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BRIEFLY

RWB Pancake Breakfast: Volunteers Needed!

The Manchester Essex Rotary Club is starting early this year with its call for volunteers for the Red, White & Blue Pancake Breakfast the Saturday, June 29 at Tuck's Point. This is a cherished annual tradition that goes back 34 years! The community breakfast, with pancakes (with blueberries, strawberries and whipped cream, delivering the "R/W/B" in the name), bacon and eggs at Manchester's idyllic public park. All proceeds go to charity. Contact planeman2003@msn.com to sign up!

Manchester Fireman's Relief Annual Service and Meeting

The Memorial Service and annual meeting of the Manchester Fireman's Relief Association will be held on Tuesday, June 4 at 6 p.m. The memorial service will take place at the Memorial Lot on Rosedale Avenue. Firefighters and members of the public are asked to be on-site prior to 6 p.m. for the service to be led by Chaplain David Forsythe. Respects will be paid to firefighters who have passed. All firefighters active and retired are invited to the ceremony. Following the service, the annual meeting will be held at the fire station led by President James Doucette. This meeting will be important for the future of the organization, and organizers encourage all to attend.



Out & About 2024 is Here!

Our annual summer Cape Ann season preview is here. This was a labor of love, and features what's new in music (and the area's deep heritage in music), eateries, perfect local days, Cape Ann Pride, and Schooner Fest's 40th anniversary. Just check out this cover photo of a perfect dive at Rockport's Steel Derrick quarry by renowned photographer Michael Prince. Amazing!

Crib Addicts Week 7

Results for Week 7 of Cribbage (a.k.a. "Crib Addicts") at the Manchester American Legion are in. This week, it was David Slade ("Mr. Dominant") in the lead. Following him was Harry Parsons, Stephen Chabot, Heather MacDonald, Ted Cakounes, Michela Hirnak, Jim Chabot, John Bubrowski, Billy Bell, Clem Courcy, Bob Torkildsen, Joan Snow, Tina Lattassa, Karen Rieck, Paul Clark, Ben Conway, Annette Mackin, and Mark Wadleigh. The group meets every Tuesday at 6 p.m., and all skills are welcome.

Golden Hornet

Think of the MERSD teachers, coaches, and staff who inspired and supported our students. Say thank you with a Golden Hornet! With a \$10 donation to the Spaulding Education Fund, your honoree will receive a Golden Hornet pin, a personalized badge, and a certificate of gratitude. Donations fund future Spaulding grants to MERSD faculty, staff, and students. Golden Hornets can be dedicated online until May 24 or at the Middle/High School entrance from May 21-24 before school. They will be delivered the week of May 27.



HIT THE STREET! Last Friday it was time for that annual rite of passage, the "Hit the Street for Little Feet" as a parent teacher organization fundraiser. Seen here is the start of the race for the youngster groups, blasting through the starting line at Manchester Memorial School. (Photo: Erika Brown)

Locals Honor Sacrifice, Freedom on Memorial Day

By Desada Sadiku

As Memorial Day approaches, locals veteran groups have set their agendas for ceremonies and parades in Manchester and Essex. The day holds deep significance, serving as a reminder of the bravery exhibited by countless soldiers throughout history.

The very first Memorial Day in the United States was actually celebrated as "Decoration Day" in 1868 in Arlington, VA in the years following the Civil War. By 1897, when Rev. Brady delivered his remarks to commemorate the Robert Gould Shaw Memorial in the Boston Common in honor of the country's first Black fighting units to serve in the Civil War.

"I am very glad to be here, because I admire this custom of getting together on Memorial Day to look over the past and express our



gratitude to the men who died that we might survive," he said that Memorial Day.

Those words echo the collective sentiment felt on Memorial Day, formalized in 1970 as a national holiday, a day steeped in tradition and solemn reflection.

Manchester: Service, New Parade Route

There will be some chang-

es this year for Manchester residents celebrating Memorial Day locally, according to Alan Kirker of the American Legion Post 113. The services will be familiar. The parade route has changed slightly.

First, the morning Water-side Service at Legion Post: assembly at 8:45 a.m., and the service will start at 9 a.m.

"I am very glad to be here, because I admire this custom of getting together on Memorial Day to look over the past and express our gratitude to the men who died that we might survive."
Rev. James D. Brady, D.D., 1897

Immediately following the service at the Legion, the traditional parade will form next to the Honor Roll and following that, the parade route continues along School Street to Rosedale Avenue to the GAR Cemetery Lot at the entrance of Rosedale Cemetery for a service.

The main service will be conducted at the Legion Lot at Rosedale Cemetery.

Father Paul Flammia from

Visitation Parish - St. John the Baptist and Sacred Heart Church will be the keynote speaker.

After the service, the parade continues, with the lineup on Pleasant Street Extension. The route will proceed to Hinckley Memorial, at the corner of School and Pleasant Streets. Following the march down from School Street to Union Cemetery.

The parade will leave Union Cemetery to go down to School Street and back to the Legion.

Essex: 11 a.m. Ceremony at Memorial Park

In the Town of Essex, Monday's Memorial Day service is scheduled for an 11 a.m. start at Memorial Park next to Town Hall. There will be one or two speakers serving as keynotes, and the Manchester Essex Regional High School Band is set to perform.

The Essex Veteran Association has organized a color guard, honor guard/firing squad, and will lead the laying of flowers at the memorial stones in the park. Everyone is welcome.

STATE HOUSE NEWS

Surtax Collections On Pace To Double Estimates

Rodrigues Expects Debate Next Year On Allocating More Than \$1 Billion

By Chris Lisinski

Beacon Hill spent most of the past year in hand-wringing mode over the state's finances as tax revenues sagged month after month and new costs exploded, but lawmakers might soon have hundreds of millions of dollars in extra cash available for education and transportation.

Massachusetts has collected about \$1.8 billion from a voter-approved surtax on the state's highest earners through the first nine months of the fiscal year, the Department of Revenue said Monday in a quarterly report.

That's more than \$800 million more than what the Legislature and Gov. Maura Healey planned to spend in surtax revenue for all of fiscal year 2024, raising the possibility of a sizable pot that will land in an Education and Transportation Reserve Fund and the Education and Transportation Innovation and Capital



Massachusetts Senate Ways and Means Chairman Michael Rodrigues briefs the press on his committee's fiscal 2025 budget proposal on Tuesday, May 7, 2024. Photo: Sam Doran, SHNS

Fund, both surtax-specific accounts, once the books close. Senate budget chief Michael Rodrigues said he looks forward to "discussion next year when the time comes" about how lawmakers should divvy up above-expectation surtax collections, which must be used on education and transportation needs under the constitutional amendment that voters approved in 2022.

"We're not going to know for sure until the comptrol-

ler determines it in December, but we are on track to see excess 'Fair Share' revenues in the \$800 [million] to \$1 billion range," Rodrigues said during remarks on the fiscal 2025 budget on the Senate floor. "Those dollars, as I said earlier, will be statutorily deposited into a reserve fund for use by all of us to appropriate at a future time into one-time capital investments into education and transportation."

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Weekly Weather Chart

Saturday 25 May		71°	58°
Sunday 26 May		72°	62°
Monday 27 May		64°	56°
Tuesday 28 May		60°	53°
Wednesday 29 May		56°	53°
Thursday 30 May		56°	52°
Friday 31 May		56°	52°

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.

Memorial Day
 Monday, May 27
 Town Halls Closed
 No School

MERSD
 Baccalaureate
 Thursday, May 30
 Starts at 6 p.m.

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MANCHESTER POLICE NOTES

SUNDAY, MAY 12

1:34 a.m. Beach St., suspicious activity, spoken to.
1:04 p.m. Pine St., disturbance, spoken to.
6:11 p.m. Central St., suspicious activity, other.
9:53 p.m. Summer St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

MONDAY, MAY 13

9:10 a.m. Route 128NB, traffic hazard, notification made.
10:06 a.m. Tuck's Point Rd., citizen assist, assisted as needed.
4:46 p.m. School St., disabled motor vehicle, assisted as needed.
6:11 p.m. Summer St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

TUESDAY, MAY 14

2:16 a.m. Pine St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.
12:36 p.m. Summer St., suspicious activity, spoken to.
3:50 p.m. Knight Circle, motor vehicle crash, no action



taken. 9:57 p.m. Summer St., motor vehicle stop, written warning.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15

8:14 a.m. Lincoln St., community policing, assisted as

needed. 5:15 p.m. Pine St., motor vehicle stop, written warning. 5:29 p.m. Pine St., motor vehicle stop, written warning. 8:47 p.m. Forest St., parking complaint, citation issued.

THURSDAY, MAY 16

1:39 a.m. Harbor St., selective enforcement, assisted as needed. 9:40 a.m. Bridge St., fire alarm, fire false. 11:53 a.m. Highland Ave., citizen assist, assisted as needed. 6:23 p.m. School St., motor vehicle stop, written warning.

FRIDAY, MAY 17

7:24 a.m. Spy Rock Hill, noise complaint, spoken to. 7:40 a.m. Union St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning. 12:15 p.m. Pine St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning. 4:52 p.m. Pine St., motor vehicle stop, written warning.

SATURDAY, MAY 18

8:00 a.m. Sea St., traffic hazard, assisted as needed. 9:09 a.m. Pine St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning. 11:24 a.m. Central St., disturbance, report to follow. 5:15 p.m. Pine St., motor vehicle stop, written warning.

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Manchester-by-the-Sea 4th of July Parade Seeks Nominations



Community Star Award/Parade Leader Would be Someone Who Goes "Above and Beyond"

MBTS 4th of July Parade Community Star is an award that recognizes a business, community organization or an individual in Manchester-by-the-Sea that has gone above and beyond to build better community relationships, and/or improve the quality of life for our community.

The recipient will have the honor of leading the 4th of July Parade.

Nomination and selection process:

- Anyone may submit a nomination for the Community Star award to the Manchester-by-the-Sea 4th of July Committee. (fourthofjuly@manchester.ma.us or to the Parks and Recreation Office in Town Hall) Before June 6th please.
- Nominations must clearly document why the individual should be considered for this award.
- The award is intended to be a rare recognition. The committee will try to give

it to a different group or individual each year.

- The Manchester-by-the-Sea 4th of July Committee will review and select the Community Star recipient.

Award Criteria:

- Substantive participation on committees, working groups and community groups.
- Contributions considered to have had an impact on the community.

