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2023: The Year That Was, Part II

Each year at this time, we republish snippets of the year's events that have made their way onto the pages of the newspaper. The "Year in Review," printed in two consecutive editions, provides a momentary slowing to reflect on 2023 before answering the call of 2024. It's comforting and even



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satisfying to revisit our community's life. Our goal at The Cricket is to chronicle our life together as a com-

munity with trustworthy content—in print and online—that drives a sense of belonging. The team sports and games and rites and rituals of school life. The passing of important people in local life. The progress of our volunteer boards and the Town Meetings and elections that posed important questions to voters in Man-

chester and Essex. And the celebrations and milestones of people and organizations.

We hope you enjoy looking back at the year as much as we have. May your holiday be spent happily and safely with family, friends, and neighbors.

Here's to a lovely 2024! Next week, it's back to our regular schedule.

JULY



Rain Can't Stop Us!



2023's Independence Day festivities were greeted with dicey weather, but the rain thankfully had a "rolling" quality to it, and locals turned out to celebrate parades in Manchester and Beverly Farms, as

well as all the other festivities (like the weekend's Red, White & Blue Pancake Breakfast at Tuck's Point, hosted by the ME Rotary Club). Even the West Beach fireworks went off without a hitch!



Photos Paul Clark

New Water Rates up for Consideration

On July 17, the Select Board hosted a public hearing on a proposed restructuring of the water rates made in the final report of the Manchester Water Resources Protection Task Force. The proposed rate structure was designed to encourage less water

use, especially by high-end users. Many high-end users consume large amounts of drinking water to irrigate lawns and outdoor plantings, a use that the Town seeks to discourage. The Board decided to table the new rate proposal until 2024.



The Puck-Puck-Puck of Pickleball

The unintended consequences of Pickleball's ever-expanding popularity was the topic of this month's Select Board meeting after neighbors within earshot of the Manchester's public courts on Summer Street complained of the continuous loud thumps that go along with the game. At MBTS' Annual Town Meeting, voters approved \$20,000 for sound mitigation of the courts from CPC funds, and the Manchester Recreation Committee's Muffin Driscoll and Manchester Parks & Recreation Director Cheryl Marshall appeared before the Select Board to recommend raising the fence and installing sound barriers around three sides of the courts. The board approved \$26,000 for the mitigation and said it would continue to monitor progress on the noise.

MBTA Task Force Discusses Goals, Schedule

The Manchester-by-the-Sea MBTA Task Force put together a Mission Statement and organized a schedule of topics to discuss at upcoming meetings when the group met in Town Hall. It was the group's second meeting. The advisory task force is tasked with coming up with a zoning district for the town that will meet the requirements of the state's

General Laws Chapter 40A by the end of 2024. The task force is hoping to have a plan ready in time for the Spring 2024 Annual Town Meeting. Christopher Onley, chairman of the task force and a member of the Planning Board, put together a draft Mission Statement for the group, which was approved. The task force will do its work over the next 18 months.



Photo: Christina Nahatis Barrett

Hailing the Singing Beach Shuttle

ME juniors Stephen Martin and Preston Potter appealed to the Select Board to offer a shuttle service from the train station to Singing Beach and back during high traffic days this summer. Beach goes laden down with beach gear can avail themselves of the service, for free, tips accepted. A six-person golf cart was approved, and the boys can accommodate a driver and five passengers for the short trip up Beach Street. The two communicate via walkie talkies to keep the operation running smoothly.



Manchester Summerstage's 2023 production kicked off Thursday, and it's pretty darned great. School of Rock brings great music and a whole lot of fun. Starring Josh Cohen as Dewey Finn (here, with the guitar) and featuring a great cast the show runs thru Sunday at the ME Middle High School Auditorium. Tickets at the door.

Friends of Manchester Trees Turns 50



The Friends of Manchester Trees (FOMT) marked its 50th anniversary with a gala soiree at "Eagles," the home of Elizabeth and Stuart Moore.

The historic home and naturalized landscape were a fitting location to host a gathering for a committed group that recognizes that trees have an essential role in protecting the environment.

FOMT was founded in 1973 to address the decimation by Dutch Elm Disease of Manchester's magnificent tree canopy. While only a few of the giant Elms were saved, the organization's mission turned to planting new trees to restore those that were lost. FOMT is now the primary source of funding for new trees, a critical component of our town's infrastructure. In addition, for the past 31 years the organization has enabled Manchester to be designated as a Tree City USA under the Arbor Day Foundation.

Weekly Weather Chart

Saturday 6 Jan		35°	23°
Sunday 7 Jan		37°	27°
Monday 8 Jan		32°	20°
Tuesday 9 Jan		40°	20°
Wednesday 10 Jan		43°	38°
Thursday 11 Jan		41°	38°
Friday 12 Jan		41°	36°

Weather data pulled Wednesday and is subject to change.

Year In Review Part II, Jan 5!



All the bits and pieces that made 2023 a special one for our community. Feel free to reach out at news@thecricket.com with questions, updates or just to say "hello."



Troop 3's newest Eagle Scout, Jackson Thomas Surette, poses with his grandfather and sponsor, Dave Metrano, at the Scouts' Court of Honor. Courtesy Photo

Troop 3's 150th Eagle Scout!

This month, Jackson Thomas Surette became Troop 3's 150th Eagle Scout. Jackson began his Scout experience as a Cub Scout and followed his brother's footsteps through Troop 3. Thomas Surette

earned his Eagle Scout Award in 2018.

His grandfather Dave Metrano has been involved with scouting for over 60 years, as well as his Uncle Dan Metrano who was the Scoutmaster for Troop 3 as

well as the Chairman of the Committee.

Scouting has always been a bond between Jackson and his grandfather (aka Papa Dave). They spent countless hours during Covid working on numerous merit

badges. The Scouts were not meeting in person at that time and Dave was considered high risk so the two of them continued with scouting requirements and swapping stories

AUGUST



The Intertown Twilight League's ME Mariners suffered a tough 4-3 loss against Hamilton Tuesday in Essex at the start of the ITL Playoffs. Here, Mariner Rusty Tucker takes off after a hit to right field. Playoffs continue this weekend and early next week. The ITL is the longest running amateur baseball league in America.

Photo Erika Brown

Future Options for Tuck's Point Rotunda Weighed

Efforts to develop a path forward for the reconstruction of the support structures for the pier and Rotunda at Tuck's Point continue. Two public presentations have taken place regarding the options and a third forum is planned for September 14th. The Select Board aims to decide as to which option to advance at their regular meeting on September 18.

At the September 14th forum, slated for 6:30 p.m. here at Town Hall (and via Zoom), a series of visual

simulations will be presented. The robust modeling software allows for multiple perspectives and at varying stages of the tide cycle. The three-dimensional imagery should allow residents to fully comprehend what the different options would look like.

