



Essex Election Day Monday, May 13

Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., Essex Public Safety Facility, 11 John Wise Ave.

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BRIEFLY

Skates on Computers: May 16 Lecture

As the final presentation in the Manchester by the Sea Cultural Council Speaker Series, Ron Skates will present "Living with Computer and Software Technologies," 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 16. Skates, the former president of Data General Corporation from 1989 until 1999, will offer a brief history of computer and software advances from 1965, the technology advances, significant uses of these new technologies, and what artificial intelligence (AI) means. Registration is required, and the event will be held at either the MBTS Library or Crowell Chapel, depending on the number of registrants.

Election Food Truck

Again, with the generosity! After a successful stint at the March primary polls in Manchester, the Melt Food Truck will park outside the election polls from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 21 at Manchester Memorial School to reward locals for their civic duty. It's free because of the generosity of Leading Ladies Vote, a non-partisan local group committed to encouraging citizens to vote.

Crib Addicts Week 5

Results for Week 3 of Cribbage (a.k.a. "Crib Addicts") at the Manchester American Legion are in. This week, it was (for the FOURTH week in a row) David Slade in the lead. Then it's Billy Bell, Ted Cakounes, Harry Parsons, Stephen Chabot, Michela Hirnak, Heather MacDonald, Jim Chabot, John Bubrowski, Bob Torkildsen, Tina Latassa, Paul Clark, Clem Courcy, Karen Rieck, Joan Snow, Ben Conway, Annette Mackin, and Mark Wadleigh. The group meets every Tuesday at 6 p.m., and all skills are welcome.

"Summers by the Sea" Museum Lecture May 30

Kory Curcuru, from 1623 Studios, will be the featured speaker at the Manchester by the Sea Museum's popular lecture series and his talk, scheduled for 7 p.m. Thursday, May 30 at the First Parish Hall. In "Summers by the Sea: Masconomo Hotel & the Resort Era," Kory will discuss the resort-era movement and summer life in Manchester-by-the-Sea. He will also provide a look at the Booth family, proprietors of the majestic Masconomo Hotel, and share the history of Lexington Avenue, the area's fashionable shopping destination.

Last Call! Kids Pan Mass Challenge May 11

Kids Pan Mass Challenge The North Shore PMC Kids Ride will be hosted in Manchester by the Sea on Saturday, May 11 from 7:45 a.m. - 12 p.m. at Masconomo Park in an effort to raise money for cancer research and treatment at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. Come on down!

Last Call! Golden Agers May 11

For the music lovers out there, The Manchester Golden Age Club will hold its final spring meeting at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, May 11 in the Masonic Lodge behind Manchester Town Hall. Lunch will be served at 12 noon, with entertainment provided by ME Regional High School acapella group, The Sound Waves. Club members will be asked to sign up for the Sanford Trust-sponsored summer events, which include the anniversary lunch at Danversport Yacht Club, the summer lobster bake at Tuck's Point, and Cape Ann Lighthouse



Every year MMES teacher Maggie Tomaiollo offers a group of 5th graders the opportunity to volunteer to be "Student Ambassadors" whose function is to manage 3-4 fund raisers over the school year. Tuesday the "Ambassadors" gathered to sort through 2 weeks-worth of donations to go to Action Inc. Students were divided into groups, one to design posters and the other one to sort and classify items defining them as for male, female or as neutral. Several teaching points were reached, giving back to the community, learning to understand the needs of less fortunate people and working cooperatively as a team. Photo Paul Clark

EES Study Approved Along with Wide-Ranging Zoning Changes at Essex ATM



Essex voters at Monday's Annual Town Meeting. (Photo: Paul Clark)

By Erika Brown
On Monday, 198 Essex residents passed measures to fund all financial operations, including the FY25 annual regional school district and municipal budgets. But it was changes to the town's zoning bylaws and the future of the aging Essex Elementary School building that took up most of the evening's public discussion and debate. The business of the Town Meeting Warrant's 31 articles were taken up quickly, in just over two hours. The first ten articles were approved by voters within 15 minutes, including the Essex FY25 \$9,351,174 General Budget and a series of water and sewer related DPW expenditures.

School District Supported
Articles 11, 12, and 13 were school district related and the School Committee took no risk introducing them. School Committee Chair Theresa Whitman defended the board's choice to finalize and present Essex's \$9,889,756 share of the

\$31.1 million FY25 operating budget for the ME Regional School District, which represents a 2.9% increase over last year. The district budget could have come in slightly lower, but the committee approved the current one that includes \$64,000 for two part time teaching assistants that Whitman said was a responsible choice for students. "We are an outlier," said Whitman, commenting on other school districts in Massachusetts that average 3.9% in budget increases this year. She nodded to success with union negotiations, which she said were transparent and collaborative. In the end, the budget is financially sound. She also said MERSD won't feel the financial loss of Covid funding because the district was responsible and used the funds for actual Covid-related expenses instead of general operations. Other districts didn't, she said, and now suffer for that decision. "We appreciate good value," Whitman said. Then a potential spoiler. Antonella Muniz of Harlow

Street suggested that the entire FY25 MERSD district budget article was moot since, according to Massachusetts state law, school budgets require passage by a two-thirds majority of the School Committee. MERSD's passed by a 4-3 approval, she said. Town Moderator Jeff Jones asked Muniz what she was seeking in her comment. Muniz demurred, stopping short of moving to recall the article. Then Town Administrator Brendhan Zubricki stood up and said the vote should continue, and if anything was required by state law it would be reconciled later. Whitman said that of the three school committee member votes against the 2.9% budget included one member who supported a larger district operational spend, which by inference, would mean the budget presented at town meeting was supported by the required number of school committee members. Article 12 passed eas-

ily, as did Article 11 seeking \$345,545 for the town's share of the Essex North Shore Agricultural and Technical School District.

Essex Elementary Building

Weekly Weather Chart

Saturday 11 May		53°	45°
Sunday 12 May		54°	43°
Monday 13 May		57°	45°
Tuesday 14 May		64°	46°
Wednesday 15 May		58°	51°
Thursday 16 May		61°	54°
Friday 17 May		61°	56°

Weather data pulled Wednesday and is subject to change.

Gavel to Gavel

This Week's Town Meetings

Manchester Town Hall is open to the public. Public hours are 9 a.m. - 4:45 p.m. Monday through Wednesday and 9 a.m. - 6:15 p.m. on Thursday. Essex Town Hall hours are Monday through Thursday	7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
	Essex ConCom Tuesday, May 14 7:15 p.m.
	Essex Planning Board Wednesday, May 15 7 p.m.



Hornets Troy Flood celebrates a home run last week vs. Hamilton-Wenham. (Photo Bradley Griffin)

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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).

Ralph E. Bates



Ralph E. Bates, 92, born May 30 1931, died April 29 2024.

Ralph was the son of Ralph O. and Leah G. Bates. He was also predeceased by his sister Evelyn E. Dowell (1926-2010) and brother George K. Bates (1928-1929).

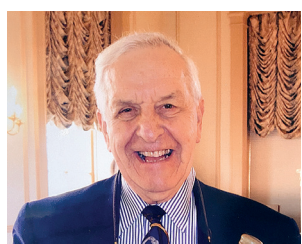
He leaves his nephew Steven Dowell, his nieces Bailey and Whitney Dowell and his cousin Bob Bates and his wife Janice. He was very grateful for his close friendships with George Eramo and Bob Willing.

Ralph was born in Watertown, Massachusetts and grew up in the Boston area. He attended Nichols College and Boston University. He made his living in real estate by purchasing and managing apartment buildings and creating the real estate newspaper Greater Boston House Buyers Guide.

Ralph was a benevolent philanthropist and his charitable donations were very important to him. He wanted to help those less fortunate and enjoyed giving back to the community. His generous donations have ensured that his name will be remembered for many years.

In his earlier days he enjoyed athletics such as tennis, basketball, and softball. Ralph was unique and had a great sense of humor. He used to enjoy driving around in his Hummer with his large stuffed tiger in the front seat - going to the Century House, Prattys in Gloucester or the Legion in Manchester. In his more recent years, he liked the simple pleasures such as eating Pirate's Booty, ice cream and candy, doing puzzles with a roaring fire and watching the deer in his backyard. He also loved running his indoor trains and cuddling his cats Lefty and Spooky. Ralph was very grateful for Aberdeen Home Care and the loving care he received from their caregivers until his final day. Funeral Services for Ralph will be held privately in New Brunswick, Canada. Arrangements by the Campbell Funeral Home, 61 Middle Street, Gloucester. Condolences at www.campbellfuneral.com

Henry Anthony Taron



Henry Anthony Taron, 92, of Manchester passed away peacefully at home surrounded by family on April 12, 2024. Son of the late Waclaw and Michalena Taronis, Henry (Hank) was born in Salem, and raised in Salem and Danvers. He graduated from Holten High School (Danvers) in 1950 and later married his high school sweetheart, Nancy O'Neill.

Henry attended Colby College through an Air Force ROTC scholarship. He majored in business and graduated in 1955. His Air Force service included posts in Pensacola, Florida; Harlingen, Texas; Waco, Texas, and Otis Air Force Base on Cape Cod. Following his military service, he and his growing family settled in Manchester-by-the-Sea, Massachusetts, and he embarked on his business career with the Travelers Insurance Company, working first in Boston and later in Wakefield and Danvers.

Henry and Nancy shared a love of antiques and ran Tradewinds Antiques, a shop in Essex. As the business evolved, Tradewinds became

an exclusive purveyor of fine antique canes and walking sticks. The success of this specialization changed their business into the first auction house entirely dedicated to this collectible. Henry was considered a world-renowned expert on this subject and handled the sale of important pieces from famous makers like Tiffany and Fabergé, pieces owned by US presidents, and many decorative and historical pieces that now reside in museums.

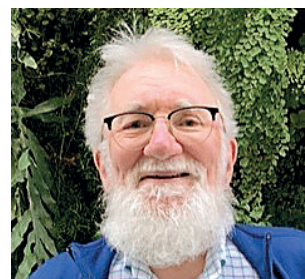
A lifelong sportsman, Henry played football and baseball at Holten High School and Colby College. He later coached youth baseball in Manchester. As a diehard Red Sox fan, his passion for the game led his friends to call him the "Mayor of Section 32" at Fenway Park, where he held season tickets for many years. He also had a life-long love of tennis and fishing.

Henry also enjoyed travel and spent many weekends with his family visiting Cape Cod, the White Mountains of New Hampshire, and the coast of Maine. Later in life, he and Nancy developed a fondness for international travel, particularly to England. A naturally gregarious man, Henry will be fondly remembered by his many friends, colleagues, and associates around the world.

Henry was preceded in death by Nancy, his wife of 43 years. He is survived by his son Douglas Taron and his husband Leon Halloran of Elgin, Illinois, his daughter Kathleen Taron Kinney and her husband David of Marblehead, his son Christopher Taron and his wife Barbara of Essex, his grandson David Kinney, his granddaughters Abigail and Isabelle Taron, and his sister-in-law Sheila McCarthy of Danvers.

His Funeral Mass will be Celebrated on Friday May 17 at 9 a.m. at Visitation Parish - Sacred Heart Church 62 School St. Manchester-by-the-Sea, MA. Interment will be held privately by the family. A collation will be announced at the end of Mass. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in his memory to the "Family Fund" of CareDimensions giving@caredimensions.org. Information, directions, condolences at www.CampbellFuneral.com.

Jeffrey L. Peart



Jeffrey L. Peart died suddenly on Monday, April 8, 2024, at Beverly Hospital with his wife by his side. He was the son of the late Charles and Noreen Peart.

