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## Moulton Delivers \$959,752 for PFAS



Chuck Dam (left), director of Manchester's Dept. of Public Works and Ben Patten, MBTS Water Treatment Plant manager (far right) show Congressman Seth Moulton (center) the ins and outs of municipal water Monday during a visit by the lawmaker.

By Erika Brown

Manchester will receive \$959,752 in federal funds to support planning and design for future PFAS purification of the town's municipal water.

The funds came as part of a larger, \$13.2 million package benefiting 15 Essex County communities, including Rockport and Gloucester and on Monday, US Congressman Seth Moulton visited Manchester's Gravelly Pond Water Treatment Plant as part of a tour of all North Shore sites that will receive funding. Other sites on Cape Ann included Pathways for Children in Gloucester and Rockport's Department of Public Works.

While this is welcome news for residents, the challenge of PFAS is extensive and expensive. Manchester has estimated it will need up to \$26 million to mitigate PFAS from its drinking wa-

ter at two sites that provide public drinking water, the Lincoln Street Well (LSW) and Gravelly Pond on upper Pine Street.

Testing for PFAS—"forever" contaminants in our nation's water systems associated with a wide variety of chemicals from goods like non-stick cookware, fleece textiles, and firefighting foams, among others—has been a state requirement for more than two years.

Manchester's two sites have stayed within current state (20 parts / trillion) guidelines but that will change in April when new standards announced last year by the US Environmental Protection Agency (4 parts / trillion) become effective. Testing at the Lincoln Street Well has registered PFAS between 7ppt and 20ppt and Gravelly Pond between 2ppt and 8ppt.

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**BRIEFLY**

### Juni Van Dyke's ColorSplash Hits Concord Museum

Manchester artist Juni Van Dyke's works have been selected for a special exhibition at the Concord Art Council Center starting this week. Called "ColorSplash," the show runs through April 28. Details at concordart.org.

### Demeo Named to Governor's Youth Council

There are 50 cities and 301 towns across 14 counties in Massachusetts, and this week Gov. Maura Healey swore in MERSD Junior Summer Demeo as one of just 60 members of her Youth Advisory Council. Council members will advise the administration on civic engagement, education, climate, housing, and mental health.

### The Shattered Mugs



Last week Kris McGinn and Matt Genta introduced readers to Anna Coleman Ladd, a renowned Manchester artist who followed her husband to Paris in 1918 at the end of World War I. In McGinn and Genta's second and final installment, we join Coleman as she is transformed by the wounded veterans returning home, and begins to build her legacy. **Page 8.**

## MBTA Task Force Presents Plans to Planning Board



Board members Christine Delisio, Laura Tenney and Mary Foley at Monday's Planning Board Meeting. (Courtesy Photo)

By Jeff Pope

Members of the Manchester-by-the-Sea MBTA Task Force presented its current proposals to the Planning Board at a meeting on Monday, March 25.

The presentation was an attempt to bring the Planning Board up to speed on where the Task Force is headed as it proposes new overlay zoning districts to comply with the state's new

MBTA zoning mandate.

The town is required to find 37 acres to include in the new zoning, including 14.8 acres within a half mile of the train station on Summer Street. In addition, the new zoning must allow on average 15 units per acre, or a total of 559 units in the new districts.

The meeting was supposed to be a joint meeting of the two panels, but due to a mistake in how the meeting's agenda was posted, it

was only a meeting of the Planning Board, thus only four (less than a quorum) of the members of the Task Force were allowed to speak.

"We've learned there are packets of dense multi-family housing in the town that mostly go unnoticed and serve the residents very well," said Chris Olney, a member of the Planning Board and chairman of the Task Force.

Olney said that the major-

ity of the Task Force agreed on a basic framework for the new districts, although one member was against all solutions.

"We would prefer to offer possible solutions rather than face the possible consequences if we fail to comply with the MBTA Commuter Law," said Olney.

Olney said there were several guiding principles that the Task Force was allowing in selecting areas for the overlay zoning.

"The most basic of these is our commitment to minimize the potential changes to the town that might result from these new zoning requirements," said Olney.

Other goals included, Olney said, preserving historic buildings, protecting businesses and restaurants and "to minimize the number of new incremental units that could be allowed. We can do

this by limiting new zoning districts to the areas of town that are already densely settled ... and to areas that have small lots and can only support a small number of units and new development."

"We can't make everybody happy," Olney concluded. "We have to make trade-offs to get to a reasonable plan."

Emily Innes, the Task Force's consultant, spoke about the areas that were being considered for the overlay zoning. She explained how they could adjust various design requirements, such as setbacks, percentage of lot coverage, and parking to determine how many total units could be on each lot.

For example, Innes said that for lower Pine Street to Powder House Lane district and the Valentine to Summer Street district, she has used minimum lot size of 6,000 square feet, a limit of 2.5 stories, a maximum of 40 percent lot coverage, and parking for 1.5 cars per unit.

"That's pretty close to what you have now," said Innes.

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### Weekly Weather Chart

Saturday 30 March		54°	35°
Sunday 31 March		54°	36°
Monday 1 April		47°	35°
Tuesday 2 April		46°	32°
Wednesday 3 April		42°	34°
Thursday 4 April		41°	38°
Friday 5 April		47°	39°

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.

**MERSD**  
SC Meeting  
Tuesday, April 2  
6 - 8:30 p.m.

**Essex ConCom**  
Tuesday, April 2, 7:15 p.m.

**MBTS Housing Authority**  
Wednesday, April 3  
3:30 p.m.

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## State House News Feds Designate New Wind Energy Area Off Cape Ann

By Michael P. Norton

Opening a new frontier in the region's offshore wind power push, the federal government has finalized its designation of a two-million-acre wind energy area off the coasts of Maine, New Hampshire and Massachusetts.

The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) said the designated Gulf of Maine area would support President Joe Biden's goals of deploying 30 gigawatts of offshore wind energy capacity by 2030 and 15 gigawatts of floating offshore wind energy capacity by 2035.

The area, which ranges from 23 to 92 miles off the coasts of the three states, has the potential to support

generation of 32 gigawatts of clean energy, the bureau said. That amount of energy surpasses "current state goals for offshore wind energy in the Gulf of Maine: 10 GW for Massachusetts and 3 GW for Maine," BOEM said.

As part of a transition away from fossil fuels, Massachusetts and other East Coast states are at the dawn of a years-long effort to eventually make offshore wind turbines a major source of power, with initial efforts in Massachusetts focused on areas south of Nantucket and Martha's Vineyard. The newly designated zone lies to the east of the state.

The area's designation "is a major step in the transition of our energy economy from dirty fossil fuels to clean wind

energy," said Kate Sinding Daly, senior vice president of the Conservation Law Foundation.

BOEM "did a thorough job of listening to concerns about protecting marine life," Daly said.

"For the most part this designation has carved out the most sensitive areas and excluded them from wind turbine construction," Daly said. "CLF will continue to work with BOEM to ensure all possible protections for vulnerable marine wildlife and important habitats are built into the process as it moves toward leasing and construction of these floating turbines. This is a very good day for our climate and our energy future."

BOEM said it finalized the

area's boundaries after "extensive engagement" with the three states, tribes, local residents, and ocean users including the fishing community, federal government partners, and others.

The BOEM plans to publish a notice in the Federal Register on Monday announcing its intent to prepare an environmental assessment of potential impacts from offshore wind leasing activities in the wind energy area.

The notice will initiate a 30-day public comment period, and BOEM said another public comment period would occur if the agency decides to move forward with a lease sale in the wind energy area.

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# Obituaries

Following a long-standing tradition, The Cricket publishes obituaries as a public service for our readers. If an obituary cannot be published in time for a service, we will post the notice to our website and Facebook page (facebook.com/TheManchesterCricket).

## Anne N. Dodge



Anne N. Dodge, 73 of Manchester-by-the-Sea, died at 3:18 p.m. on Monday, March 18th, 2024.

Born in Boston, she was the daughter of the late Roger and Mary Windor Nordblom and beloved wife to the late Steven B. Dodge. Anne graduated from Williams College with a BFA in English, and worked at the Bank of Boston where she met Steve. She served on the Board of University of Vermont, Middlesex School, and as President of the Board at Brookwood School.

She was a dedicated member of St John's Episcopal Church in Beverly Farms and was committed to philanthropy with a special interest in scholarships, animal protection, and land conservation.

Anne was known for her love of family and spirited

approach to life. She was a loving wife, a devoted mother to her three children and a proud Nana Anna to her five beloved grandchildren.

Her friends were dear to her. Her dogs were family to her. And throughout her life, her faith in God was a beacon for her.

Anne was passionate about outdoor activities, including playing tennis, skiing, riding, sailing and hiking. She loved art and was an avid photographer with her camera always in hand. Painting beautiful watercolors became her creative outlet later in life. She loved traveling with family and friends, and was especially connected to Vermont and Cape Cod. Throughout her life, she loved being with people, gathering everyone together. Anne passed surrounded by loved ones.

Anne is survived by two sons, Tom Dodge of Manchester-by-the-Sea, Ben Dodge of Cohasset; one daughter Kristen Dodge of Kinderhook, NY; two brothers, Pete Nordblom of Carlisle, Win Nordblom of Bluffton, South Carolina, and two sisters, Carolyn Los of Greece, and Lee Nordblom of Concord; five grandchildren, Bode Dodge and Heidi Dodge of Manchester-by-the-Sea, Payson Dodge, Sabella Dodge,

Taylor Dodge of Cohasset. In addition to her parents, she is predeceased by her loving husband, Steven B. Dodge.

Anne's memorial service will be at St. John Episcopal Church, 705 Hale Street, Beverly Farms on Friday, April 5th at 2:30 p.m. Relatives and friends are invited to attend. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the MSPCA in honor of Anne at (https://www.mspca.org/donate). Arrangements by the Campbell Funeral Home, 525 Cabot Street, Beverly, MA 01915. Information, directions, condolences at www.campbellfuneral.com.

## Maryellen Liddell

Maryellen Liddell, 76, passed away peacefully on March 12 surrounded by her family and exceptional caregivers after a long illness. Maryellen was born on October 24, 1947 in Medford, MA to James and Ruth (Perigny) Liddell. Maryellen lived in Manchester-by-the-Sea, MA and was a graduate of Saint Clement High School in Somerville, MA.

Maryellen, worked as an executive for Blue Cross early in her career. After leaving Blue Cross she focused on her passion of interior design, helping customers across the state of Massachusetts with home design. Maryellen, taught interior design courses at colleges local to the North Shore - she loved the Boston Design Center. When Maryellen wasn't designing, she could be found cooking. She had a



love for Julia Childs and preparing gourmet meals. Maryellen was an avid reader, exceptional seamstress and created authentic Halloween costumes for her great-nieces and nephew.

Maryellen is survived by her husband Paul Murray, older brother Paul Liddell and wife (Carolyn); close cousin Elsie Kerrigan and husband (Jack), Nephews and Nieces, Paul Murray, Tracie Carvalho, Lauren Murray O'Donnell and James Liddell, great-nieces and nephew, Madeline Carvalho, CeeCe Carvalho, Nathaniel O'Donnell and McKenzie Murray.

Maryellen is preceded in death by her parents James and Ruth Liddell, sister Beverly (1991) and nephew Michael Liddell (2023); and her beloved cat Walter.

