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Get Ready For Fourth of July Activities



By Editorial Staff

This year nothing is holding Manchester back from its regularly scheduled programming for the Fourth of July, starting with the Rotary Club's Red, White & Blue Pancake Breakfast Saturday morning at Tuck's Point's Chowder House and all its expected activities (beyond the pancakes, berries, and bacon) that include pony rides, face painting and old-time music.

Manchester's annual Fourth of July Parade will be starting at 10 a.m., with all the antique cars, fire trucks, marching bands, local floats and so much more. The parade starts at the Manchester Essex Middle/High School on Lincoln Street, and will travel up Vine Street, crossing over Norwood Ave and continuing up Vine Street to School Street. The parade will take a right onto School Street and proceed up to Pleasant Street. From there the parade will take a left onto Pleasant Street, then a left onto Pine Street. It will go down Pine Street and take the left onto Central Street where it will go up Union Street to Norwood Ave and end at Coach Field Playground.

At the end point of the parade route, there will be a post-parade performance and other activities at Coach Field Playground on Brook Street, located behind Memorial Elementary School. Manchester's Fourth of July schedule is as follows:

- Saturday, July 1 - Red, White & Blue Breakfast at Tucks Point from 7:30 - Noon. Sponsored by the Manchester Rotary Club. There's a free water shuttle available that can be accessed either behind Town Hall or at Reed Park.
- Monday, July 3 - Concert at Masconomo Park from 6 - 8 p.m. Richie Rich and 24K Fund Band.
- Tuesday, July 4 - Fourth of July Parade at 10 a.m. Streets will close and reopen on a rolling basis. The traditional parade route will be followed. The parade ends at Coach Field where there will be a band performance by the CT Hurricanes.

Yes to FY24 District Budget, Fire Truck, Bylaw Updates



ME School District Superintendent Pamela Beaudoin, right, shares a look of joy with members of the School Committee Monday after success at Essex's Special Town Meeting after passage of a compromise FY24 School District budget by voters. Now, however, is when the real work begins with Manchester and the town of Essex.

By Erika Brown

Manchester and Essex each held Special Town Meetings this week and passed all warrant articles—including a critical one a lightning-fast, eight-minute meeting in Essex—that finally gave the ME School District approval to its compromise budget. Manchester endorsed the school budget at its town meeting and also approved articles for funding on two turf athletic fields, a new fire truck and furthered updates to the town zoning bylaw.

First, on Monday at Essex Elementary School, 173 residents assembled for the vote on just one article of business, to reapprove \$9,434,813 to fund the town's assessment of the Manchester Essex Regional School District FY24 operating budget, technically ending a stand-off between the school district, the Town of Manchester and Essex voters, who last month voted down a Proposition 2½ override and left the School Committee and the district scrambling to find ways (including teacher layoffs) to reduce its budget.

ME School Committee Chair Theresa Whitman told fellow Essex residents the

new budget "gets Essex out of override territory," but that doesn't mean they're out of the woods.

"It's not a solution, but it's a bridge," she said Monday, adding that work between the two towns to fix the structural issues with district budgeting is just starting. The article passed unanimously, without comment from anyone in the public.

Several School Committee members and District Superintendent Pamela Beaudoin, sitting in the front row, were visibly relieved after the decisive vote.

By Wednesday's Special Town Meeting in Manchester, the issue of the district's FY24 budget was ceremonial, since the original (higher) district budget passed easily at April's Annual Town Meeting. Voters easily approved Article 1b (187 to 29) funding \$16,044,334 for Manchester's assessment of the new district budget. Then the issue was about how to apply the \$491,610 "refund."

Article 2 addressed the refund by appropriating \$400,000 to pay Manchester's portion of the \$1.6 million renovation of two turf fields (Brook St.'s Coach Field and Lincoln St.'s Hyland Field) shared

"It's not a solution, but it's a bridge," said ME School Committee Chair Theresa Whitman

by the town and the school district. Using these funds would reduce Manchester's share of the borrowing cost to pay for the new turf.

John Carlson asked if artificial turf was the way to go, and asked if a return to grass fields was ever considered. Select Board Chair Ann Harrison responded that between school athletics, club teams, and MBTS Parks & Recreation—field use has dramatically escalated, and turf stands up to that use. She also said both fields have far exceeded their recommended eight-year life.

Tom Kehoe of Lincoln Street said he was "worried" that the town of Essex—which as a partner in the School District has financial responsibility for a portion of the fields' replacement costs—hasn't yet brought the issue before its voters. What if they don't approve the project,

he asked? Town Administrator Greg Federspiel said that issue is addressed in the School District Agreement, and if Essex votes down the expenditure the balance would come from School District reserve funds.

Ken Warnock of Running Ridge Road moved the question, and Article 2 passed easily, 208-40.

With Articles 3, 4, and 5, Manchester's Planning Board continued its march to renovate the town's zoning bylaws. This was the third meeting in which the board has chunked out a years-long initiative, presenting elements of the change in installments. It was the final step in reorganizing the zoning regulations.

The biggest source of discussion came with Article 3, which represented the bulk of the needed recodification and modernization of the

bylaw. A summary of the key changes was provided in writing for voters. (The changes have been on the town's website and were the subject of two public hearings before town meeting).

After Sarah Creighton introduced the article for the Planning Board, the board's Mary Foley spoke out against passage of Article 3. She said the bylaw is complicated, and needed more study, and recommended it be passed over. Ron Skates of Boardman Avenue agreed and said the section of the bylaw was very complicated and required more examination.

Sylvia Vriesendorp of Masconomo Street disagreed. She said experts have been working for years in public meetings on these changes. She urged approval.

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For Chief Cleary, Leaving is More Bitter Than Sweet



Jason Cleary, at the fire station, last week.

Photo: Erika Brown

By Erika Brown

Friday is Manchester Fire Chief Jason Cleary's last day in his job. His replacement, James "Jake" McNeilly of Essex, will be the

eighth fire chief in about a dozen years.

"I wasn't expecting to leave so soon," said Cleary, who is parting ways with Manchester after just three years. His plan was to serve in Man-

chester for 10 years and then retire, closing out a long career in public safety largely spent in New Hampshire and Maine. But he didn't offer to renew his contract, nor did the town.

So, what happened? When he interviewed in 2020, Cleary's education at Colby College and degrees in law enforcement stood out with Select Board members who probed his experience and asked for his take on some of the unique challenges of running a fire department in a small town. They asked about volunteer firefighters, which the department had been steadily losing for years. They focused on Cleary's experience with regional dispatch operations, which had been adopted in Essex and was under consideration in Manchester. When Cleary accepted the job, he was all in. The Clearys sold their home in New Hampshire, purchased a new one in Gloucester, and Jason dove right in. "I was excited," said Cleary. "Excited to get started."

And there was much to do. Fire response was on everyone's mind in Manchester, especially after January 2019 fire at a large home at the top of University Lane, a private road off Summer Street.

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Weekly Weather Chart

Saturday 1 July		78°	65°
Sunday 2 July		75°	66°
Monday 3 July		76°	64°
Tuesday 4 July		76°	66°
Wednesday 5 July		67°	63°
Thursday 6 July		67°	63°
Friday 7 July		67°	63°

Weather data pulled Wednesday and is subject to change.



Gavel to Gavel This Week's Town Meetings

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

Thursday 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
 Essex Planning Board Wednesday, July 5, 7 p.m.

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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).

Dorothy "Debbie" Robertson Christie



Dorothy "Debbie" Robertson Christie, 76 -- a beloved wife, mother, grandmother and friend -- passed away unexpectedly on Friday, June 2nd, 2023, at her home in Stuart, FL. Debbie was born on April 15th, 1947, in Glen Ridge, NJ. She was the youngest of four children and the only daughter of the late Beverly Wilson and Dorothy Baird (Turner) Robertson. She joins her late brother, Bill Robertson, and is survived by her brothers, John and Tom Robertson, her husband of 30 years, Robert "Bob" Christie and their children, Lindsey, Brady and Robyn and their grandchildren, Piper (17), Jack (16), Lauren (13), Delaney (13), Zachary (12) and Noah (8).

Debbie grew up in Short Hills and Bay Head, NJ. She was a graduate of Kent Place in Summit, NJ, and Bennett College in Millbrook, NY. She lived in New York City before marrying and moving to Marblehead and later Manchester-by-the-Sea, MA where she lived for 20 years and raised

her children, Lindsey and Brady. She met Bob Christie and his daughter, Robyn, in 1989. They wed in 1993 in Rye, NY where she lived for 15 years before moving to Stuart, Florida in 2008. In the late 1990s, when Debbie was close to 50-years-old, she decided to return to academia and earned her degree in nursing. She was a nurse at Silver Hill Hospital in New Canaan, CT and later a school nurse at Rippowam Cisca School in Bedford NY. An avid reader, runner, cyclist, tennis player, champion 9-holeer, crossword puzzle/wordle junkie and lover of animals and alternative music, Debbie was the most hip, fit and well-read 76-year-old woman around and everyone sincerely enjoyed her company.

As a young woman, Debbie wrote a series of notes to herself, such as 'Love is so important in everything. Display this always to your children. Let them learn by themselves through your guidance. Don't bug them or embarrass them in front of others. Let them have their friends over. Take time to spend with them -- nothing is more important (i.e.: getting somewhere on time). Don't rush them. Be a good grandmother -- don't be impatient or say, "let the grown-ups talk". Be attentive and indulgent. Have children and grandchildren visit and have fun with them. Keep active, travel, enjoy each other and grow old together.' Debbie was the embodiment of these words. She will be remembered for treating everyone with kindness and

Celebration Of Life



Dudley

Lt. Commander Dudley, a native of McKeesport, PA, came into the Navy as an aviation cadet in June 1942 and received his wings and designation as naval aviator in March of 1943 at Pensacola, Florida. He served his first tour of duty aboard the USS Enterprise as a member of Bombing Squadron 10 and flew his SBD type dive bomber through the Kwajalein, New Guinea, Saipan, Tinian and Guam campaigns.

He reported back to the States with his group as holder of the Air Medal and transferred to Fighter Squadron 10 as a Corsair pilot. Later he returned to action aboard the USS Intrepid and flew from her decks on many of the subsequent strikes and campaigns

in the South Pacific. When the Intrepid was hit by enemy fire in April 1945, Lt. Commander Dudley was on a fighter sweep over Okinawa but the gallant crewmen of the oft-hit carrier quickly repaired the damage so the hovering planes could come home.

In March 1945, Lt. Commander Dudley scored a direct hit on a Nip carrier in the vicinity of Kure for which he was awarded the coveted Silver Star.

The Intrepid was in Enewitok Harbor at the time of the Japanese surrender and later sailed to China.

On 24 November, 1945 Lt. Commander Dudley arrived stateside once more and was assigned to duty in Aviation Supply at Philadelphia. He left this post in 21 March and reported to NATB.

He is entitled to wear the Silver Star, the Air Medal with four gold stars, the Asiatic-Pacific area campaign ribbon with seven bronze stars, the American area campaign bar, and the World War II Victory Medal.

A Celebration of Life will take place at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 8 at Pleasant Grove Cemetery. A reception follows at the Amaral Bailey American Legion Hall, Manchester.

dignity and for the great love she gave to us all. A firm believer in angels, Debbie has earned her wings and her warmth will forever wrap itself around us.

In a private ceremony, Debbie's ashes will be spread in Kettle Cove in

Manchester-by-the-Sea, MA. There will be a celebration of her life at Essex County Club in Manchester-

by-the-Sea on August 15th, 2023, and at Willoughby Golf Club in Stuart, FL on Nov. 6th, 2023. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Willoughby Foundation or the MPN Research Foundation whose mission is to provide research and eventually a cure for polycythemia vera, a rare condition that Debbie lived with for many years.

MANCHESTER POLICE NOTES



motor vehicle stop, written warning. 6:44 p.m. Pine St., motor vehicle stop, arrest.

TUESDAY, JUNE 20

7:20 a.m. Route 128NB, motor vehicle accident with injury, transported to hospital. 11:47 a.m. Beach St., motor vehicle accident, no personal injury, report to follow. 6:46 p.m. Beach St., community policing, other. 8:09 p.m. Summer St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21

8:27 a.m. Brookwood Rd., fire alarm, fire false. 11:50 a.m. Central St., property damage, vandalism, spoken to. 12:53 a.m. Filias Circle, disturbance, spoken to. 5:24 p.m. Church St., disturbance, spoken to.

