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**BRIEFLY**

**Manchester by the Sea Museum's "Special Summer Soiree" June 26**

The Manchester by the Sea Museum is hosting a "Special Summer Soiree," from 6 to 8 p.m. at in the storied Stone House on the beautiful Sharksmouth estate on Wednesday, June 26. The event, a reprise from last year's successful end-of-the-lecture-season event at the same stunning location. The program includes "socializing, hors d'oeuvres and libations" (oh my) and will include a presentation by Cathy Brown on the legendary Curtis Sisters, the golfing pioneers who first learned to play the game on the grounds of Sharksmouth. Tickets, \$50 for museum members, \$75 for nonmembers, and \$100 for "Angels." Info at mbtsmuseum.org.

**RW&B Pancake Breakfast at Tuck's Point June 29**

It's coming up fast: the 34th Annual Manchester Essex Rotary Club's annual Red, White & Blue Pancake Breakfast will take place Saturday, June 29 from 7:30 to 11 a.m. 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. Tickets are \$15 at the door, but if you're able to grab one before the event they're \$12. All proceeds go to charity.

**Last Call! Essex Arts & Culture Fest June 22**

Coming up ... now! It's the Essex Arts & Culture Fest, serving up music, art, food, shopping, farm animals, kids' fun, and more at the Essex Shipbuilding Museum, 66 Main Street in Essex, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, June 22. (Rain date is Sunday, June 23.). Come and enjoy live performances from local musicians, explore art exhibits for sale, and savor delicious food from local vendors. Kids can delight in a variety of activities tailored just for them, including interactive art projects and fun with farm animals. Info at essexshipbuilding.org.

**"We Regret The Error" ...**

Last week's story by Jeff Pope on the Manchester Planning Board's Public Hearing determining potential traffic impacts of a proposed new 220,000-sf corporate biotech campus project by Cell Signaling in the Limited Commercial District, the story's headline, "CST Project May Result in Town's First Streetlights" should have read, "CST Project May Result in Town's First Traffic Lights." Also, the Scott Energy Bulletin mistakenly included an event from Memorial Day at the Legion. We regret the errors.

**Get Out of Dodge**

The summer calendar is really heating up, including around Cape Ann. Next week—believe it or not—is the beginning of Gloucester's Fiesta, running Wednesday, June 26 through June 30 (Blessing of the Fleet, the Greasy Pole, etc.). There's the "Rockport in Bloom Garden Tour" this weekend (June 22, with no rain date) hosted by the Rockport Garden Club. There's also a mini-exhibit at Hammond Castle (one of many for June Pride Month) starting June 28 in Magnolia focused on cafe society that explores Natalie Hays Hammond's relationship to key women of stage and screen. The exhibit runs through July 4.



ME Hornet Sienna Crocker gave it her all at third singles against a very strong Lynnfield team during their Div.4 MIAA Tournament, held last week at St. John's Prep. The Pioneers took the closely fought match 3-2. More tennis, including the Boys' big MIAA win at MIT Saturday against Lynnfield on Page 6.

Staff Photo

## Black Earth Officially Opens Regional Compost Facility, With a Vision

By Erika Brown

It's taken years of considerable planning, cooperation with the town of Manchester, and substantial state and federal investment. And last week the North Shore Regional Compost Facility—designed and operated by Black Earth Compost—officially opened its doors at 201 Pine Street.

The grand opening ceremony, held on Friday within the expansive 9,000-sf. facility in Manchester's Limited Commercial District, drew a crowd of more than 100 attendees, including officials from Black Earth Compost, local and state lawmakers, and federal agency representatives.

The turnout is a testament to the successful public-private partnership between Black Earth—founded by three Cape Ann residents including Manchester's Andrew Brousseau—and the town of Manchester, which partnered with the company six years ago by offering municipal land on School Street in exchange for curbside composting services.

Today, Black Earth serves communities from Salisbury down to Boston's South Shore, and it will now operate from the nearly \$3 million state-of-the-art facility built on a site that formerly was the town dump.

Brousseau told the crowd Friday that the Northeast Regional Compost Center is a model that, if replicated, promises a high impact to farming, food, and global warming.

