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It's Cribbage Time at the Legion

Another round of cribbage is gearing up to start at the Manchester Legion on Tuesday nights, starting on April 9 at 6 p.m. Come on down and see if anyone can beat Harry Parsons this time. Season runs through May 29 "at the 113." (That's the American Legion Post 113.)

Last Call! Phantom Phonebooth Jr. This Weekend

It's time for the ME Regional Middle School play, with this year's production of "Phantom Phonebooth Jr." an adaptation for the Musical Theatre of Norton Juster's novel The Phantom Tollbooth. Shows start Thursday, March 21 (4:30 p.m.) with additional shows March 22 and 23rd, 6 p.m. at the Middle High School Auditorium.

March 28: "Our Favorite Garden Tools"

The North Shore Horticultural Society is currently celebrating the 125th anniversary of its founding and on March 28 it will host a monthly talk, "Our Favorite Garden Tools" at the Sacred Heart Church. Having access to a proper set of gardening tools is essential to helping your plants blossom, bloom, thrive, and flourish. Details at nshorticulture.org

Grave Robber! Historian Rob Fitzgibbon Featured at Museum Talk

Rob Fitzgibbon will be the featured speaker Thursday, March 28 at the Manchester Museum's speaker series. He will tell the chilling story of Dr. Thomas Sewall, the nineteenth-century Harvard-educated Essex physician charged with grave robbing. Rob will dig into the practice of "Resurrection Men," Sewall's defense attorney Daniel Webster, and the case's curious connection to Manchester-by-the-Sea. 7 p.m. Thursday, March 28 at the First Parish Community Hall, 1 Chapel Lane, MBTS (behind Santander Bank). Free for members, \$15 for non-members.

March 28 Shopping Benefits MBTS Woman's Club

The Manchester Woman's Club has two events to share, starting with a shopping night Thursday March 28, from 2-6 at J McLaughlin on Central Street when 15% of all sales will benefit the club. Then, on April 1, it's the return of "April Shower of Prizes," in which one prize a day is pulled. This April's calendar is loaded with fun and exciting prizes. The calendars will be for sale at various times around town, or reach out via the MWC's Facebook page.



"Top of the morning to you!" from the TOHP Burnham Library in Essex. These cuties showed off their handiwork after attending an afternoon family-friendly arts-and-craft session hosted by the library for St. Patrick's Day last week. Courtesy Photo

Judge Clips MCC's Arguments Ahead of April 3 Jury Trial

By Erika Brown

Last Friday, in a pre-trial ruling, a Salem District Court judge gave the Manchester Community Center a clear message: you may go to trial on April 3 against Harbor's Point Condominium Association, but not with arguments that are irrelevant or unsubstantiated.

The MCC is fighting an eviction notice served in November 2023 by Harbor's Point Condominium Association after the lease for the land that its 2,141-sqft building sits on was terminated.

The MCC building was donated in 1976 by an automotive dealership owner from Essex, Augustus "Gus" Means as a youth center. It sits on land owned by HPCA that abuts the train station. Means excluded the land from his gift, and for decades the MCC signed a series of land leases, even as the Harbor's Point board took to waiving the rent each year as a gift to the MCC.

How things turned

In 2017, things changed when Harbor's Point asked the MCC to pay \$200/month in rent. The MCC balked, but eventually relented and in the years that followed, acrimony between them grew.

The MCC believed the annual rotation of family-friendly community programs it hosts, like the Manchester Mothers Club's Wobblin' Gobbler or the



Jingle Bell Walk at Masconomo Park, should give them a pass on rent. The HPCA, for its part, was critical that the MCC building always seemed empty and unused, especially by senior citizens who have been seeking a proper Senior Center for programs and services. By early 2023, the HPCA moved to a month-to-month lease. The relationship remained fraught.

By last fall, the MCC asked the town to intervene and take over the land lease, which would enable the MCC to continue its programming while the town could use the space for a temporary COA senior center and other services. A 10-year agreement was struck in concept between the town and the

HPCA, and it was successfully endorsed by a vote at Manchester's Nov. 13 Special Town Meeting. All seemed good: a "win-win-win."

But just weeks later, the MCC walked away from the potential deal, formally notifying the HPCA that it would trigger its right under the lease to move the building entirely from the site within 90 days. The HPCA responded with a formal eviction. MCC President Patrick Meehan took to social media, vilifying the HPCA and remaining silent as residents publicly speculated that the MCC was being pushed out to make way for big Rantoul Street-like development. The February deadline to move the building came

and went and the MCC continued business as usual, including a March 4 "Teddy Bear Tea" for area youth.

Then came the court dates. The MCC filed its de-

fenses against the eviction and said it wanted to go to trial. It also countersued for \$1.2 million.

Pre-trial: arguing for the arguments

The MCC, represented by Lynnfield attorney Michael Walsh, had offered a wide-ranging series of arguments going into Friday for why it shouldn't be held to the commercial lease it signed.

Walsh's biggest argument was that the MCC effectively owns the land it sits on—either through adverse possession, or due to easements. And if the MCC signed multiple leases over several decades, he argued, it did so because the MCC's board was intimidated or hoodwinked by Harbor's Point; or they simply didn't understand what they were signing.

The HPCA, represented

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Weekly Weather Chart

Saturday 23 March		43°	25°
Sunday 24 March		43°	33°
Monday 25 March		43°	31°
Tuesday 26 March		40°	31°
Wednesday 27 March		44°	35°
Thursday 28 March		48°	43°
Friday 29 March		47°	42°

Weather data pulled Wednesday and is subject to change.



Gavel to Gavel

This Week's Town Meetings

Manchester Town Hall is Open to the Public. Public hours are 9 a.m. - 4:45 p.m. Monday through Wednesday and 9 a.m. - 6:15 p.m. on Thursday. Essex Town Hall hours are Monday through Thursday 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.	Essex BOS Monday, March 25, 6 p.m.
	Essex FinCom Finance Monday, March 25, 6:30 p.m.
	MBTS Wayfinding Task Force Tuesday, March 26 Virtual Meeting, 6 p.m.

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On Tuesday, 40 or so people attended a public Q&A forum hosted by the Manchester Harbor Management Plan Task Force, which is working with consultants from UMASS Boston on an overall plan for the harbor and its waterfront. Here, UMASS' Shannon Hogan mans one of the information tables at the ME Regional High School cafeteria.

Manchester Golden Age Club

Submitted by Andrea Morgan, Secretary

The first meeting of 2024 for the Manchester Golden Age Club was held at the Masonic Lodge on Saturday March 9, 2024. Members began arriving at 11:30 a.m. The first half hour gave the members a chance to settle in, meet and converse with friends, pay dues, and participate in the 50/50 drawing. We welcomed eight new members.

The room was decorated in green and white. Our meal consisted of shepherd's pie prepared by Todd Crane accompanied by Judy Lloyd's green salad, rolls and butter, mint chocolate chip ice cream, sugar cookies and water. Thank you to Marcia DeFelice and Pat Glennon for coming early to help set up the room.

Jake Majjenski was the lucky winner of the 50/50 raffle. Thank you to Judy Lloyd and helper Jane Pearson for selling the tickets and thank you to the members for purchasing the 50/50 tickets. We collected \$156, half to Jake and half to the Club

Town Manager Greg Federspiel and Town Select Board member John Round were invited to attend our meeting and give an update on plans for purchase of the Masonic Lodge for use as a future senior center and some town



Town Administrator Greg Federspiel and Select Board member John Round at the March meeting of the Golden Age Club. (Photo Paul Clark)

offices. Greg handed out a diagram with a design for the building. There will be additions and renovations made to the existing building. The Mason's will use the current meeting room and add on space going towards the town's filtration plan. The town will add on to the front left of the building where the current Mason's "blue room" is located. The kitchen and bathrooms will stay in their present location with updates made to both areas. The purchase price for the town will be over \$1,000,000 and building/renovations will cost over \$2,000,000. There will be a vote at the town meeting scheduled for April 24

to decide if the town should purchase the building. If the purchase is approved the town will proceed to obtain the money to buy the building and fund-raisers will be held to obtain the additional funds for renovations. The town will explore the possibility of grants and donations for the purchase price. After the presentation, a lively question and answer session was held.

No formal business meeting was held. Earl passed out a list of dates for future club meetings and special events sponsored by the Sanford Fund. On Wednesday, June 19 we will return to the Danversport for lunch to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the Sanford Fund. Earl said the club has benefitted to the tune of \$350,000 to \$400,000 because of Robert Sanford's generous donation. The popular lobster bake at Tuck's Point will be held on Wednesday, July 24 and our Christmas luncheon will be held Dec. 18 at the Hawthorne Hotel. Suggestions were also made for another event in June; i.e. boat ride, visit to Cogswell Grant in Essex or the Sleeper McCann House in Gloucester or some other venue. Results of the voting will be revealed at the next meeting.

