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Scouting: A Great Tradition

Word is that it's sign up time for ME Cub Scouts Pack 30 this weekend. On Friday, Sept. 28 from 4:30 to 6 p.m. the pack will host an open house at the Troop Field House on School Street in Manchester. Come down and learn about scouting and this year's activities, which include Veteran's Day activities, the incredible Pinewood Derby (yes!), holiday party, outings like hiking and a Singing Beach campout, and more. Meetings are monthly and it's a great way to learn about personal character, the great outdoors, community, friendship and service. Info on Page 9 and by email: jjudge@ nextecology.com.

Correction, And Preview: Steve Gang

In an article last week on the Select Board tabling a vote on new conservation water rates in Manchester, Steve Gang, chair of the recently dissolved Water Resources Protect Task Force chair was said to have acknowledged that Manchester's water supplies are not currently threatened. In fact, the task force reported that while water supply levels at Manchester's two water sources (Gravelly Pond and the Lincoln Street Well) are not threatened, the water supply itself is threatened by PFAS chemicals.



Matt Genta, president of the Manchester Historical Museum reviews a series of selfportraits by renowned Manchester painter Charles Hopkinson. Genta has made it a mission to acquire Hopkinson paintings from the auction market as they have come available, securing four paintings for the museum this year. On Page 5, Kris McGinn's feature tells of Genta's project, and of the family and estate that is integral to Manchester's history.

Photo: Erika Brown

Delisio, Planning Board spar over MBTA Task Force

By Jeff Pope

member of the Manchester-By-The-Sea Planning Board accused the MBTA Zoning Task Force of not providing data it has, of overstepping its bounds, of violating the Municipal Finance Law, and questioned the actions of the interim town planner.

Planning Board member Christine Delisio made the charges after the Task Force updated the Planning Board about its recent actions at Monday night's meeting.

After saying she was "not a fan of this task force," Delisio said, "We have been asking for data for months. We have received no data. I reached out ... I still don't have any data."

Sandy Bodmer-Turner, an at-large member of the Task Force, who was attending Monday's meeting, said the data is available as the task force receives it, not just to Delisio but to the Planning Board and anyone else.

"If you're interested in data ... then the data is readily available to any citizen who wants to download

it and analyze it (from the town's website)."

Delisio said that the Task Force overstepped its bounds when it applied for a grant for a consultant, who will be looking at zoning issues. Delisio said that zoning issues were purely the responsibility of the Planning Board.

"I do have a problem with the subcommittee applying for a grant or the town applying for a grant with the language of zoning," said Delisio. "The Planning Board never saw this grant application and we have no part in choosing this consultant"

The Task Force, which works with the support of Interim Town Planner Betsy Ware and is comprised of representatives of several town boards and at-large residents, has said in its meetings that hiring the consultant is needed to collect the data required for residents to make an informed statemandated decision about the MBTA multi-family zoning overlay district within a half mile of the commuter rail station. That's approPlanning Board member Christine Delisio made the charges after the Task Force updated the Planning Board about its recent actions at Monday night's meeting.

priate, said Planning Board member Sarah Creighton, adding that the Planning Board voted to create the Task Force at the request of Town Administrator Greg Federspiel.

"We voted to accept the town administrator's recommendation," said Creighton. "This is not just a Planning Board issue, this is a townwide issue.... Certainly, Christine can disagree with the task force as a method, but it was voted by this board."

Delisio admitted that the Planning Board did vote to create the Task Force, but "we did not vote on a charge," said Delisio. "They just created their own charge."

Delisio said that the Task Force used "inappropriate language" when it discussed whether it would change the zoning in single-family home districts in town. "I was horrified," said Del-

isio. "I actually couldn't believe what I heard. One person on the board started the conversation and said you know we are trying to keep this zoning in downtown and away from single-family districts."

Delisio said the Task Force was using "NIMBY ('Not In My Back Yard') language," when it mentioned Smith's Point and Spy Rock Hill, all wealthier sections of town within a half mile of the commuter rail station as examples of neighborhoods to avoid. (Task Force member Gar Morse had mentioned these in an offhand remark as Sarah Mellish described a first pass assessment of potential areas, saying they were noting they were avoiding "single family residential

areas.")
But during their meetings, members of the Task
Force have mentioned many
sections of town that they

hoped would not be affected by any zoning plan they produce. Also, one of the potential lands ID'd by the task force is on Masconomo Street, between Beach Street and Old Neck Road and technically on Smith's Point.

"I'm asking that town counsel review (the Task Force's Sept. 21 meeting) at 48 minutes and give us a recommendation of what to do with this," said Delisio. "This language is inappropriate."

Task Force chairman Chris Olney, also a member of the Planning Board, called on Delisio to stop making misstatements—that the board was using NIMBY language.

Task Force member Sarah Mellish (who is also chair of both the Finance Committee and the Zoning Board of Appeals) responded that she was insulted by Delisio's comments.

"We are working as a board as a task force in a free-form manner to discuss the issues and try to come up with possible solutions," said Mellish. "This is not black and white. ... I am absolutely totally insulted."

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Two Familiar Faces Bid Fare Well in Retirement

There are big changes in the Manchester autumn air, as two longtime and familiar town servants—Conservation Administrator Chris Bertoni and Library Director Sara Collins—on Friday will mark their retirements from town service.

For both and for different reasons, Collins and Bertoni each feels the time is right for a transition and they've thought carefully about the future of the town. In the case of Collins, who has served the library for 35 years, her departure comes as the library will begin its next five-year planning cycle. For Bertoni, who in eight years has instilled an almost metronomic steadiness to the complexities of the Conservation Commission office, she is leaving as Manchester moves to a shared ConCom services model for the Town of Hamilton.

But their good planning aside, many in the town will miss them greatly.

Sara Collins: Long Views and Full Circles

"After 35 years it is hard to imagine the library without Sara's presence! An impressive run to say the least," said Manchester Town Adminis-



Sara Collins, Library Director at Manchester Public Library, sits in the library's popular outdoor space that, during COVID, was used for "online and on lawn" programming. She retires after 35 years with the library on Friday.

Photo: Erika Brown

trator Greg Federspiel said Tuesday. "I know I speak for many when I say best wishes and thank you to Sara as she moves into a well-deserved retirement."

retirement."
Sara Collins arrived in Manchester in 1988 after working in early childhood education, serving as a teacher and, before that, at a Boston chil-

dren's book publisher while

pursuing a degree in English Literature at Wheaton College. The opportunity to be a children's librarian at Manchester Public Library was intriguing ... an opportunity to combine two passions.

When she arrived, Collins said, it was hard to imagine where she'd be in five years. Over time, Collins learned that taking the long view is

where the impact is.

Each year gave her the opportunity to establish a couple of large goals for the library and with her team she's been able to achieve most of them by working together with town leaders, the Library Trustees and other libraries in the region as well as critical local partners like the Friends of the Library, the Hooper Fund, the Manchester Cultural Council, the Manchester Community Center and others.

"There have been lots and lots of opportunities, and lots and lots of challenges," Collins said.

Indeed, Collins has overseen many changes that have impacted libraries across the country. Technology has impacted libraries, and Collins has led important changes to track with people want to utilize a community library. She oversaw the renovation and upgrades to the library in 2017, the build out of a new teen library in 2018, the overhaul of the reference room in 2021, and transforming the main reference room into a flexible space with moveable furniture that serves both "reference and research" as well as public gatherings.

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Weekly Weather Chart

Saturday 30 Sept		65°	57°
Sunday 1 Oct	- <u>`</u> Ċ-	65°	53°
Monday 2 Oct	- <u>;</u> ċ-	70°	56°
Tuesday 3 Oct	*	74°	62°
Wednesday 4 Oct	- <u>;</u> ċ-	64°	57°
Thursday 5 Oct		62°	58°
Friday 6 Oct	***	62°	58°

Weather data pulled Wednesday and is subject to change.



Gavel to Gavel This Week's Town Meetings

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

Essex Town Hall hours are Monday through Thursday 7:30 a.m. Essex BOS Monday, October 2 6 p.m.

MERSD SC Meeting Tuesday, October 3, 6 - 8 p.m

Essex Planning Board Wednesday, October 4 7 p.m.

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MANCHESTER POLICE NOTES

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 7:26 a.m. Lincoln St., directed patrol, secured/checked. 9:02 a.m. Norwood Ave., animal complaint, other. 11:02 a.m. School St., animal complaint, notification made. 8:29 p.m. Summer St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 10:45 a.m. Washington St., parking complaint, parking enforcement. 1:23 p.m. School St., traffic hazard, secured/checked. 6:44 p.m. Walker Rd., motor vehicle stop, written warning. 9:20 p.m. Bridge St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.



WEDNESDAY, SEPTEM-**BER 20**

10:43 a.m. Tuck's Point Rd., theft, report to follow. 11:08 a.m. School St., motor vehicle stop, criminal application. 2:07 p.m. Pleasant St., alarm, secured/checked. 9:26 p.m. Tuck's Point Rd., trespassing, secured/ checked.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER

7:15 a.m. School zone, community policing, secured/ checked. 10:33 a.m. Central St., citizen assist, assisted as needed. 6:58 p.m. Central St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning. 7:56 p.m. Summer St., motor vehicle stop, citation issued.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

5:54 a.m. Route 128SB, motor vehicle accident with injury, transported to hospital. 6:33 p.m. Summer St., motor vehicle stop, citation issued. 9:00 p.m. School St., motor vehicle stop, written warning. 10:30 p.m. Pine St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER

9:33 a.m. Beach St., animal complaint, other. 7:20 p.m. Brook St., suspicious activity, gone on arrival. 9:12 p.m. Lincoln St., disturbance, secured/checked. 11:25 p.m. Coolidge Point Rd., suspicious activity, secured/ checked.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

11:59 a.m. Pine St., motor vehicle stop, written warning. 3:06 p.m. Summer St., selective enforcement, no action taken. 4:56 p.m. Central St., citizen assist, assisted as needed. 5:18 p.m. Bridge St., utility request, notification made.

"I hope I'm being a resource for people and not

Soon, it will be time for the next steward, one who she helped to vet and interview and hire with colleagues at Town Hall, to take over her desk. It feels like the right for Bertoni. "It's time to pursue other interests," she laughs. That means getting the time to spend on personal passions like ceramics or being able to travel with her husband, who will himself

In the meantime, does

and the environment. She spent 15 years at the Peabody Essex Museum's Natural History office in museum collections. Before that, she lived for four years in France after her husband's job at a ski products manufacturer moved to its global headquarters. The couple had met in Colorado, both working in the ski industry. (Fun fact: Chris Bertoni had also worked as a wrangler on a

"dude ranch.")

