



Valentine's Day is Wednesday, Feb. 14

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Meet Gray House Antiques



Cordelia Fasoldt with Wally her beloved pooch at Gray House Antiques...

MBTS Fire Dept. Launches "Community Connect"

Manchester Fire Chief James "Jake" McNeilly announced "Community Connect," an on-line community service...

Andrea Ramos is on Vacation

It's that time again! From Monday, Feb. 19 to the 26th, Andrea Ramos, owner of Manchester Barber on Beach Street...

MERSD International Week Seeking Volunteers

In March, the ME Regional High School World Language Dept. will be celebrating International Week...



ME Hornet Eddie Chareas lays one up against the opponent team, Newburyport, at Monday night's game at home...

Photo Paul Clark

ME Boys Basketball Reaches 15-0 With Win Over Newburyport

By Jason Brisbois

Not only was Monday's 54-42 win at home over Newburyport a big win in a season seemingly filled with them...

"It was a big win against a very good Newburyport team," says Hornets coach Tim St. Laurent.

He adds: "I've never had this many text messages on my phone after a win."

After winning this particular clash of undefeated titans, it is impossible to ignore the season that the Hornets are having in 2023-24.

The Hornets opened the season with a rout over postseason nemesis Cathe-

dral, essentially declaring how things were going to go down for the squad this winter, and then beat another big school in Peabody a few games later.

"We just had Newburyport, we have Georgetown on Thursday night at home and we go into Burke on Monday," explains St. Laurent.

The engine that has kept this train on the winning track is defense, something that the Hornets need to rely on as they finish up the final quarter of the season against foes of this caliber.

"It's always defense with us," says St. Laurent. "That propels everything. We fig-

Coach St. Laurent "I've never had this many text messages on my phone after a win."

ure out what teams are doing to try to slow us down in the first quarter, set our comfort levels and then we tighten the screws.

In the Newburyport win, that meant switching up the usual strategy to account for what the Clippers can throw at a team on offense.

"We mixed it up a little bit where normally Zach Hurd and Milo Zeltzer are coming in for each other, but Newburyport is so good that we had them both on the floor at the same time," explains St. Laurent.

At the other end of the court, the Newburyport defense was forced to deal with all-everything seniors Cade Furse - who scored 24 points in total, with 11 coming in the crucial final quarter - and big man Eddie Chareas (13 points, five in the fourth quarter).

"We were up by eight with three minutes left in the game, and Cade came up to me as he was heating up and says, 'Don't worry, we got this,'" says St. Laurent.

Point guard Preston Potter was instrumental in conducting the offense and making steal after steal, while sophomores Jake Zschau and John Chareas both hit clutch threes to provide a boost when it was needed.

"Our kids were really confident going into the game," explains St. Laurent. "We believed we were going to win the game. When adversity hit in the first quarter, Newburyport was up by a handful of baskets, but they believed in themselves and took care of the ball. We

played great defense and Cade turned it on in the second half for us."

Also in the Hornets Nest: Girls Basketball

Manchester Essex Girls basketball lost their only game of the week to Cape Ann League Large powerhouse Pentucket 58-20.

Harper Brooks led the Hornets with 6 points. Mechi O'Neil, Tess Carpenter, and Emerald Jakes each had 3 points.

The Hornets are 10-4 overall and 7-3 in the Cape Ann League. This week the Hornets will take on Newburyport, Swampscott, and Georgetown.

Weekly Weather Chart

Table with 4 columns: Date, Weather icon, High temperature, Low temperature. Rows for Feb 10-16.

Weather data pulled Wednesday and is subject to change.

Manchester's COA Van Fleet Goes Electric

Get your EV motor running! The Manchester Council on Aging added the town's first electric COA van to its fleet on Wednesday, January 24.



remaining 20% of this van's cost will be donated by the Friends of the Council on Aging.

has four passenger vans in its fleet that are primarily used to transport residents to doctors' appointments, social

events, and field trips. The new vans will replace older vehicles that will be taken out of service.



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 BOS Monday, February 12 6 p.m.

MBTA Task Force Design Guideline Subcommittee Friday, February 16 4:30 p.m. Town Hall, Rm 7

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MANCHESTER POLICE NOTES



SUNDAY, JANUARY 28

11:17 a.m. Pine St., motor vehicle stop, citation issued. 11:40 a.m. Bennett St., alarm, secured/checked. 2:06 p.m. Desmond Ave., animal complaint, notification made. 5:48 p.m. Magnolia Ave., suspicious activity, assisted as needed.

MONDAY, JANUARY 29

7:20 a.m. Elm St., motor vehicle stop, arrest. 10:19 a.m. Central St., citi-

zen assist, spoken to. 2:10 p.m. Summer St., police investigation follow up, other. 6:54 p.m. Pine St., utility request, notification made.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30

1:39 a.m. Summer St., motor vehicle stop, no action taken. 10:23 a.m. Route 128SB, motor vehicle stop, citation issued. 1:00 p.m. Bridge St., fraud/scam, report to follow. 6:40 p.m. Central St., citizen assist, other.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31

2:03 a.m. Route 128SB, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning. 10:58 a.m. Old Essex Rd., motor vehicle accident, report to follow. 11:20 a.m. Lincoln St., suspicious activity, other. 5:56 p.m. Windemere Park Ext., suspicious activity, spoken to.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1

9:25 a.m. School St., welfare check, secured/checked. 10:51 a.m. Route 128NB, motor vehicle stop, written warning. 12:57 p.m. Pine St., motor vehicle stop, written warning. 8:04 p.m. Beach St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2

9:27 a.m. Pine St., motor vehicle stop, written warning. 10:30 a.m. Pleasant St., animal complaint, assisted as needed. 6:00 p.m. Pine St., motor vehicle stop, written warning. 10:01 p.m. Filias Circle, disturbance, report to follow.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3

2:07 a.m. Beach St., motor vehicle stop, arrest. 11:22 a.m. Pleasant St., motor vehicle stop, written warning. 1:34 p.m. Pulaski Drive, police investigation follow up, report to follow. 2:16 p.m. Pine St., motor vehicle stop, written warning.

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Position Announcement

The Town of Manchester-by-the-Sea seeks qualified, highly motivated applicants for a Seasonal Parking Enforcement Officer from May 20th, 2024, to October 6th, 2024 (dates flexible).

The ability to function in a fast-paced environment, as well as the ability to multitask, is a must. Candidates must also have the highest integrity, excellent written and oral communication skills, and a basic knowledge of computers. Local knowledge of the Town of Manchester-by-the-Sea is a plus, but not required as training will be provided.

The Parking Enforcement Officer will be responsible for enforcing all current parking regulations in the Town of Manchester-by-the-Sea using handheld electronic ticketing software (training provided). Typical hours are either 9am-5pm or 10am-6pm. The work schedule is flexible and can be discussed, but must include weekend/holiday coverage, as these are our busiest times.

Candidates must be at least 18 years of age and possess a valid Massachusetts driver's license. Candidates will also be required to complete and pass a certified American Heart Association C.P.R. class and pass an extensive background investigation.

Interested candidates should submit a cover letter and current resume to Sergeant Stephen Louf, Manchester-by-the-Sea Police Department - 10 Central Street, Manchester, MA 01944 or via e-mail to loufs@manchester.ma.us no later than April 20th, 2024.

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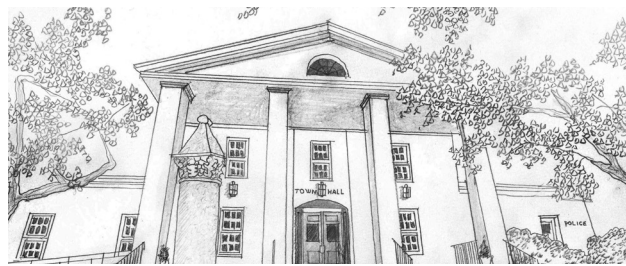
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Public Safety Updates; Resident Stickers

By Gregory T. Federspiel,
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Administrator



Many improvements in the Town's public safety operations have taken place over the past 12 months. Both the Police and Fire Departments are running smoothly under the strong leadership of Police Chief Fitzgerald and Fire Chief McNeilly. Concerns that were circulating a year ago have been addressed and public satisfaction appears to be high.