- In addition, the Manchester-by-the-Sea 4th of July Committee will also look for evidence that supports the breadth of the community engagement.
- No committee member shall be nominated.

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Volunteers Essential to Local Governance

By Gregory T. Federspiel

Your town government is highly dependent on residents volunteering to serve on a wide array of local boards and committees. Nearly 200 residents serve on 28 boards and committees ranging from the Affordable Housing Trust to the Zoning Board of Appeals. While no one is getting rich monetarily - everyone who serves, including elected officials, does so without any pay - volunteers universally express the satisfaction they get from contributing to town affairs.

Volunteers do essential work that helps ensure the smooth delivery of municipal services. Some of our boards have a quasi-judicial role. That is, they review applications and issue legally binding decisions. Included here is the Conservation Commission, the Zoning Board of Appeals, and the Historic District Commission. Some committees are advisory to the Select Board. Examples include the Downtown Improvement Committee, the Sustainability Committee, and the Finance Committee. Still others provide guidance to specific departments like the Parks and Recreation Committee, the Harbor Advisory Committee, and the Council on Aging.

The Town's Annual Report (available digitally on-line or in hardcopy at Town Hall) contains a summary of the activity for the past calendar year for each board and committee. The report also lists who is on what board or committee and when their term expires. Often a volunteer will serve for multiple terms. The Town does



not have term limits and there are plenty of people who have served for 9, 12, or more years, but the Select Board encourages new applications for positions that have been held by the same person for 6 years or more.

This past Monday was the last meeting for Becky Jaques as a Select Board member. After serving six years on the Board and over seven years on the Planning Board before that Becky decided not to run for another term. Becky was thanked warmly by her fellow Select Board members as well as residents in attendance at the meeting. Despite the challenges serving on a board or committee can present, Becky expressed real appreciation for the opportunity to serve the town and how enriching the experience has been.

Each June the terms expire for a subset of all appointments. Current appointees may ask to be reappointed and new applicants may step forward. The Select Board will be making over 30 appointments at their June 17th meeting. A list of the boards and committees needing appointments can be found on the Town's website. Also, to

be found is the volunteer application form. Any resident interested in volunteering to serve on a board or committee is strongly encouraged to fill out the form and send it in to the Select Board's Office.

The Select Board typically conducts brief interviews of new applicants to help understand what is motivating the person to serve and to make sure the applicant is a good fit for a particular board or committee. Once appointed, the new member takes an oath of office administered by the Town Clerk and is given various materials including a copy of the Town's volunteer handbook and materials pertaining to the state ethics rules and open meeting law. A short on-line training provided by the state on these two topics is made available as well.

With the large number of volunteer positions the Town has, new applicants are almost always needed. Take a look at the current openings and see if there is a slot that interests you. Hopefully there is and you will feel inspired to step forward to help Manchester continue to be a great community.



BOARD UPDATES

Memorial Day Hours: Town Hall will be closed on Monday, May 27 in observance of Memorial Day. All trash, recycling, and compost collection will be delayed by one day.

Singing Beach Opening: Singing Beach opens for the season on Saturday, May 25 at 9 a.m. and will be open weekends only from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. until June 17 when it opens seven days a week.

Planning Board Meeting: The Planning Board will meet on Tuesday, May 28 at 6:30 p.m. to reopen the Cell Signaling Technology application after a brief hiatus. Meeting details can be found on the Town website.

MBTA Zoning Meeting: The MBTA Zoning Task Force and Planning Board will meet on Thursday, May 30 at 6:30 p.m. to finalize proposed MBTA zoning language to send to the State for a preview. Meeting details can be found on the Town website.

Board of Health Vacancy: The Board of Health is seeking to fill a vacancy 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.

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

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

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Marianne Smith Elected to Massachusetts Bankers Association Board of Directors



Cape Ann Savings Bank President Marianne Smith has been elected to the 20-member Board of Directors of the Massachusetts Bankers Association.

Smith is the first female president of the 178-year-old community bank, and the MBA made its announcement following its May Annual Meeting.

"As a dynamic industry, it is essential that the Association have perspectives of banking leaders like Marianne who provide expertise and experience that enable us to achieve our priorities of providing exceptional resources, advocacy ... (Continued on page 5)

WHAT WAS HAPPENING

90 YEARS AGO - 1934

Calderwood's boatyard as usual at this season of the year is one of the busiest places in town and a crew of workmen is busy getting a large fleet of pleasure craft out of storage and ready to go into the water.

A roadway is being built from Beach Street to the Town Landing and it is being joined by a diagonal path. The tree which obscured the view of the War Memorial Statue on Masconomo Park has been removed.

75 YEARS AGO - 1949

Less than 60 people availed themselves of the rare opportunity afforded by the Manchester Regional High School Committee to hear two experts discuss the pros and cons of the regional situation, Monday evening at Legion Hall. Both speakers made excellent presentations as they brought out the salient points on the sides they discussed.

Truly one of the most attractive fairs ever to be held in Manchester was the Parent-Teacher Association's Tulip Festival, held Wednesday afternoon at the playground, amidst a galaxy of color.

60 YEARS AGO - 1964

Lightning struck the home of Dr. and Mrs. Arthur P. Rob-

erts of Spy Rock Hill during the peak of Tuesday night's thunderstorm. Neighbors reported that the lightning may have hit the Roberts' house on three sides. The ledge on which the house rests cracked and one of the corner posts of the house was damaged.

Don Budge of California, one of the world's all-time great men tennis players, will be on hand Sunday at 11 a.m. to help officially dedicate the new Manchester Tennis Courts.

45 YEARS AGO - 1979

Francis L. Flately of 23 Lincoln Street was one of 100 Suffolk University Law School alumni admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court in a special admissions session in Washington, DC, May 14.

Mrs. Gloria Landry and Miss Lynn Olsen's Year II classes are studying the Ocean. Last week we visited White Beach for sea treasures. This week the classes created art projects with the sea treasures.

30 YEARS AGO - 1994

The new Town flagpole will be dedicated on Monday, May 30th Memorial Day as part of the Town's normal Memorial Day activities. Over 60 generous individuals and organizations

have donated funds to help the Town reach its goals of \$8,000 to replace the existing rotted wooden flagpole with a new fiberglass pole.

Manchester Boy's doubles had an outstanding season with an over-all record of 13 wins and no losses, making them undefeated in the Cape Ann League. To add to their honors, both teams were selected as All-League players of the Cape Ann League.

15 YEARS AGO - 2009

A sincere thanks goes out to all the individuals who turned out to make the Manchester Community Center's Sixth Annual Community Cleanup a huge success. Over 120 volunteers of all ages joined the effort to pick up garbage all over town.

With the effort of a group of ski loving parents and kids from Manchester and Essex, the foundations of a new Alpine Ski Racing Team are beginning to take root at Manchester Essex Regional High School. With winter sports teams at MERHS currently limited to basketball and indoor track, and a co-op hockey program with Rockport that only has a small number of MERHS participants, these parents and kids plan to create a Hornets Alpine Ski Racing Team.

Tides & Sun Chart For The Week Ahead

DATE	HIGH				LOW				☀️	
	AM	FT	PM	FT	AM	FT	PM	FT	RISE	SET
24 Fri	12:17	9.9	1:02	8.6	7:06	0.3	7:12	1.5	5:10	8:09
25 Sat	12:56	10.1	1:43	8.7	7:51	0.2	7:57	1.5	5:09	8:10
26 Sun	1:38	10.2	2:26	8.7	8:37	0.1	8:44	1.4	5:09	8:11
27 Mon	2:23	10.2	3:12	8.8	9:23	0.0	9:32	1.3	5:08	8:12
28 Tue	3:13	10.2	4:01	9.0	10:12	0.1	10:24	1.2	5:07	8:12
29 Wed	4:06	10.2	4:53	9.1	11:02	0.1	11:18	1.1	5:07	8:13
30 Thu	5:03	10.0	5:48	9.3	11:54	0.2			5:06	8:14

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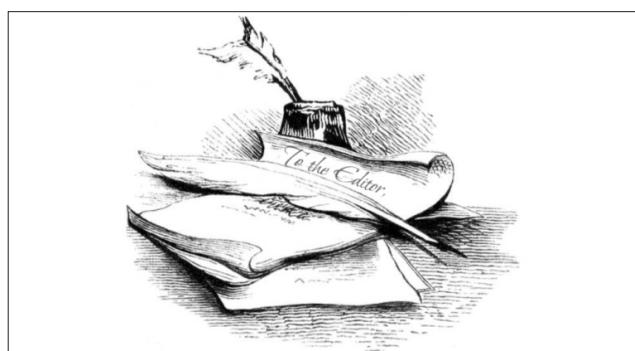
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To the Readers of The Manchester Cricket

Two of the most important phrases in any language are please and thank you.

Late fall and early winter last year brother knights of Knights of Columbus Masconomo Council 1232 -- Manchester by the Sea, said please and asked for warm winter coats for those in need. Residents of Manchester and Essex responded generously and donated 360 coats to be distributed to shelters throughout Cape Ann and the North Shore.

Late winter and early spring the knights again said

please and asked for the donation of pairs of socks for the Council's annual socks drive to benefit the homeless who are desperately in need of clean, warm socks. Again, the residents of Manchester and Essex replied with overwhelming generosity to the knights' outreach and provided 1,160 pairs of socks -- athletic socks, Argyll socks, solid socks, striped socks, all sorts of socks. These were also distributed to shelters on Cape Ann, the North Shore, and as far away as Boston.

Now the knights say thank you to all those who contributed to both drives. Each year you amaze us. You help us make a difference. Thank you.

Stephen Kuhn

Grand Knight, Knights of Columbus, Masconomo Council 1232, Manchester

Remember on Memorial Day: The American Flag Unites

I am writing in hopes this letter will hit all Americans who want to see this country unite as we always have. Can we agree that our country needs help?

If so, let's work together by taking down the flags that divide us, AND rise the ONE and only flag that can UNITE us. The American flag!

On Memorial Day, Monday, May 27, I implore all Americans to rise their American

flag and keep it up through these great American Holidays to show our patriotism.

Can we forget our differences, and focus on the love of this magical little town, the kind neighbors, wonderful shops, beautiful beaches, and all things magical from MBTS?

Let's join together as this town was meant to be. And rise our beautiful, one of a kind American Flag!

Thank you, Betsy Ross! And God Bless America.