THURSDAY, JUNE 22

vehicle stop, verbal warning.

SUNDAY, JUNE 18

11:40 a.m. Harbor St., fire alarm, fire false. 12:17 p.m. Beach St., motor vehicle stop, citation issued. 4:38 p.m. Proctors Cove, watercraft enforcement, other. 8:35 p.m. Beach St., motor

MONDAY, JUNE 19
6:28 a.m. Summer St., motor vehicle accident with injury, assisted as needed. 10:20 a.m. Summer St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning. 12:27 p.m. Pine St.,

10:01 a.m. Walker Rd., motor vehicle stop, written warning. 11:30 a.m. Colburn Rd., animal complaint, notification made. 12:20 p.m. Atwater Ave., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning. 1:36 p.m. Central St., citizen assist, assisted as needed.

FRIDAY, JUNE 23

9:11 a.m. Summer St., motor vehicle stop, criminal application. 2:18 p.m. Beach St., theft, report to follow. 8:13 p.m. Beach St., disturbance, spoken to. 11:27 p.m. Central St., citizen assist, assisted as needed.

SATURDAY, JUNE 24

1:05 a.m. Lincoln St., alarm, secured/checked. 4:14 a.m. Union St., alarm, secured/checked. 5:32 p.m. Vine St., utility request, notification made. 10:20 p.m. Summer St., motor vehicle accident, no personal injury, report to follow.

Tides & Sun Chart For The Week Ahead

DATE	HIGH				LOW				RISE	SET
	AM	FT	PM	FT	AM	FT	PM	FT		
30 Fri	9:22	8.1	9:33	9.9	3:29	1.1	3:37	1.6	5:06	8:26
1 Sat	10:20	8.4	10:26	10.3	4:26	0.6	4:32	1.4	5:07	8:26
2 Sun	11:16	8.7	11:20	10.7	5:21	0.1	5:27	1.1	5:08	8:26
3 Mon			12:09	9.0	6:15	-0.3	6:21	0.8	5:08	8:26
4 Tue	12:12	11.0	1:01	9.4	7:07	-0.7	7:14	0.5	5:09	8:25
5 Wed	1:05	11.2	1:52	9.7	7:58	-1.0	8:07	0.2	5:09	8:25
6 Thu	1:59	11.3	2:44	9.9	8:49	-1.1	9:01	0.0	5:10	8:25

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The house burned to the ground in less than an hour from a garage fire that spread throughout the house. It was one of Manchester's worst fires.

People wondered if the size of the municipal water pipes was the issue? Or the water pressure within the pipes? Was it the response time? The bitter cold that day? Was it all the ice on University Lane that prevented fire trucks from getting all the way up the road to the home? Was the road too steep? Or too narrow?

Like any "perfect storm" event, it was a combination of all these factors that led to the dangerous five-alarm blaze. Thankfully, no one was injured. But as Jason Cleary started in his role, reading the reports, and meeting his new staff, he focused on getting Manchester's fire department into the right posture, giving it the best chance of never having to face that level of event again. And the town had his back.

Three short years later, that's all changed. Cleary found himself on the wrong side of the boards, with public squabbles with how to reconcile finances with a vision for the future of a department facing new state mandates for staffing and training, replacing aging equipment and vehicles, modernizing an old firehouse, and yes, helping the town with its controversial move to regional dispatch.

Ironically, Cleary's Number One goal was to bring consistency to the department.

"There had been a lot of fire chiefs before me, and I wanted to bring stability to the department," said Cleary, who has a fire service Maltese Cross emblem tattooed on his right forearm. For him, "stability" meant consistency—of systems, of training, of staff, of safety policies, inspections, fire prevention, and of ambulance operations that make up about 75 percent of calls into the department.

But almost as soon as he started, Cleary ran into challenges with reconciling budgets with his vision. Small town fire departments that depend on volunteer firefighters are losing them, and Manchester was no different. Cleary insisted that Manchester comply with federal fire staffing protocols—adopted by Massachusetts in 2018—that requires four certified

fire fighters to be on hand before they can enter a burning structure, with two going in and two remaining ready outside. Cleary wanted to comply with the town's plan to replace a 22-year-old "ladder" fire truck and a 13-year-old ambulance. Cleary also wanted to modernize systems in the 1974 fire house, where the department's staff of 14 sleep during their 24-hour shifts.

And if these were considered "nice to haves," then there were table stakes challenges, like hiring during and after COVID. Or finding job candidates who were certified in both EMT emergency response and firefighting. Or dealing with the costly wait times of firefighter candidates getting into state-approved certification programs.

To watch Cleary's discussions with the boards could be painful—particularly with the Finance Committee that oversees, approves, and recommends department budgets at Annual Town Meeting. For its part, the FinCom was trying to control spending and looked to past spending as the mark, while Cleary was focused on what he said were industry best practices and new regulations and unavoidable mandates.

"Ask any person who has homeowner's insurance if they're going to stop investing in it because they haven't had to use it," said Cleary. "You don't roll the dice on a town's fire response. Instead, you prepare carefully for the worst and hope to God it doesn't happen."

The boards agreed in concept but insisted that Cleary work within his budget. They asked if he could use fire apparatus reserve funds for other line items to save money. When he shared his plan to apply for a federal "S.A.F.E.R." grant to cover three years of additional staff salaries, the FinCom and Select Board both said no because the grant would obligate the town in the fourth year. They asked about boosting the volunteer ranks. They asked if Manchester could lean more on "mutual aid" from other towns.

Cleary dug in. He said shrinking the department would make Manchester a one-sided mutual aid partner and would suffer in the long run. He dipped into overtime funds to always sustain three firefighters on duty, coming close to the OSHA

staff configuration. He began to tangle regularly with both boards.

In 2022 there was a fire on Old Essex Road that brought back University Lane, when a contemporary home nearly burned to the ground (again, no one was injured). Manchester's firefighters rose to the occasion, and Cleary thought his message was getting through.

In the end the town relented, albeit slowly. They boosted fire department staff by 33 percent this year, including a hire before April's Annual Town Meeting. They recommended the purchase of a new ambulance too. And this week at a Special Town Meeting residents will weigh whether to purchase a new \$1.5 million ladder truck to replace one that isn't legal in Massachusetts. (The current one won't pass state emissions tests.)

But it's too late. Cleary's three-year contract ended on June 30, with neither him nor the town offering to renew. He and his wife put that Gloucester house on the market. They're moving to Maine, where Cleary will start a new job in campus security at Bowdoin College. He says he's lost his passion for being a fire chief, at least for now.

"Despite the constant battle with the politics," he wrote in a Facebook post this week, "we were able to fight for and achieve increased on-duty staffing, a solid apparatus replacement plan, joined an excellent regional dispatch center, and hopefully planted the seed for succession planning and stability with the addition of a deputy chief in the not-too-distant future."

Cleary is proud that he stayed true to what he calls the "brotherhood and sisterhood" of firefighters, and residents benefit from that. He was able to improve living conditions at the fire house, with added lockers, protective gear, accountability systems, office equipment. He secured several grants for life saving equipment and another for a specialized pump and monitor nozzle to support the Harbormaster's office. And he's been able to promote two new lieutenants and hire five firefighters who will serve under the new chief, Jake McNeilly, who Cleary says is well known in the region and he trusts will rise to the occasion.

"I'm proud of what I've accomplished with a great crew of people," said Cleary. "Off to the next chapter."

BOARD UPDATES

Town Hall Closed: Town Hall will close early on Monday, July 3 at 3 p.m. and closed all day on Tuesday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day.

Trash Delay: Trash, recycling and compost will be collected as normal on Monday, July 3. However, the Tuesday routes will be delayed to Wednesday due to the holiday.

Music in the Park: A special concert will be held in Masconomo Park on Tuesday, July 3 at 6 p.m. and will feature Richie Rich and the 24k Funk Band. Call the cancellation line at 978-525-6429 for weather updates or check social media.

Fourth of July Parade: The annual Fourth of July Parade is on Tuesday, July 4 at 10 a.m. rain or shine. Parade route can be found on the Town website. Police will close roads on a rolling basis. No fireworks on Singing Beach this year.

Select Board Meeting: The Select Board will meet on Thursday, July 6 at 6:30 PM. Meeting details and agenda



can be found on the Town website.

Town Invoices: Any outstanding Town bills through June 30 need to be submitted to the Town Accountant, Andrea Mainville, by July 14.

March in the Parade: There is still time to join! Seeking floats, teams, and groups to march in the Fourth of July Parade this year. Register at bit.ly/MBTSparade by July 1.

Beach Walk on Tags: All visitors to Singing Beach ages 12 to 65 need an orange beach tag or a daily walk on pass. Passes can ONLY be purchased at Singing Beach during operating hours. Cost

is \$35 for the season or \$10 per day.

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

WHAT WAS HAPPENING

90 YEARS AGO – 1933

Fire Chief Manuel S. Miguel who answered to several charges at a hearing given by the Board of Selectman last week has come through the ordeal unscathed, the board at its meeting last Tuesday evening having voted to exonerate him from the charges preferred against him.

Two young men and two young ladies had a narrow escape with their lives at an early hour Tuesday morning when their car struck an electric light pole on Summer Street overturning the car and burying the quartet in the wreckage.

75 YEARS AGO – 1948

The Essex County Club has extended an invitation to all the citizens of Manchester to join with them on Sunday evening, July 4, to enjoy the huge Fireworks display that they will exhibit at 9:30 p.m. There will be parking facilities available near the School Street entrance.

Mrs. Ira N. Morris has

generously arranged to have her beautiful estate "Eaglehead", opened for visitors on Monday, June 28, from 2-5 p.m. At this time of year, the Rhododendrons on the Morris estate are most attractive and they themselves make a trip to "Eaglehead", worthwhile.

60 YEARS AGO – 1963

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Kenny of Summer Street were the first couple to be received in private audience by Pope Paul VI. Mr. Kenny, a reporter for the Boston Globe, was in Rome covering the election of the new Pope for his newspaper.

Clifton L. Burke of School Street was elected chairman of the Manchester Housing Authority at an organizational meeting of that committee held on Wednesday evening at Town Hall.

45 YEARS AGO – 1978

At the June meeting of the Trustees of the Cape Ann Savings Bank, held last Wednesday, June 21, at the main office in Gloucester,

Jeremiah J. Noonan, Jr. of Ancient County Way was elected to the Board of Trustees.

Lottery revenues to the 351 cities and towns of Massachusetts increased by 25 percent in the first six months of 1978, State Treasurer Robert Q. Crane announced this week. Manchester's share, for the first six months of 1978 amounted to \$9,499.39.

30 YEARS AGO – 1993

Edward Scott, Jr., a life member of the Manchester Lions Club, and a Past District Governor was named the recipient recently of the Dr. Charles Schepens Lion of the Year award for the part he played in establishing the Massachusetts Eye Research Fund, Inc.

As donations and pledges come in for the DISK campaign plans are being finalized to continue the drive through the summer months helping to ensure that the new Memorial School computer lab will be installed early in the new school year.

Important Studies Reporting Out

By Gregory T. Federspiel

It continues to be a busy time for various boards, committees, and Town Departments. No summer lull for the work that needs to get done! Three impactful reports will be ready for public distribution in the coming weeks and will require decisions to be made on the next steps.

The Water Resources Task Force has been hard at work for the past 18 months examining our water system and putting together a set of recommendations to help ensure the Town has a robust and high-quality water system in place for decades to come. The Task Force has assembled an impressive amount of information concerning our water system and the challenges we will face going forward. The gathered background information alone makes for a worthwhile effort but the group of citizen volunteers with assistance from staff also put forth 11 recommendations for action steps to take in the coming years to protect our drinking water.

The Task Force created six working groups to delve into a range of topics related to our water system. Groups included usage and demand, supply levels and sources of drinking water, effects of climate change, water quality and contaminants, citizen awareness and engagement, and Town responsibilities, authority and accountability. The findings of these six working groups can be found in the 71 page final report of the Task Force.

