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EES Building Committee Candidates Sought

The Manchester Essex School Committee is seeking residents from both Essex and Manchester to serve on the Essex School Building Committee (ESBC). The ESBC will oversee the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) process for all phases of the Essex elementary building project including feasibility, design, and construction. Those with backgrounds in construction, architecture, landscape, and education are key. Applications are being accepted through March 22. To apply please submit a letter of interest via email to lejeunea@mersd.org.

George Darrah Featured Next Week at Evening of Jazz Program

It's an *Evening of Jazz* starting at 6 p.m. Thursday, March 14 at the ME Regional Middle High School auditorium on Lincoln Street in Manchester. Guest artist is George Darrah, MERSD Class of 2007 and a Boston-based composer, drummer and music teacher. Darrah specializes in a variety of styles including jazz, pop, funk, big bands, and symphonic orchestras. Darrah has performed with and composed and arranged music for numerous performing artists. He appeared on NBC's Today Show and performed for President Barack Obama and US President Joe Biden. Also, in 2022 and 2023, Darrah performed on drums with Keith Lockhart and the Boston Pops Orchestra.

Rotary Club's Annual St. Patty's Day Dinner at the Legion on March 16

It's time again for the ME Rotary's annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner, 5:30 to 10 p.m. Saturday, March 16 at the American Legion Hall in Manchester featuring a corned beef dinner and Irish music from The Erstwhiles and the Creaganmore Pipes and Drums. \$30 ticket gets you dinner, music and Irish step dancing (oh my!). Cash bar, and if you're just up for the music, you can get into the Legion for just \$10. Tickets at manchesteressexrotary.com, \$5 discount for Rotary Club members who purchase in advance. Details on the Rotary's website.



(Photos: Kirk Williamson)

A protest organized by the Manchester Essex Conservation Trust outside Manchester's American Legion Hall Monday met members of the Mass. Dept. of Housing Appeals Committee who opened a hearing to rule on whether Strategic Land Ventures' was wrongly denied a permit in 2022 by the Town of Manchester to build a 40B affordable housing project in the Limited Commercial District. Below, Geoffrey Engler of SLV sits behind his legal team.

Engler Defends SLV Project at Hearing

By Jeff Pope

Developer Geoffrey Engler and Town Counsel George Pucci sparred during the first day of hearings over the Strategic Land Ventures' proposed 136-unit condominium plan for Shingle Hill off School Street.

The state's Housing Appeals Committee, chaired by Shelagh Ellman-Pearl, conducted the first of at least four days of hearings into the proposed plan at the Amaral Bailey American Legion Post 113 on Monday. The additional days of the hearing—which could end as soon as Thursday, March 7 but may last up to two weeks—were to be conducted online by video link.

Engler had sought a comprehensive permit from the town's Zoning Board of Appeals, through the state's 40B regulations, in January 2022. The ZBA rejected the plan in August 2022, sending the project to the state's Housing Appeals Committee.

Now 18 months later, the state committee is conducting hearings to determine if it should overturn the ZBA's decision.

The hearing consists of cross examination of wit-



nesses who have pre-filed testimony. There is no direct examination of witnesses since 40B appeals are designed by the state to be expedited.

"SLV has opted not to cross examine the town's expert witnesses," wrote Town Administrator Greg Feder-spiel in an email. "Thus, the hearing will focus on town counsel cross-examining SLV's witnesses."

One area Engler and Pucci sparred over was the town's

Master Plan. Pucci maintained that the Master Plan provided ample area in town for new housing. But Engler disagreed, leading to one of several heated exchanges.

"In my opinion, in my professional opinion, this town has done a very, very poor job in general of identifying any opportunities for housing," said Engler, "which is why Manchester-by-the-Sea has not developed any multi-family housing and why since this

whole process has started, Manchester-by-the-Sea has not developed any multi-family affordable housing of any significance."

Earlier, Pucci had questioned Engler about the developer's attempts to work with the Select Board to create a "friendly 40B" project, meaning it would have the approval of the Select Board from the start and would have secured concessions from the applicant such as a new fire department ladder truck, public van service to mitigate local traffic, and funding for the Manchester Affordable Housing Trust.

Pucci asked who Engler had worked with on the Select Board, but Engler could not remember any of their names, although he remembered then-Town Counsel Jonathan Witten discussing issues at Select Board meetings.

"We were working on a development agreement," said Engler, "and it was clear that was not going to happen. It was clear to my

team that we were not moving forward."

Pucci pressed Engler on whether the Select Board voted on the early version of the project.

"I honestly cannot remember if they formally took a vote," said Engler. "I remember the whole process fell apart when the town was pushing a certain issue, a certain position that we could not agree with. I made it very clear ... that we were going to respectfully discontinue this discussion because I couldn't live with what Mr. Witten and the town were asking."

Attorney Dennis Murphy, who was representing the Manchester Essex Conservation Trust, who is limited to asking questions about the environmental issues with the project, tried to ask Engler about the developer's ban on applying for new 40B cases after admitting he has lied on an application for a Wellesley project in 2021.

Engler's team objected ... (Continued on page 2)

Weekly Weather Chart

Saturday 9 March		40°	29°
Sunday 10 March		46°	37°
Monday 11 March		45°	38°
Tuesday 12 March		49°	34°
Wednesday 13 March		44°	40°
Thursday 14 March		45°	40°
Friday 15 March		45°	41°

Weather data pulled Wednesday and is subject to change.

Adjustments Lead to Sweet Results for ME Boys Basketball

By Jason Brisbois

The Manchester Essex basketball team—a squad that has lost all of one game this season—was down by two at the end of the first quarter in their tournament game against Frontier Regional.

Other teams may have panicked in the situation, wondering about how to respond down early to a foe they had never faced in team history. The 2023-24 version of the Hornets are not just any other team, however, and they did pretty much what they have done all season long: adjust and respond.

"Throughout the entire season, we have a saying: 'Don't worry about the first quarter,'" explains Manchester Essex coach Tim St. Laurent. "We can tighten the screws after that."

The coach adds: "We need to get through the first quarter and adjust -- especially if it's a team we haven't seen before."

The Hornets did just that,



ME Hornet Chris Glass goes to the net in the Hornets Round of 32 match against Frontier Regional at home. ME took the W 75-48, leading most of the way. Photo Paul Clark

making adjustments in the second quarter that resulted in Manchester Essex holding a 12-point lead over Frontier Regional at the half, and building that lead to 25 in the third quarter to put the game out of reach by the final

stanza. The result was a 75-48 win and the opportunity to advance to the Sweet 16 of the MIAA Div. 4 Tournament, where the Hornets were slated to face 12-seed Tyngsborough on March 5 (6 p.m. at MERHS).

Tyngsborough is another opponent that Manchester Essex has not seen before, and is coming into the match-up fully healthy after completing a 12-win season.

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Gavel to Gavel
This Week's Town Meetings

Manchester Town Hall is Open to the Public. Public hours are 9 a.m. - 4:45 p.m. Monday through Wednesday and 9 a.m. - 6:15 p.m. on Thursday. Essex Town Hall hours are Monday through Thursday 7:30 a.m.- 3:30 p.m.

Essex BOS
Monday, March 11, 6 p.m.
Essex FinCom
Monday, March 11 6 p.m.
Essex ConCom
Tuesday, March 12 7:15 p.m.

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Obituaries

The Cricket publishes obituaries weekly in print and immediately online at thecricket.com as they are approved. If an obituary cannot be printed in time for a service, we will also post the notice to our Facebook page (facebook.com/TheManchesterCricket). Send notices to obituaries@thecricket.com.