Sincerely,

Kimberly Kahan
Manchester

LIBRARY NEWS



MBTS Reads 2024: Book Group: "A City on Mars: Can we Settle Space, Should we Settle Space and Have we Really Thought This Through?"

Friday, May 24 from 4-5 p.m. Earth is not well. The promise of starting life anew somewhere far, far away--no climate change, no war, no Twitter--beckons, and settling the stars finally seems within our grasp. Kelly and Zach Weinersmith set out to write the essential guide to a glorious future of space settlements, but after years of research, they aren't so sure it's a good idea. "A City on Mars" investigates perhaps the biggest questions humanity will ever ask itself--whether and how to become

multiplanetary.

MBTS Reads 2024: Explore Mars with NASA Ambassador

Wednesday, May 29 from 5-6 p.m. Discover more about the planet Mars. "Astronauts" will experience a hands-on sensory experience of Mars and spend time experiencing/playing with the tools of the Mars Exploration Program (rovers, landers, and other activities). This is an all-ages program. Attendees are encouraged to come dressed like astronauts (gloves, hat or helmet, and thick puffy coat). Registration is required.

Hearthside Book Group
Tuesday, June 4 from 4-5

p.m. We will discuss selections of your choice from "Dinner With The President: Food, Politics, and a History of Breaking Bread at the White House" by Alex Prud'homme. A sumptuous narrative history of presidential food--from Washington starving at Valley Forge to Trump's well-done steaks with ketchup--from the co-author of "My Life in France"

Author Kelly Weinersmith discusses "City on Mars"

Tuesday, May 28 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Kelly will be discussing her newest book at the annual meeting of the Friends of the Library. This event will be held at the First Parish Church Community Hall. Please register so we

know how much food and drinks to provide.

So You Want to be a Host Family (Virtual)

Tuesday, June 4 from 7-8 p.m. AFS Intercultural Programs USA is an international youth exchange organization. This hour-long webinar will cover what is required of hosts, the process for connecting hosts to students, the support available for host families and how to apply. There will be plenty of time for questions at the end and host families and students will be available to answer them.

Digital Advice Appointments on Monday and Drop In on Friday

Register for a dedicated session Mondays at 12 noon or 12:30 p.m. or drop in on most Fridays between 3-4 p.m. We have guidance for easy to moderate tech issues. Please bring your device, charger and any passwords associated with your device or project. This is a program to offer one-on-one instruction on how to better utilize your technology, we cannot do a tech project for you and certain issues will be outside of our digital expertise.

Mindfulness Meditation at the First Parish Church Meeting Room

Every Tuesday from 11 a.m.-12 noon in the teen loft with Alida Bryant. Beginners and experienced meditators are welcome. There will be guided meditation, some silence, and discussion. Please register if this is your first time coming to this program. We need either an email or a phone number in case we need to cancel or change venues.

Book Donations

Help support the annual book sale on the library lawn during Festival by the Sea on August 3. Please donate books you no longer want but are in good enough shape that you would buy them. Our collection location is MERHS, not the library. Drop off on Saturday, June 15 from 9 a.m.-12 noon.

Manchester Reads 2024

This May discover the universe together with a space-themed Manchester Reads. Check out books, programs for all ages, crafts and even a telescope.

MBTS Library Renovation: Ask the Director

Tuesdays beginning from 11 a.m.-12 noon. The MBTS Library is in the process of applying for grant funding to reno-



vate and expand the library. The Library Director will hold open table hours each Tuesday in the library. Drop in to ask questions and learn more about the project.

Shut Up and Write (Virtual)

Every Thursday from 10:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Join a community of writers and artists on Zoom who just want to write. Come any time. No need to share, no need to critique or be critiqued.

MPL Children's Events:

Summer Storytime

Wednesday's starting June 5 from 10:30-11:15 a.m. Ages 0-3, this program runs through September.

Celebrate You Storytime and Craft

Saturday, June 8 from 2:30-3:30 p.m., ages 5-8. Do you feel like a princess, a robot, or a baseball champ? Wear whatever outfit or costume that reflects the real you inside and join Miss Audrey for a storytime and craft. Register online.

Graphic Novel Club

Wednesday, May 29 from 4-4:45 p.m. Ages 4-7. We meet once a month to explore new and new-to-you graphic novels with friends, snacks, and activities. We will be discussing "Red's Planet" by Eddie Pittman. Registration

is required.

News and Events for Teens and Young Adults:

Teen Book Group

Thursday, May 30 from 4-5 p.m. Teens, come on by to grab some pizza and talk about Matthew J. Kirby's novel "Star Splitter". It's our YA pick for the library's space-themed Manchester Reads event, going on all this month. The pitch: Near-future travelers get from point A on Earth to point B in deep space by running themselves through a 3D printer. What could possibly go wrong? Please register.

One Up Games

Saturday, June 5 from 1-3 p.m. One Up Games takes over the library. Playstation, Xbox, Switch, LED mini-golf. Be here teens!

Wicked Good Henna on Early Release Day

Wednesday, June 5 from 1-3 p.m. Grades 6-12. Stop by to get a splash of sweet body decoration courtesy of library fave Mandy Roberge, and grab some ice cream too. No registration required for this one, just come on by after early release.

Library Closed Memorial Day

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

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Summerstage Auditions are Here!

This week we held auditions for the 52nd year of Manchester Summerstage / Show and we are so excited to have our dream team back, Director: Eric Vendt, Music Director: Janet Glasser, Choreographer: Eve Poliskey and so many talented kids auditioning!



Brigid Carovillano receives an academic award, the Suffolk University Book Award, at the MERHS Awards and Scholarships Ceremony on Monday evening in the MERHS auditorium. (Photos: Kris McGinn)



Manchester Essex Regional High School Guidance Counselor Beverly Low receives an award at MERHS Awards and Scholarship night. Low said, "I was one of three staff members to be recognized with the Class of 2024 yearbook dedication. Very big honor for me - I am so fond of this group of seniors." Congratulations Bev Low!



Members of the troupe performing in Alien.



Kit Carpenter and Antonia Vivanco in Alien.



The cast acting in the play The Quest of Charles.

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Last weekend, YMCA of the North Shore and MERMS presented a Young Artists Festival at the MERHS auditorium. 6 10-minute plays were performed by members of the MERMS. The plays were written and directed by the following students: The Extra-Ordinary Life of an Extraordinary Alien, Annabelle Kerivan; The Quest of Charles, Calvin Lee; Shivers Down My Spine, Scarlett Z. Chobanian; Little Girl, Maya Khan; My Very Best Enemy, Kit Carpenter; and, Don't Worry by Antonia Vivanco.

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and thought leadership for our members, strengthening them as they serve their clients and communities, according to MBA's President and CEO Kathleen Murphy. "The market knowledge that Marianne brings enables the Association to anticipate and respond to emerging banking needs and trends that help our members as they serve a very large consumer and business footprint across the Commonwealth."

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Hornets' Nest Report



Hayden Spencer pulls in a pop fly in right field in a game against Essex Tech at Sweeney Park.

Photos Paul Clark

SOFTBALL:

The Hornets started the week with a 9-3 win at Ipswich! Penelope Riggs doubled twice and was 3-4 with 3 RBI's. Anna Gardner was 3-4 including a double and triple with 2 RBI's. Abby Aiello was 3-3 with a double and triple. Freshman Cate Vendt hit a triple! Anna went the distance for the win.

Hornets then came out Wednesday taking a big lead early against Rockport, and finished the game strong taking a 15-1 win. Anna Gardner was 2-3 with 4RBIs and scored three times. Abby Aiello was 2-3 with an RBI and scored twice. Penelope Riggs, Celia Mann, Sydney Hemme, Samantha Brigham, and Katie Crompton all contributed with hits. Anna went the distance for the win.

The Hornets were in a 2-1 game with a very good Essex Tech team heading into the seventh inning, but a bad inning led to a tough loss. The Hornets gave up six runs in the seventh to lose 8-1. The offensive highlight was Penelope Riggs hitting a solo homerun in the sixth. Celia Mann, Sydney Hemme, and Katie Crompton contributed with hits. Congratulations to Senior Captains, Morgan Laspesa and Celia Mann who celebrated their senior night



Matteo Sarmanian steals second base during a Senior Day against Triton.

with their families and teammates on Friday.

BOYS LACROSSE:

The Manchester Essex boys' lacrosse team went 3-0 for the second week in a row. Victories over Hamilton Wenham, North Reading, and Lynnfield now puts the Hornets tied for first in the Baker Division with Lynnfield, sitting at 8-2 in the CAL.

Hornets have three remaining contests on the schedule, all CAL matchups this week. Monday they will travel to

Amesbury, Wednesday we host Newburyport on Senior Night, and travel to Essex Tech Friday to conclude the regular season schedule.

GIRLS TENNIS:

Hornets girls' tennis had yet another big week, opening with consecutive 5-0 wins over Triton and Amesbury and punctuating it with another massive 3-2 win over Hamilton-Wenham, the #1 team in the D4 power rankings. The Hornets earned victories through Sienna

Crocker at 3rd singles, Grace Scarbrough / Sarah Cort at 1st doubles, and Emily Parkins / Mackay Brooks at 2nd doubles. After great matches from Grayson Crocker and Nina Zalosh at 1st and 2nd singles, the match ultimately came down to a long, 7-6 third set at second doubles that was ultimately won by Parkins / Brooks 10-8 in a tiebreaker. Incredible team effort!

This week, the Hornets wrap up the regular season with a home match on senior

day against D1 power Andover and a final match away at Pentucket on Wednesday. The team will then await the release of the final power rankings and the tournament bracket.

BASEBALL:

Rockport 11
ME 9

Matt McKenna was 3-4 with an RBI and 2 runs scored. Kevin McKenna went 2-4 with 2 Doubles and 2 RBI's. Parker Woodman had 2 hits and 2 RBI's.

Ross Edelstein had 2 hits and an RBI. Nick Glass went 2-3 with an RBI. Connor St. Laurent had a sacrifice fly.

Essex Tech 7

ME 0

Troy Flood was 2-3 and Kevin Heim went 1 for 2 with a stolen base. Chris Heim pitched 2 scoreless innings.

Triton 5

ME 0

Matteo Sarmanian pitched a great game only letting up 2 earned runs in the loss. Matt McKenna had the lone hit.

Congratulations to Seniors Matteo Sarmanian, Troy Flood, Matt McKenna, Kevin McKenna, and Ross Edelstein who celebrated their Senior Day with their teammates and families Saturday morning.