Thank you to Ed Gavin for continuing to collect water bottles for recycling.

Residents who have questions regarding these programs may contact Ellen Lufkin at the Board of Health office at lufkine@manchester.ma.us or 978-526-7385.

Registration is now open for the Board of Health April 6th Household Hazardous

Examples of acceptable items for collection include: oil based paints, turpentine, paint thinners, insecticides, pesticides, herbicides, weed killers, fertilizers, gasoline, antifreeze, oil filters, and brake fluid. A complete list of acceptable materials can be found on the town website.



of the acceptable/unacceptable items for the collection.

Attending the Collection Day

- To register for the event, please visit the town website @ www.manchester.ma.us to complete a household hazardous waste collection day registration form
- You will receive a link from the B.O.H. to pay a \$25.00 event copay.
- The BOH will then provide you with both an appointment time as well as a list

In addition to this once-a-year collection day, the Town provides the following options for disposal of other household hazardous waste year-round. As such, these

items are NOT collected at the April 6th event:

- Mercury thermometers & thermostats
- Collected at the Board of Health Office, Town Hall.
- Free digital thermometers to residents who turn in mercury thermometers
- Proper Disposal of Needles, Syringes & Lancets
- Contact Board of Health for further information and specifics
- Ni-Cad, Lithium, and Rechargeable Batteries
- Collected by the Department of Public Works Office, Town Hall
- Automotive Oil (no oil/gas mix)
- Collected at the D.P.W. Garage (off Pleasant Street) Wednesday mornings
- Fluorescent Bulbs
- Collected at the Transfer Station during regular

Transfer Station hours

- T.V.s & Computer Monitors
- Requires prepurchase of sticker (fee charged) from Town Clerk's Office and disposal at Transfer Station.
- Propane Tanks, Fire Extinguishers, Auto Batteries
- Requires prepurchase of sticker (fee charged) from Town Clerk's Office and disposal at Transfer Station.
- D.E.A. Prescription Take Back Day at Manchester Police Station April 27, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

MANCHESTER POLICE NOTES

SUNDAY, MARCH 10
3:29 a.m. Beach St., directed patrol, secured/checked.
3:58 a.m. Filias Circle, disturbance, gone on arrival.
12:05 p.m. Beach St., directed patrol, secured/checked.
4:01 p.m. Raymond St., wires down, assisted as needed.

9:38 a.m. Masconomo St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
4:14 p.m. Beach St., property damage/vandalism, report to follow.
7:05 p.m. Bridge St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
9:15 p.m. Pine St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

vehicle towed.

THURSDAY, MARCH 14
1:38 a.m. Beach St., directed patrol, secured/checked.
9:28 a.m. Central St., police investigation/follow up, report to follow.
5:16 p.m. Summer St., suspicious activity, gone on arrival.
8:09 p.m. Lincoln St., selective enforcement, other.

11:4 a.m. Brookwood Rd., suspicious activity, report to follow.
12:09 p.m. Masconomo St., fire alarm, assisted as needed.
8:41 p.m. Lincoln St., selective enforcement, other.

SATURDAY, MARCH 16
10:54 a.m. Powder House Lane, fire alarm, fire false.
11:12 a.m. Pine St., motor vehicle stop, citation issued.
11:47 a.m. Route 128NB, motor vehicle stop, criminal application.
11:17 p.m. Pine St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

FRIDAY, MARCH 15
8:53 a.m. Central St., property lost/found/held/returned, secured/checked.

MONDAY, MARCH 11
9:26 a.m. Central St., motor vehicle crash, assisted as needed.
11:22 a.m. Beach St., animal complaint, spoken to.
12:40 p.m. Route 128NB, motor vehicle stop, vehicle towed.
10:08 p.m. Summer St., selective enforcement, no action taken.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13
6:52 a.m. Beach St., selective enforcement, secured/checked.
4:50 p.m. Atwater Ave., fire alarm, fire false.
5:15 p.m. Summer St., theft, arrest.
9:40 p.m. Summer St., motor vehicle stop,

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ME Hornets Varsity Baseball is just one of the teams getting to work this week at pre-season practice. The team is working daily at its home field, Memorial Field in Essex. More photos by Paul Clark on Page 6. And the Spring Season Calendar is on Page 5.

Climate Education and Project Opportunities

By Gregory T. Federspiel

The month of April presents new opportunities to learn more about the impacts Manchester can expect to see as the climate continues to change. This snowless, warm winter and the flooding we have experienced provides a taste of what is happening.

The Town has undertaken various studies that set the stage for new actions. The Hazard Mitigation Plan, due for another update this year, identifies a series of hazards including floods, droughts, fires, snowstorms and hurricanes. The recently completed Vulnerability Action Plan for the Village core area was honored as an award-winning document from the Mass. Planning Association and lays out a series of steps to take from installing one-way gates on storm drain outfall pipes to prevent encroaching seawater to raising infrastructure and building berms to avoid the impacts of rising seas and bigger storms. Another action step recommended is to explore a redesign of Masconomo Park to remain a useful public space while being able to absorb future flooding.

The Town has also been involved in regional efforts. Utilizing state and federal funds, researchers from Harvard's Graduate School of Design have undertaken

the simulation of a Category 3 hurricane hitting us and the damage we can anticipate unless greater efforts to mitigate the impacts are taken. A collection of best practices from around the world is included in the reports that have been created. The most recent work has focused on the health of our forest, coastal and riverine ecosystems and how we might improve the health of these, which have become degraded, to provide greater protection against the damage climate change can bring. Upcoming work will focus on how the region might better collaborate in adapting to climate change, how to improve our governance structures to address climate challenges and the fiscal implications.

Public education is critical to successful climate mitigation efforts. On April 2 at 6:30 p.m. an online webinar, as part of the "Planning for Reality Series", will be hosted by Town Green, a Cape Ann non-profit promoting positive action on climate change. The session will provide a good introduction to the challenges storms, sea-level rise and flooding bring to Manchester. Speakers for the evening will include Professor Charles Waldheim who is heading up the research work from Harvard and Dr. Jayne Knott, President of HydroPredictions,

a local consulting company specializing in infrastructure impacts of climate change. Residents who want to listen and join in the discussion can register for the webinar through the Town Green website. A narrated walk of Reed and Masconomo Parks and Singing Beach will examine the impacts expected and options to deal with these impacts. Salem Sound Watch Dir. Barbara Warren will lead the walk on April 5 at 3 p.m. (Meet at Masconomo Park.)

Building on this foundational information will be another set of interactive workshops. At the end of April, starting on April 30 and again on May 2, we will turn our attention to Masconomo Park. Consultants from Fuss and O'Neill, who assisted with the Vulnerability Action Plan, will lead a design charette aimed at coming up with a new layout for Masconomo Park that can better withstand future flooding. This follow-up work to the Action Plan has received additional state grant funding and will produce a re-design of the park that will enable future generations to enjoy this public space in spite of the threats bigger storms and rising seas pose. Details on meeting times and places, including an in-depth site walk of the park, will be announced closer to the dates.

WHAT WAS HAPPENING

90 YEARS AGO - 1934
The fire department answered a still alarm Saturday for a grass fire along the railroad tracks near the bridge on Harbor Street, evidently set by sparks from a passing locomotive. The fire was extinguished without damage.

The Manchester Electric Company have installed this week in the kitchen of Frank B. Amaral Post American Legion, one of their Hot Point electric ranges, which will prove a great convenience in preparing lunches for the social gatherings frequently held by the Post.

75 YEARS AGO - 1949
Monday the town will decide what action to take on the question of sending the High School students out of town and on whether to oppose the City of Gloucester in their attempt to take Magnolia Beach as a public park. It was a very busy year for Mr. Stork in Manchester, as he winged his way over the town 51 times, a large increase over the 39 trips made in 1947.

60 YEARS AGO - 1964

Jeremiah J. Noonan, Jr. was elected Chairman of the Board of Assessors at an organizational meeting of that group held last week. Other members of the Board are Elinor Bell and Russell Lucas.

Twenty-five candidates answered Coach Joe Hyland's call for candidates for the baseball team. With the league opener against Pentucket Regional only three weeks away, much work will have to be done.

45 YEARS AGO - 1979
One hundred seniors will light the school on fire Saturday, March 24, with their final extravaganza, a 12-hour Dance Marathon. Thirty-five of the class of '79 will attempt to dance from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Robert Hopkins, on vacation from Yale University, once again dominated the fleet last Sunday, to win for the day. Only three skippers were on the water to challenge him in the shelter of Whittier Cove.