The transition to the regional dispatch center in Middleton, while cause for worry for some, has been a quiet success story. The staff at the regional center went the extra mile to work closely with town staff in making the switch. It has been a seamless move that has provided a high level of professional service and advanced new technology. Our Police Department can focus 100% of their energy on policing. Some of the savings realized has been redirected to additional police officers adding to the Department's ability to respond effectively to multiple incidents at once while still providing good coverage to the Police Lobby. We have not had any incidents related to an empty station. As an extra precaution, the lobby serves as a lockable safe room and is fully equipped to have audio video communications with the dispatch center should an emergency ever arise when all officers are out of the station. Both fire and police personnel seem quite satisfied with the new service, as do the public.

The Fire and Rescue Department has benefited from a new Chief and a boost in staffing. We have benefited from the professionalism and local ties Chief McNeilly has brought to the position. As an Essex resident and volunteer for the Essex Fire Department, Jake has

implemented new shared arrangements between the two departments that enhance responses for both towns.

Voters approved four additional full-time Fire Fighters/Paramedics for the Department over the last few years bringing the total to 16 plus the Chief. This allows four crews of four unless someone is out on leave time. With four on-duty, simultaneous medical calls can be handled, and an active fire immediately attacked from the interior while adhering to the "two in, two out" protocol. Further adding to the ability of the department is the reestablishment of a call fire fighter roster. Four call-fighters/paramedics are available to assist as needed. Again, there was some skepticism about how successful the Department would be in recruiting "call" personnel but the department has been successful to date and hopes to bring on four more call personnel next year.

A new ladder truck for the Fire Department will be arriving this summer. Fire staff worked hard to get the new truck here in much less time than the typical 24 months. In the meantime, we have benefited from housing one of Lynnfield's ladder trucks as they go through a station renovation project. A new fleet replacement schedule has been drawn up and, barring any unexpected major breakdowns, should serve the Department's needs well for the foreseeable future.

On the parking regulation front, most car owners should have received by now their 2024 resident parking stickers in the mail at no charge. The stickers are be-

ing distributed again using the vehicle excise tax data base. (Yes, each sticker is mailed separately even to the same household, just like the excise tax bill is. It is actually quicker to process and less expensive to do it this way.) Voters approved changes in the local bylaw regarding the stickers, including taking out of the bylaw where stickers are to be placed. Based on the recommendations of the Police, resident stickers should be located on the driver's side of the front windshield. (Often times side rear windows are now tinted preventing clear visibility of the stickers.)

As part of the same bylaw change, the list of streets restricted to resident vehicles only has been removed from the bylaw and will now be approved annually by the Select Board to make updating much easier. The Board plans to review and vote on the list at their meeting on February 20th (Tuesday, due to the President's Holiday on Monday.) Resident parking restrictions begin in May.

Similar to last year, beach tags must be purchased for those wanting to get onto Singing Beach in the Summer. Soon tags can be ordered on-line through the Park and Recreation Department's web page. You will also be able to stop by the P&R office on Tuesdays and Thursdays to purchase the tags in person though we encourage everyone to order on-line. Order before April 30 and save \$10.00. Starting May 25th tags will only be available for purchase at Singing Beach for \$35.00. Ahh, but it is still early February!

MBTS SELECT BOARD UPDATE

BOARD UPDATES

Planning Board Meeting: The Planning Board will meet on Monday, February 12 at 6:30 p.m. Meeting details can be found on the Town website.

Free Blood Pressure Clinic: February is Heart Health Month! The Public Health Nurse will hold her free monthly blood pressure clinic in Town Hall on Monday, February 12 from 11 a.m. to 12 Noon. No appointment required.

Town Meeting Citizen Petitions: Meeting Citations for the Annual Town Meeting are due no later than 60 days prior to the meeting. The deadline this year is February 22 by 5 p.m. Please contact the Town Clerk with questions.

Annual Town Meeting: Save the date! The Annual Town Meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 24 at Memorial School. Learn about the Town Meeting process on the Town website.

Dog License Renewal: Dog registration is open. All dogs in Manchester are required by State and local law to be licensed through the Town Clerk's office by March 31. Please see the Town website to renew today.

MBTA Zoning Density Walk Video: Take a walk with MBTA Task Force members to look at existing density in Manchester from the comfort of home. The video will educate residents on what the law requires and shows examples of what currently exists. See the Town

website for a link.

DPW Rain Barrel Sale: Think spring and purchase a rain barrel from DPW. Order now and pick up on April 6, 2024. Fifty percent off the first barrel. Order at greatamericanrainbarrel.com/community/.

Trash, recycling, and compost collection: Regular Schedule. Please place curbside by 7 a.m. on day of collection. Transfer Station is open on Wednesdays from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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WHAT WAS HAPPENING

90 YEARS AGO - 1934

Horticultural Hall was the scene Tuesday evening of a gathering of music lovers who came to participate in an evening of classical music as played by Edward Hennebury, our eminent young pianist, supplemented by the performance of two of his young pupils, Shirley Wogan and Elizabeth Chane.

Severe winter weather has continued all the week with an occasional snow flurry, making just enough to make traveling on foot or by auto dangerous navigating. Wednesday morning was the coldest of the week, 10 below zero being reported on Forest Street, the coldest spot in town.

75 YEARS AGO - 1949

Superintendent of Streets P. Edward Sweeney and Edward Corley, Public Welfare Agent, have changed offices in Town Hall, the arrangement giving Mr. Corley a larger office which he sorely needed.

Amaral-Bailey Post No. 113 American Legion, has some new furniture for its new Legion Hall. Three deep arm chairs and six straight-back chrome and leatherette chairs were presented to the

post this week by the original Manchester Veterans' Service Committee.

60 YEARS AGO - 1964

The Manchester Fire Department responded to a call from Box 513 at 10:55 a.m. with Engine One and Ladder One for a fire in a vacant building on the property of John Krakowski of 75 Old Essex Road. Six hundred feet of 2 1/2 inch hose and three hundred feet of 1 1/2 inch hose were used.

A local smelt fisherman got a real surprise on Thursday evening of last week when a young seal decided to pay said fisherman a visit and see what luck he was having.

45 YEARS AGO - 1979

Regionalization, the issues pro and con, will be the subject of an open meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 15th at Manchester High School. The discussion is intended to permit exploration on a grass roots level by the townspeople of Essex and Manchester.

A bit of Manchester's green woodland has been set aside for the future by Mr. and Mrs. Middleton Train of Coolidge Point. Five acres near the pond on Coolidge Point is

now protected under a conservation restriction with the Essex County Green Belt Association.

30 YEARS AGO - 1994

Manchester DECA students triumphed once again at the District DECA Conference held in Andover. Forty-two of the 70 students in the district who will go on to the State Career Development Conference in Falmouth are from Manchester.

The Council on Aging sponsored Dixieland Concert at the Manchester Community Center held February 5, was a huge success in providing our senior citizens with a perfect opportunity to chase away the mid-winter blues by getting out and having a rollicking good time.

15 YEARS AGO - 2009

After extended study of the regulatory, economic, aesthetic and safety issues associated with wind turbines, the Planning Board has voted "to table the preparation of a Wind Energy By-Law until the Town Planner and the Planning Board are confident of a good result for the Town, and to remain open and receptive to new input if the Board receives it."

Tides & Sun Chart For The Week Ahead

DATE	HIGH				LOW				RISE	SET
	AM	FT	PM	FT	AM	FT	PM	FT		
9 Fri	10:38	10.8	11:18	9.4	4:37	0.3	5:23	-0.9	6:46	5:07
10 Sat	11:29	11.2			5:31	-0.3	6:12	-1.3	6:45	5:09
11 Sun	12:05	9.9	12:19	11.4	6:22	-0.8	6:59	-1.5	6:44	5:10
12 Mon	12:52	10.3	1:08	11.3	7:13	-1.0	7:45	-1.5	6:42	5:11
13 Tue	1:40	10.6	1:59	11.0	8:04	-1.0	8:32	-1.3	6:41	5:13
14 Wed	2:28	10.6	2:50	10.4	8:56	-0.8	9:19	-0.8	6:40	5:14
15 Thu	3:19	10.5	3:44	9.6	9:50	-0.3	10:08	-0.2	6:38	5:15

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MERSD Regionalization Agreement: Essex Bears an Unfair Burden

To the Editor,

The squabbling over the MERSD budget is concerning. Several years ago, the residents of Essex and Manchester agreed to form a union—a regional school district—for the purpose of providing an excellent public education, from pre-school through the 12th grade, for the children of our communities.