A list of 13 key findings and 11 specific recommendations can be found in the report's

Executive Summary. The first recommendation that will be acted on is to re-set the water rates to encourage more conservation of drinking water. The Select Board will officially vote on new rates at a regular meeting in July. Lower end users will see a decrease in their water bills while high end users (especially those who irrigate large areas) will see a significant increase in their bills.

Other recommendations include accelerating the rate of old pipe replacement, installing new meters that provide accurate real-time usage data, increasing education and awareness of water conservation measures, expanding the area of protected lands within the Gravelly Pond watershed, and updating our water overlay districts. Addressing PFAS is also a priority, one which is well underway with testing and design work for options to filter out these contaminants which remain below the currently allowed maximum parts per trillion (though the thresholds may be lowered.)

Another study wrapping up is the Vulnerability Action Plan for the Village core area. This study examined the threat rising seas and bigger storms are going to have on

the areas in and around the marinas, the inner harbor, and Reed and Masconomo Parks. This study identifies recommended short-, medium- and long-term action steps the Town will want to consider to protect properties and critical public infrastructure. Some short-term measures include elevating generators and other utility service connections, installing "check valves" on drainage pipes to prevent sea water from traveling up these pipes, and waterproofing building openings to better withstand flooding. Longer term, buildings may need to be elevated or relocated. And whether we can work with the MBTA to raise the berm the tracks rest on with a flood gate at the draw bridge will play a large role in how well many of the properties can be protected. Particularly challenging to protect are areas that were once tidelands - e.g.: Masco and Reed Parks, Tappan Street area. Some of these areas might have to be repurposed to accommodate water over the long-term.

A third study looks at the options for restoring the Rotunda at Tuck's Point. Four basic options have been analyzed - rebuild in the existing footprint, rebuild and place

the Rotunda about 35 feet further out toward the channel, relocate the Rotunda to the knoll just north of the pier with a viewing deck replacing the Rotunda, or rebuild in the existing footprint in two phases, raising the height in two stages. The first three options all place the Rotunda about 5 feet higher than it is now to avoid most of the anticipated flooding. The last option would raise the structure 3 feet at first, then 2 more feet later. Rough cost estimates for the options range from \$1.7 million to \$3.6 million.

All three studies set the stage for future community debate and decision making. A combination of local Town funds with state and/or federal grants will be needed to implement the various op-

tions and recommendations. Completed reports will be posted to the Town's web page and will be the subject of future meetings.

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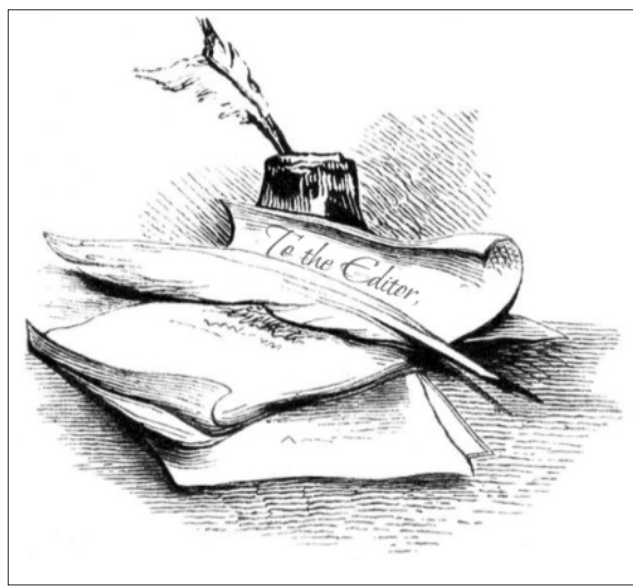
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**June 26, 2023:
Celebrating 60 Years:
Protecting Land and
Connecting People**

To the Editor,

Manchester Essex Conservation Trust is celebrating 60 years of conservation in the towns of Manchester and Essex. Since our inception in 1963, MECT has grown and evolved, just as Manchester and Essex have. We appreciate the generous and growing support from these communities and your newspaper as we preserve, protect and steward open spaces for the lasting benefit of the community-at-large while connecting people with the land that defines the area's natural character. Everyone at MECT is committed to continuing to serve as valuable partners to the people of these two incredible towns because we live here, too.

The proximity, extensive

trails, and peaceful surroundings we offer these communities provide important places to get outside, learn and explore. Our membership and the broader community have expressed their gratitude for these places to engage in activities that support both physical and emotional well-being and cultivate a connection to the land and wildlife. Through this sharing of the land we steward, we affirm that it is the people in these communities who helped assemble these gifts over our 60-year history, creating a reciprocity that is at the heart of what we do.

To celebrate our MECT history and impact, our board of trustees has compiled a list of 60 Places for 60 Years -- a collection of favorite places that tell the story of our towns from colonial beginnings, the first Manchester parcels conserved that seeded the Wilderness Conservation Area (the

WCA) and our contributions to the conservation and defense of Powder House Hill to our northern reaches in Essex. Some of the 60 Places highlight areas that MECT conserves through ownership, conservation restrictions or in partnership with other organizations. And some of the spaces are not yet conserved -- though they are very valuable to our communities.

On the list of places, some are scenic, like the Wyman Hill Summit. Others are more historic, like decomposing remnants of woodpiles from the blizzards and harsh winter of 1917 that now support new trees but trace the arc of time back to Manchester's history where each family had a woodlot to collect wood for fuel. Another highlights a spot where you can be treated to mountain laurel blooms, and marks trees that still bear visible evidence of forest fires from 1957 and 1992, standing tes-

tament to nature's resilience and restoration when left to heal.

All of these places highlight the rich ecosystem and abundant life that are found in the woodlands and wetlands of Manchester and Essex, areas that have long been better known for their coastlines. As one of our trustees says "One of my favorite things about hiking here is that you can hike 5, 10, 15 miles, or all day if you want, and only cross a road once or twice. That connectivity means you can really breathe and explore, it's an experience that's becoming so rare and it's right here in our community."

You can find the 60 Places for 60 Years at mect.org/60Places. See you on the trails!

Sincerely,

Matt Plum, President
Manchester Essex Conservation Trust

LIBRARY NEWS



Over 75 kids signed up for summer reading at MBTS Library last Thursday. At the Youth Summer Reading kick off we enjoyed a juggling and comedy extravaganza on the front lawn with Bryson Lang. *Courtesy Photo*



This brave young lady was chosen from the audience during Bryson Lang's Cure for the Common Show on the library lawn Thursday. Before a large crowd on a beautiful day he had her spinning two plates on sticks and a ball on her finger. She reacted to thunderous applause from the audience. *Photo Paul Clark*

Library Hours and Holidays

On July 1 the MBTS Public Library will be closed on Saturdays and Sundays until September. The library will be open for limited hours on July 3 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. The library will be closed on Tuesday, July 4.

First Friday Movies

Friday, July 7 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. We will be showing a movie in our newly renovated Reference Rom on the first Friday of every month. We will supply the popcorn. Feel free to bring covered, non-alcoholic beverages.

Hearthside Book Group

Tuesday, July 11 from 4-5 p.m. We will discuss the biography "The Woman They Could Not Silence" by Kate Moore. It is a dark, dramatic, but ultimately uplifting tale of a forgotten woman whose harrowing story changed the world.

Diversity Matter Book Group

Tuesday, July 25 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. July's diversity matters book group will be reading Pulitzer price winning "His Name is George Floyd: One Man's Life and the Struggle for Racial Justice" by Robert Samuels.

Mindful Meditation

Tuesday, July 11 from 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. Beginners and experienced meditators are welcome. There will be guided meditation, some silence, and discussion. Registration is requested but not required.

Annual Book Sale

Annual book sale is August 5.

MPL Children's Events:

Summer Art and Sensory Starting Wednesday, June 28 from 3-4 p.m. and running every Wednesday this summer for ages pre-K - 2nd grade. Art and Sensory en-

courages students to explore their creativity through the fun of using many different art materials. The project is always step by step, hands on and guided to help create individual masterpieces. Space is limited and registration is required for each week's session.

Creating Comic Strips and Gag Cartoons

Friday, July 14 from 1-3 p.m., ages 11-16. Boston-based author/illustrator Jonathan Todd is back, his time for a two-hour workshop on writing and drawing cartoons geared for laughs. Registration is limited to 20 participants, and art supplies are included.

Summer Reading

Summer reading begins June 22-August 11. Kids going into grade 6 and under are invited to sign up for summer reading. Register for a chance to win raffle prizes and get free admission to the Topsfield Fair.

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

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Stories and Songs

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

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.



These two happy youngsters are entranced by the performance of Bryson Lang during Thursday's Cure for the Common Show on the library lawn. Lang is an entertainer who has delighted audiences all over the world. *Photo Paul Clark*

The Cure for the Common Show



On Thursday the Manchester Public Library hosted Bryson Lang, a juggling and comedic performer to the delight of a large crowd of children and adults. This was the library's event to kick off their summer reading program. "Bryson, a likable and energetic personality, performs inventive and clever routines that mix comedy and audience participation into a family-friendly act that will delight and amaze all ages!" Bryson has performed in Iceland, Bosnia, Norway, Japan, Germany, Canada, the U.K., and all across the U.S. *Photo Paul Clark*

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Mark Fuhrman of Oslo, Norway, settling in at Manchester's Black Beach after a day of paddling from Winthrop, Mass. The 65-year-old has been paddling 240 days in the last 12 months and expects to land at Nova Scotia by early August. Photo: Erika Brown



The Great Loop has been called "the last great adventure in North America", and it's popular among pleasure boaters who go up the Atlantic seaboard, through historic canals, across the Great Lakes, down the inland rivers to the Gulf of Mexico, and around Florida. Courtesy image

37 years ago. He'd followed a girl, an orthopedic surgeon from Oslo. They married and had two daughters and a son, and Fuhrman has enjoyed a successful career running a maritime industry PR firm. Ten years ago, Fuhrman's wife died from brain cancer.

Fuhrman has raised about a hundred thousand dollars paddling for Doctors Without Borders and another organization, "Captains Without Borders," a relatively new charity that provides maritime training in large vessel operations to underprivileged young women. Last year, seven women from Ukraine completed training with the organization.

Fuhrman has paddled nearly every day, and he says that long stretches of being alone has been like medicine. Last month, however, he took three weeks off for company, flying from Boston to visit his elderly father in Vancouver. His 23-year-old son, Phillip, joined him from Oslo and—perhaps characteristically—the pair embarked on an adventure all their own, a road trip through the Canadian Rockies to Banff in Alberta.

His three grown children miss him. But also, they appreciate their father's inclination for adventure. Fuhrman's eldest daughter has young children. He misses them all, and jokes that perhaps his daughter misses the babysitting support more

than anything else.

Besides memories, Fuhrman's journey has amassed a loose confederation of supporters beyond those who have contributed money to his charities. One couple from Pennsylvania doing The Loop met Fuhrman near Chicago. They became friends, and for the next several months, they tracked together down the Mississippi and even leap frogged each other as he paddled up the East Coast. In Massachusetts, Fuhrman discovered he couldn't traverse the Cape Cod Canal (due to federal regulations). A local kayaker and follower of his YouTube diaries came down with a trailer and helped, hauling Fuhrman and his gear from Bourne to a safe launch south of Boston.

Last week, that same friend on Cape Cod met Fuhrman when he returned from Vancouver at Logan Airport, bringing his kayak and gear to a launch in Winthrop so he could continue north toward Halifax.

Thirty miles or so later, paddling into Kettle Cove in Manchester, Fuhrman met local residents Joan and Bob Lockwood as they sat on Black Beach. They chatted and learned Fuhrman's story. Later, they brought him some fruit and a beer and gave him information on tides and the challenges of the cut bridge at the Gloucester Boulevard.

"I found him so inspiring," said Joan.

Two more folks in the confederation of Fuhrman's supporters.

In his "day life," Mark Fuhrman is an accomplished 30-year veteran in PR and marketing business. He's also an author who is currently writing two books under a pen name, "Mark Ervin," including a novel and a book of life lessons tentatively titled "Rethinking Life While You Sit."

One lesson in the book? Well, Fuhrman said, so much of ability is based on health, and health has little to do with money. As a result, people should never wait to do something they've always wanted to do, because wait too long, and health just might get in the way.

That's a pretty great lesson.