Most of the feedback to date has favored Option 1 - raising the existing pier and Rotunda in its current location. From a permitting perspective, this is the easiest option. So much so that Option 2, which contemplated extending the pier further

out over the water, is no longer a serious contender. The uncertainty and time delays in securing the necessary permits from the state and federal agencies discourage any further pursuit of Option 2. Option 3 has its advocates

given the greater protection from storms it affords. Placing the Rotunda on the knoll just to the north of the pier's start would provide added protection from storm surges and destructive wave action.

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Say hello to James "Jake" McNeilly, who was sworn in this week as Manchester's new Fire Department Chief. McNeilly, an Essex resident, brings deep experience in fire safety and EMT training, which is sorely needed in all Fire Departments across the state. Manchester's advantage in having McNeilly onboard locally is a big one. Welcome Jake McNeilly!



Manchester Historical Museum's Martha Chapman displays a fish print of the sort that you can make at the Museum during Festival By The Sea.

Manchester Museum Reopens

This weekend the Manchester Historical Museum will open after several months of light renovation that is part of its Bicentennial celebration this year. The museum will kick off an outdoor exhibit, "Get Hooked Salt Cod Fishery Ex-

hibit" this Saturday, August 5 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. to coincide with Festival by the Sea, the town wide artisan event hosted by the Greater Cape Ann Chamber of Commerce. For the event, the Manchester Historical Museum will offer live music, fish

printing, children's games, art making and refreshments. "Manchester 1772! A Small Town on the Eve of the Revolution," is an indoor exhibit and is also currently open to the public through the end of the month.



Festival by the Sea!

On Saturday, one of the most anticipated local events finally arrived. The Greater Cape Ann Chamber's annual Festival by the Sea dodged earlier days of rain and pulled all manner of visitors to town. This year more than 80 artisans set up booths to sell their work and there was food, music and other activities throughout downtown. Downtown businesses got into the game too, looking for some retail love. Also, three local organizations took the opportunity to set up their own exciting events. This included the Friends of Manchester Library's Annual Book Sale (9 a.m.- 4 p.m.) and the First Parish Church's "Fair by the Sea" rummage sale on Chapel Lane (10 a.m.- 2 p.m.) behind Santander Bank. Then, after months of a light interior renovation of the Trask House, the Manchester Historical Museum will re-open Saturday with two programs, an outdoor exhibit, "Get Hooked Salt Cod Fishery Exhibit" (10 a.m.-3 p.m.) offering live music, fish printing, children's games, art making and refreshments. Inside the museum, "Manchester 1772! A Small Town on the Eve of the Revolution," is open to the public through the end of the month.

Manchester, Essex and Hamilton Seek Mitigation Monies in PFAS Class Action

The towns of Manchester, Essex and Hamilton have signed on to a national class action lawsuit against 13 manufacturers of toxic "forever chemicals" in an effort to mitigate the tens of millions of dollars in expected costs to remove these chemicals from municipal water supplies.

The lawsuit is being led by New York law firm Napoli Shrolnik representing municipal property owners, state attorneys general, water providers, and exposed and injured individuals.

As Attorney General in 2022, Maura Healey signed Massachusetts up for the Napoli suit as one of the first states (along with Ohio, New York and others).

Then, KP Law, which serves as town counsel to about a third of the state's 347 municipalities, partnered up with Napoli to bring many of its clients—including Manchester, Hamilton, and Essex—into the fold.

It's not yet clear what, if anything, smaller municipalities like Manchester, Essex and Hamilton will get if the lawsuit is successful. And finding out could take years.

Figuring that out could take years, and in the meantime, towns are realizing that mitigating PFAS in their local water supplies will be both extensive and expensive.

Fisherman's Facility at Morss Pier on the Docket

It's closing in on September, and we're winding down on the summer season. But that doesn't mean things are slowing down for Manchester's Harbormaster's office. The big item on the horizon is the Fishermen's Facility project proposed for downtown's Morss Pier. Last updated in 1969 with private donations from Everitt Morss, Morss Pier was created specifically for the fishermen of Manchester. The new facility will meet the changing needs of the fishing industry in Manchester.

The proposed design for

the Fishermen's Facility at Morss Pier will be forwarded to the Select Board for discussion and comment. Thank you to the team at Foth Engineering for their diligence on this design. The original design for the facility had over 40 pilings. The current design has 14 timber pilings, and 10 additional floats.

When completed the facility will support seven fisheries vessels in the area dredged in 2017 and 2018. The addition of this facility provides long-term viability for continued fisheries in Manchester.

The working waterfront

continues to contribute to the regional economy as well as being a driver for grant funding from the state. Grant funds received to date have greatly reduced the tax impact on property owners when it comes to infrastructure upkeep and repair in the harbor.

Supporting the fisheries and the new facility helps keep the character of the harbor intact. The centuries-long history of support for fisheries was and is vital for coming generations who will benefit from a healthy vibrant Manchester harbor.



Welcome to 35 Beach! The Greater Cape Ann Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting ceremony Friday for the newly opened Manchester eatery that many are flocking to try out. At center are owners Matthew and Margaret Cain (with the sizzors) who are joined by family including son Matt and daughter Brittany and Chef Nicolas Intonti. Look for a feature on the restaurant in a coming edition.



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On Monday the Select Board promoted Ronald Ramos (center) to Police Officer. L-R Chief Fitzgerald, Officer Zak Johnson, Ramos, Lieutenant Mark McCoy, Officer Sean Mullins, Officer Kevin David.

Addressing Capital Needs and Facilities in Manchester

One month after the Manchester FinCom backed off an initiative that would have cut the town's reserves rate by 2/3, the Select Board addressed the new Facilities Master Plan and a roster of capital projects. In the next three decades Manchester is facing vital infrastructure overhauls like Central Street Culvert replacement, PFAS mitigation for the water supply (\$25 million), and Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrades (\$3 million-\$4 million). Furthermore, according to the Facilities Plan presented by Dept. of Public Works Director Chuck Dam, the list of long-awaited needs includes a new DPW facility (\$22 million), enhanced public safety headquarters (\$20 million), Town Hall renovation (\$5.2 million), senior center (\$2 million), Harbormaster's office (\$520,000), and Tuck's Point Rotunda (\$2 million-\$4 million). Dam presented this list to the FinCom earlier this month. Relief from federal and state grants are not fully reflected in the figures.

The Cricket Wins Three National Newspaper Association Awards

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

The awards ceremony will take place in Washington DC at NNAF's 137th Annual Convention at the end of September. Entries from 40 states were received in this year's competition, with 516 awards



given for work in editorial design, writing and photography as well as advertising. Judging was performed pri-

marily by community newspaper editors and publishers, as well as retired university journalism professors and retired or former newspaper professionals.