A Funeral Service will be held at Campbell Funeral Home, 525 Cabot St. Beverly, MA on Saturday April 6th at 11 a.m. followed by a burial at Pleasant Grove Cemetery in Manchester-by-the-Sea. Visitation will be held the same day from 10-11 a.m. Information, directions, condolences at www.CampbellFuneral.com.

# MANCHESTER POLICE NOTES

## SUNDAY, MARCH 17

2:22 a.m. School St., disturbance, assisted as needed.  
12:45 p.m. Beach St., utility request, assisted as needed.  
10:49 p.m. Beach St., selective enforcement, secured/checked.  
11:08 p.m. Lincoln St., directed patrol, secured/checked.

## MONDAY, MARCH 18

8:53 a.m. Rockwood Heights Rd., animal complaint, notification made.  
11:34 a.m. Pine St., motor vehicle stop, written warning.  
2:51 p.m. Bridge St., parking complaint, spoken to.  
5:28 p.m. Raymond St., fraud/scam, spoken to.

## TUESDAY, MARCH 19

12:06 p.m. Allen Ave., animal complaint, gone on arrival.  
1:00 p.m. Central St., citizen assist, assisted as needed.  
3:44 p.m. The Plains St., motor vehicle crash, assisted as needed.

7:58 p.m. Smiths Point Rd., motor vehicle crash, report to follow.

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20

4:25 a.m. Filias Circle, breaking and entering,

secured/checked.  
7:25 a.m. Pine St., selective enforcement, no action taken.  
2:49 p.m. Lincoln St., directed patrol, secured/checked.  
4:58 p.m. School St., erratic operator, gone on



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The other two districts the Task Force is currently looking at are one along a section of Summer Street between Allen and Lincoln streets, and the Calben property next to the Manchester Athletic Club in the Limited Commercial District.

She said these four areas taken together were compliant with the state's requirements.

Planning Board members Mary Foley and Christine Delisio questioned several aspects of the proposals. Foley said that several of the buildings in the Valentine to Summer Street district, including ones on Tappan and Sea Streets were part of the National Historic Register. She suggested that Innes should model for two parking spaces per unit, since most families had at least two cars. And she suggested that Newport Park, which is part of the Pine Street district, should have greater setbacks because it is surrounded by open space.

Delisio questioned why the Task Force wasn't looking at other larger lots outside the half-mile station circle, including the Shingle

Hill property, the Cell Signaling property, Gordon College property and the Essex County Golf Club.

Delisio also questioned why members of the public on Zoom were not being allowed to comment or ask questions. Planning Board Chairman Ron Mastrogiacomo said it was not a public hearing and that anyone with a question could ask the Task Force at its next meeting.

Foley also suggested that the Task Force should investigate what it would cost the town if they didn't approve the state's mandate. She said that over the last few years, the town has received \$600,000 from the three housing grants that the state has said will be cut off from communities that do not comply.

But others pointed out that the town has applied for a \$3.4 million grant as part of the Cell Signaling project.

Planning Board member

Laura Tenney clearly supported the work of the Task Force. "Our town changes and continues to change," said Tenney. "It's not encased in amber. It's a beautiful historic town. I think the task force is doing hard and good work to preserve the things that are special about the town and to preserve the resources in it."

"We also do need housing," Tenney added. "Our kids can't afford to stay here. Families can't afford to move in. ... Maybe we should think about this as not a bad thing,

arrival.

## THURSDAY, MARCH 21

9:01 a.m. Beaver Dam Rd., motor vehicle complaint, spoken to.  
6:36 p.m. Summer St., motor vehicle stop, written warning.  
7:10 p.m. Sea St., animal complaint, no action taken.  
10:29 p.m. Beach St., directed patrol, secured/checked.

## FRIDAY, MARCH 22

6:43 a.m. Arbella St., fire, fire confirmed.  
1:32 p.m. Pipeline Rd., suspicious activity, gone on arrival.  
7:11 p.m. Beach St., directed patrol, secured/checked.  
9:22 p.m. School St., selective enforcement, other.

## SATURDAY, MARCH 23

4:52 a.m. Vine St., suspicious activity, secured/checked.  
6:45 a.m. Beach St., suspicious activity, vehicle towed.  
10:06 a.m. Bennett St., fire structure, fire confirmed.  
6:40 p.m. Route 128SB, motor vehicle stop, assisted as needed.

trying to allow housing to happen for people of different incomes and different family types."

Despite Foley's and Delisio's objections, Mastrogiacomo said the board appeared to approve of the Task Force's plans and urged it to proceed with its current proposals. The Task Force is planning another forum to help educate the public and answer questions on April 11.

The Planning Board will try again to hold a joint meeting with the Task Force on April 18.

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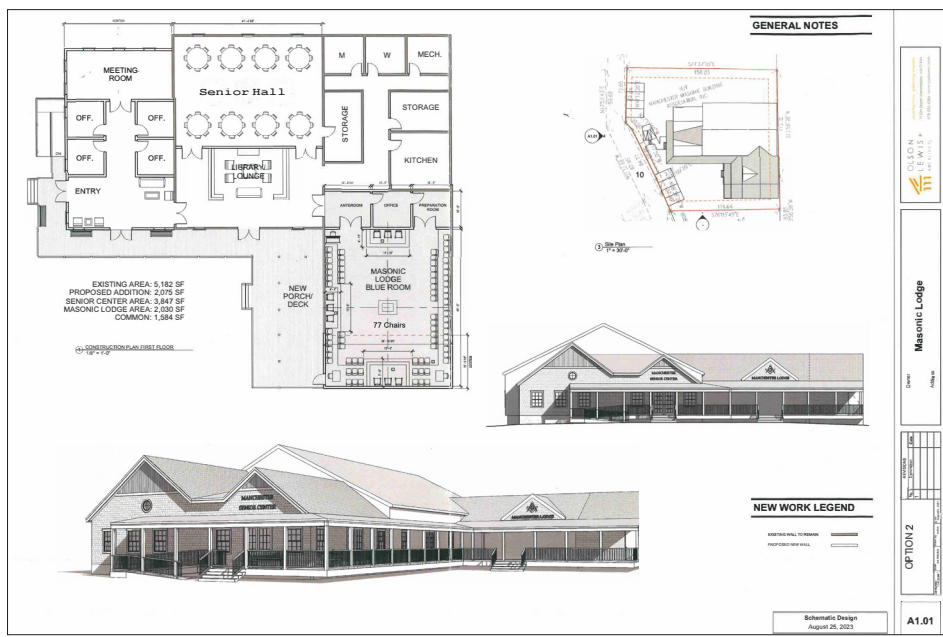
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# Senior Center Plans



By Gregory T. Federspiel

Voters at this year's Annual Town Meeting, scheduled for Wednesday, April 24, will be asked to approve purchasing part of the Mason Building for the establishment of a center for Seniors. The plans call for the building to be expanded and renovated with the Mason's and the Town both owning parts of the building in a new condominium arrangement. Both entities win in this new partnership - the Mason's will get a newly renovated space and funds for future expenses while the Town gets versatile space for a range of programs for seniors.

The Mason's building is an ideal location for the Senior Center. It is in the center of town, has plenty of parking, and sits up high enough to avoid storm surges. The plans call for expanding the existing dining room by adding space toward the wastewater treatment plant. This larger space will become the new ceremonial room for the Masons. The current ceremonial room will become part of the new Senior Center. (The Mason's

will use this space for their functions when needed, typically once a month). The large room will have the flexibility of serving as a large hall for meals and other big gatherings as well as being made into smaller spaces for different senior program needs.

A new addition is planned that will provide office space and small meeting/activity rooms for the Council on Aging. This addition will be added between the existing building and the parking lot. Some additional parking can be added here as well. This new addition will serve as the main entrance to the Senior Center. Preliminary sketches have been drafted and will be fine tuned as we get closer to the actual construction date.

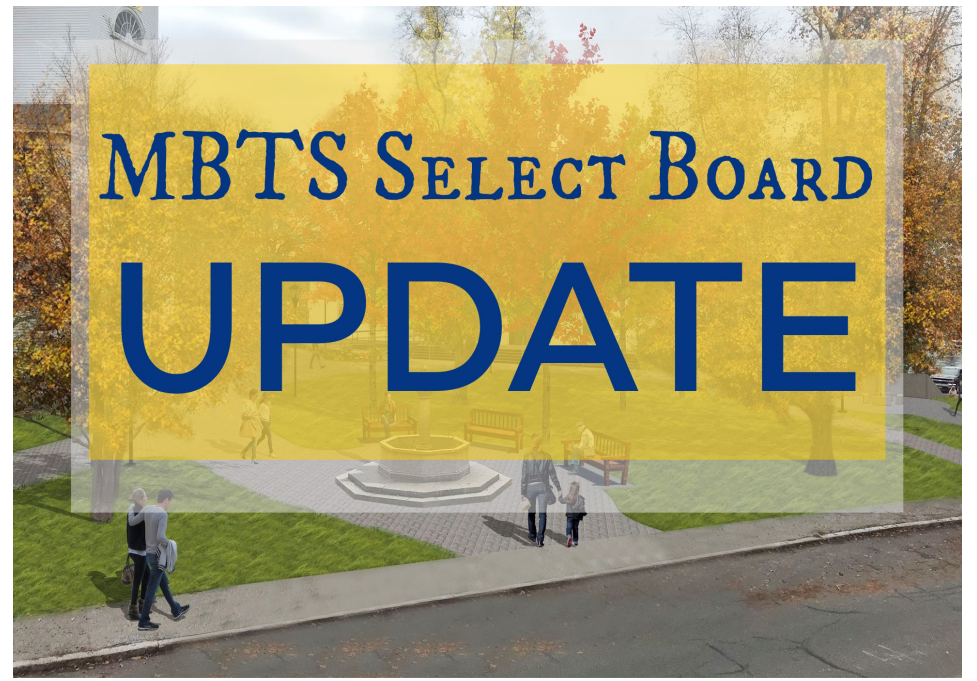
Voters will be asked to appropriate \$1,000,000 for the purchase of the Town's share of the building with half of the funds coming from our fund balance and half from taxation. For the planned renovations and addition, a fundraising campaign will be undertaken to raise the funds from private donations. The goal is to raise over \$2,000,000. Individu-

als have already expressed a desire to donate significantly to this campaign.

If all goes well, the new Center should be operational within 2-3 years. In the meantime, COA programming can start in the existing space that the town can share with the Mason's.

Creating a space for older residents has been a goal for many years. Numerous earlier efforts were not successful but this effort is coming together nicely. The Masons have been very helpful throughout the discussions. It is a big decision for all involved. Residents over 60 are the fastest growing cohort of the town and represent approximately 40 percent of all residents. Manchester is only one of about a dozen of the 351 Massachusetts communities that do not have a senior center. Voters will have an opportunity to change this when they take up the Senior Center article at the ATM to approve this exciting project.

The Select Board will host upcoming information sessions on this and other Annual Town Meeting articles during April.



## BOARD UPDATES

**Select Board Meeting:** The Select Board will meet on Monday, April 1 at 6:30 p.m. Meeting details can be found on the Town website.

**Beach Tag Sale:** 2024 Singing Beach Walk-On Tags will be sold through the Parks & Recreation Department starting April 1 at a discounted rate of \$25, through April 30. Purchases made in April can be made online at mbtsrec.com or in the Parks & Recreation office on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Everyone between the ages of 12 and 65 needs a tag to access the beach.