Follow Mark's journey or on YouTube at mark-erwin.com

Paddling past Lady Liberty in New York Harbor. Courtesy image

By Erika Brown

A kayaker heading into the last leg of a historic 14-month, 6,800-mile journey for charity made Manchester's Black Beach his home for one night Sunday. At first light the next day, he packed up his tent, pulled his vessel into the water and left Kettle Cove for the cut bridge in Gloucester with a plan to make it to Halifax in Nova Scotia by early August.

This is a full circle adventure for Mark Ervin Fuhrman of Oslo, Norway, who left Halifax in June 2022. In 240 days of paddling, he's covered St. Lawrence River and the Great Lakes. He has made his way down the entirety of the Illinois, Mississippi, Tennessee and Tombigbee Rivers before banging a left at the Gulf of Mexico and, hugging the eastern seaboard of the United States, made it all the way to Cape Ann.

"The route has been attempted before, but never completed by kayak in its entirety," he says. "But, as anyone that knows me will attest to, I like a bit of a challenge! Especially when it's for such good causes."

He's done this all alone in his kayak, surrendering to nature, the limitations of a tiny vessel, and the mercy of others.

Fuhrman is calling his journey the "Reverse the Bad" tour. At 65 years old, he believes "99.5 percent of people" are good. He says regardless of anyone's history, there's always tomorrow and the opportunity to do the right thing in one's life, one's community, and in one's environment.

Well, there's nothing like a solo trip traversing thousands of miles of waterways to test that theory.

The Greater Loop

Fuhrman looked at a map and decided to tackle a continuous North American waterways loop called, "The Great Loop." It's been called "the last great adventure in North America," popular with pleasure boaters who go up the Atlantic seaboard to the St. Lawrence River, through historic canals, across the Great Lakes, down the inland rivers to the Gulf of Mexico, and around Florida. These "Great Loopers" are a club.

But Fuhrman isn't a typical Great Looper. First, Great Loopers are a club of power boats, not paddlers in kayaks. He started in Canada, not Florida which is more typical. In the end, it's been a greater challenge, which is perhaps why Fuhrman added an "er" to his adventure: "The Greater Loop."

Fuhrman said he's met incredible people along the way, and it's clear people have embraced his adventure, his causes and Fuhrman himself, who has been regularly posting a video diary of his adventures on YouTube. He's paddled in the remotest areas of this country, and he's paddled past the Statue

of Liberty in New York Harbor. He has slept outside, in garages, and in guest rooms of wealthy people.

The most challenging portion of the journey came last fall, as Fuhrman passed Chicago. The river wasn't frozen, but the air was cold. Very cold.

It was hard. Very hard. Every day closer to the Gulf of Mexico was a welcome turn in tolerability.

"My favorite 's' word isn't a curse word," he said cheekily. "South. That is my favorite 's' word."

Life Lessons About Now

Originally from Canada, Fuhrman moved to Norway



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Bridget Higgins of Manchester Wins Outstanding Research and Education Award

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The New England Center for Children (NECC) announced this week that Manchester resident Bridget Higgins has been named one of the 2023 winners of the Myrna E. Libby Scholar Award.

The award, established in 2009, honors one NECC staff enrolled in each of the onsite graduate programs - Simmons University and Western New England University - whose work exemplify Higgins is the clinical residential program coordinator for NECC's New Castle, Ursla, Salem End, and West 1 residences. Higgins came to NECC as an intern in summer 2019 before being hired

as a full-time employee the following summer. She was inspired by her sister, who has autism, to enter into this particular field.

"Our relationship has profoundly impacted my life and allowed me to experience so much joy working with this population," said Higgins, who just finished her third year in the applied behavior analysis (ABA) graduate program through Western New England University and plans to finish by the end of the year.

Myrna Libby's vision that research guides the education and treatment of individuals with autism.

Myrna Libby, Ph.D., BCBA,

was a director at NECC for 20 years whose impact endures as she was the principal program architect of NECC's internationally recognized curriculum. As clinical director, she was a tireless advocate for using scientifically validated approaches and her groundbreaking research helped improve the lives of children with autism. For Libby, the actual test of any program was whether it made a meaningful difference in students' behavior. Her clinical work directly benefitted the lives of many and will continue to positively influence countless others for generations to come.

Libby passed away in 2008. Higgins said Myrna Libby's career and vision is an inspiration to her and she feels incredibly honored to be nominated, and win, this award.

"Since the beginning of my education and career in behavior analysis, I've looked to the clinicians around me for guidance and mentorship. It is their unwavering dedication to the field and the population we serve at NECC that has inspired and motivated me over these past few years," she said. "That my work is being recognized by this award is a direct reflection of the amazing supervisors, staff, and students I have had the honor of working with these past three years."

In addition to the recognition, Higgins received a financial award.

One of NECC's core values is to train and develop the next generation of autism educators and researchers. Classes are held on-site at NECC. Through NECC's graduate school partnerships with Simmons and Western New England, NECC staff can earn a master's degree in education or applied behavior analysis (ABA), either free of charge or at a heavily discounted rate.

Off at School and Doing Great

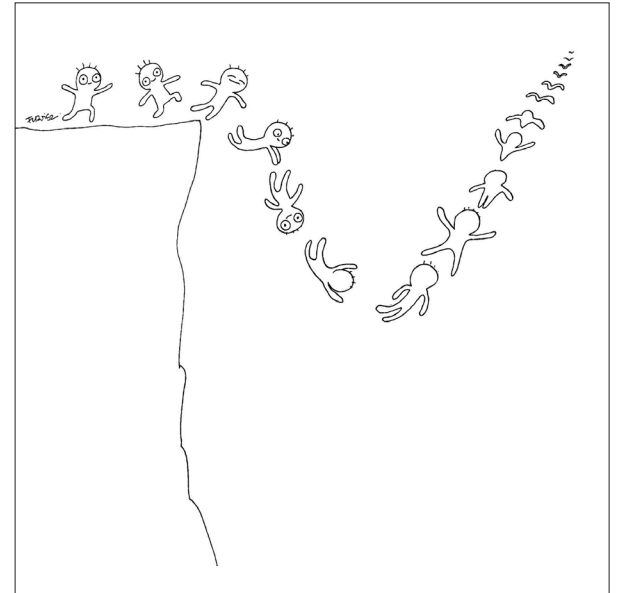
Local students enrolled in college are now returning from their academic year, but now is the time that colleges and universities across the country announce last semester's successes from local students. We're happy to see that so many are doing well and have achieved academic honors:

Essex's Katherine Kuhl has made Dean's List at the University of Connecticut for the spring 2023 semester. The University of Connecticut (UConn) is a public land-grant research university system whose main campus is in Storrs, Connecticut. It was founded in 1881.

Chris K. Siems, of Manchester was named to first honors on the Clark University Dean's List. This selection marks outstanding academic achievement during the Spring 2023 semester. Students must have a GPA of 3.8 or above for first honors or a GPA between 3.50 and 3.79 for second honors. Founded in 1887, Clark University is a liberal arts-based research university that prepares its students to meet tomorrow's challenges and opportunities. The school offers 33 undergraduate majors, more than 30 advanced degree programs, and nationally recognized community partnerships.

At the University of Rhode Island, Manchester's Olivia Rodier of Manchester has been named to the Spring 2023 Dean's List. Students named to the Dean's List represent nearly all of Rhode Island's cities and towns, all six New England states, New York and New Jersey, and many other states and countries. To be included on the Dean's List, full-time students must have completed 12 or more credits for letter grades which are GPA applicable during a semester and achieved at least a 3.30 quality point average. Part-time students qualify with the accumulation of 12 or more credits for letter grades which are GPA applicable earning at least a 3.30 quality point average.

Tommy Bown, of Manchester was named to the Spring 2023 Dean's List at Roger Williams University, in Bristol, R.I. Only full-time students who complete 12 or more credits



per semester and earn a grade point average of 3.4 or higher are placed on the Dean's List at the school. Roger Williams University has 50 majors and offerings of graduate and professional programs across eight schools of study including Rhode Island's only law school, with campuses on the coast of Bristol and in the heart of Providence, R.I.

At the 198th Commencement Ceremonies for Hobart and the 112th for William Smith, Manchester's Corinna Dorr received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychological Science on Sunday, May 21. Dorr, the child of Elena W. Dorr and Glenn B. Dorr, III studied abroad in Galway, Ireland while at HWS. City Year Co-Founder Alan Khazei, one of the nation's leading advocates for national service and social entrepreneurship, delivered the commencement address. Located in New York State's Finger Lakes region, Hobart and William Smith are a future-focused liberal arts and sciences institution led by a faculty of accessible, teacher/scholars known for the impact of their research and distinguished by the depth of their mentorship.

Covering private secondary school achievements, St. John's Prep in Danvers

recently announced the names of local students who earned academic honors for the fourth quarter of the 2022-2023 school year, which ended on June 2. Students who qualified for the Head of School's List earned grades of A- or above in all courses; students who qualified for the Principal's List earned grades of B+ or above in all courses; and students who qualified for the Honor Roll earned grades of B or above in all courses. In Essex, Michael O'Flynn '29 and Mathias Tolo '26 made Head of School List; Colton Friedlander '26, William Kuhl '24, and Samuel Phippen '23 made Principal's List; and Dillon Kent '28 and Gavin McKenna '28 made Honor Roll. In Manchester, Griffin Curran '29, William Kent '25, Owen McLain '26, Wesley Ross '26, and Ethan Stefanovich '26 made Head of School List; Connor Burke '24, Marco Bussone '23, Breccan Curran '26, and John Morton '24 made Principal's List; and Davide Bussone '25, Jameson Curran '24, and Cooper Davis '24 made Honor Roll.

Got some news from a student we should know about? Email us at news@thecricket.com and we'll include it here in Off at School and Doing Great.

2023 MERSD Spring Athletic Awards

Last Thursday MERSD held its Spring Athletic Awards in the high school auditorium. The Cricket congratulates all the spring athletes.

Varsity Baseball:
Player of the Year: Mike Deoreo
Most Improved: Jacoby Catanzaro
Coaches Award: Henry Otterbein
Unsung Hero: Zak Porat
Sportsmanship: Matt Mckenna
Captains: Michael Deoreo, Isaac Porat and Henry Otterbein

JV Baseball:
Player of the Year: Connor St. Laurent
Coaches Award: Chris Heim
Unsung Hero: Nick Glass
Most Improved: Kevin Heim
Sportsmanship: Bode Dodge

Girls Tennis:
Outstanding Player: Vanessa Gregory
Coaches Award: Emery Weber-Provost
Most Improved: Sophia Zalosh
Sportsmanship: Calista Lai

Unsung Hero: Greta Gado
Captains: Emery Weber-Provost, Sophia Zalosh and Vanessa Gregory

Boys Tennis:
Player of the Year: Jack Cummins
Most Improved: Charles Virden
Coaches Award: Finn Straub
Unsung Hero: Jan Vytopil
Sportsmanship: Alexander Breuker
Captains: Alexander Breuker, Jack Cummins, Finnegan Straub and Charles Virden

Girls Varsity Lacrosse:
Player of the Year: Ella Chafe
Most Improved: Mercedes O'Neil
Coaches Award: Hadley Levendusky
Unsung Hero: Charlotte Crocker
Sportsmanship: Paige Garlitz
Captains: Ella Chafe, Paige Garlitz and Hadley Levendusky

JV Girls Lacrosse:
Player of the Year: Shields Edgerton
Most Improved: Sadie Pot-

ter
Coaches Award: Hannah Davis
Unsung Hero: Fiona Flynn
Sportsmanship: Lily Oliver

Softball Awards:
Player of the year: Anna Gardner
Unsung Hero: Abigail Aiello
Most Improved: Penelope Riggs
Coach's Award: Kyra Levasseur
Sportsmanship: Abigail Taron
Captains: Kyra Levasseur and Abigail Taron

Boys Varsity Lacrosse:
Player of the Year: Sam Athanas
Most Improved: Chase Dickson
Coaches Award: Brennan Twombly
Unsung Hero: Jack Dipasquale
Sportsmanship: Matt Russo
Captains: Declan Kirk, Jack Dipasquale, Mark Pollock and Quinn Brady

Boys JV lacrosse:
Player of the Year: Connor Dickson
Most Improved: Elliot Davis
Coaches Award: Jack McCavanagh
Unsung Hero: Atticus Smith
Sportsmanship: Charlie Thurlow

Sailing:
Coaches Award: Ian Carlin
Player of the Year: James Donohoe
Most Improved: Augustus Hall
Unsung Hero: Max Deery
Sportsmanship: Giulia Bussone
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ESSEX ECHO.