BOYS TENNIS:

It was a phenomenal week for the Manchester Essex boys' tennis program going 3-0 and ending the week with a 4-1 win over CAL Baker rival Hamilton Wenham and a share of the CAL Baker league title! Earlier in the week, the Hornets defeated both Amesbury and Ipswich 5-0 to set the stage for the CAL Baker title showdown with the Generals. The boys had played Hamilton Wenham earlier in the season and came out on the shorter end of a 2-3 defeat with four of the five matches being three set contests. This Saturday, the Hornets came to play and flipped the script on two of the matches to earn the 4-1 win and a co-CAL Baker championship title. At first singles, Jack Cummins defeated the extremely talented General's one singles Eloise impressively in straight sets 6-3, 6-3 after having lost to

him in a three-set battle previously in the season. In another turn, Charlie Virden played on another level to dispatch the General's two 6-0, 6-1 after having beaten him in a hard fought three set battle in the earlier encounter. In the Third singles position, with all the pressure on him, Jan Vytopil earned the final point to seal the victory with his straight set win over a talented three from Hamilton Wenham. The first doubles tandem of Finn Birkeland and Jack Lawler battled and lost in three sets to the undefeated HW first doubles duo, while the second doubles team of Sander Breuker and Charlie Langendorf flipped their previous three set loss, and won in three sets to give the Hornets the 4-1 match victory. With each team winning a match against the other, the two Baker teams tie for the title and also set up a State Tournament Semifinal matchup if the seeding holds and both teams advance that far. This week the regular season finishes up with a non-league match versus Swampscott and the senior day matchup versus Pentucket.

GIRLS LACROSSE:

The Manchester Essex girls' lacrosse team had an impressive week, securing three wins and improving their overall record to 11-3-0. Let's break down their victories: On Tuesday, the Hornets faced Hamilton Wenham for the second time this season. Despite a strong offensive effort from the Generals, the Hornets prevailed, outscoring their opponent 12-8. It was a battle of the Hornets as Manchester Essex took on North Reading on Thursday. Manchester dominated the game, posting 14 goals and allowing only 4. Finally, on Friday, May 17th, on senior night, Manchester hosted the Lynnfield Pioneers. The Hornets celebrated seniors Mechi O'Neil, Ella Chafe, Gabbi D'Andrea, and Lucy O'Flynn. Despite Lynnfield's efforts to upset them, Manchester Essex emerged victorious with a 7-4 win. This successful week added three more Cape Ann League wins to the Hornets' record. Next week, they'll face Newburyport and Essex Tech, aiming for two final regular-season victories.



Girls lacrosse seniors with their parents and families on Senior Night at Hyland Field. Left to right; Ella Chafe, Lucy O'Flynn, Gabbi D'Andrea and Mechi O'Neil. Photo Paul Clark



Seniors honored their parents for their support on Senior Day at the Memorial School tennis courts. Left to right; Mackay Brooks, Kate Bappe, Emily Parkins, Sienna Crocker and Grayson Crocker. Photo Paul Clark

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ME Softball & Baseball Keep Postseason Hopes Alive

By Jason Brisbois

Even before the first postseason game has been scheduled, an air of playoff level, win-or-go-home intensity hovers above both the local baseball and softball teams.

Manchester Essex Regional High School's "diamond" teams began this week in contention for a postseason berth and needing to continue to perform well over the final three contests of the season in order to qualify for the MIAA Div. 4 Tournament. After the season is over and the dust has settled, the top 32 teams in the final Div. 4 Power Rankings qualify for the tourney regardless of final record.

The baseball team started the week ranked 30th overall in the power rankings with a 5-12 record. The Hornets' final regular season gauntlet included a pair of away games against Georgetown (May 21) and Winthrop (May 24, 4:30 p.m.), as well as a home game against Bishop Fenwick in Memorial Park on May 25 (9 a.m.) closes out the regular season. Being so close to the 32-team threshold in the rankings should compel the Hornets to go all-in during these final few contests.

"We have a long shot, but the kids are working hard to try and get in the tourney,"



Morgan Laspesa and Celia Mann 2024 Hornet seniors on Senior Day at Sweeney Park. (Photos Paul Clark)



Baseball Seniors on Senior Day with their families; Matteo Sarmanian, Troy Flood, Kevin McKenna, Matthew McKenna and Ross Edelstein.

says Manchester Essex baseball coach BJ Week, adding, "This week will determine our fate."

The softball team, meanwhile, began the week with the opportunity to get to .500, boasting a 7-10 record with remaining matchups scheduled against Triton on May 20, Cristo Rey Boston at Sweeney Park on May 21 (4:30 p.m.) and at Georgetown on May 24 (4 p.m., Penn Brook School). Starting the week ranked 27th in the Div. 4 Power Rankings, the

Hornets needed to continue to perform well to remain under that Top-32 threshold.

"We want to play tough with Triton," explains Manchester Essex softball coach Frank Sarro. "We need to play our game and take care of our business with Cristo Rey. Georgetown is a highly rated team. If we play good defense and hit our spots with timely hitting, we should be in a position to win it. Sarro adds: "We're grateful to be in this position with a great chance to qualify for the postseason. A lot of teams wish they were in our position, so I'm stressing to the team we can't take this opportunity for granted."

To accomplish this, the softball team is looking to cut down on errors and avoid letting those errors snowball. A recent example is Manchester Essex's loss to Essex Tech on May 17, a game that was 2-1 heading into the seventh inning, an inning in which the Hornets allowed six runs.

"We need to finish games and maintain our focus throughout," says Sarro.

"We are 7-10 and play three games in a row now to finish the regular season. We need to hit our spots, play good defense, and get some timely hitting." The softball team was initially scheduled to play all three of those games over the span of three days to start the week before the Georgetown game was moved to Friday, easing the challenge a bit for the Hornets.

"We start with Triton who is the highest rated team in our conference, then Cristo Rey who we have already beaten once, and then Georgetown who we lost to in a close one earlier in the year," says Sarro.

While the defense is still a work in progress, improved hitting has helped the softball team to find success this season, including a pair of wins over Ipswich and Rockport last week.

"We had two huge wins against Ipswich and Rockport earlier last week on Monday and Wednesday," explains Sarro. "You could feel the energy especially at Ipswich because it was their senior night. I think we all understood the importance of these two games to our tourney goal. We had great timely hitting, aggressive baserunning, and overall played good defense."

For the baseball team, the team's work on the mound has helped it to find success in 2024. Similar to the softball team, being able to maintain a consistent level of play has plagued the ME baseball squad as well.

"We have pitched overall pretty good," explains Weed. "We are competing in all our games, but just falling short at the end."

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ESSEX ECHO.

Town Administrator's Report

Board of Selectmen's Meeting of May 20;
Report covers from May 4, 2024 to May 17

Annual Sign-off on Town Policies

The Town Administrator (TA) will soon send to all employees my annual prompting for employees to review all Town policies and to acknowledge each applicable policy. Acknowledgement forms will be provided to all paid employees with employee paychecks and unpaid employees will be prompted by their board or committee chairs. Signed acknowledgements are due by the end of July.

Pre-bid Site Visit for Public Water Supply Well Improvement Project

The TA attended the subject site visit on May 8, 2024 as part of the bid process for the subject project. As the Board may recall, this project was bid earlier this year but none of the bids were within the Town's available budget (funding is coming from the Town's American Rescue Plan Act - ARPA allotment). The scope of the project was pared down for this second bid attempt. Filed sub-bids for the project are due on May 20, 2024, with general bids due on May 28, 2024. The Board will consider awarding a contract to the successful bidder at its meeting of June 10, 2024.

Bid Results for Public Safety Facility Repair Project

Filed sub-bids for the subject project were opened on May 8, 2024, with General bids due on May 15, 2024. The Town received a total of one filed sub-bid for roofing (\$561,000) and NO general bids. It is not possible to move forward with the

project without at least one general bid and the roofing pricing is not favorable as compared to our engineer's estimate, anyway. Options for the future include: a) going back out to bid, for the roofing work, siding work, or both, or b) possibly just addressing the roof after it reaches its normal service life and looking at other roofing systems at that time, giving attention only to the siding issues at this time. If the project is to go back out to bid (whether for just for the siding issues or for both the roofing and the siding issues combined), that effort should probably take place early in 2025, when contractors will be looking to take on new work for the season. If the roof is not to be addressed until it reaches its normal service life, the project could actually be kept open in order to deal with any premature functional problems.

Centennial Grove Security Camera and Server Contract

After the Annual Town Meeting voted to appropriate funding for new security cameras at the Centennial Grove and for the replacement of the video server in the police station, the TA reviewed our project requirements on-site with a vendor on the State Contract (Ockers). Prior to Town Meeting, we had already received pricing from BBS Tech (the company that currently maintains the police station cameras and video recorder). Ockers may have more favorable pricing than BBS for the same scope of work and should be able to provide its own quote by meeting time. We had also requested pricing from the vendor that installed the fiber optic spur out to the Grove (Comm-Tract) but that

vendor declined to provide a quotation.

Landscaping and Maintenance of Downtown Areas

At the last meeting, the Board conditionally agreed on the scope of services that the Town should seek from a landscaping contractor over the coming growing season for landscaping and maintenance in the downtown area. The final scope was to be subject to input from the Board of Public Works on whether the Department of Public Works could take on some additional tasks (which would then not have to be included in the contracted scope of work). The Board of Public Works is considering these additional tasks at its meeting of May 20, 2024 (concurrent with the present Selectmen's meeting) and, once I have that Board's answers, the TA will seek competitive quotes for the work.

Essex River Dredging Update

The US Army Corps of Engineers provided an update on the Essex River dredging project during the week of May 6, 2024. As the Board may recall, the project was put on hold pending additional funding after an initial project bid attempt came in well over the authorized project budget. The Corps had been seeking the necessary additional funding and we learned on May 15, 2024 that the funding has been secured. Also, the Corps has reduced the scope of the project somewhat in order to reduce costs further. Specifically, the new scope of work will leave up to 3.5 inches of material untouched in some areas (providing a total dredge depth of 3.7 feet versus 4 feet in those areas). The Corps also decided to stick with a single dredging

season, instead of possibly breaking the project up over two seasons - since breaking it up was estimated to cost an additional \$1.5M in added mobilization costs. Dredging work that the three private marinas would like the Federal dredging contractor to undertake while the contractor is dredging the Federal channel will be made known to all project bidders using a Request for Information (RFI) document developed by the marinas.