30 Years Ago - 1994
Finance Committee Chairman Jeremiah Noonan feels

pretty good about the upcoming Annual Town Meeting. There's no talk of an override. There's room for a little increase in budgets across the board and agreements with town employees on salaries have been settled.

For the seventh consecutive year Manchester's DECA had the most number of series event winners in the State of Massachusetts. Eleven students placed 1st, 2nd, or 3rd in their individual category, and are now eligible to represent the state at the National Conference.

15 YEARS AGO - 2009
The Manchester Community Center is pleased to offer a babysitting course. The course will be held on Saturday, June 27th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Designed for 11-15-year-olds, the course is limited to 12 students.

First Parish Church Sunday School and Youth Group held a lively talent show in March to raise funds for Heifer International. Participants recited, sang, danced, performed magic, gymnastics, and played piano and guitar.

MBTS SELECT BOARD UPDATE

BOARD UPDATES

Planning Board Meeting: The Planning Board will hold a joint meeting with the MBTA Zoning Task Force on Monday, March 25 at 6:30 p.m. Meeting details can be found on the Town website.

DPW Rain Barrel Sale: Last chance to order a rain barrel! Order by March 24. Fifty percent off the first barrel. Order at greatamericanrainbarrell.com/community/.

MBTA Zoning Public Forum: The MBTA Zoning Task Force will hold a Public Forum to discuss MBTA Zoning on Thursday, March 28 at 6 p.m. at Town Hall and

on Zoom. Meeting details will be available on the Town website.

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.

Nomination Papers: Run for elected office! Nomination papers are available at the Town Clerks office. Papers and signatures are due April 2. See the Town website for more information.

Household Hazardous Waste Day: The Board of Health will host a Hazardous Waste Day on Saturday, April 6. The cost is \$25 per car.

Register by April 3. Detailed information can be found on the Town website.

Annual Town Meeting: Save the date! The Annual Town Meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 24 at 6:30 p.m. at Memorial School.

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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by Brookline attorney Grant Hecht, asked the court to eliminate the MCC's arguments because they were factually wrong, or irrelevant, or frivolous. Hecht offered a package of evidence, including the original 1976 deed gifting of the building to the MCC, signed leases, and a list of witnesses supporting the HPCA's case.

In the end, Judge Holly Broadbent clipped nearly all of the feathers of the MCC's legal wings. The first series of arguments she denied addressed basic ownership of the land under the building. Walsh argued that the MCC owns it under a Massachusetts legal doctrine called "adverse possession," in which a person in possession of land owned by someone else may acquire valid title to it if possessing that land went unchallenged for more than 20 years.

Broadbent pointed out that the MCC had signed several commercial leases over three decades. How could the MCC argue that it possessed land when it was also signing leases to rent it, she asked? Walsh's argument was denied.

Then Walsh argued that the MCC had a permanent easement—either implied or actual—to access to the building, which meant that no one could make them vacate the property. Hecht responded by presenting the original notarized deed gifting the building in 1976 in which

“This is nonsense,” Judge Holly Broadbent said. “There is no evidence. That is the fact.”

Means specified that his gift “did not (underline his) include the land.” Broadbent denied that argument too.

Then Walsh argued the MCC should benefit from relief within the MBTA's permanent easement associated with the commuter railroad station next to the building. Hecht responded that the MBTA easement is for the MBTA, not the MCC. Broadbent agreed the argument was irrelevant.

Then Walsh argued that the four leases signed by the MCC over 30 years were executed under duress, or because of fraud by HPCA, or because its directors didn't know what they were signing. The judge pointed out that the MCC had legal representation when they signed the leases, which protected them from fraud or even their own ignorance.

She asked Walsh what evidence he had to support any of the MCC's arguments. Any affidavits from witnesses alleging fraud? Legal documents or deeds? Any previous filings?

Walsh said he had filed none but said he planned to submit some newspaper articles from the 1970s and a witness, Manchester resident Kevin Leach, who was prepared to offer “one or two sentences” about opposing an MCC-related article at the 1975 Manchester Town Meeting.

“This is nonsense,” said Judge Broadbent.

“There is no evidence. That's the fact.”

Broadbent moved onto the fees triggered by the MCC staying beyond the lease termination, which escalated from \$100/day for the first 30 days to \$500 every day after. Walsh said so far, the MCC has incurred approximately \$25,000. Separately, if it loses at trial, its lease calls for the MCC to pay HPCA's attorneys fees, which the judge seemed open to limiting.

Asked about whether negotiations might thwart a costly trial, Hecht told the judge that talks ended the week before. The MCC wanted \$1 million to vacate the property.

According to its last public IRS filing, the MCC listed \$177,000 in assets.

As of Wednesday, there was no word on whether Friday's events triggered any discussion between the fighting parties.

Barring any change in direction or compromise, the MCC and the HPCA are headed for a jury trial in Salem on April 3

Tides & Sun Chart For The Week Ahead

DATE	HIGH				LOW				☀	
	AM	FT	PM	FT	AM	FT	PM	FT	RISE	SET
22 Fri	10:42	9.1	11:07	8.4	4:24	1.6	5:13	1.2	6:40	6:59
23 Sat	11:26	9.3	11:47	8.7	5:10	1.3	5:48	1.0	6:38	7:00
24 Sun			12:06	9.4	5:52	1.0	6:22	0.9	6:36	7:01
25 Mon	12:22	8.9	12:42	9.4	6:32	0.7	6:56	0.9	6:34	7:02
26 Tue	12:53	9.2	1:15	9.3	7:12	0.5	7:31	0.9	6:33	7:04
27 Wed	1:22	9.3	1:48	9.2	7:51	0.4	8:07	1.0	6:31	7:05
28 Thu	1:53	9.5	2:22	8.9	8:32	0.4	8:45	1.1	6:29	7:06

Life moves pretty fast. If you don't stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it.
~ Ferris Bueller ~

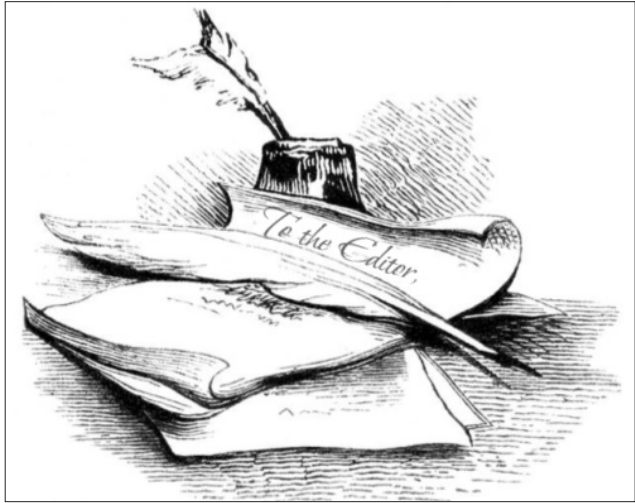
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Thank You to the Spaulding Education Fund

To the Editor,

On behalf of the elementary students and teachers at Essex Elementary School and Manchester Memorial School, I want to thank you for Spaulding's generous

grant to support our goal to update "age-sensitive" book collections in our K-5 school libraries.

Due to ever-increasing tight budgets over the years, some of our school library collections have aged while the world around us has moved forward. These collections include books about technology, climate, health and medicine, geography and social problems and services, just to name a few.

The Spaulding Education Fund Grant that was recently provided will allow us to ramp up the average age of book collections that age quickly with recently published and highly recommended titles.

This will serve to support both recreational reading as well as our standards-based curriculums. We thank Spaulding Education Fund and especially those individuals and organizations that have contributed to Spaulding's fundraising efforts this past year. We are excited and grateful to have your support in providing MERSD Elementary students with a dynamic

book collection in our elementary school libraries!

Sincerely,

Samantha Silag, MA, MUS
Elementary School Library Teacher
Manchester Memorial and Essex Elementary Schools

Converting Woods to Commercial Use

Do you think it is a good idea to convert 142+/- acres of woods owned by Gordon College to commercial and retail use on Pine Street?

Our town asked Gordon College if they would be interested in doing so and they said they were "certainly willing to continue conversations with the Town toward that end."

The letter with this quote from Gordon College can be found on the Town website.

I understand the question was put forth by the MBTA task force seeking to find more places to put the State imposed high-density housing. Although the idea

of high-density housing on Shingle Hill triggered a lot of negative reaction, perhaps converting the Gordon College land is a great idea! Or not? You probably have an opinion as most of us do but using the Town Meeting format to answer this type of zoning question is wholly inadequate for the task. Why?