Town Administrator's Report

Board of Selectmen's Meeting of June 26, 2023
Report covers from June 3, 2023 to June 23, 2023

Safety Committee Meeting

Safety Committee Chairman Paul Francis ran the subject meeting on June 22, 2023. The meeting featured a discussion of the Committee's goals for the upcoming fiscal year.

Delivery and Setup of New Town Hall Copy Machine

The new Town Hall copy machine was delivered on June 9, 2023. The Town Administrator (TA) assisted the delivery technician with the position of the new unit and with the provisioning of the unit on the Town Hall network.

Implementation of Sale of Gregory Island Road Properties to High Bidders

Offers for the purchase of Town-owned vacant lots on Gregory Island were due on June 5, 2023. Offers were received on eleven of the twelve lots that were advertised for sale. The TA has discussed the offers with the property specialist from our Town Counsel's firm and she has developed a draft Purchase and Sale Agreement and a draft deed for conveying the properties. The Board should review the language in both documents that discusses how the vacant lots cannot have anything built upon them. This language may be

tailored to the Board's liking and Mr. Zubricki can work with counsel to contact all of the successful bidders and arrange for purchase and sale agreements to be executed.

General Bid Opening for Water Filtration Plant Project

General bids for the Water Filtration Plant Renovation project were opened on June 7, 2023 and a total of two bids were received. The apparent low bidder was Waterline Industries Corporation and their successful bid was just over \$2M. When the value of the construction management contract with our engineering consultant is deducted from the total available funding (\$2.6M), the entire bid, including all bid alternates, could be accepted by the Town, with a small amount remaining to cover contingencies. The Board of Public Works met to discuss the bid on June 12, 2023 and the Selectmen held a special meeting on June 13, 2023 to approve the contract award and to execute paperwork necessary to keep the project in good standing with State Revolving Loan Fund requirements. It is expected that the project will begin in July of 2023 and will take about a year.

Student Recommendation for Bike Racks at Bus Stops

At the last meeting, the Board conducted an initial

review of an idea from a Manchester Essex Regional School District student concerning the deployment of bike racks at certain school bus stops. The Board asked that we get more specific information about the proposed project from the student and the student has since provided that information.

Replacement of Folsom Pavilion Update

As the Board is aware, we had been waiting for our volunteer coordinator for the replacement of the Folsom Pavilion at the Centennial Grove (Mr. Dan Mayer of Mayer Tree) to organize the excavation for the new pavilion's floor slab and the pouring of the slab itself. The slab excavation was completed during the week of June 12, 2023 and the slab will be poured in the coming weeks. The summer camp is up and running with the pavilion construction site fenced off.

Inspection of Plants at Conomo Point Seawall

The engineer for the Conomo Point Seawall replacement project conducted an inspection of the various plantings that were installed along the seawall as part of the project. The inspection was conducted just prior to the expiration of the one-year warranty and the engineer found that two specific types of plants had not fared

very well. Subsequently, the TA met on site with the general contractor and the landscaping subcontractor for the project and all agreed on a plan to replace the dead plants with other native species that will likely survive better. Fortunately, various other plantings are doing very well.

Update on Private Marina Dredging in Essex River

As the Board may recall, Senator Tarr and staff from Congressman Moulton's Office had met with private marina owners, Town personnel and officials, and Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) personnel in the past. The purpose of that meeting was to determine whether the ACOE would allow the private marinas to "piggyback" on the Federal dredging project that will kick off in the Essex River

this coming fall. The group met again on June 21, 2023 and the answer to that question comes down to whether the ACOE can proceed with only sediment chemical testing done to date by the marinas versus also having to require biological testing. In July, the ACOE will have the answer and, if the expensive and time-consuming biological testing protocol is not necessary, the marinas may be able to utilize the dredging contractor selected by the ACOE for the Federal dredging project.

LIBRARY NEWS

T.O.H.P. Burnha
Public Library

Woodland Origami Drop in Craft

Week of July 3-7 for ages 6 and older. Drop by anytime the library is open and try your hand at origami.

Bunnies & Buddies

Tuesday, July 11 at 2 p.m. Join the Great Scott's 4H club to meet and greet these sweet critters. RSVP at the library website.

Teen Henna Night

Friday, July 14 from 5-7 p.m. for grades 6-12. Join Mandy of Wicked Cool Henna to receive a beautiful, bespoke temporary tattoo. Registration required.

Read to Jackson

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

Friends of the Library Gardening

Sunflower growing contest, pick up your free packet of sunflower seeds to grow over the summer. Containers

Library of Things

Giant Jenga, Corn Hole and Pickleball

Museum Passes

Passes available for your holiday weekend.



Delicious smells emanated from the grills as Burnham's Catering prepared the annual luncheon for the Essex COA at the Chowder House. On this second year at Tuck's Point about 50 members were expected to dine. The weather which was clear all morning took a turn for the worse at exactly the time the event was scheduled. It didn't seem to dampen the spirit of these participants.
Photo Paul Clark

ESSEX POLICE NOTES

SUNDAY, JUNE 18

8:27 a.m. Martin St., directed patrol, secured/checked.
10:18 a.m. Centennial Grove Rd., directed patrol, secured/checked. 7:42 p.m. Chebacco Terrace, directed patrol, secured/checked. 9:37 p.m. Conomo Point Rd., directed patrol, secured/checked.

MONDAY, JUNE 19

12:59 a.m. Centennial Grove Rd., directed patrol, secured/checked. 1:17 a.m. John Wise Ave., selective enforcement, no action taken. 5:46 a.m. Shepard Memorial Dr., directed patrol, secured/checked. 6:14 a.m. Southern Ave., motor vehicle stop, citation issued.

TUESDAY, JUNE 20

No report.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21

7:00 a.m. Chebacco Terrace, directed patrol, secured/checked. 12:11 p.m. John Wise Ave., citizen assist, assisted as needed. 4:32 p.m. Martin St., community policing, assisted as needed. 8:12 p.m. Western Ave., animal complaint, notification made.

THURSDAY, JUNE 22

6:14 a.m. John Wise Ave., directed patrol, secured/checked. 3:17 p.m. Main St., motor vehicle complaint, erratic operation, verbal warning. 4:38 p.m. Western Ave., motor vehicle accident, no personal injury, report to follow. 9:12 p.m. Story St., directed patrol, secured/checked.

FRIDAY, JUNE 23

10:32 a.m. Conomo Point Rd., male fall, patient refusal. 12:17 p.m. Eastern Ave., motor vehicle accident with injury, report to follow. 3:21 p.m. John Wise Ave., citizen assist, assisted as needed. 4:40 p.m. John Wise Ave., motor vehicle accident with injury, transported to hospital.

SATURDAY, JUNE 24

12:04 a.m. Scotts Way, directed patrol, secured/checked. 1:00 a.m. Martin St., directed patrol, secured/checked. 1:27 a.m. Southern Ave., selective enforcement, no action taken. 2:14 a.m. Scotts Way, directed patrol, secured/checked.

Essex Locals | June 30

115 Years Ago - 1908

The strawberry crop will be rather light this year unless a good rain comes soon. Other berries and gardens are being affected by the dry season which is rather unusual at this time of the year.

90 Years Ago - 1933

Rayford Lane was quite severely injured one evening last week by being struck over the eye by a baseball during a practice game at Town Hall grounds. Several stitches were required by Dr. Fred A. Parish in dressing the wound.



Isabella Bates of Masconomo Street agreed, and said change is inevitable, and Manchester must rise to the challenge of being in control of that change to shape the town and what it will look like in the future. Sandy Bodmer-Turner of School Street said further delays to addressing the bylaw updates could mean that Manchester escalates its track to pricing out middle- and lower-income people from being able to live in town. And that is a shame, she said.

John Keefe of Victoria Road disagreed. He offered a series of amendments to language that included stripping away key terms (such as "climate change"), saying they were nebulous and not exact. (One, however, that he sought to retain was "neighborhood character.")

In the end, Adam Zaiger of Union Street, a real estate attorney, offered an amendment to delete the wording of Keefe's amendment and substitute the word "shall" for "may" in referring special permit applications to other town boards for comment. That was good enough for voters. The amendment to the amendment passed (174 to 54), and then the newly-worded Article 3 passed easily, 182 to 43.

Article 4, designed as a backstop in case Article 3 was voted down, was passed over. Then Article 5, which sought to fix typos and inaccuracies, passed easily without discussion.

Finally, two other items related to the Manchester Fire Department. First, the town is in for a sorely needed new ladder truck after voters supported funding to fully stock the remainder of the town's



apparatus reserve fund, clearing the way for the purchase of a \$1.5 million truck needed to replace a 22-year-old current one that is inoperable. When Chief Cleary recommended the town replace the truck last year, the price was \$1.3 million and the Manchester Finance Committee opted not to recommend the purchase, instead backing the purchase of a new ambulance (75 percent of Fire Dept. calls are for EMT services).

Since then, the ladder truck has been sidelined be-

cause its diesel engine no longer passes state inspections and the price of a new ladder truck has ballooned to \$1.5 million. Select Board member John Round, who introduced the article, said the town will now bypass purchasing the ambulance and instead purchase a ladder truck that has "advanced medical equipment." Article 6 passed 196 to 12.

The final vote, Article 7 put \$50,000 into the salary fund needed to cover town staff salaries. That passed 197 to 9.



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Patton Bowl's Sailing Highlight



It's the highflier's brigade. From left, Carl Doane (Incentive), Wilfred Shrigley (Mischief), Guy Johnson (Puffin), Richard Sides (the 87-year-old and skipper of Atalanta), Tony Leggett (Race Committee Chair), George Putnam (Larus), David Martz (Osprey), and Mike Opal (Kahala).

By Tony Leggett

The fleet of seven boats, assembled for the 70th running of the Patton Bowl regatta, was pleasantly surprised when the wind, forecast to be light and from the south, turned into a strong 15 knot breeze from the southeast in bright sunshine.

The Patton Bowl regatta, organized by the Manchester Yacht Club, was founded in 1953 in memory of General George S. Patton of World War II fame, by his wife Beatrice Ayer Patton.

The course, totaling 14 miles, took the competitors on a two and a half mile beat from the starting line at Gales Ledge to the Newcomb's Ledge buoy at the entrance to the Salem Ship Channel. From Newcomb's, the sailors close-reached four miles to Tinker's Gong off Marblehead, and then set their spinnakers for a beam reach north, passing between Misery and Baker's Islands, back to Gales Ledge, followed by a quick one mile beat to windward and run back to the finish at Gales Ledge. Most of the competitors appreciated the scenic route through the islands and reefs of Salem Bay, on a course that required sharp

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navigational skills as well as tactical input.

In Class B, the two biggest boats in the fleet, David Martz's Osprey, a C&C 44 from Manchester, and Wilfred Shrigley's Mischief, a Frers 38 from Sandy Bay, led the fleet around the course, and fought tenaciously, finishing within 23 seconds of each other. Mischief was closing the gap quickly in the last few minutes of the race, with better spinnaker trim on the final downwind leg. But Martz and his crew were able to keep Osprey in first place across the line, and gained another minute on corrected time, to win by 90 seconds.

In Class C, Carl Doane and his very experienced crew aboard Incentive, managed a convincing victory over Guy Johnson's Puffin from Jubilee Yacht Club.

Mike Opal from Manchester, skippered Kahala, his Sabre 36, to the

overall fleet victory on corrected time, beating the second-place boat, the much larger Osprey, by 24 seconds.