Jeff graduated from Manchester High School and St. Anselm College in Manchester, NH. He belonged to the Manchester Club and was a friend of Bill W. for 34 years. He began his career as a lab scientist and moved to dealing with quality assurance and regulatory affairs. He could communicate well with MDs, PhDs, lab techs, FDA bureaucrats, and management. He loved his career and worked on some life-changing medications.

Visiting new places with Jeff was always an adventure. Close to home, summer trips to Maine were a tradition, and he and Mary had visited all of Canada's maritime provinces. From a family trip cross country in 1995 to visits to England, Austria, Italy, Greece, Switzerland, and Ireland, Jeff loved getting to know the history and cuisine of all these places.

Beyond his love for his family and friends, he was passionate about baseball. A lifelong member of Red Sox nation, he was disappointed by management's lack of investment in the team in recent years. He was the umpire for the Essex Baseball

club, based at Spence-Pierce-Little farm in Newbury, MA. Their game is played by 19th century rules when a ball that bounced once was considered an out and gloves were not used. He was in his element, overseeing the play on the field on summer weekend afternoons.

He loved his family and friends, his cats and dogs, his little town, Singing Beach, baseball, cookies, and ice cream.

Jeff is survived by his wife, Mary of Manchester; his son, Michael, and partner Shanti Singh; sisters, Lorene Peart, Elizabeth Jennings, Joan Flynn; his brothers and sisters-in-law; and several nieces and nephews. Jeff is also survived by his beloved cat and dog.

A Celebration of Life will be held for Jeff on Tuesday, May 14, 2024, at the American Legion Hall, 14 Church Street, Manchester at 11:30 a.m. In his memory, his family requests that donations be made to the Friends of Manchester Council on Aging, P.O. Box 264, Manchester, MA 01944. Arrangements by the Greely Funeral Home, 212 Washington Street, Gloucester, MA.

Joanne Crerand



Joanne Crerand of Essex died on May 2nd, 2024 in Hospice following a battle with cancer. She was 62. Joanne was born on October 7th 1961 to Mary Grace (Coleman) and Joseph Crerand. She leaves her husband of 30 years Charlie Hay and her two amazing sons Jack Hay and Cole Hay, whom she adored and was enormously proud of. She was a devoted and gifted mother to her boys, supporting them and encouraging their imaginations, varied interests, and ambitions.

Joanne was raised in Pittsford NY near Rochester, and attended Ithaca College, receiving a Bachelor of Science Magna Cum Laude in Cinema Studies and Photography, with a minor in applied writing. Her adult life was closely intertwined with the written word. After moving to Boston she had jobs in technical writing and as a production manager and project manager at publishing houses. She continued her education at the renowned Radcliffe Publishing course and at Northeastern where she earned a Masters in English.

After moving to Essex in 1998 she built a career as a freelance editor which she continued throughout her life, performing both content and copy editing. She also became the librarian at Glen Urquhart School. She loved children and was able to in-

stantly connect with them and focus on their interests and enthusiasms. A student of children's literature, she was able to pass along her excitement about books and reading and use her innate skill in reading out loud, something she also loved to do with her sons. Joanne was famous for organizing book fairs twice a year at the school which were carefully curated to offer the best titles to students, parents, and teachers alike.

Joanne was recognized by everyone who knew her well to be incredibly generous, warm-hearted, and selfless. She was known for her gift-giving and her thoughtfulness and kindness towards others. Even during her illness, she invariably had a kind word and a smile for those assisting her. She was a gifted gardener tending to both a house full of indoor plants, her summer perennial beds, and an abundant and colorful flower garden from which she created Carl Path bouquets that were sold at the Utopia Farms farm stand and elsewhere. She was a lover of literature and a writer, being with her family skiing at Sugarloaf, cinema, art, nature, her dog Swallow, and yoga with her favorite instructor April DeVries.

This loss is devastating to the family, she was such a bright light in all of our lives. Joanne leaves an extended family including her beloved sister and lifelong friend Mary Ellen Myers. Her brother Peter, who was always supportive. Her brother David, and her sister-in-law and friend Ann Crerand, wife of Joanne's brother Kevin who predeceased her. Joanne also leaves many nieces and nephews on both the Crerand and Hay/Burroughs sides of the family. Thank you to everyone who supported Joanne during this challenging time with visits, cards, flowers, and calls; they all made a difference.

The family would like to thank all the excellent doctors, empathetic nurses and caregivers who supported and connected with Joanne at Tufts Medical, MGH and the Kaplan House. Stephanie Morgan, Joanne's good friend, was loving and loyal to her and offered wise counsel to the whole family. Thanks to Madeline Lawson, who was a great friend to Joanne and who she loved having as part of the family. Per Joanne's request, no service is planned at this time. Please consider donations in her honor to the Cape Ann Museum, capeannmuseum.org, or the Essex Public Library Children's department, essexpubliclibrary.org.

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Options for Masconomo Park

By Gregory T. Federspiel

Rising seas and bigger storms will alter our landscape over time. We are seeing early signs of this as low-lying areas flood more frequently and to a greater extent than in the past. For example, many were surprised to see Masconomo Park and a section of Beach Street under six inches of ocean water this past winter during a minor storm.

A group of residents who attended last week's workshops aimed at developing possible new plans for Masconomo Park provided important input to the team of design experts brought in to assist. Over the course of three days a few dozen residents engaged at various points first walking the Park and highlighting the many attributes that are valued and later giving feedback to the concepts that the consultants were developing based on the initial citizen input. The highly interactive process yielded strong results - a set of concepts co-produced by residents and the professionals who could take the ideas provided and turn them into practical applications.

As many know, Masconomo Park was created by filling tidelands. Photographs from 1900 show Beach Street as a causeway traversing the mud flats on either side of the raised roadbed. (You can still make out the archway where the tidal waters used to flow under Beach Street and up into the old marshlands, now also filled in, between Tappan Street and the railroad tracks.) As the park evolved, so did its uses.

Parking options included shifting inland slightly from the current location, relocating the parking along the access drive or moving to run along Beach St.

There used to be a public boat ramp and the parking on the point has had different configurations over the years. The presence of a ball field tended to come and go.

We rather instinctively want to protect what we know. For Masconomo keeping what is there would require much higher and extensive seawalls and bringing in a significant amount of additional fill to raise the elevation of the park. Neither possibility would be permissible given local, state, and federal regulations. Regulators may in some limited circumstances permit the expansion/upgrade of existing seawalls, but they are not allowing new seawalls where they currently do not exist. And even if it was possible to do this, there inevitably will be a bigger storm that comes along to erase all that new investment.

Thus, the focus is on how we can stretch out the current uses of the park for as long as possible and plan for the changes that are happening. Three different designs pivoting around the location of the parking area were developed. All three have a new boardwalk built around the wetter southeastern edge of the park. Building such a boardwalk now would be permissible and once it is in

place it can be raised as sea level rise advances. Another common element is "peeling back" the point, removing fill and creating a gradual, more natural interface with the harbor with reestablished saltmarsh areas and tidal pools instead of the existing hardscape of boulders that exists today.

Parking options included shifting inland slightly from the current location, relocating the parking along the access drive, or moving the parking to run alongside Beach Street. The most viable long-term solution puts parking alongside Beach Street. Eventually, both the parking area and Beach Street will need to be elevated to avoid flooding with a new raised pier connecting Beach Street and the floats at the fisherman's and the recreational boater's piers.

Essential elements in any of the options included retaining the bandstand (raising the ground underneath it over time) playground structures for all ages and a "great lawn" area for community concerts and playfield uses.

The design team developed sketches of what the options could look like and how elements of the design could be gradually implemented over time. The designs that emerged from the public input will be available at the project's website, accessible through Coastal Vulnerability's link on the Town's web page.

Further refinement of the designs based on additional public input will take place and another presentation will be made at one of the June Select Board meetings.



BOARD UPDATES

MBTA Zoning Task Force: The MBTA Zoning Task Force will meet on Thursday, May 16 at 6:30 p.m. Meeting details can be found on the Town website.

Town Election: The Town Election will be held on Tuesday, May 21 from 7 a.m. - 8 p.m. at Memorial School. Early voting will take place at Town Hall May 14-16 Details can be found on the Town website.

MBTA Zoning Public Forum: The MBTA Zoning Task Force and Planning Board will hold a Public Forum to give an overview of a draft of the proposed MBTA Zoning Bylaw and answer questions from the community. Join

us on Thursday, May 23 at 7 p.m. Details on the Town website.

Zoning Board Volunteers: The Zoning Board of Appeals is seeking interested volunteers to serve on the Board beginning July 1. Volunteering for a Town Board or committee is a great way to serve the community. Please email powersd@manchester.ma.us to learn more.

July Fourth Fund: The July Fourth fireworks display will take place on July 3, 2024 on Singing Beach. Donations are still needed to help fund this annual tradition. Donate at bit.ly/MBTSJuly4.

Beach Tags: Singing Beach tags will be sold at the beach starting Memorial Day week-

end during operating hours for \$35 each. All visitors to Singing Beach aged 12 to 65 need a tag to enter.

Hydrant Flushing: Hydrant Flushing will continue Monday through Thursday starting at 7 p.m. If you experience dirty water, run a cold tap until clear.

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

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WHAT WAS HAPPENING

90 YEARS AGO - 1934

Officer Daniel MacEachern again led his class in Police Pistol Marksmanship for the final meet of the year. These meets, each of which lasted for a month took place for the last seven months and Officer MacEachern has remained consistently with the leaders. Bevo Park at the corner of Pleasant and School Street has had its equipment, such as benches and waste cans, put back in place for the convenience of citizens, who, make use of them.

75 YEARS AGO - 1949

To give everyone in Manchester the fullest opportunity to learn all the advantages and drawbacks of a regional high school a public panel discussion on the subject will be held in Manchester soon under the auspices of the Manchester Regional High School Committee. On Tuesday the Senate followed the example of the House of Representative and voted against the bill authorizing the City of Gloucester to acquire Magnolia Beach and adjoining lands for parking or playground purposes.

60 YEARS AGO - 1964

The Board of Assessors

announced this week that the tax rate for Manchester has been set at \$65.00 per \$1,000.00 valuation, an increase of \$3.00 over the 1963 tax rate. Mrs. Hayes's third grade class made a field trip on Friday, May 1, to the home of Michael Digby at 5 Flatly Avenue for a first hand observation of construction taking place there. The object of the trip was to review a unit entitled "Our Homes."

45 YEARS AGO - 1979

The Capital Plans Advisory Committee (CPAC) would like to take this opportunity of recommending the approval of the proposed expenditure of \$83,600 for the renovation of the roofs of the Memorial School. At the Town Meeting last Saturday, it was voted to place this proposal on the written ballot of the adjourned Town Meeting.

A fire erupted early Tuesday afternoon and in a matter of a very few minutes completely engulfed the barn on the Helmut Hellwig estate of Eaglehead. The Hellwigs are new residents to Manchester having arrived only one month ago.

30 YEARS AGO - 1994

Gayle Macklem, School Psychologist in the Manchester School System, and Special Education Coordinator at Memorial School, was recently elected President of the Massachusetts School Psychologists Association. This will give Gayle the opportunity to learn about and perhaps to influence issues that effect children at the state and national levels.

The day was nearly perfect but still only 1330 of the town's registered voters made it to the polls on Monday. There are, according to Town Clerk Gretchen Wood, 3378 registered voters in Manchester.

15 YEARS AGO - 2009

With Town Meeting behind us and the beach season yet to come Town Hall has settled into a methodical daily routine. April is a transitional time of year when Town Hall employees' cleanup, catch up and prepare for the coming summer season.