There are problems with the contract that was signed by our communities. As stated in the budget for FY23: "The cost to each town of MERSD depends on three factors: budget (the amount of money the school district receives from sources other than the towns), and ap-

portionment (the division of costs between the two towns)." Enrollment has been dropping for Manchester while enrollment for Essex has remained relatively steady. This has disproportionately shifted the annual increases to Essex more so than Manchester. Additionally, the district continues to lose students, but the budget continues to increase every year. The school year of 2019/2020 had 1317 students from our towns, and it is estimated that there are 1135 students for the school year 2023/2024.

Our public school district is a union, a community of students from two towns; two communities that joined as one for the purpose of educating the children of both towns. It is the taxpayers in both towns who pay for the

public education of our children and school choice children from other towns. Public education directly benefits the number of children using the system. Every taxpayer in the district pays to support the MERSD district—even if these taxpayers do not have children in the school system.

We pay taxes to support public education because it is a common good: it is for the benefit of everyone, and strong schools do correlate to higher home values. The parents in our communities can choose to send their children to our public school—or not! But they will still pay taxes to support the public school system.

The cause of the squabbling over the MERSD budget is because the costs are not fairly distributed between the two towns. Manchester is a larger community. It has a larger tax base. The partner community, Essex, is a smaller community with a smaller tax base. Over the past few years, the cost increases to Essex have been higher than Manchester with some variability. We need a change to help deal with these fluctuations.

First, we need to look at the total taxes collected by each community. Then we need to look at the total cost of operating the regional public school system from pre-school through the 12th grade. And, then the cost for our regional public education system should be distributed in a way that better takes into account each community's tax base. The current budget contemplates a 3.4% increase with a 2.3% increase in apportionment to Manchester and a 5.3% increase to Essex - and Essex may be faced with another override, all while

enrollment is dropping.

As we have learned, the numbers of students enrolled in a public school system can vary greatly, but the tax bases of our communities are what supports the entire system. If we want to stop the squabbling and arguing, we need to sign a new-fair-contract. One that is financially equitable for BOTH communities—one that better manages the apportionment of expense to each town.

I know that our communities want this regional public school system to work for all of us, but under the current contract the two towns are unevenly yoked (to use an old-fashioned term). We must work together to write a new fairer contract—one that better distributes the costs between the two communities. The Essex community cannot continue to bear the costs currently imposed on it based on the current formula in the MERSD system. I urge our leaders to please consider drawing up a new contract.

As a former resident of Manchester as well as a graduate of the Manchester public school system, I am saddened that we are putting a greater financial burden on Essex.

Thank you for hearing me out.

Karin M. Gertsch
Essex

Michael Scarlata Should Get Your Vote for Republican State Committee

I have had the pleasure of knowing Michael Scarlata for several years and he is without question someone that truly works hard at whatever he puts his mind to.

Michael Scarlata announced that he was running for Republican State Committeeman in the First Essex and Middlesex district which includes Manchester and surrounding towns over a year ago.

He has a solid record of Republican activism in our district and throughout Massachusetts. He was the campaign manager for Congressional candidate Bob May. He has volunteered and advised numerous Republican candidates like State Representative Brad Jones, Brad Hill, Lenny Mirra, and a whole host of municipal candidates throughout the years. Michael Scarlata is a highly regarded and staunch conservative Republican that understands that one party rule in Massachusetts simply doesn't work.

Michael Scarlata will work tirelessly to level the playing field. Difficult, yes, but if anyone can make inroads to the Massachusetts political landscape he can. I have the utmost confidence in his ability to be an effective Republican State Committeeman and I urge every Republican and those who are unenrolled that request a Republican ballot to vote for Michael Scarlata.

Please visit his website for more information scarlata4statecommittee.com. Election Day is Tuesday March 5, 2024. Thank You.

Sue Luckiewicz
North Reading

Cynthia Bjorlie for Mass. Republican State Committee

My name is Cynthia Bjorlie, and I am running for Mass. Republican State Committee. This is my first run for office.

I am a semi-retired, primary care doctor from Gloucester. My motivation to run has included the government handling of COVID and vaccines that, to me, represented an intolerable example of government overreach. The government is progressively encroaching in many areas of our lives and costing us taxpayers dearly in money and independence.

A lot of us are saying the same thing about different subjects. The government has gone too far. It is time to do something. The Republicans who have been coming to meetings in large numbers are motivated.

We need to find electable Republican candidates who are willing to run and get them elected. We can do it if we work together. There is a pressing need for unity in the Republican Party. I am committed to being a voice of reason and fostering unity. Strengthening local committees is crucial to rebuilding our party. I pledge to champion open dialogue, listen, understand, and seek common ground. Together, we can uphold the core principles that make our party strong. If you live in this district (including Boxford, Essex, Georgetown, Gloucester, Groveland, Hamilton, Ipswich, Manchester, Middleton, Newbury, Newburyport, North Andover (Precincts 5A, 7 and 8), North Reading, Rockport, Rowley, Salisbury, Topsfield, Wenham, and West Newbury), I ask for your vote on the Republican ballot on March 5, 2024.

Visit me on Facebook for more information.

Thank you for your consideration,

Cynthia C. Bjorlie
Gloucester

LIBRARY NEWS



General Jack Hammond shared his expertise with over 80 attendees at the beautiful Crowell Chapel as a part of the Manchester Cultural Council and the MBTS Library's speaker series. *Courtesy Photo*

Watercolor Victorian Puzzle Purse
Tuesday, February 13 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. This month we are using stamps and watercolors to create a puzzle purse. The puzzle purse is an origami card that reveals a new picture as it is unfolded.

MBTS Cultural Council Presents
Thursday, February 15 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. join Dr. David J. Roberts, MD, former president of Salem Hospital who will be speaking about the impact of food and shelter insecurity. Registration is required as space is limited.

Haunted Happenings with Jeff DePaoli (Virtual)
Thursday, February 15 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Haunted Overload is simply one of the most creative and unique haunted attractions in New England, located on the DeMeritt Hill Farm in Lee, NH. Join set builder and roaming

actor, Nicole Tracchia and Jeff DePaoli, host of "That Halloween Podcast", as they talk all about this unique haunted experience right in our backyard.

Art Across Asia: Lunar New Year (Virtual)
Sunday, February 11 from

2:30-4 p.m. Welcome in the lunar new year by learning about the traditions and symbolism which enrich this celebration.

Cookbook Club
Friday, February 9 from 4-4:45 p.m. The Cookbook Club meets once a month to share recipes from a cookbook off our library shelves. February's pick is "Black Food: Stories, Art & Recipes from Across the African Diaspora" edited by Bryant Terry.

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.

Mindfulness Meditation- Moving Back to the Library
Every Tuesday from 11 a.m. - 12 Noon in the teen loft starting January 2 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.

Tai Chi
Wednesdays from 9:45-10:45 a.m. Join Susan Halpern in a new Tai Chi form, Longevity Tree. The Longevity Tree is a form that addresses the balance of mind, body, and spirit by combining movement, deep breathing, and alertness. It was designed to move all of the body, both internally and externally. The form begins with the image of the tree-progressing to other visual images as we journey through a variety of movements. If you are interested in the form but have missed the registration period, contact Maddy Willwerth and we will reach out when a new session is available. For now, the class 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.

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.

MPL Children's Events:
Lego Club
Wednesday, February 21 from 3-4:45 p.m. Grades 2 and up. Join us every third Wednesday of the month, drop in and build with Legos.

All About Me Collage
Saturday, February 24 from 2-3 p.m. Ages 7-12. Join Miss Audrey and rip up magazines to make a work of art that's all about you.

Chocolate Olympics
Tuesday, February 20 from 4-5:30 p.m. Oreos stacking, M & M themed relay races, Hershey's Kiss unwrapping—with oven mitts. Are you ready for the Chocolate Olympics?

Graphic Novel Club
Wednesday, February 28 from 4-4:45 p.m. This program is for grades 4-7. Join the graphic novel club, we meet once a month from January to June. We will be discussing "Ghost Book" by Remy Lai. Registration is required.

Superhero-themed Storytime
Saturday, February 10 from 10-11 a.m. Children age 0-6. Join us for a superhero-themed story time and craft.