All three of the Cricket's NNA awards were for editorial coverage. Cricket features editor Kris McGinn took first place for Best Profile Feature among non-daily newspaper for 'The Language of Friendship,' her story about two friends who communicate through painting. Erika

Brown, the paper's Editor, was awarded a first-place win in Best In-Depth or Investigative Series among non-daily newspapers for her series on Manchester's municipal water. Then, Brown also secured a third-place win for Best Review among all newspaper categories (daily and non-daily) for her review of the Gloucester Stage Company's 2022 production of 'Paradise Blue,' a commentary on gentrification and urban renewal in 1950s Detroit.

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

For the Select Board and other boards, September will begin public hearings on important issues facing residents. First up, in its meeting this week, the Manchester Planning Board has targeting Septem-

ber to begin public hearings to consider the expected application by Cell Signaling Technology, the Danvers-based biotech company, to build a headquarters in Manchester's Limited Commercial District.

MBTA Task Force Looks to Hire Consultant

The Manchester-By-The-Sea MBTA Task Force began to plan out its future actions during its meeting on Thursday, August 17.

The first task is picking a consultant to help determine areas of town suitable for the higher density zoning required by the state. Interim Town Planner Betsy Ware said she was in "the process of developing a scope of services for a consultant to work under a grant we secured."

The consultant would use the state's software program to analyze where the new MBTA zoning could go.

Under the state's new MBTA zoning regulations, the town must allow by right multi-family zoning in a district totaling at least 37 acres in town, including at least 40 percent or 14.8 acres inside a half mile from the commuter rail station on Summer Street. The lots inside the newly created zoning district would need to allow on average 15 units per acre.

The other 22.2 acres may be outside the half mile radius of the train station. The state recently re-

duced the town's requirement from 39 to 37 acres. All communities with commuter rail or subways stations are facing similar requirements, although the state has set a different number of acres depending on the community's current density.

Ware said she has already identified four or five consultants on the state's approved list as well as a couple others not on the list. She and other town officials would put together a list of a half dozen or so possible consultants.

All four Cape Ann communities (Rockport, Gloucester, Essex and Manchester) are required to comply with the state's MBTA 40A zoning mandate by either approving it or not by a Town Meeting vote. Earlier this year, the town of Essex used its own consultant, the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC), to successfully appeal to the state to dramatically lower its density requirement by creating a new municipal category, "MBTA Rural Adjacent," which effectively exempted the town from new zoning.



Progress continues at Hyland Field installation of new turf field.

Photo Paul Clark

Fielding Solutions: ME Athletics Navigates New Turf at Season's Start

While competition is a crucial element of sports and athletics, this isn't the kind that anyone involved with Manchester Essex athletics wanted to witness: Delays in the Hyland Field turf installation have

had the unintended effect of the installation schedule competing with the beginning of the fall sports schedule.

School administrators announced in July that the installation of the new turf

would be pushed back due to delays in testing for PFAS in the infill and shock pad. The good news is that the results showed no detectable PFAS in these components, resulting in site work focusing on removal of the old turf and

infill beginning on August 14, and the grading for the surface below the turf began on August 18. Project managers Sprinturf updated the schedule to provide an estimated completion date of September 5, a one-week delay from the previously expected final date.

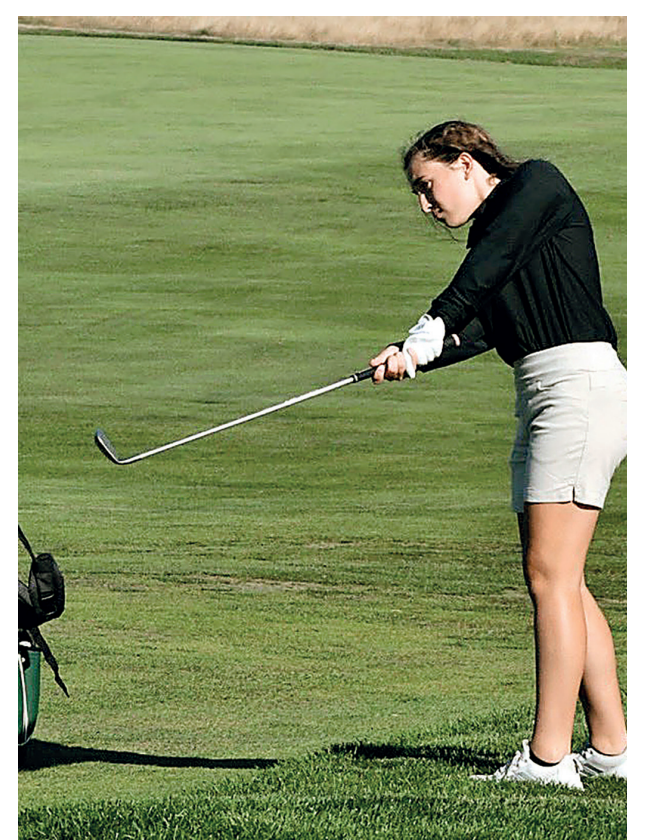
SEPTEMBER



BACK TO SCHOOL FOR MERSD STUDENTS IN ESSEX, MANCHESTER!

WEDNESDAY, 8 a.m.: "Back to School" at the Manchester Essex Regional School District schools took place this morning. Top left, Essex Elementary, then ME Middle High School greeted students entering the school. Over across Lincoln Street, Manchester Memorial's Dina Flood welcomes new First Graders while brand new Kindergardeners meet each other for the first time.

Photos: Erika Brown, Paul Clark



Lilly Brigham, team captain.

Courtesy Photo

Can they do it all over again?

In 2022, the Manchester Essex golf team went on an 8-2 run to counter their 1-6 start to the season, qualifying for the MIAA Div. 3 North Tournament by winning their final three matches in the regular season and earning the Cape Ann Cup for the first time in three years. Once there, the team placed 8th out of 12 teams competing at Black Swan Country Club in Georgetown.

Now comes the encore. While this year's squad returns only one senior - standout golfer Lilly

Brigham, a cornerstone for this team over the past few years - there are also a handful of younger golfers returning who played at a high level and gained a wealth of varsity experience in 2022.

"I would say our expectation is to make the tournament again this year," explains Manchester Essex golf coach Bill Melvin, now in his second year coaching the Manchester Essex golf team. "I certainly think we have enough quality golfers to do so; I think our experience from last year is going to help us."