The Manchester Council on Aging is pleased to partner with the Manchester Community Center and Beverly Bootstraps in bringing a Food Pantry to Manchester.

May 6, 2024
MBTA Question of the Week #3:
Can the MBTA Zoning District(s) be an overlay district? What does that mean?

It can be an overlay district or districts. An overlay zoning district superimposes an additional set of regulations over existing zoning districts. The basic rules for the underlying districts remain unchanged, while special rules are applied to projects that are built according to the overlay district. Manchester currently has several such districts including a "Water Resource Overlay District" that includes additional regulations for protecting the water supply. Any other use besides multifamily housing would have to conform to the underlying zoning regulations.

Tides & Sun Chart For The Week Ahead

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10 Fri	1:26	11.2	2:07	9.5	8:11	-0.7	8:16	0.6	5:23	7:55
11 Sat	2:14	10.8	2:58	9.2	9:00	-0.3	9:04	0.9	5:22	7:56
12 Sun	3:04	10.3	3:49	8.8	9:48	0.1	9:53	1.3	5:21	7:57
13 Mon	3:54	9.8	4:41	8.6	10:36	0.6	10:42	1.6	5:20	7:58
14 Tue	4:47	9.3	5:33	8.4	11:24	1.0	11:33	1.9	5:19	7:59
15 Wed	5:41	8.9	6:26	8.3			12:14	1.4	5:18	8:00
16 Thu	6:38	8.7	7:18	8.3	12:25	2.1	1:04	1.6	5:17	8:01

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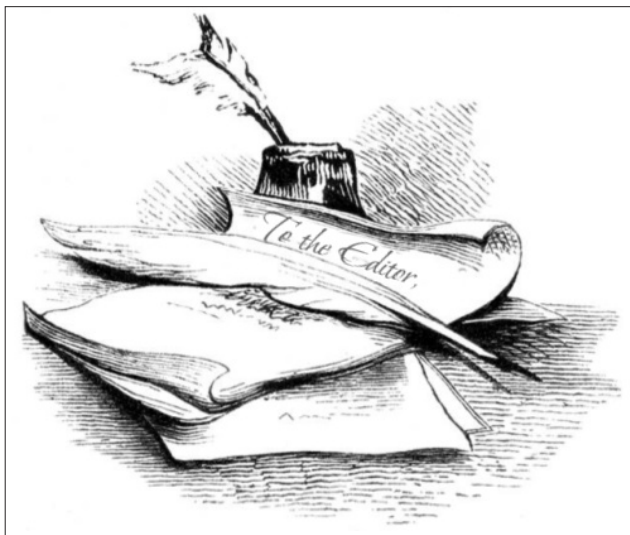
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Peter Morton for MBTS Planning Board

Dear Manchester residents,

My name is Peter Morton, and I am writing to you to ask for your vote on May 21st for a seat on the Planning Board. I have been a Manchester resident since 1992, raising three children here, all of whom benefitted from attending Manchester schools beginning with Memorial and continuing through High School. My wife and I are empty nesters and reflect often on how lucky we are to live in MBTS.

We were both continually active in our children's youth sports careers, coaching and serving on boards, giving back as most parents in our community do. I am at a point in my career where I am fortunate to have more time and I want to dedicate it to our town. I have always been interested in our town's development, attending Select Board, Planning, Town, and other meetings regularly. It seems that at this moment, the confluence of substantial developments before us is considerable.

I have had a 40-year career as an executive in sales and marketing, developing effective communication, negotiating, and listening skills. I have always been collaborative and open-minded - weighing alternate opinions before deciding.

My interest in joining the Planning Board focuses primarily on "maintaining and enhancing the natural and historical amenities of MBTS" while "promoting the development of a sustainable coastal community and encourage climate resiliency and adaptation." Mostly I want to contribute to protecting the character of MBTS and I want to collaborate with the citizens of our town to do it. I ask for your vote for a seat on the Planning Board on May 21.

Sincerely,

Peter Morton
Manchester

Sarah Creighton for Planning Board

I am running for re-election to the Manchester Planning Board and ask for your vote at the election on May 21st.

My family chose to move

here more than 20 years ago because of Manchester's strong sense of place, walkable streets, and special character. I have come to care deeply about the town and would like to continue to use my experience to help to achieve its goals.

I have significant planning board experience. I am finishing a three-year term, during which I helped spearhead the upgrading of our zoning, and a number of years ago, I also filled a one-year vacancy on the board. Before moving to Manchester, I was vice chair of the Newbury Planning Board for seven years and dealt with complex planning issues associated with a number of large residential subdivisions.

I have a strong track record of advancing dialogue and delivering results in Manchester. As a member of the School Committee during the early years of regionalization, I helped to build a strong partnership with Essex. I chaired the MERSD Middle/High School building committee - overseeing that award-winning project that was completed on time and under budget. I have served on the Downtown Improvement, Memorial School Building, and Harbor Management Committees. I am a realist about municipal budgets, planning board authority, and the role of the public in shaping strategic decisions for the town.

My career focuses on climate change action, energy, and sustainability and I serve on the board of the Essex County Greenbelt. I hold an M.S. in Environmental Policy and Civil Engineering from Tufts and a B.S. in Physics from Bates.

I care deeply about the town and would like to continue to use my experience to help balance compliance with recent state mandates and the need for affordable housing, while preserving our community's unique character and valued assets.

I look forward to continuing to use my knowledge of zoning and planning, as well as my demonstrated municipal project leadership and collaboration skills for Manchester. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Sarah Hammond Creighton
Manchester

Setting the Record Straight on Smart Meters and Safety

I feel bound to respond to the letter from Johanna M. Keefe in the May 3rd edition of the Cricket. I was the person who spoke up at the last Town Meeting to rebut the claims that the electromagnetic radiation from smart water meters could damage your health.

I must rebut Ms. Keefe's claim that my knowledge in this area is industry funded. I received a D. Phil degree from Oxford University radio-carbon dating for archaeology and incidentally also for tracking fossil fuel CO2 entering the atmosphere. My work has involved many types of radiation, focused strongly on safety.

Electromagnetic radiation of all types occupies a large spectrum of wavelengths, and includes radio waves, microwaves, infrared heat radiation, light waves, ultraviolet, x-rays, and gamma radiation. What harm can each of these do to us? All these forms of electromagnetic radiation carry energy from a source to a destination, in tiny pulses of energy, called photons, at the speed of light.

Light has a spectrum of colors that our eyes can see, ranging from red to violet, which has the highest energy we can see. Light is nearly harmless, and we are exposed to a lot of it, for our entire lives. Ultra-violet radiation is invisible, and each photon carries more energy than visible light. This can cause damage to our skin, ranging from sunburn to skin cancers. X-rays have still higher energy, and they can interact with our tissue in harmful ways, and can cause biochemical changes which lead to cancer. They can also be used in focused beams to alleviate cancer. Doctors and nurses who use x-rays take great precautions to minimize their exposure to x-rays while treating patients. Gamma rays have still higher energy per photon and are still more effective at penetrating matter. They also have the ability to cause biochemical reactions and cause cancer and other forms of damage.

But as we look at types of radiation with lower energy per photon, the situation is quite different. First, infrared radiation (which is invisible) is radiant heat - we feel it when we stand in the sun. Under certain circumstances this can damage our bodies, crops, and other items, simply by heating them up excessively. However, almost none of this radiation carries enough energy in each photon to cause biochemical reactions.

Microwave radiation, which is the radiation used in radar, in microwave ovens, and in cellular telephonic communication, has much lower energy. The energy in each photon is about one millionth that of a visible photon and is much too small to cause biochemical reactions. It is called non-ionizing radiation. However, it has been known for 80 years or so, that if you place your body in an intense beam of microwave

radiation, you will get deep burns, and damage related to strong heating. If you place your eyes into such a beam, you may damage the cornea and the lens of your eye. As I said in the Town Meeting, if you stand on a ladder in front of one of the long-distance transmitters on a radio tower or a radar transmitter, you are risking this kind of damage.

But let me stress that the harm that microwave radiation can do comes only from its heating effect - i.e. if you are using hundreds of watts of power to generate a microwave source, you can cause severe burns of flesh. But if you are using a cell phone, the highest power that it can emit is 3 watts. Think of the power in a tiny lightbulb in a 20th century flashlight - it might feel warm to the touch, but it won't harm you. The radiation from a cell phone is not going to cause biochemical reactions, and it is not going to burn you, because the energy is simply too low.

Now, consider a water meter, or other device which uses cellular technology to communicate with a utility. Its maximum power level is similar, at 3 watts, but most of the time it is off. It cannot do you any harm when it's transmitting because the power is way too low.

I do not dismiss completely the possibility that cell phones can do harm to us and to our kids - but that harm comes from the content in many ways - from doomscrolling to distraction to addiction to visual stimulation, and so on. But no biochemical harm comes from these devices. I am aware that cell phone use is alleged to correlate with brain cancers - but I have tried to follow these claims to well-controlled experiments, and only found one 2006 study related to the use of 1990s analog cell phones; this study apparently resolved a small effect after 15 years of cell-phone use. The formal reference is Environmental Health Perspectives. 2008 Oct; 116(10): A422. I have requested information on other studies in this field from Environmental Working Group, but have received none. According to the American Cancer Society and my own searching, this result has not been replicated. The National Cancer Institute states: "there is currently no consistent evidence that non-ionizing radiation increases cancer risk in humans. The only consistently recognized biological effect of radiofrequency radiation in humans is heating."

Regarding the cost of these water meters, they are replacing 20-year-old failing meters, at a net cost to each subscriber of about \$30/year.

Let's focus on real environmental risks. PFAS, insecticides, and many forms of chemical pollution are real threats, significantly increasing risks of cancer and harming our food supply. Climate change is posing an existential threat to us. Radiation from our water meters is a complete non-issue.

Nicholas R. White.
Manchester

"Flawless" MBTS ATM

To the accolades due Town Moderator Alan Wilson for his usual flawless performance at Town Meeting, I'd like to add a special thanks

for the introduction of closed captioning. Now often unable to follow the discourse at large gatherings due to hearing loss, I was delighted to be kept informed. Thanks also to ADA advisory committee member Caitlin Eppes for bringing this service to Alan's attention.

Helen Bethell
Manchester

Manchester Town Meeting and Capital Projects

First, I would like to thank everyone for a successful town meeting and their support on DPW Town Meeting articles and continued support for DPW projects. As with most things at Town Meeting a lot of the work happens before the actual meeting and the major capital items on this year's warrant and subsequent ballot vote are no exception. We (DPW personnel, other Town staff, Select Board, Finance Committee and others) spent innumerable hours doing the requisite research, study, planning, benchmarking, engineering and deliberation before this bond article (or any other capital request) made it to town meeting floor.

Please check out the agenda center and town YouTube channel on the Town website to review some of the prior planning and debate. I would like to also note that while DPW will shepherd and execute these projects (i.e., spend the money), these are all Town projects for the betterment and efficiency of the systems and benefit the taxpayers, rate payers and the environment of the Town.

It is important to note that the water and sewer system are enterprise systems, i.e. financially self-sustaining. The Town has made the commitment to own and operate these systems and we need to invest and reinvest in these systems accordingly; all revenue (rates and taxes) need to cover expenses. This is business 101 I think we can all agree on.

On the water side we have spent many hours, days, and weeks discussing the system at large and needed improvements. There is a plethora of information both on the DPW webpage and now the water protection task force page. The short version is that the meters are 20+/- years old which is about the useful life (most of the pipes are over 100-years old which is also old).