**Pickleball Court Open-**

**ing:** The pickleball courts will open during the week of April 1. The temporary hours are 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. until further notice. Please do not enter the courts before 9 a.m. and have the courts clear by 7 p.m. Complete rules 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 p.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 fire department was called out Monday morning to fight a bad grass fire that got started on the Grew estate on the mountain, West Manchester. It was subdued before doing any damage.

Previous to this week, practice for the baseball candidates was held at the scout house. On Tuesday afternoon the battery candidates, catchers Hyland, Koslowski and Flately, and pitchers Coo, McElhinney, McNamara and Lees, had a chance to practice on the Singing Beach low tide.

**75 YEARS AGO - 1949**  
Twenty-eight girls, 15 from Hamilton and 13 from Manchester were inducted into the Tri-Hi-Y club by the Gloucester Club in a candlelight ceremony, held at Story High School last Monday.

Manchester Seafoods, a new fish market, located at 36 1/2 Union Street was officially opened on Monday, in the new building erected by Guy T. Willmonton.

**60 YEARS AGO - 1964**  
A dress rehearsal for the Gay Nineties Revue, sponsored by the Sacred Heart

Church for the benefit of the Parish Hall, will be presented on Sunday afternoon, April 5 at 3 o'clock and children will be admitted on that day at half price.

On Saturday evening, a surprise birthday party was held in honor of Mrs. Anastasia P. Brown of 14 Tappan Street at the home of her son and daughter-in-law, Thomas "Spike" and Vicki Brown.

**45 YEARS AGO - 1979**  
Miss Patricia Perry, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Roland J. Perry of Summer Street, has been selected by Unit No. 113 of the American Legion Auxiliary as its representative to the 35th Annual Massachusetts Girls State to convene at Bridgewater State University on June 17th through 22nd.

One hundred and seventeen people took advantage of the Department of Public Works "free firewood giveaway" last Saturday. The wood was from trees taken down around town recently.

**30 YEARS AGO - 1994**  
The annual Parents Night Dinner and awards Ceremony for members and friends of Boy Scout Troop#3 was

held last Saturday evening in the Masonic Lodge. The troop, now in its 82nd year, is sponsored by Amaral-Bailey Post #113, the American Legion.

At the Annual Town Meeting the Board of Selectman will be seeking an appropriation of \$500,000 to complete the design of the Town's new wastewater treatment plant.

**15 YEARS AGO - 2009**  
On Sunday, March 29, the Boy Scouts of Manchester Troops will be delivering the Annual Report and bright yellow bags to every household, their biggest annual service project. The following Sunday, April 5 beginning at 1 o'clock, Scouts will be returning to pick up non-perishable food donations for the Cape Ann Food Pantry in Gloucester.

The Manchester Arts Festival Committee, and the Cape Ann Chamber of Commerce are happy to announce that the second annual Manchester Arts Festival has been scheduled for Saturday, July 25, 2009. This event is an open-air, juried Arts Festival which will take place on the streets and in the parks throughout Manchester.



## Singing Beached

Saturday 7:45 a.m.

We're calling this one, "Failure to Launch." Police were called down to Singing

Beach early Saturday after a beached whale of a car—a Jeep in this case—was seen stranded deep in the sands on the shoreline. Clearly the operator of the vehicle was confused. The vehicle

proved tough to haul in, however, requiring a two-truck tow solution. Here, the guys from Tally's Towing hooked the smaller truck to a bigger one up at the circle and, in the end, it was that configuration that did the trick. No word on the vehicle driver, a resident of Gloucester. (Photo: Erika Brown)

## Tides & Sun Chart For The Week Ahead

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30 Sat	3:05	9.6	3:41	8.5	9:58	0.7	10:07	1.5	6:26	7:08
31 Sun	3:48	9.6	4:28	8.2	10:46	0.9	10:55	1.6	6:24	7:09
1 Mon	4:37	9.5	5:21	8.1	11:39	1.0	11:49	1.8	6:22	7:10
2 Tue	5:33	9.4	6:22	8.0			12:37	1.1	6:20	7:12
3 Wed	6:37	9.4	7:28	8.2	12:49	1.7	1:38	1.0	6:19	7:13
4 Thu	7:45	9.5	8:34	8.6	1:53	1.4	2:39	0.7	6:17	7:14



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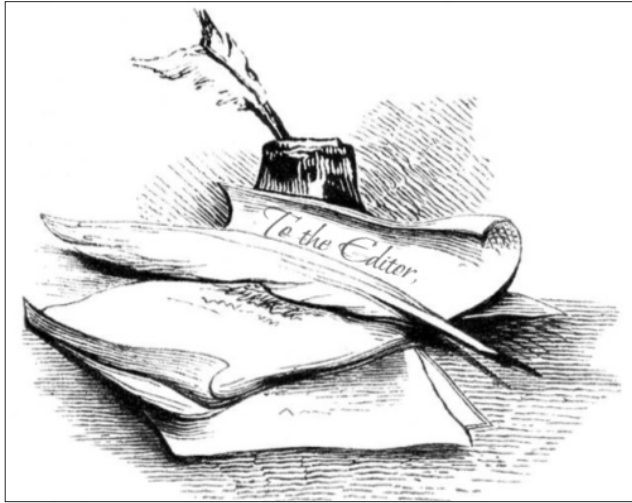


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**Inaccuracies Abound in Keefe's 22 March LTE**

To the Editor,

First, let me indicate that I am speaking as an individual and not on behalf of the MBTA Task Force. This is to correct the misleading statements in Jonathan Keefe's Letter to the Editor in the March 22, 2024 edition of the Cricket. What the MBTA Task Force has been discussing with Gordon College is a transaction which would involve Gordon College placing under permanent conservation 120+ acres of its land in Manchester in exchange for the Town's rezoning of approximately 7-10 acres of land on which multifamily units could be constructed.

Two Town objectives could be achieved as a result:

- Permanent protection of the Town's water supply at Gravelly Pond
- Creation of multifamily units in the Pine Street area of the Limited Commercial District which would reduce need to create more density in the downtown area. In addition, if the Town stipulated that a certain percentage of the units had to be affordable, we could potentially add those units to the Subsidized Housing Inventory ("SHI")

maintained by the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities (formerly the Department of Housing and Community Development). As many folks in Town know, the Town needs to have 10% of its housing inventory on the SHI to avoid future ill-conceived projects like the Shingle Hill 40B project.

While our discussions with Gordon College are preliminary, the above goals are worth pursuing in my judgment.

**Denny Hall  
Manchester**

**A Letter to the Citizens of Manchester-by-the-Sea**

If the MBTA and the Affordable housing requirements get their way, this is how I envision our beautiful town in 5+ years.

1. Multiple traffic lights on School Street, Beach Street and Pine Street
2. There will be horrific traffic. Three-story parking Garage behind Town Hall will be needed
3. Three-story apartment building where the Community Center is
4. Trailers will have to be brought in to our schools to house the additional

students, eliminating some athletic fields

5. Classrooms will be jammed, and schools will decay faster than anticipated.
6. School Street will have to do with the sidewalk on one side. This helps the trucks get down the street
7. The beach will be overflowing. Parking will be \$25 per car. Resident only
8. Crime rate will increase
9. And, I could go on ...

This obviously is what one person sees for our future. The whole process is ridiculous. Who pays for all this?

Our wonderful town, which we all love, will become just another overcrowded city. I use "city" because if our government wants all that it proposes, it will no longer be a town.

I envision our government sits at a round table and comes up with these proposals without any regard to the history of our town or size.

And finally, property prices will decrease, our school's good reputation will end up middle of the road.

And, the MBTA is still unreliable and poorly maintained. GO FIGURE.

Sincerely,

**Betsy Kross  
Manchester**

**Just Say No**

Do you really want to give up your Property Zoning Rights to the MBTA/State? After all, you can see how well the MBTA provides us with clean, quiet, efficient, economical and convenient transportation. After all, you can see how well the State manages our very own money in avoiding wasteful spending in all aspects of our lives.

I am sure you could readily think of all the well run, fair, sensible programs the State runs now for the actual citizens of our Commonwealth. When it is all said and done, you just know that you can count on the MBTA and the State ...

Before you think that I completely lost my mind, I am sure that most of you realize that I am being a little

sarcastic.

However, in many of our towns and cities, our Planning Boards, Selectmen, Mayors, Ward Councilors, et cetera are simply giving up our legal zoning rights (Home Rule) to these two very inept government entities.

Fortunately, I believe the actual citizens know better when provided the complete picture. The citizens should be made aware of the past history of these threatened State Grants. How much money was actually received for the past 5 to 10 years. Furthermore, based on the State's current shaky economic soundness, will those future grants be even available? In addition, what will the increases in population do to our budgets for our school, police and fire departments, sewerage plant(s), local electric grids, water & sewer piping, and town services. You just know that they will go way up and ultimately, the local citizens will be paying for it.

In all likelihood, even if a municipality was approved for and received the threatened grants, the additional tax money required to meet the increased resulting budgets would probably dwarf the dollars from these elusive grants. In addition, how will the proposed increase in population affect traffic and the parking situation?

I believe our local town officials have an ethical and moral duty to provide their citizens answers to these questions. In many cases, they have not. In many cases, the town officials act as representatives of the State and not representatives of the citizens who put them in office. I strongly believe that the citizens are entitled to know the complete picture and ramifications of the MBTA Multifamily Zoning Mandate.

Until that time, I believe responsible citizens and local town officials have to reject this mandate. And in all likelihood, if the needed answers are eventually and accurately provided, the now well-informed public will probably fully reject this mandate.

Thank you.

**John T. Kolackovsky  
Rockport**

**Town Clerks and Staff Deserve High Praise for Well Run Recount**

The First Essex and Middlesex district Republican State Committeeman race certainly didn't lack excitement that began on election night March 5 and concluded on Friday March 22 when the Secretary of State certified the recount results and declared me the winner for the second time. I was extremely impressed on how well run the recounts were in each of the cities and towns. Keep in mind the recounts were all done by hand.

I have never witnessed, observed, or experienced a recount so this was a good learning experience for me. I admit with just a 28 vote lead my anxiety level was through the roof. I was very fortunate to have friends, family and political allies step up to help with observing the recount on my behalf in each of the 17 towns and two cities. It took a lot of organizing because these recounts took place during a workday. In the end the final difference was 26 a net loss of 2 from the original difference of 28. Some might be skeptical on the accuracy of the voting machines but with roughly 25k votes cast I would say these voting machines in the First Essex and Middlesex district worked with great accuracy and precision.

I want to thank each of the city and town clerks and their staffs for all the hard work that they displayed during the recount process. Job well done. And finally, I want to thank Clayton Sova and Jeff Yull for running and I look forward to working with them.

**Michael J. Scarlata  
Republican State  
Committeeman Elect**

**Return of Hit the Street for Little Feet 5K**

The Manchester Memorial Parent Teacher Organization (MMPTO) is thrilled to announce the return of its beloved community event, Hit

the Street for Little Feet 5K! After a five-year hiatus due to the pandemic, this family-friendly run will take place on May 17th, 2024 at 6 p.m. Online registration is now open and available at MMP-TO.org and at https://register.chronotrack.com/t/78250. The Hit the Street for Little Feet 5K has become a cherished tradition in the Manchester community, promoting health, fitness, and togetherness while raising funds for the Manchester Memorial School. This year's event promises to be better than ever before, with exciting activities planned for participants of all ages.