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Manchester Conservation Administrator Chris Bertoni in her office at Seaside One this week as she happily greets retirement on Photo: Erika Brown

"The library serves so many facets of the community," she said. "We see children, busy families, and older people who are on the other side of the desk whose only human contact that day might be us."

In the end, Collins has overseen the change from the library's traditional role of book lending to what the library offers today, which is a whole array of programs designed for community engagement, including literacy initiatives, crafts, author visits, tai chi, writing workshops, meditation and more.

This was tested during the COVID-19 pandemic when the library faced closures and restrictions, but Collins and her team adapted, deploying programs on Zoom, delivering hundreds of books to residents, pivoting to curbside pick-up for books and transforming the library's front lawn into another room at the library. Collins called it, "online and on lawn."

When recalling a career highlight, Collins goes to a day long ago in the children's room, when a local gentleman noticed an "Adopt a Book" display on her desk and asked what it was. Collins told me the program collected a small donation to purchase children's book in someone's name. The man, Ron Borel, sponsored a books. A couple weeks later he sponsored another, saying he loved the idea. That quiet rhythm continued even after Mr. Borel moved

away 12 years ago to Arizona. Then, two years ago Collins got a call from Mr. Borel's daughter letting her know that her father died and left the library \$500,000 in his will. It showed Collins that

magic is everywhere, and it can surprise you, even decades later. The donation has been earmarked for the library's next renovation and expansion, expected in five years. The donation brought Collins back to the very beginning of her career, a full circle moment.

"This job has turned out to be a wonderful life," said Collins.

So what of her plans for retirement? Collins says she will enjoy her family, and pursue "unstructured time." Now that sounds great.

Chris Bertoni: Wetlands Regulations Steward

When Conservation Administrator Chris Bertoni shared in August that she'd be retiring from her post after eight years, it seemed like plenty of time for a wellmanaged exit. This week, she said with a smile, "it's all down to the wire!"

And it is down to the wire. But all agree she has made the office she came to in 2015 a better place. Colleagues say she'll be a hard act to follow. "She's set a very high bar for her replacement," said Steve Gang who, as chair of the MBTS Conservation Commission, has worked most closely with Bertoni throughout her time.

Indeed, she has set a high

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bar, working meticulously in a role simultaneously requiring her to effectively explain and steward homeowners and developers through complicated wetlands regulations while also supporting the ConCom in its own detailed work.

"I feel like I've done good work," she said. "I've learned a lot. I've worked with really good people. And I've helped see a lot of important things through. I feel good about that."

Being the point person on wetlands regulations in a coastal town like Manchester is a challenge, and Bertoni says that's what's made it all interesting.

replacement. Bertoni's expected to be announced next week, will serve a dual role as Conservation Agent for both Manchester and the Town of Hamilton in a shared position.

The ConCom is an appointed quasi-judicial board made of members that may not have direct professional experience with environmental science or government compliance, so Bertoni's presence as Administrator was paramount as the project master going between the ConCom and residents or developers to carefully review and approve development plans, ensuring that new constructions align with environmental regulations and helping people navigate an intimidating process.

Because of this, Bertoni has to be both expert and generalist. She has to have environmental knowledge, legal expertise, project management skills, and be able to do public outreach.

The good news is that Bertoni, a resident of Beverly, came to Manchester in 2015 as a strong generalist with a throughput in the outdoors

She said she often engages residents and developers as they are in the middle of making their way through complicated filings and approval processes designed for state and local wetlands regulations compliance, and that can be hard for even the most sophisticated of people. And it's that point of educating the public on what's behind these wetland regulations-the importance of conservation efforts-that's when Bertoni feels she's having a real impact.

just giving them the information," Bertoni said.

be retiring in the next year.

retirement mean Bertoni is out of the ConCom life? No. She will continue serving as a member of the City of Beverly Conservation Commission as she has for the last nine years, the last three of them as chair.

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The Town's Financial Overview



Last week a "summit" of four boards and committees gathered to address financial challenges facing school district budgeting when the ME Regional School Committee met with Finance Committees from Essex and Manchester along with Town Administrators Gregory Federspiel, Brendhan Zubricki, the Essex Board of Selectmen and the Manchester Select Board

Photo: Erika Brown

By Gregory T. Federspiel

hile few people are thinking about proposed town and school budgets for next year, efforts are getting underway to prepare the budgets that voters will ultimately need to approve at next April's Annual Town Meeting. Last week the Select Boards and Finance Committees from both Essex and Manchester got together with the School Committee to share early insights into the prospects and challenges for the Fiscal Year 2025 budgets and beyond.

Manchester enjoys a relatively strong financial position currently, but significant challenges lie ahead, especially regarding the need to reinvest in critical infrastructure and facility needs. These needs are compounded by the impacts of climate change. The Town continues to retain its AAA bond rating and has healthy reserves that have been stable. Most of our non-school-related debt has been retired as we have been paying cash for our capital needs lately. For the past six years our Annual Comprehensive Financial Report has been awarded the GFOA's Certificate of Excellence in Financial Report-

The Town has been adhering to a set of guiding principles and policies that shape our fiscal stance. Reserves have been targeted at 10% of total expenditures. The FinCom recently recommended lowering this to 8%.

Use of reserves are limited to emergency expenses or one-time capital outlays. Town operating expenses are not to increase more than 2.5% on average. Total debt is not to exceed 10% of expenditures. Retiree liabilities (pension and OPEB) are to be fully funded over the next 10 years. Current services are to be maintained; any new or enhanced services should be paid for through enhanced efficiencies.

We have built up some excess levy capacity in recent years. This happens when taxes increase less than 2.5%. Budgets were not increased at the early stages of COVID fearing a deep recession. With school enrollment patterns shifting towards Essex for now we have seen a lower than usual increase to our school apportionment allowing us to keep tax increases below

The biggest challenge for Manchester is the need to reinvest in facilities and the on-going need for infrastructure improvements. We are finalizing a new facility master plan which is identifying some \$100 million in new facility needs over the next ten-fifteen years, excluding the need for a new elementary school in Essex. New DPW facilities, a possible new public safety complex, renovated Town Hall, upgrades to the sewer plant and dealing with the new filtering required to remove PFAS from our drinking water are some of the more critical needs. And looking beyond ten years, seawalls,

elevated roadways, and enlarged culverts, etc. will all be needed in the face of a changing climate and rising seas. Taxpayers will not be able to afford the bond payments for all these needs thus hard choices will have to be made.

Each million borrowed will cost the Town roughly \$80,000 a year in principal and interest payments. In a few years each percentage point tax increase will generate about \$300,000. Thus, \$25,000,000 borrowed adds \$2.0 million in annual expenses requiring a 6.7 percentage point increases in taxation.

Helping the situation will be new property taxes from the CST project and freeing up funds once our retiree liabilities are fully funded. Combined this could represent some \$3 million in available funds for new bonds - about a third of the need. The high school debt is retired as well in about 10 years. How we pace ourselves and what choices we make will have a big impact on future tax hikes.

Bottom line: While the current financial condition of the Town is relatively strong there are significant challenges ahead. I believe we will need a combination of new service delivery models (think shared services amongst municipalities) successful overrides and debt exclusion votes, continued success with grant funds, an expanded tax base, and patience before we can fully address all the needs that are looming.

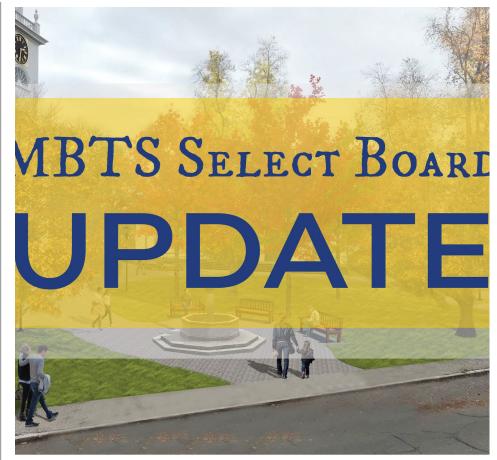
Regarding an early look at Manchester's FY25 budget:

ESTIMATED NEW REVENUES:	ESTIMAT		
A 2.5% tax increase generates	\$720K	Schools at 3.5%	\$560K
New Growth generates another	\$210K	Town Salaries @3%	\$235K
Enterprise Fund Revenues growth	\$90K	Town Op. Expenses @ 1.2%	\$ 50K
Increased State and Local Receipts	\$75K	Health Insurance @ 8%	\$120K
		Pension/OPEB @ 8%	\$130K
TOTAL NEW REVENUE	\$1095K	TOTAL NEW EXPENSES	\$1095K

Tides & Sun Chart For The Week Ahead

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DATE		AM	FT	PM	FT	AM	FT	PM	FT	RISE SET	
29	Fri	11:57	10.9			5:59	-0.8	6:21	-0.9	6:36	6:30
30	Sat	12:21	11.0	12:44	11.3	6:46	-0.9	7:12	-1.1	6:37	6:28
1	Sun	1:10	10.8	1:29	11.3	7:32	-0.7	8:02	-1.0	6:38	6:26
2	Mon	1:58	10.4	2:15	11.2	8:17	-0.4	8:52	-0.7	6:39	6:24
3	Tue	2:47	9.9	3:01	10.8	9:02	0.2	9:41	-0.2	6:41	6:23
4	Wed	3:38	9.2	3:49	10.3	9:49	0.8	10:31	0.4	6:42	6:21
5	Thu	4:31	8.7	4:40	9.7	10:37	1.4	11:24	0.9	6:43	6:19





BOARD UPDATES

Select Board Meeting: The next Select Board meeting will be held on October 2 at 6:30 p.m. Meeting details can be found on the Town website.

DPW Hydrant Flushing: DPW will begin their biannual hydrant flushing on October 2. Flushing will continue through November 15 and will take place Monday through Wednesdays from 7-11 p.m. If you experience discolored water, run a cold tap until clear.

Board of Health Flu Clinic: The Board of Health will host their annual flu clinic on October 4 from 9 a.m. to 12 Noon at the American Legion Hall. Both quadrivalent and high dose will be available.

Registration is required. Please see the Town website for more information.

MBTA Task Force Meeting: The next MBTA Task Force meeting will be on Thursday, October 12 at 6:30 p.m. Meeting details will be posted on the Town website.

MBTA Zoning Public Forum: Save the date! Join the MBTA Zoning Task Force for an in person public forum on the Town Common to discuss the new MBTA Zoning law and how it applies to Manchester. Saturday, October 14 at 10 a.m. on the Town Common. Rain location TBA.

2024 Chowder House Rentals: Reservations for the Chowder House will open on October 19 at 5 p.m. at Town Hall for residents only.

The Parks and Recreation department will hold a lottery at this time for present attendees to determine the order of reservation.

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

Trash, recycling, and compost collection: Regular Schedule. Please place curbside by 7 a.m. on day of collection.

