and to the appellants' legal representative various other documents that may be helpful (including the replanting plan that has been developed by the Town Planner).

Also, on May 9, 2023, representatives of the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act (MEPA) Office and other State agencies reviewed the project via remote meeting with our engineering team and the TA since the project is subject to the Environmental Notification Form (ENF) process under MEPA. An attorney representing some of the abutters to the project on whose land the Town requires easements for the project to be viable was also on the call. Parties involved in the review of the project asked a variety of questions and our engineering team agreed to provide several documents and plans to supplement the review file after reviewers indicated those would be useful in the review process.

## LIBRARY NEWS

Library will be closed Friday, May 26 and reopen Tuesday, May 30 for Memorial Day

**Author Nancy Horan (Virtual)**  
 Wednesday, June 28 from 7-8 p.m. Join Nancy Horan and Therese Fowler as the discuss Nancy's new book, The House of Lincoln, a sweeping historical novel which tells the story of Abraham Lincoln's ascendance from rumpled lawyer to U.S. President.

**Friends of the Library Gardening**  
 Sunflower growing contest, pick up your free packet of sunflower seeds to grow over the summer.

**Library of Things**  
 Giant Jenga, Corn Hole and Pickleball

**Museum Passes**  
 Passes available for your holiday weekend.

## ESSEX POLICE NOTES

**MONDAY, MAY 15**  
 8:08 a.m. Turtleback Rd., disturbance, assisted as needed. 1:13 p.m. River St., motor vehicle complaint, erratic operation, gone on arrival. 5:59 p.m. Western Ave., motor vehicle stop, citation issued. 7:57 p.m. Eastern Ave., fire investigation, fire false.

**TUESDAY, MAY 16**  
 9:26 a.m. Harlow St., male fall, transported to hospital. 11:46 a.m. Main St., motor vehicle stop, arrest. 6:52 p.m. John Wise Ave., male fall, transported to hospital. 9:29 p.m. Lakeshore Drive, motor vehicle lockout, assisted as needed.

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 17**  
 12:15 p.m. Scotts Way, male fall, transported to hospital. 4:41 p.m. John Wise Ave., citizen assist, assisted as needed. 8:15 p.m. Apple St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning. 10:39 p.m. Martin St., directed patrol, secured/checkered.

**THURSDAY, MAY 18**  
 1:23 a.m. Martin St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning. 9:08 a.m. John Wise Ave., citizen assist, spoken to. 2:15 p.m. John Wise Ave., traffic hazard, secured/checkered. 4:43 p.m. Goodwin Court, disabled motor vehicle, assisted as needed.

**FRIDAY, MAY 19**  
 1:17 a.m. Centennial Grove Rd., directed patrol, secured/checkered. 1:39 a.m. Conomo Point Rd., directed patrol, secured/checkered. 5:45 a.m. Chebacco Terrace, directed patrol, secured/checkered. 6:19 a.m. John Wise Ave., motor vehicle stop, written warning.

**SATURDAY, MAY 20**  
 6:50 a.m. Conomo Point Rd., directed patrol, secured/checkered. 7:01 a.m. Eastern Ave., selective enforcement, secured/checkered. 7:04 a.m. Eastern Ave., motor vehicle stop, citation issued. 5:31 p.m. John Wise Ave, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

**SUNDAY, MAY 21**  
 12:53 a.m. Apple St., utility request, notification made. 2:10 a.m. Story St., directed patrol, secured/checkered. 5:13 a.m. Main St., directed patrol, secured/checkered. 7:13 a.m. John Wise Ave., selective enforcement, no action taken.

## Essex Locals | May 26

115 Years Ago - 1908

The work of the local superintendent of the gypsy and tall brown moth suppression, Otis O. Story, is appreciated by state superintendent Kirkland as seen by the third annual report just issued.

90 Years Ago - 1933

A very unusual accident was reported at the Gaybrook garage last week. A passing motorist had called there to have his gas tank filled and started before the hose had been removed, ripping the tank from its fastenings causing a short circuit and explosion of gasoline setting it afire and leaving a burning trail of gas behind and setting the car on fire. The fire department was called but the blaze was put out before the arrival of the department, with small damage.

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# Major Exhibit of Original Oil Paintings of Gloucester's Historic Rocky Neck



One of the largest collections of original plein air oil paintings of Rocky Neck ever exhibited can be seen now through June 1 at Stephen LaPierre's Open Studio at 75 Rocky Neck Ave. in Gloucester.

LaPierre, a year-round resident of the historic Rocky Neck Art Colony for the past six years, is exhibiting more than 100 of his original oil paintings of the Neck's architecture and harbor views. Many of LaPierre's pieces allow us to see the changing landscape of this unique piece of land that has attracted leading oil painters from John Sloan and Edward Hopper to Emile and Robert Gruppe, since the mid 1800's.

The exhibit is open seven days a week from noon until 8 p.m., 75 Rocky Neck Ave. (2nd floor), next to the newly reopened Rudder restaurant.