"We couldn't be happier to bring back our annual 5K," said, Principal of the Manchester Memorial Elementary School. "This event not only supports our school but also fosters a sense of community that extends beyond the classroom. We look forward to seeing everyone out there running, walking, or simply enjoying the day with us."

In addition to the 5K race, the MMPTO is currently seeking local entrepreneurs to participate as vendors during the post-race festival. This provides an excellent opportunity for companies to connect with families while supporting a worthy cause. Interested parties should contact the MMPTO via their website for more information about vendor participation or email mmpres@gmail.com.

To register for the Hit the Street for Little Feet 5K or learn more about volunteering opportunities and sponsorship options, please visit MMP-TO.org. Don't miss your chance to join hundreds of fellow community members for a fun-filled day celebrating health, education, and unity!

The Manchester Memorial Parent Teacher Organization (MMPTO) works diligently to support students, teachers, and parents by providing resources, organizing events, and creating meaningful connections within the school community.

**Lisa Watkins/ Amy Lage  
Manchester**

**LIBRARY NEWS**



The final votes came to a tie. Over 100 people voted for the People's Choice Award and the winners were "Harry Peeper and the Goblet of Fire" and "The Pirates are Coming". Thanks to all the creators and people who voted. Courtesy Photo

**Library Hours Changing in April**  
Spring is here and the library began a schedule of Sunday

closures after March 24th.  
**Author Chat with Megumi Inouye (Virtual)**



wrap beautifully and show gratitude for those you are gifting. Registration is required.

**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

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**Community Poetry Reading**

Wednesday, April 10 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Join us as we celebrate the winners of Manchester Public Library's poetry contest. Come and hear our local poets of all ages read their winning poems. Light refreshments will be served at this special after-hours event.

**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 venues.

**Mystery Book Group**



"What Comes After" author Joanne Tompkins (Courtesy image)

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



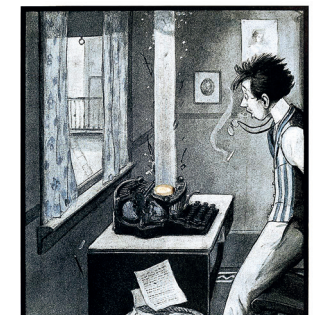
"Master Slave Husband Wife," by Ilyon Woo. Courtesy image

as a wealthy planter and his property."

**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.

**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:**

**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.

**New Stem Club**

Friday, April 12 from 3:45-4:45 p.m. Grades 3-6. This club meets every second Friday of the month. Join Miss Audrey for some hands-on science fun. Registration is required.



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Monthly testing is required by the state at the LSW, but Manchester's DPW elected to do testing monthly for both sites and sampling is completed by Woodard & Curran, the town's contracted operator, and tested at state-certified labs. Testing at these ultra-low levels (parts / trillion) must follow strict protocols and cross contamination with other PFAS sources (such as clothing) can skew results.

Manchester learned of the wind-fall appropriation just two weeks ago, just as the town was finalizing FY25 town budgets to bring to voters at its Annual Town Meeting on April 24, including the first round of PFAS mitigation funding.

Then, late last week, Dept. of Public Works Director Chuck Dam learned that Rep. Moulton would be visiting the water treatment plant.

"I expected a man like Congressman Moulton wouldn't be in tune with the issues we face here," said Dam, who is a municipal water expert and a past president of the Massachusetts Water Works Association. "But he really understood that this is a critical issue and how much impact this level of funding would have," said Dam. "We have tried to leverage both Town and Federal funds on to stay ahead of this issue and remain in compliance with current and future MCLs (maximum contaminant limit)."

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Meeting the Congressman. From left, DPW's: Ruth Fitzgerald and Sue Taylor, US Rep Seth Moulton, Water Treatment Plant Manager Ben Patten, Ryan McGuire of Woodard & Curran, DPW Director Chuck Dam and DPW Deputy Director Nate Desrosiers.

The Town used federal ARPA funding to complete previous PFAS remediation studies and is currently in the process of pilot and bench-scale testing of alternative filter media utilizing the town's remaining ARPA funds.

"PFAS concentration levels in the town's drinking water (at the Lincoln Street well) are at the maximum thresholds set by the Commonwealth and above the new thresholds for which the EPA is promulgating regulations (at both sources)," Moulton's office said. "Federal funding will enable the Town to test various systems and design the appropriate option. The

project will ensure that residents are able to access safe drinking water."

The \$13.2 million was announced after the finalization of FY24 appropriations passed by the US House of Representatives last Wednesday, followed by the Senate on Friday. Congressman Moulton selected community projects that span infrastructure and climate resiliency needs, workforce development and veterans services, and childcare and education.

Two other Cape Ann projects were selected as part of the funding program. The Town of Rockport received \$959,752 to repair and

place a sewer pipe and pump station and make necessary upgrades to its wastewater treatment plant associated with that town's catastrophic failure of its main pump station in February 2023. In Gloucester, the Pathways for Children nonprofit received \$1,330,000 in operating funds. Other North Shore projects receiving funding include \$959,752 for the City of Salem for sewer upgrades and \$500,000 to the regional US Army Corps of Engineers for dredging. Also, Beverly's McPherson Youth Center will receive \$1,000,000 in operating funds. Finally, Essex North Shore Agricultural and Technical School District in Danvers will receive \$850,000 to create a STEAM Academy and a veteran's center in Lowell.

"These projects are truly collaborative and locally driven because they have been developed by community leaders," said Congressman Moulton. "They will directly address key challenges we face across the 6th District."

Dam said the current plan for Manchester's PFAS mitigation is to design two separate carbon-based filtering systems at both water sites. Previously, the town expected to re-loop drinking water from the Lincoln Street Well up Pleasant Street to the water treatment plant at Gravelly Pond, hoping the single treatment approach would be more cost-effective. However, that strategy didn't survive initial research.



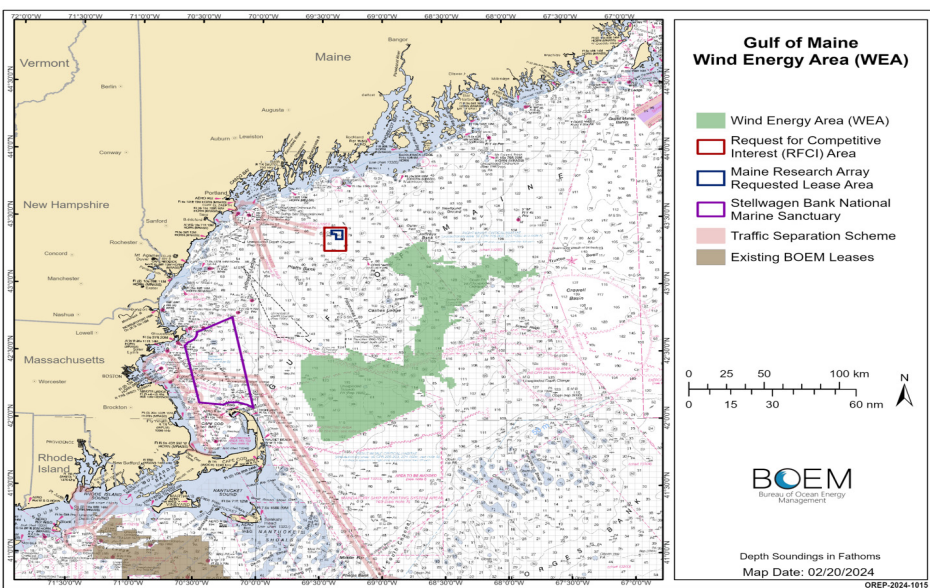
Current estimates peg the LSW PFAS filtration system at \$10 million. Gravelly Pond, which treats surface water in a more intense process, is more expensive to filter and is expected to cost up to \$16 million.

Ultimately, the piloting and bench-scale testing will drive the final solution at both facilities and potential costs will follow accordingly.

"Congressman Moulton is the highest-level politician I've ever been around," said Dam. "It is great to have a leader like that representing our area and responsive to the town's needs."

With the new funding coming in, the town will adjust its bond request for next month's Town Meeting. It's not clear when the town will receive the funding, but it's expected to be in place before this summer.

All town data and information regarding PFAS is available on the town website at <https://manchester.ma.us/777/PFAS>.



The US Bureau of Ocean Management formally designated a two-million-acre area off the coast of Massachusetts for wind energy production. Image: State House News Service

The designated zone represents an 80 percent reduction from the area BOEM ini-

tially identified for possible leasing and a 43 percent reduction from the draft wind

energy area, the agency said, citing its responsiveness to feedback. The area avoids im-

portant areas for lobster fishing, other fishing areas, and North Atlantic right whale habitat, the agency said, and the majority of the historical and present-day fishing grounds of tribal nations within Maine.

"BOEM is committed to maintaining strong collaboration with the states of Maine, Massachusetts, and New Hampshire as we advance our efforts in the Gulf of Maine," BOEM Director Elizabeth Klein said in a statement. "We remain dedicated to engaging with Tribal governments, federal and state agencies, ocean stakeholders, coastal communities, and all interested parties as we progress through our environmental review."

The Biden administration on Thursday celebrated the completion of South Fork Wind project off Long Island,

N.Y., with the White House calling it a "watershed moment" for its climate and energy agenda.

The White House said "the nation's first commercial-scale offshore wind farm ...

is expected to generate approximately 130 megawatts of clean energy, enough to power more than 70,000 homes."

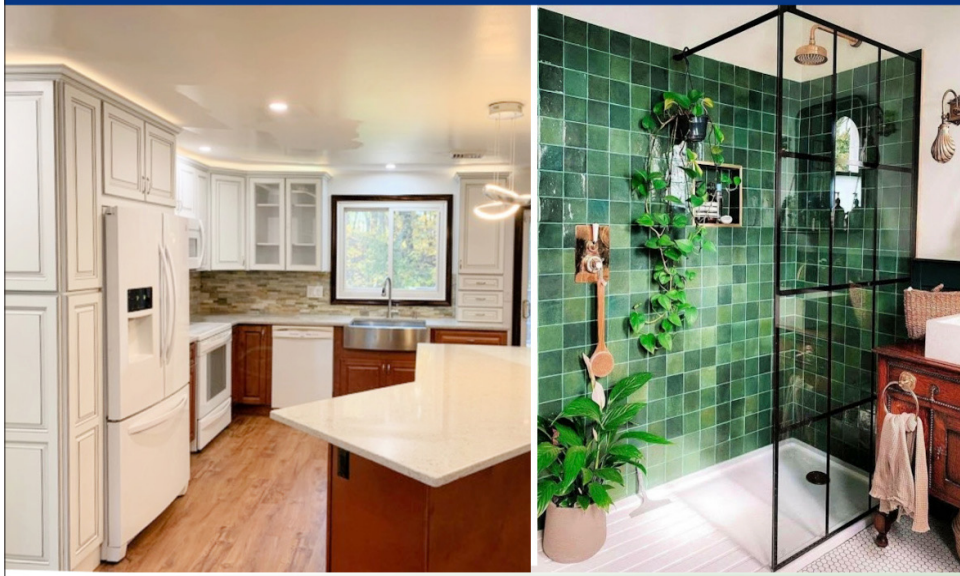
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# Sailing Team Braves the Cold



Coed sailing team members practice cold-weather drills.