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HAPPENING

90 YEARS AGO – 1933 An alarm fire from Box 25,

Norwood Avenue called out the department at 2:25 Sunday morning on a wild goose chase as they were unable to find any fire in the vicinity and found they were victims of a jokester.

Town Hall was filled to the doors Saturday afternoon when the children of the town were treated to their annual Punch and Judy Show which seems never to grow old and the youngsters enjoyed it as much as ever.

75 YEARS AGO - 1948

Coach Joe Hyland is working the Story gridders hard and is fast rounding them into shape for their initial contest which is slated for October 2 at Wrentham. Daily scrimmages are being held by the Story mentor and the results to date have been most gratifying. Cpl. George Brown, U.S.M.C., is enjoying a leave at home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter A. Brown, Beach Street.

60 YEARS AGO - 1963

A public hearing will be held Tuesday evening at 8 p.m., by the Board of Se-

lectman, at the Town Hall, on the petition of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company to locate three telephone poles on upper School Street to service the Silver Star Stables.

Mrs. Roger Greenslet and Mrs. E. Ray Kelley, co-chairman of the Girl Scouts fund drive announced today that the townspeople contributed \$493.10 in the house-to-house canvass.

45 YEARS AGO - 1978

After 25 years dispensing drugs, listening to everybody's ills and selling yards of bandages, Robert (Bob) Homan is closing his drug store. At five o'clock on Wednesday of this week, Bob and Mary Homan put the key into the lock and turned it for the last time.

Vandalism was reported at the high school principal's office Saturday afternoon. Police found that a four-foot by six-foot pane of glass had been broken but no entry had been gained.

30 YEARS AGO - 1993

Mabel Jones was among more than 500 leaders of The American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary and Sons of the American Legion taking part in a National Leadership Workshop in Portland, Maine recently.

During the last two years all water meters have been replaced and one full cycle of meter readings have been accomplished. The automated reading and billing system is now reliable enough for the Department of Public Works to initiate more frequent billings.

15 YEARS AGO - 2008

The Manchester Community Center is pleased to host its annual Used Sports Equipment Sale for ALL types of sports equipment items (including summer, fall, winter, and spring sports) on Saturday, October 18. The Community Center will only sponsor one sports equipment sale for the entire year, so this is your chance to clean out your garages, basements and attics. The Manchester COA is offering a trip to the York Maine Harvest Fest on Friday, October 17. This Colonial themed festival includes a variety of activities with crafts and ware from all across the country, and a food festival in the historic York Village.



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LIBRARY NEWS



Library's Free Public WiFi MBTS Library's WiFi is now encrypted, offering extra security for our community and guests. Log on from inside the building or from the front garden by connecting to MBTSLibraryWifi using password library1887.

October 1-7 is Banned Books Week



Head to the library for Let Freedom Read, a statewide read-in to celebrate the freedom to read during Banned Books Week, October 1-7, which draws national attention to the harms of censorship. According to the American Library Association, libraries across the nation and here in Massachusetts have experienced a surge in the number of book challenges and attempts to restrict access. Everyone is welcome to find a good read from their library and join the celebra-

Mystery Book Group

Friday, September 29 from 10:30-11:30 a.m. The Manchester Mystery Book Group meets on the last Friday of the month. This month we will discuss "Thirteen" by Steve Cavanagh.

Hearthside Book Group

Tuesday, October 3 from 4-5 p.m. Join us in person or on ZOOM to discuss "The Postcard" by Anne Berest.

Author Chat with Marie Benedict (Virtual)



Marie Benedicts. Courtesy image

Wednesday, October 4 from 7-8 p.m. Join us in conversation on Zoom with NY Times bestselling author Marie Benedicts as she shares a presentation on her work, "The Mitford Affair", a work of historical fiction.

Sara Collins' Retirement

Friday, September 29 from 2-4 p.m. After 35 years of service to Manchester, Ms. Collins is retiring. Join us, rain or shine, on September 29, for food, sweet treats, nonalcoholic beverages, lawn activities for all ages, and a community photo via drone at 3:30 p.m. to celebrate Sara and wish her joy and happiness in her next chapter. Please stop by or mail any messages, memories, songs, recipes, and books that remind you of her to be added to a remembrance book being collected as a gift. If you want to share something with Sara publicly at the event email Maddy Willwerth.

Mindfulness Meditation

Every Tuesday from 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. at the Community Center with Alida Bryant. Beginners and experienced meditators are welcome. There will be guided meditation, some silence, and discussion. Please register if this is your first time coming to this program. We need either an email or a phone number in case we need to cancel or change venues.

Гаі Chi

Wednesdays from 9:45-10:45 a.m. When the weather is good the class will be held on the library's front side lawn, if the weather is inclement, it will be held at the Manchester Community Center.

Please complete the Safety Release Registration Form, on the event listing on the library website, before joining. Susan Halpern will update by email those who have completed the Safety Release Registration Form.

Digital Advice Appointments and Drop

ins
Register for a dedication session on Mondays, or drop in most Fridays between 3-4 p.m. Increase your comfort level with technology or try out a digital service you have always wanted to try.
Shut Up and Write (Virtual)

Every Thursday from 10:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Join a community of writers and artists on Zoom who just want to write. Come any time. No need to share, no need to critique or be critiqued. Calling All Local Artists

For the Friends of the Library's 1st Falling For Art Exhibit and Sale, October 20-22, 2023. Artists and photographers are invited to submit up to 5 digital jpg images by August 30 to fallingforartmbts@gmail.com. Include your name, title of piece and price.

MPL Children's Events:



Touch-a-Truck

Saturday, September 30 from 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. Come and explore the real vehicles used by our town's fire, police, and

DPW and meet the people that help keep our town safe. This event is for kids of all ages, in the Town Hall parking lot.

Children's Room Summer Reading Participants

The Topsfield Fair starts on September 29. If you were notified that you won a pass to the fair, be sure to stop by to pick it up from Miss Audrey or at the circulation desk. Summer reading raffle prizes and volunteer thank yous are also still available for everyone notified about receiving one. See Tom in the Teen Loft to claim yours any weekday after school.

Pop Up Art School: Insect Shadow Boxes

Wednesday, November 8 from 1-2:30 p.m. Using images of butterflies, moths, and beetles as reference, draw and paint your own realistic or imaginative insects and mount it in a paper shadow box

Storytime with Miss Audrey

Fall and Winter storytime begins Wednesday, October 11 for children ages 0-5 and their caregivers. Registration is required each week as space is limited.

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.

Fall Hours

The library is now open on Saturdays from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Bartlett Tree Experts Announces Key Moves

Bartlett Tree Experts, private, family-owned business, founded in 1907, announced that its longtime local manager, Jack Ingram, has been named vice president and division man-

Jack has been with Bartlett since 2010. After a decade as the local manager for Bartlett Tree Experts in Beverly Farms, Jack will assume a new, expanded role managing six Bartlett locations in: Beverly Farms, Ashland, Auburn, Billerica, Hanover and Waltham.

With this transition, Bartlett welcomes Kyle VanAmburg, who will be stepping into the role of Arborist Representative responsible for all Bartlett clients in Manchester-by-the-Sea.

The company said clients can rest assured that under Kyle's capable hands, exceptional care and attention will continue.

Kyle VanAmburg's time with Bartlett began in 2021. He has over a decade of experience as an arborist, working around Cape Ann. Kyle is highly experienced and credentialed, as he is a Massachusetts Certified Arborist (MCA), ISA Certified Arborist, and is Tree Risk Assessment Qualified. Over the past two years, Kyle has worked with most of Bartlett's clients around Cape Ann. Now, he



Jack Ingram of Bartlett Tree



Kyle VanAmburg of Bartlett Tree.

Courtesy photos

will be extending his expertise to include those who were previously served by Jack. Jack said he extends his heartfelt gratitude for the privilege of being part of clients' landscapes over the

years, many spanning a de-

cade.
The Bartlett office on West
Street, in Beverly Farms, will
become the regional headquarters for Bartlett in Central New England.

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At this point, Delisio focused more on Ware, who was attending the meeting via Zoom.

"The Town Planner said she was going to have this data for us months ago," said Delisio. "We pay someone a lot of money to analyze this data.... It still has not been provided, which we were told was going to be available months ago. ... My expectation is if we pay someone to do it we should receive the information."

Creighton called for a point of order and said that if Delisio was going to question the ability of a town employee, it should be done in executive session.

Delisio denied she was questioning a town employee's "confidence."

"You are insinuating things about a town employee," said Creighton. "It should be done in executive session."

Delisio again denied that suggestion, but Mastrogiacomo said that clearly several members of the board felt she had suggested that.

With order returned to the meeting, Ware says that she can't make up data and the state software program designed to help municipalities with the mandate has had some glitches.

"We are trying to get the most accurate data possible," said Ware.

In other actions at the Planning Board meeting:

Officials from **Cell Signaling Technology** discussed the need for a variance

from the height limitations in the town's zoning as part of their proposed research and development laboratory project off Atwater Avenue, next to the Manchester Health Club. Because they had decided to connect the employee parking garage to the lab building, the officials said it threw off the original height calculations so that the building would be a couple feet over the limit.

The officials said a second option would be to change the bylaw to count only the height of the front of the building. But town officials felt it would be too rushed to get a zoning bylaw change in time for the November Town Meeting.

The CST officials said they would apply for the variance at the Zoning Board of Appeals' second meeting in October.

Eric Carlson provided the Planning Board with an **update on changes to the town's floodplain**. While the state was to provide updated floodplain maps by the summer of 2024, Carlson said that won't happen until the summer of 2025. Carlson also said the only changes would be to the non-coastal floodplain.

Carlson also went over changes to the information the town was requested to provide to the state concerning floodplains. Since the town would need to provide a floodplain administrator, the Planning Board suggested that the building

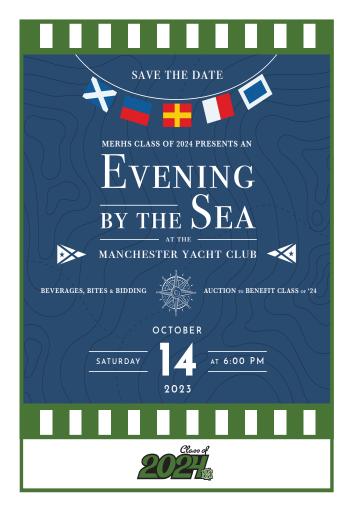
inspector would be the logical person for the job.

The Planning Board voted 4-2 to hold a public hearing on draft language for the possible Town Meeting accessory dwelling unit article on allowing family members to live in structures that are separate from main houses, such as garages, stables or cottages. The current bylaw allows employees, such as servants, gardeners, etc., to live in those buildings. But many people want to create housing for elderly parents or grown children still living

The current bylaw limits this to structures that existed when the bylaw was created in 1985. But over the years, many of these units have become rental units rather than for employees or family members.