Winter and Spring Storytimes
Wednesdays from 10:30-11:15 a.m. starting January 24. Join Miss Audrey for Storytime for children ages 0-5 with their caregivers. We will share books, songs, and games. This program runs through April 24th.

Pajama Storytime
Thursday, February 22 from 6-6:45 p.m. Come dressed in your pjs for a Storytime and craft with Miss Audrey. This program is for ages 4-7.

Teen Advisory Board (TAB)
Second Tuesday of the month from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Want to earn community service hours while you design amusing activities for your friends and neighbors? Register on the library events calendar.

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Gray House is Anything But



Cordelia Fasoldt behind the desk at her shop in Manchester, Gray House Art & Antiques.

Photos Kris McGinn



Behind its simple exterior lives a visual feast

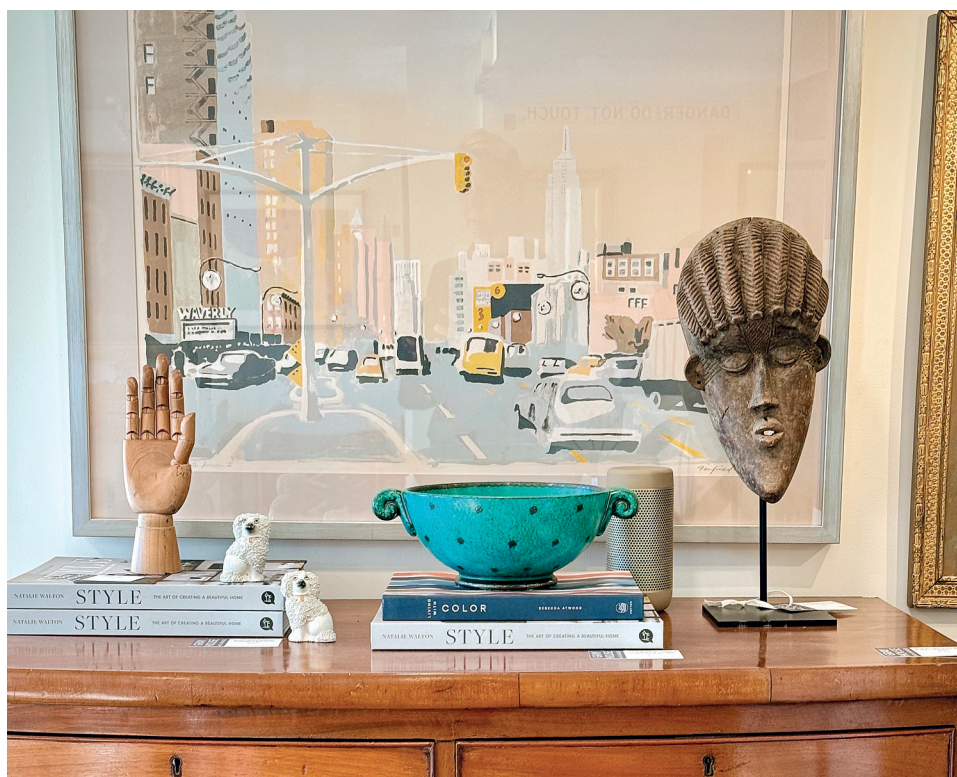
By Kris McGinn

Last month, during a particularly lovely and lively holiday lunch at the *Cricket*, an unexpected visitor stopped by. A young woman wanting to pay for her *Cricket* subscription. She stayed for a bit and chatted, we offered her a glass of champagne, and came to find that she is the owner of Gray House, the recently opened antique shop in downtown Manchester.

After lunch Erika Brown and I ventured outside for a walk (back when there was sun) to drop off a borrowed book at the Manchester Historical Museum. En route we considered doing a pass through the Stock Exchange, but Erika wanted to save it to do later with her husband Rusty Brown before their dinner date (which I thought was quite sweet), so we decided to pop into Gray House instead.

Located in a prime spot downtown where Union Street meets Beach Street, as it all turns to head into the heart of Manchester, it is simply, a gray house. However, what lies inside is anything but. An enchanting and visually sumptuous world of beautifully curated wonders lies just behind its rather serious exterior. Fine antiques, textiles, art, books, and curiosities abound. The rather small space is filled, each and every corner, with marvelously curated vignettes of all manners and sorts. Once you catch your breath and take a closer look around, you will likely see, just to your left, sitting elegantly and quietly behind her desk, Cordelia Fasoldt, who is responsible for the wonderful experience you are currently having.

The sensibilities that inform Cordelia's exquisite taste were born from her formative years abroad. Her English mother and German father met while working in Belgium. The two were eventually relocated to Pittsfield, Mass., where they had two daughters. However, when Cordelia was six,



her family moved back to Belgium where she would spend the next 12 years of her youth, returning to the states at the age of 18 to attend college in Florida. There she studied English Literature and went on to complete a master's in journalism after which she enjoyed a robust career in marketing and advertising for 12 years in Boston.

Then COVID happened. She and her husband decided to move from the city, settling into an antique home in Beverly Farms in 2021. With two younger daughters, now ages three and seven, working from home was great, until it wasn't. After a year, being at home on a computer all day wore on Cordelia. It went from, as she perfectly

described it, "... feeling like you had binge watched Netflix all day," to actually making her feel ill; something had to change. She saw that the space at 38 Union had become available to rent and thought that, if ever she were going to open an antique store, this was the time and this was the place.

Yes, opening an antique store had been something Cordelia had quietly been thinking about over the years. Her parents were collectors which instilled in her not only an appreciation, but a draw to the discovery of the history and origin of individual pieces. An understanding of the business side of antiques came later from spending time with her in-

laws who ran a successful art and antiques gallery in Camden, Maine for many years. Then, amidst the doldrums of COVID, she found that working with Kathy Marshall, a local designer, renovating her antique home in Beverly

Farms, ignited the creativity that initially drew her to her career in marketing; it felt great.

So, she jumped. She rented the space on Union and Gray House opened in the fall of 2022.

"Antiques store' can be a loaded word. People think expensive, exclusive, snooty," Cordelia notes, saying that Gray House is not the antique shop of old. "Antiques have evolved. Really, they have become more decorative. Warm and charming - like folk art."

"Beauty is in the eye of the beholder. I am an old millennial, and my generation does not really know how to go about acquiring antiques. I try to make them affordable and accessible. Offering pieces that can blend with a couple of different decorative styles. I like to mix origins, eras, and styles. I love the look of a mid-century piece mixed with a 19th century desk to create a vignette. It's fresh, relevant, and looking good for a long time," she explains.

Her novel approach to antiques applies to shop rules as well; it's not too precious. She encourages people to

come in with their kids (really!). She invites them to sit on things, to give them texture and even a little more history. She has planted vintage duck figures around the store for little ones to try and find. Her 11-week-old puppy, Wally, was in the shop the day I visited, romping around and snoozing under the desk. She has also made sure that there is a little something for everyone.

Yes, you can find and invest in a stunning oil portrait, or a Victorian embroidered screen, but you can also find heavenly journals and beautiful matchboxes to punctuate your well-appointed space.

And Gray House is just that—a well-appointed space. One with a breathtaking richness and depth; inspiring a bit of wonder and delight. So, as we slog through to the end of February, and take on March, know that if you choose to stop by, to cross the threshold, to say hello to Cordelia and Wally, I promise—you will leave feeling a little less gray than when you arrived.

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Season Begins in Earnest for ME Ski Team

By Jason Brisbois

Year after year, it is reinforced that few high school sports are more weather-dependent than alpine skiing.

Here on Cape Ann, we haven't exactly had traditional winter weather so far with warmer temps than usual and more rain than snow to this point. It took a little while for the snow to reach local mountains as well, but there was enough to get things started for the Manchester Essex girls alpine ski team on Jan. 17.

"We were lucky to get a few 'early' snowstorms that got us on snow earlier than expected," explains ME skiing coach Molly Friedman. "Otherwise, we're stuck doing dryland which gets boring, and the student athletes are itching to get on the snow. Now, it's a different story. The rain definitely hindered the season, but we're staying positive, and a lot of the student athletes ski up north during the weekend to keep them in shape. The league definitely does what it can to get a race in even if the conditions aren't perfect."

The Hornets feature a smaller roster than in year's

past, a number that has been boosted by the addition of Grace O'Neill and junior varsity skier Hennix Ogren as part of a co-op with Triton.