Other competitors included Richard Sides aboard Atalanta, from Eastern Yacht Club in Marblehead. Sides, a long-time sailor who is 87 years old, sailed his ketch with only one crew, around the long course, and finishing in sixth place overall. George Putnam, from Man-

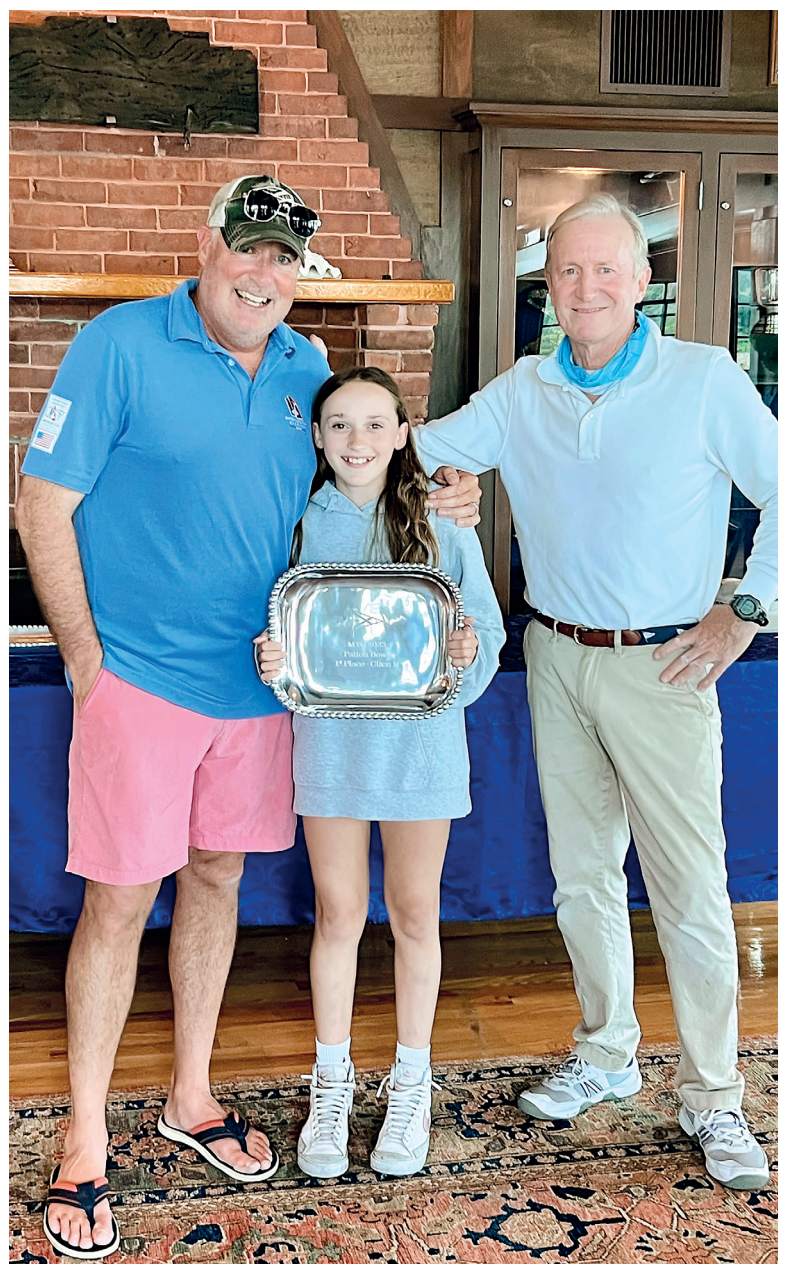
chester, in Class F, finished in fourth place overall on corrected time, skippering Larus, his J/100.

The next race to be run off Manchester harbor is the S.S. Crocker Memorial Race on Saturday, July 8. All skippers of sailboats in Massachusetts waters are encouraged to sign up for this memorable and fun pursuit race, and to attend the party afterwards at the Manchester Yacht Club.

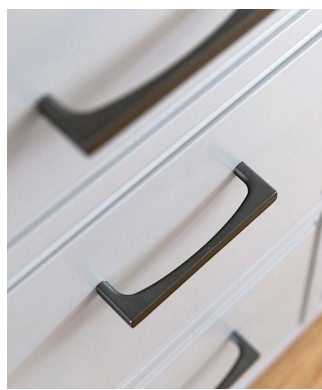


The boat Incentive (left) with Larus at the finish line.

Courtesy photos



Mike Opal and Brook Opal - First in Class; First Overall



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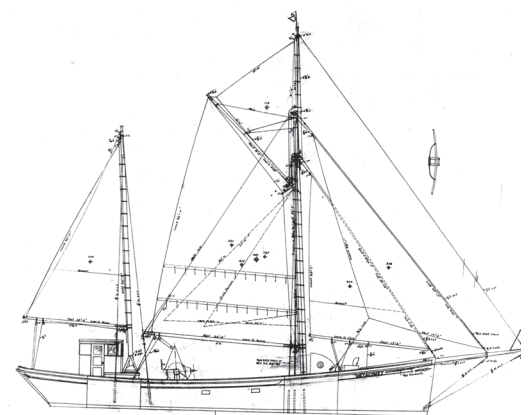
The following is taken from Sam Crocker's Boats, A Design Catalog, written by S. Sturgis Crocker.

"I started 'Metacomet' in 1952 and finished her in 1954 for Russell Grinnell, Jr., of Gloucester, MA. She was the biggest boat built in my yard. Russ brought a nice set of lines to my father, showing just what he wanted. My father faired up the lines, figured weights, etc., and drew the construction profile and other detailed drawings. Then Russ and I scouted the junkyards around Everett and Chelsea, where we found some beautiful hard pine planks that had come out of buildings being torn down to make way for the Southeast Expressway in Boston. Route 128 was being pushed through

Manchester at that time, and we walked the area to see the oak and pine that was to be cut to make way for it. I remember one oak that had been deflected so that it made a 90-degree bend. Fortunately, it was sound and about 24 inches in diameter. Russ put his hand on it and said, 'I want it for a stem knee.'

For a steering gear, it was back to the junkyard, where we took the rear end from a 1-1/2-ton Ford truck. We placed it on end with one axle connected to the rudder stock and a sprocket on the drive shaft to be connected to the steering wheel with a roller chain.

She steered easily with the one thing both Russ and I couldn't abide, backlash and slack from cables. Her spars were hewn from pine trees cut in Manchester. A six-cylinder 200 model General Motors diesel with 3-3/4 to 1 reduction and a 48-inch propeller gave 10 knots at 1,600 rpm."





On The Waterline

By Bion Pike

Manchester Harbormaster
Greetings boaters. We're already heading into July, and there's a lot going on to report from the Harbormaster's office in Manchester right now. Let's get to it.

Safety Requirements & Police Officers

The Manchester Police Department will be a visible presence on the water this summer, if summer ever arrives. Safety inspections and boardings are already occurring.

All vessels must be appropriately geared up and registered if motorized. All state and federal laws apply and will be enforced. The goal here is to promote safety by enforcing the laws put in place to protect you. When things go wrong on a boat the situation can go from bad to worse in the blink of an eye.

If you have any questions about requirements, you can find the information in the brochure rack outside the Harbor office. You can also go to the Environmental Police Safe Boating website for more information.

I am grateful to have the officers on the water. The Police Department is the appropriate agency to help with the large number of boaters that visit Manchester and to ensure that people are taking all the steps required to be a boat owner in Massachusetts.

A change for the good of the harbor and its boaters.

Kayak Rack Spots

Spots are available at

Tuck's Point for residents. Contact the Harbormaster and secure a spot today.

Safe Boating Classes

Thank you to Arthur Steinart and the Manchester Yacht club for hosting a Massachusetts Environmental Police Safe Boating class! Seventy people passed the course and are certified in all states that require certification. We appreciate the space as well as the coffee and donuts!

Thanks also to the club for hosting boat inspections and a flare lighting demonstration. A busy time as we get ready for the summer.

There are two options to complete a boating safety education course. The Massachusetts

Environmental Police offer an online Safe Boater course in addition to the traditional classroom-based education course. Anyone going out in boat as a passenger as well as paddle sport enthusiasts are encouraged to take this course. Safe boating isn't just for sailors and power boaters!

Boater Parking

The Town Clerk issues parking passes for non-resident mooring holders. Each mooring holder may have no more than one (1) pass per mooring. It may be used in anyone (1) vehicle at a time.

Anyone found to be making copies of passes to allow additional unapproved parking will lose parking rights in Manchester. Enforcement is likely to include a ticket along with loss of parking privileges.

Sea Scouts to be Rescheduled

The Cape Ann Sea Scouts will visit Manchester on July 17 from 4-6 p.m. to present a program for families with younger children. They will gather in the shelter of Morss Pier in Masconomo Park.

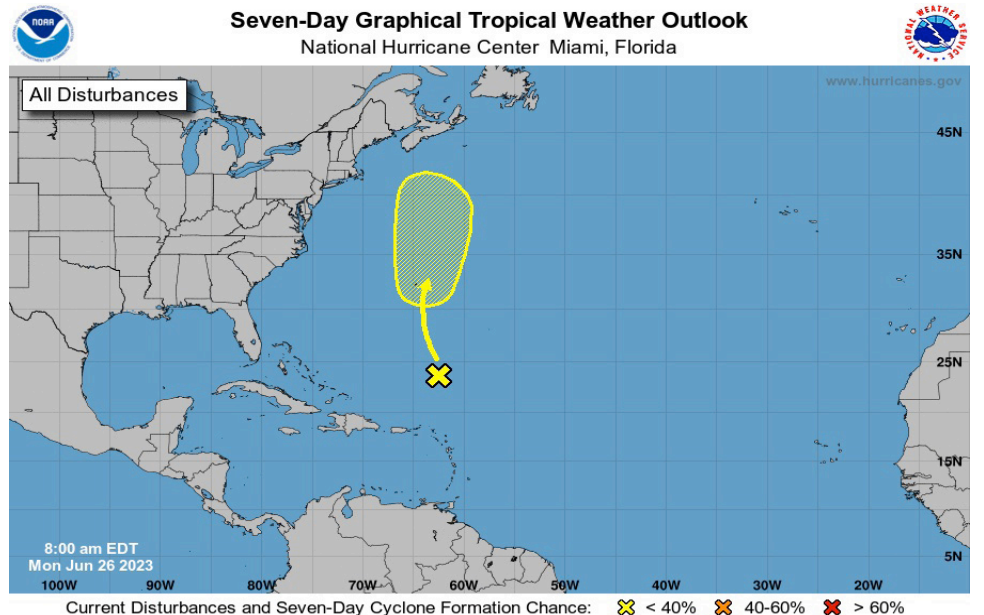
Bret and Cindy in the picture above, two very early and unwanted tropical systems coming off Africa. Bret is the earliest system on record to form in this manner.

In New England the water is still too cold to sustain tropical storms, I will hope not to be proved wrong. As the water warms our risk goes up, this is why storms that hit here are later in the summer and fall when the water is warmest. What is more likely, if the storm tracks into the Atlantic, is for swells and riptides to affect us.

Currently Bret is projected to cross the Caribbean Sea to Central America and then Cindy is projected at this time to turn into the Atlantic Ocean and move northward. It is possible that the Northeast could see some ocean effects from Cindy as we get into late next week.

This is a good opportunity to get a weather app on your phone if you don't already have one. Windy is a good one. Sign up and be an obsessive weather follower like all good captains everywhere.

The Sea Scouts will demonstrate knot tying, shell painting, and sextant use. They will also give a short presentation on oysters, repropagating native oysters in our local waters, and other citizen science activities.



The Scouts will be hosted by the Manchester Harbor Boat Club and our oyster upweller on the harbor will be open for viewing. The Boat Club will provide refreshments. Please join us for this free event on Manchester Harbor.

Safe Boating Classes Offered

There are two options to complete a boating safety education course. The Massachusetts Env. Police offer an online Safe Boater course in addition to the traditional classroom-based education course. Use the convenient QR code and get to the website sign up page today!

Anyone going out in boat as a passenger as well as paddle sport enthusiasts are encouraged to take this course. Safe boating isn't just for sailors and power boaters!

Marine Mammals

A beached whale, dolphin or porpoise should be reported immediately and left alone pending further instruction. Call the NOAA 24-hour Marine Animal Hotline: (866) 755-6622. Please leave your name and a phone number where you can be reached.

Sea turtles in our region do not typically come ashore unless they are seriously debilitated. Call the 24-hour Marine Animal Hotline: (866) 755-6622.

Seals belong on the beach. It's normal. What should you do if you spot a seal on the beach?

Keep people and dogs 150 feet away from the seal.