New Essex Elementary School Principal Sheila McAdams greeted students to the new year in the school cafeteria on a rainy Wednesday morning. Photo: Erika Brown



RIP Larry Kirby

Sadly, it has come to our attention that Manchester's Larry Kirby has died. Kirby served in World War II in the United States Marine Corps as a combat reconnaissance scout, and participated in amphibious assaults on Bougainville, Guam, and Iwo Jima. In the fierce fighting on Guam, he was awarded a Silver Star and Purple Heart. On Iwo Jima he was one of seven men out of 230 marines to survive the battle. Stories from the Pacific, a collection of remembered events, some humorous and others dealing with the horror of close combat. Kirby was a big part of Manchester life, including a longtime president of the Manchester Lion's Club and as part of that he was a driving force behind the annual Red, White, and Blue Breakfast.

Hopes for Hornets Girls Soccer



The odds are pretty good that the Manchester Essex girls' soccer team will light up scoreboards across the Cape Ann League this fall. The Hornets return 17 players from a team that made it to the Elite Eight of the MIAA Div. 4 Tournament, with only a single player

from a squad that went 9-8-4 in 2023. A majority of those players are entering their third year of playing at the varsity level and are looking to qualify for the postseason for the third year in a row.

Oh, and many of those players are adept at putting the ball in the back of the

net. "Last year the main goal was playing aggressive, attacking soccer," explains ME girls soccer coach Chris Manginis. "We definitely achieved that, scoring 50 goals in 21 games in the regular season and playoffs. I know we will score a lot of goals again this season."



Summer Music Sunset

The Manchester Parks & Recreation-hosted summer music series, Music in the Park,

held its final show of the season this week, with the Manchester Masonic Lodge serving free hot dogs and

snacks to attendees. Here's the hot dog crew. From left, Gary Russell, Mike Loring, Alan Kirker, Jim Brown, Ed Bjork, Todd Crane and Rus Brown.

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New Experiences Await ME Football in 2023

Manchester Essex football team will experience something quite different from the usual both at the start and the end of the 2023 season. The change near the start of the season shouldn't be too much of a change once the games start in earnest: Due to the ongoing installation

of new turf at Hyland Field, the football team has had to prep for 2023 at Brook Street Park since August 18, an accommodation all of the other MERHS fall sports have undergone as well. However, the turf installation was estimated to be completed by September 5, allowing for the football team to begin its season on

September 8 against Ipswich in its traditional environs. The other change -- a cherished tradition involving the team that has gone on for over 30 years that closes out the regular season -- will be an even bigger adjustment for the Hornets and their fans. With Georgetown unable to field enough players

for a varsity squad, the ME football team currently does not have its traditional rival on the schedule for the annual Thanksgiving Day game between the two teams. "Tradition is a big part of high school football pretty much everywhere you go," explains Manchester Essex football coach Joe Grimes.



Deep Thoughts: GHS Runners Add Key Depth to ME Cross Country Rosters

It appears depth - traditionally the greatest bugaboo for the Manchester Essex cross country teams over the years - may be less of an issue in 2023. As they have in years past the Hornets will continue to flesh out rosters on both the boys' and girls' teams with runners from Rockport High School. One crucial change

for the team this fall will be the addition of runners from Gloucester High School as well, with the Fishermen joining the Cape Ann co-op and completing the circle, incorporating student-athletes from every Cape Ann city and town to create a pair of promising teams. "The biggest change for Manchester Essex Cross

Country program is the addition of Gloucester to our program for one year," explains Hornets coach Steve Whittey. For the girls' team, the added depth from GHS represents a major boost. The Hornets will be looking to repeat their success from a year ago: Last year's squad went 4-1 and won their division, but will be without

some of 2022's top performers, including Caroline Mackinnon. "The girls' team has six returning runners from last year but lost three of our top five runners," explains Whittey. "This will make it difficult to repeat as Baker Division Champions. The seven new girls to our program will add some needed depth."



At the Manchester and Essex Fire Departments on Monday, annual ceremonies were conducted for those lost on 9/11 22 years ago, including Manchester resident Ralph Kershaw, lost on United Flight 175. Photos Paul Clark, Erika Brown



A Sweet Gathering of "The Brethren"

A nice showing this year for the Manchester Elder Brethren Picnic at Tuck's Point Chowder House, where Gordon MacDougall (right) Manchester's eldest resident at 100

years old was presented with the Brethren Memorial Cane and (above right) Allan Kirker was presented with the Slade Eaton Trophy at the 2023 Manchester Elder Brethren picnic on Saturday,

September 9. The event, which began as an annual rite for the town's men back in the late 1800s, kicked off this year from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. with early onsite check in starting at

10:30 a.m. The guest speaker this year was two-time Pulitzer Prize-winning photojournalist and author Stanley Forman.

Photos Paul Clark



This week ME Hornets teams are in full swing with practices without formal fields that are still under construction. Here in practice on Tuesday, Hornets Varsity Field Hockey goalie Brigid Carovillano blocks a high-speed shot at Masconomo Park. (Photo: Erika Brown)



RIP Alice Nahatis

Sadly, it has come to our attention that Alice Nahatis has died at the age of 100. Alice lived in Manchester for nearly 75 years and raised a large family here with her husband, Chris. She was also a fundamental part of the success of her husband's national business, Saladmas-

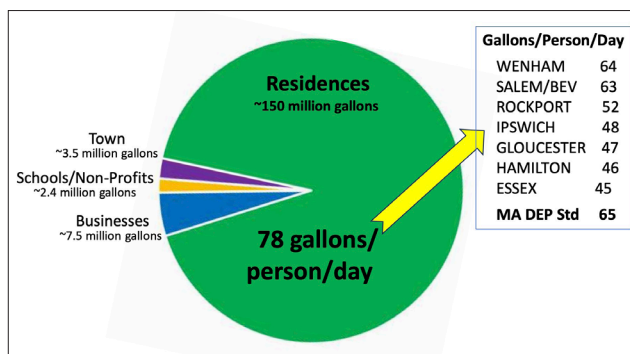
ter, a premium cookware manufacturer. Last year, Alice was the first female recipient of the Manchester's Boston Post Cane, recognizing her as the town's eldest living resident. The same honor had been given to her husband, Chris, in 2018.

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usage with the goal of lowering consumption to the state-recommended level of 65 gallons of water/person/day. According to the task force, Manchester's water

usage exceeds that by 20 percent—78 gallons/person/day, according to Steve Gang who chaired the water task force and currently chairs the Conservation Commission—and this usage spikes wildly in the irrigation-heavy summer months, especially in Manchester's high net worth neighborhoods.

In the weeks before Monday's vote, SB members had already begun receiving significant pushback from residents on the proposed rates and while Gang acknowledged that Manchester's water supplies are not currently threatened, he warned they could easily shift as climate change progresses.