## Manchester BOH April Diaper Drive



Manchester's public health nurse, Pamela Crehan, posed last week at Beverly Bootstraps as part of the town's Dept. of Health's donation of diapers and baby wipes.

In April, the Manchester Board of Health held a diaper drive and last week members of the Manchester Department of Health thanked residents who donated as they dropped the donations to Beverly Bootstraps, benefiting people in need in our local communities.

In all, 125 pounds, 62 packages of diapers and three packages of wipes, were donated.

This is a wonderful demonstration of the compassion and willingness of the community to work together and improve the lives of our children and families. The board gave a special thank you to Crosby's Marketplace, Manchester Public Library, Manchester Police, and Manchester Town Hall who collaborated and provided support by hosting collection boxes, raising awareness of the unmet need for diapers in Manchester and throughout Massachusetts.

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## Who is the American Legion Auxiliary?

They began in the aftermath of World War I. They continue today with a motto of Service Not Self. They made a difference.

Injured and ill soldiers coming home in 1919 needed help. On September 16 Congress charted The American Legion; The American Legion Auxiliary was formed at their first national convention in November. In 1921 Edith Hobart from Ohio was the first national convention president, and Hobart's vision of a national hospital system began. The blood red poppy became the Legion's memorial flower.

Purpose and population grew as Juniors were accepted in 1934, and the ALA Girls State program was established in 1937 to honor those who brought us our freedom. Girls learn the "fundamentals of U.S. Government along with its rights, privileges and responsibilities of citizens." In 1947 ALA Girls State hosted the first ALA Girls Nation in Washington, D.C and both programs continue today.

Many Manchester families are represented on the Girls State list from 1948 to the present.

With 600,000 WW II military injured, programs for rehabilitation of disabled veterans were established in 1944. The Korean War brought more injured and advances in care. The Aux-



iliary worked behind the scenes in supporting veterans and their families in their communities. Manchester's Post 113 began in 1920 with the Auxiliary the following year on October 11, 1921.

The National Auxiliary Emergency Fund was created in 1969, "to assist members who suffer a significant financial setback as the result of an act of nature or other personal crisis." Poppy donations are Manchester's emergency fund.

The Veteran's Home in Chelsea has been a part of our Unit giving since 1945. We have had dedicated members who yearly helped with gifts for the Christmas Shop. Since Covid, money has been sent for medical supplies.

Manchester's Unit 113 Legion dinner raffie baskets support Legion and Auxiliary scholarships, Girls State, and Operation Troop Support postage. The Legion building has a box in the front foyer for donations for our troops. If you would want it from home, pop some in the box to send overseas.

To answer the question: Who is the American Legion Auxiliary? They are all who desire to serve our veterans in your town of Manchester.

Four Auxiliary members and Juniors will be stationed downtown on Saturday, Pick up a poppy, an Auxiliary Coloring Book, and share your veteran stories with us. Credit cards will be accepted.

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# Point Counterpoint Should the US Adopt Ranked Choice Voting?

## Point, Counterpoint

This month high school debaters across the nation will debate the resolution: "Resolved: The US should adopt ranked choice voting for its federal elections."

Every election cycle, the media decries partisan polarization as the cause of America's policy ills. The story goes - most Americans are moderate and willing to compromise, but our elected representatives are hardliners who rarely break the party mold. Why are Senators and members of Congress so much more extreme than the average American? Why is government gridlocked over seemingly commonsense things, like spending on infrastructure, raising the debt ceiling, and commonsense reform? Why are congressional hearings clogged with useless grandstanding and brinkmanship that never translates into actionable legislation for the American people?

One possible answer to this question is the two-party system, where elections are essentially contests between the candidates that win party primaries. Because the winner is the candidate with a plurality of votes, it makes very little sense to run a third-party challenger. Doing so would inevitably split the vote between the challenger and their closest ideological compatriot, which would result in both losing. The winning candidate would be the least acceptable choice to both other parties. This style of elections is called "winner-take-all."

One alternative to the winner-take-all approach is ranked choice voting (RCV). Ranked-choice voting is an electoral system that allows voters to rank candidates by preference on their ballots. Just like in winner-take-all elections, if a candidate wins a majority of first-preference votes, they are declared the winner. If no candidate wins a majority of first-preference votes, the candidate with the fewest first-preference votes is eliminated. The eliminated votes are reallocated to the candidate that was indicated as the voter's second preference. An instant runoff election determines whether any candidate has won most of the adjusted votes. The process is repeated until a candidate wins an outright majority.

This topic is a deep dive into public policy and implicates some of the most fundamental aspects of our democracy. The topic forces debaters to think about how different electoral systems create structural incentives for different kinds of candidates to prevail. It also makes students consider normative ques-

tions, such as what type of candidates should prevail in an effective democratic system. Fortunately, ranked-choice voting has been piloted in many countries and localities worldwide. Smart debaters will take this topic out of the abstract and make it about the successes and difficulties that actual places have faced in their transition to ranked choice. Here are two opinions on the topic.