As was also mentioned prior and at Town Meeting, we are piloting the technology prior to buying it (more due diligence) and early reviews have been positive with some additional questions to be asked and answered during the request for proposal. It does seem the technology is worth investing in, too, but that is only part of what we are doing on behalf of the Town.

With respect to water meters, the metrics are as follows: according to our 2023 Annual Statistical Report (ASR), we calculated 16.2% Unaccounted for Water (UAW). The state standard is 10%. UAW is quite simply the amount of water pumped (metered at the plant and well) minus metered water (also known as revenue meters) and confidently estimated use.

Several factors can contribute to UAW, such as small leaks, big leaks, construction, theft, and another big one: (in)accuracy of meters. In our case, we replaced the meters at the plant in the last two years (before that they were original to the plant); we calibrate the meter at the well annually (and will replace it when we implement improvements to treat PFAS); we do leak detection every other year (minimum, sometimes annually if we notice spikes in pumping); we estimate lost water for breaks; we estimate use for construction and firefighting; and I assume that most people are not knowingly steal-

ing water from hydrants or otherwise. This only leaves under-registering (revenue) meters as a (major) source of UAW.

While it would be nice to get to 0% UAW, this is not likely or probable either. However, if you assume that 7% of our UAW is associated with the meters, thus getting us below the 10% threshold, and that our annual revenue is somewhere between \$1.3M and \$1.5M (depending on the year), then that 7% represents approximately \$100,000 of (lost) revenue, conservatively. Given a potential \$1.5M price tag we are looking at a 15-year ROI. We expect a 20-year life cycle for new meters.

Of course, this is just some simple math using a snapshot of 2023 data. You could also consider meters underreading getting worse over time, better or worse results in terms of UAW, or any other variables and tweak the numbers accordingly. We should also consider that this project is supported by many other factors beyond revenue and ROI.

Again, thank you for your support of these Town projects and if there are any other questions, please feel free to stop by or call the office.

Charles Dam
Director, Manchester Dept. of Public Works

Support Essex Elementary School's Next Chapter at the Ballot

At its last meeting on April 30th, the Memorial School Building Committee (MSBC) voted to support the Feasibility study for Essex Elementary.

As the Memorial School construction project wound down, our committee had a chance to walk Essex Elementary to assess its condition and we found that major systems such as the roof, windows and the boiler had exceeded their useful life. A study conducted in 2023 by Habeeb Associates confirmed this and noted additional concerns with hidden systems such as domestic hot and cold water, heating distribution piping and components, and electrical wiring and panels. Further, the current 67-year-old building is not designed for how schools operate and deliver instruction in the 21st century.

The MSBA has a very prescriptive process, and the Feasibility Study is essentially a data gathering exercise that informs the recommendation the District makes to the MSBA about what action to take—whether that be a renovation, addition/renovation, or rebuild.

Along with choosing an owner's project manager and an architect, the Essex School Building Committee will be gathering the following relevant data:

- Specifics on the educational program
- An initial space summary
- Documenting existing conditions and establishing design parameters
- Developing and evaluating alternatives

Throughout this time, the District will hold public forums for Essex and Manchester residents to share what we've learned and to ask questions. It's an iterative and robust process.

The new Essex SBC is comprised of a diverse group of public officials and citizens from both towns, with over a century's combined expertise in all aspects of construction and the state-driven process. Many members have also served on the Middle/High School and/or Memorial projects, where we have established a track record of great success in execution and collaboration, delivering two buildings on time and under budget.

Please join us (present and former SBC members) in supporting the Essex feasibility study on the ballot in Manchester on May 21st.

Gordon Brewster
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Cape Ann Museum Acquires Hopkinson's "Three Dancing Girls"



"Three Dancing Girls," oil on canvas by Manchester artist Charles Hopkinson (1869-1962), has been on loan and on display for decades at the Cape Ann Museum. This month, the museum announced it has acquired the painting. This photo was shot last weekend, and displays a beautiful floral arrangement inspired by the two Hopkinson paintings as part of the museum's popular annual "Blossoms" event. Photo: Oliver Barker

By Erika Brown

For the last 30 years, Cape Ann Museum visitors have become familiar with a stunning painting hanging prominently at the top of the staircase in the museum's main hall. It's Charles Hopkinson's "Three Dancing Girls," a fresh, colorful, lively painting that has been on loan since 1997.

Well, this month, the museum announced it has acquired the painting from its private owner.

"The thing that I really love about this particular story is that this piece has been on view and loved by visitors since the 1990s," said Oliver Barker, director of the Cape Ann Museum. "It always felt like a part of the museum's fabric. And, now, it is."

Barker said Hopkinson holds an important place in the Cape Ann story.

Charles Hopkinson, a longtime resident of Manchester, was one of the most successful portrait painters in America during the first half of the 20th Century. Over his 60-year career, he made more than 700 portraits including two of United States' presidents, four Supreme Court justices, deans, and professors, according to the museum's archives.

He was also part of the team of artists, selected by the National Art Committee in 1919, to paint portraits of the delegates to the Versailles Peace Conference. While primarily known as an oil painter and portraitist, Hopkinson also worked in watercolors.

For "Three Dancing Girls," a 1988 essay by Leah Lipton, "Charles Hopkinson: Pictures from a New England Past," noted that the title should be credited to John Singer Sargent "...after seeing the girls dressed in old-fashioned costumes, dancing on the rocks in Manchester. Sargent visited the Manchester house in 1916 while he was in Boston working on the murals at the (Boston) public library." In 1917, Sargent and Isabella Stewart Gardner re-



Last summer, then-president of the Manchester by the Sea Museum Matt Genta sat on the porch of the "Hop House" with Hopkinson grandson Charles Shurcliff, who is himself a painter. The pair were chatting just a few feet from the setting of "Three Dancing Girls" (above, right). Photo: Kris McGinn

portedly visited the Hopkinson house in Manchester too and encouraged Hopkinson to finish the painting.

"Three Dancing Girls captures a very personal moment ... It features three of Hopkinson's four daughters," said Barker, who said the scene is particularly apt given the museum last weekend held its annual Cape Ann Blossoms event in which more than 20 floral designers from around the North Shore created eye-catching arrangements inspired by artworks around the museum.

One of the arrangements was inspired by, and displayed next to, Three Dancing Girls.

Barker reports the painting will

be sent immediately for professional conservation.

"That will ensure the painting will be enjoyed for decades to come," he said.

Appreciation for Hopkinson is enjoying what some call "a moment." Last year, the Manchester by the Sea Museum acquired three Hopkinson paintings after Matt Genta, then-president of the museum set his eyes on tracking down works by prominent Manchester artists, including Charles Hopkinson, Anna Coleman Ladd, and Katharine Lane Weems.

Charles Hopkinson, painting his daughter Mary in 1918.

Photo: Smithsonian



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Rapid Transit: ME Girls Tennis Gets Up to Speed Quickly in 2024

By Jason Brisbois

With four of the seven starting players graduating from a team that went to the Div. 4 Final in 2023, the assumption was that it would take players on the Manchester Essex girls tennis team some time to adjust to new roles and get up to speed and learn on the job. The biggest question hovering over the team at the start of this spring, then, was: How long would this process take?

If the first half of the season is any indication, the answer to that question is resolutely, "Not very long."

After losing a close one to Masco to open the regular season, the Hornets have won nine straight matches to amass a 9-1 record and rocket into the upper echelon of the Cape Ann League. Both starting doubles teams were undefeated through nine matches, and the roster boasts enviable depth, talent and consistency from top to bottom.

"Honestly, [it] has gone as well as I could have hoped," says Manchester Essex girl tennis coach Barrett Alston. "All seven starters are either new to varsity or are playing in a higher position in the lineup than last year. We will keep working on the tennis skillsets that will help us compete and be able to adapt strategies to different opponents as we prep for the playoffs."

The postseason seems like a foregone conclusion for a group that had the pedigree to be a top team but carried some uncertainty because of the roster turnover. That uncertainty is a distant memory now.

"We are doing well because we have great depth, a fully committed team, and two great senior captains who set the tone for the team," explains Alston.



At number 2 singles, Nina Zalosh returns the ball to her Lynnfield rival on Monday at Memorial School courts. The Hornets came away with the W, 3-2. They are 8-1 for the season at press time.

Photo Paul Clark

"Definitely a confidence boost to win the matches."

Those captains - the sibling duo of Grayson and Sienna Crocker - are leading the way for the team with both their play and their knack for setting the tone for the rest of the Hornets. Grayson moved from third to third singles this season, and Sienna moved from playing second doubles in 2023 to third singles in 2024.

"They've thrived in the new positions, winning big matches and truly setting an example of how to practice hard, compete with a great mix of intensity and sportsmanship," says Alston.

The rest of the Manchester Essex lineup has been just as impressive stepping into new roles.

"Nina Zalosh was on jayvee last year, now playing second singles and competing hard in long, grinding matches," explains Alston. "First doubles of Grace Scarbrough/Sarah Cort - a soph-

omore and freshman - have gelled into a great team, won the CAL Open, and play great attacking doubles. [The] second doubles of Emily Parkins/Mackay Brooks, neither played tennis last year but can flat out compete and complement each other's games really well."

The team's talent and depth were evident in a 4-1 win over Newburyport at home on April 23. Sienna Crocker and Zalosh won lengthy, competitive, three-set matches to complete the win over a squad fielded from a bigger school that plays in a higher division.

"We've had the same lineup throughout the season, so seeing the value of consistency," explains Alston. "Singles and doubles require such different skillsets, so it's great to see the players developing the shots, [the] movement required to succeed."

Manchester Essex continued its torrid pace against

top competition at the start of this week with a 3-2 win over tennis stalwart Lynnfield on May 6. After that, the team had road matches with CAL rivals Hamilton-Wenham (May 9) and Rockport (May 10). Matches with the Pioneers and Generals should serve as measuring sticks for this team.

"We played them in the state semis and final last year," Alston says of Hamilton Wenham and Lynnfield. "They are, again, excellent teams with great players, I'd expect them both to make deep runs in state tournament again. Currently they are fourth and first, respectively, in Div. 4 power rankings - we are third."

Alston adds: "Win or lose, we'll take those matches and results and use them to inform how we'll practice and prepare for other big matches later in the season, potentially rematches in the tournament."

Positive Signs for ME Boys Tennis in First Half of 2024



Jack Cummins serving during a match with Newburyport in a rain-shortened game that the Hornets won 3-0. The boys sit at 8-3 for the season.

Photo Paul Clark

By Jason Brisbois

The signs are already showing that this could be a special year for the Manchester Essex boys' tennis team.

Of course, it's easy to look at the Hornets' 8-2 record in the first 10 games of the 2024 season and make assumptions about this being a quality team. However, the evidence is there that there might be even more to this team's success story so far than the record would indicate.

The first exhibit would be how Manchester Essex fared against some of the top competition on the North Shore and in the Cape Ann League during their first half of the season gauntlet. The Hornets have a pair of wins over perennial tennis power Newburyport (the most recent being a 3-0 win in a rain-shortened match on May 2), a pair of 5-0 wins over Rockport and Ipswich and a close, 3-2 loss to a Hamilton-Wenham team that could have final say in who takes home both the Cape Ann League and MIAA Division 4 crowns.

"We played them tough," says ME boys tennis coach Rob Bilsbury of the loss to

Hamilton-Wenham. Out of the five matches, four of them went to three sets. That tells us that we know we can play with them and are right there with them.

He adds: "To be able to beat Newburyport twice was a great test for us and we did well. That's a really talented, really amazing team. We had four matches in five days, and we played rock-solid in all of them."