Third-Party Ambulance Billing Agreement Renewal

Our third-party ambulance billing contract is considered on an annual basis. Our present vendor, Comstar, has provided excellent service and has developed a successor agreement for fiscal year 2025. The Fire Chief concurs with this course of action.

Possible Convening of a Regional Cable Advisory Committee

Every 10 years, starting about three years out from the expiration date of the Cable Television Franchise Agreement between Essex and Comcast, a Cable Advisory Committee (CAC) is formed to work through a cable-related needs analysis known as the "ascertainment process". For the past two cycles, the four Cape Ann communities have used a Regional CAC to work through this process, with individual contracts signed between Comcast and each community at the conclusion of the process. The present Agreement expires on June 30, 2027 and the ascertainment process usually begins about three years prior to contract expiration. The TA has reached out to the three other Cape Ann communities about the possible use

LIBRARY NEWS

T.O.H.P. Burnha
Public Library



Library Closed

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

Root Beer Float

Thursday, June 13 from 1-3 p.m. on the library lawn for all ages. Children entering grades 1-6 may register for the Summer Reading Challenge.

Community Book Group

Monday, June 24 at 10 a.m. Come by for a discussion of "Summer Stage" by Meg Moore.

Mystery Take & Make Craft

Children Age 4 and older register for a surprise craft to make at home. Pick up your kit the week of May 20-25th.

Healthy Eating Habits Workshop

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

Regional Social Worker

Wednesdays, 9 a.m.-12 noon 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, MAY 13

8:44 a.m. Southern Ave., suspicious activity, notification made. 2:37 p.m. Story St., male fall, patient refusal. 5:32 p.m. John Wise Ave., animal complaint, assisted as needed. 9:28 p.m. Main St., directed patrol, secured/checked.

TUESDAY, MAY 14

7:32 a.m. Chebacco Terrace, male sick, transported to hospital. 3:13 p.m. Pickering St., property check, secured/checked. 5:30 p.m. John Wise Ave., citizen assist, spoken to. 11:00 p.m. Bay Road, agency assist, assisted as needed.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15

10:10 a.m. Southern Ave., disabled motor vehicle, secured/checked. 1:40 p.m. John Wise Ave., animal complaint, other. 5:08 p.m. Story St., directed patrol, secured/checked. 10:01 p.m. Conomo Point Rd., directed patrol, secured/checked.

THURSDAY, MAY 16

10:25 a.m. Forest Ave., police investigation/follow up, other. 2:41 p.m. Main St., directed patrol, secured/checked. 5:17 p.m. Harry Homans Drive, citizen assist, assisted as needed. 10:46 p.m. Centennial Grove Rd., suspicious activity, spoken to.

FRIDAY, MAY 17

9:04 a.m. Spring St., directed patrol, secured/checked. 11:12 a.m. Western Ave., citizen assist, assisted as needed. 5:11 p.m. Martin St., selective enforcement, secured/checked. 8:34 p.m. Scotts Way, directed patrol, secured/checked.

SATURDAY, MAY 18

12:18 a.m. Centennial Grove Rd., suspicious activity, spoken to. 10:07 a.m. Martin St., male with abdominal pain, transported to hospital. 4:07 p.m. Centennial Grove Rd., male with trauma and injury, patient refusal. 10:27 p.m. John Wise Ave., suspicious activity, secured/checked.

SUNDAY, MAY 19

1:00 a.m. Story St., directed patrol, secured/checked. 1:17 a.m. John Wise Ave., selective enforcement, no action taken. 2:02 a.m. Island Rd., directed patrol, secured/checked. 6:34 a.m. Centennial Grove Rd., directed patrol, secured/checked.



Shave to Save 2024 at The James last week! Below, Dawn Burnham, one of the founders of Shave to Save that has raised more than \$70,000 for St. Jude's cancer research since it was started, has her head shaved.

Photos Kris McGinn

Shave to Save 10th Year

in all it was a beautiful gathering for a great cause.



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While the pitching has been strong, there have been other bright spots this season for the Hornets.

"Troy Flood has had a great offensive season thus far hitting .430 right now with five homeruns," says Weed. "Kevin Mckenna is hitting .400 for us and playing a great centerfield."

The softball team has benefitted from positive contributions from key players as well. "Anna Gardner has handled most of the pitching duties, and is leading the team in all offensive categories," explains Sarro. "Abby Aiello, Penelope Riggs and Katie Crompton are heating

This Monday, May 20 local barbers and hairdressers set up shop outside the newly opened The James in Essex to get down to business! The business at hand was to shave the heads of all willing participants in the annual Shave to Save event to raise money for St. Jude's Hospital. This year had, as always, a great turn out. Scott Broderick

looked on as his two children Elizabeth and Brenden helped to shave heads. Scott shared that they lost his wife to cancer last July. He noted how proud he was of his kids for participating. As always, Dawn Burnham was organizing and just being generally wonderful. A group of local musicians played inside while the shaving happened out front, all

up at the plate. Katie's been playing well at second, and Celia Mann has played well at third. Cami Friedrich has been great behind the plate and has been an unsung hero for us. It's a grind back there."

The grind of the regular season, however, is about to end. This week is a make-or-break week for the Manchester Essex softball and baseball squads, and will determine whether or not they keep playing in the weeks to come. "The games this week will define our season and the kids are focused to compete in every game," says Weed.

Essex Locals

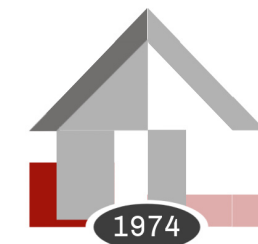
115 Years Ago - 1909

Two deer were seen on the Choate farm at Choate Island one day last week. The animals were quite tame, on the approach of human beings they walked slowly away. They were quite pretty.

90 Years Ago - 1934

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Grange held an all-day meeting at their rooms Tuesday serving a covered dish supper at noon.

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Postcards Home: A New Way for a New Yorker to see New York

By Larry Lamb

Once a New Yorker, always a New Yorker.

I grew up in and around New York City. I also ran a veterinary practice in NYC and lived in Manhattan for several years. Over the years and decades of living in New England, I have had an opportunity to visit and considered myself well acquainted and prepared.

On thing I believe about New Yorkers: there's something in our blood that loves the diversity. That's what is great about Manhattan. Its monumental architectural achievements, and access to so many cultural opportunities, gives you this.

A recent veterinary convention was being held in the city and I thought, "Why not visit the former capital of New York as a tourist?" My inner voice was right. I had one of the most delightful visits I have ever had.

Let me take you step-by-step on this journey, which is remarkable and within reach.

First of all, I took a flight from Boston to JFK, in the "newly rebuilt" La Guardia Airport. I suggest pre-booking a cab ride into Manhattan, as I find it much less stressful than getting an Uber. A driver will meet you at the airport and will take you anywhere. You can also take the subway. On the other hand, ground transportation can cost you an arm and a leg. So, I broke from my typical cab thought to myself, "Why not do something different this time?"

I took the Big Bus, double-decker, "hop on-hop off" mode of sightseeing. Yes, that's correct: I took the preferred transport of tourists in Manhattan. As a native New Yorker, I can tell you, it's worth it.

The bus drive took me to places that might not have been part of my itinerary, other than the "Javits Center," where the convention was held. First stop was "Times Square." This is a place that would be easily avoidable if not for the Theater District. It is extraordinarily crowded with tourists, many of whom are speaking a foreign language. It is gaudy and something of a spectacle, but it's also one which should be seen. The top of a double decker bus is a perfect vantage point.

Stopping by Soho ("South of Houston St.," for non-New Yorkers), I was fascinated by how this area has gone through a pretty profound gentrification. However, it does incorporate many high-end shopping opportunities, many good galleries and some fairly amusing people watching, especially from outdoor cafes on nice days. My restaurant suggestion is named "Bathazar" and is only a half a block from the bus stop. It is a large French Bistro with a very toney bar scene and good food.

Another must-stop would be the "World Trade Center". There is a museum to visit, however, I find the part of the



The Statue of Liberty draws tourists all day every day, and for good reason; she is spectacular.



New York is truly full of never-ending surprises.

Every time I thought that I was well acquainted and prepared, there would be something to prove me otherwise. There is something in your blood that loves the diversity.

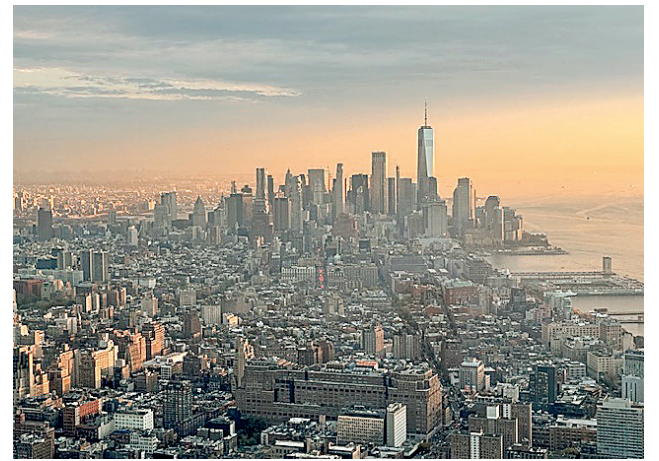
memorial that represents the area that the second building stood to be absolutely awe inspiring. In the place where

the buildings stood is a fountain that begins at ground level and goes down a great depth into the ground. Water flows over the rim and travels into the depths. Surrounding this memorial are the names of those who perished engraved in marble.