**Nota Bene:** High school debaters center on a controversial topic and follow specific rules of debate to ensure a fair and clear response competition. Competitors are required to argue both sides of the topic, both pro and con. Arguments and opinions do not represent the opinion of the debater. This article first goes through the CON side then PRO.

### CON : No to Ranked Choice Voting

By Gwendolyn Berger

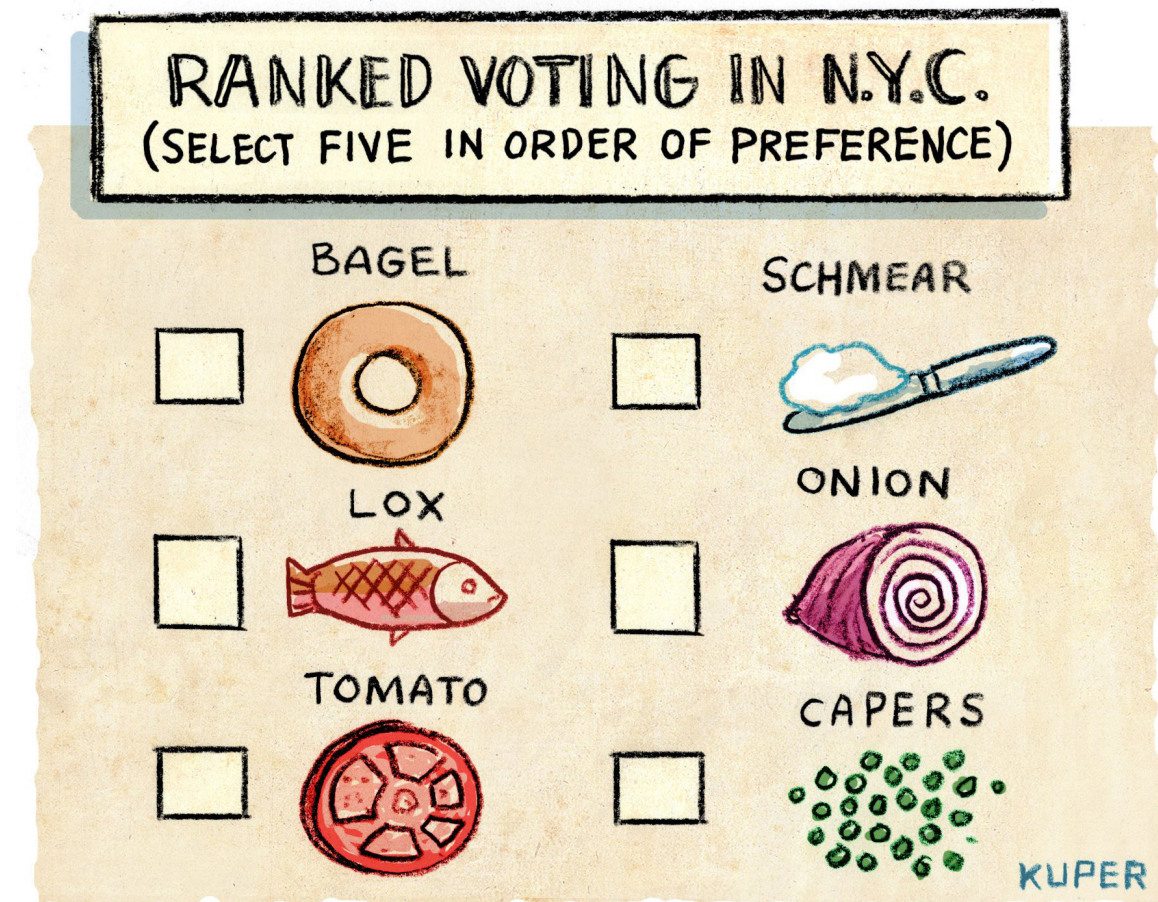
Ranked choice voting is a voting method that sequentially eliminates candidates in a series of rounds until it reaches a winner. Voters list their candidates in order of preference. (1).

The CON side of this argument takes a few stances including the complexity of the election, the heightened risk for extremism, and decreased representation. A common critique is that it is complicated and overwhelms voters (2). An important part of voting is being well-informed about the candidates. However, in ranked choice voting, responsible voters have to conduct increased amounts of thorough research when deciding the rankings for their ballot (4). This is very time-consuming for the typical voter, especially if it's for a local election with upwards of 20 candidates running.

Because of the complexity of these elections, it takes much longer to process than a traditional election. The issue here is that even small delays can breed distrust about the election and destabilize America's fragile democracy.

The effect is that it leads to a lower voter turnout which is undesirable in a democratic election. Furthermore, the nature of RCV leads to higher error rates on the ballots when compared to traditional elections (4). Moreover, the system in which ranked choice voting works can promote extremist candidates.