"Both have proven to be valuable racers and team members," says Friedman.

Twins Grayson and Sienna Crocker are familiar faces on the team, with both serving as co-captains for the Hornets this winter.

"They have been key members both on the mountain and off," Friedman says of the two seniors. "They always come with a positive attitude, are always willing to help the coaches and fellow team members and give it their all on the racecourse. I have loved watching them over the past two years progress as racers."

The rest of the team includes returnees from last season in Caroline Willwerth, Celia Mannal and Kiernan Day, along with senior Kate Bappe, middle schooler Madison Day and the O'Neill and Ogren coming in from Triton.

"I expected Madison Day to be a strong skier just like her sister Kiernan and was right," says Friedman. "She will be super fun to watch progress as an athlete. I had a good feeling about Grace before



seeing her on snow and was right. She is an extremely strong and technical skier."

The early season includes dates on the schedule against Andover and North Andover on Jan. 29, along with return trips to Bradford Ski Area on

Jan. 31 and Feb. 5.

"Schedule going forward is pretty weather dependent," explains Friedman, who adds, "[In] each race a school competes against two other schools as well as trying to get the best individual score.

While she is thankful that the snow has finally hit the slopes and that the team is already showing promise, Friedman is also thankful for the help she is getting from her assistant coaches this winter for one very impor-

tant reason. "I am just about eight-and-a-half months pregnant and have had the fortunate help from my assistant coaches Avery Hayes and Jerry Murphy to get through the season while I take a step back," she says.



Members of the boys and girls Indoor Track Team. The teams will compete in the Cape Ann League Indoor Track Championship on Tuesday. Results to be posted in an upcoming Cricket.

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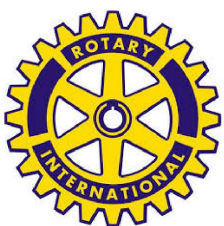
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Step into the world of traditional shipbuilding with the Essex Historical Society and Shipbuilding Museum's (EHSSM) exclusive workshop, "Heritage and

Hulls: From A Carved Model to the Lofting Floor."

Led by National Heritage Fellow and Master Shipwright Harold Burnham, along with EHSSM Executive

Director KD Montgomery, this workshop will run Feb. 19-23 and promises a truly satisfying experience for maritime enthusiasts and aspiring shipwrights. Organiz-

ers emphasize that no experience is necessary.

Participants will carve their own model of the ship "Sylvina W. Beal," learning to lift lines off the model and translate them into full-scale designs - skills that echo centuries of maritime tradition. At the end of the workshop, all participants will take home their own half model of the Sylvina W. Beal.

It's a hands-on journey from theory to practice, culminating in a tangible piece of history you can take home.

Participants will be immersed in the craftsmanship and lore of Essex's shipbuilding heritage, which was its global hallmark until the early 1900s. Because of this, the workshop will be more than a learning experience; it's a deep dive into

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Essex Senior Living | Feb 9

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Arts & Crafts activities: Tuesdays, 1 - 3 p.m. Computer & Technology Assistance, Wednesdays 1 - 3 p.m.: Do you have questions about your computer, tablet, phone, or other technological challenges? Drop in and see Curt or Bill for help.

Games with Gil at the Senior Center: Wednesdays 1 p.m.: ALL AGES WELCOME, come play BOARD games or Scrabble, Boggle, Cribbage, Backgammon, join us or bring a friend and come play ANYTIME!

COA Fitness Programs - \$5 Donation Requested:

- **BALANCE IN MOTION:** Tuesdays and Fridays, 10 a.m.
- **GROOVE FITNESS VIDEO:** Mondays, 9:30 a.m. - get your dancing shoes on and join this fun, energetic dance class! Video, no instructor.
- **FITNESS WITH GIL:** Wednesdays, 10 a.m. - What better way to start your day than with Gil! Focus will be on building strength and stamina, along with stretching... energize yourself and leave feeling good and ready to face the day!!
- **CAPE ANN VIRTUAL SENIOR CENTER:** Tune into channel 67 for a number of fitness programs sponsored by the Cape Ann

Councils on Aging and the Friends of the Essex Council on Aging.

Walking Club: Want to get some exercise but concerned about winter road conditions? Enjoy the Gordon College Bennett Center indoor walking track for FREE! **Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays, 9:30-11:30 a.m.** Please register by calling Hamilton-Wenham Recreation 978-468-2178. Transportation is available from CATA.

Grab and Go Meals, Mondays & Thursdays, 12 Noon (must be picked up by 12:30): Monday meals provided by Open Door, Thursday meals provided by Senior Care. Please register two business days in advance - 978-768-7932.

Mobile Market at the Essex Senior Center, Friday, February 2 and Friday, February 16, 10:30-11:30 a.m., On the first and third Fridays of each month the COA hosts a Mobile Market for Essex seniors. These markets are open to Essex seniors, regardless of income, and are sponsored by Acord Food Pantry and The Open Door. For more information or to register in advance, please contact Tess Leary at the Essex COA.

Essex Trash Bags - Tuesday, February 13, 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.: Discounted Trash Bags are available to Essex Residents aged 60 and older. Limit of one roll per household per month. Bags are sold on a first come, first serve basis. \$7 Small bags, \$15 Large bags.

Guest Chef: Friday, February 9, 11 a.m.: Join us as we welcome Dawn Burnham for a special Valentine's edition of our monthly cooking dem-

onstration! Samples and recipes will be available. Free to participants - advance registration is required.

Friendship Day - Tuesday, February 13, at 1 p.m.: Come celebrate Valentine's Day with friends. Bingo, special activities and tasty treats. Bring a friend! RSVP 978-768-7932.

Men's Coffee and Donuts: Second Wednesday of the month (February 14), 9:30 am.

Cape Ann Cinema and Pizza! - Thursday, February 15: Movie: "Perfect Storm." The story of the Andrea Gail, starring George Clooney and Mark Wahlberg. Movie and pizza start at 11 a.m.; CATA departs Memorial Park at 10:30 a.m. \$4 round trip fare (pay CATA). Advance registration is required.

Ladies Brunch, Third Tuesday of the month, February 20, 11 a.m.: Come and enjoy socializing and some tasty treats. Please RSVP five days before. Sponsored by FECCA

Elder Law Assistance - Atty. Brian DesRosiers, Wednesday, February 21, 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.: Brian is an Elder Law Specialist who will be at the Senior Center every 3rd Wednesday of the month to answer your questions. Appointments are preferred; drop-ins are welcome.

Mystery Ride - Wednesday, February 21: Join us for an adventure, a scenic ride, and a stop for a sweet treat! Please arrive at Memorial Park at 12:15 p.m. The van leaves at 12:30 p.m. Transportation provided by CATA - \$4 round trip (pay CATA). Advance registration required so please call 978-

768-7932 to register.

Remember When...Essex: Thursday, February 22, 1 p.m.: Please join us to talk and share stories about the people and places of Essex. We are excited to offer this special program and can't wait to hear your reminiscences! Diane Polley will lead the group.

Monthly Book Club:

- Tuesday, February 27, 1 p.m.: Join us for lively discussion! "The Thread Collectors" by Alyson Richman and Shaunna J. Edwards.
- Tuesday, March 26, 1 p.m.: "Horse" by Geraldine Brooks.

Through the generosity of the Friends, multiple copies of each title are available to borrow! New members are always welcome!

Bowling - Knock 'em down, spin 'em around! Wednesday, February 28, 11 a.m.: Cape Ann Lanes: Shoe rental is \$3.50 per person. Transportation available via CATA, \$4 roundtrip fare - departs Memorial Park at 10:45 a.m. Let us know you're coming - and let's go bowling!

Bonus Day Celebration! Thursday, February 29, at 1 p.m.: Leap Year only comes every four years so we're leaping into action and celebrating!

- 1 p.m. Extra Special Ice Cream Sundae Bar
- 2 p.m. Viewing of the movie: "Leap Year"

This event is FREE. Please call the COA to register in advance: 978-768-7932

ESSEX EATS! - Returning March 2024: Stay tuned for more details on this in a future edition.



For two weeks at 6 p.m. starting on Wed, Feb. 21st we welcome back Jackson the Reading Dog for a very special PJ STORYTIME! Children ages 5 to 11, please register to meet Jackson and enjoy stories and a craft. Don't forget to wear your PJs!