Does the seal look injured or unhealthy? If so please call (866) 755-6622 or call the Harbormaster. All marine mammals are protected by the Marine Mammal Protection Act. This law makes it illegal to touch, disturb, feed, or otherwise harass marine mammals without authorization.

Manchester Draw Hours of Operation

Manchester Harbor. Effective: Tuesday, November 01, 2011 The Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority Bridge at mile 1.0 in Manchester shall operate as follows:

The draw shall open from Memorial Day thru Sept. 30 from 7 a.m. to 11p.m.

From Memorial Day and from Oct.1 to Nov.1 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 6p.m.

At all other times, the draw shall open on signal with at least four hours of notice. Call (617) 222-6114

Towing Policy

Manchester Harbormaster only tows those vessels that are in immediate danger or present a potential environmental hazard. Please contact a towing or salvage op-

erator should you need to be towed.

Harbormaster Hours

June through August, hours are Thursday - Monday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Hours will vary depending on training, Safe Boating classes and meetings. Feel free to call before coming to the office.

Be vigilant and notify the harbormaster of any missing or off station aids to navigation. The latest Manchester Harbor Rules & Regulations are posted on the Harbormaster website.

Towing Insurance

What happens when you breakdown or run out of gas or some other unforeseen event that ruins a perfectly nice boating day? If you are lucky enough to be in an area where the community allows towing by the harbormaster help is nearby and probably free. Many communities including Manchester do not allow towing unless there is risk to life or property involved, otherwise you will pay large sums for towing service.

It would be wise to consider the purchase of towing insurance from your insurance company, Seatow or Tow Boat US. For a reasonable rate you will potentially avoid thousands in towing fees.



A selection of herbs await you on the steps of First Parish Church Congregational. The welcoming signs announce that you can "Snip what you need." Open to all.
Photo Paul Clark

1st Parish Faith Formation Summer Opportunities

July 17-21, 8:30-10:00 a.m., daily, Breakfast Buddies "Heroic Women of Faith" Join Jeanne Westcott, Dir. of Youth and Childrens' Ministries at our Chapel location for a specially designed program just for toddlers and their adult. Sign on for every morning or just one. Come enjoy a themed breakfast, meet a heroic, female figure from the Bible, engage in age-appropriate activities and go home with a charming reminder of a great morning! Pre-registration required. Free.

July 23 - 29, Third Annual Art Show, "Simplicity, Serenity and Sanctuary" Get creative and express yourself! Leave your submission for our Third Annual Art Show in the appropriate bin marked in five age categories, beginning July 15. Submissions can be of any medium or any size! The show will be available for viewing in the First Parish Chapel Hall each afternoon from July 23-29. Prizes awarded in each category. Artists, ages 3-199, are encouraged to submit their work! Join this community of art lovers. Contact Jeanne Westcott at Jeanne.fpchurch@gmail.com for more information!

August 14 - 18, 4-7pm, daily, Bible Experiences Week, "Safe and Secure: Dressed in the Armor!" Dinner will be served to participants ages 4-12 during an immersive, action packed week of song, acting, creative writing, art, games, movement, mindfulness exercises and cooperative challenges designed to fully know what it means to be dressed in the Armor of God. Youth ages 14-16 may apply to serve as junior leaders and adult volunteers are welcome. No money needed. Preregistration required.



President of the Golden Agers, Earl Morgan, addresses the approximately 40 members of the Club at the 60th Anniversary Lunch at Danversport Yacht Club. A delicious lunch at a beautiful venue was served and funded by the Robert Francis Sanford Trust.
Photo Paul Clark

Manchester Golden Agers Celebrate 60 Years

As reported in the Cricket on January 26, 1963 more than 40 Manchester senior citizens attended a meeting to form a social club. In February of that year members voted on the name: Manchester Golden Age Club. At first the Club met twice a week at the Sacred Heart Parish Hall, they then moved to the Plains Community Room, soon the afternoon meetings began to be lunch meetings at the Masonic Lodge where they continue to occur. Originally yearly dues back then were set at \$2.

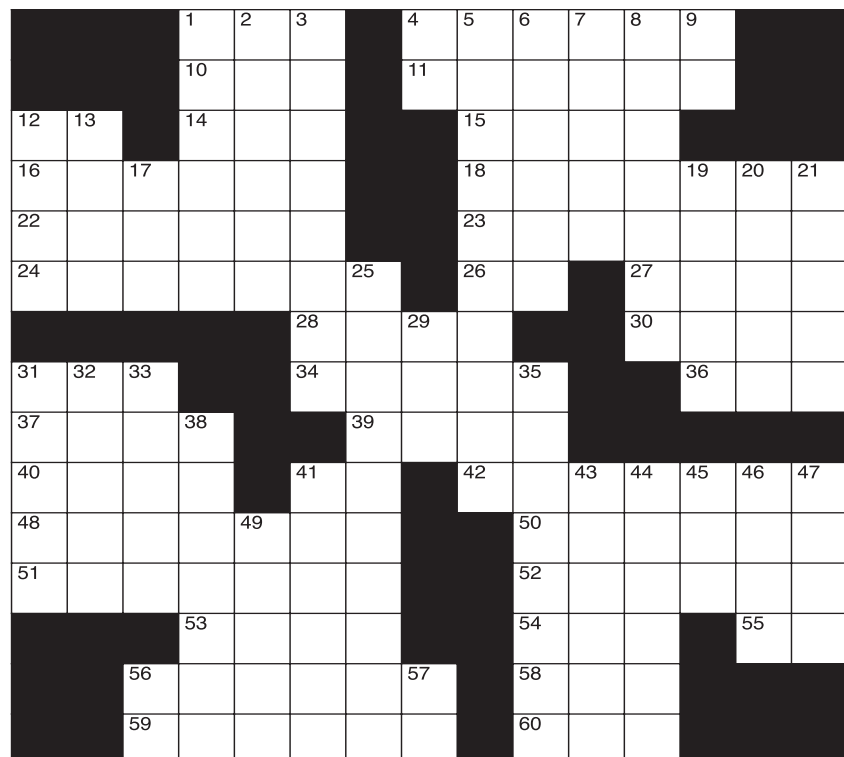
In 1977 a philanthropic community member, Robert Francis Sanford, who himself had been a member, established a trust that would benefit the Golden Agers as long as they existed.

Currently a \$20 annual fee enables a member, 60 years or older and a current or former Manchester resident, to take advantage of six-monthly meetings a year. Each meeting starts with a social hour, a lunch at noon, and a short business meeting. The meeting ends with either a game with cash prizes or a guest speaker. Historically the Sanford Trust funds 2-3 major events over the year.

Puzzle

CLUES ACROSS

1. Small Eurasian deer
4. Irish county
10. A major division of geological time
11. Broadway actor Lane
12. Canadian province
14. It causes fainting (abbr.)
15. Two
16. A notable one is blue
18. Utter repeatedly
22. Rings
23. Sullies
24. Occurs
26. Publicity
27. Near
28. Tools of a trade
30. Offer in good faith
31. "American Idol" network
34. Garments
36. Soviet Socialist Republic
37. Retired NFL DC Dean
39. Hot meal
40. A type of gin
41. Percussion instrument
42. A \$10 bill
48. About ground
50. Medicine man
51. Seedless raisin
52. National capital of Albania
53. Appendage



54. Oj trial judge
55. By the way
56. Bicycle parts
58. Barbie's friend
59. In a way, stretched
60. Commercials

CLUES DOWN

1. Make up for

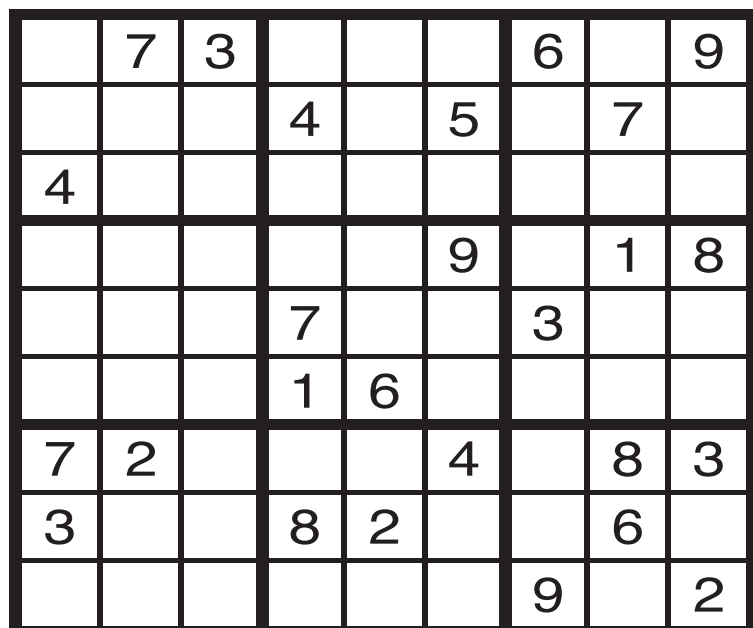
2. American songbird
3. Pay
4. International organization
5. Engravers
6. Declared as fact
7. Criminal
8. Jewelry
9. Hospital worker (abbr.)
12. Nonsense (slang)

13. Town in Galilee
17. Value
19. Another name
20. Sheep in second year before shearing
21. Town in Surrey, England
25. Appropriate during a time of year
29. Creative output

31. Recesses
32. District in N. Germany
33. Rider of Rohan
35. The official emblem of the German Third Reich
38. One who puts down roots
41. Scribe
43. Painted a bright color
44. Tycoons

45. Actress Thurman
46. Walking accessory
47. Crest of a hill
49. Member of a North American people
56. Type of computer
57. U.S. State (abbr.)

Sudoku



Level: Advanced

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Religious Notes

Cornerstone Church

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

Visitation Parish - Mass Schedule

The Visitation Parish Mass Schedule:

Sacred Heart Church - Saturday Vigil Mass - Virtual Mass - on our Youtube as well as www.mecatholic.org
 Sunday Mass - 8:30 a.m.

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

Please go to our website: www.mecatholic.org for Sacramental Information as well

as Parish Registration if you are new to town or looking to join a Catholic Church.

The Assumption of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church

8 Lafayette Road, Ipswich Mass.

Church services, with Father Christopher Kolentas, 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

Our Sunday, summer worship time has begun, 9 a.m. not 10 a.m. through Labor Day.

Worship, Sunday July 2, 9 a.m., 10 Central St and streamed on Facebook, FirstParishChurchManchesterMa.com.

Worship Leader, "Rest for the Weary Soul" Rev. Dr. Da-

vid VanArsdale, music led by Dr. Herman Weiss Rebecca Shrimpton.

Heliotrope Bouquet - Louis Chauvin (1881-1908) and Scott Joplin (1868-1917)

The Washington Post March - John Philip Sousa (1854-1932)
 God Bless America - Irving Berlin (1888-1989)

My Tribute - Andrae Crouch (1942-2015)

God Bless You and Keep You - Jay Althouse (1951)

Scripture Reading Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30 Paul Lengieza
 Hymns Eternal Father, Strong to Save, Just As I Am, Without One Plea

Deacons Barbara Smith and Liz Loomis.

Next week -- Thursday VNA Health Clinic 10 a.m. -12 noon
 Thursday Bible Study, Via Zoom 4 p.m. join in with computer, smart device or dial in on a phone - email office. fpchurch@gmail.com or call 978-526-7661 for the link

First Parish Church Offering Fair by the Sea

First Parish Church, Manchester will be holding a Fair by the Sea with a rummage sale and our famous jewelry table during the Festival by the Sea in August. Along with our sale we are offering the opportunity for vintage vendors to purchase tablespace. Please email office.fpchurch@gmail.com if you are interested. The CACC Festival by the Sea is a wonderful opportunity for all to come and enjoy our community and we are excited to offer this contribution.

St. John's Episcopal Church (Beverly Farms)

Sunday Service Summer Hours 9 a.m. (1 service)

Community Shop Summer Hours
 Thursdays & Saturdays 10 a.m. -1 p.m.

Summer Office Hours- Starting June 12

Monday - Thursday 10 a.m.- 4 p.m.

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

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, 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.