Deborah T. Clough



Deborah T. Clough 86, of Naples, FL and a former resident of The Villages, FL and Manchester-by-the-Sea, MA died on Sunday, February 25, 2024. Deborah was

born on February 4, 1938 in New York City, NY a daughter of the late Vincent A. and Deborah (Mann) Theisen. She had been a resident of Naples for the past 6 years coming from The Villages where she had resided for 15 years prior to moving to Naples.

She was a graduate of Brown University in Providence, RI where she earned her Bachelor's degree. After college, she began her career as a legal assistant with the law firm of Foley and Hoag in Boston, MA. She retired after 30 years with the law firm.

Deborah was an avid tennis player and instructor. She taught privately in the Northshore area of Boston. She was also a very talented golfer.

She is survived by her three children, Pamela Kieran and her husband, Peter of Bonita Springs, FL, David Clough and his wife, Jenna of Northport, FL, and Kristin Wendt of The Villages, FL; and 11 grandchildren, Kyle, Carly, and Hannah Kiernan and Robert, Melanie, Catherine, Margot, Lily, Olivia, Tessa and William Clough. She is also survived by her two sisters, Barbara

T. McGonagle of Bonita Springs, FL and Pamela T. Moss of Gloucester, MA.

Private services will be held by the family.

The family would like to thank the staff at Terracina Grand for all their exceptional care provided to Deborah and to Avow Hospice for their care in her final days. To sign her guest register or to leave online condolences please visit www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com.

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home family owned and operated since 1978.

MANCHESTER POLICE NOTES



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8:17 a.m. Masconomo St., citizen assist, report to follow. 3:08 p.m. Crow Island, alarm, no action taken. 6:23 p.m. Old Neck Rd., fire alarm, fire false. 9:06 p.m. School St., motor vehicle stop, written warning.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29
12:09 a.m. Filias Circle, disturbance, spoken to. 1:13 a.m. Forest St., traffic hazard, assisted as needed. 6:28 a.m. Masconomo St., utility request, assisted as needed. 2:31 p.m. Beach St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

FRIDAY, MARCH 1
1:20 a.m. Beach St., suspicious activity, spoken to. 6:40 a.m. Beach St., directed patrol, secured/checked. 1:46 p.m. Pleasant St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning. 6:58 p.m. Summer St., selective enforcement, other.

SATURDAY, MARCH 2
1:28 a.m. Beach St., suspicious activity, spoken to. 12:08 p.m. Powder House Lane, citizen assist, assisted as needed. 1:06 p.m. Summer St., property damage, assisted as needed. 8:42 p.m. Forest St., animal complaint, notification made

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25
12:44 p.m. Summer St., citizen assist, assisted as needed. 8:16 p.m. Pine St., community policing, other.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26
12:44 a.m. Summer St., welfare check, transported to

hospital. 11:21 a.m. School St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning. 2:23 p.m. Alpine Rd., animal complaint, notification made. 9:38 p.m. Filias Circle, suspicious activity, no action taken.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27
1:51 p.m. Route 128SB, traf-

fic hazard, gone on arrival. 2:50 p.m. Route 128SB, disabled motor vehicle, spoken to. 6:51 p.m. Proctor St., fire other, assisted as needed. 11:13 p.m. Old Essex Rd., welfare check, secured/checked.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY

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and Ellman-Pearl didn't allow the questions. When Murphy asked if the SLV project met all the necessary standards, Engler brought up the proposed Cell Signaling project, though not by name, as a project in the Limited Commercial District that received height variances from the Zoning Board of Appeals this year and is scheduled to apply for a permit from the Planning Board starting next week. Engler said the project has started with similar difficulties as the SLV project, but has not received the same blowback from the community. Before Engler's testimony, David Formato, a civil engineer for Onsite Engineering, was cross-examined about his testimony concerning water and sewer pipes for the project, directional

drilling, which would be required to install the pipes under Route 128, as well as the impact of digging pits on either side of the highway. After Engler's testimony, Manchester attorney Rus Brown was cross-examined. Brown was the trustee of the trust that co-owned the 23.8 acres, where the SLV project was proposed. Pucci asked him several questions about the marketing brochure created to market the sale of the land in October 2018. The brochure suggested several options for the land, including housing as suggested in the Master Plan and as a potential 40B project. Pucci noted that the town's Master Plan was not completed until 2019, but

Brown said that that plan was in the works well before that, and he had attended a number of meetings with town officials and stakeholders, where opening up sections of the LCD to housing was discussed. Later in the hearing schedule, the HAC will hear from Scott Goddard (wetlands scientist), Daniel Riggs (architect), Jeffrey Dirk (traffic engineer), Jason Cleary (former MBTS Fire Chief), Ken Milender (engineer), and Carlton Quinn (construction engineer). Once the hearing is concluded, both sides will turn in final filings and await the Housing Appeals Committee's ruling. Federspiel said

that could take up to a year, and, even after the ruling comes in, either side may appeal that decision.

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The Select Board will hold a hybrid public hearing on Monday, March 18, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. in Town Hall meeting room #5 and by zoom. Zoom information will be available on the Town website, prior to the meeting.

- Request from National Grid to install approx. 5 ft of underground conduit from MH 3 to Customer at 3 Arbella St.

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

March 8, 2024 MC
March 15, 2024 MC

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MBTA Zoning Question of the Week

Why is the MBTA Task Force Looking at Certain Areas of Town and Not Others?

The Task Force has considered all areas of Manchester-by-the-Sea. Several areas are no longer in consideration for different reasons, including some areas that appear to be a good fit.



One reason for excluding an area is that MBTA Zoning law does not make it easy to protect existing commercial and retail space. Under the law, the Town cannot require reserving the first floor of a building for retail use. The new zoning can permit retail use, with restrictions. The Task Force chose not to consider the downtown retail area because a walkable shopping area is an essential part of the character of Manchester.

Another reason for excluding an area is to protect the Town's historic buildings, which are also an important part of the Town's character. The Task Force tries to exclude areas with houses that are more than 100 years old. Within the half-mile circle around the train station, the decision to exclude historic houses eliminated Washington Street, North Street, Lower School Street, Union Street, Central Street and much of the heavy truck-ortreat area.

Yet other reasons for excluding an area are the probability of flooding and the absence of Town sewer service. Both those counts excluded the Magnolia area. The Town sewer system serves only about a third of

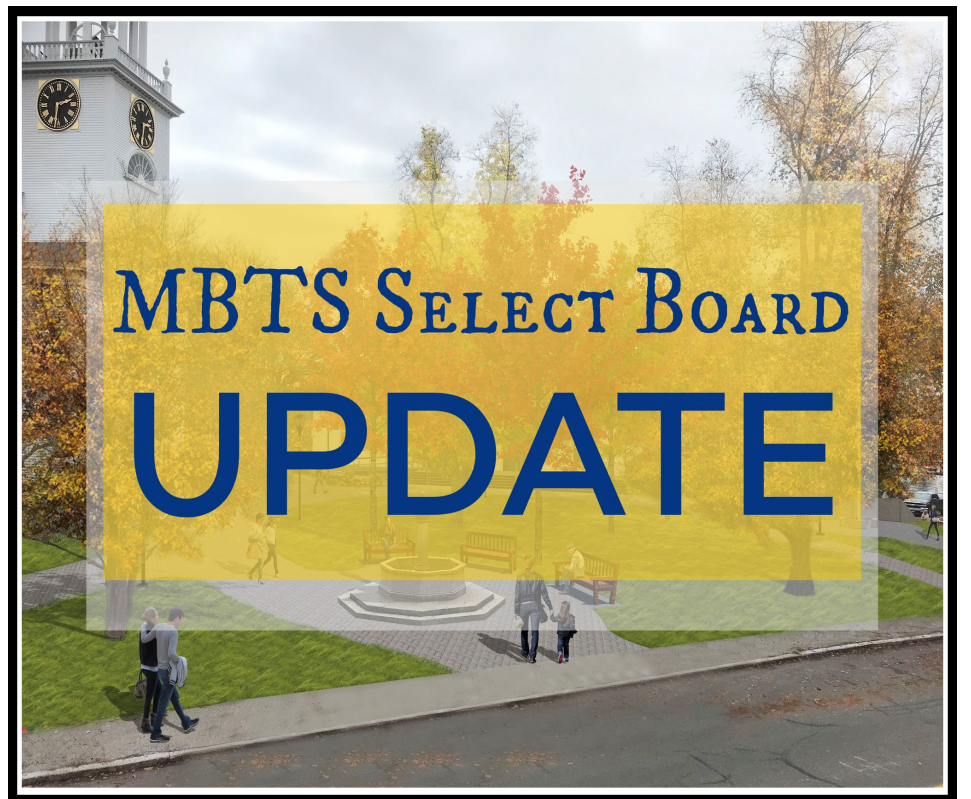
Manchester. The Task Force does not support building dense multi-family housing in an area that has private septic systems and is subject to flooding.