The public hearing will allow the board to receive input from the public about what they would prefer on this issue.

Rosemary Costello of the Historic Commission made a presentation suggesting that the board create a demolition delay bylaw. This would allow the town to require a certain amount of time to pass before an owner of a historically or architecturally significant building would be allowed to demolish the building. The hope is to use that time to convince the owner not to tear down the building or to sell to someone else who will maintain the building.





possible to get a "29 Hand." It's not just very probable. In fact, the chances are one in 216,580 and that's exactly what Manchester's Heather MacDonald got last week at the Legion's weekly cribbage league. See it here for yourself in this photo. which is "A rarity to say the least," said league organizer Marc Kwiatkowski. See Heather's hand here for yourself: there are 8 15's in the hand for 16 points (2 points for each 15); 12 points for the 4-5's; and one point for having the Jack ("Nobs") of clubs in her hand that matched the 5 of clubs that was cut for

a total of 29 points. Congratulations Heather MacDonald!

In cribbage, it's

The Girl in the Green Cloak

By Kris McGinn

att Genta is holding his finger to his mouth, a sign that he is considering something. The something he is currently considering is a life size portrait of a young girl with a green cloak. She is holding a yellow scarf and looks uncertain. The painting is propped against a wall of the Manchester Historical Museum in such a way that you know it has not yet found a home.

Matt Genta, the President of the Manchester Historical Museum, has invited me to stop by to see this new painting, discuss recent acquisitions, and take a look around. However, beyond all the lovely items here and there (the museum is currently undergoing renovation and therefore is in a delightful disarray) what has my attention is Matt's excitement over this new painting. As we discuss the journey of the painting, how he found it, and what it might mean, I feel as though at some point he may push a flashlight into my hand for some adventure involving secret rooms, hidden art, and long forgotten treasures; it's a little Nancy Drew. But today, the girl with the green cloak is not hidden, she is here and Matt is trying to figure out exactly who she is.

Her journey began here in Manchester, at a small house on the ocean. The Hopkinson House is in and of itself a work of art. An unassuming little gem sitting near and in the shadow of the larger Stone House that most in Manchester know as the grand dame of the Sharksmouth Estate. The home was a gift from Civil War General Greely Stevenson Curtis and his wife Harriot Appleton to their daughter, Elinor Curtis. Greely and Harriot built the summer estate at Sharksmouth around 1868 and here they raised their ten children - five sons and five daughters. Only one of the daughters would marry (the other four famously did not and their vibrant and fascinating lives are the subject of the book The Aunts by Isabella Halsted which I highly recommend). Elinor Curtis, the second oldest daughter, did marry and in doing so was given this most wonderful home. It was here, where her husband would paint some of his most famous works, where they would raise their five daughters, and where the girl in the green cloak stood here at the home of Charles Hopkinson.

Born in 1869 in Cambridge, Charles Hopkinson was a renowned artist, a portraitist and landscape watercolorist and Manchester's most famous local artist. As a boy he attended the Hopkinson Preparatory School founded by his father where by the age of 10 he began displaying an interest in capturing movement and form through his drawings. After graduating from Harvard, he went on to study at the Arts Students League of New York and the Académie Julien in Paris. He returned to Massachusetts in early 1900, rented a studio in Beacon Hill and began publicly showing his work. Hopkinson would go on to become a highly accomplished portraitist with commissions to paint Mr. and Mrs. John D. Rockefeller, the Supreme Court Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes, President Calvin Coolidge, and other such "big game" as Hopkinson



Matt Genta, president of the Manchester Historical Museum, with Charles Hopkinson's" Girl in the Green Cloak."

Photo Sue Thompson



Matt Genta and Charles Hopkinson speak on the terrace of the Hopkinson House on Sharksmouth Estate.

a small group of select artists invited to paint the victorious allied leaders at the Versailles Peace Conference in 1919. By the time of his death in 1962 it is estimated that Hopkinson painted nearly 1,000 commissions

But this was just one side of Charles Hopkinson, and indeed it paid the bills, but there was another side, that of daring watercolors and intimate portraits of his daughters, his wife, and their life – all of which came from his time at his beloved home in Manchester.

And it is here where the journey of the girl in the green cloak begins, for a second time. The Hopkinson House had been offered to the Historical Museum as a venue for the kick-off event for the Bicentennial year of the Abby Hooper Trask House, headquarters of the museum. The evening would focus on Winslow Homer and his connection to Manchester, which included his friendship with Hopkinson. This started Matt Genta thinking. At the time the museum had only two small watercolors by Hopkinson. Curiosity led to luck and Matt discovered that three Hopkinson paintings were being offered at aucMatt won all three. Two of the paintings were watercolors and one an oil portrait of Hopkinson's daughter Joan. One of the watercolors titled "view from the terrace" was painted, as so many were, from the stunning vantage

point of the house. It is here, on the terrace, where Matt and I sat with Charlie Shurcliff, Hopkinson's grandson and an artist himself, who told us more about his grandfather as a painter and as a person.

Listening to Charlie, you feel as though, if you just stared at him long enough, you might be able to see Hopkinson himself. The resemblance is there. In both his physical presence and his work as an artist. When speaking of his grandfather, Charlie's enormous admiration and adoration are clear. When asked about his grandfather as a man, as a person, Charlie recounts how when his mother would read to him and his brother in the evening, his grandfather, seated nearby, would pull his small pocket sketchpad and pencil from his breast pocket (which also had a jackknife for sharpening) and lovingly sketch them.

Matt's intrigue with Hopkinson grew. Not long af-



Photo: Kris McGinn



Works from the Charles Hopkinson inventory. Photo: Kris McGinn



Photo: Kris McGinn

ter the Bicentennial event, where the newly acquired Hopkinsons were revealed, Matt discovered that an estate auction of one William Trayes Jr. would be offering a full length portrait by Hopkinson. The work was described simply as "young girl with green cloak". The museum was the high bidder and the painting was transported to Manchester in short order and to the museum where I met her during my visit with Matt. But once she arrived. there were many questions to be answered. Who was it? And how had she gotten so far from home? Flashlights

Matt, once again, contacted Charlie Shurcliff who could confirm that it was almost certainly one of his

five aunts, but he was not at all sure which one; his best guess was Harriot who also went by Happy. Happy married a Canadian diplomat, Alfred Rive. One week after the portrait arrived at the museum it was visited by Happy's son, John Rive, who was still unable to confirm its identity. John's wife Jeannete Rive further investigated the inventory of Hokinson paintings and verified it. Happy indeed.

After solving the mystery as to which of Hopkinson's daughters this was, the question remained – how had she ended up at an estate sale? As it turns out, this is a painting that was determined to return home. It resided, rolled up, in the attic of Alfred and Happy Rive in their house in Ottawa. At some point it was given to their daughter, Hallie. She had the painting restored, stretched, framed and sold it to a gallery in Seattle (why?). Presumably the painting was sold again and this is how it ended up in the home of the Gloucester collector, William Trayes, Jr. only to be found by Matt and returned home to Manchester where it was originally painted around 1913.

I can see why she wanted to return. On our visit to Hopkinson's home, we had the good fortune of being taken to the very top floor of the house. Hopkinson's studio is, I say this most ardently, just as it was the day he walked out 61 years ago. Eyeglasses down, paint brush dropped in the jar, heading downstairs to make a sandwich and then - stillness. When you are there, you feel as though he might actually return. Canvases line every wall, are stacked in every corner, this way and that, on easels and tables, all in various stages of completion. I am taken by the sheer richness of the room; Hopkinson was a mas-

ter of depth and color. It is noteworthy that amidst all of the portraits he painted, scores are of Hopkinson himself. He painted his first selfportrait at 20 and his last at 92. Perhaps to study further, perhaps to further understand himself. This is a man who was clearly kind, loved his family, and possessed a unique empathy that enabled him to give his pieces something akin to a soul. A gift to those he painted - seeing them. And here, at his home on the sea with his beautiful family, his work took flight. became lively, joyful, and free. So yes, I can see how our young girl, Happy in her green cloak, wanted to come back to the place she loved and was loved. And thanks to the curious mind and keen eye of Matt Genta, she has re-

And soon you can see her. She will be on display, along with all of the other Hopkinson works, beginning September 30th at the Manchester Historical Museum. You can also see Charlie Shurcliff if you wish, he will be opening Cape Ann Plein Air with a demonstration at the Sharksmouth Estate on Sunday, October 8 at 3:30 pm.



Charles Hopkinson's artist palette at the Hopkinson House at Sharksmouth Estate.

Photo: Kris McGinn





Hayden Spencer, ME junior heads the ball down the field against Rockport. The Hornets took a 1-3 loss in the game.



ME Hornet Ali Erdogan scrambles to control the ball against the Vikings. The boys enjoyed playing on a brand-new turf field.



ME Hornet senior Mackay Brooks tees off against her Stoneham opponents with her eyes on the goal. A hard-fought battle ended in a 1-1 tie. Photo Paul Clark

In the Hornets' Nest



ME boys and girls cross country runners met Ipswich at Ravenswood Park Here the boys team starts the race. ME prevailed 15-40 on a mosquito loaded track. Photo Paul Clark

Cross Country:

Both the girls' and boys' cross-country teams had great races Wednesday. The boys swept the top 5 spots to win 15-40. Scorers were Finn O'Hara 1st, Charlie Lations 2nd, Lyall Cunningham 3rd, Henry Stevens 4th, and Aidan Woods 5th. Aidan, Robert Silverstein and Jonas Coletta all had big improvements from last week.

The girls won 21-35. Sabine Cooper won the girl's race in 20:55 followed by Faith Castellucci 2nd, River Silva 4th, Libby McKinnon 5th and Whitney Turner 9th. Hayden Remington contributed to the score by displacing Ipswich's fifth runner. Libby, Sadie Rich and Caroline Chrzanowski had great improvements. It was fun to watch Maddy O'Grady and Caroline Eliassen beat an Ipswich girl by one second in a sprint to the finish.

Next meet for the Hornets is the Frank Kelly Invitational at Wrentham on Saturday, September 30.

Football:

Gritty performance from our Hornets last night. First night on the new turf and first home game of the year. Stephen Martin (Sr. RB/LB) led the way with 179 total yards plus a great defensive performance at LB. Zach Hurd did a great job stepping into

the QB role in his Sophomore year with some great runs and great plays with his arm. We've got Nashoba Valley Tech next (Friday 6:00 pm @ NVT) who we didn't play last year in the 3-tier CAC schedule but we're looking forward to playing them again this year in the 2-tier CAC league setup. League games in the CAC are always hard-fought, just like last night, and we know we have a big week of prep and film study ahead of us to compete with those guys.