"Thank you, Manchester, for choosing composting and believing in us," said Brousseau, the former Eagle Scout in Manchester's Troop 3, who emphasized the importance of composting in



Last Friday's ribbon cutting at Black Earth Compost's North Shore Regional Compost Facility in Manchester's Limited Commercial District. The 9,000-sf facility promises to be a model for composting statewide.

Photo: GCACC

addressing the state's landfill closures. "We're turning food and yard waste into compost, and we're grateful for the support."

He said composting produces a rich agricultural product that enhances soil fertility and resilience, calling it "a pivotal solution to the climate crisis, emitting fewer greenhouse gases than other waste processing methods and sequestering carbon in agricultural fields."

Black Earth received more than \$800,000 in state funding and a \$1.7 million from a US Dept. of Agriculture (USDA) grant against the total \$2.9 million project cost. Federal funding was pivotal, said Scott Soares, the Massachusetts director for the USDA's Rural Development Department.

"Black Earth Compost's experience in food scrap recycling is reflected in their operation of 35 collection trucks, three active compost sites, and a workforce of approximately 70," Soares said, emphasizing that solu-

tions like these will always find federal funding.

Massachusetts Sen. Bruce Tarr lauded the project's swift development despite challenges. He said others see food waste as a problem, but Black Earth sees it "as a viable solution." State Representative Ann Margaret Ferrante said the world is rife with seemingly insurmountable problems like global warming, and solutions like these from Black Earth "offers a powerful hope" for future generations.

Both Tarr and Ferrante presented Black Earth with citations from the Massachusetts Senate and House of Representatives.

MBTS Select Board member John Round said the company has made "impressive" progress since its founding, and said Manchester is proud to have incubated the organization. He also said the seagulls that were a mainstay of Black Earth's former location will miss out on the "all you can eat

buffet," since the new facility's state-of-the-art design manages odors and the composting process indoors.

Looking ahead, Brousseau anticipates producing approximately 4,000 cubic yards of compost in the facility's first year of operation from up to 40,000 lbs. of organic waste per week. He hopes the newly minted North Shore Regional Com-

post Facility will be a beacon of sustainable innovation that can play a significant role in the region's environmental sustainability.

That's important, because Massachusetts has seen a notable increase in composting efforts, particularly in municipalities. For instance, the town of Hamilton now mandates composting for all residents, the first in the state to do so. Elsewhere, composting programs continue to gain traction. The city of Cambridge has offered free curbside composting since 2018, supported by a \$1 million investment, which many credit for significant cost savings (from removing organic material from the waste stream) and environmental benefits.

Black Earth benefited from then Mass. Gov. Charlie Baker's move to composting mandates for restaurants, which gave the local company a boost in clients outside Cape Ann.

Many predict a similar mandate for private homes

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**Weekly Weather Chart**

Saturday 22 June		69°	59°
Sunday 23 June		79°	63°
Monday 24 June		82°	66°
Tuesday 25 June		70°	60°
Wednesday 26 June		67°	60°
Thursday 27 June		69°	65°
Friday 28 June		72°	64°

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.	<b>Essex BOS</b> Monday, June 24, 6 p.m.
	<b>Essex ConCom</b> Tuesday, June 25, 7:15 p.m.
	<b>MBTS Chebacco Woods Land Management Committee</b> Wednesday, June 26, 9 a.m.

## Cape Ann Small Biz Week Honors The Cricket, Reader Electrical



This past week the Greater Cape Ann Chamber of Commerce held its 44th Annual Small Business Persons of the Year Awards Ceremony honoring local business owners. Amongst the winners for 2024 were Manchester's Erika Brown, publisher and editor of the *Manchester Cricket*, and Ramie Reader, owner and Chief Electrician of Essex's Reader Electrical. The awards highlight outstanding local businesses and the people who make them such a valued and appreciated part of our community here on Cape Ann. At left is the Manchester SBA celebration at Cala's. Read the full story, **Page 8**.