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LIBRARY NEWS

T.O.H.P. Burnham Public Library



Community Rummikub Offered.

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Library Closed

Monday, February 19th in observance of President's Day.

Tax Forms

State and Federal tax forms are available for pick up at the Library.

Community Book Group

Monday, February 26 at 10 a.m. Join us as we discuss "The High House" by Jessie Greengrass.

Community Rummikub

Saturday, February 24 from 10 a.m. - 12 Noon. No experience necessary. Enjoy meeting others from the community over this popular game.

Bending Toward Justice: (Virtual)

Wednesday, February 21 at 7 p.m. African Americans as Subject and Creators in American Art.

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.

Pajama Storytime with Jackson the Reading Dog

Wednesday, February 21 at 6 p.m. Ages 5 and older. Meet Jackson and listen to dog-themed stories and make a doggy craft.

Story Hours Begin

Beginning in the New Year on January 10, 2024 Wednesdays 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.

Chinese New Year Storytime & Craft

Monday, February 12 at 3:30 p.m. Children ages 4 and older, join us to learn about this special celebration through stories and a craft.

CFCE Science Thursdays

Beginning in the New Year on January 11, 2024 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.

Essex Locals | Feb 9

115 Years Ago - 1909

Mr. Raymond H. Symonds met with a very painful accident while at work cutting ice at C. W. Mears' plant on Saturday. He was wringing in one of the houses, when his pike broke out of the block and in some way got beneath him and he sat on it, inflicting a wound about 3 1/2 inches deep. Dr. Ellis attended.

90 Years Ago - 1934

A committee of men of the Congregational Church served a home cooked supper to the members Monday which was voted a huge success from all viewpoints.



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SUNDAY, JANUARY 28

9:44 a.m. Belcher St., property check, secured/checked. 3:42 p.m. Eastern Ave., disabled motor vehicle, assisted as needed. 6:24 p.m. Martin St., directed patrol, secured/checked. 8:22 p.m. Grove St., disabled motor vehicle, assisted as needed.

MONDAY, JANUARY 29

1:35 a.m. Main St., selective enforcement, no action taken. 6:34 a.m. Southern Ave., selective enforcement. 12:37 p.m. Haskell Court, male fall, no EMS. 10:21 p.m.

John Wise Ave., property check, secured/checked.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30

7:11 a.m. Story St., directed patrol, secured/checked. 12:04 p.m. Western Ave., police investigation follow-up, secured/checked. 5:49 p.m. John Wise Ave., citizen assist, assisted as needed. 8:40 p.m. Martin St., directed patrol, no action taken.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31

12:26 a.m. Scotts Way, directed patrol, secured/checked. 12:42 a.m. Belcher St., directed patrol, secured/

checked. 1:40 a.m. Centennial Grove Rd., directed patrol, secured/checked. 2:19 a.m. Winthrop St., parking complaint, parking enforcement.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1

No report.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2

No report.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3

7:19 a.m. Main St., selective enforcement. 11:12 a.m. Pickering St., property check, secured/checked. 5:40 p.m. John Wise Ave., erratic operator, report to follow. 11:00 p.m. Western

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Valentine's Day is coming right up. This year, February 14th comes on a Wednesday, so romantic planning may require some skipping around. Maybe have flowers delivered that day, with a weekend-adjacent night out the next day? Or expand gifting into a couple of gestural gifts. And then, there's the strategy of one, big whammy smack of a gift that skews "extra" (yes, we're talking jewelry). And as usual, these things are only available from retailers close by. All local, all good.



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The "My Love" bouquet at Chapman's leans on classic roses for its Valentine's arrangement, but does it with fresh, surprising colors. Don't be one of those who don't plan ahead, but if that's the case, Chapman's Colleen Malik has you covered. Choose from three My Love options, \$75 to \$125, at **Chapman's Greenhouse**, 58 Hart St., Beverly | (978) 927-0153



In the "Throws" of Love

The touch of these throws and scarves by Elvang of Denmark is nothing short of ethereal. Made sustainably with amazingly soft and cozy 100% baby alpaca wool, they're perfect for those in who gravitate to a cuddly Valentine. Fair trade certified at the highest possible level. \$135 to \$375, at **Gray House Art & Antiques**, 38 Union St., Manchester | grayhouseantiques.com



Feel Good at Heart

Manchester native, Kea Romani, is a young designer who started her vintage upcycle label, Kea's Keepsakes, two years ago after years of redesigning and repurposing vintage clothing and accessories for friends and family. She says slow fashion brands like hers are ecofriendly and, besides, "vintage pieces are timeless and one of a kind, I want people to leave with something they've never seen on anyone else!" Here, one of her pieces—a gold sweater adorned with a simple wool sewn heart—is perfect for Valentines. \$8-\$100 depending on the piece, at **4 Beach Gifts & Goodies**, 4 Beach St., Manchester | (978) 526-7333



Sweet, Sweet, Sweet!

You're always safe gifting sweets for your Valentine. And around Cape Ann, there are great options, including Tuck's Candy Factory in Rockport, which has been making candy since 1929. This year, there's all manner of Valentine's Day selections, including hand-dipped chocolate strawberries and heart filled dark chocolates. A bonus? Head to Rockport on Saturday, Feb. 10 when downtown Rockport will be open for "Fishin' For Love" where stores will be offering "sweet deals!" **Tuck's Candy Factory**, 7 Dock Sq., Rockport | (978) 546-2840

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Rocky Neck Offers Art, Love, Polar Plunge, and Live Drawing Feb 10 & 11

It's love, makers and live drawing at this year's Rocky Neck Winter Fest, the popup art festival put on by the Rocky Neck Art Colony (RNAC) will take place Saturday and Sunday, February 10 and 11 in East Gloucester.

SATURDAY, FEB. 10

RNAC Member Pop-Up Show "The Love Show" at Cove Gallery from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. will feature artwork inspired by the theme of—you guessed it—love. Among the talented artists are Manchester's Juni VanDyke and Olga Hayes, along with Paige Farrell (who calls Rockport home but grew up in Manchester). Paintings, drawings, sculpture, ceramics, and jewelry, all priced at \$500 or less.

Exhibiting artists include Suzanne Agostino, Lisa Angelini-Adams, Paula Borsetti, Jennifer K Brown, Loren Doucette, Paige Farrell, Olga Hayes, L. Marie Lamarche, Juliet Lockwood, Barbara Lynch, Lynn MacLaughlin, Lauren Maher, Carmela Martin, Vanessa Michalak, Brian Murphy, Marcie Rae, Joyce Roessler, Juni Van Dyke, Deborah Way, and Beth Williams.

Then, it's **Live Portrait**

Drawing at The Cultural Center

also from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday. Experience live portrait drawings by local artists, including Janet Grover (RNAC), Jill Hoy (visiting artist), Caryl Hull Leavitt (visiting artist), Vanessa Michalak (RNAC), Brian Murphy (RNAC), Joyce Roessler (RNAC), and Amy Sudarsky (RNAC). Pre-register for a 30-minute portrait session here; walk-ins are welcome. \$50 charge per portrait, with proceeds benefiting the RNAC and the artists.

If you're not drawn in (get it?) by the live portraits, at noon at the Breezeway, check out the **Polar Plunge**. Get your own endorphins going by taking a leap or just watch others with more hutzpah than you. Warm up afterwards with hot chocolate at the Cultural Center. Or head over to the **Salted Cod Arthouse for a Makers Event** from 2 to 3:30 p.m.

Create your own Valentine with artist Leslie Heffron and enjoy food and beverages at The Salted Cod Arthouse bar, or peruse RNAC members' artwork available for sale.

SUNDAY, FEB. 11:

THE RNAC Member Pop-Up Show, "The Love Show" is at Cove Gallery from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Valentine's Day is the theme at Cove Gallery, featuring artwork—paintings, drawings, sculpture, ceramics, and jewelry—all priced at \$500 or less.

Mark Goetemann has donated the former home and gallery space of his parents, Gordon and Judith Goetemann during the weekend.

This contribution honors their legacy as artists and dedicated supporters of artistic excellence, continuing their commitment to keeping Rocky Neck a haven for artists and art lovers.

Manchester Museum Holds Inaugural Talk



Local mycologist Gary Gilbert.

Courtesy Photo

Mushrooms of the 1661 Cemetery: From Death, to Life

Local mycologist Gary Gilbert will speak on the history of the 1661 cemetery, its inhabitants, and the relationships between the woodlands there and their fungi in this old pastureland turned burial ground.