A less obvious reason for excluding an area is the potential for large apartment buildings or condos. The MBTA Zoning law requires that the new zones allow 15 units per acre. A 6,000 square foot lot (about one-sixth of an acre) would be suitable for a three-family building under that density requirement. A 6,000 square foot lot could hold a two-and-a-half story house, a driveway, and parking for 5 cars. The General District and District D both have a minimum lot size of 6,000 square feet. Area A has a minimum lot size of 22,500 square feet, so Area A could have apartment blocks with 8 units. The Task Force feels that a three-family, two-and-a-half-story house fits the character of Manchester better than an eight-unit apartment building.

In addition, the Task Force's goals include staying

as close as possible to current zoning regulations. Current zoning in the General District allows conversion of existing buildings to three family dwellings by right, albeit with 5 onsite parking spaces required and only in existing buildings. District D1 allows two-family dwellings by right. District D2 allows two-family dwellings with a special permit from the ZBA. All other districts except the LCD allow only single-family dwellings. Since the General District and District D are closer to what MBTA Zoning prescribes, the Task Force has been looking at those areas to give the Town a fair chance for compliance with the least amount of change to its character and current zoning.

The Manchester MBTA Zoning District Task Force was created by the Select and Planning Boards to explore and prepare a recommended approach by the town to the State of Massachusetts' mandate that all communities serviced by the public commuter rail line vote on whether to create "by right" multifamily zoning, a portion of which must be within a half mile of the MBTA Commuter Rail station. Manchester voters will have to weigh in by a Town Meeting vote by the end of 2024. The Task Force will be taking on questions to answer in a regular feature in The Cricket to help readers navigate the details supporting its work.



BOARD UPDATES

Planning Board Public Hearing: The Planning Board will meet on March 11 at 6:30 p.m. for a Public Hearing on the Cell Signaling application. Meeting details can be found on the Town website.

MBTA Zoning Task Force: The Task Force will meet on Thursday, March 14 at 6:30 p.m. Meeting details can be found on the Town website.

DPW Rain Barrel Sale: Think spring and purchase a rain barrel from DPW. Order by March 24. Fifty percent off the first barrel. Order

at greatamericanrainbarell.com/community/.

Dog License Renewals: Register your dog by March 31 to avoid a late fee. Details and online payment instructions can be found on the Town website.

Run for Office: Make a difference in our community and run for elected office. Nomination papers for Select Board, Planning Board, School Committee and Library Trustees are available at the Town Clerks office. Papers and signatures are due April 2.

Household Hazardous

Waste Day: The Board of Health will host a Hazardous Waste Day on Saturday, April 6. The cost is \$25 per car. Detailed information can be found on the Town website.

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
The local American Legion Band is scheduled to play over station WHDH next Monday evening from 7:30 to 8 o'clock, their second appearance for the Sons of Union Veterans broadcast. The band will leave the square by special bus at 5:30 p.m.
Manchester's police force is being distinguished by the pistol marksmanship of Officer Daniel MacEachern. In a recent shooting match he was second highest in his class, a class which consists of about 200 policemen. For his achievement he was awarded a bronze medal.

75 YEARS AGO - 1949
The Board of Health received bids for the collection of garbage. Bids submitted were as follows: Joseph T. Mello of Peabody, \$4300., Augustus G. Means of Essex, \$4300., Martin J. Lawler of Beverly Farms, \$5000.
The Girl Scout Committee held their regular monthly meeting, Monday evening at the home of Mrs. Fred Lear, Lincoln Street. Tentative plans for coming events were discussed. The hostesses served delicious refreshments.

60 YEARS AGO - 1964
An audience of 500 enthu-

siastic fans attended the Rex Trailer show sponsored by the Manchester Lions Club Sunday afternoon in the Memorial School. The popular TV star arrived at 4 p.m. by helicopter landing on the school grounds.

The Sixth Race of the Winter Series of the Manchester Frostbite Association was held March 8, 1964. The wind was light and finally settled in the NE after considerable shifting from the SW with occasional calms. The four races were sailed in the outer bay under cloudy skies and temperature about 40.

45 YEARS AGO - 1979
At 2:43 a.m. last Sunday police received 10 calls from area residents regarding a motor vehicle fire on Route 128NB on the Manchester-Wenham line. When officers arrived, they found a 1970 Olds Cutlass owned by Mark Power of Magnolia Ave., engulfed in flames. The Fire Department was called to extinguish the blaze, which was of unknown origin.

The Manchester Jr.-Sr. High School Band has announced that it will be selling fresh Valencia oranges and Pink Indian River grapefruit, shipped directly from Langdon Barber Groves in Florida. Band members are

raising funds for next year's rip for performances in the Washington D.C. area.

30 YEARS AGO - 1994
We are wishing the DECA Team the very best in the state competition in Falmouth this weekend and hoping by now everyone has locked Saturday night, March 26th in their social calendar to attend DECA's

Annual fashion extravaganza. On February 15, Troop 189 went to visit Mr. Paul Clark after school. The troop, which was earning their computer badge explored many different kinds of software and learned about different CD Rom programs. Thank you, Mr. Clark.

15 YEARS AGO - 2009
Manchester Memorial School celebrated Read Across America Day and Dr. Seuss' birthday with thousands of other schools across the nation this week, and everyone got into the Seuss spirit.

Memorial School's second annual Sketch Up contest will be on Saturday, March 14, 2009. Over 50 Memorial students in fourth, fifth, and sixth grade have accepted the challenge of designing both the inside and the outside of a one level, beach vacation home.



On Saturday the MBTA Zoning Task Force, along with the Planning Board, held a joint forum to explain current zoning rules in different sections of town. The forum touched on proposed MBTA zoning regulations and offered a question-and-answer period. Here Chris Olney, Planning Board member and chair of the MBTA Zoning Task Force along with Planning Board member Susan Philbrick point out the various zones in town and the rules that apply to them. Photo Paul Clark

Tides & Sun Chart For The Week Ahead

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10 Sun			12:12	11.1	6:11	-0.7	6:46	-1.1	7:00	6:45
11 Mon	12:40	10.6	1:02	11.3	7:04	-1.1	7:33	-1.3	6:59	6:46
12 Tue	1:27	10.9	1:52	11.1	7:55	-1.3	8:19	-1.2	6:57	6:47
13 Wed	2:15	11.1	2:42	10.6	8:46	-1.2	9:06	-0.9	6:55	6:49
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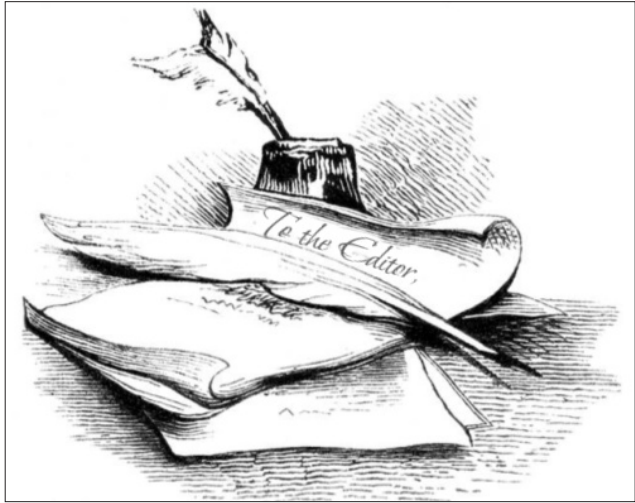
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Democratic Party Caucus to Add Three Delegates, Three Alternates

On Saturday, March 9 at 9 a.m., Democrats in Essex, MA will be caucusing to elect three delegates and three alternates to the Massachusetts Democratic Convention on June 1, 2024 in Worcester,

MA. This nominating convention will endorse candidates for statewide office and prepare for the fall election.