Courtesy Photo

Hornet sailors jumped right into the cold water of Manchester Harbor on the third day of the season. Following two days of pulling the boats off the racks, stepping the masts, and sorting out the running rigging, we launched the 420s at Tuck's Point and began shuttling them out to the float at the mouth of the harbor. The newest sailors had the "pleasure" of trying out their dry suits and conducting a float test by swimming from the beach out to a dock and back. Most of the sailors came out dry, but a few discovered leaks, which rendered their protective gear "wetsuits" or even "cold suits". A few technical repairs and we're good to go.

The team has expanded from 9 to 15 sailors this year. We have a core group of returning Freshmen, led by two strong co-captains, and the ranks are bolstered by a new batch of 7th graders, some of whom have experience from summer sailing.

The first two to three weeks of practice are the most difficult for the team,

since sailing skills are rusty (or non-existent) and the conditions are the toughest, with the strongest winds of the season and the coldest temperatures. This is one reason why dry suits are so important. Thankfully, taking a dip in Manchester waters is unpleasant, but not fatal when wearing a dry suit. This allows the sailors to take some risk and push their limits while learning the sport and adding to their experience level.

The Hornet sailors' number one goal for this season is to advance from the B Division of the Mass Bay Sailing League up to the A Division, where it has historically been.

This will require a strong commitment to develop the skills and knowledge to win every team race on our schedule. We have a few weeks before our first event, which is an invitational with eight teams at Marina Bay in Quincy. The following week, the Hornets, plus Landmark School and Pingree will be hosting an 8-school event on home turf.

# ME Girls Lax Hungry for Success in 2024



ME Hornet girls' lacrosse team prepares to hit the field on the first day of practice this season.

Photo Paul Clark

By Jason Brisbois

One year after winning 14 games and making it to the MIAA Div. 4 Final Four against Ipswich, the Manchester Essex girls' lacrosse team seems as hungry as ever to get the season underway and begin the journey again.

"This year we are starting with an intensity I have not seen in a while," explains Manchester Essex girls' lacrosse coach Nan Gorton.

"We were knocked out of the tournament last year in the semi-finals and I think we are all using that as motivation this year. We want to go all the way."

While that very successful team will miss the leadership and skill that Hadley Levendusky and Paige Garlitz took with them when they graduated last May, the Hornets otherwise return the remaining core of a team that tore through the playoffs in 2023. That group of talented

returnees is headed up by senior co-captains Ella Chafe and Mechi O'Neil.

"They lead by example, giving 100 percent effort every moment," says Gorton. "They raise the level of play of those around them, because they expect it. I can relate to them in this way, so it is fun to see this intensity on the field. The younger players are inspired by their talents, and that's a good thing."

Fellow seniors Lucy O'Flynn and Gabbi D'Andrea

may not be captains, but they will be looked to for leadership by their teammates.

"That is a hard position for a senior, and I am impressed by their ability to find ways to lead in their own way," says Gorton.

Other familiar faces returning to make another postseason run are juniors Brigid Carovillano, Charlotte Crocker, Maggie Light, Aisling Twombly and Sylvie McCavanagh, as well as sophomores Harper Brooks, Teyah

Fleming, Abby Kent and Laila Mears.

Star goaltender Carovillano is due for yet another outstanding season for the Hornets.

"It is no surprise to any team, as she has been a stand-out on our team for two years," explains Gorton. "She is headed to University of North Carolina in the fall of 2025, so this is a big honor for us to have her on our field every day. I think the fact that she has committed and

feels good about where she is in her journey, allows her to play with a sense of calm in the net. I have already seen her joy in helping lead the younger players. I like what I see so far in Brigid's maturity. She is a superstar athlete and I now am seeing a lot of strong leadership qualities in her as well."

While there are quite a few returnees coming back this season, there is always room for younger players to make their mark, especially those with familiar last names.

"I have a few new faces this season, and I am always excited to see how they bring energy and enthusiasm to the team," says Gorton. "Shields Edgerton is a standout freshman, following in her sisters' footsteps. Both of her older sisters were impact players for Manchester Essex. She will bring her own style, but I am impressed so far."

Of course, it's still early. The season begins with home games against Marblehead (April 1) and Georgetown (April 2), followed by an away game against Ipswich on April 5. But the elements are all there for another strong season and run deep into the postseason for the ME girls' lacrosse team.

"Well, we just finished the first week, so I am not sure we really know exactly what we do well," says Gorton. "We will have depth in each position, I know that. We have multiple players who can play anywhere on the field. I think we will have less set positions and more opportunities to change up what we are doing in response to what we see from the other side. My instinct also tells me that we will be a force on ground balls. I think this year's team is tough, aggressive and gritty. I like our chances with those attributes."

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## ME Spring Sports Teams Seek Postseason Return

By Jason Brisbois

Most of the Manchester Essex Regional High School spring sports teams played their way into the MIAA Div. 4 Tournament in 2023. With action returning to local fields, diamonds and courts beginning in April, it's time to preview the season-to-be in 2024.

**Team:** Girls Tennis  
**2023 Record:** 16-6 overall, 10-3 in the Cape Ann League  
**2023 Result:** Lost to Hamilton-Wenham in the MIAA Div. 4 State Final

Two years ago, the ME girls' tennis team made it to the final four of the Div. 4 tournament, and then followed that up with a trip to the state final last year. Is it time for the Hornets to take another step and take home the title? Is there pressure to do so in 2024?

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## Town Administrator's Report

Board of Selectmen's Meeting of March 25, 2024  
Report covers from March 9, 2024 to 22, 2024

### Planning for Security Cameras at Centennial Grove

Now that the two fiber optic spurs from the Water Plant to the Centennial Grove are in place and terminated, it is necessary to consider the purchase of a camera system that will send video images back to the Police Department for live viewing and recording. The Town Administrator (TA) has all of the necessary switchgear to get the signal from the Grove and into the Town's network but a camera vendor will need to specify an array of cameras and prepare the Police Department's existing video management system to accommodate the feed from the Grove. To that end, the TA visited the Grove on March 21, 2024 with a representative of the vendor that installed and maintains the cameras and recording system at the public safety facility. He is producing a proposal for a system that will provide views on every side of every major building, including infrared capabilities for night video, plus overall views of both the cottage area and the picnic grove area.

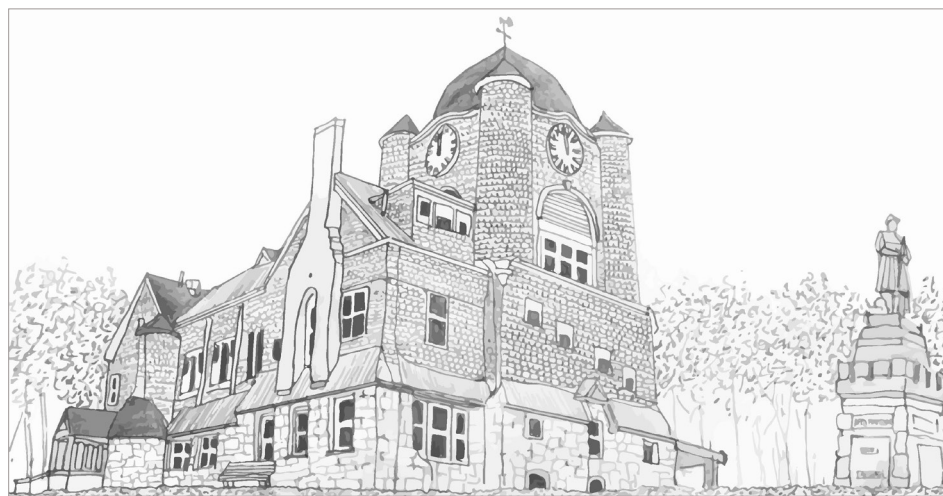
Mr. Zubricki also spoke to the Police Department about the status of the existing video recording system at the station and the system is in need of an upgrade whether Grove cameras are added or not. One option would be to simply reflash the existing server with new software that is easier to use and that has less software-related disconnect issues than what was delivered when the building was new. Another option would be to replace the server outright, with new software on it, since the server is going to reach end of life in a year or so. As such, the TA is also getting a proposal on those options, which could be funded within the same Town Meeting article, all using the Town Technology Fund. The key consideration is working to not make an already troublesome system worse by adding more traffic and content to it without some type of upgrade.

### Safety Committee Meeting Summary

Mr. Zubricki participated in the subject meeting on March 21, 2024 as a member of the Committee. The meeting featured a discussion regarding ongoing safety-related training and equipment needs, along with preliminary discussion on what the annual Massachusetts Interlocal Insurance Association (MIIA) grant might possibly fund in the realm of workplace safety later this year.

### Downtown Decorative Lighting Project Update

Unfortunately, when our lighting contractor attempted to install light pole bases for our downtown



decorative lighting project on Route 133 beginning on March 11, 2024, the contractor encountered many utility conflicts. In some cases, a gas main or a telephone duct bank was blocking the intended base installation location and in other cases the concrete base would not have the required clearance from other subsurface structures. While some bases could have potentially been installed without issue, the aesthetic of skipping multiple locations and having an inconsistent layout would have been worse than not doing the project at all. Materials such as light poles and lanterns had to be custom-ordered months ago due to very long lead times and the materials are not returnable for credit. Mr. Zubricki has discussed this matter with the manager of the DOT Shared Streets Grant and is waiting to see if the DOT is willing to allow the Town to utilize the grant funding to take delivery of the custom materials for possible use somewhere else in the Town in the future. If this becomes the case, in conjunction with returning spools of wire for credit and a possible refund of engineering fees by our engineering contractor, the Town will only owe the lighting installation contractor for the custom concrete light pole bases and a limited amount of work performed to date.

In an effort to understand whether the lights could be installed on the other side of the road (seaward side), the TA hosted a conference call involving our engineer and our contractor on March 21, 2024. The seaward side of the causeway was originally avoided from a design perspective since there are many areas where the curb is "mountable" to allow vehicles to access parking at abutting establishments and the sidewalk on that side is backed by much longer sections of landscaped walls that might not allow the Town's sidewalk plow to pass by off of the back of the sidewalk. The group discussing the matter included Chairman Pereen, Superintendent Galli, and Board of Public Works Member Ellis. Generally, the active water main on the seaward side is likely going to conflict with pole base locations and there exists an abandoned water main consisting of concrete-asbestos pipe that will also likely present a conflict. Even if the abandoned main is the only

actual conflict, cutting it for pole base installation would introduce significant costs, especially since that material needs to be handled as hazardous waste, once disturbed. In summary, it does not appear that lighting installation is feasible on either side of the project area. Also, given that the Town already purchased decorative ship plaques for embedding into the sidewalk, we should explore the use of our current contractor to demolish 23 sections of sidewalk (each of which was already saw-cut for base installation work) and repour each one, embedding a plaque during the process.

### Specifications for Repairs to the Public Safety Facility

As the Board is aware, the Town had retained the services of Copeland Building Envelope Consultants to specify necessary repairs to the public safety facility including the installation of some replacement siding, the replacement of the roof, and the fastening and clean-up of miscellaneous siding and trim issues. Copeland provided a comprehensive set of specifications during the week of March 18, 2024 and the Board will take up that scope at its next meeting, on April 8, 2024. In the meantime, Chairman Pereen and the TA will participate in a remote meeting (on March 28, 2024) with personnel from Copeland to go over the specified work and to prepare for the Board's own review on April 8. If individual Board members have any questions or comments prior to the March 28 meeting with Copeland, those should be provided to Mr. Zubricki for discussion. After the specifications are fully finalized by the Board, the TA will work with Copeland to set a bidding and work schedule.