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# MANCHESTER POLICE NOTES



**SUNDAY, JUNE 9**  
9:17 a.m. Forest Lane, animal complaint, notification made. 10:45 a.m. Dexter Lane, traffic hazard, assisted as needed. 4:40 p.m. Pine St., motor vehicle stop, written warning. 6:01 p.m.

School St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

**MONDAY, JUNE 10**  
1:36 a.m. Hickory Hill Rd., traffic hazard, assisted as needed. 9:02 a.m. Newport Park Rd., parking complaint,

secured/checked. 4:22 p.m. Lobster Cove, disabled motor vehicle, secured/checked. 5:20 p.m. Powder House Lane, animal complaint, other.

**TUESDAY, JUNE 11**  
7:51 a.m. School St., motor vehicle crash, assisted as needed. 11:22 a.m. Ancient County Way, animal complaint, assisted as needed. 2:21 p.m. Forest St., trespassing, report to follow. 7:08 p.m. Pine St., motor vehicle stop, citation issued.

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12**  
2:04 a.m. Lincoln Ave., suspicious activity, arrest. 8:24 a.m. Summer St., disturbance, assisted as needed. 10:40 a.m. Summer St., noise complaint, secured/checked. 5:09 p.m. Brook St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

**THURSDAY, JUNE 13**

1:35 a.m. Raymond St., motor vehicle stop, criminal application. 9:31 a.m. Central St., disturbance, report to follow. 12:33 p.m. Vine St., motor vehicle lockout, assisted as needed. 7:09 p.m. Route 128NB, motor vehicle crash, assisted as needed.

**FRIDAY, JUNE 14**  
9:08 a.m. Raymond St., traffic hazard, notification made. 9:28 a.m. Arbella St., fraud/scam, report to follow. 5:00 p.m. Pine St., motor vehicle stop, citation issued. 9:05 p.m. Moses Hill Rd., disturbance, criminal application.

**SATURDAY, JUNE 15**  
2:38 a.m. Summer St., disabled motor vehicle, assisted as needed. 4:17 a.m. Proctor St., fire alarm, fire false. 12:15 p.m. School St., motor vehicle stop, written warning. 2:04 p.m. Pine St., disabled motor vehicle, assisted as needed.

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## My Manchester, Letter by Letter



Seasoned MBTS volunteer Sue Thorne read this poem (below) to the many participants who were at a ceremony thanking her for her service to the town, over 40 years. Tuck's Point chowder house was standing room only as community members recalled all that she accomplished in Manchester. Tom Kehoe remembered, "If there wasn't a committee for her to chair, or contribute to, we would invent one." A ringing endorsement for an outstanding citizen.



Senator Bruce Tarr was present at a ceremony honoring Sue Thorne and her decades-long dedication to the town of Manchester. As he heaped praise upon the honoree he snuck in a quote, "I always think of Sue and Tom (Kehoe) as Batman and Robin." He declined to identify which was which. Photos Paul Clark

**M** is for Manchester, of course, by the sea!  
Its people and places mean so much to me.

**A** is for Awesome, its beaches and parks,  
They will always be so dear to my heart.

**N** is for Neighbors, all working together  
Through thick and thin, in all kinds of weather.

**C** is for Committees, Commissions, and such  
Dedicated volunteers, all contributing so much.

**H** is for Home, now Brooksby by Walmart for me  
But forever my soul, my heart is Manchester-by-the-Sea.

**E**'s for the Elderly woman on the Moderator's right  
For that Town Meeting, that sure was the highlight!!

**S** is for Singing Beach, its sands pure and white,  
Our own bit of heaven, our year-round delight

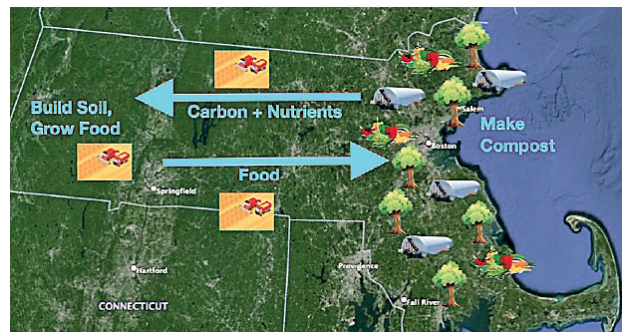
**T** is for Town Treasures, Town Common, Tuck's Point  
Winthrop Field, Crowell Chapel, the Chowder House joint.