First, less than 10% of registered voters participate at the typical town meeting as we all know. Second, we couldn't even have a Town meeting if half the voters wanted to come because there is no place for 2,000+ people to congregate much less have a reasonable discussion. Third, when less than 10% of the voters do show up, it is not a representative sample of the Town voters. As any statistician will tell you, a statistically accurate sample must be both large enough and must be a random sample of the population. Town meeting attendees are not a random sample as the town meeting often excludes parents with children, businesspeople traveling for work, and many oth-

ers. Only the people who can attend might be able speak although attendees are frequently not given the chance to talk before a vote is called. It is a 300-year-old system that might be fine for settling some matters but not for Zoning, a permanent bylaw with often irreversible effects.

Many years ago, the town voted to put major borrowings on the town ballot to be sure they are properly voted on. Zoning changes deserves similar voting treatment.

Please go to the website cobythesea.org to get a copy of the petition to put the zoning changes on the town ballot in the same way as major borrowings are handled today. You can also email Ballot01944@yahoo.com to get a copy sent to you or reach out to me or Christine Delisio directly.

This approach to zoning changes will not alter the ability of the town conduct its business; it will just make it more inclusive.

Jonathan Keefe
Manchester

LIBRARY NEWS



The library hosted a full house of crafters weaving mug rugs together. Playing it straight, above, and silly, below.

Courtesy Photos

Library Hours Changing in April

Spring is here and the library will be closed on Sundays after March 24th.

Solar Eclipse Viewing Party

Monday, April 8 from 3-4:30 p.m. Join us on the front lawn for the cosmic event of the year. We will have a good view of an almost complete eclipse so long as the weather cooperates. We have a limited number of eclipse glasses that will be handed out during the event, 1 per person on a 1st come 1st served bases.

Mindfulness Meditation at the First Parish Church Meeting Room

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 ven-

ues.

Craft Supplies Swap

Tuesday, March 26 from 5-7 p.m. Drop in at the library with some crafting supplies you no longer want and go home with some new to you items. Don't have anything

to exchange? Come anyway and take some supplies the library is cleaning out. We will also have some crafting resources you can use either at the library or take home and use. Please only bring supplies that are clean.

Stories from the life of MA Abolitionist Lucy Stone

Thursday, March 28 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Join Storyteller Merrill Kohlhofer as she brings this wonderful and formidable woman to life with these stories using her words and the words of those who loved and were touched by her. This is a free, in-person program and registration is requested as space is limited.

Diversity Matters Book Group

Tuesday, March 26 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. We will watch and then discuss, "If Beale Could Talk" a 2019 movie adaptation of James Balwin's 2006 novel of the same name. Both book and movie are available, feel free to watch, read or both.

Mystery Book Group

Friday, March 29 from 10:30-11:30 a.m. We will discuss "What Comes After" by Joanne Tompkins. "The grieving single parents of two recently deceased teenage boys forge an unexpected bond over the appearance of a mysterious pregnant girl who offers insight into the tragedy."

Hearthside Book Group

Tuesday, April 2 from 4-5 p.m. Join us in person or on ZOOM to discuss "Master Slave Husband Wife: An Epic Journey from Slavery to Freedom" by Ilyon Woo which "relates the daring escape from bondage in Georgia to freedom in the North by an enslaved couple disguised as a wealthy planter and his property."

A Formidable Woman: Stories from the life of MA Abolitionist Lucy Stone

Thursday, March 28 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Lucy Stone devoted her life to (in her own words) "pleading the cause of the suffering and the out-cast." Join Storyteller Merrill Kohlhofer as she brings this wonderful and formidable woman to life with stories using her words and the words of those who loved and were touched by her. Registration

required.

MBTS Library Renovation: Ask the Director

Tuesdays beginning March 26 from 11 a.m. - 12 noon. The MBTS Library is in the process of apply for grant funding to renovate and expand the library. The Library Director will hold open table hours each Tuesday in the library. Drop in to ask questions and learn more about the project.

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.

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:

Peeps Party
Saturday, March 23 from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Stop by the library to check out all of our 2024 Peeps Show dioramas. Enjoy some bunny trail mix and find out the winner of the People's Choice Award and other prizes.

Graphic Novel Club

Wednesday, March 27 from 4-4:30 p.m. For grades 4-7 and registration is required. We meet once a month from January to June. Explore new graphic novels with friends, snacks, and activities. We will be discussing "Four Eyes" by Rex Ogle.

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.



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MERHS Spring



Sports Schedules

Please check: <https://tinyurl.com/48jm7e8v> for updated schedules and TBA designations.

Varsity Baseball

*Home Games			
4/3	4:00	*Arlington Catholic	Memorial Park
4/5	4:00	Bishop Fenwick	Bishop Fenwick HS
4/8	4:00	Marblehead	Seaside Park
4/11	4:00	Ham-Wen	Patton Park
4/13	10:00	*Amesbury	Memorial Park
4/16	10:00	Ipswich	Ipswich HS
4/23	4:00	*Pentucket	Memorial Park
4/24	4:15	North Reading	North Reading HS
4/27	10:00	*Rockport	Memorial Park
4/30	4:00	*Georgetown	Memorial Park
5/2	4:30	*Newburyport	Memorial Park
5/4	10:00	*Ham-Wen	Memorial Park
5/7	4:00	Amesbury	Amesbury HS
5/9	4:00	Lynnfield	Lynnfield HS
5/11	10:00	*Ipswich	Memorial Park
5/14	6:30	Rockport	Evans Field
5/16	4:00	Essex Tech	Essex Tech
5/18	10:00	*Triton	Memorial Park
5/21	4:00	Georgetown	Georgetown HS
5/24	4:00	Winthrop	Winthrop HS

Varsity Coed Sailing

*Home Meets			
3/30	9:30	TBA	Courageous Center
4/6	9:30	TBA	Marina Bay
4/10	3:30	*Dover-Sherborn	Tuck's Point
4/11	3:30	*Salem	Tuck's Point
4/13	10:00	TBA	Tuck's Point
4/21	9:30	TBA	Massapoag Lake
4/24	3:30	*Beverly	Tuck's Point
4/25	3:30	*Pingree	Tuck's Point
4/28	9:30	TBA	TBA
5/2	3:30	*Landmark	Tuck's Point
5/4	9:30	TBA	Duxbury Bay
5/8	3:30	*Gloucester	Tuck's Point
5/9	3:30	*Multiple Schools	Tuck's Point
5/12	9:30	TBA	Lake Cochituate
5/18	9:30	TBA	TBA
5/22	3:30	State Championship	Community Boating
5/23	3:30	State Championship	Community Boating

Varsity Boys Tennis

*Home Games			
3/28	4:00	Masconomet	Masconomet RHS
4/3	4:00	*Marblehead	MMES
4/4	4:00	Ipswich	Ipswich HS
4/8	4:30	Swampscott	Swampscott HS
4/10	4:15	*North Reading	MMES
4/11	4:00	Newburyport	Newburyport HS
4/24	3:30	Rockport	Rockport HS
4/26	4:00	Amesbury	Amesbury HS
5/1	3:30	*Ham-Wen	MMES
5/2	4:00	*Newburyport	MMES
5/3	3:30	*Ipswich	MMES
5/6	3:30	Lynnfield	Lynnfield HS
5/8	4:00	*Gloucester	MMES
5/10	3:30	*Rockport	MMES
5/15	4:00	*Amesbury	MMES
5/17	3:30	Ham-Wen	Wenham Tea House
5/21	4:30	*Swampscott	MMES
5/22	4:00	*Pentucket	MMES

Varsity Girls Lacrosse

*Home Games			
4/1	5:30	*Marblehead	MERHS
4/3	4:00	*Georgetown	MERHS
4/5	4:30	Ipswich	Ipswich HS
4/9	4:00	*Masconomet RHS	MERHS
4/12	4:00	Ham-Wen	Iron Rail Field
4/23	4:00	Lynnfield	Lynnfield HS
4/26	4:00	*Triton	MERHS
5/3	4:00	Georgetown	Georgetown HS
5/7	4:00	Pentucket	Pentucket RHS
5/9	7:00	*Ipswich	MERHS
5/11	10:00	*Medfield	MERHS
5/14	4:00	*Ham-Wen	MERHS
5/16	4:30	*North Reading	MERHS
5/17	7:30	*Lynnfield	MERHS
5/21	4:00	Newburyport	James Stehlin Field
5/24	4:00	*Essex Tech	MERHS

Varsity Girls Tennis

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4/8	4:00	*Bishop Fenwick	MMES
4/10	4:00	North Reading	North Reading HS
4/11	4:00	*Newburyport	MMES
4/24	3:30	*Rockport	MMES
4/26	3:30	*Amesbury	MMES
5/1	3:30	Ham-Wen	Wenham Tea House
5/2	4:00	Newburyport	Atkinson Common
5/3	4:00	Ipswich	Ipswich HS
5/6	3:30	*Lynnfield	MMES
5/10	3:30	Rockport	Rockport HS
5/13	3:30	*Triton	MMES
5/15	3:30	Amesbury	Amesbury HS
5/17	3:30	*Ham-Wen	MMES
5/20	4:30	*Andover	MMES
5/22	3:30	Pentucket	Pentucket RHS