Golf:

The Hornets won a close match at home over Essex Tech by a score of 120-109. Jack McCavanagh led all scorers with 22 points.

On Thursday, the Hornets fell to a solid Lynnfield squad, 160-109. Jake Zschau led all scorers with an individual season high of 23 points.

This week the Hornets travel to Georgetown for a big match against the Royals! The team continues to improve as we make a push for postseason play! Go Hornets!

Cheer:

The cheerleaders have been hard at work this past week

By Jason Brisbois

The Manchester Essex

football team got to show off

the shiny new turf recently

installed at Hyland Field for

the first time in style on Sept.

22, showing off just what this team can do well in a 22-7 win

"Gritty performance from

over Greater Lowell Tech.

Tho doesn't want

to look good when

showing off their

learning the half time dance for the first home game. We also had the junior hornet cheerleaders at practice. We worked on cheers and stunts for the first quarter of the football game.

Field Hockey:

Field hockey had another successful week with wins against Ipswich and Amesbury. You'll notice a trend with our three goal scorers! These girls are working exceptionally hard and their efforts are paying off.

- Ipswich (3-0) Gado, Ella Chafe, Laila Mears
- Amesbury (4-0) Greta Gado x2, Ella Chafe, Laila Mears

These wins propel us to 5-1-1. We are looking forward to a competitive match against Lynnfield on Wednesday and then traveling to Hamilton-Wenham on Saturday.

Girls Soccer:

The Manchester Essex Hornets fell to North Reading at home (0-4 loss). The game started brightly for the home team, and they had several chances to score in the opening 10 minutes. They failed to convert however and it was one of North Reading's first attacking moves that opened the scoring. The momentum truly shifted when they doubled their lead a few minutes later. Manchester Essex tried to rally at halftime and chase the game in the 2nd half, but were unable to break down a well organize defensive. North Reading added 2 goals to cap off a great performance and a 0-4 win. Charlotte Crocker had an excellent match in central midfield despite the loss and was certainly the standout player for the Hornets.

The Manchester Essex Hornets take down Rockport away (0-3 win). A lackluster first half saw the game still level at 0-0 30 minutes in. Finally, some great build up play involving goalkeeper Madi Cook and defenders Ella Arntsen and Mackay Brooks released Meg Hurd down the wing. Her excellent run and pinpoint cross found Mechi O'Neil for a cool finish and her 5th goal of the season. It was clear from the start of the 2nd half that Manchester Essex was not happy with a 1 goal lead. Chance after chance went begging before a quick throw in from Grace Scarborough and some great link up play between Izzy Zagrobski and Mechi O'Neil found Liv Kent just inside the box for a neat finish and her 1st goal of the

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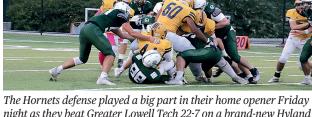


BARTLETT TREE EXPERTS

our Hornets last night," says ME football coach Joe Grimes. "First night on the new turf and first home game of the year." The Gryphons got on the board first with a six-yard touchdown run from Aviren Chitpaseuth. A successful extra point conversion from Jayson Frasca made the score 7-0 early, prompting the Hornets to get to work. Quarterback Zach Hurd broke through with a one-yard score and

quarter.

followed it up by running in a two-point conversion just before the end of the first in his sophomore year with Greater Lowell's offense some great runs and great



night as they beat Greater Lowell Tech 22-7 on a brand-new Hyland

was held in check by the Hornet defense for the rest of the contest, while Hurd combined with running back Stephen Martin to score two more touchdowns in the second quarter. Hurd had another one-yard touchdown run but the two-point conversion pass failed, but Martin was able to score on both his five-yard run and a two-point conversion on the ground to make it 22-7.

"We've got Nashoba Valley Tech next who we didn't play last year in the three-tier CAC schedule, but we're looking forward to playing them again this year in the two-tier CAC league setup," explains Grimes. "League games in the CAC are always hardfought, just like last night, and we know we have a big week of prep and film study ahead of us to compete with

plays with his arm." Up next is

a road matchup with Nashoba

Valley Tech on Sept 29 (6 p.m.

kickoff), a team the Hornets

have not faced in a while due

to changes in the Common-

wealth Athletic Conference's

makeup and schedule.

"Stephen Martin led the way with 179 total yards plus a great defensive performance at linebacker," says Grimes. "Zach Hurd is doing a great job stepping into the QB role

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Town Administrator's Report

Board of Selectmen's Meeting of Sept. 25, 2023 Report covers from September 9, 2023 to September 22, 2023

Economic Development Committee Policy Recommendations

The Town Administrator (TA) participated in the subject meeting along with the Town Planner on September 18, 2023. The meeting included discussions concerning the Board's proposed mobile vendor and resident sticker policies and the Board's deed research initiative regarding an "owner unknown" parcel off Southern Avenue.

With respect to the mobile vendor policy, the Economic Development Committee (EDC) supports the Board's present position that mobile vendors are simply not allowed on Town-owned properties. The EDC does not see a need to develop a mobile vendor policy since encouraging mobile vendors such as food trucks is only likely to be detrimental to established businesses in the area.

With respect to the resident sticker policy, the EDC would like to see the sticker fee increase to \$35 next year and feels that anyone who meets the presumptive criteria in the policy should be able to get up to three stickers in their name (provided they have more than one Essex vehicle in their name). This is common for people who perhaps own other vehicles that are driven by children or spouses.

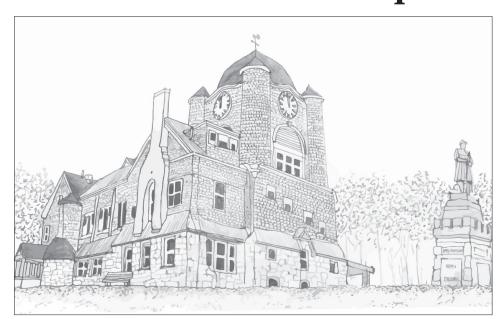
With respect to the deed research initiative, the EDC supports the Selectmen authorizing additional funding for the deed researcher to continue his work.

Improvement of Town Hall Auditorium A/V System

At the last meeting, the A/V system in the Town Hall Auditorium was not carrying sound from virtual participants across the house speakers. On September 14, 2023, a technician arrived to install a new volume control for the virtual participant feed along with a monitor speaker to allow the Board to better hear virtual and in-room podium participants. I tested the system with the technician before any new components were installed and it worked fine (which probably means that there was some sort of Internet quality or software problem at the last meeting). The new equipment is now in place and the broadcast producer from 1623 Studios will now be able to offer the Board more audio options.

Possible Shared Conservation Commission Agent **Prospect**

The City of Gloucester has a full-time Conservation Agent who has some capacity to take on more work. As such, on September 13, 2023, the TA discussed with the Gloucester Community Development Director the possibility of Essex using the services of the Gloucester



Conservation Agent. The Essex Agent position is presently vacant and it has been difficult to retain qualified personnel for only a few hours a week. I had also spoken with the Town Administrator in Georgetown about a possible employee share prospect but the all-in cost (including Essex's share of benefits) was considerably more than our current budget. Mr. Zubricki may have a figure from Gloucester by meeting time and it will provide a decent basis for whether the Town needs to consider increasing the budget for the Agent position.

Additional Retiree Health Insurance Offering, Further Discussion

Presently, retirees from the Town of Essex who have reached the age of 65 can elect one of two retiree health insurance plans. The HMO option, known as Managed Blue for Seniors, is the lowest-cost option and the Town pays 75% of the premium (in parity with the Town share for active employees who have elected the HMO). The PPO option, known as Medex II, comes at a higher cost and the Town pays 60% of the premium (in parity with the Town share for active employees who have elected the PPO).

Our insurance provider, the Massachusetts Interlocal Insurance Association (MIIA) would like to offer a third option, known as Medex Advantage. Like Medex II, Medex Advantage is a PPO and is not constrained by where a retiree chooses to live. The chief difference is that an advantage plan involves the insurance carrier taking the primary risk, instead of the Federal Government (such is the case with Medex II). Allowing the third option to be put in place has no down side to the Town and may save the Town a small amount of money, since the overall premium is lower versus Medex II.

If the Selectmen are interested in allowing this third option (at a 60% Town share), the Treasurer will reach out to all our eligible retirees, offer information and webinar resources, and switch those who elect the new plan over during this year's coming open enrollment period. There will be no obligation

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115 Years Ago - 1908

Joseph Perry, who works for Gideon Burnham, alighted

from an electric car at Burnham's Corner one evening last week and was knocked down by the National Biscuit Com-

pany's large wagon which passed over his legs, bruising

90 Years Ago - 1933

The Selectman and Cemetery Commissioners have quite a

serious problem on their hands in the matter of enlarging

the Spring Street cemetery which twice has outgrown the

accommodations furnished and now more lots are called

them badly, but breaking no bones.

for any retiree to make any changes at all and this third option can be revoked by the Town in any new insurance year. At the last meeting, the Board had several questions for our insurer and the TA have provided the Board with our insurer's feedback.

Essex River Dredging Project Update Meeting Summary

Senator Tarr organized a meeting on September 13, 2023 involving State personnel and the three owners of the Essex marinas to discuss the recent need to postpone the dredging of the Essex River for one year (moving out to the winter of 2024/5) and the opportunity that may bring for concurrent marina dredging. Selectman Phippen and Mr. Zubricki were in attendance and the meeting featured a discussion concerning getting the marinas through the necessary permitting in time to possibly "piggyback" on the Federal Channel dredging. While the dredging window (October 1 through January 31) cannot generally be changed due to concerns of environmental permitting authorities, it may be possible to stage the work over two dredging seasons (winters of 2024/5 and

2025/6). The Army Corps of Engineers is going to seek additional funding for the Federal Channel portions of the Essex River (about \$1M in additional funding is needed) and the Senator suggested that it may be possible to apply for State funding for dredging the areas beneath the slips of the three marinas. With respect to State funding, after reviewing the guidelines for the MA Dredging Program, it does not appear that work in the marina areas is eligible. If we find a way to describe the marina work such that it becomes eligible, that avenue will be explored as well.

Downtown Lighting Proj ect Update & Subsurface **Work Contract Award**

After the Board's last meeting, the Town of Ipswich Municipal Light Department indicated that the agency will NOT be able to honor its original commitment to install the lights in downtown Essex after the subsurface work is completed via public bid (due to staffing reductions). We can still purchase and stockpile all materials using the State Contract over the winter and we could find another municipal light department that can conduct the installation, bid the installation out to a private contractor, or possibly use an electrical contractor on the State Contract in the spring. The TA reached out to the Town of Danvers since Danvers also has a municipal light department but Danvers has similar staffing challenges and will not be able to assist. The TA

is waiting to hear back from the City of Peabody. At the upcoming Fall Town Meeting, a request to fund either assistance from some other community or a private contractor for the pole and light installation; police details; and the actual cost of the lights, poles, and incidentals will need to be put before the

With respect to the award of a contract for the subsurface work, bids were due on September 21, 2023 and we received a total of two bids. The apparent low bidder is Pine Ridge Technologies, Inc. of North Reading, with a base bid of \$211,950 (much lower than the second bidder, whose base bid came in at \$759,050). The low bid is slightly higher our engineer's estimate of \$180,000 and it does not appear that we will have the funding to elect the add alternate. Work can commence this fall and needs to be completed by December 15, 2023.