Event will be held Thursday, February 29th in the First Parish Community Hall, 1 Chapel Lane behind Santander Bank at 7 p.m. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. for socializing & refreshments.



Income Tax Advice for Seniors

Free income tax advice is available for qualified senior citizens and low-income residents beginning on Thursday, February 8, 2024. This service is available through a cooperative effort of the AARP Foundation tax-aid program and the SeniorCare RSVP program.

All volunteer counselors are trained by the Internal Revenue Service; counselors will have hours at the Town Hall in Manchester

on Thursday mornings with appointments scheduled every 15 minutes. This is a drop off service. APPOINTMENTS ARE NECESSARY AND CAN BE SCHEDULED BY CALLING THE COUNCIL ON AGING OFFICE. (978) 526-7500. Seniors coming in for tax advice should bring with them copies of their previous year's federal and state tax returns, any forms including W-2s and other relevant material showing income for the

year. Intake paperwork will be mailed to you and must be completed prior to your appointment. If it is not completed by your appointment time you will need to reschedule

PUBLIC NOTICE



Town of Manchester-by-Sea
Office of the
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Town Hall, 10 Central Street,
Manchester-by-Sea, MA 01944-1399

Public Hearing Notice to be Published on or before 2/9/24

On behalf of Catherine Lastavica, Abigail Manzi, of DeRosa Environmental Consulting has requested the Conservation Commission make a decision regarding the Notice of Intent for proposed repairs to an existing seawall at 0 and 1 Coolidge Point Road, (Map 4, Lots 3 & 4).

This request will be discussed at a VIRTUAL meeting on Tuesday, February 20, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. and will be reviewed under the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act (MGL Chapter 131, Section 40) and the Manchester General Wetlands Bylaw.

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

February 9, 2023 MC

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Timothy P. Girian, Ann W. Girian to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., dated July 25, 2007 and recorded in the Essex County (Southern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 27056, Page 2, as modified by a certain modification agreement dated February 14, 2020, and recorded with said Essex County (Southern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 38844, Page 559, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, by assignment from:

Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., a separate corporation that is acting solely as nominee for "Lender", Countrywide Home Loans, Inc. and its successors and assigns to BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP f/k/a Countrywide Home Loans Servicing, LP, recorded on December 13, 2010, in Book No. 30054, at Page 273

Bank of America, N.A., successor by merger to BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP, formerly known as Countrywide Home Loans Servicing LP to Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, as Trustee of Stanwich Mortgage Loan Trust A, recorded on April 18, 2017, in Book No. 35801, at Page 489

Wilmington Savings Fund

A single conversation across the table with a wise man is better than ten years mere study of books.

~ Henry Wadsworth Longfellow ~

LEGAL NOTICE

Society, FSB, as Trustee of Stanwich Mortgage Loan Trust A to Stanwich Mortgage Acquisition Company IV, LLC, recorded on July 31, 2019, in Book No. 37717, at Page 557

Stanwich Mortgage Acquisition Company IV, LLC to Morgan Stanley Mortgage Capital Holdings LLC, recorded on July 31, 2019, in Book No. 37717, at Page 560

Morgan Stanley Mortgage Capital Holdings LLC to FV-I, Inc. in trust for Morgan Stanley Mortgage Capital Holdings LLC, recorded on August 14, 2019, in Book No. 37751, at Page 153

FV-I, Inc. in trust for Morgan Stanley Mortgage Capital Holdings LLC to Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, d/b/a Christiana Trust, not individually but as Trustee for Pretium Mortgage Acquisition Trust, recorded on May 13, 2020, in Book No. 38510, at Page 433 for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 3:00 PM on March 4, 2024, on the mortgage premises located at 14 Old Neck Road, Manchester (Manchester By The Sea), Essex County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

TO WIT:
The land in said Manchester, with the buildings thereon, shown on a plan entitled, "Plan of Land in Manchester, Mass.

Scale 1" = 50' Arthur Mickelini, C.E., Manchester, Mass., May 1950", recorded with Essex South District Registry of Deeds, Book 3750, Page 532, and being bounded and described, according to said plan, as follows: SOUTHERLY by Old Neck Road, a public way, on three courses, 33.43 feet; 30.07 feet, and 86.50 feet, respectively; WESTERLY by land of Maynard B. Gilman, 360.28 feet; NORTHERLY by land of said Gilman and land of Michael Bakulla and Emily Bakulla, 150.00 feet; and EASTERLY by said land of Bakulla on two courses, 237.20 feet and 113.60 feet, respectively.

For mortgagor's(s)' title see deed recorded with Essex County (Southern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 16690, Page 541.

These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

TERMS OF SALE:
A deposit of Thirty Thousand

(\$30,000.00) Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Harmon Law Offices, P.C., 150 California St., Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, D/B/A CHRISTIANA TRUST, NOT INDIVIDUALLY BUT AS TRUSTEE FOR PRETIUM MORTGAGE ACQUISITION TRUST
Present holder of said mortgage

By its Attorneys,
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Newton, MA 02458
(617)558-0500
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LEGAL NOTICE



Town of Manchester-by-the-Sea ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
Town Hall, 10 Central Street,
Manchester-by-the-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, February 21, 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 Application
Application of Brian Stein, BDS Design, for Special Permit under Sections 7.2 and 12.5 of the Zoning

By-Law to allow for combining 3 single dormers into one large dormer on the rear of the carriage house and add a deck and stairway on the end of structure within 15' of the side setback; at 29 Old Neck Road, Assessor's Map13, Lot No. 35, in District E filed with the Town Clerk on January 16, 2024. Zoom information will be available on the Town website prior to the meeting.

Sarah Mellish, Chair, Zoning Board of Appeals

Posted to MNPA website:
[http://masspublicnotices.org.](http://masspublicnotices.org/)

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Puzzle

THEME: LOVE

ACROSS

- 1. Zagreb native
- 6. Not St. or Blvd.
- 9. Tucked in
- 13. Whatchamacallit
- 14. Robert Redford's Sundance ___
- 15. In a cold manner
- 16. Tiny island
- 17. Mad King George's number
- 18. Hearing, e.g.
- 19. *Love's late Nirvana husband
- 21. *Star-___
- 23. *Air Supply's "Making Love Out of Nothing at ___"
- 24. Elementary particle
- 25. Tire meas.
- 28. Land of Israel
- 30. *Joe Cockar and Jennifer Warnes: "Love lifts us up where we ___"
- 35. Ladder crosspiece
- 37. Frenzied
- 39. London's Thames, e.g.
- 40. ___-European language
- 41. Call it quits
- 43. Very bright star
- 44. What procedural and epidural have in common
- 46. Crosby's and Still's partner
- 47. Mountain valley
- 48. Final words
- 50. Future J.D.'s hurdle
- 52. Food scrap
- 53. Tax
- 55. Pen point
- 57. **"All You Need Is Love" band, with The
- 61. *Letters to Juliet destination
- 64. Habituate
- 65. NHL surface
- 67. Ancient marketplace
- 69. Like many bathroom floors?
- 70. Blunderbuss, e.g.
- 71. Entrenched (2 words)
- 72. Whirlpool
- 73. Volleyball court center
- 74. English homework assignment

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- 1. Computer-related imaging acronym
- 2. CISC alternative
- 3. Capital of Norway
- 4. Single-cell protozoan
- 5. Bottom lines
- 6. Similar
- 7. One of the Tudors
- 8. Authoritative proclamation
- 9. Single pip cards
- 10. The Container Store purchase, pl.

- 11. "What ___ can I say?"
- 12. T-shirt, after tied
- 15. Chemical cousin
- 20. Homer's epic
- 22. Actor Lowe
- 24. Deviation from the norm
- 25. *U2's "In the Name of Love" song
- 26. First light of day
- 27. Lemur from Madagascar
- 29. Damien's prediction
- 31. Ding-a-___

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Solutions on Page 11

- 32. Convex molding
- 33. **"Love means ___ having to say you're sorry"
- 34. **"Love Actually" star
- 36. Hockey score
- 38. *True Love's ___
- 42. Feudal lord
- 45. Loafed
- 49. "Holy moly!"
- 51. Rant
- 54. "Peace" with fingers (2 words)

- 56. Phony
- 57. Teeth mark
- 58. Children's writer Blyton
- 59. Old, in Scottish
- 60. Three pointer
- 61. Heater outlet
- 62. Wooden pegs
- 63. Rigoletto's "La donna mobile," e.g.
- 66. Pool tool
- 68. One or some

Religious Notes

Cornerstone Church

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

Visitation Parish - Mass Schedule

The Visitation Parish Mass Schedule:

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

Sunday Mass - 8:30 a.m.