Community Center, An Uncertain Future

Last week we learned that, after 47 years at Harbor's Point, the Manchester Community Center will vacate its location after the property's condo association board declined to renew its lease. The MCC has been a mainstay spot for everything from yoga groups to garden clubs to AA meetings. For decades, Harbor's Point waived rent entirely for MCC, which owns the

building (a former MBTA train cargo facility) but not the land it sits on. The MCC has been paying a nominal monthly rent to offset maintenance costs. The MCC board shared a letter detailing its side of the situation. Town Administrator Greg Federspiel comments on the MCC too. Most hope the MCC will continue in some form, and cooler heads will prevail for a productive solution.



HAPPY AS A CLAM! On Friday the weather broke just long enough to shine on a wonderful Essex tradition: the Essex PTO's Happy as a Clam 5K Race, Walk, and Fun Dash. It was the 15th year of the race, which raises money for Essex Elementary School (EES) programming. Hundreds of locals turned out to race, and fun was had by all. Runners and walkers in the 5K events traveled the EES neighborhood escorted by the Essex Police Department and cheered on by EES staff. At left, this gal in her tutu (over her running shorts) hasn't yet noticed the event's official mascot, "Clammy," but her brother sure has. And he's excited! Photo: Erika Brown



There were three options for renovating the Rotunda to meet new federal standards for tide surges, but in the end the Select Board voted for Option 1, seen here, in which encased steel pilings would raise the structure to 19' on its current footprint, costing \$2.3 million. Image: Foth Engineering 2023

Rotunda Stays Put

The question of how to exactly renovate the historic Rotunda at Tuck's Point in Manchester has been studied for about two years. But on Monday, the Select Board proceeded at a "riptide" pace, taking just two minutes to approve a design to raise and renovate the historic structure without moving it inland.

The estimated \$2.25 million project still requires funding approval at Town Meeting, but the direction endorsed by the board would raise the structure with steel pilings and renovate the Rotunda and its approaching pier to comply with new federal regulations and ADA requirements.

The elevated structure

would also be protected from "50 year" storm surges and expected rising sea levels.

The path to a decision drew animated discussion and responses from the community, most in favor of keeping the Rotunda out at the end of a pier where it's been for more than 100 years.

The spot is one of Manchester public gems, on the waterfront with open space, easy parking, the Chowder

House, public bathrooms and a pier that extends out into the harbor and offers views out to the ocean.

The Rotunda is a recognized icon of Manchester used by regional organization to quickly identify the town. It's also a favorite spot for everything from crabbing to wedding ceremonies and pre-high school prom photo opportunities.



Manchester Conservation Administrator Chris Bertoni in her office at Seaside One this week as she happily greets retirement on Friday.



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. Photos: Erika Brown

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.



A Return to Manchester for the Girl in the Green Cloak

Matt Genta, president of the Manchester Historical Museum, has made it a mission to acquire paintings by artist and “Manchester Son,” Charles Hopkinson.

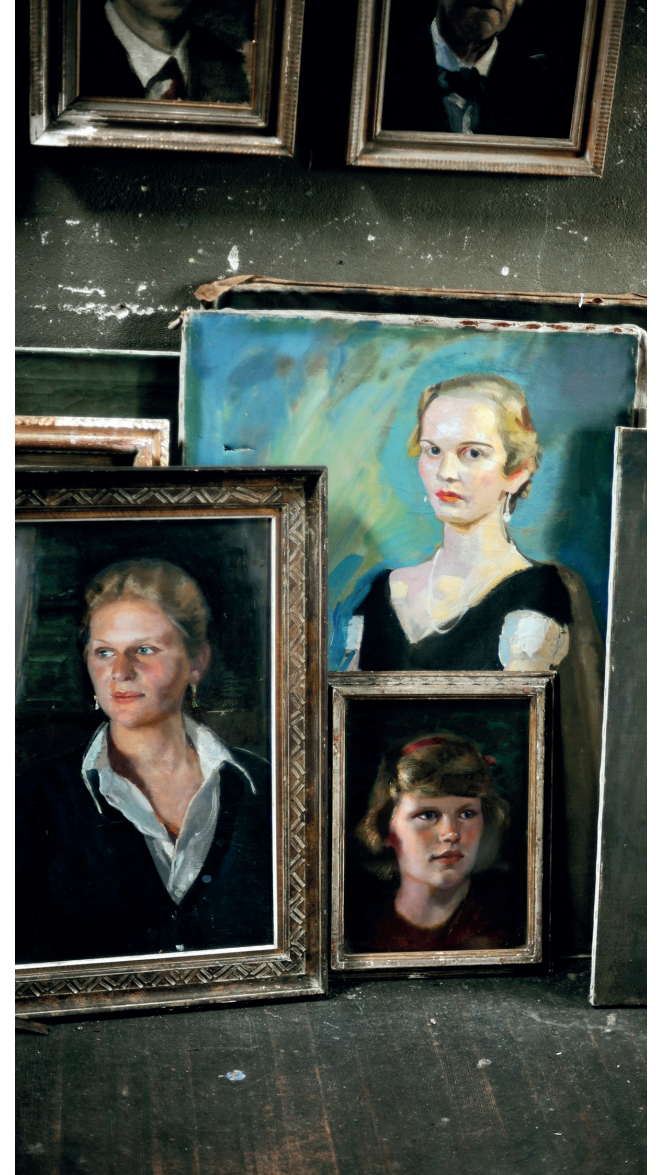
Genta has secured four paintings for the mu-

seum this year, including one, “Girl in the Green Cape.” 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 Hop-

kinson 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 called them.



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, Brendan Zubricki, the Essex Board of Selectmen and the Manchester Select Board
Photo: Erika Brown

Manchester Affordable Housing Trust Gets RFQ Nibble

After years of false starts, the Manchester Affordable Housing Trust (MAHT) and Manchester Housing Authority (MHA) met with a potential non-profit community housing developer who responded to a July Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to rehabilitate and expand Manchester’s three public housing properties—The Plains, Loading Place Road, and Newport Park.

The firm is Preservation of Affordable Housing (POAH) a Boston-based developer, owner and operator of nearly 13,000 affordable homes in 11 states and Washington, DC. On its face, the potential fit is perfect. POAH specializes in the preservation of exist-

ing affordable housing that is at risk of being lost due to market pressures or physical deterioration.

The MAHT/MHA has twice advertised requests for proposals seeking developers and, in 2022 it even placed a non-binding referendum at a Fall Town Meeting to demonstrate public support its conceptual plan to renovate 84 units and add 90 more units to the town’s housing rolls across the three properties and a fourth as-yet-undetermined parcel of developable land. Yet no developer responded, and in July MAHT/MHA tried a new tack of releasing an RFQ, which is more collaborative in its approach.

Steve Gang of the Man-

chester Open Space Committee spoke at the meeting to formally present a land swap originally recommended by Open Space Committee’s Helen Bethell.