Registered and pre-registered Democrats in Essex are invited to join the virtual caucus and run for delegate or alternate to the state convention. This is a great way to get involved and connect with Democrats across the

town and state.

Please register in advance for the caucus: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/8121212121>

Please contact me with questions at essexmademocrats@gmail.com.

I look forward to seeing you on Saturday, March 9 at 9 a.m.

**Carla Christensen
Essex, MA**

Manchester-Essex Softball Association Community Thank You

Manchester-Essex Softball Association ("MESA"), a 501(c)(3) organization, was created in 2023 to focus on creating the best atmosphere for our K-8th grade softball players. Due to low participation over the past few years, the MERHS Varsity players had to co-op with Hamilton Wenham and play out of town. This led to deterioration of the conditions at Sweeney Park Softball Field.

MESA's goal was to fundraise, and over a three-year period, bring the field up to date. In our first year, MESA was thrilled with the amount of donations received. Because of these generous do-

nations, MESA was able to purchase a scoreboard and audio system, upgrade the playing surface, add an outfield fence, as well as upgrade the existing dugouts and batting cage. MESA was also able to purchase some field equipment. The Sweeney Park upgrades brought the facility up to date. MESA was happy our organization's athletes were able to benefit from these upgrades and build the entire program. The timing could not have been better because MERHS was able to field its own Varsity team and finally play at a home field.

MESA thanks all the organizations and individuals that made all this possible. MESA sends a heartfelt thank you to The Hooper Fund, Cape Ann Savings Bank, Harbor Point Condominium Association, Kelly Automotive Group, SMSquared Property Services, M/E Boosters, The M/E Rotary Club, Crocker's Boat Yard, Standley's Garage, Palazola Brothers Landscaping, and the numerous private donors. MESA also thanks the Manchester Park and Recreation Department, Manchester DPW, MERHS Athletic Department, Manchester Essex Little League, and The Manchester Cricket.

MESA is committed to make the necessary upgrades

and maintain the entire facility for all of these dedicated and deserving athletes for years to come.

**Paul Steriti, President
Manchester Essex Softball Association**

Stop Manchester's Minority Rule Over the Majority

The Power of Human Nature is a formidable force. A mother's protective instinct for her children and the "hero" rescuing people from burning buildings are examples of how our innate human spirit can rise to right a wrong or protect the innocent. While we celebrate these Higher Angels, we are less proud of the Fallen Angels that also direct Human Nature.

"Absolute Power Corrupts Absolutely" is a well known axiom that acknowledges one of our Darker Angels.

Although we deny this Human Nature exists in ourselves, its siren song cannot be ignored. I have run team building workshops where we played a "game" in which I surreptitiously favored one group over another and gave them the power to make the rules for the rest of the game. Invariably (i.e., 100% of the time), the group with power

abused those without, and the game ended with lessons hard-earned.

At our last town meeting, a motion was put forth to require future zoning changes be placed on the ballot.

This article was put forth because 1) Town meetings routinely have less than 10% of the voters in attendance and 2) Permanent and far-reaching Zoning changes were frequently being put forth with no opportunity for the other 90% of the voters to be heard. The motion was not passed because a small minority of voters at the Town meeting absolutely did not want to share their power.

There is a petition circulating to put this same motion on the ballot at the next Town election. This will give the 90% a chance to make their voices heard on life-altering zoning decisions such as the MBTA zoning, cluster housing, and accessory dwelling units. I urge you to sign the petition to restore our democracy and give power back to the governed. To get a copy of the petition, please send a request to Bal-lot01944@gmail.com.

**Jonathan Keefe
Mancheste**

LIBRARY NEWS



Forget Ghostbusters. Kids at the library's Graphic Novel Club whipped up their own baking soda "ectoplasm" at their February meeting, where they discussed Remy Lai's "Ghost Book." The group's pick for March is "Four Eyes" by Rex Ogle. *Courtesy Photo*

ly-lit woodlands while being met by an unusual cast of creeps and misfits. The event celebrates the spirit of Halloween and is perfect for families, couples, and people of all ages. Join owner Chad Zingales and Jeff DePaoli, host of "That Halloween Podcast", as they talk about the fantastic, haunted experience in our backyard.

Friday Movie at MBTS Library

Friday, March 22 from 6-8 p.m. The movie this month has a MPAA Rating: PG-13; for strong violent content and disturbing material.

Poetry Entries

Do you love poetry and writing? Enter the Manchester Public Library Poetry Contest. Entry deadline Friday, March 22. Anyone ages 8-180 may submit their poetry. Entrance forms and contest rules can be found at the library or online. Selected poets will read their winning poems at a special poetry reading and reception on April 10th from 5:30-7 p.m.

Cookbook Club

Tuesday, March 19 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. March's cookbook pick is "Brilliant Bites: 75 Amazing Small Bites for Any Occasion" by Maegan Brown.

Art Across Asia: The Goddess: Images of Power (Virtual)

Sunday, March 10 from 2:30-4 p.m. During Women's History Month explore various cultural and religious manifestations of female deities.

Digital Advice Appointments and Drop-ins

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

Shut Up and Write (Vir-

tual)

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:

Make Way for Peeps

Entry forms and Dioramas due by March 15. We invite you to create a diorama using Peeps as the main characters of your favorite book or movie. Bags of Peeps are available at the library, while supplies last, or supply your own. Dioramas and entry forms need to be submitted between March 8 and March 15. The public is invited to view the entries through March 22 and cast their vote for the People's Choice Award. Join us on March 23 at 11 a.m. for a Peeps Party where we will announce all winners.

New Free Resource

PebbleGo is a curricular content hub specifically designed for K-2 students. Packed with informational articles, ready-made activities, and literacy supports for students for all abilities, it boosts engagement and fosters independent learning in core subject areas.

Winter and Spring Story-times

Wednesdays from 10:30-11:15 a.m. 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.

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.

Mindfulness Meditation- Moving Back to the Library

Every Tuesday from 11 a.m. - 12 noon in the teen loft 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.

MBTS Cultural Council Presents: D. McCullough III, CEO of American Exchange Project

Thursday, March 21 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. For our 3rd session we will be hosting

David McCullough, CEO of the American Exchange Project. Toxic polarization has moved into our daily lives, corroding our faith in one another and our democracy, shaping choices we make, and the places we call home. As a consequence, our kids are growing up isolated in bubbles that burden their mental health and limit their development as young adults and young citizens. Welcoming the stranger, hometown pride, a deep love of our children, and a reverence for the

character-building journey- these are deeply American ideals. AEP harnesses them, along with the energy and curiosity of young people, to create a solution: a free domestic youth exchange program.