The issue with ranked choice voting is that it permits extremist candidates with narrow support bases to run in elections without acting as a spoiler for one of the other major party candidates. In this type of voting, if no candidate gets a major-



ty, candidates are dropped from the election and their support is reallocated amongst the remaining candidates until one wins majority (3).

As The Hill states, "ranked-choice voting makes it more difficult to elect moderate candidates when the electorate is polarized."

The Hill explains that, for example, in a three-person race, the moderate candidate may be preferred to each of the more extreme candidates by a majority of voters.

But, ranked choice voting makes it so voters with far-left and far-right views will rank the moderate persona in second place instead of first place. Since ranked-choice voting counts only the number of first-choice votes, the moderate candidate would be eliminated, leaving one of the extreme candidates to be declared the winner.

This makes it more difficult for minorities to have a voice in the election because their preferred candidates may get voted out in the first round. An article by Joseph Coll said, "Though previous studies have found potential benefits of RCV, some evidence suggests ranking multiple candidates instead of choosing one most preferred candidate may be difficult, with potential demographic disparities linked to age, gender, or racial or ethnic identity" (5).

This eliminates important representation in local, state, and federal elections.

### PRO : Yes to Ranked Choice Voting

By Stella Straub

Ranked choice voting is an alternative to the winner-take-all approach that is used in various states and cities across the United States. In this system, voters can rank candidates by preference on their ballots. If a candidate

wins a majority of first-preference votes, they are elected. However, if no candidate wins the majority, the candidate with the fewest first-preference votes is eliminated and the eliminated votes are reallocated to the candidate that was the voter's second preference. An instant runoff election determines whether any candidate has won most of the adjusted votes. The process is repeated until a candidate wins an outright majority.

One of the major benefits to ranked choice voting is that it can help promote democracy and uphold democratic values.

Democracy in the United States is at a critical juncture. Polarization is incredibly high, and public trust in the government is increasingly low.

"A December 2021 poll found nearly two-thirds of Americans saying that 'American democracy is in crisis and at risk of failing,'" wrote Peter Ackerman for the American Purpose in the 2022 article, "Ranked-Choice Voting Is More Democratic, Not Less."

RCV revolutionizes the voting system and strengthens democracy. "RCV, by contrast, encourages the election of candidates with the broadest electoral appeal. It also makes it likely that candidates who win will have the support of a majority of voters. A factional candidate might get 30 percent of the vote, but if that candidate doesn't attract wider support, they won't succeed in an RCV system," wrote Fredreka Schouten in the 2022 article, "Can ranked-choice voting save American democracy? We ask an expert" for CNN.

RCV presents a promising solution in order to strengthen the health of American democracy in order to promote peace. Another benefit of RCV is that it reduces political polarization by encouraging candidates to appeal to a wide base in the primaries.

"With ranked choice voting, you have an incentive to engage your opponent's base and seek their second-and third-choice votes! Re-

warding candidates with broader support in the primaries would create for better options in general elections, where the use of ranked choice voting would also serve to encourage bipartisanship and candidates to seek second-choice votes from communities they would normally ignore," Ryan Suto wrote for Fair Vote in his 2022 article, "Want to fix our polarized politics? Fix how we vote."

RCV encourages candidates to campaign across party lines, which is how it decreases polarization. Additionally, it allows for more centrist and third-party candidates. Voters are less discouraged by the idea of voting for a third-party candidate because they do not see their vote as a waste in a ranked-choice voting system.

Lastly, ranked-choice voting encourages voter participation because voters feel more empowered to vote for candidates they truly believe in. Research shows RCV increases voter turnout which is good for democracy. For instance, RCV improved turnout in mayoral elections in Minneapolis-St. Paul.

"In the Minneapolis-St. Paul Metro Area, the introduction of IRV caused a 9.6 percentage point increase in turnout for mayoral elections. The effect on turnout is larger for precincts that have higher poverty rates," Eamon McGinn wrote in his 2020 report "Rating Rankings: Effect of Instant Run-off Voting on participation and Civility."

Overall, ranked-choice voting can be beneficial to democracy by reducing political polarization and voter turnout. Adopting this system may be the key to improving the state of American democracy.

**Point / Counterpoint** is a regular feature in the Manchester Cricket by the Manchester Essex Regional High School Debate Team. Readers who would like to respond, or follow up with the team, please email news@thecricket.com.

## "Journey to Juneteenth" Hosted by Local Groups

In commemoration of the upcoming Juneteenth holiday, the Essex National Heritage Commission (Essex Heritage) and Salem Maritime National Historic Site present "Journey to Juneteenth" with Valerie Tutson at the Salem Armory Regional Visitor Center on Saturday, June 10 at 11 a.m.

"Journey to Juneteenth" is a 45-minute program comprised of a collection of short stories celebrating freedom. During the performance, Tutson will recount the day that news of emancipation reached Galveston, Texas, through the eyes of a fictional character. Audiences will learn about the day General Granger read Order No. 3 and its impact on the fictional character's life as an enslaved person and what happened to her and her family after.