Request for Proposals for Summer Camp and Youth/ **Adult Enrichment Svcs.**

As the Board is aware, the Request for Proposals (RFP) for the next five years of summer camp and youth/ adult enrichment services was developed over the summer and it is now time for the RFP to be released. I have arranged for newspaper, Goods and Services Bulletin, CommBuys, and local posting advertising that will all run on October 2, 2023. Proposers will have until 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 19, 2023 to submit proposals and the Board will review and rank the proposals beginning with its meeting of October 23,

Resurfacing of Route 22 in

Mr. Zubricki met with personnel from MA DOT, the Fire Chief, the Chief of Police, the Superintendent of Public Works, and a paving contractor on September 13, 2023 to discuss a State roadway resurfacing job. Resurfacing work on Route 22 between the Hamilton line and just past Shepard Memorial Drive in downtown Essex began with pavement milling during the week of September 18, 2023.

LIBRARY NEWS TO.H.P. Burnha Public Library





Tommy James - Magician

Library is open Saturdays beginning from 10 a.m. to 12

Let Freedom Read Statewide Read-In

Friday, October 6 from 3-5 p.m. Join members of your community and celebrate your freedom to read on the library lawn. Grab a book, bring your chair and catch up on your reading. All ages are welcome to participate and no registration is required.

Community Book Group

Monday, October 16 at 10 a.m. Come by for a discussion of "Lessons in Chemistry" by Bonnie Garmus.

Regional Social Worker

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

Yoga Book Club

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

Halloween Magic Show

Monday, October 30 at 4 p.m. Ages 4-10, join us and magician Tommy James for a hysterical, fun for all ages Halloween Magic Show. Don't miss a wizard's wand taking on a life of its' own, a haunted jack-o-lantern, Frankenstein and even an appearance from "Bunnicula" the real bunny. Reserve your spot today.

Story Hours Begin

Wednesday, October 4 at 9 a.m. for Wee Ones, ages 0-2 yrs. 20 minutes for songs, rhymes, stories and creative play. Please register.

10 a.m. Preschool ages 3-5 years. 30 minutes of songs, rhymes and stories read aloud and concludes with a themed craft. Please register.

CFCE Science Thursdays

Thursdays 9-10 a.m. for ages 2-6 years old. Join Ms. Christine for some STEAM fun, you will listen to stories, then explore science, technology, engineering, art, and math. Space is limited so please register.

Teen Candy Sushi Making

Friday, October 13 at 3:30 p.m. Grades 6-12 join us to make sushi from candy. It's easy and fun, all supplies provided.

ESSEX POLICE NOTES

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

7:21 a.m. John Wise Ave., citizen assist, spoken to. 11:42 a.m. Centennial Grove Rd., directed patrol, no action

taken. 2:57 p.m. Conomo Point Rd., parking complaint, parking enforcement. 5:15 p.m. Centennial Grove Rd., disturbance, spoken to.

5:28 a.m. John Wise Ave., citizen assist, assisted as needed. 9:57 a.m. Conomo Point Rd., directed patrol, secured/ checked. 12:41 p.m. Main St., directed patrol, no action taken. 4:02 p.m. Main St., motor vehicle complaint, erratic operation, gone on arrival.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

7:33 a.m. John Wise Ave., citizen assist, assisted as needed. 11:00 a.m. Choate St., fire investigation, fire confirmed. 7:44 p.m. Western Ave., parking complaint, report to follow. 9:48 p.m. Eastern Ave., selective enforcement, no action

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

7:55 a.m. Eastern Ave., alarm, cleared, false alarm. 11:57 a.m. Tree Hill Rd., welfare check, assisted as needed. 12:54 p.m. Eastern Ave., male fall, transported to hospital. 5:45 p.m. Story St., male fall, patient refusal.



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Point Counterpoint -Militarization Of The Arctic

By Gwendolyn Berger and Stella Straub

The Arctic is an emerging issue in international politics from both an economic and an environmental point of view, and whether or not the U.S. does increase its military presence, the Arctic will definitely be a point of international contention in the future. Many experts suggest that the militarization of the Arctic will be one of the future flashpoints in our geopolitical future.

For September and October of this year, debaters across the country will be presenting arguments for and against the following resolution-Resolved: The United States should increase its military presence in the Arctic. Debate Captains Gwen Berger and Stella Straub discuss some of the major issues below. The following excerpts go through some arguments for the CON and PRO sides of the September/October debate topic.

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

THE NEGATIVE SIDE ARGUES that the U.S. does not need to increase its military presence in the arctic. The following are a few arguments that CON might use.

CON ARGUMENT: First, the topic requires an understanding of what is occurring in the arctic. The arctic has captured the attention of eight countries; U.S., Russia, Greenland, Canada, Norway, Iceland, Finland, and Sweden. (1). China is also interested in the Arctic due to its emerging trade routes. The arctic is believed to have an abundance of resources, potentially holding "30% of the world's undiscovered gas and 13% of its undiscovered oil." (2) Furthermore, climate change in the arctic has led to opening shipping routes - making journeys to Europe and East Asia far more efficient. CON argues that bringing military negotiations to the table could risk damaging current cooperation between arctic states and indigenous communities on important issues like climate change, science, health, etc. (3). This is particularly threatening as indigenous communities safeguard an estimated 80% of the world's biodiversity (4).

Furthermore, the Arctic Council was originally formed to enhance cooperation on environmental issues and foster an economy in the region. By further militarizing, the U.S. risks its relations with other countries and loses sight of its original goal. Although the Arctic Council has changed in the years since it was founded, traditional hard security has been left out for a reason. Enhancing military strength in the arctic threatens to worsen tensions between Russia and the West. CON argues that it is important that tensions do not enter a region where cooperation is still occurring and an important goal of tackling climate change is underway. A goal integral when climate change only seems to get worse. In fact, 2022 was the sixth warmest year in temperature data (5).

Also, CON negates the fact that







there is a "race" to conquer the Arctic. Because of orbital configurations, satellite communications are limited. With the limited communications combined with the harsh environment, it is necessary that countries assist each other to ensure safe and secure operations in the area. Bringing the military to the area would heavily impair the ability to do so because it would foster distrust between countries.

THE AFFIRMATIVE SIDE of this case argues for an increase in United States military presence in the Arctic. There are several main arguments that the affirmative focuses

PRO ARGUMENT: In the Arctic. ice is melting due to climate change.

As a consequence, opportunities for new shipping routes to open up that the U.S. could take advantage of. These two routes, the Northeast Passage and the Northwest passage, have the capacity to reduce sailing time on trade routes all over the globe. In particular, The Northeast Passage connects the eastern and western parts of the Arctic Ocean, and it could be a game-changer for global trade. Compared to the 21,000-kilometer Suez Canal route between Europe and Asia, the Northeast Passage has a distance of just 13,000 kilometers, which reduces the sailing time from one month to less than two weeks between Europe and Asia.

However, the current status of U.S. military forces for the arctic is insufficient and pale in comparison to those of other global superpowers like Russia. In fact, the U.S. has only one operational icebreaker that is not even available year-round, compared to the over 40 icebreakers owned by Russia.

With the melting ice, it becomes increasingly more clear that America's military is insufficient at this time to grasp the full potential of the Northern Sea Route and the economic benefits to be reaped from it.

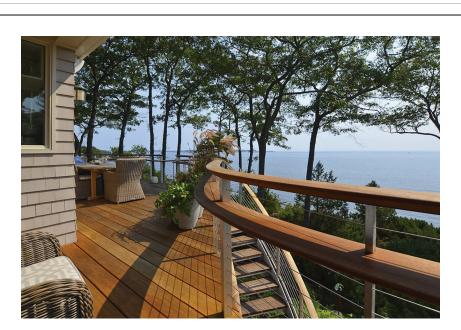
Additionally, the Arctic is home to some of the rarest materials on Earth. According to Mark Rowe in an article from Geographical, "the main drivers of the Arctic resource rush are minerals, in particular rare earth metals such as neodymium, praseodymium, terbium, and dvsprosium. These minerals are key to the world's electric-vehicle and renewable-energy revolutions, underpinning battery technology and wind turbines among other things." In addition to these minerals, the total mean undiscovered conventional oil and gas resources of the Arctic are estimated to be approximately 90 billion barrels of oil, 1,669 trillion cubic feet of natural gas, and 44 billion barrels of natural gas liquids.

However, with the U.S.'s singular

icebreaker and insufficient military presence, this abundance of resources will fall to the hands of other global superpowers.

Another point on the affirmative side of this case is on the environment. U.S. military presence can help to mitigate the effects of oil spills in the Arctic, which present a unique risk. Oil in the water spreads quickly through wind and currents, affecting entire ecosystems. They affect wildlife and indigenous people's food sources. With an increase in U.S. military presence, environmental protection laws could be better enforced and oil spills more quickly dealt with.

Gwendolyn Berger and Stella Straub are seniors on Manchester Essex Regional High School Debate Team. Point / Counterpoint is a regular feature in the Manchester Cricket by the debate team. Readers who would like to respond or follow up with the team, please email news@ thecricket.com.



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Cape Ann Symphony kicks off the 72nd season

Cape Ann Symphony 2023/2024 - French Spectacular Featuring Music From Boulanger, Debussy & Ravel

ape Ann Symphony kicks off the 72nd season at 2 p.m. on October 1, 2023 with a musical trip to France featuring CAS premieres of Lili Boulanger's D'un matin printemps; Debussy's Nocturnes with a special appearance from the New World Chorale; and Ravel's Mother Goose Suite. The concert finale is Ravel's popular and thrilling Bolero. The Cape Ann Symphony performs at Manchester-Essex High School Auditorium on 36 Lincoln Street, Manchester-by-the-Sea, MA. For tickets or information, call 978-281-0543 or visit www. capeannsymphony.org

The orchestra opens the concert with the musical prodigy Lili Boulanger's D'un matin printemps followed by Claude Debussy's innovative Nocturnes featuring the New World Chorale in their CAS debut; Maurice Ravel's colorful and playful Mother Goose Suite and to close the concert Ravel's dramatic Bolero.