**E** is for Everlasting, happy memories and good times  
Of giving back to this place that I proudly call mine.

**R** is for Remembering: colleague, neighbor and pal  
My thanks and my love, Cheers to you all.

(Sue Thorne)

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Black Earth's vision for a tight network of regional composting facilities serving Massachusetts farms with organic compost made from municipal waste. Courtesy graphic



is only a matter of time, and if that happens, Manchester will be in the catbird's seat since it already provides free curbside compost service from its 20-year deal with Black Earth. Three years ago, when it was considering whether to extend its deal with Black Earth, the Manchester Select Board priced out compost services, which are based on weight-based transport estimates, and the lowest option came in from the Waste Management Company, at \$90,000/year.

Besides cost, there's the environmental benefit of community composting. The Mass. Dept. of Environmental Protection has long pushed diverting organic materials from landfills to compost facilities. It's considered a win-win, since reducing municipal waste through recycling and composting costs less and reduces plastic and paper waste. But Brousseau said the real power of regional composting comes in creating fertilizer that's organic and local. Commercial fertilizers in America's food supply are often made from petroleum

and are being shipped in from other countries (as it is now). A tight network of compost facilities that turn municipal and commercial waste into "black gold" fertilizer can be sent to Massachusetts farms out west, which can return the favor with feeding us organic produce. And, he said, since compost is a proven carbon sequestration tool, it's also a weapon against global warming.

"The promise of composting is to treat the food waste and yard waste as a resource of carbon and nutrients to grow new food," said Brousseau, whose young son was scampering below him on the dais. "We reduce the total fuel and fertilizer we need to extract from the rest of the world. I believe that this will nudge us a little bit closer to world peace."

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Recent Small Business 2024 Award winners, Heath and Tom Ellis on a Father's Day sail with a full Thomas E. Lannon. Photo Paul Clark

# Masco, Wayfinding, and MBTA Zoning Part 2!



By Gregory T. Federspiel

The Select Board had a productive meeting this past Monday, June 17th. Three projects were on tap for review and the Board was able to advance each of them after detailed presentations and discussions.

A graphic rich presentation was provided detailing options for making Masconomo Park more resilient to rising seas. The designs that the consulting engineers developed were based on the input residents provided during a three-day design charrette held the first of May. The Park was created by filling in tidal flats and we have already seen mild storm surge flood the area. All three design options proposed creating an elevated boardwalk near the current shoreline that can be raised and traverse over water as sea level rise advances. Another common element to the options was shifting parking away from the edge of the harbor and "peeling back the point" by recreating a more natural sloping shoreline that supports both plants and aquatic animals providing a better buffer than the abrupt stone revetment that exists today. Maintaining open greenspace, the bandstand and a playground were part of each option as well as a new harbormaster office and public restrooms.

The biggest distinguish-

ing difference between the options was the location of parking. Option A kept most of the parking where it is today. Option B moved most of the parking along the current drive into the park relocating the playground into the current open space. Option C placed parking along Beach Street while still allowing for a drive into the park to access the two piers. At the conclusion of the discussions at the meeting there was strong interest in a hybrid of Options B & C.

No immediate steps to redo the park are planned but in the coming years as improvements are contemplated the new plans will provide a roadmap forward and allow incremental changes to the Park as conditions warrant but not until then.

For the Wayfinding discussion, the committee that worked with the state-provided consultant presented two options for a uniform look to directional signs in the Village area. Both options featured the Tuck's Point Rotunda, one in full color and the other in a silhouette layout. The full-colored option was selected.