Haunted Happenings with DePaoli (Virtual)

Thursday, March 21 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. The Dark Woods is a haunted Halloween event located at Trombly Gardens in Milford, NH. Guests take a self-guided (walking) tour through dim-

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As part of the Manchester Museum's 2024 Speaker Series, Gary Gilbert presented Mushrooms of the 1661 Cemetery: From Death, to Life. This inaugural talk was held at the First Parish Community Hall on Thursday. A standing-room-only crowd was captivated by the history of the 1661 cemetery and local mushrooming. Gilbert is a well-known mycologist. Look to the Cricket for information on the next three presentations that are scheduled for March 28th, April 25th and June 27th. *Photo Paul Clark*

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YUM! On Tuesday, voters at Manchester's Primary polls got a treat for performing their civic duty—free Gouda grilled cheeses! Here are Therese Melden and Judy Klein of LeadingLadiesVote.org, a nonpartisan civic organization. (Photo: Erika Brown)

Shop Thoughts

It's "Women First" in Our Salon Series



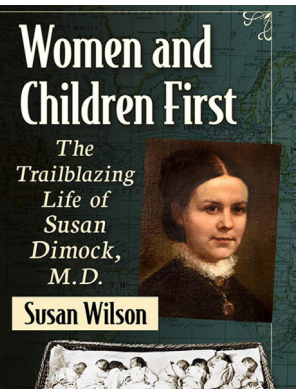
By Hannah Harlow

The first recorded salons – i.e., social gatherings that doubled as educational gatherings and vice versa – date back to 15th Century Italy and were hosted by noblewomen, who perhaps had some time on their hands. They became so fashionable that the women of France soon heard about them and ran with the idea. Since women didn't have access to formal education at the time, these events served as an acceptable way for them to learn about topics of interest. They were also one of the few venues where women had the freedom to express themselves and be in charge.

A focus on art and literature took hold of these salons in 19th Century Paris and carried into the 20th Century, most famously hosted by American ex-patriot Gertrude Stein, whose guests included Ernest Hemingway, F. Scott Fitzgerald, and other luminaries of the era. Some of the most well-known salons in America took place during the Harlem Renaissance, hosted by A'lelia Walker, Zora Neale Hurston, and Ruth Logan Roberts.

Women's History Month, then, seemed the perfect time for our team at the Book Shop of Beverly Farms to launch a literary salon series. For the first event, we've teamed up with the nonpartisan activist organization Leading Ladies to host author Susan Wilson this Sunday, March 10, at 2 p.m., at Hastings House in Beverly Farms, for a discussion about pioneering surgeon Dr. Susan Dimock and her impact on modern medicine.

Wilson's new biography of Dr. Dimock, *Women and Children First*, is the first to fully chronicle Dimock's life and give her a rightful place in history. Beginning with



Dimock's childhood in North Carolina during the Civil War, through her move to Massachusetts after a devastating fire destroyed the family home in Dimock's teens, Wilson profiles a woman driven to provide for the public good. Beset by the same pandering misogyny that led to the creation of salons in the first place, Dimock is forced to leave the country to access the medical training she coveted, but returned to Boston ready to transform women's and children's medicine – there's a reason the Dimock Health Center is on Dimock Street in Boston. Her vision for both public betterment and the improvement of surgical methodology is as inspiring as her untimely death at age 28 is tragic.

Come see Susan Wilson, author of *Women and Children First: The Trailblazing Life of Susan Dimock, M.D.* Sunday, March 10, 2 p.m. at the Hastings House, 14 Oak Street, Beverly Farms. The event is free to attend; books will be for sale at the event. Registration is free and not required but is appreciated. Visit www.bookshopofbeverlyfarms.com/events for more information.

Hannah Harlow is owner of *The Book Shop*, an independent bookstore in Beverly Farms. Harlow writes biweekly recommendations for us. See more of what she recommends reading at thecricket.com.

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Royals Knock ME Girls Basketball Out of Tourney



By Jason Brisbois

The third time wasn't necessarily the charm for the Hornets.

This one was the biggest matchup of the season between the Manchester Essex and Georgetown girls' basketball teams: the winner of the March 1 meeting between Cape Ann League foes in the MIAA Div. 4 Tournament would move on to the Sweet 16, the loser would be calling it a season for 2023-24.

And while the Hornets were able to avenge a January loss to the Royals with a 40-38 road win in the rematch on Feb. 8, Georgetown returned the favor on Friday night, beating Manchester Essex in a 50-40 loss in the Round of 32 that ended the local team's postseason run.

"It was a close game, back and forth throughout until the end," explains Manchester Essex girls basketball coach Lauren DuBois. "Both teams played great defense in the first half and we

both held each other scoreless for long stretches. We were ahead by three going into the fourth quarter but struggled to get much going offensively in the final frame and Georgetown hit their stride at that time."

Lily Oliver led the Hornets with 13 points, six rebounds and six assists, while Tess Carpenter scored 11 and Harper Brooks scored five points to go with 10 rebounds. Phileine de Widt, Mechi O'Neil (eight rebounds, four points), Isabelle Donnellan Valade and Ella Arnsten all factored into scoring and played well in a game against a familiar opponent.

"We had two close games with them earlier in the season so we knew we could play with them despite the rankings," says DuBois (Georgetown was ranked 15th in Div. 4; ME was 18th). "We knew they are a very good team and we had to play our best basketball. We were happy to get another shot at beating them and gave it our all."

Giving it their all was more than enough for the Hornets in the Preliminary Round, with the team getting every player on the roster out onto the court during a 64-19 romp over Madison Park Tech on Feb. 28.

"It was a great team victory," explains DuBois. "All 15 players on our roster contributed. Our players did a great job executing the game plan from the start and creating offensive opportunities out of our defense. We attacked the basket in transition and were hitting our shots from the perimeter." Brooks (16 points) and Kacey O'Connell (13 points) were the top scorers for Manchester Essex, while Carpenter scored seven and Oliver and Tori Moulton scored six apiece. O'Neal, de Widt, Donnellan Valade, Arnsten, Gabbi D'Andrea, Emerald Jakes and Penelope Riggs all got in on the scoring action as well.

"It was a total team effort," says DuBois. "Everyone had active hands-on defense and anticipated well to create steals

and get transition opportunities. We moved the ball very well and worked it in to the post in the second half."

Now that it's over, it's worth looking back and celebrating some of the key accomplishments in a season to remember: the girls' basketball team collected 16 wins in total this season, including a five-game win streak to close out the regular season that featured victories over Newburyport and Danvers.

"We had many highlights and a few frustrating losses," explains DuBois. "Big wins over CAL large opponents Triton, North Reading and Newburyport were definitely highlights. Being able to beat Hamilton-Wenham and Ipswich twice is always a big accomplishment. We also did very well against non-league opponents." The Hornets lose four key players to graduation in June -- Mackay Brooks, D'Andrea, de Widt, and O'Neil. While they will be missed, the good news is that the team will return a number of players who were instrumental in putting together a winning season including Ella Arnsten, Carpenter, Donnellan Valade, Brooks, Oliver, Jakes, Riggs, Moulton, Charlotte Donnellan Valade, Anna Gardner and Penelope Riggs.

"I am really happy with our season and proud of what we accomplished," says DuBois. "This team had a lot of fight and a lot of heart. I will miss our seniors very much. They are great players and great people, but I am excited for next season too."

Nine MERSD Programs Tapped for \$27,000 in Spaulding Education Funding

Nine grants totaling \$27,000 to fund programs spanning art education, robotics, library collections, and extra-curricular enrichment, among others have been awarded to Manchester Essex Regional School District as part of the Spaulding Education Fund's (SEF) spring grant cycle.

SEF, an independent, non-profit organization that supports local public school programs for more than 30 years, has returned to its funding schedule after a four-year break during COVID. In 2019, SEF donated \$29,890 and the year before that the organization donated \$39,234 in grants to MERSD. SEF funds projects across all four schools and grade levels in the district, helping students in Manchester and Essex access programs that can't be funded through the tax-supported school budget.