The current plan for Newport Park would add approximately 25 units on lands behind the senior housing property. Bethell’s letter lobbied to permanently conserve the land behind Newport Park. Gang said the town may be able to carve out an equally sized plot of town land along Pine Street just south of Newport Park’s entrance, which would be a more appropriate alternative for the 25 new units.

Feurerbach said the MAHT would explore the idea.

OCTOBER

VanDyke Paintings Commissioned for Sale across the US by Room & Board

Manchester artist Juni VanDyke has become a well-known and appreciated artist on Cape Ann. She has been painting her entire life, with solo and exhibitions featuring her paintings and sculptures.

Now, with three of her pastel works having been selected for licensing by the national

upscale home furnishings retailer Room & Board, VanDyke is entering the realm of mass commercializing her artwork.

The three works (seen here on Room & Board website) have been commissioned for sale in the company’s 25 stores throughout the country.



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Braving It ... With a Little Help Between Friends



It was just before her family's Christmas celebration last year—Dec. 21—that Dierdre Baker received confirmation that she had breast cancer. Two months later, Brenda Johnson, a friend in her Pleasant Street neighborhood book group got the same news: she, too, had been diagnosed with breast cancer.

Unlike their book group, this was a club neither were eager to join.

Breast cancer, which will strike one in eight American women in her lifetime, isn't genetic. The disease requires monthly self-checks to identify abnormal changes and regular mammograms for early detection, which in turn enables early treatment and what's called a "good out-

come." Brenda Johnson is naturally very easy going, and low key. She prefers being steady and strong over making waves. Dierdre, on the other hand, falls on the other end of the register: a self-proclaimed "oversharer" who can't hide what she thinks and believes early disclosure is the way to be.

That difference in style made the two utterly compatible. And that was a godsend for Brenda as they faced the challenge of cancer.

But together, they made it through their respective treatments and are today, "knock wood," in remission.

Brenda and Dierdre shared their story as part of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Friends from the neighborhood, Brenda Johnson (left) and Dierdre Baker. Both women learned they had breast cancer within two months of each other, and each leaned on the other.



13th Annual Manchester Cardboard Boat Regatta!

It seemed everyone poured out to the town boat launch behind Town Hall Sunday for the 13th annual Manchester by the Sea Cardboard Boat Regatta and its promise of an afternoon of raucous, rollicking fun with costumes, light-hearted

grudge matches, and the emergence of real legacies in the annals of cardboard-and-duct-tape-boat racing. Every year it's worth noting the names of the entrants. This year, co-founder Kimberly Hofeldt reported that 28 boats raced with names like Apollo 7, Tropic

Like It's HOT, Flotsame & Jetsun, Granny Panty, Barbenheimer, Rubber Duckie, Gulls Gone Wild, among others. This year, it was Captain Akshay Patel—a perennial top fiver in this race—who surged to the overall win in his "Bull Ship."



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Deb French, Library Director in Essex, Retires After 20 Years



Library. Retirement plans were triggered last year, as their daughter was set to give birth to a second granddaughter. Deb and her husband, Bill French, owner of Frenchies Garage in Essex who, until 2021, was a longtime member of the Essex Planning Board, realized time was flying by, and it was time to slow down and invest in family.

"She's been an incredible leader, setting the tone for the library as a friendly, welcoming place for the youngest children in Essex to seniors," said Jenny Mayer, chair of the Essex Board of Library Trustees.

This week, Deb French can finally think of resting as this Friday marks her retirement as director of the TOHP Burnham Public

In the Hornets Nest: Oct 12



Football: A hard-fought league game which was a lot closer than the final score indicates. The Hornets capitalized on seven Lynn Tech turnovers leaving short fields and lots of scoring opportunities. Lynn Tech battled back in the 3rd

to put two TD's on the board and get within range before the Hornets grabbed two fumbles and an INT in the 4th quarter to seal the deal. Senior captain Troy Flood (OL/DL) scored his first varsity TD on a 27-yd fumble recovery while Preston Potter

(Sr. WR/DB) and Quinn Brady (SR, RB/LB) paced the offense with 5 TD's and 4 2-pt's combined. Senior Steve Ross (RB/DB) had an incredible game on defense and led the team with 8 tackles including a crucial 4th down stop in the 4th quarter deep in



Hornet territory to seal the game. The Hornets are right back in action on Thursday, 10/12 as they travel to Whit-tier Tech for a 5:30 PM game. 10_12 Sports by Jason_F_Hockey copy.jpg

Field Hockey

When it comes to finding success at the varsity level in field hockey, having a team with talent, depth or experi-

ence can definitely provide an advantage. However, to string wins together and put together a really special season requires a special intangible that isn't always easy to sum up. To this point in 2023, it appears that the Manchester Essex field hockey team possesses that unique trait. "I attribute a lot of our success this season to my players' willingness to outwork their

opponents," explains Hornets coach Courtney Brown. "We have extremely talented individual players, yes, but that can only take a team so far. As a unit, these girls have high expectations for themselves, and they work to improve every single day."

That level of effort and expectation has led to a very impressive 8-1-1 record to this point.

Cape Ann Plein Air Paints Cape Ann in Weeklong Festival

Over the last week nearly 40 juried artists from across the country have been painting the corners of Cape Ann and on Saturday the group unveiled more than 185 paintings as part of the Cape Ann Plein Air (CAPA) finale.

Stephen Griffin took first place with his painting, "Schooners in the Harbor." In second place was "The Tide Will Turn," a painting of the marshes behind Black Beach in Manchester by Pennsylvania artist Beth Bathe.

Third place was "Dancing on Bass Rocks," by Illinois painter Lon Brauer. Winning paintings celebrated many areas of Rockport, Gloucester, Essex, and Manchester and focused on traditional land and seascape scenes of plein air painting as well as non-traditional ones, such as indoor scenes, restaurant life, people at work and play. Styles in paintings



Cape Ann Plein Air artists at the Essex Shipbuilding Museum and at the Manchester restaurant, 35 Beach this week.



Photos Neil Levy, Paul Clark

also ranged from realism to highly abstract or gestural techniques in both watercolor and oil.

More than \$120,000 in sales also came in, which benefits both the artists themselves who make a

living from their artwork, as well as the Cape Ann Plein Air organization itself, a nonprofit that or-

ganizes the competition. This year, CAPA donated proceeds to Cape Ann Art Haven, a Gloucester based

non-profit started in 2012 to bring art classes, workshops and art therapy to local children.



HarvestFest is Here

The Carnival is coming back to Manchester. And it's a great idea. Benefiting the ME Hornets Athletic Boosters, the "HarvestFest" carnival at Masconomo Park, scheduled for October 20-22, will bring all the fairway fun, including a Ferris wheel, fairway games, food, and local fun.