The gauntlet was no less challenging at the start of this week, with the Hornets slated to face Lynnfield on May 6 on the road, followed by matches against a deep and talented Gloucester team (May 8), and one of the best Rockport squads in recent memory (May 10, 4:15 p.m.).

The Hornets, Pioneers and Generals are currently the top three teams in the CAL: Third-place Lynnfield picked up a win over first-place Hamilton-Wenham recently, which means second-place Hornets were certain to have their hands full against the Pioneers. "If we win [against Lynnfield], it gives us a sense that we can play with a team that is sitting atop Div. 4," explains Bilsbury.

...(Continued on page 7)



In the Hornets' Nest

GIRLS TENNIS: Hornets Girls Tennis had another successful week, this one highlighted by a hard fought 3-2 win at Ipswich and a very competitive rematch against Newburyport that was ultimately postponed by rain. The Ipswich match featured wins by Sienna Crocker, Grace Scarbrough / Sarah Cort, and Mackay Brooks / Emily Parkins. Grayson Crocker and Nina Zalosh played very tight matches at first and second singles as they continued to play great tennis but couldn't quite pull out the victories.

The Hornets finished the week at 8-1 overall and are currently undefeated in the CAL. The upcoming week is a big one, with rivals Lynnfield and Hamilton Wenham

on the schedule, along with Rockport and the potential completion of the Newburyport match. Let's go Hornets!

BASEBALL:

5/2
Newburyport 9
ME 8

ME fell short, but had great production from the bats. Troy Flood went 3-4 with an RBI. Kevin McKenna was 3-3 with 3 RBIs. Ross Edelstein contributed with 2 hits and Matt McKenna had 2 hits. Eighth grader Kevin Heim made outstanding plays at SS.

5/4
HW 8
ME 6

Nick Brown did a great job on the mound pitching 4 innings

and coming out with the lead. Troy Flood led the offense going 3-4 with a HR, Double and an RBI. Matt McKenna chipped in with 2 hits and an RBI. Nick Glass and Parker Woodman each had a hit.

BOYS LACROSSE:

The Manchester Essex boys' lacrosse team split their home and away games this past week with a win at home vs Amesbury 17-5, and a tough but very close loss on the road to #3 Ranked Weston by one 8-7. The Hornets play three games this coming week, with a home game hosting Pentucket on Tuesday, and travel to Ipswich HS on Thursday and Gloucester HS on Saturday.

SOFTBALL:

The Hornets lost to Georgetown to start the week 7-3. Anna Gardner was 2-4 with an RBI. Abby Aiello was 1-3 with an RBI. Penelope Riggs

was 1-4 with an RBI. Celia Mann and Lucy Parmelee also contributed with hits. Anna Gardner went the distance giving up four earned runs and had seven strikeouts. The Hornets traveled to Newburyport on Wednesday losing 1-0 in a pitchers' duel. Anna Gardner was phenomenal in the circle going the distance! She gave up no earned runs and had 5 strikeouts on the day. Lucy Parmelee laid down a perfect bunt in the sixth to give the Hornets a chance to take the lead, but they could not cash in. The Hornets lost a tough one to Hamilton Wenham on Friday 6-5. The Hornets trailed 4-1 before scoring four times in the sixth to take the lead 5-4. H-W came back with two in the bottom of the sixth to take the lead. Bianca Torri put down a perfect bunt in the seventh to put runners at second and third and only one out, but the Hor-

nets could not score. Anna Gardner was 3-4 with two RBIs and 3 stolen bases. Penelope Riggs hit one off the fence to drive in a run. Sydney Hemme doubled and just missed a homerun and was 2-3 with 2 RBIs.

GIRLS LACROSSE:

The Hornets secured another pair of CAL wins in week 5 of the spring season. On Friday, May 3rd, the Hornets faced the Georgetown Royals and asserted their strength from the first whistle. They were up 6-0 at halftime and ended the game with an impressive 13-0 victory. This win marks another shutout for junior goalie Bridgid Carvillano. On the offensive side, Mechi O'Neil led the team with four goals, followed by Abby Kent, Maggie Light, and Charlotte Crocker, each contributing a pair. The Hornets maintained their momentum through the weekend when they faced Hamilton Wenham on Sunday, May 5th. With a 10-3 lead at halftime, the Hornets secured a solid

13-7 win. Sylvie McCavanaugh led the offense this time with six goals, supported by three from Charlotte Crocker. Mechi O'Neil's six draw controls set the team up for success. The defense remained strong under pressure, with Bridgid Carovillano tallying ten saves. Next up, the Hornets prepare for a big week, facing Pentucket, Ipswich, and Medfield, aiming to improve their record to 10-1 for the 2024 season.

BOYS TENNIS:

The Manchester Essex boys' tennis team brought its record to 8-2 on the season with wins over Rockport, Newburyport and Ipswich and a narrow defeat to Hamilton Wenham. Coming off their CAL Individual Tournament title over the weekend with first singles Jack Cummins and third singles Jan Vytopil winning individual titles, the boys knew that they had a big week ahead of them not only in terms of a league title but state tournament power rankings as well. Hamilton Wenham was ranked number one in Division IV coming into the week with Newburyport also highly ranked in Division III. The jam-packed week started on Tuesday as the boys traveled to Rockport and won every match in straight sets including a second doubles match of Brodie Tolo and Shay Englehardt looking solid as they stepped into the varsity lineup and won 6-2, 6-3. On Wednesday against Hamilton Wenham Jan Vytopil and Charlie Virden took home the points for the Hornets as four out of the five matches went three sets in a narrow 2-3 loss. Thursday, the boys went right back to work as they took on Newburyport and defeated them in a 3-0 rain shortened match with all three wins coming in the singles positions. Ipswich Friday was also an excellent match for the boys as they won at each position in straight sets. The boys travel to Lynnfield next week to take on the Pioneers. Lynnfield's earlier win over HW has since pushed them up to the number one spot in the state, so we will see where things shake out after the match.

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Town Administrator's Report

Board of Selectmen's Meeting of May 6, 2024
Report covers from April 20, 2024 to May 3, 2024

Economic Development Committee Meeting Summary

The Town Administrator (TA) attended the subject meeting along with Chairman Pereen on April 24, 2024. The meeting featured a discussion with respect to a list of Committee-generated ideas that could bring in additional revenue for the Town. The Economic Development Committee (EDC) Chair, Jodi Harris, also chairs the Finance Committee and she plans to share the list with the Finance Committee in an effort to help prioritize possible future actions. The EDC will also spend more time prioritizing the ideas at its next meeting.

An item more immediate in nature is the beautification of the downtown area now that spring has arrived. Last season, the Town had a contract with a landscaping company for certain maintenance activities. The Committee has learned from that experience and has worked to narrow the focus for this year's effort, which will include the purchase and deployment of new planters, limited landscaping and maintenance tasks, and the addition and maintenance of flowers. A proposed scope of services is discussed in the procurement section of this report.

Affordable Housing Trust Meeting Summary

The TA attended the subject meeting along with Chairman Pereen (who is also Chairman of the Affordable Housing Trust) on April 25, 2024. The meeting featured a discussion regarding a grant application that our Town Planner is working on to obtain funding for a Housing Production Plan.



The Planner provided the Trust with a suggested letter of support for the grant and indicated that the grant application deadline is June 5, 2024, with decisions being made roughly in September.

Commencement of Work for New Town Clerk

New Town Clerk Ann Dunne commenced work on April 23, 2024. Ann is working with retired Town Clerk Pamela Thorne to obtain a good understanding of office procedures and to transfer institutional knowledge.

Commencement of Work for New Town Accountant

New Town Accountant Makayla Nolan has signed an employment contract with the Town and the Board will be voting on countersigning that contract at the present meeting. Ms. Nolan will be eligible to commence work after passing standard CORI and drug/medical screens and will start work as the Assistant Town Accountant (between some date in May and June 30, 2024). On July 1, 2024, Ms. Nolan will become the Town Accountant and present Town Accountant Chuck Benevento will become the Assistant Town Accountant and will stay engaged in the department at least the end of the calendar year.

Pre-bid Site Visit for Public Safety Facility Repair Project

The TA attended the subject site visit along with personnel from our engineering consultants on April 24,

2024. No prospective contractors attended the site visit, but it was not mandatory to submit a bid. Filed sub-bids are due on May 8, 2024 and general bids are due on May 15, 2024. Some contractors have picked up bid documents, so it is possible that some bids will still be submitted.

Downtown Decorative Street Lighting Project Update

At the last meeting, the Board agreed that the sections of sidewalk that were saw-cut out for the installation of lighting pole bases should be patched by a local mason, as opposed to continuing with the original plan to replace entire flags of concrete, embedding decorative ships plaques in each during the repouring process. This will allow for smooth pedestrian passage during the upcoming summer season and the Town can undertake the plaque project in the future, possibly on both sides of the street, under a separate procurement, if desired. The mason plans to begin work on this project within a couple of weeks, after he completes another project that he is presently working on. The DPW has deployed traffic cones at each sidewalk cut for the time being to alert pedestrians to the uneven conditions. Custom lighting components that have been delivered to the Town and are in dry storage. The lights may be used on some other Town project such as lighting for the Centennial Grove in the future.

Centennial Grove Improvement Project Update

At the last meeting, the Board agreed to allow Dan Mayer of Mayer Tree to take down some large pine trees adjacent to the large Centennial Grove parking lot subject to verifying the scope of work at a site visit. The

Board held that site visit on April 24, 2024 and agreed that all of the identified trees were consistent with the discussion at the meeting. Mr. Mayer is proceeding with that work, which is all outside of the Wetland Protection Act buffer zone.

While on the site, Mr. Mayer explained his ideas for new plantings at the Grove, reducing the size of the upper parking lot (in favor of more green space), and possibly putting an earthen divider in the lower parking lot to allow for more organized parking of a larger number of vehicles.

Scope of Services for Downtown Beautification/Maintenance Contract

As noted above, the Economic Development Committee (EDC) has recommended a revised plan for downtown beautification and maintenance for the coming season. Mr. Zubricki has used the schedule of locations from last season as a basis for a scope of services for the coming season, with attention to the areas of focus that the EDC has arrived at. A contract for the necessary services can be procured after seeking competitive quotes. New planters for traffic islands will also be purchased and flowers will be planted and maintained in these locations by volunteers.

Town Hall HVAC Refrigerant Leak Repair Update

As the Board discussed previously, the electric, ductless HVAC system in Town Hall requires evaluation by our HVAC contractor since there is very likely a refrigerant leak inside the building. Our contractor has begun the investigatory process by valving off each of the 24 individual refrigerant runs to the various offices and other interior spaces. In the

LIBRARY NEWS

T.O.H.P. Burnha
Public Library



Little ones were treated to stories and teatime at the Teddy Bear Tea. Courtesy Photo

Library Closed

The library will be closed on Monday, May 27 in observance of Memorial Day.

Friends of the Library Plant Swap

Wednesday, May 22 from 5:30-7 p.m. Bring a plant, take a plant, or both. If it's raining we will meet under the portico.

Healthy Eating Habits Workshop

Wednesday, May 29 at 7 p.m. Registration required.

Pet Loss Grief Support

Monday, May 13 at 7 p.m. Join grief support specialist Marla Andrews of Humane Hearts, LLC. If you have experienced the loss of a beloved pet or are anticipating a loss, please join us for a conversation about this topic and find support available to help guide you. No registration required.

Community Book Group

Monday, May 20 at 10 a.m. Join us for a discussion of "Secrets of the Sprakkar" by Eliza Reid.