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Varsity Boys Lacrosse

*Home Games			
4/1	7:00	*Masconomet	MERHS
4/5	4:00	*Ipswich	MERHS
4/9	5:00	Winthrop	Winthrop HS
4/12	4:00	*Ham-Wen	MERHS
4/16	12:00	Woburn	Woburn MHS
4/23	4:00	*Lynnfield	MERHS
4/26	5:00	Triton	Triton RHS
4/30	4:00	*Amesbury	MERHS
5/4	6:00	Weston	Weston HS
5/7	4:00	*Pentucket	MERHS
5/9	4:30	Ipswich	Ipswich HS
5/11	1:30	*Gloucester	MERHS
5/14	4:00	Ham-Wen	Iron Rail Field
5/16	4:30	North Reading	North Reading HS
5/18	11:00	Lynnfield	Lynnfield HS
5/20	4:00	Amesbury	Cashman Elementary
5/22	7:00	*Newburyport	MERHS

Varsity Softball

*Home Games			
4/10	4:00	Amesbury	Amesbury MS
4/15	3:30	*Ipswich	Sweeney Park

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4/22	4:00	Pentucket	Pentucket RHS
4/24	4:15	*North Reading	Sweeney Park
5/1	4:00	Newburyport	Cashman Park
5/6	4:00	*Amesbury	Sweeney Park
5/13	4:00	Ipswich	Ipswich HS
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The Hornet girls' lacrosse team was out in full force on the first day of practice on Monday running drills for coach Nan Gorton. The girls start their season on April 1 at home against Marblehead. Photo Paul Clark

Athletes Are Raising the Bar on Emotional Health

ME boys' lacrosse off to a winning start

Spring season for Manchester/Essex officially began on March 18, and our boy's lacrosse team has been preparing for the season and the physical and emotional toll a game like lacrosse can have on a person, for the past eight weeks.

The Manchester/Essex ath-

letic department has built a partnership with a non-profit called Morgan's Message.

The mission of this organization is to amplify stories, resources, and expertise to strengthen student-athlete mental health, build a community by and for athletes through peer-to-peer conversations and provide a platform for advocacy. The initiative started after former Duke University lacrosse player Morgan Rogers suffered a shattering knee injury that ended her collegiate career. Rogers committed suicide in 2019 at the age of 22.

Henry Thurlow, Quinn Brady, and Mac Edgerton, all captains of the ME boy's lacrosse team and ambassadors for Morgan's Message.

In early December Henry reached out to a community fitness center run by Emily McCavanagh, F.I.T. - a place where he had spent the last year rehabbing his knee, rebuilding his strength, and improving his growth mindset after suffering a season ending injury early in the 2023 season. Together Henry, Mac and Quinn shared an idea to help their teammates improve their physical and emotional well-being while

also raising funds and awareness for Morgan's Message. The idea was simple, each student athlete would donate \$50 to Morgan's Message, the studio would donate their time and the boys would commit to nine weeks of pre-season training that helped the team become stronger and more connected physically and emotionally. The team has raised \$500 for Morgan's Message. They have set goals for the season. They have pushed each other and sat in share circles to discuss how to support each other throughout the season especially if things aren't going well. They have

improved upon their endurance, strength and flexibility. They have uncovered the benefits of slowing things down, taking a moment to pause/meditate and find the good. These boys are committed to each other to their peers and to the younger players who will be watching, supporting and learning from them. Setting a great example for the importance of prioritizing our emotional well being.

Remember this when you head down to Hyland to watch this team, regardless of what the scoreboard says remember this team has already won.

Remember this when you head down to Hyland to watch this team, regardless of what the scoreboard says remember this team has already won.



Hornet sailors prep the boats on the first day of sailing practice at Tuck's Point. The season for coed sailing starts at 9:30 a.m. at the Courageous Center against a to-be-announced opponent. (Photos Paul Clark)



Hornet coaches run practice fielding drills on the first day of varsity softball. Their season opens April 10 at 4 p.m. in Amesbury.

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Coach Barrett Alston gives instruction to several of the members of the girls' tennis team on Monday. The team meets Masconomet at home at 4 p.m. on March 28.

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Let's hear it for Erin Kirchner and Patrick Rose who passed Firefighter I/II certification last week in Lynnfield! From left, Lt. Christian Hassel, Deputy Chief Ernie Nieberle, Rose, Kirchner, Chief Ramie Reader, John Bateman Connor Bell, Quincy Carvino, and Phil Cicala. (Courtesy photo)

BOS to Review ATM Warrant, Election Papers Deadline Monday

By Erika Brown

At its next meeting on Monday, March 25 the Essex Board of Selectmen will take up what looks to be the final draft of the warrant for Essex's Annual Town Meeting (ATM) on May 6.

At this stage, the draft warrant has 24 articles for voters to weigh in on. Typically, the major focus of an ATM is financing operations, and the draft warrant reflects that. This year, however, there are two areas of focus that may prompt discussion or debate. The first is the FY2025 Manchester-Essex Regional School District Budget, which is up 2.9% from last year.

The other topic that could be the subject of discussion is the Essex Planning Board's articles to make changes to the town's zoning bylaw (although last fall the PB's articles were expected to prompt debate and they were passed easily with little discussion).

On Monday, the BOS will determine how the PB's ATM business should be organized, and will likely add several articles to the list of articles already on the warrant.

The BOS has wiggle room to finalize and take on late changes to the warrant before it goes to print, but the board may sign off on the document as soon as Monday.

What will be asked to ap-

prove? Among the items voters will weigh in on:

- Approval for FY2025 of wage and salary ranges for town personnel;
- Approval to transfer of funds from the Essex Town Septic Betterment Fund to pay debt service to the FY2025 Massachusetts Clean Water Trust;
- Town Meeting vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the town charges and expenditures in FY2025;
- Funding for the Sewer Enterprise Fund for the remainder of FY2024;
- Funding of the FY2025 Sewer Enterprise Fund;
- Funding of the Water Enterprise Fund for the remainder of FY2024 and for FY2025;
- Funding of the Town's share of the Essex North Shore Agricultural and Technical School District budget for the fiscal year starting July 1, 2024;
- Approve and fund the Gross Operating and Maintenance Budget of the Manchester-Essex Regional School District;
- To Essex's share of a feasibility study to renovate or replace the Essex Elementary School;
- To make a series of changes to the town's zoning bylaw;
- Approve revising the fee for a transfer station sticker from \$150 to some other amount for those under the age of 65, and/or from \$75 to some other amount

for those 65 years of age and older, and/or from \$0 to some other amount for a second sticker within a given household; and further, to revise the fee for the purchase of a "small" trash bag (15-gallon) from \$2.50 to some other amount and the fee for the purchase of a "large" trash bag (33-gallon) from \$4.75 to some other amount; all to be incorporated into the Town's pay-as-you-throw solid waste disposal program; said fees to be effective for stickers and bags purchased beginning July 1;

- Approve funding for the improvement of the Centennial Grove;
- Approve funding to complete a fiber optic municipal area network extension between the Water Filtration Plant and the Centennial Grove and for the installation of wired and wireless devices at the Centennial Grove to facilitate electronic communication and security monitoring at the Centennial Grove, including design, installation, purchase of equipment and any other related supplies or expenses;
- Approve annual funding for the Community Preservation Fund and any related special projects or transfers;
- Approve funding for Automatic External Defibrillators (AEDs) and related

expenses;

- Approve funding for the purchase of replacement tasers for the Police Department and related expenses;
 - Approve the purchase of a heavy-duty utility pickup truck with crane for use in the Water and Wastewater Departments;
- The BOS meeting will start at 6 p.m. Monday, March 25 in the 3rd floor meeting room of Town Hall.

In other business ...

In other business, the deadline for returning signed papers from candidates to run for open seats on town boards is Monday, March 25. Return properly signed papers to the Town Clerk's office by 5 p.m. As a reminder, the May town election will be for the following open seats: two seats on the Board of Assessors (1yr term and a 3yr term); a Board of Selectmen seat (3yr term); a Board of Health seat (3yr term); a Regional School Committee seat (3yr term); two seats on the Board of Library Trustees (2yr term and a 3yr term); a Housing Authority seat (5yr term); and, finally, two Planning Board seats (5yr term each).

Any questions, call (978) 768-7111 (ext. 3). And remember, the polls will be open on Monday, May 13, 2024 from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Essex Public Safety Facility, 11 John Wise Avenue, Essex.