All ages are welcome, and the event is free to attend, but registration is strongly encouraged as space is limited. Registration is available through the Essex Heritage website: <https://essexheritage.org/event/journey-to-juneteenth/>

"We are excited to bring this presentation to the Salem Armory Regional Visitor Center and look forward to the many festivities taking place throughout the Heritage Area leading up to June 19. Finding new and interesting ways to help people of all ages know and appreciate this day of freedom is very important and we are grateful to the National Park Service for partnering with us to make the event possible and free to the public," said Essex Heritage CEO Annie C. Harris.

"We are truly honored to celebrate Juneteenth at

our site and to highlight the significance of this holiday alongside our partners. Being a partner on this great program and wonderful exhibit is a way for the National Park Service to engage with this crucial piece of our nation's history and its ongoing impact in our society. We are grateful to Ms. Tutson, the North Shore Juneteenth Association, and Essex Heritage for partnering with us to offer these important events to our park visitors," said Superintendent Jennifer Hardin of Salem Maritime and Saugus Iron Works National Historic Sites.

The National Park Service will also host A Tower of Strength: Black Women of the Suffrage Movement exhibit curated by the North Shore Juneteenth Association Inc. from June 1 - July 16 in the visitor center gallery.



On Friday, the ME Music Honors Society along with the Soundwaves held their first Open Mic Night for student performers. Emceed by Maddie Machain and Chloe Lilly.

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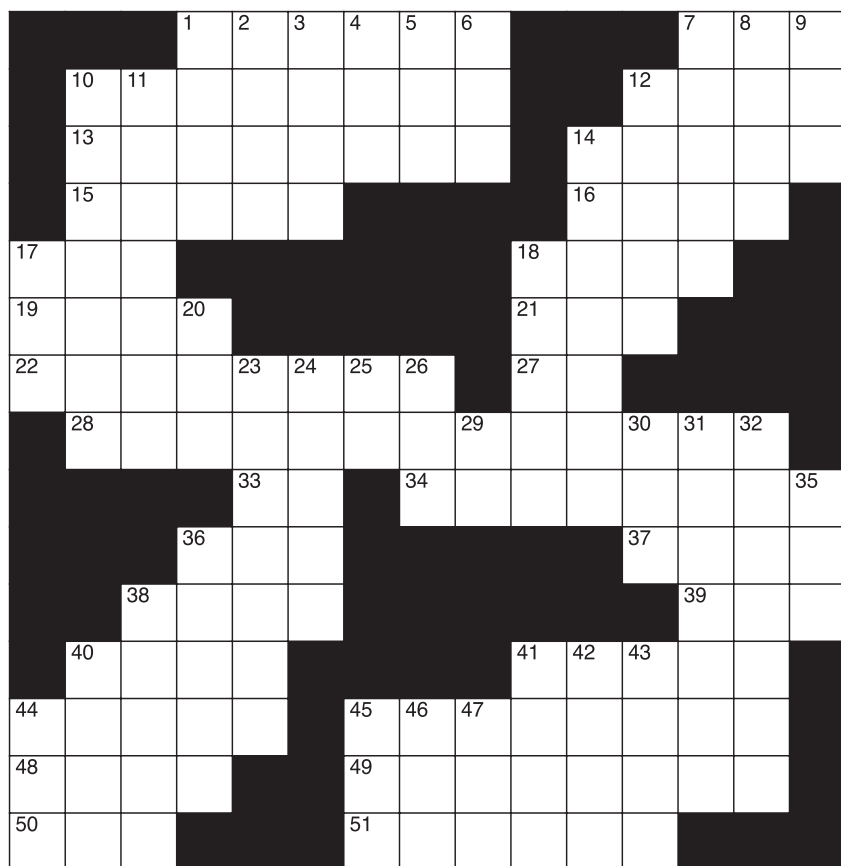
## Puzzle

### CLUES ACROSS

1. Wear away by friction
7. Insecticide
10. Elicited a secret vote
12. Beef
13. Disagreement
14. \_ Crawford, supermodel
15. Jeweled headdress
16. Digits
17. Trillion hertz
18. Snap up
19. Classical portico
21. Residue after burning
22. Large integers
27. Free agent
28. Where ballplayers work
33. Blood type
34. Scottish city
36. Google certification (abbr.)
37. Serbian monetary unit
38. Make a sudden surprise attack on
39. Wood or metal bolt
40. Relaxing attire
41. Famed neurologist
44. Dullish brown fabrics
45. Member of ancient Jewish sect
48. Griffith, Rooney
49. Lawmakers
50. Government lawyers
51. The arch of the foot