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

Sunday Mass - 10 a.m.

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

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

The Assumption of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church

8 Lafayette Road, Ipswich Mass.

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

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

First Parish Church

First Parish Church Manchester-by-the-Sea - join us for a moving message, beautiful music and community at the center of town, 10 a.m. Sundays 10 Central St and streamed on Facebook, FirstParishChurch-ManchesterMa.

Worship Leader, Rev. Katherine Schofield with music led by Dr. Herman Weiss, and the First Parish Choir. Sunday school 10 a.m. led by Jeanne Westcott. We invite everyone to join us for hospitality following the service.

Monday Friends of the COA Senior Drop in 10 a.m. - 12 Noon.

Wednesday Choir rehearsal 7:30 p.m.

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

Seaside Parish Knitters 1-3 p.m., all knitters welcome to drop in

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

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Malassezia Dermatitis (Yeast Infection of Dog's Skin)



By Lawrence Lamb, DVM

One of the most enjoyable parts of practicing veterinary medicine at the Manchester Animal Hospital is seeking a diagnosis in a case with multiple rule-outs. One example was a patient with crusty lesions on the tip of its ears. Because there are multiple possible causes for this, experience is helpful, but only certain diagnostic tools should be employed. In this case, I suspected a fungal/yeast diagnosis, bacterial dermatitis, or skin mites, also known as mange.

There are several testing methods to confirm the overgrowth of yeasts and rule out other causes, such as Demodectic and Sarcoptic Mites.

- Skin scraping with a blade (scraping the skin with a blade to collect yeast organisms) is a test that can help rule out mites as a cause. The skin scraping is then studied under a microscope and, in this case, provided the diagnosis that ruled out other causes.
- Skin biopsy (removing a small skin plug with a biopsy punch with a local anesthetic. This is the most invasive choice but provides substantially more diagnostic information.)

- It is important to realize that yeast overgrowth occurs in response to a primary problem, be it allergy, seborrhea, or something else. If the underlying problem is uncontrolled, yeast dermatitis will likely recur periodically. It is common for allergic dogs to require some periodic if not ongoing, anti-yeast therapy.

Therefore, I also tested for

food and airborne allergies in this case. The following results provided a plan: The food and airborne allergies defined what foods the dog should not eat, and the other allergy tests were also positive, giving a direction to treat also.

The skin scraping tests provided a cytology sample (examining cells under a microscope) that proved that it was a Malassezia infection.

Yeasts are the spore-like forms of fungi; Malassezia dermatitis is the inflammatory skin disease that results from overgrowth on the skin by the natural Malassezia yeast population.

Yeast infections are itchy, crusty, and smelly. Often, a dog starts with a rash or simple itching, but the skin thickens to an elephant skin appearance. The itch is extreme, and the odor can be especially troublesome. Parts of the body or the entire body can be affected. Dogs are mostly affected, but cats can also get yeast infections.

Yeast happily lives on most normal skin and in ears and anal glands. To get a yeast infection, conditions on the skin surface have to change to favor the proliferation of the yeasts. The yeasts in small normal numbers are harmless, but when the yeasts are in large numbers, disease results. It is also possible to become allergic to the proteins in the yeast cell wall (see below), so very few yeast organisms are needed to incite very big inflammation.

So, what conditions lead to yeast proliferation? Increasing skin oils (often in an allergic flare-up) would be the most common. Sometimes, there is an immune

deficiency that allows yeast proliferation. Some animals are battling seborrhea (excessive oil production of the skin) and thus are naturally predisposed to yeast proliferation. Some animals are allergic to the yeasts themselves. The most important thing to realize is that while a yeast infection is not contagious, it tends to recur unless the underlying allergy, seborrhea, or other problem is controlled.

The following breeds are predisposed genetically to yeast infections: the West Highland White Terrier, Basset hound, Cocker spaniel, Silky terrier, Australian terrier, Maltese, Chihuahua, Poodle, Shetland sheepdog, Lhasa apso, and the Dachshund.

Very few yeasts need to be seen under the microscope to confirm yeast infection.

Treatment can be topical, oral, or both. Topical treatment is best used for localized spots of infection, while oral medication would be better applied to larger infected areas. If the yeast infection is recurrent or if you wish to supplement oral medication, topical and oral treatment can be combined.

Ketoconazole and its derivatives rule when it comes to oral therapy. Typically, a several-week treatment is needed, and there are numerous protocols involving different dosing schedules. Higher doses tend to be needed if recurrence is a problem. The extreme itch usually improves or resolves within one week. For animals that do not tolerate the azole class of medications, terbinafine is a good alternative choice.

If oral medications are not effective, this suggests a bio-

film has formed, and topical treatment must be considered in this, a topical medication with Ketoconazole was Rx'd.

Recently a consensus statement was published by veterinary dermatologists regarding Malassezia dermatitis. When it came to shampoos, those favored contained 2% miconazole and 2% chlorhexidine. Shampoos were applied twice weekly with a 10-minute contact time before rinsing.

This type of therapy helped improve the effectiveness of the oral medication and was also a good choice for long-term maintenance therapy once the infection was controlled. There are many shampoo products available with these active ingredients, such as vinegar bases, selenium, and/or topical ketoconazole. Your veterinarian may have a preferred product or regimen.

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

Solution to puzzles on page 10

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The Season of Lent will begin with a traditional Ash Wednesday service, in the Sanctuary on Wednesday, February 14th from 6:30 - 7 p.m.

Weekly Vespers Services: Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Weekly Lenten Group Study Series on Five Spiritual Disciplines That Draw Us Closer to God: Mondays, 5-6 p.m. on Zoom

Weekly At-Home Devotional: "Wendell Berry and the Sabbath Poetry of Lent"

St. John's Church

Worship:

Every Sunday we hold services at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Child care is available during the 10 a.m. service. This Sunday we will have a guest speaker discussing Electric Transportation following the 10 a.m. service.

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 together quietly, awaiting the experience of God's presence.

People in our community hail from the traditional tribal lands of the Pawtucket and Massachusetts now called Manchester, Gloucester, Beverly, Ipswich, Rockport, Salem, Lynn and Marblehead. Whether you

have worshiped in other Quaker (Friends) Meetings or not, we welcome you to join us. If you are new to Quakers, someone will be happy to talk with you and answer any questions you may have. Send an email to: northshore-quaker@gmail.com. First Day School, our Children's Program, consists of forest walks near the Glen Urquhart School led by Jessica Kagle from the Kestrel Foundation. Blessings To You

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PLANNING BOARD

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Planning Board of the Town of Manchester-by-the-Sea will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, February 26, 2024, 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.

New Application

Application of 19 SPR Nominee Trust, for Special Permit under Sections 6.4 and 2.5 of the Zoning By-Law to allow for Earth Removal and Filling at 19 Smith's Point Road, Assessor's Map 20, Lot No. 16, in District E filed with the Town Clerk on January 29, 2024.

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

Gail Hunter, Administrator
Planning Board.

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

February 9, 2024 MC
February 16, 2024 MC



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considered a special needs adoption because he has diabetes and needs insulin/prescription diet. If you are interested in adopting, submit an application online, and stop by and visit him today! Visit www.capeannimalaid.org for more information about him and all the other animals waiting for homes here at the Christopher Cutler Rich Animal Shelter, 4 Paws Lane in Gloucester.



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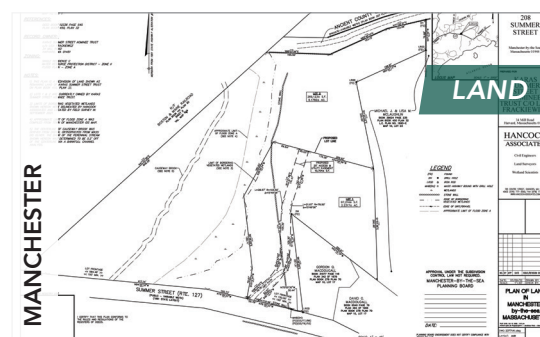
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