LIBRARY NEWS

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Public Library



Teens celebrated National Potato Chip Day on March 14th and enjoyed a blind taste test of 12 different potato chips. The group favorites were chocolate covered and salt & vinegar.

Courtesy Photo

Women's Self Defense

Saturday, April 6 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. This is a free, 2-hour class for high school students and adults, taught by black belt instructor John Kotch and is designed for women to learn how to protect themselves when faced with uncomfortable situations and how to avoid them in the first place. Please register.

Snake at the Library

Tuesday, April 16 at 4 p.m. Join us as we welcome back Rick Roth and the Cape Ann Vernal Pond team and their snakes of New England. Registration is required.

Community Book Group

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

College Essay Writing Session

Wednesday, March 27 from 6:30-8 p.m. for college bound high school seniors. Tracy Stephens, local English teacher, will share helpful strategies for writing a compelling college application essay. Please reserve your spot.

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.

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

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, MARCH 10

1:25 a.m. County Rd., male with breathing difficulty, transported to hospital.
3:02 a.m. Story St., directed patrol, secured/checked.
6:28 a.m. Scotts Way, directed patrol, secured/checked.
6:54 a.m. Conomo Point Rd., directed patrol, secured/checked.

MONDAY, MARCH 11

No report.

TUESDAY, MARCH 12

No report.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13

12:03 p.m. Spring St., directed patrol, secured/checked.
3:48 p.m. Main St., disturbance, spoken to.
4:30 p.m. Main St., police investigation/follow up, other.
10:41 p.m. Chebacco Terrace, male fall, transported to hospital.

THURSDAY, MARCH 14

7:32 a.m. Main St., directed patrol, secured/checked.
1:17 p.m. Eastern Ave., traffic hazard, notification made.
2:54 p.m. Story St., community policing, secured/checked.
7:30 p.m. Main St., animal complaint, assisted as needed.

FRIDAY, MARCH 15

10:00 a.m. Southern Ave., agency assist, assisted as needed.
12:18 p.m. Eastern Ave., citizen assist, notification made.
3:41 p.m. Wood Drive, utility request, notification made.
10:17 p.m. Western Ave., animal complaint, notification made.

SATURDAY, MARCH 16

6:41 a.m. Lebaron Rd., welfare check, secured/checked.
7:11 a.m. Centennial Grove Rd., directed patrol, secured/checked.
10:43 a.m. Eastern Ave., suspicious activity, spoken to.
1:59 p.m. Pickering St., directed patrol, secured/checked.

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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.

Fitness With Gil: Wednesdays, 10 a.m.: Start your day than with Gil and focus on strength, stamina, and stretching... energize yourself and leave feeling good! \$5 Donation suggested.

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.

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!

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Mushroom of the Week The Deceiver, a Carnivorous Fungi

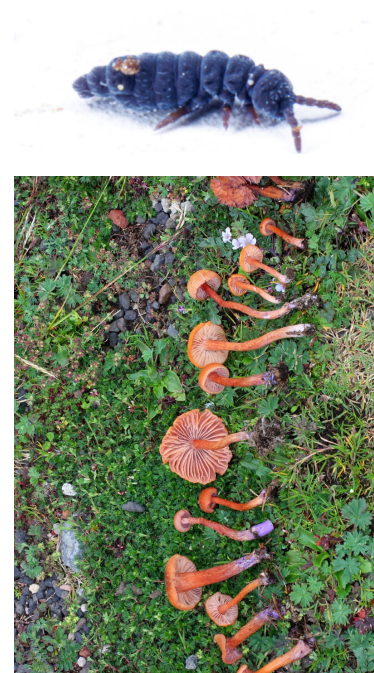
Gary Gilbert

“The Deceiver”, *Laccaria bicolor*, is a simple pinkish mushroom with purplish gills that can be found growing just about everywhere on sandy forest floors, like those near coastal regions and our town of Manchester. It is an excellent symbiotic partner with many types of trees, most significantly the mighty White Pine which dominates so much of our New England forests. After all, 95% of all the trees and shrubs and grasses on earth have some sort of fungal partner living under the soil helping them obtain water and minerals. The Deceiver is one of the pine forest’s best friends and they get paid back handily with the sugars the trees produce through photosynthesis. However, the Deceiver conducts an almost sinister double-life in the dark world under the forest floor.

Laccaria mushroom species have thick broad gills which are often purple or pinkish and attach directly to the stem. Their cap is orange to reddish-brown but occasionally whitish. It is convex when young and flattens out with age when the cap margin can become seriously split or torn. They can have white or purplish colors at the base of their fibrous stem. *Laccaria* are associated with White pines, but also hardwoods like beech, oak, and birch. All of this adds up to a highly variable mushroom which can grow in a variety of habitats. The species *Laccaria bicolor* is distinctive in that the base of its stem is purple, not white, a telltale feature, and it grows with pine trees, not hardwoods like



The Springtail also goes by latin name *Hypogastrura nivicola*.



The Deceiver, *Laccaria bicolor*. Notice the purple colors at base of stem.
Photo Alan Rockefeller

some of its cousins.

Another creature of the soil are the Springtails, those tiny little wingless Snow Fleas one sees jumping on top of snow in late winter. They are one of the soil creatures that eat the mycelia of fungi that grow in the soil. Mycelia are the delicate, extensive thread-like tissues that comprise the fungus itself. Lots of soil creatures nibble away at mycelia because they are either carrying minerals to share with trees, or receiving sugars that the trees feed back to them. Either way, the

mycelia of fungi is a tasty treat.

Alas, the Deceiver has developed a way to fight back. They exude a type of poison to defend themselves which paralyzes the springtails, giving them enough time to envelop them with their mycelia and, in effect, eat them. During this process, the Deceiver emits enzymes which digest and break down the springtails body releasing their nutrients, most importantly, the nitrogen within them. The Deceiver then passes these minerals on to the White Pine trees that they have a

symbiotic relationship with. Nitrogen is a key element in the constantly moving highway system of chemicals in the forest soil mix and fungi are the primary means for trees to get access to it. Their enzymes remove it from the soil and the bodies of creatures like the springtails and transform it into a form that the trees can make use of. In exchange, the photosynthetic trees share up to about one-third of the sugars they produce with their symbiotic fungal partner the Deceiver. It is a complex and very sophisticated system

of exchange and movement going on under our feet as we walk into our majestic woodlands, but also a very successful one. The world of symbiotic relationships in nature can be quite beautiful, almost poetic, but for some creatures, it can also spell their doom.

Gary Gilbert is a member of the Executive Committee of the Boston Mycological Club, lectures and leads identification walks in the area, and is the author of “Mycocards”, flashcards for learning mushroom identification (www.mycocards.com). He lives in Manchester-by-the-Sea.



The SoundWaves performed at An Evening of Jazz at the Manchester High School on Thursday. Directed by Joseph Janack, the High School and Middle School jazz bands, the SoundWaves and guest artist George Darrah performed beautifully for a grateful audience.
(Photo Paul Clark)



Composer and MERHS graduate George Darrah.
Photo Courtesy George Darrah



Caroline Quinn performs Arthur Hamilton’s *Cry Me a River* during an Evening of Jazz at the Manchester High School accompanied by the HS Jazz Band.
Photo Paul Clark

Supported by the ME Friends of the Performing Arts the Manchester Essex Schools presented An Evening of Jazz on Thursday. Featured along with George Darrah, were the Middle and High School Jazz Bands and the SoundWaves. Darrah is a Manchester graduate of the Class of 2007. “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 “The Today Show” and performed for President Barack Obama and President Joe Biden.

In 2022 and 2023, he performed on drums with Keith Lockhart and the Boston Pops Orchestra.”

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Anna Coleman Ladd—All Sides of Life



Anna Coleman Ladd's bronze bust of Maria de Acosta Sargent purchased in 1915 by Isabella Stewart Gardner, can be seen today in Boston's Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum's Macknight room.



Anna Coleman Ladd's "Sun God and Python" created for the Fitz estate in Manchester-by-the-Sea and later displayed at the 1915 World's Fair in San Francisco.

By Matt Genta and Kris McGinn

One hundred years ago on Memorial Day 1924, the American Legion unveiled its Memorial to the five young men of Manchester who lost their lives in WWI. Many attend this annual event at Rosedale cemetery where "Flanders Fields", the poem by John McCrae, is recited, yet few have seen the small bronze plaques on the granite memorial in the quiet bowl at the center of the cemetery.

Unlike war memorials of the past, this one embraces the horrors of war. Facing west is "Night," which shows a skeleton caught in barbed wire. Facing East, to the rising sun, is "Dawn", which depicts two men rising from the battlefield. The men, like the poppies of Flanders Field, spring forth from the battle-scarred earth.