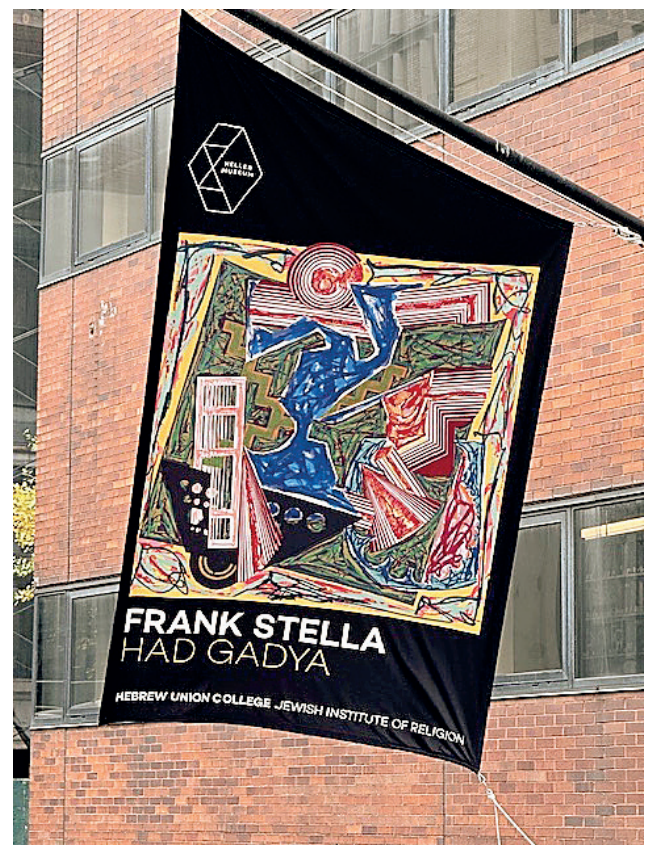
If however, you are a person that loves shopping, then "Hudson Yards" is the perfect place for you. This is an area on the west side of Manhattan that was once the railroad yards and has now been built into a luxury shopping area. Of special interest here is an exhibit called The Edge. It is at the top of the tallest building in the complex and has amazing views of Manhattan

in an outcropping from the top of the building. There is a multimedia exhibit which is shown in the elevators on the way up which is a great way to see the history of NYC delineated in a multimedia presentation.

And of course, "Metropolitan Museum of Art." To me this is the granddaddy of Art Museums demonstrating the amazing achievements of humankind through the ages. My favorites are the renaissance, the Roman and Greek Periods of grandeur and so much more. One piece of advice I just recent garnered is getting a guide. The museum can feel overwhelming in its



One can go back again and again, only to find a new city each time just waiting to be discovered.



Art, art, and more art. You could visit a museum a day and go all year. Photos: Larry Lamb

vastness and a guide can diminish any anxiety involved in where to go inside the MET.

The sightseeing doesn't end here. The bus will take you downtown, where you will be able to see the famous "Statue of Liberty," "Circle Line Sightseeing," "Air & Space Museum," and uptown, where you will be able to visit "Museum of Modern Arts," "Central Park Zoo," etc.

Overall, words cannot describe the experience, the moments, or the feelings that New York City gives you. Of course, New York is infinite ... as infinite as you want it to be. Just make sure you add the pleasure of delicious, diverse, culinary opportunities that are unique to NYC, and it will be perfect. However, be mindful of NYC pizza, as you might find yourself eating fewer meals out. Yeah, it can get a bit addicting. Can you blame New York though? From the above, you can guess I LOVE NEW YORK!

If you want to see Manhattan the way I did, on the Big Bus, here's what you'll see. I've bolded the stops I hopped off at to check out:

Going Downtown

- Times Square:** 42nd Street. Bryant Park, Broadway District et al. See a show
- Koreatown:** 5th Avenue

and W 32nd. Empire State Building, Macy's and Herald Square

- Soho:** Broadway and Spring St. Shopping in Soho, Art Galleries, Restaurants and The Museum of Ice Cream
- Chinatown and Little Italy:** Lafayette and Walker St. Eating in Chinatown and Little Italy
- Brooklyn Bridge:** Park Row and Beekman St. Brooklyn Bridge
- Statue Of Liberty/Battery Park:** Statue of Liberty, Staten Island Ferry
- World Trade Center:** Church St and Vesey St. One World Observatory, 9/11 Memorial & Museum
- Hudson Yards:** 12th Ave & 30th St. Hudson Yards, Edge, High Line
- Circle Line Sightseeing:** 12th Ave between 40th and 41st St. Circle Line Cruise, Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum.

Going Uptown

- Museum of Modern Art / Rockefeller Center:** 7th Ave and 53rd St
- St. Patrick's Cathedral:** 49th St and Lexington Ave, Grand Central Terminal
- Metropolitan Museum of Art:** The MET, Central Park
- Central Park Zoo:** 5th Ave & 66th St
- Columbus Circle:** Lincoln Center
- Carnegie Hall:** 7th Ave and 57th St

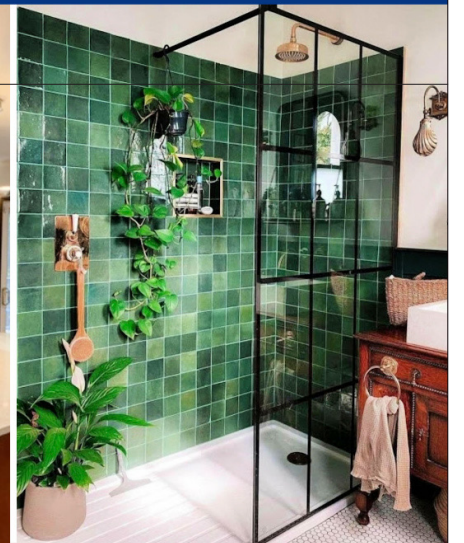


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Rocky Neck Art Colony Taps Elizabeth Carey, Former Head of Discover Gloucester, as Its CEO

At the head of the summer season, the Rocky Neck Art Colony (RNAC) has appointed Elizabeth Carey as its new Chief Executive Officer (CEO).



Elizabeth brings with her a wealth of experience and a proven track record of success in the fields of marketing, tourism, and destination management. From 2016 to 2022, she served as the Executive Director of Discover Gloucester, where she played a pivotal role in promoting Gloucester as a premier visitor destination. Elizabeth's strategic plans and collaborative approach resulted

in increased tourism, heightened visitor spending, and expanded market share for Gloucester. Such initiatives include "Re-Discover

Gloucester, be a tourist in your own backyard" (during COVID) and the inspiration of "Culture Splash," a collaborative campaign that integrates Gloucester's two cultural districts.

As CEO of RNAC, Elizabeth will leverage her strategic vision, organizational management experience, and passion for the arts to further enhance the organization's mission of supporting and promoting the arts in the Rocky Neck community and beyond.

Headquartered in a renovated 150-year-old former chapel, RNAC

today encompasses more than 300 members who make and appreciate art. The organization runs galleries in the Cultural Center at Rocky Neck (6 Wonson St), at Cove (37 Rocky Neck Ave) as well as partnering at the Salted Cod Arthouse (53 Rocky Neck Ave.).

Member galleries are strung along the streets of Rocky Neck, from East Main to Madfish Wharf. President of the Board Janice Brand says, "Those of us who have worked with Elizabeth over the past months have been impressed by her can-do attitude, energy, Gloucester con-

nections and positivity. She is up for the challenge of this new role at Rocky Neck, and we are eager for her leadership."

Prior to her role at Discover Gloucester, Elizabeth held various leadership positions, including Vice President of Sales & Marketing at Attract China LLC, Sales & Marketing Manager at Boston Tea Party Ships & Museum, and Regional Vice President for the WHERE Hawaii Market at Morris Visitor Publications. Her extensive background in promoting travel destinations and fostering partnerships with businesses and community stakeholders has equipped her with the skills and insights necessary to lead RNAC into its next phase of growth and development.

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"We will not have any problems identifying those," he added. "As we all know, those are two areas of immense need."

The latest DOR quarterly surtax report -- which Rodrigues described during Senate proceedings as something "literally hot off the press" -- represents welcome news for Beacon Hill budget-writers who had been feeling the heat for months.

State tax collections lagged behind projections for most of fiscal year 2024, even after Healey implemented new controls that included the first mid-year spending cuts since 2016. The tax haul in April then beat expectations by a wide margin, providing a new jolt of optimism even as officials warned that the tax dollars might not translate one-to-one into the annual state budget.

Now, DOR's third-quarter report gives an even clearer indication that Beacon Hill is bringing in far more money from the voter-approved 4

percent surtax on personal income above \$1 million than the agreed-upon estimate, which Rodrigues described as "very conservative."

"This is exciting because it's the first concrete numbers we have seen showing that 'Fair Share' revenue is coming in far above the initial projections," said Andrew Farnitano, a spokesperson for the Raise Up Massachusetts campaign that spent years pushing for the surtax. "These numbers show that the commonwealth collected nearly \$2 billion in that year already, with a few months to go. What that means is there will be even more money available to spend on the critical transportation and public education needs that Massachusetts has."

Better-than-budgeted surtax collections would not work the same way as a more traditional tax revenue surplus.

Under a framework built into the fiscal 2024 state

budget, any surtax revenues above the budgeted threshold get split between two destinations. Fifteen percent of the overage is deposited into a savings account, set aside to maintain investments if surtax collections drop down the line, and the other 85 percent goes into an "Education and Transportation Innovation and Capital Fund."

Money in that latter fund must be spent on one-time investments "including, but not limited to, pay-go capital" or one-time projects "related to quality public education and affordable public colleges and universities and for the repair and maintenance of roads, bridges and public transportation," as the Massachusetts Taxpayers Foundation laid out last year.

If fiscal year 2024 ends with \$1.839 billion in total surtax collections -- a figure that could change in the final three months of the cycle -- about \$125 million would go to the reserve savings fund and \$713 million would be-

come available for one-time projects.

Unlike traditional budget surpluses, which must be allocated in a timely way, there's no ticking clock attached to excess surtax collections, and it's not clear when or how lawmakers would move to carve up the funding.

"I'm happy to learn it looks like we are going to have significant dollars in order to make investments in much-needed capital for both education and transportation," Rodrigues said. "I look forward to that discussion next year when the time comes."

Beacon Hill will have plenty of options for a supplemental surtax spending spree, and education and transportation advocates are likely to roll out their pitches early. The MBTA, for example, is facing a massive operating budget gap in the coming years, and its leaders estimate it would cost nearly \$25 billion to repair all parts of the system not in a state of good repair.

In 2022, voters approved the surtax, which was supported by Gov. Maura Healey, by a margin of 52.3 percent to 47.7 percent after years of effort by a coalition of labor groups, educators and other advocates.

Opponents contend that the higher tax rate on income above \$1 million will push wealthy residents to other states, chipping away at the tax base.

"Whatever short term financial benefit the state will receive from the income surtax will be outweighed by the long term negative effect this tax is having on the state," said Paul Craney, a spokesperson for the right-leaning Massachusetts Fiscal Alliance. "It's chasing out high income earners and making the decision very easy for taxpayers who are regularly impacted by this tax to domicile in more tax friendly states."