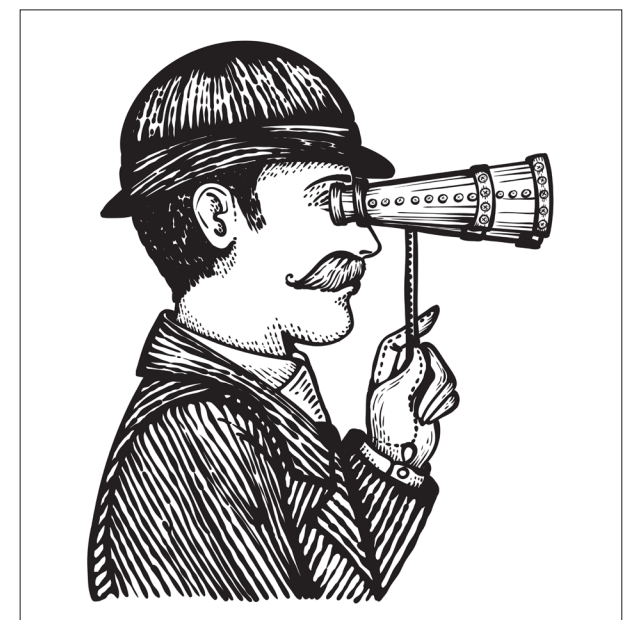
Regional Social Worker

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.

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, APRIL 29

8:53 a.m. Western Ave., animal complaint, assisted as needed. 10:28 a.m. Pickering St., fire alarm, cleared false alarm. 12:16 p.m. Water St., brush fire, fire false. 1:11 p.m. Pickering St., male choking, transported to hospital.

TUESDAY, APRIL 30

12:12 a.m. Centennial Grove Rd., directed patrol, secured/checked. 1:16 a.m. Main St., selective enforcement, no action taken. 6:13 a.m. Conomo Point Rd., directed patrol, secured/checked. 6:43 a.m. Scotts Way, directed patrol, secured/checked.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1

11:16 a.m. Southern Ave., male with medical problem transported to hospital. 12:22 p.m. Story St., directed patrol, secured/checked. 5:38 p.m. Wood Drive, parking complaint, gone on arrival. 9:01 p.m. Route 128SB, disabled motor vehicle, vehicle towed.

THURSDAY, MAY 2

10:48 a.m. Conomo Point Rd., directed patrol, secured/checked. 2:45 p.m. Martin St., directed patrol, secured/checked. 7:27 p.m. Conomo Point Rd., directed patrol, secured/checked. 8:35 p.m. Chebacco Terrace, directed patrol, secured/checked.

FRIDAY, MAY 3

8:44 a.m. Southern Ave., community policing, secured/checked. 12:13 p.m. Story St., directed patrol, secured/checked. 6:12 p.m. Martin St., selective enforcement, secured/checked. 7:54 p.m. Eastern Ave., erratic operator, gone on arrival.

SATURDAY, MAY 4

1:15 a.m. John Wise Ave., directed patrol, secured/checked. 1:35 a.m. Route 128NB, directed patrol, secured/checked. 3:27 a.m. Chebacco Terrace, directed patrol, secured/checked. 6:55 a.m. Spring St., directed patrol, secured/checked.



The Hornets sailing team heads out from the Manchester Yacht Club dock to joust with the Landmark School Vikings on a brisk Thursday afternoon. Photo Paul Clark

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"We will all be scrapping for the league title, but also thinking about the tournament at the same time. We will have to beat Hamilton-Wenham that second time through (the rematch is slated for May 16) to win the league."

With that in mind, exhibit two certainly could have some bearing on the rest of the spring season. Manchester Essex played in the CAL Individual Open on April 27 and won the whole thing. The tourney is unique in that instead of teams facing off against one another, each position on the team tennis

ladder faces one another in a bracket to earn points and attempt to come out number one (i.e., all the first singles players from each CAL team faced off in a tournament, all the second singles players faced each other in their own bracket and so on). The Hornets scored the most points based on this format and won the Open, with both Jack Cummins (first singles) and Jan Vytopil (third singles) were the individual champions at their respective spots.

"We got the most points, which is pretty amazing in a tournament that includes

us, Hamilton-Wenham, Lynfield and Newburyport," says Bilsbury. "Having those three in the CAL and having Newburyport highly ranked is phenomenal, and in our offseason goals during the summer we knew these were going to be the teams to beat. We know we can play with them and are right there with them."

When asked why the Hornets have been able to play so well in the first stanza of the season, Bilsbury repeatedly points to the team's depth as well as its talent.

"For me, it feels like it comes down to depth," the coach explains. "We have

a first singles player who is very versatile - for him to win the CAL Open was absolutely amazing because that's a robust class of number one singles. My second singles player (Charles Virden) is equally impressive, handling really tough matches throughout the season. My third singles (Vytopil) is undefeated - he's beaten everyone in front of him. We have a good first doubles team (Finn Birke-land/Jack Lawler) that can compete with anyone in the league, and our second doubles team (Charles Langendorf/Sander Breuker) is right there with them."

Essex Locals

115 Years Ago - 1909
Zenephone S. Perkins is having a gasoline engine installed on his boat for his use on our river in the summer.

90 Years Ago - 1934
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At Home Now: A Vessel for Your Best Self

By Jen Coles

Sadly, I attended a memorial service last week. It was for one of my college friends who experienced life with such a unique and vivacious spirit that it felt just cruel to no longer have her with us. Memorial services are hands-down sad, and oddly, sometimes uproariously funny. This one was no exception. But hearing the stories of all the people she had touched was really meaningful. I understood her more at the end, this woman with all her complex layers.

As it turns out, I only knew a sliver of her. Which is wonderful. She had this rich, full life in ways I had never really bothered to imagine. I know that sounds terrible, and now get ready for another one. Does it make me horribly self-involved to say I drove home thinking about my own life? I couldn't help it. It all just made me think about how I want to live. Whose lives I hope to touch. And what I want to leave behind.

I am conscious that parts of that sentiment are a familiar theme when I talk to potential clients about their homes and their lifestyles. One of my first questions is, what would they like to change? Or as I sometimes say, "Tell me what's working for you and what's not." At its core, that's me asking them how they want to live. Not that how you live in your home defines you one hundred percent as a human, with all your own complex layers. There is much more to you than that. But on the other



hand, it's not an unimportant piece of who you are either.

The responses I get, when I'm touring a home and talking about possible improvements, defy categorizing. I can't tell you that old-money will respond this way, and new-money will respond that way. I can't even tell you that couples will be aligned with

one another. But a successful meeting is when I've given them something to think about when I leave, whether they hire me or not.

And for the projects I take on? I'm not invested in what I'd like to see get done. I'm invested in getting done what my client wants to get done. I have a deep respect for their

wisdom, and the real-life constraints of their pocketbook. Most of us need to prioritize and amend our projects after the quotes come in. And sometimes I can help with that too.

I have a pretty good sense of what improvements may dramatically improve their lifestyle. For instance, I once

encouraged a client to go ahead and upgrade their hot water tank as part of their bathroom renovation. They lived in a quirky old home, and I happened to hear them make reference to having cold showers. Honestly, I barely remember the exchange. But a few years ago I bumped into that client and she thanked me so profusely for pushing that particular improvement through. She laughed and used the words "life changing."

I have a client now whose kitchen island has a counter that over-hangs the cabinets by just four inches, which is sort of a head-scratcher. It's longer than the traditional half inch overhang, yet way short of the twelve inches needed to sit somewhat comfortably. And yet, I see the stools they've tucked there underneath those four little inches. And I know they are probably eating their cereal perched on those stools, with their knees crunched in and their shoulders hunched. That counter was not on their wish list during our walk-thru, but I'm going to suggest a new one anyway to see what they think.

This sort of decision making, the how-am-I-going-to-live part of it, reminds me of a doctor appointment I had years ago. I was in the thick of raising my four kids, and it had taken me a few years to get to my annual physical. In it, I described an ailment I had and the compromises I was making in my life to accommodate it. My doctor asked how long this had been going on, and I said, "Oh, maybe a year or so." He looked up

from his notes, cocked his head and said very matter-of-factly, "Well, you don't have to live like that."

And suddenly I was blinking back tears. It was like he gave me permission to live better.

Which is sometimes all we need. On my very best day, I'd like to think I can do that. I hope that if I listen intently enough, and intuit smart enough, and rely on my experience well enough, that I too can offer that permission to live better. I just wish there wasn't a price tag attached. Because then I would be the fairy godmother of home improvement and how fun would that be?

During those initial walk-throughs I hear so much. There are the people that say, "Well we've lived with it this long, I think we'll leave it alone." And the people that describe a problem and then say, "but I don't think it's fixable." Or those that reveal a secret desire to me about something like a soaking tub, but they do it in a whisper because they think it's frivolous or indulgent.

And, in fact, I'm not their fairy godmother, but I sure wish I was. Because I think it all matters, and it's all important! YOU matter. And how you live is important. Your home is a vessel, a place that allows you and your loved ones to be their best selves. Not all the time, of course. But I'm willing to bet more often than not.

Jennifer Coles is a local interior designer. www.colescoloranddesign.com *instagram: coles_color_and_design*

Sailing Team Report

It was a busy week with lots of practice, a team race in home waters, and two squads in two different locations on Saturday.

We suffered our first loss of the season in team racing against a strong Landmark

team, which is bolstered by one topflight New England sailor. Despite being in control of many of the initial legs, we were not able to hold our positions across the finish line in three straight races.

Our performance on Sat-

urday was more promising. Four Hornet Freshmen traveled to Sharon for the Freshman / Sophomore Regatta of the Mass Bay League. In a good showing against Sharon, Duxbury, Hingham and Brookline, the Hornets fin-

ished in third place out of nine teams, with Nicholas Bock and Logan Lunt placing third in A Division with a score of 19 points, while Grey Brooks and Thaddeus Bardsley posted 25 points for fifth place in B-Division. The racing was very close, with the Hornets winning a tie-breaker with Sharon to gain third place. The winds were even more shifty than usual, but prior experience on the lake may have helped our performance.

Landmark Coach Doug Walker hosted the second "North Shore Invitational", featuring eight teams from six schools, Landmark, Man-



chester, Pingree, Wayland, Winthrop, and Beverly. The racing was close and exciting on the Windward-Leeward courses, and by mid-afternoon the wind was piping up to 15-16 mph, testing the abilities of all sailors, but particularly the 7th graders,

for whom this was their first formal racing event. There were even a few capsizes, but safety boats were close, and senior team-mates literally "jumped in" to help the lighter sailors with the rescue of their over-turned boats.

The team showed real consistency. Ian Carlin and Cole Cote sailed in A-Division, scoring a string of seconds, with the Landmark star, Grant Dalton nailing first place in every race. James Donohoe and Gus Hall, our B-Division sailors, managed to rack up a string of five firsts, marred by one second. Since both teams scored a total of 19 points, the tie-breaker went to Landmark since they had one more first place finish than the Hornets.

Rounding out the effort was our second team, with Asa Bardsley and Loben Fouser in A-Division, and the B-Division sailed by James Lamb, Liem Lunt, and Madelyn Nazzaro.

It was a great weekend for the team since every available team member was able to represent Manchester-Essex on the water.