### CLUES DOWN

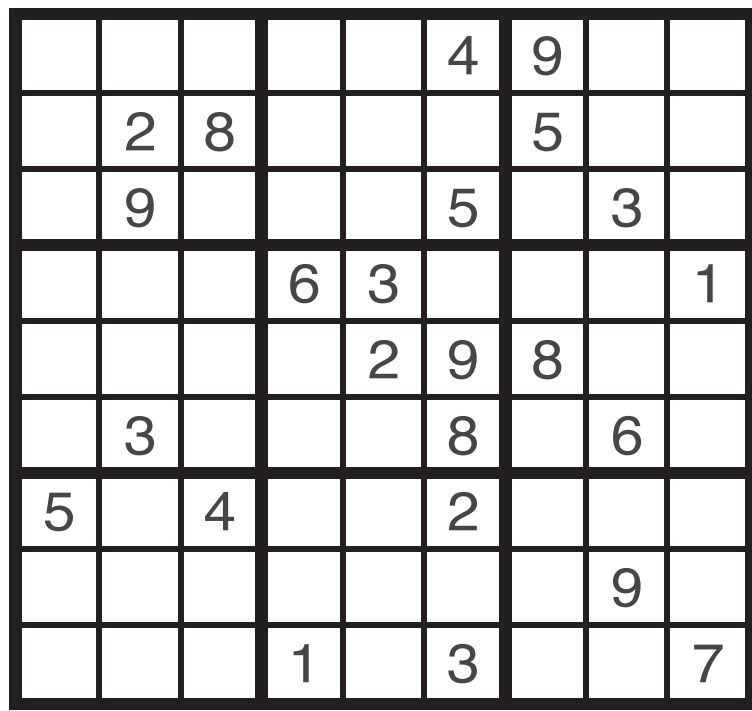
1. Nonflowering aquatic plant
2. Britpop rockers
3. National capital
4. Consumed



5. The habitat of wild animals
6. Sun up in New York
7. Cygnus star
8. Male parents
9. Talk to you (abbr.)
10. A place to clean oneself
11. Southwestern US state
12. South Korean idol singer
14. Pirate
17. Pituitary hormone (abbr.)
18. Mistake

20. Promotions
23. Prepares
24. Partner to flowed
25. State lawyer
26. Patti Hearst's captors
29. Pound
30. Electronic data processing
31. Sports player
32. Treats with contempt
35. Apprehend
36. Excessively talkative
38. Highways
40. Ribosomal ribonucleic acid
41. College organization for males
42. Any customary observance or practice
43. Employee stock ownership plan
44. Male parent
45. The 23rd letter of the Greek alphabet
46. Female bird
47. Autonomic nervous system

## Sudoku



Solutions on Page 11

Level: Advanced

### GET FIT WORD SEARCH



Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

- Aerobic
- Balance
- Circuit
- Compound
- Cool Down
- Deadlift
- Energy
- Fitness
- Heart
- Intensity
- Interval
- Isometrics
- Lunge
- Movement
- Muscles
- Oxygen
- Recovery
- Resistance
- Stamina
- Strength
- Stretch
- Warm Up
- Workout
- Yoga

# 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.CornerstoneNorth-Spore.org](http://www.CornerstoneNorth-Spore.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 - Sat-

urday Vigil Mass - Virtual Mass - on our YouTube as well as [www.mecatholic.org](http://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](http://www.mecatholic.org) for Sacramental Information as well as Parish Registration if you are new to town or looking to join a Catholic Church.

### The Assumption of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church

8 Lafayette Road, Ipswich Mass.

Church services, with Father Christopher Kolesantas, are held each Sunday.

Sunday's Divine Liturgy, with Father Christopher, starts at 9:30 a.m. followed by a weekly sermon. All are welcome to attend.

### First Parish Church

#### Manchester-by-the-Sea

Worship Sunday May 28, 2023, 10 a.m., 10 Central St and streamed on Facebook, [FirstParishChurchManchesterMa](https://www.facebook.com/FirstParishChurchManchesterMa).

Worship Leader, Rev. Teri Motley

Music led by Dr. Herman Weiss and the First Parish Choir, Rebecca Shrimpton, Paul Knox

Monday, Friends of the COA

Senior Drop in 10 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.

Book Group 6:30 p.m. "Lesson in Chemistry" by Bonnie Garmus will be discussed.

Wednesday, Choir rehearsal 7:30 p.m.

Thursday Health Clinic VNA 10 a.m.- 12 Noon free and open to all

Seaside Parish Knitters 1-5 p.m.

Bible Study, Via Zoom 4 p.m.

join in with computer, smart device or dial in on a phone-email office. [fpchurch@gmail.com](mailto:fpchurch@gmail.com) or call 978-526-7661 for the link

### St. John's Church

Every Sunday we hold services at 8-10 a.m. Childcare

is available during the 10 a.m. service.

### Gloucester Unitarian Universalist Church

10 Church Street, holds Sunday morning services at 10 a.m. in-person in its historic sanctuary, as well as online. Please visit the church's website, [www.gloucesteruu.org](http://www.gloucesteruu.org), for the link to the livestream.

Activities provided for elementary school-aged children during the service. Masks are always now optional. Our church is handicap accessible. All are welcome.