"We are very excited about the French Spectacular concert which features the music of Lili Boulanger, Claude Debussy and Maurice Ravel," says CAS Conductor and Music Director Maestro Yoichi Udagawa, "All the pieces are gorgeous, and full of color and emotion. The Debussy features a woman's chorus from the New World Chorale. Their



French composer Claude Debussy.

Courtesy Photo

voices represent the mysterious song of the Sirens from within the midst of the sea with its innumerable rhythms. The concert will finish with Ravel's ever popular and powerfully exciting Bolero. The musicians and I are honored to play the D'un matin printemps, Nocturnes and Mother Goose Suite for the first time in CAS history! We can't wait for the concert!"

The Cape Ann Symphony has played works by French composer and teacher Nadia Boulanger, but this is the first CAS performance of a work by Nadia's younger sister, Lili. "Lili Boulanger was known for her lush harmonies and elegant instrumentations," points out Maestro Udagawa

Among the most influential composers of the late 19th and early 20th centuries, Claude Debussy was born to a family of modest means. He showed such musical talent that at age 10, he was admitted to the Conservatoire de Paris. He originally studied piano, but he found his musical passion in innovative composition.

The New World Chorale makes their Cape Ann Symphony debut as the Sirènes in Debussy's Nocturnes. The New World Chorale was founded in 1999 by Holly MacEwen Krafka and John Zielinski with the mission of performing the best choral music and the goal of performing with many of the finest orchestras in New **England**

French composer, pianist and conductor Maurice Ravel wrote and dedicated his piano duet, Mother Goose Suite, to Mimi and Jean Godebeski, ages 6 and 7, just as he had dedicated an earlier work. Sonatine, to their parents. The Mother Goose stories date back centuries and Ravel wrote pieces. based on the centuries old well known nursery rhymes said to have been authored by Mother Goose.

In the 1920's Ravel was commissioned to provide a score for Ida Rubinstein's ballet company, and this resulted in what is now one of his most famous works -Boléro. Ravel declared the work was "one long, very gradual crescendo." In the 1920's Ravel was commissioned to provide a score for Ida Rubinstein's ballet company, and this resulted in what is now one of his most famous works - Boléro. Ravel declared the work was "one long, very gradual cre-

The Cape Ann Symphony's 72nd Season Opening Concert, French Spectacular, is Sunday, October 1, 2023 at 2 p.m. at the Manchester-Essex High School Auditorium on 36 Lincoln Street, Manchester-by-the-Sea, MA. Manchester-Essex High School Auditorium is handicapped accessible. Ticket prices are \$45 for adults, \$40 for senior citizens, \$20 for students of any age, \$5 for youth (12 years old and under). For information, call 978-281-0543 or visit www.capeannsymphony.org

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season. In the final minutes the Hornets got their 3rd. Pippa Spingler latched onto a long ball into the box and managed to redirect it to find Mechi O'Neil. Her header was initially saved, but she followed the rebound and, despite Rockport's best efforts, forced the ball over the line to wrap up an excellent 2nd half team performance.

2nd 'Player of the Match' award of the season with 2 goals and an assist.

Stoneham held Manchester Essex to a draw. The Hornets started brightly and scored within 10 minutes with a great shot from the top of the box from Lily Stefanovich. Stoneham rallied after going behind, gained momentum, and just minutes later. It was the Hornets turn to fight Mechi O'Neil claims her back, and they did, certainly

dominating possession for the rest of the half but being frustrated in front of goal. It was more of the same in the 2nd half, with Charlotte Crocker, Lily Stefanovich, Libby Lawler and Liv Kent dominating the midfield battle. Stoneham looked to break on the counterattack when they could, but their efforts were stifled by a strong defensive display by the Hornets, led mostly by Tori Moulton. Madi Cook in central midfield.

also left her line for one fine breakaway save. Despite dominating possession and having their chances to score, the Hornets could not find a game winner. Libby Lawler came closest with an unstoppable long shot that seemed destined for the top corner, only for it to clatter off the crossbar instead. Final score 1-1.

Player of the Match: Liv Kent for an electric display

ME Girls Soccer Makes Strides After Lessons Learned

By Jason Brisbois

aren't just learned in the classroom at Manchester Essex Regional High School. There is a whole lot of

learning, development and improvement that happens on the field during MERHS sports as well. ME girls' soccer coach Christo Manginis states that his team was able to take something away from a loss in which the Hornets were blanked, 4-0, by North Reading on Sept. 19.

"A 4-0 loss at home to North Reading certainly taught us some important lessons," explains the coach. "With one month left in our regular season we have several important games coming up that offer great opportunities to make a statement."

The effort was certainly there for Manchester Essex - especially early on in the game. But when repeated attempts to produce points failed to bear fruit, the other

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ME Hornet Charlotte Crocker takes control of the ball as she faces the Stoneham defense. The Hornets played to a 1-1 tie at a new Hyland Field. Photo Paul Clark

Hornets squad was able to counter and steadily build up a lead that would not be threatened thanks to a North Reading's disciplined D.

"The momentum truly shifted when they doubled their lead a few minutes later," Manginis says of North Reading. "[We] tried to rally at halftime and chase the game in the second half but were unable to break down a well-organized defense."

Despite the outcome the Hornets seemed to learn something and began mak-

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and will be reviewed under the

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LEGAL NOTICE

CONSERVATION COMMISSION Commission make a decision

ing a statement almost immediately after the North Reading game. Two days later, Manchester Essex headed to Rockport and picked up a 3-0 win, then forged a 1-1 tie with Stoneham on Sept. 23. The girls soccer squad was then lined up to face rival Georgetown on Sept. 26 at

to face traditionally strong programs in Newburyport (Sept 28, 4 p.m.) and Hamilton-Wenham (Oct. 3, 4 p.m.). The opportunity is certainly there for the team to keep the positive momentum going and make a statement.

home before hitting the road

In order to do that, the Hornets will need to continue to receive an all-star effort from center-forward and central figure Mechi O'Neill. The team captain has six goals and a pair of assists in the first seven games to help her team reach a 3-2-2 mark

nearing the midway point. "Her game is about more than just the numbers, though," explains Manginis. "She works tirelessly and leads by example on and off the field."

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BOARD OF HEALTH Town of Manchester 10 Central Street Manchester-by-the-Sea, MA 01944

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Manchester Board of Health will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, October 26, 2023 to review proposed Draft Model Private Well Water Regulations.

Public Hearing Thursday, October 26, 2023

6:00 p.m. Manchester Town Hall 10 Central Street Manchester-bythe-Sea, MA

Selectmen's Meeting Room #5, second floor and by Zoom

Zoom link will be available on Posted to MNPA website: Town website one week prior to http://masspublicnotices.org the hearing

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Copies of the draft model regulation are available on the Town website: www.manchester. ma.us as well as at the Board of Health office, room #8 of Town Hall. Anyone will questions regarding the draft regulation may contact the Board of Health office at 978 526 7385.

All comments are requested to be in writing and sent to the Board of Health office, either via email (hansburyw@manchester.ma.us) or post (B.O.H. Town Hall 10 Central St. Manchester, MA 01944) by Thursday, October 19th for review at the Thursday, October 26th Board meeting. Comments during the meeting will be limited to the discretion of the Chair and as time allows.

Peter Colarusso, Chairperson Manchester Board of Health

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Veterans who belong to the Essex and Manchester American Legions marched across Hyland Field prior to the playing of The Star Bangled Banner by the ME Pep Band. The veterans were cheered by fans of both teams. Photo Paul Clark

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

Manchester Planning Board PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Planning Board of the Town of Manchester-by-the-Sea will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, October 23, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

Location: This is a Hybrid meeting. The Planning 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/859373 22573?pwd=s3Ib88zfqWmVbxKhC NAD4EHo7S5Vdv.1

Meeting ID: 859 3732 2573

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The Board will review a Zoning Article for consideration at the Fall Special Town Meeting on November 13, 2023. The Planning Board Zoning Article for

consideration at Town Meeting includes Amendments to Note 13 in Section 4.2 (Table of Allowed Uses) which refers to E #7 in the Table of Allowed Uses. This section allows employee housing and family housing in existing structures on a property. The Amendments are being made to add clarity and guidance in allowing Accessory Dwelling Units by Special Permit of the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Draft Zoning By-Law language will be available at Manchester Public Library, and in the Town Clerk's office and will be posted on-line on the Town's website. For more information, please contact the Town Clerk (town clerk@ manchester.ma.us) or Gail Hunter, the Planning Board administrator, at hunterg@manchester.ma.us.

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sion regarding a Request for Determination of Applicability to perform necessary repairs to the seasonal float at Long Beach Pier within Coastal Beach, Tidal Flats & Land Under Ocean near 50 Proctor Street (map 9, lot 6Z)

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- 53. Made a basket
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- 57. *Name for 2000s 60. *Popular social network of the 2000s
- 64. K-pop country
- 65. Woody creeper
- 67. Teletype machine, for short
- 68. Picture within a picture, e.g. 69. *"___ Smart" (2008)
- 70. Make a canyon, e.g.



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- 71. Furniture wood 72. Utmost degree
- 73. Financing values **DOWN**
- 1. Horse prod
- 2. *Popular DVR device
- 3. All over again
- 4. Eucalyptus-eating marsupial 5. Store in a silo
- 6. Mountain goat terrain
- 7. *Xbox competitor
- 8. Libraryful
- 9. Dignified manner 10. *"The Da Vinci ___," best selling
- book of the 2000s 11. A-bomb particle
- 12. Levy
- 15. Like "something new" boutique 20. Beginning of sleeping disorder
- 22. Feline sound
- 24. Put to work

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- 25. *Toyota Hybrid introduced worldwide in 2000
- 26. 1,000 kilograms
- 27. Play a part (2 words) 29. *2002-2004 zoonotic epidemic
- cause, acr.
- 31. Rich soil

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- 32. China grass 33. Handy
- 34. *First ever recipient of Oscar for **Best Animated Feature**

Church services, with Father Christopher Kolentsas, are held each

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 Manchesterby-the-Sea

Oct. 1, 2023, 10 a.m., we invite everyone to join us for hospitality following the service. Worship Leader, Rev. Ellie Richardson. Music led by Dr. Herman Weiss, with the First Parish Choir.

begins in the church at 10 a.m.

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

57. First rate (2 words) Wednesday Choir rehearsal 7:30

56. "Madame Butterfly", e.g.

51. Dismissal or ejection

54. "Peace" with fingers

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Thursday VNA Health Clinic 10 a.m. 12 noon

Thursday Seaside Parish Knitters 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Bible Study, Via Zoom 4 p.m. join in with computer, smart device or dial in on a phone - email office.fpchurch@gmail.com or call 978-526-7661 for the link

St. John's Episcopal Church (Beverly Farms)

FALL SERVICE SCHEDULE - 8 a.m. Rite I & 10 a.m. Rite II

Our Children's Chapel is the first Sunday of every month. Our first children's chapel will be October 1. Blessing of the Animals will be held on Sunday, October 8.