When Anna Coleman Ladd presented her modern design to the American Legion, it was highly controversial and made front page headlines in Boston and New York. She proposed that the words "Lest We Forget" appear below "Night". Anna had seen the horrors of war up close and wanted a memorial that illustrated them for what they truly were - horrors; horrors she was personally and intimately familiar with.

The Soul of a Poet

Anna Coleman Ladd's life as an artist began early. Born on July 15, 1878, in Bryn Mawr, PA, Anna adored the outdoors and looked to nature for inspiration, a theme that would continue throughout her career.

Her first experience with sculpting was a happy accident, having discovered a bit of window putty left behind by a repairman. Inspired and intrigued, she began to sculpt constantly. As a young lady, Anna left home to travel to Rome, Paris and Vienna; a wonderful opportunity afforded to her by her grandfather's work as the U.S. Minister to Austria. While Anna was notably more comfortable learning the human form through experience and observation, more than formal study, she chose to spend time with notable artists such as Ettore Ferrari and Emilio Gallori in Rome. In Paris, she spent time at the studios of Marius Jean Antonin Mercié and Auguste Rodin.

In Rome, Anna formed a lifelong friendship with Concettina Gabriella Fabbricotti, a contemporary aspiring Florentine artist who later would visit the battlefields of WWI to create sketches that are currently in a museum in Rome. Later, Anna would dedicate her first book to Gabriella and named her eldest



Anna Coleman Ladd's studio on Proctor Street in Manchester-by-the-Sea where she created over 20 sculptures and fountains commissioned by friends and neighbors.



Anna Coleman Ladd and Maynard Ladd on their wedding day in 1905. The couple was married at Salisbury Cathedral in England before moving to Boston.

daughter, Gabriella.

Now in her mid-twenties, Anna returned to the United States a confident young artist, fluent in four languages and having grown impressively as a sculptor and as an independent woman of note. Her work focused almost exclusively of the human form, with figures that appear joyful, frolicsome and ebullient. She hired acrobats to model

for one sculpture. Others featured mothers and children, evoking a wonderful femininity and intimacy.

In 1905, at the age of 27, Anna married a young physician, Maynard Ladd, in Salisbury Cathedral, England. The couple moved to Boston where Maynard worked at Harvard Medical School specializing in children's medicine. During this time, An-

na's work caught the eye and friendship of Isabella Stewart Gardner, the American art collector and patron who, in 1915 purchased Ladd's bronze bust of Maria de Acosta Sargent, daughter of writer Mercedes de Acosta and relative of artist John Singer Sargent.

The two women maintained a friendship and exchanged letters regularly. Today the bust can be seen at

the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum in the Macknight room and is one of the few female artists in the museum's collection. It is nestled front and center amongst three works by John Singer Sargent, one of Gardner's favorite artists and closest friends. It is noteworthy that the bust is sensual: Maria holds only a small piece of fabric below her shoulders, her decolletage exposed and exquisitely rendered. Here, Ladd explores the beauty and simplicity of human form, while pushing boundaries of acceptability as well.

The Ladds enjoyed their life in Boston, living in a large home on Claremont Street, where Anna maintained a studio on the upper floor and, as early as 1900, began summering on Proctor Street in Manchester-by-the-Sea. There, Ann converted the barn facing the harbor into a studio. "My dream is to work for all outdoors, to produce sculptures to be placed on street corners, on walls and on open roads," she would say.

Manchester soon became home to numerous Ladd sculptures, as friends and neighbors commissioned over 20 statues and fountains for their estates. One of these, "Sun God and Python", was the beautiful centerpiece within the pergola and reflecting pool in the Fitz estate gardens.

Anna continued to thrive professionally while also raising the couple's two daughters, Gabriella and Vernon. During this time, she also wrote two novels "Hierony-

"Sculptors, to be any good at all, have to touch all sides of life. They deal in material and in spirit. ... They must have the soul of a poet and the creative energy of a god."

Anna Coleman Ladd

mus Rides" in 1912 and "The Candid Adventurer" in 1913 and two unpublished plays. She enjoyed solo exhibitions at the Gorham Gallery in New York, the Corcoran Gallery in Washington, DC and the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts in Philadelphia as well as having works exhibited in Rome, Paris, Chicago and at the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston.

Anna was absolutely becoming an artist of note with 1915 arguably being the pinnacle of her artistic career before WWI. That year she was invited to display five sculptures on the world stage at the 1915 San Francisco World's Fair. The event, celebrating the completion of the Panama Canal, was titled the "Panama-Pacific International Exhibition" and spanned 600 acres of the city's waterfront and lasted nine months. Among the works chosen were, "Sun God and Python", "Wind and Spray" and "Triton Babies," which can be found today in the Boston Public Garden as a fountain sculpture.

Yet this was not the zenith of Anna's career. In 1917 America entered WWI. Maynard was dispatched to France to direct the Children's Bureau of the American Red Cross. Anna remained home to care for the children. However, inspired by an article detailing the work of an English sculptor, Derwent Wood, Anna made up her mind to join the war effort. Her idea, unprecedented and unconventional, was denied by the Red Cross. Undeterred, she rerouted and quickly trained to become a volunteer ambulance driver and was finally dispatched. And so it was that in 1918 Anna Coleman Ladd opened the Studio for Portrait Masks in Montparnasse, forever changing the lives of wounded soldiers.

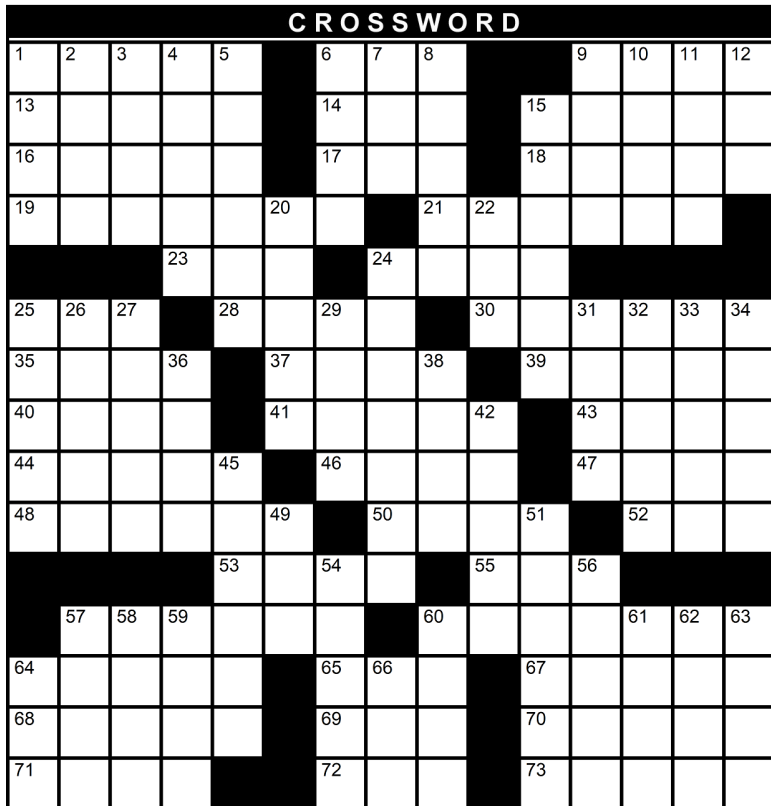
Next week in *The Cricket*, *Anna Coleman Ladd Part II: Les Gueules Cassées* ("The Shattered Mugs"). Ladd, in Paris, is transformed by her work with wounded soldiers from the Western Front.

Puzzle

THEME: FINISH THE LYRICS

ACROSS

1. Swell up
6. Pendulum's path
9. Type of salmon
13. *Steve Miller Band: "I want to fly like an ___"
14. Simon & Garfunkel, e.g.
15. Popular winter boot brand
16. Ohio city
17. Lodge
18. Squirrel away
19. *Glenn Frey: "The pressure's high just to stay alive 'cause ___ is on"
21. *John Travolta in "Grease": "I got ___, they're multiplyin'"
23. Automated teller
24. Clarified butter
25. Bad-mouth, slangily
28. Stag
30. Tartans
35. "I'm ___ you!"
37. Commies
39. Monocot's alternative
40. Road's edge
41. Living room centerpiece?
43. Prefix meaning "left"
44. Deadly snake
46. Sasquatch's cousin
47. Court petitioner
48. Blood infection
50. Indian flatbread
52. Opposite of post-
53. Sound of impact
55. *Duran Duran: "Her name is ___, and she dances on the sand"
57. *The Beatles: "Take a sad song and make it ___"
60. *Elvis: "We're caught in a trap, I can't ___"
64. Relating to a mode
65. Scrooge's exclamation
67. Memory failure
68. Bouquet thrower
69. Number of candles on a cake
70. Musketeers' weapons



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71. Picnic invaders
72. "Just kidding!"
73. Did, archaic

DOWN

1. *The Go-Go's: "They got the ___"
2. 100,000, in India
3. Cameron Diaz' Fiona, e.g.
4. Hula dancer's hello
5. These are held to be true
6. Miners' passage
7. *Tainted Love: "Once I ran to you, now I ___"
8. "Lord of the Flies" shell

9. Like the other side of the pillow?
10. Certain kind of exam
11. Not his
12. Antiquated
15. Protection from a sword
20. To death, in French (2 words)
22. ___ B vaccine
24. Manna from heaven
25. *Bon Jovi: "Tommy used to work on the ___"
26. Habituate
27. Spaghetti ___
29. *Don McLean: "Drove my chevy

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Fill in the blank squares in the grid, making sure that every row, column and 3-by-3 box includes all digits 1 through 9.