Lawmakers and the Healey administration expect to have about \$1.3 billion in

surtax revenue -- less than the state collected in the first nine months of fiscal 2024 -- to use in the entire fiscal 2025 budget.

In fact, their surtax forecast stands in contrast to all other tax collections, which they expect to decline.

"We are in unusual times where we see the state revenue collections are on a roller coaster," Senate Minority Leader Bruce Tarr told reporters Monday.

Senators introduced their version of the \$57.9 billion spending plan Monday. Rodrigues said the last two months of state revenue collections suggest "our fiscal situation might be stabilizing."

"It's still a rocky road," the Westport Democrat said, soon adding, "But I am confident that we have finally figured out the new normal of where we are building our FY25 budget off of and we will build future budget bills off in the future."

State House News

CALENDAR YEAR 2023 WATER SUPPLY # 3092000 TOWN OF ESSEX WATER DEPARTMENT 44 CENTENNIAL GROVE ROAD, ESSEX, MA 01929

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THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSIONERS MEET AT THE ESSEX WATER FILTRATION PLANT ON THE FIRST AND THIRD MONDAYS OF EACH MONTH AT 6:00 PM

The Town of Essex' water is supplied by three gravel packed wells, one on Centennial Grove Road and two on Harry Homans Drive. All of the water is treated at the Essex Water Filtration Plant at 44 Centennial Grove Road.

Essex' water supply is protected by an Overlay Protection Zone which is enforced by the Essex Board of Health.

The Town of Essex has been granted monitoring waivers for Synthetic Organic Compounds (SOC's) and Inorganic Compounds (IOC's) due to the consistent quality of the results of our sampling. No detects have been found in previous monitoring.

The Essex Water Department was not in violation of DEP/EPA requirements for this time period.

Definitions:

Maximum Contamination Level Goal (MCLG): The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

Maximum Contamination Level (MCL): The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Action Level (AL): The concentration of a contaminant that, if exceeded, triggers Treatment or other requirements, which a water system must follow.

90th Percentile: Out of every 10 homes, 9 were below this level.

Secondary Maximum Contaminant Level (SMCL) These standards are developed to protect the aesthetic qualities of drinking water and are not health based.

EPA: United States Environmental Protection Agency

DEP: Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection

Health information:

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. However, some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immunocompromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their healthcare providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800) 426-4791

Lead and Copper

"If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. The Town of Essex Water Department is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>."

Sodium

Is a naturally occurring common element found in soil and water. It is necessary for the normal functioning of regulating fluids in the human systems. Some people, however, have difficulty regulating fluid volume as a result of several diseases, including congestive heart failure, kidney failure and hypertension. The guideline of 20mg/L for sodium represents a level in water that physicians and sodium sensitive individuals should be aware of in cases where sodium exposures are being carefully controlled. For additional information, contact your health care provider, your local board of health or the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Bureau of Environmental Health Assessment at (617) 624-5757

For level of detected contaminants see attached Appendix A

Treatment information:

The Town of Essex has been fluoridating its drinking water since the early 1950's and continues this practice following EPA/DEP/DPH guidelines. From 1985 to present, the Essex Water Department has received numerous awards from the Massachusetts Dental Society for outstanding efforts in providing Community Water Fluoridation.

In 1982, the Essex Water Filtration Plant went online to mitigate iron, manganese, taste and odor problems.

These items are controlled, the water is then disinfected with chlorine, and the PH adjusted to prevent corrosion in the system. The pH adjustment has helped to control lead and copper leaching from plumbing systems.

Certification:

I Jason Federico, hereby certify and attest that the information contained in this annual Consumer Confidence Report is accurate and correct to the best of my knowledge. I further certify that I have either made this Consumer Confidence Report available for public inspection or have distributed copies to all users of the Essex Water system in accordance with 40 CFR.141-142. Any intentional deception or misinformation represented in this report may be cited as a violation of State and U.S. EPA National Primary Drinking Water Rules.

Signed Jason Federico:

Dated: 5/20/2024

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Sources of Drinking Water:

Sources of drinking water (both tap and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and in some cases radioactive material and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or human activity.

Contaminants in Source Water

Microbial Contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife.

Inorganic Contaminants, such as salts and metals can be naturally-occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial, or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining and farming.

Pesticides and Herbicides, may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and residential uses.

Organic Chemical Contaminants, include synthetic and volatile organic chemicals that are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems.

Radioactive Contaminants can be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

Contact EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline for more information about contaminants and potential health effects; and EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants: (800) 426-4791

EPA and FDA Regulations:

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water that must provide the same protection for public health.

Backflow/Cross Connections

If you have any questions refer to web site: <http://www.essexma.org/water-department>

APPENDIX A

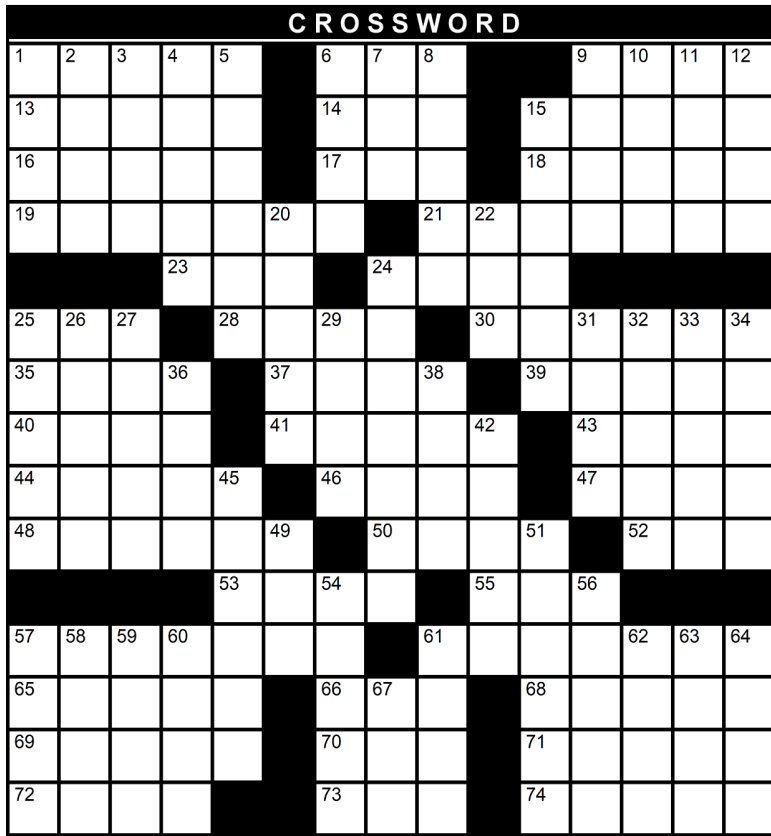
	MCLG	MCL	Highest Level Detected	Date Tested	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Copper 90th percentile	1.3ppm	1.3ppm	.630ppm .594ppm	6/6/23	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems. Erosion of natural deposits. Leaching from wood preservatives. No site exceeded the action level.
Lead 90th percentile	0	15ppb	ND ND	6/6/23	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems. Erosion of natural deposits. No site exceeded the action level.
Tap water samples were collected from 10 sample sites throughout the community						
Regulated Contaminant						
Total						
Trihalomethanes [TTHM'S]	0	80ppb	35.08ppb 45.09ppb	8/1/23 8/1/23	No No	By-product of drinking water chlorination Site Location # 002 By-product of drinking water chlorination Site Location # 140
Haloacetic Acids [HAA5'S]	0	60ppb	7.4ppb 3.1ppb	8/1/23 8/1/23	No No	By-product of drinking water chlorination Site Location # 002 By-product of drinking water chlorination Site Location # 140
Chlorine (Total)	4ppm	4ppm	1.21ppm	7/1/23	No	Water additive used to control microbes
Fluoride	4ppm	4ppm	1.1ppm	6/11/23	No	Water additive which promotes strong teeth. Erosion of natural deposits. Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
Nitrate	10ppm	10ppm	.27ppm	4/12/23	No	Runoff from fertilizer use. Leaching from septic tanks, sewage. Erosion of natural deposits.
Radionuclide Radium - 228	5pCi/L	5pCi/L	ND	7/26/23	No	Erosion of natural deposits.
Turbidity (NTU)	NA	TT	.44NTU	6/3/23	No	Soil runoff
Perchlorate	NA	2.0	ND	7/20/23	No	Rocket propellents, fireworks, munitions, flares and blasting agents
PFAS	20ppt	20ppt	3.10ppt	10/13/23	No	Are a group of man-made chemicals that have been manufactured and used by a variety of industries since 1940
Secondary						
Sodium	NA	NA	26.3ppm	7/20/21	NA	Erosion of natural deposits and road salt.
Iron (Total)	NA	0.3ppm	.062ppm	12/16/23	NA	Natural sources, road salt, by product of treatment process. No exceedance
*Manganese (Total)	NA	0.05ppm	.110ppm	11/7/23	NA	Leaching from natural deposits. Yes exceedance
* EPA has established a lifetime health advisory (HA) of 300 ppb for manganese to protect against concerns of potential neurological effects, and a one-day and 10-day HA of 1000 ppb for acute exposure.						
Unregulated Contaminant						
Chloroform	NA	NA	1.6ppb	4/12/23	NA	Sample annually - By-product of drinking water disinfection
Bromodichloromethane	NA	NA	3.3ppb	4/12/23	NA	Sample annually - By-product of drinking water disinfection
Chlorodibromomethane	NA	NA	3.1ppb	4/12/23	NA	Sample annually - By-product of drinking water disinfection
ppm= parts per million or milligrams per liter (mg/l)						
ppb= parts per billion or micrograms per liter (ug/L)						
pCi/L = picocuries per liter (measure of radioactivity)						
TT= treatment technique - A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water						
ND= no detection						
NTU= (nephelometric turbidity units) measurement of clarity, or turbidity of water						
NA= not applicable						
						No high/low range
						Sample annually - By-product of drinking water disinfection
						Sample annually - By-product of drinking water disinfection
						Sample annually - By-product of drinking water disinfection
						Qtr Testing 100' tap at water plant:
						Manganese
						(Waiver) 0.031ppm 7/13/2023