### Paglia Pocket Park Grass Reseeding

When the bridge contractor for the Mass DOT restored the small pocket park known as Paglia Park on the east side of the Essex River Bridge at the end of 2023, the grass did not take well. As such, before the Town returns various items to the park, Mr. Zubricki inquired as to whether the contractor will be making another seeding attempt. We have learned that the bridge contractor is presently coordinating another round of seeding with

the landscaping subcontractor.

### Annual Town Meeting Warrant

The TA revised the Annual Town Meeting warrant in accordance with the Board's guidance from the last meeting and the Planning Board has finalized several articles relating to further amendment of the Town's zoning bylaws.

### Abutter's Request to Cut Tree Purported to be on Town Property

At the last meeting, the Board assented to the cutting of a large pine tree by an abutter to Town property under several conditions: that the tree is not declared to be in an area that would need prior permitting by the Conservation Commission, that the abutter demonstrate that the tree is actually on Town property, that the abutter pays for all associated costs, and that the abutter signs a full waiver and release before any work is done.

The TA was able to review the location of the tree with the Conservation Agent in the field on March 12, 2024 and the Conservation Commission has given consent to removing the tree without further permitting, so long as a long stump is left in place. The TA explained this to the abutter on March 13, 2024, along with outlining the Board's other conditions, and he declined to take any further action since he cannot currently afford to have the tree removed.

### Conomo Point Boat Storage License for Essex Bay Sailing Club

At the last meeting, the Board reviewed a second draft of a license for the Essex Bay Sailing Club to store sailboats at the Town's property at 103 Conomo Point Road during the off-season. The Board asked that the TA incorporate some information provided by the club into a final draft of the license, which has been done.

### Hazard Mitigation Plan Update Team Meeting

Mr. Zubricki participated in the subject meeting in Town Hall on March 14, 2024, along with other Town personnel and personnel from the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC), which is assisting the Town with the update process. The team is finishing up its work with respect to final priorities for the next five-year pe-

## LIBRARY NEWS

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Guests from Essex and beyond enjoyed an evening with potter Rick Hamelin as he shared tales of the history of pottery in Massachusetts and created pieces right before their eyes.

Courtesy Photo

### Women's Self Defense

Saturday, April 6 from 10 a.m.-12 noon. This is a free, two-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.

### Queen Elizabeth II

Thursday, April 25 at 7 p.m. A theatrical performance with actress Sheryl Faye. Enjoy an evening with England's longest reigning monarch followed by tea and treats.

### 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, April 29 at 10 a.m. Come by for a discussion of "Dancing at the Pity Party" by Tyler Feder.

### Regional Social Worker

Wednesdays, 9 a.m. - 12 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.

### 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

### MONDAY, MARCH 18

8:56 a.m. John Wise Ave., citizen assist, assisted as needed. 12:54 p.m. Martin St., selective enforcement, secured/checked. 2:43 p.m. Western Ave., selective enforcement, other. 3:13 p.m. Maple St., fraud/scam, report to follow.

### TUESDAY, MARCH 19

8:45 a.m. Turtleback Rd., repossession, spoken to. 10:28 a.m. Eastern Ave., parking complaint, spoken to. 5:43 p.m. Belcher St., directed patrol, secured/checked. 7:05 p.m. Southern Ave., selective enforcement, other.

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20

10:29 a.m. John Wise Ave., directed patrol, secured/checked. 2:50 p.m. Story St., community policing, secured/checked. 4:58 p.m. School St., erratic operator, gone on arrival. 8:02 p.m. Main St., directed patrol, secured/checked.

### THURSDAY, MARCH 21

10:59 a.m. Centennial Grove Rd., directed patrol, secured/checked. 1:14 p.m. Main St., fire alarm, cleared false alarm. 2:54 p.m. Soginese Creek Rd., fire brush, fire confirmed. 9:27 p.m. Main St., directed patrol, secured/checked.

### FRIDAY, MARCH 22

12:56 a.m. Chebacco Terrace, directed patrol, secured/checked. 1:04 a.m. John Wise Ave., selective enforcement, no action taken. 1:43 a.m. Island Rd., directed patrol, secured/checked. 6:29 a.m. Scotts Way, directed patrol, secured/checked.

### SATURDAY, MARCH 23

8:28 a.m. Walnut Park, male fall, transported to hospital. 10:54 a.m. Martin St., directed patrol, secured/checked. 1:30 p.m. Story St., directed patrol, secured/checked. 6:44 p.m. Route 128SB, agency assist, assisted as needed.

### SUNDAY, MARCH 24

7:02 a.m. Main St., utility request, notification made. 1:42 p.m. Southern Ave., selective enforcement, no action taken. 2:42 p.m. Martin St., property check, secured/checked. 6:51 p.m. Centennial Grove Rd., directed patrol.

## ESSEX SENIOR LIVING | MARCH 29

The Essex Council on Aging offers a variety of events and trips for seniors. For further information or to sign up for an event, please call the Essex COA Office at 978-768-7932 or visit the Senior Center at 17 Pickering Street.

**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 creat-

ing 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 WEL-

COME, 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 ad-

vance - 978-768-7932.

**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.

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# Anna Coleman Ladd - PART II

## Les Gueules Cassées (“The Shattered Mugs”)

By Matt Genta and Kris McGinn

A flickering black and white film shows a small woman in a heavy cloak walking down the street and entering her home through a side gate at 70 bis rue Notre-Dame-des-Champs.

Next, we see this same woman with her warm and lively smile touching the face of a young man smoking a cigarette. She is tending to small details about his mouth and neck. What our eyes cannot see is that much of his face is not real, but rather a carefully sculpted and painted piece of copper.

This remarkable footage captures the sculptor Anna Coleman Ladd entering her Studio for Portrait Masks. Inspired by the English artist Derwent Wood’s work in facial reconstruction, specifically sculpting prosthetic faces using tin masks, Anna established her studio in Paris to help wounded soldiers returning from the Western Front in the winter of 1918.

Having already undergone facial surgery, these men were still so horribly disfigured that France painted certain public benches blue so as to warn passersby that the man sitting on the bench would be “distressful to view.” These men were oftentimes unrecognizable even to their loved ones. They called themselves the “shattered mugs” with the motto “laugh anyhow.”

When asked of her work in Paris, Ladd explained, “They were never treated as though anything were the matter with them. We laughed with and helped them to forget. That is what they longed for and deeply appreciated.” For each mask, Ladd would take a pre-injury photo and have a silversmith create a copper prosthesis made from a mold of the man’s face. Each prosthesis was painted in natural light to exactly match the man’s skin tone. Eyes and facial hair were also created as needed. The mask would attach to the face via glasses, if the man wore them, or with an invisible thread that went behind the ears. The mouth was always left slightly open so that the men could smoke or even, in some cases, drink tea or eat soup. Each mask took at least 20 days to complete with countless fittings, such as the one we see in the film. Anna considered a mask successful if the man could walk down a Parisian boulevard without being noticed, but furthermore, could be with his family and know that they could once again see him, as he was before the war. A testimonial reads, “Thanks to you, the despairing rejoice, the damned return to hope, the gentle wives and mothers will again find the faces they wept for.... What Sculptor could do more? And by what precious and new words can one thank you?”

Ladd left Paris after 11 months of tireless work. Anna and Maynard had pri-



marily financed the studio themselves and funds were lacking. By the time of her departure, Anna had completed 50 masks. Images from the studio show Anna surrounded by the men she helped, cheerfully celebrating Christmas together, like a family. In December of 1918 the Ladds sailed back to Boston. Maynard returned to his medical practice and Anna to her work as a sculptor, but not as before.

### The Cost of Victory

Upon her return from France, Ladd gave numerous lectures and would show slides of the soldiers and the facial prosthetics her Paris studio created. She was quoted,

“Good artists are not like

you see in the movies and read about in dime novels, for those are the kind that attend social functions and champagne suppers. Quite different from the real artist who is devoted to his work, is one that will sacrifice all to obtain the highest aims. They study human faces so that they can read them and when making pieces of sculpture these readings are all brought to the surface.”

Shortly after her return, Anna began working out of a studio in Beverly Farms that she fondly called Arden. Here her sculptural work was no longer that of playful sprites or elegant noblewomen, here she shaped figures torn by war.

In Arden, Ladd created pieces that broke with con-

ventional war memorials of heroic young men. The bronze “Aviator” in front of the Hamilton Community center depicts Samuel Mandell who left Harvard as a sophomore to enlist. He became a pilot who was killed after his plane crashed in WWI. Ladd cast Mandell as a confident teenager with sleeves rolled up and thumb tucked into his waistband, ready to fly into enemy lands. In Beverly, Ladd carved a block of marble into a moving memorial to the local men who lost their lives in the war, entitled “The Cost of Victory”. In Ladd’s words, “And when I got back from the mud and blood around Verdun, from scenes of inconceivable heroism and horror, I dared to make War



**THE STUDIO FOR PORTRAIT MASKS.** Top left, Anna and husband Maynard outside the Studio for Portrait Masks with soldiers wearing prosthetic masks. Below that, soldiers aided by Anna’s work celebrate Christmas in her studio in 1918. Bottom left, a “before and after” of a soldier who lost much of his face fighting in the Western Front. Above, Anna at work beginning the finishing touches on one of her prosthetic masks, changing one veteran’s life.

memorials with Victory as a worn and tragic figure, not a complacent woman waving a wreath.” Indeed, in the “Cost of Victory” Victory is carved as a mournful winged figure staring off into the distance as a naked young man dies at his feet gazing pleadingly upward towards Victory. “When victory has been bought at such a cost of anguish, exhaustion, insomnia, ugliness and horror, it is hardly the time for the placid waving of laurel crowns as in more sentimental days. The victors can sit back no longer: they are bound by that sacrifice of boys to live up to their ideal of a new world, to make good their hopes, to remember,” Ladd stated at the dedication of the Beverly memorial.

In Manchester, her memorial received criticism for its graphic depiction of war. Ladd was ahead of her time in design considering it was 60 years later that another woman artist, Maya Lin, would receive criticism for the design of the Vietnam War Memorial.

As Anna continued to gain strength as an artist, she also continued to push the boundaries of women’s rights. In 1920 she was counted amongst the first women in Boston to register to vote. It was reported, “twenty women artists in the registers so far, including seventeen from Ward 8, the longtime core of the city’s art scene.” Progress, but only so much, the official at the voter registry listed her occupation as “married”.

### Today

Our research on Anna led us to her grandson, a retired history professor.

Although Anna and Maynard both died before he was born, his mother Vernon and his aunt Gabriella shared many stories of their mother Anna. During the war, Anna wrote numerous letters to

her two daughters who were left with relatives in Boston for the time she worked in Paris. Just two works of Anna survive in the family, a bronze of Gabriella as a girl running, made just before the war years. The figure is lithe and joyous. And a marble “Slave” made post war which is more contemplative.

The Slave seems resigned to the fact that his captivity will never end. One has to wonder if the horrors of war and the maimed faces that Anna touched were somehow imparted to this beautiful piece of marble carved with the same hands. Like the faces, the marble has seen its own disfiguring over time as Anna’s Great Great Granddaughter used a bit of blue paint to add some color to the statue, without permission; Anna would be pleased that four generations later another young woman in the family is aspiring to be an artist.

Anna continued to work daily until her untimely death at age 61. One of her last pieces was a bas-relief of her husband, inscribed Maynard Ladd, Physician. Anna created hundreds of pieces in her lifetime but only a few are on public display, many were lost.