Many locals remember Manchester's Carnival at Masconomo Park and they've wished for its return. Last year, Emily McCavanagh, who heads up the Boosters, was approached by Tyler Pinstein, a Manchester native who wanted to partner to bring the annual carnival back.

For those who aren't aware, carnivals have been baked into Manchester's ethos from way back in its history. In fact, in 1890s, The Cricket ran an alert for the community's first carnival, which combined coastal "illuminations" (early fireworks

and coastal fires) with the beauty of the sea. Incredibly, the event benefited—you guessed it!—the local athletic association:

"The seaside athletic association, who are ever alert to keeping the ball moving in Manchester, have now under consideration to the matter of a harbor illumination ... will gladly take hold and help make the carnival a success. It deserves to be, both by financial aid, and a generous illumination of their residences and grounds." (Manchester Cricket, July 25, 1891).

McCavanagh and Pinstein have been working for nearly a year to bring back the carnival, which faded from the municipal calendar over a decade ago. The pair organized the vendors and sponsors and set the date to take advantage of a gap in the Manchester calendar.

Here's to many future successful years for the return of this amazing tradition!

NOVEMBER



Steve Gang (left), chair of the Manchester ConCom readies protest signs Wednesday with Lily Wainwright (right), Catherine Creighton (back center), MBTS Finance Committee member Albert "Mory" Creighton III and the MECT's Mike Dyer (both back right) before joining approximately 50 people gathered outside the Massachusetts Housing Appeals Committee site visit to protest the development of a proposed affordable housing project off School Street in Manchester's Limited Commercial District.

Photo: Kirk Williamson



The Mother's Club, Manchester Community Center and the Manchester Parks & Recreation Dept. pulled off a perfect start to Halloween with Saturday's "Wobblin' Gobbler" celebration off all things (kind of) spooky. A parade from Town Hall ended with festivities at Masconomo Park.

Photo Paul Clark



Senior midfielder and captain Caelie Patrick has been named the Cape Ann League's Baker Player of the Year in field hockey. Ella Chafe and Abby Kent join her on the CAL First Team all-stars, Courtney Brown of the Hornets was named CAL Baker Coach of the Year. Go Hornets! Go!

Photo Paul Clark

Field Hockey

On paper, the Manchester Essex field hockey team's Round of 32 matchup with 31-seed Bromfield looked like it wouldn't exactly be the toughest challenge of the year for a Hornets squad that went 14-1-3 and earned the second seed in the MIAA Div. 4 Tournament. That notion was proven true with a dominant 7-0 win that propelled Manchester Essex into a Sweet 16 matchup with 15-seed St. John Paul II. "We were up 5-0 by the end of the

first quarter in this game," explains Manchester Essex field hockey coach Courtney Brown. "At that point, we had an idea of what the outcome of the game would be. Every member of our team played some solid minutes and contributed to controlling the game and ultimately winning, 7-0. The girls' energy going into the day even at school set us up for success in this game. We had excellent passing combinations all 60 minutes."



A close loss to Cohasset knocks ME Football out of the playoffs. The Hornets struggled with consistency during the regular season before making a statement with wins in their final two contests, helping the team finish up with a winning (5-3) record and a claim to a coveted spot in the Top 16 in the Div. 7 rankings. Earning the 15th seed out of 16 teams got Manchester Essex into the tourney, but it also earned them a matchup with second-seeded Cohasset, setting the team up for a long bus ride to face an opponent that has played at a high level in a competitive division, on the road, with the opportunity to move on in the postseason on the line. Once they got there, the Hornets looked as if they could overcome all the pressure that went along with this contest, but came up just short in a close contest, falling to the Skippers 35-28.



For a third year in a row the ME Hornets have reached the semi-finals in tournament play. With a win on Wednesday, they would qualify for the MIAA Finals. Photo Paul Clark

“Sweet” Victory for ME Girls Soccer

It took a whole lot of effort and a little bit of time, but the Manchester Essex girls' soccer team broke through to score the goals necessary to secure a win and move on to the Sweet 16 in the MIAA Div. 4 Tournament. The 17th-ranked Hornets faced 16-seed Monomoy on Nov. 3 on the road. While Manchester Essex was the visiting team, they showed that they were the most dominant club on the pitch during this Round of 32 matchup, dominating the ball and earning a 3-0 win. “The Hornets were on the



front foot from the start of the game, dominating possession and creating chances to score,” explains Manchester Essex girls soccer coach Christo Manginis. “It took a moment of magic to open

the scoring, however.” That magical moment was provided by standout Libby Lawler. Harper Brooks' play near the goal earned the Hornets a corner kick, and Lawler's strike curled untouched into the back of the net. The goal was all Manchester Essex would need to eventually claim the victory, with the offense and midfield controlling play for much of the game. In subsequent weeks, however, the team was knocked out in a heartbreaking loss to #1 seed South Hadley. What a season!



Special Town Meetings in Manchester and Essex

More than 450 Manchester residents attended a three-hour Special Town Meeting to weigh in on several contentious issues, including one to empower the town to enter negotiations to accept a 10-year lease with Harbor's Point Associates to take over operating the Manchester Community Center facility and solving a private impasse between Harbor's Point and

the private non-profit that owns its building but rents the land it sits on. (A month later, the prospect of the town's deal would be scuttled after the Community Center's board voted to go its own way and move its building structure off HP's land). In other business, voters failed to support two citizen's petitions that would have added ballot approval to zoning adoptions at Town Meeting and a permanent restriction on

town owned lands off Pine Street that the Open Space Committee had suggested be used for senior and affordable housing. Voters also voted down a Planning Board article to loosen existing regulations on accessory dwelling units and a Select Board article to fund a third-party consultant to weigh in on regional school district operations. The same night, Essex residents also held a Special Town

Meeting and, for the second time in six months, they failed to approve a town plan to elevate and widen a portion of Apple Street to link the sides of town during flood emergencies. But they did approve most items on the massive 25-article Warrant, including passage of an historic zoning milestone; approval of \$40,000 for an outside consultant to review operations of the Manchester Essex Re-

gional School District and \$353,255 for district athletic fields project; and approved \$1.2 million for a new ladder truck for the Fire Department. In all, 255 voters showed up at the Essex Elementary School gymnasium Monday to weigh in on town business. The most impactful vote came with Article 4 to create a new General Use Zoning District. Sponsored by the Planning Board, the article secured the required 2/3 votes easily with no public comment.



Participating Crib Addicts celebrate the end of an eight-week session with a “soiree” at the last meeting. The Crib Addicts was formed by Marc Kwiatkowski and Bill Bell, Mark is first from the right and Bill is third from the right. We will start another session in the spring, watch the Cricket for details. Photo Credit: Rick the Legion Bartender



TURKEY TROT!