"Grants from Spaulding Education Fund make it possible for our teachers to dive even deeper into our academic curriculum with students," said Pam Beaudoin, Superintendent of Manchester Essex Regional School District. "Innovative programs like these reflect our commitment to our district-wide Vision of the Graduate."

In a year where budgets are tight, these grants offer much-needed resources to teachers. This latest grant round recipients include:

- Funds to update the library collections at Essex Elementary School and Memorial Elementary School with new reference materials in areas that "age" quickly, such as computer systems, life sciences, and maps;
- Fan carts, tracks, and motion sensors to support STEM education in the middle school;
- Tickets to a Broadway play for students in high school band and chorus;
- Toolkits to help students at Essex Elementary School build math fact fluency;
- Tools and supplies to support the high school Robotics Team's competition robot;
- Art supplies for elementary school students to learn about monoprinting with gel printing plates;
- A visit to UN Headquarters in New York for the high school Model UN Club;
- Specialized graphing calculators for math and science students in grades 6-12; and
- "Brain bins" to engage students at Essex Elementary School at the start of the school day.

"These grants pump more than \$27,000 into our school district and benefit more than 1,000 students in all four MERSD schools," said SEF Steering Committee Member Lindsay Banks, who spearheads the grant process. "We were pleased to see strong applications from teachers across many disciplines, from printmaking to performing arts to STEM education."

Claudette Yutkins, art teacher at Essex Elementary School and Manchester Memorial Elementary School, applied for a SEF grant to purchase gel monochrome plates. "With this grant, all elementary students in the district will have the opportunity to explore this kind of printmaking," Yutkins said. "I am very excited to be able to introduce my students to this innovative way of making art."

One grant application was submitted by a student, Charlie Langendorf, a junior at MERHS and the founder of the high school's Model UN Club. "Model UN is a new club for our school, and a lot of people are interested in finding out more about what the UN does," Langendorf explained. "This trip to visit UN Headquarters in New York will show us how one of the most important decision-making bodies in the world works and let us explore current issues, so we can be contributing members of the global community."



The Friends of the ME Performing Arts congratulate the Cast and Crew of MERHS's Drama Fest team. They had a great performance yesterday during the <https://metg.org/high-school-festival> hosted by @sjptheaterarts. For those of you who missed your chance to see "Death of a Dead Guy" last week, they will have one last encore performance at some point soon! Stay tuned.
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Boys Basketball

The 2023-24 Boys Varsity Basketball Team post season has begun! The Manchester Essex Boys' basketball team had a fantastic regular season, going 19-1 on the season, winning the Cape Ann league, and going undefeated in the league for the second straight year.

The team is the number 5 seed for the tournament. The team hosted Frontier Regional high school on Friday, March 1, 2024 in the round of 32 MIAA basketball tournament. The team won the game 75-47. Cade Furse led all scorers with 28 points in the game. The team hosts number 12, Tyngsborough High School on Tuesday, March 5, 2024 at 6 p.m.

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"Their best player, they've been injured, so they haven't had a full squad all year," explains St. Laurent. "They are better than their record indicates: They've got a very quick, very good point guard, a lanky, good 6-2/6-3 shooting guard. They've always got five guys on the floor playing really hard and they're a strong defensive team."

To win and move on to the Elite 8, the Hornets have got to continue do the things that got them to this point to begin with.

"We've got to play strong team defense and get out in transition," says the coach. "It's going to be a battle."

It also wouldn't hurt to continue to get next-level performances from their top players, something that happened in the win over Frontier Regional. Offensive stars Cade Furse scored 28 points and big man Eddie Chareas recorded a double-double with 10 points and 14 rebounds.

"They did what they were supposed to do in a big game," St. Laurent says of his stars. "We need them to play like that if we're going to have post-season success."

The team will also need to get key buckets from Preston Potter, Jake Zschau and John Chareas (four big threes in the Frontier game), and for defensive specialists Zach Hurd and Milo Zeltzer to continue to clamp down on the opposition's top scorer.

"[Frontier Regional's] best player had 10 points in the first quarter, and then they held him to three points the rest of the game," explains St. Laurent.

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Monday Groove (Video), Mondays, 9:30 a.m.: Get your dancing shoes on and join this fun, energetic dance class! Video, no instructor. \$5 donation suggested.

Creative Connections: Mondays, 10 a.m. - 12 noon: Bring your art projects or start a new one at our Open Art time! We have some supplies and would love to see you!

Arts Group: Tuesdays, 1 - 3 p.m.: Are you artsy? Do you love to paint, knit, crochet, or sew? Do you like creating different projects? Join us with your own project or help with making items for the Friends Boutique.

Balance in Motion, Tuesdays and Fridays, 10 a.m.: \$5 Donation requested.

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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 - 3 p.m.: ALL AGES WELCOME, come play BOARD games or Scrabble, Boggle, Cribbage, Backgammon, join us or bring a friend and come play ANYTIME!

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 p.m.): 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, March 15, 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.

Warning! Scam! Talk of the Town, Essex Police Detective Alexander Edwards "SCAM AWARENESS", Thursday, March 7, 1 p.m.: March is Scam Awareness Month and Det. Edwards will alert us to the various schemes and how to recognize and avoid them while protecting your financial and personal information. Please call the Senior Center to register.

Village Pancake House, Monday, March 11, 9:30 a.m.: We're bringing back an old favorite! Grab a friend and meet others for breakfast at the Village Pancake

House in Rowley! Select and pay for breakfast at the restaurant. Drive on your own, with friends, or let us know if you want to reserve a spot on the CATA van. Advance registration is required.

??Mystery Ride?? - Monday, March 11: 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.

Men's Coffee and Donuts: Wednesday, March 13, 9:30 a.m.

Pi Day, March 14, 1 p.m.: Come celebrate all things Pi (3.14). We'll have some tasty pie and special pi activities. Bring a friend! RSVP 978-768-7932.

Ladies Brunch, Tuesday, March 19, 11 a.m.: Come and enjoy socializing and some tasty treats. Please RSVP five days before. Sponsored by FECOA.

Cape Ann Cinema and Pizza! - Thursday, March 21: Movie: "A League of Their Own". A fictionalized account of the real-life All American Girls Professional Baseball League with an all-star cast! Come celebrate a hometown hero and the start of Baseball season! 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.

Guest Chef: Friday, March 22, 11 a.m.: Join us as Tess Leary, COA Director and amateur chocolatier, offers some Easter-themed treats for our monthly cooking

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

Essex Eats! Vita Bella, Monday, March 25, 12 Noon: Choice of Baked Haddock, Baked Scallops, Chicken Parmesan, Hamburger. \$15 (pay at the restaurant). Please call 978-768-7932 to sign up.

Remember When...Essex: Thursday, March 28, 1 p.m.: Please join us to chat and share stories about the people and places of Essex. We are excited to continue this special program and can't wait to hear more reminiscences! Diane Polley will lead the group.

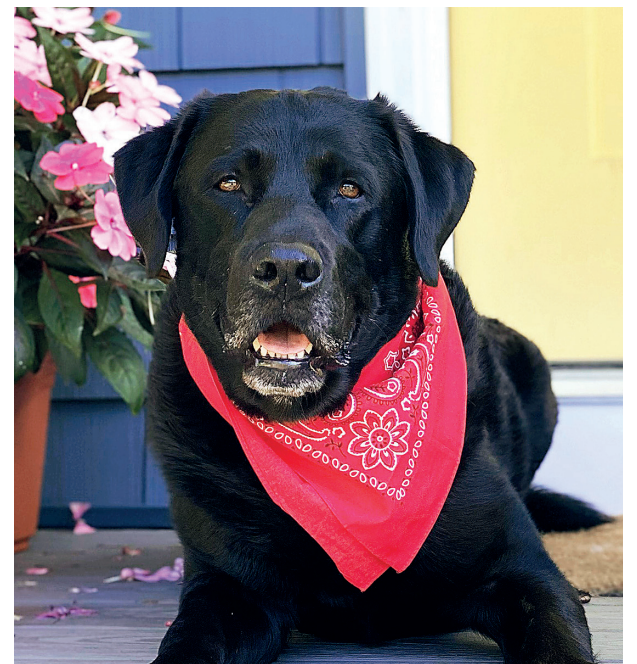
Monthly Book Club - Tuesday, March 26, 1 p.m.: "Horse" by Geraldine Brooks.