Just months before her death, the local paper reported, “No mere seven-foot tide keeps famous Anna Coleman Ladd from her daily dip in the channel off Cabrillo Boulevard. The sculptress whose work is internationally known, goes swimming every morning including Christmas morning. When the great swells were running and combers breaking over the seawall the other day, Mrs. Ladd went blithely in.”

*We hope to continue to learn more about the life and work of Anna Coleman Ladd so that the story of her time in Manchester and Paris can be told and remembered.*

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# Big Turnout for Free Throw Regional Championship

Shooters from Masconomo Council Event Secure Winners and Runners Up Slots

Every year the Masconomo Council 1232 Knights of Columbus holds its "Free Throw Championship" and this year there were five youth winners who went on from the local contest earlier this year to compete in the regional free throw shoot out at St Mary's High School, Lynn on March 9. Of the five competitors who made it to the regionals and shot from the free throw line, two: Hadley Johnson, winner of the Girls 12-year-old division and Dustin Rubin, winner of the Boys 10-year-old Division, will go on to the State Final Shoot Out at Holliston High School at Holliston, MA April 6th.

Also winning a Runner's Up trophy for the boys 12-year-old division was Jack McLaughlin.

Representing Manchester Essex at the regional competition were:

- Dustin Rubin-Boys 10-Year-Old Division
- Hadley Johnson-Girls 12-Year-Old Division
- Dante Moore-Boys 10-Year-Old Division
- Jack McLaughlin-Boys 12-Year-Old Division
- Noah Rubin-Boys 13-Year-Old Division

"We were pleased to see the level of skill and good sportsmanship on display from each of our competitors," Masconomo Council organizer Fred Newton said. "These kids were amazing. Their shooting consistency was awesome. They were great to watch."



1. Left to right, Dustin Rubin; Jack McLaughlin; Hadley Johnson  
2. Noah Rubin  
3. Dustin Rubin  
4. Dante Moore  
(Courtesy Photos)

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# ME Softball Ready for Next Step



Coach Sarro prompts his players to "go that way" during practice at Sweeney Park.

Photo Paul Clark

By Jason Brisbois

That next, big step is looming for the local softball team.

Last year was the first time since 2019 that Manchester Essex was able to field a varsity softball squad, and the Hornets looked pretty good for a team seeing game

action for the first time in four years. Manchester Essex won five games in total, earned a playoff berth and advanced to the Round of 32 in the MIAA Div. 4 tournament.

How do you beat that? By relying on the crucial varsity experience that returning players earned in 2023 -- the

Hornets graduated only two players from that squad, with 10 coming back this spring -- to take that next, big step forward for the fledgling program. There were even enough players to field a junior varsity squad for the first time in five years.

"I think last year we were very much at the beginning

with bringing softball back, and we had many freshmen that played a pivotal role," explains Manchester Essex coach Frank Sarro.

"I feel like the players came in ready to go this season and knowing what to expect. The system is in place and we picked up where we left off. One of our main goals is to play bet-

ter defense as a team. We need to stay aggressive at the plate as well."

Even with that collective experience under their belts, the Hornets are still a pretty young team, and will look to senior captains Morgan Lespesa (left field) and Celia Mann (centerfield/infield) to set the tone.

"We'll depend on their leadership as we are still a relatively young team," says Sarro.

It also doesn't hurt that the team can also rely on a trio of sophomores who were all named Cape Ann League All-Stars last season: Anna Gardner and Abby Aiello will rotate between second, shortstop and serve as pitchers, while Penelope Riggs is another strong option on the mound while also spending time at first base.

"Our other returning players who will be important to our success as a team are Cami Friedrich, Sydney Hemme, Samantha Brigham, Lucy Parmelee and Katie Crompton," says Sarro. "We

are still in the process of seeing where everyone fits best, and all of these players will fill important roles and I expect them to have very good seasons."

In hopes of keeping that pipeline of freshman talent going, Cate Vendt and Bianca Torri are new additions to the roster and could spend time in the outfield and at first.

"I love the positive attitude of our team," explains Sarro. "I expect that we will improve in every aspect of the game. The players have worked on their game in the off season and it shows. We've been outside for just a few days at this point so we have a lot of work ahead of us. We should be solid defensively, hit better, and compete against every opponent. We have high expectations with the goal of making the tourney once again."

Manchester Essex can get started on that goal when their season begins on the road against Swampscott on April 1, followed by the first home game of the season at Sweeney Park against Cristo Rey Boston on April 5 (4:30 p.m.).

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"It's really less about pressure and more about knowing that we consistently are able to field teams that have a chance to make a deep run in the playoffs," explains Manchester Essex girls tennis coach Barrett Alston. "It is helpful in that it really gives a purpose to every practice & match."

In order to return to the rarified air that Hornets were able to breathe in for the last couple of years, the team will have to overcome some major roster turnover: Four of the team's starting seven that made it to the state final graduated last May, including starters at first doubles and first and second singles. With those key players gone, it will be up to returning senior captains Grayson and Sienna Crocker and sophomore Grace Scarbrough to anchor the lineup, and for some new faces to step up and fill those recently emptied shoes.

"Freshman Sarah Cort will likely play a big role along with junior Nina Zalosh who played jayvee last year," says Alston. "Mackay Brooks and Emily Parkins, both seniors, will also be in the starting lineup. Neither played last year due to other commit-

ments but will be key to our success."

While the Hornets might not boast the experience they have in year's past, they have a similar level of talent and depth.

"We have excellent players from 1-7 in the lineup, along with some swing varsity/jayvee players who could easily step in," explains Alston. "Last year, our second doubles team of Sienna Crocker and Grace Scarbrough won huge matches against multiple state champion teams and we'll definitely rely on the depth throughout the lineup again. Also, I know that we have players who can up their level in the biggest moments, Grayson Crocker being a great example of that; she came through several times in decisive matches to get us to the state final."

The girls' tennis team will be tested early: They were scheduled to begin the season on March 28 against two-time Div. 2 state champion Masconomet at home followed by a road game on April 3 at Marblehead, then hosting Ipswich on April 4 (3:30 p.m.).

Team: Boys Lacrosse



ME Lacrosse players met on Coach Field playground on a very cold Monday afternoon to practice. These are some tough boys braving the temperature and wind chill.

Photo Paul Clark

**2023 Record:** 15-5 overall, 7-4 in the Cape Ann League  
**2023 Tourney Result:** Lost to Lynnfield in MIAA Div. 4 Sweet 16

ME boys' lacrosse coach Jon Siderewicz states that this season will be a, "rebuilding year on the field," with 16 players graduating from last year's very successful squad.

Out of the 11 returning players, captains Mac Edgerton, Quinn Brady and Henry Thurlow return for their senior year and are ready to make their mark.

"These three have been playing together since fresh-

man year and have made significant contributions to this program over the years, and will lead our team this spring," says Siderewicz.

Also of note is the return of sophomore goalie Connor Dickson, who will become a crucial starter on this team.

"Backing up Jack DiPasquale last year he was able to develop greatly, from playing every minute on the jayvee team as well as logging minutes in the latter part of the season, as well as 2023 playoffs in the first round," explains Siderewicz. "He will be a huge component to our young defense."

The boys' lacrosse team plays its first two games of the season at home, hosting Masconomet on April 1 (7 p.m.) and Ipswich on April 5 (4 p.m.). The Hornets will be looking for their senior captains to set the tone right away.

"Right now, the only strength that is obvious is the leadership our seniors have for this team," says Siderewicz. "Mac, Quinn and Henry are all offensive players who will tally points this season, but the real test will be our young defense, and our depth at the midfield. These three captains have done a great job so far this early season, and everyone has bought into what they are preaching."

**Team:** Baseball  
**2023 Record:** 7-14 overall, 6-9 in the Cape Ann League  
**2023 Result:** Lost to Seekonk in MIAA Div. 4 Round of 32

The ME baseball team has a healthy cache of experience coming back in 2024, giving hope that the team can improve upon its record and make some waves in the post-season.

"We lost three seniors,"

explains Manchester Essex coach BJ Weed. "We had a lot of juniors who learned a lot last year."

The team's captains should fill key roles on the field -- Troy Flood will be the Hornets' starting shortstop and one of its top pitchers, while Matt McKenna will split time between catcher and third. Other key returnees include pitcher/outfielder Kevin McKenna, outfielder Ross Edlestien, pitcher/utility Matteo Sarmanian, pitcher/second base Satchel Rubin and pitcher/first/third-baseman Nick Brown.

Newer faces looking to make their mark this spring include outfielders Parker Woodman and Adam McLeod, first-basemen Connor St. Laurent and Chris Heim, catcher Nick Glass and middle infielder Kevin Heim.

"I like the closeness and bonding this team is creating," says Weed. "They practice hard and work hard every day."

The baseball team begins its season on April 3 at home against Arlington Catholic, then heads to Bishop Fenwick on April 5.

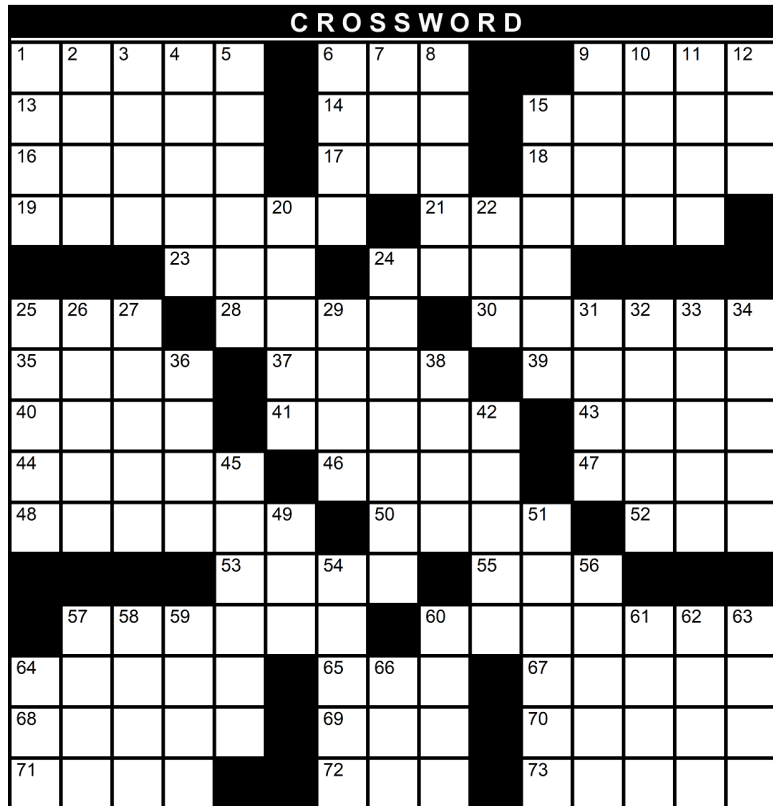


# Puzzle

**THEME: SHAKESPEARE**

**ACROSS**

1. Type of help center
6. Fake tooth
9. What geysers do
13. Lagoon wall
14. Acronym, in brief
15. Syrup producer
16. Papal court
17. It often comes with Aloha!
18. External
19. \*Richard III: "A horse! A horse! My \_\_\_ for a horse!"
21. \*Romeo and Juliet: "Parting is such sweet \_\_\_"
23. Animal's nose
24. Fail to mention
25. Capone's family
28. \*Hamlet: "O, this is the poison of \_\_\_ grief"
30. Soap froth
35. Iris holder
37. "He \_\_\_, She Said"
39. \_\_\_ Apso
41. Cheap form of payment?
41. Bert's roommate
43. Not in favor
44. Hipbone-related
46. The Destroyer, in Hinduism
47. Thomas the Engine's warning
48. "Heart of Darkness" author
50. Brewer's kiln
52. Beer choice
53. Not a verb
55. Comic cry
57. \*The Tempest: "We are such stuff as \_\_\_ are made on"
60. \*As You Like It: "All the world's a stage and all the men and women merely \_\_\_"
64. Primatologist's concern, for short
65. "This land is your land"?
67. \*Macbeth: "Our \_\_\_ master's murder'd!"
68. Scoundrel
69. Hi \_\_\_ monitor
70. Wombs
71. "A Visit from St. Nicholas" beginning