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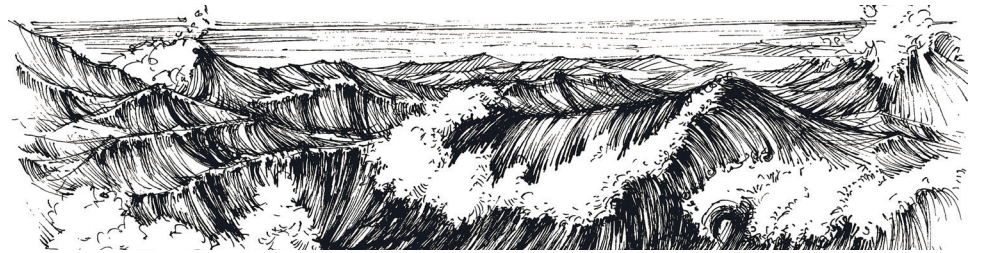
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On The Waterline

It's May and the season for getting out on the water has already started. Here are some of the big things happening for you to know about right now.



By Bion Pike
Manchester Harbormaster

Launch Operations

Thanks to everyone who voted to approve the purchase of the Manchester Mooring Launch Service at the April 24 Annual Town Meeting. As the service evolves and grows, the launch will provide an important public access opportunity for those without a boat. Stand by for future announcements of expanded service!

Launch Service will run mid-May thru October. The launch will pick you up at any town facility or if you are a Crocker Boat Yard customer, Manchester Marine customer or Manchester Boat Club member, you may be picked up at those locations. The service will be available seven days a week from 9 a.m. to sunset, and longer service will be offered on holidays and special evening events. You may reach the launch on channel VHF 68 or by calling (978) 473-0281. And, as always, reach out directly to the Harbormaster's office if you have any questions.

Safe Boating Class

An in-person Environmental Police, USCG and NASBLA certified safe boating course will be offered in Manchester this month. The course will be held from 4 - 9 p.m. on Friday, May 10 and 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Saturday, May 11. You must attend both dates. Safe

boating certificates will be issued to all students with a passing grade. Minimum class size is 10 and maximum is 60.

There are two options to complete a boating safety education course. The Massachusetts

Environmental Police offers an online Safe Boater course in addition to the traditional classroom-based education course.

Anyone going out in the boat as a passenger as well as paddle sport enthusiasts are encouraged to take this course. Safe boating isn't just for sailors and power boaters!

Safe Boating Day Manchester Yacht Club

Come to the Manchester Yacht Club on June 8th for your free safety inspection by the USCG Auxiliary! Also on tap, flair demonstrations as well as training on fire extinguishers and lifeboat inflation.

Kayak Rack Spots

Spots are available at Tuck's Point for residents. Contact the Harbormaster and secure a spot today.

Marine Mammals

A beached whale, dolphin or porpoise should be reported immediately and left alone pending further instruction. Call the NOAA 24-hour Marine Animal Hotline: (866) 755-6622. Please leave your

name and a phone number where you can be reached.

Sea turtles in our region do not typically come ashore unless they are seriously debilitated. Call the 24-hour Marine Animal Hotline: (866) 755-6622.

Seals belong on the beach. It's normal.

What should you do if you spot a seal on the beach?

Keep people and dogs 150 feet away from the seal.

Does the seal look injured or unhealthy? If so please call (866) 755-6622 or call the Harbormaster. All marine mammals are protected by the Marine Mammal Protection Act. This law makes it illegal to touch, disturb, feed or otherwise harass marine mammals without authorization.

Manchester Draw Hours Of Operation

Manchester Harbor. Effective: Tuesday, November 01, 2011 the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority Bridge at mile 1.0 in Manchester shall operate as follows:

The draw shall open from Memorial Day thru September 30 from 7 a.m. - 11 p.m.

From Memorial Day and from Oct.1 to Nov.1 from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 2-6 p.m.

At all other times, the draw shall open on signal with at least four hours of notice. Call (617) 222-6114

Towing Policy



Manchester Launch Service was successfully moved into public/town management from Manchester Mooring, a private operation, after a successful vote at Manchester's Annual Town Meeting nearly three weeks ago. Courtesy: Manchester Mooring

Manchester Harbormaster only tows those vessels that are in immediate danger or present a potential environmental hazard. Please contact a towing or salvage operator should you need to be towed.

Towing Insurance

What happens when your breakdown or run out of gas or some other unforeseen event that ruins a perfectly nice boating day? If you are lucky enough to be in an area where the community allows

towing by the harbormaster help is nearby and probably free. Many communities including Manchester do not allow towing unless there is risk to life or property involved, otherwise you will pay large sums for towing service.

It would be wise to consider the purchase of towing insurance from your insurance company, Seatow or Tow Boat US. For a reasonable rate you will potentially avoid thousands in towing fees.

Harbormaster Hours

Through the end of May, Harbormaster's office hours are Monday to Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Hours will vary depending on training, Safe Boating classes and meetings. Feel free to call before coming to the office.

Be vigilant and notify the harbormaster of any missing or off station aids to navigation. The latest Manchester Harbor Rules & Regulations are posted on the Harbormaster website.

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Pam Beaudoin, MERSD superintendent, said that was understandable but assured those at town meeting that "study" is something of a misnomer. The project would onboard an entire building team, including architects, a project manager and specialists who will deeply review and cost out all conceivable options for the EES, including renovation, changing school formats (K-2, K-5, etc.), new siting options, shutting down EES entirely, and, yes, rebuilding a new school building in its current address.

Ben Buttrick, former chair of the Finance Committee, said data is needed to determine the future of the Essex Elementary School building, and the study would provide that data. Further, he said, the Essex FinCom had supported the expenditure unanimously, and recommended residents follow suit.

"Vote 'YES' really loud," Annie Cameron, former school committee member said to the crowd in her remarks. And, whether it was in response to Cameron's plea, the vote came in loud and clear: Article 13 passed quickly, and unanimously.

So Much Zoning

It was then Lisa O'Donnell, chair of the Essex Planning Board's turn. She introduced the board's seven articles on the annual town meeting warrant regarding proposed changes to the current Essex zoning bylaw.

The Planning Board began its steady march to "recode" the Essex Town Bylaws governing land use three years ago, and have been working with the support of outside consultants at the state's Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC). The idea has been to introduce small changes and chip away shaping Essex's zoning,



Ed Neal of Western Ave. on Monday. (Photos: Paul Clark)



Antonella Muniz questioned if the MERSD FY25 budget was legal.

which until three years ago allowed permitted uses—residential, commercial, retail and industrial—anywhere. The board has been able to do this under the protection of a temporary moratorium preventing residential-to-commercial changes in use.

In the last several town meetings, the PB has successfully created Essex's first "districts"—the Downtown District, two residential districts, and the rest of Essex falls under the General District (comprised of 98% of town lands).

But Monday's ATM may have felt like a change in pace for voters. O'Donnell presented a wide-reaching series of articles taking up 22 pages in the meeting guide. She said the changes were designed to add clarity and detail to provide stronger protections for residences and businesses.

O'Donnell said the changes

are needed. So far it's been Essex's limited ability to access public sewer hookups and perks that have protected Essex from unwanted development, she said.

But these protections are tenuous. The changes to the bylaw, O'Donnell said, would "protect the character" of Essex. She emphasized that special permitting process, which allows review by the Planning Board and includes impact of neighbors, would ensure that the Essex resident have come to know and love will stay that way.

Collectively, the PB's articles addressed dimensional changes in the Essex Downtown District (Article 14); Article 15 addressed updating the purpose and intent of the town's entire zoning bylaw; Article 16 added a section unlimited and permitted uses; Article 17 added general provisions to special permits, a process reserved for uses



BOS Chair Ruth Pereen defends finding for EES planning.

that are allowable in town, but are not permitted "by right." Article 18 updated the special permit use for cell phone towers, otherwise known as personal wireless service facilities; Article 19 addressed special permit use for adult entertainment, which is protected by state law under freedom of speech laws; Article 20 added uses that required a special permit.

Ed Neal of Western Ave. disagreed with O'Donnell, strongly. He said the entire slate of Planning Board articles would irrevocably alter the very core of what makes the Essex character what it is: opportunity without meddling from local government. He said the new bylaw changes were more about the agenda to overregulate small towns by the state's Metropolitan Area Planning Council that Neal called, "the hand maiden of the (Massachusetts) Legislature."

Neal warned voters that excessive regulation would ob-

struct local small businesses like his, and it would make the Planning Board a large, powerful force that could go unchecked.

"These would be limiting to the beginning of a new business and the expansion of existing ones," Neale said. If Essex voters supported the Planning Board's articles, "we'd be cutting our own throats."

Neal's pleas fell on deaf ears. All Planning Board article passed by the required two-thirds majority, easily and without need for a recount.

Other business passed at town meeting included:

- Voters supported a series of water and sewer-related expenditures and moves, including transferring \$38,968 from the Town Septic Betterment Fund for FY25 payments to the Massachusetts Clean Water Trust to repay Community

Septic Management Program loan funds (Article 5); and raising \$1,736,539 for the FY25 contribution to the Sewer Enterprise Fund (Article 8) as well as \$870,985 for the Water Enterprise Fund (Article 10).

- \$267,537 in FY25 Community Preservation Act funds, which accrue annually from a surcharge on local real estate taxes and are matched by state money, were approved for expenditures on local projects that qualify under affordable housing, open space, recreation or historic preservation.

- Other "smaller" expenditures were all easily approved without significant discussion, including: \$86,721 to purchase a new Water and Server heavy truck; \$55,524 to replace the Essex Police Dept.'s bank of 10-year-old tasers, which are now obsolete; \$62,000 for IT/security cameras for Centennial Grove; and \$14,602 for AEDs.

- Finally, good news came in a reduction of the cost of municipal trash bags after last year's "pay as you go" pricing set at the ATM turned out to be overly conservative. "Small" trash bags (15-gallon) will now be \$2 (down from \$2.50) and "large" trash bags (33-gallon) will be \$4 (down from \$4.75). New fees are effective July 1.

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- 5. Fish of liver oil fame
- 8. *Stinging pollinator
- 11. Prefix in levorotary
- 12. *Dark home to #33 Down
- 13. Sudden growth
- 15. Like certain Steven
- 16. Symphony member
- 17. Type of feather
- 18. *Comfy seat (2 words)
- 20. Don't put these into one basket?
- 21. Full nelson is ___ wrestling ___
- 22. Santa ___, Orange County
- 23. Puts down
- 26. Et cetera (3 words)
- 30. Pen point
- 31. With signs of wear and tear
- 34. Beyond natural, in U.K.
- 35. Messes up
- 37. Chitchat
- 38. Willow twig
- 39. Evening purse
- 40. Win a race
- 42. Tucker of "Modern Family"
- 43. Army bathroom
- 45. Eucharist plates
- 47. Opposite of WSW
- 48. French composer Erik Alfred Leslie ___
- 50. "Back to the Future" antagonist
- 52. *Beatle with Wings
- 56. Poodle minus d
- 57. England's medieval royal house
- 58. Rabbit's cousin
- 59. Nymph chaser
- 60. Genealogist's creation
- 61. Blackhearted
- 62. George Gershwin's brother
- 63. "For ___ a jolly..."
- 64. It often goes with a rod

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- 1. What the Big Bad Wolf did
- 2. First name in jeans
- 3. "Pop it in the ___!"

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- 6. Roundish
- 7. Chronic wasting disease carrier
- 8. Plug for a barrel
- 9. *As opposed to urns
- 10. Pilot's estimate, acr.
- 12. Herb for treating menopausal symptoms
- 13. Shop till you drop, e.g.
- 14. *Flying stallion
- 19. "The Queen's Gambit" game
- 22. Take your pick
- 23. *Biblical Gabriel, e.g.
- 24. All plants and animals
- 25. Approximately
- 26. Shortened word, abbr.
- 27. Drink request

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Solutions on Page 11

- 28. Home to largest mammal
- 29. Socially acceptable behaviors
- 32. Malaria symptom
- 33. *Nocturnal mosquito eater
- 36. *Lightning beetle
- 38. Recording studio sign
- 40. Next to nothing
- 41. Same as intake
- 44. Reason by deduction
- 46. Restraint
- 48. Academy Award for Best Original
- 49. Chunks of 43,560 square feet
- 50. Wild hog
- 51. Itty bit
- 52. Urban legend
- 53. Part of cathedral
- 54. Great Lake
- 55. Holler
- 56. Tire meas.