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The Rev. Luther Zeigler (Minister)

Ms. Priscilla Walter (Organist)

During the summer, we offer services every Sunday at 8:15

a.m. (a quiet, spoken service) and 10 a.m. (a family-oriented service with music)

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: northshorequaker@gmail.com. First Day School, our Children's Program, consists of forest walks near the Glen Urquhart School led by Jessica Kagle from the Kestrel Foundation. Blessings To You.



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266 Cabot St, Unit 7, Beverly | 169 Bay Rd, Hamilton | 49 Union St, Manchester
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Newbury - Centuries past and modern elegance seamlessly blend in this showpiece renovated property on 1.64 park-like acres on the Newbury Upper Green. Dramatic architectural features including soaring 21 ft ceilings, massive brick fireplaces, huge rounded windows and wood beams.
\$2,795,000 Karen Bernier 978-807-5580



Harwich - Well maintained year round home has every comfort and convenience. Less than half a mile from Grey Neck beach and a short distance to other amenities. The open floor plan encompasses a remodeled kitchen, eating area and an elegant family room with wood burning fireplace.
\$1,450,000 Jane Meterparel 781-237-3341



Lynn - Luxury Condo, 7 years New. 3-level Townhouse featuring open concept living room with gas fireplace. 1 car garage. Pet friendly.
\$489,900 Edward Scialdoni 781-771-9729



Marblehead - This charming home is located in a highly desirable location, just 90 steps from the Corinthian Yacht Club and beach/waterfront access. This fabulous home is bright and sunny with lots of glass and HARBOR VIEWS from both levels.
\$1,590,000 Karen Bernier 978-807-5580



Gloucester - The best water views from this west facing 2 bedroom townhome. Two levels of living with lovely open floor plan.
\$849,000 Andrea Osbon 508-228-3733



Rockport - This beautiful colonial features an open floor plan, impeccable kitchen with 9-foot island and brand new stainless steel appliances.
\$1,149,000 Kristy Aparo 978-559-1184



Manchester - Towering over Manchester Harbor, "HARBORHEAD" is perched majestically with stunning town and water views stretching from Manchester center, across the water to Peach's Point Marblehead. Fabulous New Construction is modern but Classic Colonial design.
\$13,750,000 Karen Bernier 978-807-5580



Gloucester - Immaculate 3 bedroom condo/townhouse near Stage Fort Park, the Boulevard & major highways. Space for home business.
\$799,000 Jane Meterparel 781-237-3341

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Is the 4th of July a Ritual? YOU BET IT IS.



Joanne Macinnis

Merriam-Webster tells us that a Ritual is a repeated observance marking a significant event.

Have you ever had a “bad” or “hard” Birthday, Mother’s Day, Anniversary, or Thanksgiving? I have. When that was my experience, I remember clearly thinking about how the same event was so different in the past, and its impact on me then and now. There is power in ritual.

After life-changing events, such as death, divorce, relocation, or serious illness, our experience and perspective of these long-celebrated events may feel very different. We move through the event, which may have been just the same as it always was, but WE have changed. It could feel both familiar and distant, comfortable and painful, grounding and lonely all at the same time.

My mother was the “Queen” of the 4th of July. In every family, there is a “cheerleader.” Someone

who makes things happen and whose enthusiasm is ever-present and contagious. They aren’t “go to a party;” they ARE the party. When she died in 2015, the air went out of the 4th balloon for me. Revisiting something that was so wonderful and had changed so much was a challenge...and still is.

The ancients have taught us valuable lessons, among them the value of Ritual.

Consider Stonehenge, whose construction and use is determined to be over 5000 years old. There are numerous thoughts about its various purposes, but all seem connected to a central theme: Ritual. Whether going to experience the Winter and Summer Solstice or festivals celebrating ancestors, it pulled people back to a place at the same time of year, maybe even on the same date. Unifying.

One could say (in a certain mindset) that Manchester’s own Fourth of July

extravaganza is much the same.

Like me, you might remember parades of old, bands with members carrying swords along each side of the musicians to keep everyone out of the way, or various members of the Gavin family sky diving, the competition of the bands on the playground and undoubtedly you will remember who was there with you. My family’s post was on the corner of School and Pleasant. I’m going out on a limb that many long-time Manchester families and individuals take a sweet and sour trip down memory lane every year. Their trips likely range from painful, to neutral, to precious.

Ritual is how we mark our time.

It’s not silly or insignificant. It’s the act of gathering year after year in places and with people that are sacred to us. We appreciate today and try to be fully present and engaged, but the mental photo album is always open. This year, take a peek at your album. See what comes up for you. If you experience the cord of attachment that binds us to friends and family, those here and gone, then the Ritual has done its job. Celebrate this year, engaging all those on this side of the sod, and raise a glass to Ritual and our personal history.

Happy Ritual. Happy Remembering. Happy Connection. Happy 4th.

LEGAL NOTICE



CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Town of Manchester
Town Hall
10 Central Street
Manchester-by-the-Sea, MA, 01944

Public Hearing Notice
Public Hearing Notice to be Published on or before 6/30/23

On Behalf of Natasha McLaren, John Filias of Jeffries Creek Contractors, Inc. requests the Commission make a decision regarding a Request for Determination of Applicability to install drainage improvements within Riverfront Area Resource at **38 Bennett Street** (map 28, lot 35). David Reissfelder requests the Commission make a decision regarding a Request for Determination of Applicability for removal of two compromised trees within Inland Bank, 30-foot Buffer and 100-foot Buffer to Inland Bank at **118 Bridge Street** (map 22, lot 5). On Behalf of the Town of Manchester, Jeremy Packard of Foth Infrastructure, LLC requests the Commission make a decision regarding a Request for Determination of Applicability for

proposed soil borings within Land Under Ocean within Riverfront Area Resource at Reed Park Harbor, Beach Street (map 16, lot 36). On Behalf of the Manchester Essex Conservation Trust, Gordon T. Ober, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Environmental Science, Endicott College requests the Commission make a decision regarding a Request for Determination of Applicability to install a temporary sampling device, “marsh organ”, to facilitate collection of data on salt marsh grass within Salt Marsh and Land Under Water at **92 Ocean Street** (map 6, lot 47). These requests will be discussed at a VIRTUAL meeting Tuesday, July 11, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. and will be reviewed under the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act (MGL Chapter 131, Section 40) and/or the Manchester General Wetlands Bylaw.

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HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
Town of Manchester
10 Central Street
Manchester-by-the-Sea, MA 01944

PUBLIC HEARING

The Manchester-by-the-Sea Historic District Commission will hold a Public Hearing on July 20, 2023, at 7:00 p.m., in Town Hall, 10 Central Street and via Zoom to review and amend the “Historic District Guidelines”, including without limitation guidelines regarding Windows and Signs and increased filing fee.

Text of the proposed amendments and proposed fee is available for

inspection through the office of the Town Clerk in Town Hall.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83206467660?pwd=SzNRcytmWmhaTUkxRXhvRFpnaVVCdz09>

Meeting ID: 832 0646 7660
Passcode: 563115

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Rosemary Costello, Chairman,
Historic District Commission
6/30/23

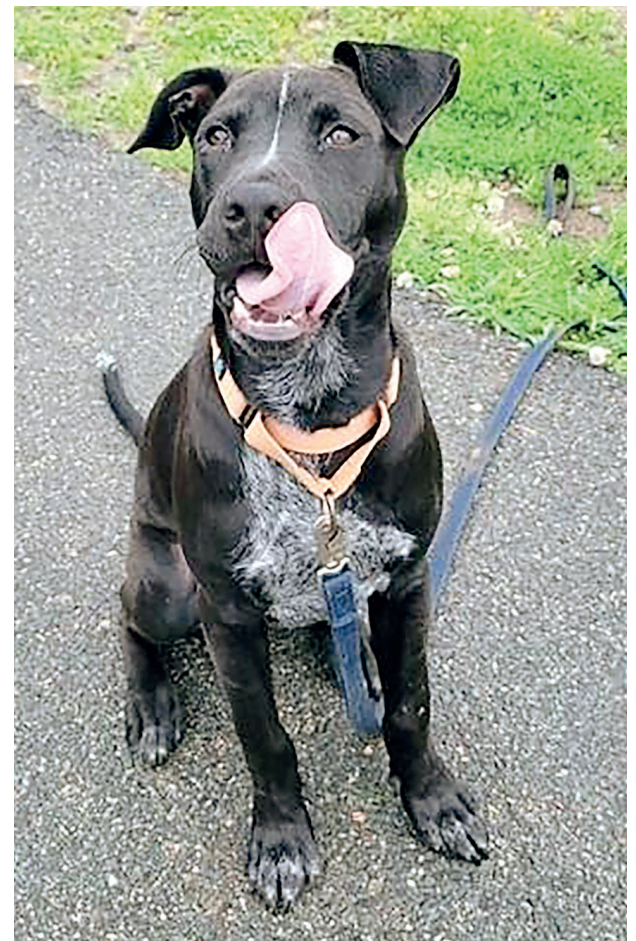
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PET OF THE WEEK



Come Fly With Me

Hey all, Falcon here and I think it is about my turn to find a family! I am a super sweet, affectionate and outgoing fellow. I love playing with other dogs and am respectful. I adore going for walks and laying on my blankies with a good Nyla bone chew or stuffed Kong. I am eager and willing to learn and have mastered sit. Looking for a buddy to share walks around the block, snuggle time on the couch and occasional adventures with? Apply online today at capeannanimalaid.org/adopt and visit me at the Christopher Cutler Rich Animal Shelter, 4 Paws Lane in Gloucester.

LEGAL NOTICE



Town of Manchester-by-Sea ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
Town Hall, 10 Central Street,
Manchester-by-Sea, MA 01944-1399

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Manchester-by-the-Sea will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, July 19, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.
Location: This is a Hybrid meeting. ZBA Board will meet in Room 5, Town Hall. Applicants, Presenters, and Public are welcome to join the Board in Room 5.
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81608681579?pwd=SzdMa1VUMINqS3NKTO1JWjh2a0p6UT09>
Meeting ID: 816 0868 1579
Passcode: 346042
Dial in: 646.558.8656

New Applications

Application of Ford Properties, Inc. on behalf of Richard Dackert, for a Special Permit under Sections 10.1 and 12.5 of the Zoning By-Law, and or other relief as may be necessary to construct a new single-family residence on a vacant lot located at 9 Crooked Lane, Assessor’s Map 32, Lot No. 102 in District A filed with the Town Clerk on June 20, 2023.
Application of Nicole & Christopher Day, for a Variance under Section, 12.4.6 or a Special Permit under Section 12.5.2 of the Zoning By-Law, and or other relief as

may be necessary to construct a pool house/barn adjacent to the proposed pool. Located at 117 School Street, Assessor’s Map 40, Lot No. 02 in District A filed with Town Clerk on June 21, 2023.
Continued Application Application of Brian Stein, BDS Design Inc. on behalf of Joseph & Elyse Campanelli, for a Special Permit under Sections 10.1, 12.5, and 12.5.2 of the Zoning By-Law, and or other relief as may be necessary to add additional levels to an existing split-level ranch in the flood zone. The main level needs to be raised by 1’ to meet code. To increase the living space, the west side will be extended 2’ and the side lot line will encroach by .1’ further into the setback with the proposed deck encroach .4’ further into the side setback. Located at 4 Butler Avenue, Assessor’s Map 1, Lot No. 33 in District B filed with Town Clerk on May 15, 2023.
Site visit will be held at 9 Crooked Lane on Tuesday, July 18, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. lasting 15 minutes. There will be no deliberations, however, the public is invited to attend.
Sarah Mellish, Chair, Zoning Board of Appeals

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Happy 4th of July!

Let's celebrate our great nation and honor those who serve to keep it free.



Kim Arntsen



Cindy Bane



Gretchen Berg



Jeanne Carpenter



Alle Cutler



Ida Doane



Holly Fabyan



Robert Garlitz



Tracy Gothie



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This spectacular oceanfront property offers over an acre on the rocky coastline of the Atlantic with views of the historic Eastern Point lighthouse as well as (distant) skyline views of Boston. The location is both stunning and serene, offering the perfect escape from the hustle and bustle of city life.

4 3,400 Sq.Ft. 3F 1H

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Set amidst a quiet oasis, in close proximity to the beach and downtown, this exquisite shingled cape residence epitomizes refined elegance while effortlessly attending to the desired needs of modern day living. As you enter, the main level illuminates with natural light.

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