On Sunday, it was the 48th Annual Essex Turkey Trot, which has been organized and hosted ably by the Essex Lions Club since 1978. They say it's

the longest running turkey trot in America, and it's also a great way to preemptively run (or walk) off that turkey and mashed potatoes (not to mention the stuffing and pie) before the big day while also raising money for a good cause.



When engaging the history of Manchester, a lot of attention goes to the Gilded Age set of “summer folks” (a.k.a., wealthy industrialist families). But this week we share a wonderful piece of writing by Peter Willwerth about regular Manchester life as a child growing up in the 1960s and all the colorful and lively figures in town that surrounded him as a pre-teen working at Manchester Seafood on Central Street (today GLADSTONE). Here, at left, it's Bob Flanders, proprietor of Manchester Seafoods who ran the fish market with his wife, Vi. From them, Pete Willwerth learned how to boil and pick lobsters, skin fillets, chip blocks of ice, and set up the showcase just so. (Photo: Dick Towle)

LEGAL NOTICE



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Manchester Board of Health
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Manchester Board of Health will hold a public hearing on Thursday, January 25, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. to review the following proposed regulations:

- Regulations for Private Wells, revised

The public hearing will be held in room #7 of the Manchester Town Hall, located at 10 Central Street in Manchester-by-the-Sea as well as on the Zoom meeting platform.

Copies of the draft regulations are available on the Town website and from the Board of Health office. The Zoom link for the meeting will be made available on the Board of Health website www.manchester.ma.us.

Questions may be directed to the Board of Health.

Peter Colarusso, Chairperson
Manchester Board of Health
Town Hall
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Manchester-by-the-Sea, MA

Posted to MNPA website:
<http://masspublicnotices.org>.

January 5, 2024 MC
January 12, 2024 MC



Dacey weather made Santa's schedule this year a bit of a challenge, but the fine folks in Manchester and Essex rose to that challenge. At Masconomo Park, Santa Claus arrived by boat as part of the annual Jingle Bell Walk. It was cloudy and rainy, but Santa led waiting children in a parade around the park and then posed for pictures. This is all sponsored by the Manchester Community Center, the GCACC and the Manchester Mother's Club. Then, the next week he returned, riding in the annual Manchester Fire Department's ride around town to the delight of local children.



Meet Carla Christensen, New Library Director at TOHP Burnham Library! She succeeds Deb French who retired last month after nearly 20 years. The Essex resident will begin her new role on January 8. Welcome to Carla!

LEGAL NOTICE



Town of Manchester-by-the-Sea
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
Town Hall, 10 Central Street,
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Manchester-by-the-Sea will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, January 17, 2024, 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.

New Applications
Application of Christina Delisio, 6 Lincoln Avenue appealing the driveway entrance granted by the Department of Public Works to 90 School St., Assessor's Map 41, Lot No. 87 in District G filed with the

Town Clerk on November 20, 2023. Application of Colin and Josefina O'Neil for a Special Permit under Sections 2.0, 4.2, and 12.5 of the Zoning By-Law to allow for the installation of an in-ground gunite swimming pool. The pool is planned to be 18' x 40' surrounded by a brushed stamped concrete apron at 49 Forster Road, Assessor's Map 29, Lot No. 18, in District D2 filed with the Town Clerk on December 12, 2023.

Zoom information will be available on the Town website prior to the meeting.

Sarah Mellish, Chair, Zoning Board of Appeals

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December 29, 2023 MC
January 5, 2024 MC

To all persons whose personal information was impacted by a cybersecurity incident that Neuro Rehab Associates initially disclosed on or around August 2022, a proposed class action settlement may affect your rights.

Why am I receiving this notice? You are receiving this Notice because the records of Neuro Rehab Associates, Inc. (“Neuro Rehab”) show that your personal information may have been impacted as a result of a cybersecurity incident that Neuro Rehab initially disclosed on or around August 2022 (“Security Incident”). You are therefore likely a Settlement Class Member eligible to receive benefits under this Settlement.

What are the Settlement Benefits? Under the Settlement, Neuro Rehab will pay up to \$850,000 for valid and timely claims for Extraordinary Losses, Out-of-Pocket Losses, Lost Time, and Alternative Cash Payments, summarized below:

- Extraordinary Loss Claims – Up to a total of \$4,000 per claimant.
- Out-of-Pocket Loss Claims – Up to a total of \$250 per claimant.
- Lost Time Claim - \$25 per hour for up to 4 hours (for a total of \$100, subject to the \$250 cap for Out-of-Pocket Losses).
- Alternative Cash Payment – In the alternative to the above, \$25 per claimant.

Settlement Class Members also can obtain credit monitoring services under the Settlement.

How do I Submit a Claim Form for Benefits? You must submit a Claim Form, available at www.NeuroRehabSecuritySettlement.com to be eligible to receive a Settlement benefit. Your completed Claim Form must be submitted online, or mailed to the Settlement Administrator and postmarked, by April 2, 2023.

What are my other options? If you Do Nothing, you will be legally bound by the terms of the Settlement, and you will release your claims against Neuro Rehab and other Released Parties as defined in the Settlement Agreement. You may Opt-Out of or Object to the Settlement by March 4, 2023. Please visit www.NeuroRehabSecuritySettlement.com for more information on how to Opt-Out and exclude yourself from or Object to the Settlement.

Do I have a Lawyer in this Case? Yes, the Court appointed the law firms of Turke & Strauss LLP, Morgan & Morgan, and Bailey & Glasser LLP to represent members of the Settlement Class. For litigating the case and negotiating the Settlement, Class Counsel will file a motion seeking Court approval for the payment of their attorneys' fees and costs in an amount no greater than \$475,000 for attorneys' fees and costs. You will not be charged directly for these lawyers; instead, they will receive compensation from Neuro Rehab (subject to Court approval). If you want to be represented by your own lawyer, you may hire one at your own expense.

The Court's Final Approval Hearing. The Court is scheduled to hold a Final Approval Hearing on April 5, 2024, to consider whether to approve the Settlement, service awards for the Class Representatives of \$2,500 each (\$5,000 total), and a request for attorneys' fees and expenses for Settlement Class Counsel. You may appear at the hearing, either yourself or through an attorney hired by you, but you don't have to.

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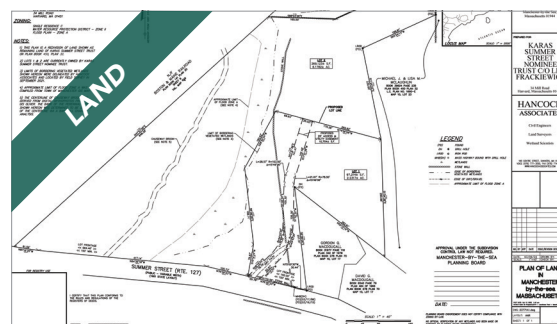
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