Religious Notes

Cornerstone Church

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

Visitation Parish - Mass Schedule

The Visitation Parish Mass Schedule:

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

Sunday Mass - 8:30 a.m.

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

Sunday Mass - 10 a.m.

Please go to our website: www.mecatholic.org for Sacramental In-

formation as well as Parish Registration if you are new to town or looking to join a Catholic Church.

The Assumption of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church

8 Lafayette Road, Ipswich Mass.

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

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

First Parish Church

First Parish Church Manchester by the Sea - a lovely place to start your week, join us for a moving message, beautiful music and community in the center of town - Sunday worship at First Parish 10am worship leader, Rev. Katherine Schofield, music led by Dr. Herman Weiss, and the First Parish Choir

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

6:30 p.m. Trustees Meeting

Tuesday Online Bible Study, Via Zoom 4 p.m., join in with computer, smart device or dial in on a phone

from wherever you are - email of fice.fpchurch@gmail.com or call 978-526-7661 for the link

Wednesday Choir rehearsal 7:30 p.m.

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

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.

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X-Rays and Ultrasound for Pets

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By Lawrence Lamb, DVM

There are several imaging tests that are available to help me diagnose and treat diseases in my practice at the Manchester Animal Hospital. They require specialized equipment that is costly, however they are invaluable in diagnosing different kinds of disease from cancer to foreign bodies.

These tests include radiography (x-rays) and ultrasound. In some cases, even more advanced types of equipment such as CT and MRI scans, in which case I will refer to major teaching hospitals or referral clinics, where they are available and performed by specialists. As with all tests, none of them is perfect for every situation.

The following is a brief description of different types of imaging.

Radiograph/X-ray

A radiograph, commonly called an x-ray, is a black and white two-dimensional image of part of the interior of a body. An image is generated by passing radiation through a particular structure or area, such as the chest or a limb, and the image is then captured. The traditional way of recording the image is on specific x-ray film that senses how much radiation passes through the structure and reaches the film, much like photographic film captures light. The denser a tissue is (such as bone), the whiter the image is on the film. Less dense structures, such as air in the lungs, allow almost all the x-ray energy to pass through to the film, turning that area black.

In the past 10-12 years, many practices have upgraded to digital radiography. The principles are similar, but the images are captured on a digital recording device and displayed on a computer screen. No x-ray film is used. These images are easy to store as well as to transmit to other hospitals, or to copy to send home with pet owners.

Regardless of whether the images are on film or digital, radiography is the most common and readily available imaging test in vet-

erinary practice. It is used to evaluate the size and shape of organs, such as the heart and lungs, as well as to demonstrate broken bones, some foreign objects, fluid accumulations, and many more abnormalities that may aid in diagnosis. It is also the most affordable imaging test, and is most often done prior to any of the other imaging options.

Contrast Studies

There is a subcategory of x-ray studies that use contrast dyes that show up on radiographs to highlight certain structures. The most familiar of these is the barium series, in which either a liquid or a paste containing barium is given orally or by enema to a patient to highlight a part of the gastrointestinal (GI) tract. Because some objects do not show up on radiographs (such as plastic, cloth, toys, rubber, etc.), barium can help diagnose obstructions or blockages. Barium shows as bright white on radiographs, so if it reaches a certain point in the GI tract and stops abruptly, we can infer that there is something blocking its progress. Sometimes we can also see a foreign object outlined by the barium trying to get around it.

The reason it is called a barium "series" is because it's necessary to take a series of x-rays at timed intervals as the barium goes through the stomach and intestines to the large intestines. The amount of time the series must be continued depends on what is found, but it can take up to 24 hours to complete in some cases, so usually the pet is hospitalized for the day. Some patients may even need to return to the hospital the next day for follow-up.

A barium study can be done in any clinic that has radiographic equipment and liquid barium. I am frequently grateful for the digital equipment we now employ. I now have the ability to adjust the exposure of a study on a computer and not be limited to a certain number of films I may wish to take in any study.

Ultrasound (Sonogram)

Unlike radiographs, no radiation is used in an ultrasound study. An ultrasound machine uses sound waves. The ultrasound waves move out from the wand and either become absorbed into organs, pass through them, or are reflected (echo) back. Depending on how many sound waves are absorbed or reflected, an image of the internal organs is formed by a sophisticated integrated computer, and the image is then displayed on a monitor. Real-time moving images are displayed, and still images can be captured as well.

Ultrasound is painless and does not require anesthesia or even sedation in most cases. For an ultrasound evaluation to be done, the pet does need to have the hair shaved from the evaluation area because it will interfere with the images.

This test is typically done after blood tests, x-rays, or a physical examination indicates a possible problem. It is useful for evaluating abdominal organs, eyes, and the reproductive system. As with people, it can be used during pregnancies. A specific ultrasound called an echocardiogram is used to visualize the heart and blood vessels as well as its valves. However, I prefer to refer an "Echo" to a board-certified cardiologist as he will provide expert analysis of the heart study.

Ultrasound can "see" some things that can't be visualized on radiographs. For example, if the abdomen is filled with fluid, the organs can't be distinguished on traditional x-rays because fluid and tissue have the same density. However, they appear quite different from each other on an ultrasound image, so we can see through the fluid. It is also useful, for the same reason, for seeing inside an organ such as the heart or liver.

On the other hand, it is not as good at seeing through air or bone, so it does not replace radiography but rather

is complementary to the information we can get from radiographs. It is common to do both x-rays and ultrasound to get a good picture of what is going on.

As with radiography, there is also a subset of ultrasound imaging tests called contrast ultrasonography in which a material that is visible to ultrasound waves is injected as the image is being watched on the screen. These procedures are usually performed by a specialist.

Computed Axial Tomography (CAT or CT scan)

These images are white, black, and various levels of gray. Depending on how dark or light the gray is, a radiologist can see how well tissue absorbs the x-ray beam and can thus identify abnormal tissue. It can differentiate tissue and display smaller structures, such as lung nodules, better than a traditional radiograph. CT scans are helpful in a variety of areas. Some of the most common indications for a CT scan are nasal disease, brain and spinal cord disease and injury, lung disease, and urinary tract abnormalities.

Due to the high cost of the equipment, CT scans are more expensive than radiography or ultrasonography, and are usually available only in referral centers or large practices. Your veterinarian will refer a pet for CT scans when x-rays and ultrasound cannot provide a diagnostic result.



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

Solution to puzzles on page 10

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PET OF THE WEEK



Meet Patty

This 4-month-old, spayed Labrador retriever mix was rescued as a stray. Patty is a little introverted at first but with snacks and gentle pats, she'll be an absolute lovebug in no time. She's spent a lot of time in foster with other confident pups, and even a feisty cat and made fast friends. She loves her humans and will take a good cuddle session anytime. Her confidence has come a long way. Patty

would do best with a confident canine friend. As part of the Extended Stay Club, her adoption fee is reduced to help Patty find a family to call her own. Apply online today and come down to visit her during open hours at the Christopher Cutler Rich Animal Shelter, 4 Paws Lane in Gloucester. Once approved, you can find the application and more information about Patty and other animals at the shelter at <https://capeannanimalaid.org>.

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Quaker Meeting

Quakers of the North Shore worship every Sunday from 10-11 a.m. at the Glen Urquhart School: 74 Hart Street, Beverly Farms, Mass. It is an unprogrammed Quaker Meeting. There is no Pastor (or leader) save the spirit of God in and among us. Our worship is primarily silent. When a worshiper is moved, it may include a brief, spoken ministry offered in a 'spirit of worship.' Friends gather together quietly, awaiting the experience of God's presence.


People in our community hail from the traditional tribal lands of the Pawtucket and Massachusetts now called Manchester, Gloucester, Beverly, Ipswich, Rockport, Salem, Lynn and Marblehead. Whether you have worshiped in other Quaker (Friends) Meetings or not, we welcome you to join us. If you are new to Quakers, someone will be happy to talk with you and answer any questions you may have. Send an email to: northshorequaker@gmail.com. First Day School, our Children's Program, consists of forest walks near the Glen Urquhart School led by Jessica Kagle from the Kestrel Foundation. Blessings To You

PUBLIC NOTICE


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Public Hearing Notice to be Published on or before 5/10/24
The Town of Manchester Department of Public Works requests the Commission make a decision regarding a Notice of Intent for replacing two undersized generators and elevating the generator platforms to increase flood resilience within the Riverfront Area and Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage at 10 Central Street and 12 School Street.
This request will be discussed at a VIRTUAL meeting on Monday, May 20 at 6:30 p.m. and will be reviewed under the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act (MGL Chapter 131, Section 40) and/or the Manchester General Wetlands Bylaw.
MNPA website: <http://masspublicnotices.org/>
May 10, 2023 MC

PUBLIC NOTICE


Town Hall
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Manchester-by-the-Sea, MA, 01944
SELECT BOARD

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
The Select Board will hold a hybrid public hearing on May 20, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. for the discussion and possible decision on the removal of the following trees:
• Between 6-8 Bridge Street: 10" Pin Oak
• 49 School Street: 24" Pin Oak
• 1 Highwood Road: 24" Pine
• 59 Forest Street: 30" Choke Cherry
• 95 Pleasant Street: 20" Sugar Maple
Public Comment is welcome. For more information see the agenda on the Town website.
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May 10, 2024 MC
May 17, 2024 MC

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PLANNING BOARD
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
The Planning Board of the Town of Manchester-by-the-Sea will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, May 28, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

Location: This is a Hybrid meeting. The Planning Board will meet in Room 5, Town Hall. Applicants, Presenters, and Public are welcome to join the Board in Room 5.

New Application
Application of Old Quarry, LLC (c/o Mark B. Glovsky), for Special Permit and Site Plan Review as required under Section 4.2.D.19 and Sections 12.5 and 12.6 of

the Zoning By-Law to construct a 260,000 square foot Office and Research and Development facility, with a parking garage and surface parking totaling 535 spaces, and other associated site improvements on a 41.4 +/- acre parcel located at 2 Atwater Ave., Assessor's Map 37, Lot No. 7 and 8, in the LCD Zoning District filed with the Town Clerk on January 18, 2024.
Zoom information will be available on the Town website prior to the meeting.
Gail Hunter, Admin Planning Board
Posted to MNPA website: [http://masspublicnotices.org.](http://masspublicnotices.org/)
May 10, 2024 MC
May 17, 2024 MC

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
36 Federal Street
Salem, MA 01970

CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME
Docket No. ES24C0133CA

In the matter of: Nicolo Bruno Maximus Patota.

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Nicolo Bruno Maximus Patota of Manchester MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: Nicolo Bruno Maximus Rerisi-Patota.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
Any person may appear for

purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Essex, probate and Family Court before 10 a.m. on the return day of 06/03/2024.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding.

WITNESS, Hon. Frances M. Giordano, First Justice of this Court.

Date: April 25, 2024

Pamela A Casey O'Brien, Register of Probate

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BEVERLY

\$1,200,000 | Joel Margolis
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HAMILTON

\$930,000 | Cricket Sperry
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GLOUCESTER

\$920,000 | Ann Olivo & Rick Marshall
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