Puzzle

THEME: AT THE THEATER

ACROSS

1. Bottomless pit
 6. Paper or plastic one
 9. Mercantile establishment
 13. *Ticket agent's cubicle
 14. Kimono sash
 15. Cautious gambler
 16. Tidal bore
 17. ___-been
 18. Get together
 19. *Movie preview
 21. *Daytime attraction
 23. Rubber substitute
 24. 1960s ___ boots
 25. Good times
 28. No problem
 30. *Box ___
 35. Deli side
 37. Jerk, in Yiddish
 39. Cell dweller
 40. *Common theater admonition
 41. Blows a horn
 43. Be inclined
 44. Community spirit
 46. Stuff for sale, sing.
 47. Not manual
 48. *Traveling entertainer's helper
 50. Cutting tools
 52. "Reap what you ___"
 53. Sail holder
 55. Ostrich-like bird
 57. *Snack in a tub
 61. *Blast from the past venue
 65. Bulb in produce aisle
 66. Zoo's Primate House inhabitant
 68. Telephone company portman-teau
 69. Like an uncomfortable mattress
 70. Not in good health
 71. Alleviated
 72. Law school prerequisite, acr.
 73. Sodium hydroxide
 74. Musher's ride, pl.
- DOWN**
1. Drive a getaway car, e.g.
 2. Wild swine
 3. Vinyasa workout
 4. Landing road
 5. Put on hold
 6. Physicist Niels
 7. Lawyers' grp.
 8. Contraption
 9. Adjective for #9 Across
 10. Blood-related
 11. Network of nerves
 12. Standing pose in #3 Down
 15. Postpone (2 words)
 20. E-wallet content
 22. Don McLean: "A long, long time ___"
 24. Simone Biles, e.g.
 25. *Theater guide
 26. Mickey Mouse's pet
 27. Alexander, for short
 29. *Opera or movie
 31. Sheep's milk cheese
 32. Intestinal obstruction
 33. What contortion and contour have in common
 34. Furnish with a fund
 36. Who would
 38. Creole cuisine staple
 42. Waste conduit
 45. Bribery, to a church official
 49. ENT's first concern?
 51. Afflicts with a blow
 54. Symbol of slowness
 56. Relating to uvea
 57. Gallup's inquiry
 58. Burden
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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 - Sat-

urday Vigil Mass - 5 p.m.

Sunday Mass - 10 a.m.

Please go to our website: www.mecatholic.org for Sacramental Information as well as Parish Registration if you are new to town or looking to join a Catholic Church.

The Assumption of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church

8 Lafayette Road, Ipswich Mass.

Church services, with Father Christopher Kolentas, are held each Sun-

day.

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 10 a.m. worship leader, "Gone, But

Not Forgotten" guest minister, Rev. Dr. David VanArsdale, music led by Dr. Herman Weiss, and the First Parish Choir.

Monday Memorial Day NO Friends of the COA Senior Drop in 10 a.m.-12 noon.

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

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Even Good Dogs Have Bad Days



By Lawrence Lamb, DVM (NAPSI)—If you are or care for a dog owner, here's a statistic you do not want to be part of: More than 5,300 Postal Service employees were attacked by dogs while delivering the mail last year. To keep its workers safe, the USPS offers dog owners advice during the annual National Dog Bite Awareness Week, Sunday, June 4, through Saturday, June 10. This year's theme is "Even good dogs have bad days."

Pet Owners Can Help Support Safe Mail Delivery

Many attacks reported by letter carriers came from dogs whose owners regularly stated, "My dog won't bite." Dog bites are preventable and one bite is one too many. Dogs are generally protective of their turf and dog owners have an important responsibility to control them to ensure safe mail delivery. When a letter carrier comes to your home, keep dogs:

- Inside the house or behind a fence;
- Away from the door or in another room; or
- On a leash.

Pet owners also should

remind children not to take mail directly from a letter carrier as the dog may view the carrier as a threat to the child.

Inform Yourself, See the Mail Before It Arrives

Fortunately, dog owners can anticipate when their carrier will arrive. By using Informed Delivery, a free USPS service at informed-delivery.usps.com, you can digitally preview incoming mail and packages from a computer, tablet, or mobile device.

How to Avoid Dog Bites

Letter carriers are trained to observe an area where they know dogs may be present. They are taught to be alert for potentially dangerous conditions and to respect a dog's territory. You can protect yourself and your family if you behave like letter carriers, who are trained to:

- Not startle a dog;
- Keep their eyes on any dog;
- Never assume a dog will not bite;
- Make some noise or rattle a fence to alert a dog if entering a yard;
- Never attempt to pet or

- feed a dog; and
- Place their foot against an outward swinging door to prevent a dog from escaping.
- If a dog attacks, stand your ground and protect your body by placing something between you and the dog—such as a mail satchel—and use dog repellent, if necessary.

Even though postal officials ask customers to control their dogs, bites still happen and may result in injuries to carriers and costly medical expenses for dog owners.

How Else Carriers Protect Themselves

Carriers have tools to alert them to dogs on their routes. A dog alert feature on carriers' handheld scanners can remind them of a possible dog hazard, and dog warning cards may be used during mail sorting to alert carriers to routes where a dog may interfere with delivery. Lastly, when a carrier feels unsafe, mail service could be halted—not only for the dog owner, but for the entire neighborhood. When mail service is stopped, mail must be picked up at the Post Of-

fice. Service will not be restored until the aggressive dog is properly restrained.

Understanding The USPS

The United States Postal Service is an independent federal establishment, mandated to be self-financing and to serve every American community through the affordable, dependable, and secure delivery of mail and packages to nearly 165 million addresses six and often seven days a week. The Postal Service generally receives no tax dollars for operating expenses and relies on the sale of postage, products, and services to fund its operations.

For further information, visit usps.com and facts.usps.com.



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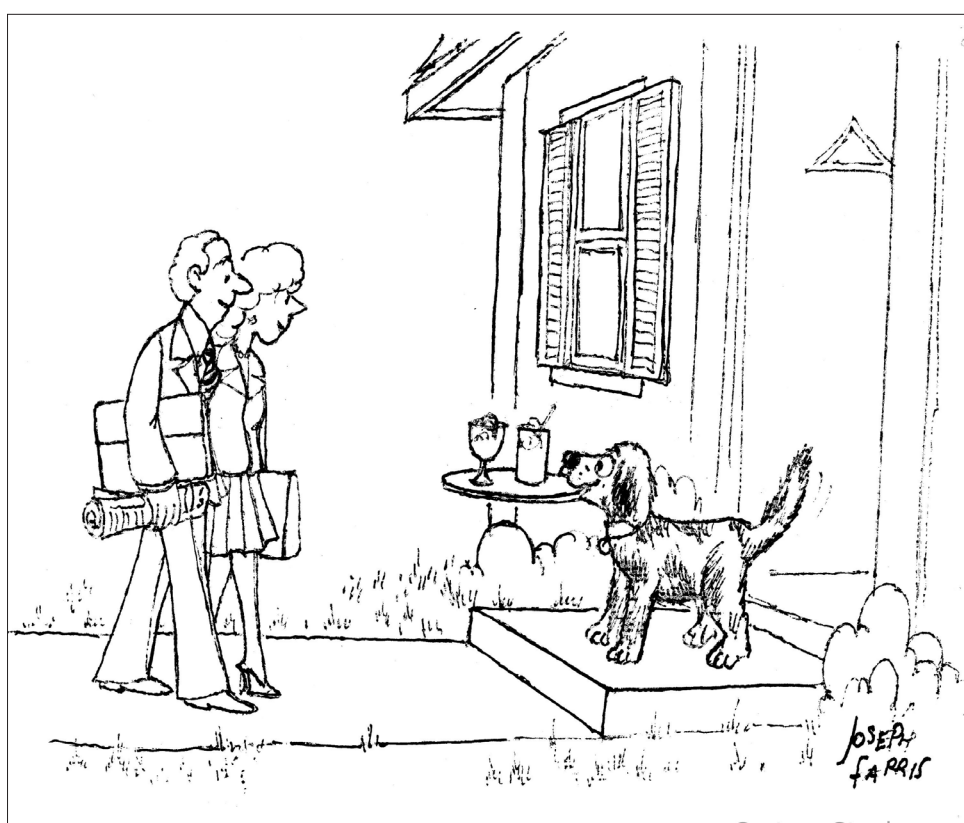
PET OF THE WEEK

BON JOVI

Meet Ms. Jovi! A Good Samaritan took her in. She's been nursed back to a healthy state and her foster mom was able to truly get to know this fighter of a feline. She's said to be a very gentle soul, quite shy to start though. Fostered with other cats, she enjoys their company. Given her previous life, we're not too sure if she would want to be around dogs or young children. We believe a quiet life is the ticket for Jovi! Do you have a patient and kind heart that you're willing to open? As part of our extended stay program, Jovi's adoption fee has been waived! Fill out an application and let's get a meeting set up. Visit www.capeannanimalaid.org for



more information about Jovi and all the other animals waiting for homes here at the Christopher Cutler Rich Animal Shelter, 4 Paws Lane in Gloucester.



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Wednesday Choir rehearsal 7:30 p.m.

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

Coming up in June. Breakfast Buddies Animal Stories, Mon. June 24-28, 8:30-10 a.m. Enjoy breakfast with an important animal from the Bible, then play, sing, move and make art. This program is especially for young children, ages 1.5-4 and a grown up. All families are welcome. Contact jeanne.fpchurch@gmail.com.

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.

Holy Eucharist at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.

Quaker Meeting

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

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

PUBLIC NOTICE



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

Public Hearing Notice to be Published on or before 5/24/24
Gary Gilbert requests the Commission make a decision regarding a Request for Determination of Applicability for the construction of a shed within the Riverfront Area and the 100-ft Buffer Zone at 11 Magnolia Avenue.

This request will be discussed at a VIRTUAL meeting on Tuesday, June 4 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 24, 2023 MC

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May 17, 2024 MC

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Public Hearing Notice to be Published on or before 5/24/24
Prescott Logan requests the Commission make a decision regarding a Request for Determination of Applicability for soil testing within the 100-ft Buffer Zone at 110 Bridge Street.

This request will be discussed at a VIRTUAL meeting on Tuesday, June 4 at 6:30 p.m. and will be reviewed under the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act (MGL Chapter 131, Section 40) and/or the Manchester General Wetlands Bylaw.

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NEW OH SUN 26, 1:30-3

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This is a cozy, light-filled 3-bedroom, 1-bath condo, with assigned off-street parking and deeded storage space in the basement. It is pet-friendly and close to Collins Cove Beach and Salem Commons.

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