### Quaker Meeting

Quakers of the North Shore worship every Sunday from 10-11 a.m. at the Glen Urquhart School: 74 Hart Street,

Beverly Farms, Mass. It is an unprogrammed Quaker Meeting. There is no Pastor (or leader) save the spirit of God in and among us.

Our worship is primarily silent. When a worshiper is moved, it may include a brief, spoken ministry offered in a 'spirit of worship.' Friends gather quietly, awaiting the experience of God's presence.

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](mailto: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.

# Congestive Heart Failure In Dogs and Cats

## PETS AND PEOPLE



By Lawrence Lamb, DVM

**C**ongestive heart failure (CHF) is the clinical syndrome of fluid retention due to severe heart disease.

In dogs and cats, the fluid is retained in specific parts of the body, depending on the side of the heart that is diseased. The left side of the heart brings oxygenated blood to the body, the right side brings blood to the lungs where it becomes oxygenated.

The heart should be seen as an amazing pump and seems complicated to understand at first, however, once seen as a mechanical device that moves blood to different parts of the body, it can be demystified.

CHF occurs because the pressure in the veins and capillaries draining into the diseased side of the heart increases to the point that fluid leaks out of the veins and capillaries. The capillaries and veins that drain into the left side of the heart are those coming from the lungs, so fluid leaks into the lungs. The capillaries and veins that drain into the right side of the heart are those coming from the body, so fluid leaks into the belly (ascites) or creates swelling in the legs, the skin under the belly. Swelling of the legs or the skin is uncommon in dogs and cats with right-sided CHF, but much more common in humans and horses.

It can be useful to think of this like a garden soaker hose. If water is flowing through the hose under low pressure, only a little bit of water leaks through the soaker hose. However, if we increase the pressure inside the hose, water starts to emerge from the soaker hose at a much greater rate and floods your garden.

The same happens with the capillaries - under low pressure, only a little fluid

leaks out of them, but if the pressure is too high, a large volume of fluid leaks out into the surrounding tissue, and overwhelms the ability of the body to absorb the fluid.

CHF requires severe heart disease that increases the resting cardiac pressure. For example, diseases that cause leakage of valves like mitral or tricuspid valve disease can result in CHF if the leak is big enough. Pericardial diseases can prevent the heart from relaxing and stretching properly, which can result in right-sided CHF. Heartworm disease can cause right-sided CHF. Many congenital defects that shunt blood can result in CHF like patent ductus arteriosus, ventricular or atrial septal defects. Congenital diseases that obstruct outflow from the heart, do not normally cause CHF.

The clinical signs of CHF depend on the side of the heart that is diseased. As fluid starts to deposit fluid into animals' lungs, the amount of oxygen in the blood decreases because it can't be absorbed from the lungs. Human patients describe this as shortness of breath, initially during exertion, such as climbing stairs, and eventually even when stationary.

However, animals cannot tell us if they are short of breath. Sometimes, owners will notice a decrease in exercise ability, such as not going as far on walks and getting winded on walks more quickly. Keep in mind, many things can cause exercise intolerance.

Coughing has been described as a feature of CHF in dogs, but there is some doubt as to whether CHF really causes coughing or not. Again, many dogs and cats cough for reasons other than heart disease. As the fluid continues to build up, dogs and cats will also show difficulty in breathing as well as a faster respiratory rate.

This is especially true of cats, who can hide their disease until it becomes advanced. Consequently, many cats see veterinarians with labored, open mouth breathing that is almost gulping for air, which appears to have started all of a sudden. In dogs, the clinical signs can be more gradual and subtle.

With right-sided CHF, the most common presentation is a swelling of the abdomen (ascites), making the dog appear pregnant. The discomfort from a belly full of fluid results in difficulty getting comfortable or breathing comfortably when lying down. These dogs will even resort to sleeping in a sitting position at times! Appetite often decreases slightly because of the abdominal pressure. If there is a buildup of fluid in the chest cavity, the animal might show difficulty in breathing.

The diagnosis of CHF relies on pairing the clinical signs of increased respiratory rate and difficulty in breathing with the severe heart disease that is responsible for these clinical signs. Many times, a murmur can be heard for the first time. The pet's heart rate will be elevated, their respiratory rate will be elevated. Some cats come in with a low body temperature because they are somewhat shocky from inadequate oxygen.

If I suspect CHF, I will take chest x-rays to see if there is evidence of severe heart disease that appears as an enlarged heart; and look for areas through which light does not pass in the lungs consistent with pulmonary edema, or fluid in the chest cavity consistent with pleural effusion. If I am unsure or require additional information, I might recommend a cardiac ultrasound. Those are often performed by specialists, typically veterinary cardiologists or radiologists, who have the necessary

equipment.

Treatment is directed at both the underlying heart disease and the accumulation of fluid. If possible, the cause should be corrected. Repairing a leaking mitral valve will correct the problem almost immediately, although this procedure is currently very expensive and performed by a limited number of surgeons.