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, March 27, 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!

**Act in haste,
regret at
leisure.**
~ Anonymous ~

LIBRARY NEWS



Jackson the Reading Dog

Massachusetts Pottery History
Tuesday, March 19 at 7 p.m. Join potter Rick Hamelin and discover the rich pottery legacy of the Commonwealth in this fast-paced and exciting presentation. Create your very own (unfired) pinch pot.

Community Book Group
Monday, March 25 at 10 a.m. Come by for a discussion of "Eunice" by Eileen McNamara.

Coffee Cupping
Saturday, March 9 from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Join Rob Fitzgibbon and learn all about the world of coffee and enjoy samples. Space is limited so please register.

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.

National Potato Chip Day
Thursday, March 14 at 3:30 p.m. Grades 6-12, register for an afternoon of trivia, taste testing and themed activities.

Jackson the Reading Dog
Wednesdays in March from 5-6 p.m. for ages 5 and older. Reserve your spot.

Easter Crafternoon
Tuesday, March 25 at 3:30 p.m. for ages 5 and older. Join us to make a watercolor surprise Easter Egg. Please register, space is limited.

Story Hours Begin
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.

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

ESSEX POLICE NOTES

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25
2:44 p.m. John Wise Ave., erratic operator, gone on arrival.
3:20 p.m. Southern Ave., fire alarm, fire false.
9:46 p.m. Lebaron Rd., male sick, transported to hospital.
10:58 p.m. Martin St., directed patrol, secured/checked.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26
9:31 a.m. Conomo Point Rd., directed patrol, secured/checked. 12:17 p.m. John Wise Ave., traffic hazard, notification made. 3:35 p.m. John Wise Ave., citizen assist, assisted as needed. 8:04 p.m. Essex Reach Rd., utility request, notification made.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27
7:25 a.m. Main St., directed patrol, secured/checked. 11:15 a.m. John Wise Ave., directed patrol, secured/checked. 4:25 p.m. Haskell Court, animal complaint, notification made. 8:21 p.m. Martin St., directed patrol, secured/checked.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28
7:01 a.m. Horse Pond Rd., police investigation, other. 11:54 a.m. Southern Ave., police investigation, other. 7:31 p.m. Main St., motor vehicle complaint, gone on arrival. 9:47 p.m. Southern Ave., selective enforcement, no action taken.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29
12:48 a.m. Centennial Grove Rd., directed patrol, secured/checked. 1:36 a.m. John Wise Ave., selective enforcement, no action taken. 3:34 a.m. Main St., directed patrol, secured/checked. 6:19 a.m. Apple St., selective enforcement, no action taken.

FRIDAY, MARCH 1
9:09 a.m. Spring St., directed patrol, secured/checked. 1:28 p.m. John Wise Ave., citizen assist, assisted as needed. 9:02 p.m. Route 128NB, directed patrol, secured/checked. 9:34 p.m. Western Ave., selective enforcement, no action taken.

SATURDAY, MARCH 2
9:47 a.m. Story St., welfare check, no action taken. 10:34 a.m. Martin St., community policing, secured/checked. 1:41 p.m. Maring St., selective enforcement, assisted as needed. 9:24 p.m. Spring St., directed patrol, secured/checked.



After the ME performance of "Death of a Dead Guy" during Drama Fest competition at St. John's Prep, Josh Cohen was given an All-Star Award in Acting, and Lilah Malone were given the All-Star Award for Hair Design. Photo Courtesy of FMEPA/FB

Essex Locals March 8

115 Years Ago - 1909
The graduating class of Essex High School is small this year, numbering only four young ladies, one of whom expects to enter Wellesley in the fall.

90 Years Ago - 1934
A large number came out for the Annual Town Meeting last Monday evening, but if they were attracted by the promise of an exciting debate, they were grievously disappointed for everything moved along smoothly and quietly and practically no friction developed throughout the meeting.

Puzzle

THEME: MARCH MADNESS

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24. Give off
25. Bean counter?
28. *Dominate opponent, slangily
30. * ___-elimination tournament
35. Bricklayers' carrier
37. Wood sorrels
39. Jeweler's unit
40. Alight, past tense
41. Swings around
43. Spice Girl
44. Bubonic plague carriers
46. Away from wind
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Solutions on Page 9

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, [FirstParishChurchManchesterMa](https://www.facebook.com/FirstParishChurchManchesterMa).

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.

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

Lenten Study Group 5 p.m. via Zoom Five Spiritual Disciplines That Draw Us Closer to God

Wednesday Vespers 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Choir rehearsal 7:30 p.m.

Bible Study, Via Zoom 4 p.m.

For Zoom programs 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

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

Senior Highlights

There's a lot set to happen with the Council on Aging (COA) in the coming weeks. Check them out here, and for on any of these great trips or to reserve your seat on the van, please call 978-526-7500.

Ninety-Nine Restaurant

On Friday, March 15th, the Manchester COA is offering a trip to the Ninety-Nine Restaurant. Enjoy a wide variety of American fare at

reasonable prices. There is something for everyone. Corn Beef and cabbage should be on the menu for St. Patrick's Day. The van will start picking up seniors around 11 a.m.

Rose Art Museum and Lunch

The Manchester COA is pleased to offer a trip to the Rose Art Museum at Brandeis University on Friday March

22nd. The permanent collection at the Rose Art Museum is internationally recognized for its quality and comprehensiveness. The collection numbers more than 8,000 objects and is particularly strong in American art of the 1960's and 1970's. Afterwards we'll enjoy lunch at the Chateau Restaurant.

The COA van will begin to pick up at 10 a.m. The Museum is free of charge and

lunch is on your own.

COA to Walmart

On Friday, March 29th, the Manchester COA van will be going to Walmart in Danvers. The van will start picking up seniors around 10 a.m.

Chamber Music at Crowell Chapel

On Wednesday, April 3, the Arpeggione Ensemble will perform a chamber music concert at Crowell Chapel. The group's program is called, "Rebels and Socialites: Women Ahead of Their Time," a musical portrait of

women who broke barriers, realized their unique artistic visions, and changed how we experience culture today. Music by Amy Beach, Florence Price, Rebecca Clarke, and others. The event starts at 2 p.m. and is free of charge, but reservations are required, and transportation will be available. Contact the COA office for more info or to reserve a seat.


Lunch at the Maple Street Bistro

It's off to the Maple Street Bistro for the COA van on Tuesday, April 9. The estab-

lishment is the student-run restaurant at Essex Tech Vocational School in Danvers. Attendees will enjoy an entrée, salad, roll, beverage, and dessert and the options for the entrée is Chicken Marsala, Salmon Risotto, Spaghetti Pomodoro (you can add chicken or fish) or a Bacon Cheeseburger. (Oh my!). Cost is \$16 per person, and the van will start picking up seniors around 10:15 a.m. for an 11 a.m. lunch reservation. Return is expected by 1:30 p.m. Reserve your seat by 4/4, so be sure to contact the COA office.

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When are we ready for help?



By Joanne MacInnis RN
CDP, President, Aberdeen Home Care, Inc.

Age-related changes are often slow and subtle unless an underlying medical issue exists. We aren't the same as we were at 40 or 60...most of us aren't jumping on the black diamond trails anymore because things (like knees) change with age. The brain is no different.