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72. Teacher's favorite
73. Got ready for a close up DOWN
1. Nordstrom's outlet
2. Purse for the red carpet
3. Cape on Tierra del Fuego
4. Set straight
5. Like a knife
6. Comes before a storm?
7. The "place with the helpful hardware folks"
8. Spectrum maker
9. Wild ox of India

10. Plotting (2 words)
11. Multitude
12. Having Everything Revealed, singer and songwriter
15. \*Hamlet: "When we have shuffled off this \_\_\_ coil"
20. Corpulent
22. Tin Woodman's "medicine"
24. "Two cents"?
25. \*Twelfth Night: "If \_\_\_ be the food of love, play on"
26. Convex molding
27. Nigeria's western neighbor

# Sudoku

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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**

29. Listening devices
31. \*Hamlet: "To be, or not to be: \_\_\_ is the question"
32. Capital of Vietnam
33. Bar by estoppel
34. Indian restaurant condiment
36. Petri dish filler
38. Prima donna
42. Artist's tripod
45. High tea sandwich
49. P rignon's honorific
51. Destroy a document (2 words)
54. Seize a throne
56. City in Japan
57. Type of sailing vessel
58. Capital of Latvia
59. Outback birds
60. "Blast from the \_\_\_"
61. "The \_\_\_ of Tammy Faye," movie
62. Uncommon
63. Went down slippery slope
64. Cathode-ray tube
66. \*Merchant of Venice: "But love is blind, and lovers cannot \_\_\_"

# Religious Notes

**INTER-FAITH SUNRISE SERVICE at Singing Beach, MBTS, 6 a.m. Sunday, April 31**  
This is an annual, cherished community gathering open to all!

**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](http://www.CornerstoneNorthShore.org). If you have any special needs or concerns, please let us know! We're here to serve!  
**Sacred Heart Church** - Saturday Vigil Mass - Virtual Mass - on our Youtube as well as [www.mecatholic.org](http://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](http://www.mecatholic.org) for Sacramental Information as well as Parish Registration if you are new to town or looking to join a Catholic Church.

**Emmanuel Church (Episcopal)**  
19 Masconomo Street (near Singing Beach) Manchester, MA 01944  
[www.emmanuelmanchester.org](http://www.emmanuelmanchester.org)  
The Reverend Luther Zeigler (Minister)

Priscilla Walter (Organist)  
Festive Easter Eucharist at 10 a.m.  
All are welcome!

**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 - a lovely place to start your week, join us for a moving message, beautiful music and community in the center of town --  
Maundy Thursday, March 28th at 7 p.m.  
Good Friday, March 29th at 12 Noon  
Join Cornerstone Church, Emmanuel Church and First Parish Church for the Community Easter Sunrise Service 6:26 a.m. on Singing Beach

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# Cushing's Syndrome in Dogs

By Lawrence Lamb, DVM

Cushing's Disease is rather daunting. It is not common, although I do see it. It involves a gland that affects the production of one of the most important hormones in a pet's body. That hormone is commonly known as cortisone. Below, I have outlined how it can affect various parts of the body. It can be caused by a tumor of the adrenal gland, or it can result in a tumor in another gland which affects the adrenal gland. Cushing's disease, also called Cushing's syndrome or hyperadrenocorticism, results from an overproduction of the hormone cortisol. Cortisol is produced by the adrenal glands, located next to the kidneys, and adrenal glands are stimulated to produce cortisol by the pituitary gland located at the base of the brain. There are two types of Cushing's disease. In adrenal-dependent Cushing's disease, an adrenal gland overproduces cortisol because of an adrenal tumor. In pituitary-dependent Cushing's disease, the adrenal glands overproduce cortisol because they are overstimulated by a pituitary tumor.



There are many clinical signs associated with Cushing's syndrome in dogs. These signs usually come on gradually and, because of this slow onset, these changes are often written off as part of the normal aging process. The following list of common symptoms that an owner might observe in their pet at home is: Drinking excessively, Urinating excessively and Incontinence. Owners often notice that lately the water bowl must be filled more frequently than in the past. Some dogs are unable to hold their bladder all night and begin crying to go outside during the night when previously this was unnecessary. Also, urinary tract infections may be detected and true urine leaking may be observed. Each day a dog should drink about one cup of water for each ten pounds of body weight, though this can vary somewhat with environmental temperature and activity level. Dogs that truly have excessive water consumption will consume vastly more than this regularly.

cal signs of endocrine (hormonal) skin diseases are: Hair loss on the main body sparing the head and legs. Thin, wrinkled skin with poor wound healing. Hair that does not grow back after clipping. Blackheads and darkening of the skin, especially on the abdomen. Persistent or recurring skin infections (especially if the dog is not itchy during times when the skin infection is cleared). Another condition of the skin that may be observed is called calcinosis cutis, in which calcium deposits occur within the skin. These are raised, hard, almost rock-like areas that can occur almost anywhere on the body.

and where to look for tumor spread to determine if the patient has cancer or not. On the other hand, if the patient is known to have a pituitary tumor, it becomes more relevant to image the brain to look for evidence of pressure on the brain.

Medication protocols may be very different for adrenal tumors versus pituitary tumors. Surgery protocols are completely different for adrenal tumors versus pituitary tumors.

What Tests will Tell us What Type of Cushing's Syndrome the Dog Has?

**The Low Dose Dexamethasone Suppression Test**  
If you are lucky, the same test used to determine if a pet has Cushing's disease can also classify the Cushing's disease so that no further tests are needed. To get the information needed, a 4-hour sample is drawn in addition to the pre-dexamethasone sample and the 8-hour sample. If the cortisol level suppresses to a level below 50% of baseline at 4 hours, only to escape to a level high enough to indicate a positive result, only a pituitary tumor is possible. While pituitary tumors do not always show this kind of classic suppression at four hours, adrenal tumors never do. If suppression is seen in the 4-hour sample, further testing is not needed, though this is the only pattern that is distinctive enough to obviate further testing. Approximately, 60 percent of patients with pituitary tumors can be identified with the low dose dexamethasone suppression test.

**The High Dose Dexamethasone Suppression Test**  
This test is similar to the low dose dexamethasone suppression test except that a higher dose of dexamethasone is used and the patient has already been diagnosed with Cushing's. The idea behind is that a patient with a pituitary tumor will show suppression in circulating cortisol when exposed to the high dose of dexamethasone; suppression does not occur with the low dose. If there is an adrenal tumor, suppression does not occur. Unfortunately, the theory does not hold well enough to make this a reliable test; a full 20 to 30 percent of pituitary tumors will fail to suppress even with the high dose of dexamethasone. Furthermore, this test cannot identify patients with adrenal tumors; it is able to confirm about 70 to 80 percent of patients with pituitary disease. The rest will

need further testing.

**Endogenous ACTH Level**  
Many veterinarians feel this is the most accurate method of classifying Cushing's syndrome, but the problem is that the test is technically challenging to run. Serum from the patient must be frozen when transported to the laboratory and must not thaw. The hormone ACTH is fragile and may not survive the trip to the lab. The idea with this test is that a patient with a pituitary tumor will have high ACTH levels, as this is what the tumor is secreting. A patient with low or no measurable ACTH levels has an adrenal tumor as the pituitary is trying its best not to stimulate the over-active adrenal tumor.

**Imaging**  
Fundamental to discerning pituitary dependent from adrenal tumor is the size and shape of the adrenal glands. With pituitary dependent disease, both adrenal glands are being over stimulated so they should both be symmetrical in size and shape and most likely enlarged. With an adrenal tumor, one gland will be severely atrophied and possibly undetectable, while the other is enlarged and possibly misshapen. This difference makes imaging of the adrenal glands an accurate way to distinguish types of Cushing's syndrome. Ultrasound, MRI, or CT scan can be used; however, ultrasound is the most readily available and least costly. In one study, ultrasound was able to correctly identify adrenal tumors in 86 percent of cases. Sedation is generally not needed for abdominal ultrasound, whereas CT and MRI require general anesthesia and usually needs referral to a specialty clinic.

An added benefit of imaging includes looking for evidence of malignancy should an adrenal tumor be identified. Malignant tumors tend to invade the vena cava, the largest vein in the body. Ultrasound has been found to be extremely accurate in evaluating for this complication. Imaging also allows for taking measurements of the adrenal glands. Glands that measure greater than four cm in length are highly suspicious of being malignant.

It is important to note that ultrasound can never be used to make the initial diagnosis of Cushing's syndrome as there is too much variability in the size of normal adrenal glands. When it comes to gaining information, imaging is best used on patients already known to have Cushing's syndrome for whom classification is needed. Medication protocols may be very different for adrenal tumors versus pituitary tumors. Surgery protocols are completely different for adrenal tumors versus pituitary tumors.

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](http://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>.



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

## Solution to puzzles on page 10

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## PET OF THE WEEK



### Vlad Here

I am an 8-year-old ready to charm my way into your life. It may take me some time to warm up to you but once I do I like to nudge my head on you to say hello and will seek out all the attention I desire. Playing is a favorite past time, I especially love the wand toys with the long string attached to them. Vlad is in a foster home and available to meet by appointment only,

but is part of Cape Ann Animal Aid's foster-to-adopt program which is a 2-week trial to take him home and see if he's the right fit for you before deciding to adopt. He is also part of the shelter's extended stay program, so his adoption fee has been waived. Visit [www.capeann-animalaid.org](http://www.capeann-animalaid.org) for more information about Vlad and other animals waiting for homes at the Christopher Cutler Rich Animal Shelter, 4 Paws Lane in Gloucester.

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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](http://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>.

March 22, 2024 MC  
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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:

- Town website: [www.manchester.ma.us](http://www.manchester.ma.us)
- Board of Health office: in person or by email to [lufkine@manchester.ma.us](mailto:lufkine@manchester.ma.us).

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

**Manchester Board of Health**  
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978 526 7385

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

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(followed by the 33rd Annual Easter Sunrise Breakfast! They are offering sausages, eggs, home fries, fruit, homemade muffins, English muffins, doughnuts, assorted juices, coffee, tea and milk. As usual all served free of charge but donations to defray the cost gratefully accepted. At the American Legion 14 Church St.)  
Easter worship at First Parish 10 a.m. worship leader, Rev. Katherine Schofield an Easter Choir, with trumpets and timpani led by Dr. Herman Weiss, and the First Parish Choir. Easter egg hunt following Easter worship!  
Monday Friends of the COA Senior Drop in 10 a.m. - 12 noon.  
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  
**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 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, you are welcome. 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](mailto: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!





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