The mainstay of medical treatment of left-sided CHF is the use of certain diuretics, such as lasix. Diuretics reduce blood volume and consequently reduce the pressure in the veins, forcing the fluid out into the lungs or the abdomen.

Other drugs are much less effective than diuretics and should never be given as the only drugs for managing CHF. If a dog or cat does not require a diuretic, they most likely do not have CHF.

The fluid buildup in right-sided CHF often requires repeated manual removal, using large catheters to make the patient feel better. In many dogs, this can be done as frequently as every week or two. Ideally, when coupled with medical treatment, the frequency of belly taps can be reduced somewhat.

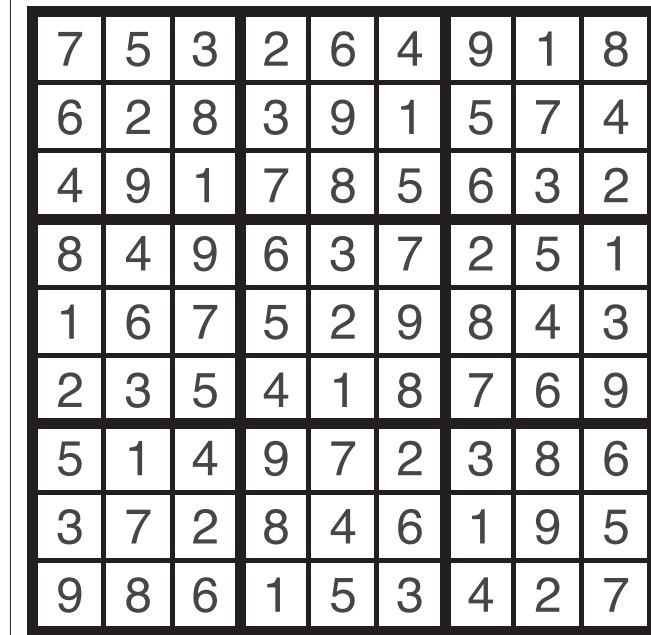
The most important thing to monitor with left-sided CHF is respiratory rate. Provided the respiratory rate when sleeping is in the normal range, we can reasonably assume that we have good control of the CHF. When the sleeping respiratory rate starts to increase, adjustments in treatment might be necessary; a veterinarian will evaluate the patient to determine exactly what to do. Many veterinarians will monitor bloodwork to make sure that the medications being given are not causing problems with kidneys or elsewhere. If a pet appears to destabilize after a period of control, additional x-rays might help better evaluate the situation.

The prognosis depends somewhat on the underlying disease. With the more common diseases, such as mitral valve disease in dogs or hypertrophic cardiomyopathy in cats, once CHF is diagnosed and treatment instituted, survival is generally less than two years. With mitral valve disease, approximately 50 percent of dogs will succumb to their disease within eight to 10 months, and only 20 percent live for 18 to 24 months. With hypertrophic cardiomyopathy survival data are less clear, but some older studies suggest that 50 percent of cats will succumb to the disease within seven to 10 months. As is always the case, a few individuals will live longer than expected.



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

## Solution to puzzles on page 10



## PETS OF THE WEEK



# Call Me Burt Not Ernie

Hiya! Burt here! I'm a 4-month-old Labrador retriever mix. I'm a little anxious but I show it as fawning or fidgeting. I like to be as close as possible to you, I tend to whimper quite a bit, and give subtle calming signals like paw raising and yawning. My trainer here thinks it would be best if I could get into a force-free puppy training course. If you're looking for a kind, low-

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### Manchester Planning Board

#### PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Planning Board of the Town of Manchester-by-the-Sea will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, June 6, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

Location: This is a Hybrid meeting. The Planning Board will meet in Room 5, Town Hall and on Zoom.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89623836690?pwd=an0lTWx0S0Nk2aG5cVZzSeVRIN2lndz09>

Meeting ID: 896 2383 6690  
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Legal Notice Zoning Articles for June 6, 2023 Town Meeting

Residents of the Town of Manchester-by-the-Sea please note that the Manchester-by-the-Sea Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, June 6, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. in Room 5 of Town Hall, 10 Central

Street, Manchester-by-the-Sea, MA. To discuss amendments and corrections to the Manchester-by-the-Sea Zoning By-Law. These changes include adding or correcting the following sections of the By-Law:

- Section 12 Administration
- Adding a new Section 6.5- Site Plan Review

- As needed, correcting cross-references of recently renumbered sections and correcting typographical errors.

Copies of the proposed language are on file with the Town Clerk, Town Hall, 10 Central Street, Manchester-by-the-Sea, MA, and at the Public Library, 15 Union Street, Manchester-by-the-Sea, MA and on the Planning Board website. For more information, please contact Gail Hunter, Planning Board Administrator ([hunterg@manchester.ma.us](mailto:hunterg@manchester.ma.us)) or Interim Town Planner, Betsy Ware ([wareb@manchester.ma.us](mailto:wareb@manchester.ma.us)).

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