Cognitive changes can have a variety of causes, and like all other medical conditions, there are preferred treatment methods, as well as things to do and avoid. These medical conditions impact our thought processes, abilities, and responses and can manifest at any stage of life due to many factors.

Understanding that diseases affecting cognitive function, such as discernment, judgment, safety, risk awareness, and decision-making, often worsen gradually over time is crucial when evaluating someone in your close circle who may be affected by this.

This insidious and horrific group of diseases requires our loved ones to rely on help and support to stay safe and well. Witnessing the changes associated with dementia of any kind while personally contributing to our loved one's care is a double whammy of loss...not a little lower-case loss; it's UPPERCASE LOSS and is the incredibly difficult emotional toll we bear as caregivers.

If you've experienced similar situations, you know it's a "family affair." As we try to manage "in-house" with our well-meaning team, we simultaneously deal with the following:

"How do I support Mom when she insists that she lives elsewhere? I can't believe this is happening. It is breaking my heart..." The wagons circle, helpers emerge for a time, and we think: how will we do this? Once you have a system that seems to work and the players are all in place...BAM...there's a change in condition, and new symptoms appear. Just like that, our plan is outdated, leaving us feeling like our toolbox isn't sufficient.

Changes can occur gradually or be sudden and extreme, making it incredibly difficult to plan for the future because we can't predict what will happen. Changes often have a pattern. For example, after a fall or illness, there might be a change in how someone functions. Occasionally, there is a "recovery" phase, and some people can return to their "normal," but some do not and move into a new, usually more impaired phase.

"Mom never wandered. She would never leave the house at night. It's not in her nature." Yet...

While that may be true, we must remember that we're not dealing with the same Mom as before. Thoughts start racing: was that a car horn I heard? Is someone outside? Could it be one of my grandchildren in trouble? I should go out and see what's going on. The urge to investigate can feel easy and innocent, and yet it's also dangerous.

If nothing disastrous has happened yet, wonderful! Let's keep it that way. However, maybe things aren't going well, and you feel frustrated, angry, exhausted, and frequently worried. If

you think your toolbox isn't sufficient or that you could use more strategies and structure but aren't sure how to create and maintain them, lean on trusted resources. Thousands of publications are available from medical experts, professional caregivers, and families who have navigated this maze.

Those who have dementia of any kind will benefit from specific schedules and patterns to help them function and be as safe as they can. Educating yourself about the issue you're facing, understanding its progression, reviewing medication choices, and learning about behavioral management will serve you well.

I'm a fan of being proactive vs. reactive.

If sentinel events like leaving the stove on or the door wide open have occurred, or even worse, something more personal like leaving the house at night, you may need input and a plan. NOW. When "this could be dangerous" is part of your conversation, or even still, in your own thoughts, it's time.

Approximately 80% of the families we help in caring for a loved one with cognitive issues are requesting care after an "event" has taken place. Once care is in place, we almost always hear, "Why didn't we start earlier?" Many of us in the helping professions, particularly around end-of-life and dementia care, come to this work from personal experience. Sadly, we've been where you are and are well acquainted with the pain that comes with it.

The Alzheimer's Association has abundant resources not just limited to Alzheimer's type Dementia (www.alz.org); some local chapters have support groups for caregivers that can be invaluable. Your

local Council on Aging or Senior Center is also a great resource.

There are various strategies to navigate this unpredictable group of diseases: learn more, connect with others in the same boat, and access real-time help. Don't do this alone. You don't have to.

Joanne MacInnis, RN, is the founder and president of Aberdeen Home Care, Inc., in Danvers, a concierge private duty home care agency in business since 2001. With 35 years of nursing practice, management and administration experience focused on home care and hospice, Joanne and her team specialize in advising and supporting families addressing the elders in their lives retain dignity and quality of life.

Solution to puzzles on page 8

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PET OF THE WEEK

Don't Leave Me Alone



playing fetch with the humans here at the shelter. Toys are my main focus; I love all kinds of them. I really enjoy going on walks on trails in the woods and getting all the sniffs in. I do enjoy treats as well so learning new tricks will be fun for the both of us. I am ready to be your new adventure buddy! I am currently available by appointment only; you can apply online for me today and can come meet me once you're approved. You can find the application at <https://capeannanimalaid>.

Hi! Aloni here, I am a 1-year-old doggo from Puerto Rico. I enjoy running around the yard and

LEGAL NOTICE



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT

DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT

Docket Number: 24 SM 000825

ORDER OF NOTICE

To: Ian O. Harrison; Lauren Harrison

and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 (et seq):

Freedom Mortgage Corporation claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Manchester, numbered 6 Friend Street, given by Ian O. Harrison and Lauren Harrison to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Freedom Mortgage Corporation dba Jefferson Home Mortgage and Loan, dated May 16, 2012, and recorded in Essex County (Southern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 31348, Page 366, and now held by plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determi-

nation of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before April 8, 2024, or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the Act.

Witness, GORDON H. PIPER, Chief Justice of this Court on February 26, 2024.

Attest:
Deborah J. Patterson
Recorder
23-015194

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

March 8, 2024 MC

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, March 20, 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 Timothy Collins, 96 Old Essex Road for a Variance under Section 5.4 of the Zoning By-Law to allow for relief from the minimum frontage requirement for a new residential lot at 96 Old Essex Road, Assessor's Map 58, Lot No. 8, in District B filed with Town Clerk on February 1, 2024.

Application of Manchester-by-the-Sea Museum, 10 Union Street for a Special Permit under Section 12.5.2 to restore the portico at the front entrance of the Historic building at 10 Union Street, Assessor's Map 51, Lot 60, in District G filed with Town Clerk on February 14, 2024.

Application of Charles William Eppes, III and Caitlin Connolly Eppes for a Special Permit under Sections 12.5.2 and 7.2 and a Variance under Section 5.4 to reconfigure the floor area for accessibility and address topographic challenges, at 26 Proctor Street, Assessor's Map 16, Lots 19 & 24, in District E filed with Town Clerk on February 20, 2024.

Sarah Mellish, Chair, Zoning Board of Appeals

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

March 1, 2024 MC
March 8, 2024

PUBLIC NOTICE



Town of Manchester-by-Sea
Office of the
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Town Hall, 10 Central Street,
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Public Hearing Notice to be
Published on or before 3/8/24

Town of Manchester requests the Commission make a decision regarding a Notice of Intent for construction of a building addition and associated landscaping within the 100-foot, 50-foot No Build Zone, and 30-foot No Disturb Zone Buffers and Inland Bank at 68 Pine Street (map 30, lot 66).

This request will be discussed at a VIRTUAL meeting Tuesday, March 19 at 6:30 p.m. and will be reviewed under the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act (MGL Chapter 131, Section 40) and/or the Manchester General Wetlands Bylaw.

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

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Town of Manchester requests the Commission make a decision regarding a Request for Determination of Applicability for construction of four park benches within the 100-ft Coastal Bank at Reed Park, Beach Street (maps 10, lots 0-36).

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Town of Manchester requests the Commission make a decision regarding a Notice of Intent for construction of two laboratory facilities, associated parking garages, driveway and landscaping within the 200-ft Riverfront Area to Sawmill Brook and the 100-ft Buffer Zone at 8 & 0 Atwater Avenue (maps 38; 37, lots 0-13; 0-8).

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LEGAL NOTICE

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

INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE
Docket No. ES21P2909EA

Estate of Coreen W. Scharfe

Also Known As: Coreen Scharfe, Coreen E. Wallace, Coreen Wallace Scharfe

Date of Death: December 27, 2023

To all persons interested in the above-captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Stephen J. Prinn of Manchester-by-the-Sea, MA.

A Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Stephen J. Prinn of Manchester-by-the-Sea, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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

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