Solutions on Page 11

- to the ___
31. Pains
32. Frost over (2 words)
33. Capital of Delaware
34. *Tennessee Ernie Ford: "I owe my soul to the company ___"
36. Geishas' sashes
38. "___ good example"
42. Royal topper
45. ___-tattle
49. Pronoun
51. Refused to act, archaic
54. City-related

56. Giraffe's striped-legged cousin
57. *Bruce Springsteen: "Tramps like us, baby we were ___ to run"
58. Change a manuscript
59. Small amounts
60. Make sharper
61. Newspaper piece
62. Applications
63. Midterm, e.g.
64. Wharton degree, acr.
66. Back then

Religious Notes

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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.

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Just about everything falls apart at some point



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

Not all at once, but with use and years, parts fail. Whether it's a car, a dishwasher, or our bodies, time takes its toll. What are we to do with that nugget of reality?

In the youth of anything, man or machine, fixes are routine. There are problems, and then there are solutions that are close to making things perfect again. The older the dishwasher, the less likely it will be returned to "like new" condition. What about us?

As a nurse of 40 years, if I had a dime for every time I've heard, "I leave that up to my doctor, I don't bother with the details," or "My wife knows what medications I'm on, I leave that up to her" I'd be rich. Why do some folks know more about the condition of their car than their own bodies, and pay inordinate attention to things that will rust and decay?

We live in a cure-focused world. How often have you heard

"there must be something they can do," even in the direst circumstances? Much of our life experience is zooming down the highway of life in the passing lane, getting as much fixed as possible. We age and face McPherson Struts that need replacement or a faulty transmission. Eventually, the mechanic tells us that the car can only be driven in the travel lane. The passing lane...is in the past.

Instead of eliminating a medical issue through the "cure" of pharmacy, surgery, or treatment, we move to a middle lane called management. The CDC reports that 60% of American adults are living with chronic illnesses that cannot be cured. Fear not if you are among this unenviable group, as am I. We are not powerless.

The failures and breakdowns in the body are at some point not "fixable," but they can be totally manageable.

How? The first step is to accept that whatever "it" is, you may well be stuck with it. If that's not the case, great—congrats. However, if it is, a strategy will be re-

quired. For example, you have been diagnosed with X. The specialist for X has given you a treatment plan that will only work if you are committed to it.

Lack of medication compliance is the number one reason that many adult Americans' manageable illnesses become out of control. Partnership is required to achieve the best results, meaning the medical team does their part, and you do yours.

In truth, I don't know any 70-year-olds, or even 60-year-olds, who are not "managing" a health issue that requires regular specialist appointments and adherence to a plan crafted to prevent the condition from escalating. The general public's expectations may be, "They are making such advances in medicine; I'm waiting for the cure to come around." That may be true, but what is available today?

Changing the mindset from cure to manage is a powerful one.

It serves us well, and like the popular Polar Plunge, it is a well-meaning wake-up call. The power in your new

mindset is to ENGAGE with your circumstance, stop hating it, and partner up with it.

"OK, vascular system, we have some high blood pressure here. Rather than hate you, let's be friends. Let me see what helps you and what makes you worse. In my effort to accept that we are stuck with each other, what do I have in my toolbox? Less coffee, taking my meds, turning off the news, checking my blood pressure regularly, and more walking?"

Your most powerful tool in managing your chronic condition isn't intervention—it's your head. Stop wasting time resenting whatever you have. Breaking News: it won't help. You have the opportunity to "physician, heal thyself." We forget we can be healed without being cured.

Think on that, and as our friends in the 12-step program say, "Accept the things I cannot change, change the things that I can, and have the wisdom to know the difference."

Bonne Santé!

Solution to puzzles on page 10

Crossword puzzle grid with solutions filled in.

9x9 grid with numbers for a second puzzle.

PET OF THE WEEK

Momma Carol

The story of a lovely lady... a chilly night in Houston, this girl wandered onto a kind someone's porch. Unsure of what to do, they did what any kind-hearted person would, they gave her some heavy blankets and a safe place to be for the night. In the morning, PUPPIES HAD ARRIVED! They immediately reached out to a local rescue and got mom and the whole Brady Bunch into foster. Greg, Bobby, Marsha, Jan and Cindy have all found their forever homes and now it's Momma Carol's turn. This loving girl is truly what dreams are made of. She's lived with and does well with other dogs, though she's not particularly fond of puppies (understandably so) and really enjoys people (though we're unsure of any history with children). She's still learning how to walk on a leash but her progress is wonderful. It may take her a bit to get comfortable again



in a new environment but the staff here as well as her TX foster can attest to her loving and snuggly behavior; the foster mentioned how much she likes to get under the covers to cuddle.

Does Momma Carol sound like the lovely lady you've been waiting for? Fill out an app and let's get a meeting scheduled!

To submit an application for Carol, go to CapeAnnAnimalAid.org/Adopt

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Worship Leader, Rev. Katharine 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.

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

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"

Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday, March 24th at 10 a.m.

Maundy Thursday, March 28th at 7 p.m.

Good Friday, March 29th at 12 Noon

Easter, March 31 Ecumenical Sunrise Service 6:26 a.m. at Singing Beach

Easter at First Parish at 10 a.m.

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.

Palm Sunday - March 24

Holy Eucharist at 8 & 10 a.m.

Maundy Thursday - March 28

Holy Eucharist at 7 p.m.

Good Friday - March 29

Good Friday Service at 12 noon at the chantry altar.

Stabat Mater at 7 p.m. -- Our section leaders Catherine Spanu and Cameron Dobson will be joined by strings for a musical meditation featuring Alessandro Scarlatti's Stabat Mater Dolorosa.

Easter Sunday - March 31

Festal Eucharist at 9 & 11

a.m.

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 Paw-

tucket 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

PUBLIC NOTICE



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

Town of Manchester requests the Commission make a decision regarding a Notice of Intent for beaver remediation management within the Land Under Waterbodies near Preston Place (map 62, lots 47, 48, 51).

This request will be discussed at a VIRTUAL meeting Tuesday, April 2 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 requests the Commission make a decision regarding a Request for Determination of Applicability for tree removal within the 200-ft Riverfront Area of Sawmill Brook at 45 School Street (maps 50, lot 17)

This request will be discussed at a VIRTUAL meeting Tuesday, April 2 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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Public Hearing Notice to be Published on or before 3/22/24

Town of Manchester requests the Commission make a decision regarding a Notice of Intent for replacement of a pier within the Rocky Intertidal Shore and Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage at 17 Tucks Point Road (map 22, lot 0; 16)

This request will be discussed at a VIRTUAL meeting Tuesday, April 2 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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LEGAL NOTICE



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Manchester Board of Health Continued Public Hearing Notice

The Manchester Board of Health will hold a continued public hearing on Thursday, April 11, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. to review the following proposed regulations:

- Regulations for Private Wells, revised

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

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

Questions may be directed to the Board of Health.

Peter Colarusso, Chairperson Manchester Board of Health Posted to MNPA website: http://masspublicnotices.org.

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LEGAL NOTICE



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Manchester Board of Health NOTICE OF REVIEW 2024 Mosquito Control Management Plan for Manchester-by-the-Sea

The Manchester Board of Health will review the Northeast Mosquito Control and Wetlands Management District 2024 Best Management Practice Plan for Manchester-by-the-Sea at their April 11, 2024 Board of Health meeting. The meeting and the review will begin at 6:00 p.m.

in room #7 of Town Hall, 10 Central St. Manchester, MA Public comment is welcome.

The meeting will be a hybrid meeting with the public welcome to participate by Zoom.

Copies of the 2024 Draft Best Management Practice Plan are available for review from:

- 1.) Town website: www.manchester.ma.us
- 2.) Board of Health office: in person or by email to lufkine@manchester.ma.us.

To link to the Mosquito Control website, please go to: https://www.nemassmosquito.org/

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