- 58. Sky's Major one 59. *Like Best Buy's Squad
- 60. Urban legend
- 61. Tons (2 words)
- 62. Relinquish, as in property 63. *Jennifer Aniston and Brad Pitt,
- after 2005

Gloucester Unitarian Universal-

10 Church Street, holds Sunday

morning services at 10 a.m. in-per-

64. *American Girl ___ Kittredge 66. Doctor Dolittle, e.g.

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.

Worship and communion, Sunday

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ist Church

son 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 schoolaged children during the service. Masks are always now optional. Our church is handicap accessible. All are welcome.

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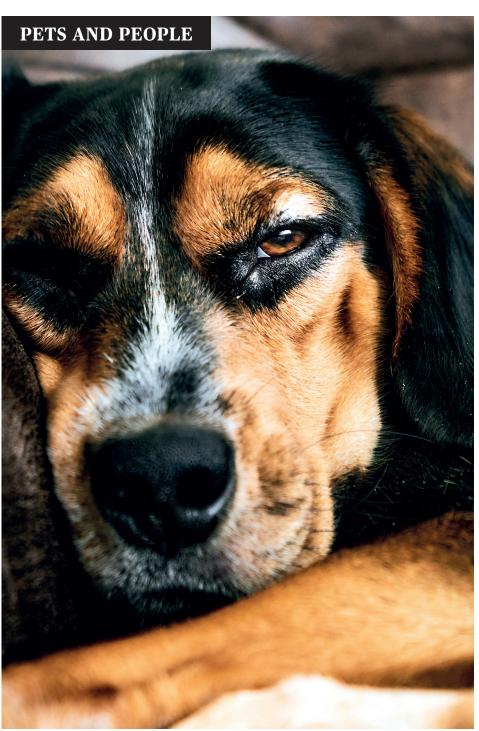








Ehrlichia, Another Tick-Borne Disease



■ hrlichia, are a type of bacteria that infects and live within the white blood cells of their hosts. Different types of Ehrlichia live in different types of white blood cells. Hosts can be humans, pets, or wild animals. Ehrlichia are spread from host to host by tick bites, and their intracellular location makes them difficult to remove as most antibiotics do not penetrate to the inside of cells. At the Manchester Animal Hospital, we recommend testing for tick-borne disease annually. For pets exposed to ticks frequently, every 6 months is a good idea as Manchester is a Lyme disease endemic location, Erlichia is routinely included with Lyme Disease

Ehrlichia canis Infection

Ehrlichia canis infection is a worldwide disease. In the U.S., it is spread by the bite of the brown dog tick. It is unknown how long the tick needs to remain attached in order to transmit the Ehrlichia organism but the previously accepted idea of 48 hours is probably outdated and a much shorter time is more likely. It is important to realize that this tick can transmit other tick-borne infections so infection with multiple organisms is not unusual. It can be difficult to separate which symptoms go with which tick-borne infec-

Ehrlichia canis was not well scrutinized until the Vietnam War when military German Shepherd dogs in the war zone began dying in large numbers from an infection that appeared to wipe out all their blood cells. This condition, called "Tropical Canine Pancytopenia," was studied and found not to be limited to Southeast Asia. In fact, it had been in the U.S.A. all along. It turned out that German Shepherd dogs get a much more severe form of the disease so it wasn't until large numbers of German Shepherd dogs were infected together that the disease could be defined.

In the 1980s it became clear that people could also be infected by Ehrlichia, though not the same Ehrlichia as for dogs. When the human disease was recognized, research intensified.

Ehrlichia Symptoms

There are three phases of illness with ehrlichiosis: acute, subclinical, and

chronic.

AcutePhase

This phase occurs one to three weeks after the host is bitten by the tick. The Ehrlichia organism is replicating in this time period and attaching to white blood cell membranes. During the acute infection, the platelet count will drop, and immune-mediated platelet destruction will occur. The dog will be listless, off food, and may have enlarged lymph nodes and/or spleen. There may be fever and even neurologic symptoms as well, but although the dog may seem sick, this phase of infection is rarely life-threatening. Most dogs clear the organism if they are treated in this stage, but those that do not receive adequate treatment will go on to the next phase after 1

Subclinical Phase

to 4 weeks.

In this phase, the dog appears normal. The organism has sequestered in the spleen and is essentially hiding out there. Dogs can stay in this phase for months or even years. The only hints that Ehrlichia might be hiding are a somewhat reduced platelet count and/or elevated blood globulin level (the protein portion that includes miscellaneous antibodies.) Long-term stimulation of the immune system will elevate globulins, sometimes dramatically. Not all dogs ever progress to the chronic stage, but when they do, the prognosis is worse.

Chronic Phase

In this phase, the dog gets sick again. Up to 60% of dogs infected chronically with Ehrlichia canis will have abnormal bleeding due to reduced platelet numbers. Deep inflammation in the eyes, called uveitis, may occur as a result of long-term immune stimulation. Neurologic effects may also be seen. Glomerulonephritis, resulting in serious urinary protein loss, can also result. Increased globulin levels are almost always seen in this stage, albumin is often low. Most dogs in the U.S. do not show full pancytopenia (literally reduction in all blood cell lines) but severe cell deficiencies are associated with high mortality rates.

Ehrlichia ewingii Infection (also called Canine **Granulocytic Ehrlichiosis**)

Ehrlichia ewingii is a different species of the Ehrlichia genus. It infects the white blood cells known as granuas serious as Ehrlichia canis.

locytes and is not generally Dogs are usually only mild-

ly ill or may appear uninfected, but classically, symptoms include swollen, stiff joints, arthritis, and fever.

Ehrlichia ewingii is spread by the bite of the lone star tick.

How the Diagnosis is Made

There are two main tests for Ehrlichia: PCR testing for Ehrlichia DNA or blood testing for Ehrlichia antibod-Antibody testing has been the main diagnostic for many years

Antibody Testing

Traditionally, when ehrlichiosis is suspected, a blood test for antibodies against Ehrlichia organisms can be ordered or performed in minutes using an in-house test kit. There are some limitations to antibody testing. A positive test indicates that the dog has been exposed to Ehrlichia but does not necessarily imply an active current infection. A negative titer does not fully rule out Ehrlichia, either, as a very sick patient may be too ill to produce antibodies, and an early case may not yet have started to produce them. Antibody titers can be measured in the laboratory, which makes it much easier to track progression; the inhouse test kits are simply either positive or negative, and a numeric value is not provided.

It takes six to nine months after infection for antibody levels to begin to drop. Antibodies against Ehrlichia canis and Ehrlichia ewingii will cross-react, so it is not easy to determine which organism a dog has been exposed

PCR Testing

Recently PCR testing for the presence of Ehrlichia DNA has become available. Commonly a laboratory will offer a tick panel, which uses PCR testing to screen for a group of classic tickborne diseases. PCR testing remains positive for several weeks after the infection has cleared, as it does not distinguish between live and dead organisms. It takes time to clear dead organisms from the body.

These two forms of testing are complementary, which means an antibody test can be used to screen dogs to identify those that have been infected. Treatment can be prescribed, and after the treatment has been completed and a couple of weeks have passed, the PCR test can check to see if the infection has cleared by testing for any residual Ehrlichia DNA.

Treatment

Doxycycline is probably the most effective against Ehrlichia (and any other intracellular blood parasite, for that matter). Expect at least a month of treatment to be needed. The response is initially rapid (improvement is notable in the first few days). Dogs in the acute or subclinical stage at the time of treatment can expect to be cured. A common protocol involves 28 days on doxycycline and a PCR test two weeks posttreatment. If the test is negative, then another final PCR test is done in two months. If the post-treatment test is positive, another 28 days of doxycycline is used, and a two-week post-treatment PCR is repeated as before. If this second post-treatment PCR test is still positive, another medication (such as chloramphenicol or imidocarb) should be used.

If immune-mediated secondary reactions to Ehrlichia are a problem (such as immune-mediated arthritis or immune-mediated platelet loss), corticosteroids such as prednisone can be used to palliate the situation while the antibiotics are starting to

Dogs in the chronic stage are more difficult to treat as they are sicker and more debilitated. A blood transfusion may be needed, and the mortality rate is much higher.

Surviving dogs can become re-infected as Ehrlichia immunity is not life-long



Dr. Lamb is the Veterinar ian at the Manchester Animal Hospital.

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, October 18, 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/81614841564?pwd=6dRsBco14UdtNPaxQbl HPU3BYneCTw.1

Meeting ID: 816 1484 1564 Passcode: s9tttv Dial in: 646 558 19, 2023. 8656

New Applications Application of Mark Glovsky on behalf of Calben Properties LLC for a Variance under Sections 12.4.6 of the Zoning By-Law, and or other for the removal of 43 trailers and

15 storage containers and the construction of a storage building at 1 Beaver Dam Road, Assessor's Map 37, Lot No. 3 in District LCD filed with the Town Clerk on September, 11, 2023.

Application of Dana Shell for a Special Permit and Variance under Sections 12.5.2 and 12.4.6 of the Zoning By-Law, and or other relief as may be necessary to allow for the addition of a second floor to the building which would add to the existing nonconformity and to construct a wood deck to the northern side of the building to provide a functional outdoor space at 3 Anthony Lane, Assessor's Map 32, Lot No. 80 in District A filed with the Town Clerk on September

Sarah Mellish, Chair, Zoning Board

http://masspublicnotices.org.

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Posted to MNPA website:

Solution to puzzles on page 10

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www.emmanuelmanchester.org The Rev. Luther Zeigler (Minister) Ms. Priscilla Walter (Organist)

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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)

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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.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Essex Division

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

Docket No. ES22P2704EA

Estate of William T. Maloney Date of Death: July 30, 2022

To all persons interested in the above-captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Michael Maloney of Manchester-by-the-Sea, MA. A Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Michael Maloney of Manchesterby-the-Sea, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the

Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

Posted to MNPA website: http://masspublicnotices.org. September 29, 2023 MC

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Essex Division

36 Federal Street Salem, MA 01970 (978) 744-1020

CITATION ON PETITION FOR

FORMAL ADJUDICATION Docket No. ES23P2788EA Estate of: Kevin Michael

Also knows as: Kevin M.

Date of Death: June 10, 2023

To all interested persons:

A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Linda E. McQuaid of Manchester, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: Linda E. McQuaid of Manchester, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an unsupervised administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written return day of 10/09/2023.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Frances M. Giordano, First Justice of this

September 15, 2023

September 29, 2023 MC

Pamela A. Casey O'Brien, Register of Probate.

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relief as may be necessary to allow September 29, 2023 MC October 6, 2023 MC appearance and objection at this



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