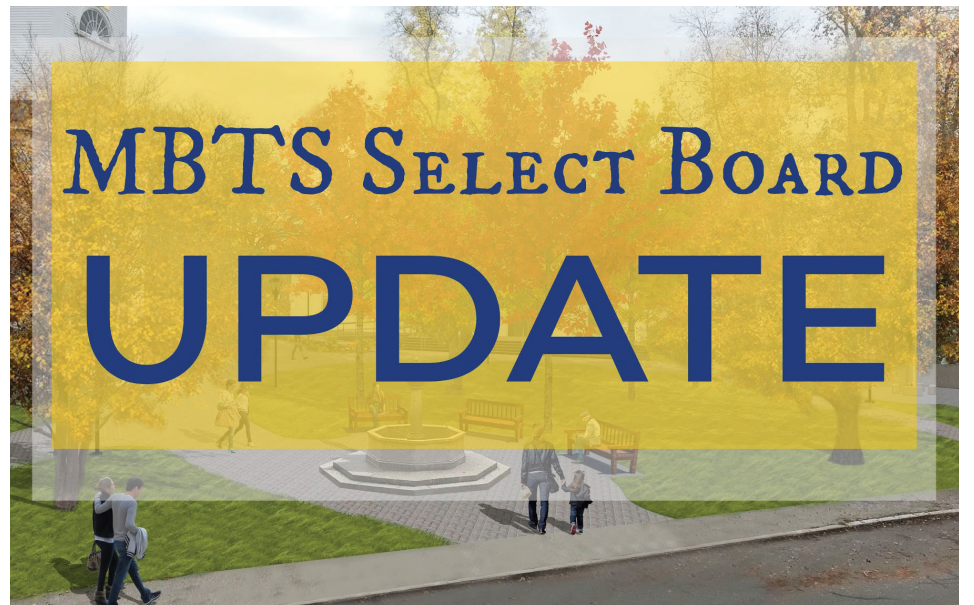
Discussion then turned to top priority locations for needed directional signs. Three key intersections were selected - Pine/Central, School/Central, and Summer/Beach. Each is slated to have a new sign with the Rotunda image and arrows pointing to shops,

restaurants, parking, Singing Beach and Tuck's Point. Signs at the train station and at Reed Park for the boaters who come to visit were also discussed, providing a QR code that would provide users with a map showing the location of amenities and businesses.

The goal is to get these new signs up as soon as possible. Another phase of the project will be to look at what signs can be eliminated, decluttering the streetscape and helping people to focus on the new signs.

Proposed zoning that satisfies the MBTA zoning requirements took an important step forward at Monday's meeting as well.

The Select Board voted to send to the state for a compliance review the latest draft of the proposed zoning on which the MBTA Task Force and the Planning Board have been working. This draft details four districts (two divided into two sub-districts) all having a large amount of existing development thus lowering the net increase in possible new units. The state has up to 90 days to review our draft and provide comments back to us. These comments will be taken into consideration for any remaining fine-tuning of the proposed zoning that will take place by early fall in preparation for a final proposal being presented to voters at a November Special Town Meeting.



## BOARD UPDATES

**Planning Board Meeting:** The Planning Board will meet on Monday, June 24 at 6:30 p.m. Meeting details can be found on the Town website.

**Music in the Park:** The next concert in Masconomo Park will be Brian Alex on Tuesday, June 25 from 6-8 p.m. Come down and enjoy summer fun by the sea!

**Singing Beach Fireworks:** The biannual fireworks show will take place on Wednesday, July 3 on Singing Beach. A beach concert starts at 7 p.m. and the fireworks display at 9 p.m. The beach parking lot will close at 5 p.m. to all and will reopen for handicapped and limited mobility parking only. No drones or beach fires will be allowed on July 3 and will be enforced.

**July 4th Parade:** The July 4th Parade is on Thursday, July 4 at 10 a.m. rain or shine. Parking will be prohibited along the parade route and streets will close on a rolling basis as the parade passes by. Parade route can be found on the Town website and is the same each year.

**Fireworks Fund:** The July Fourth fireworks display will take place on July 3, 2024 on Singing Beach. We are still short of the fundraising goal for this year's show. Please consider donating today at [bit.ly/MBTSjuly4](http://bit.ly/MBTSjuly4).

**Parade Participation:** Calling all groups, teams, and floats! Come march in the Fourth of July Parade and be a part of this special Manchester tradition. Registra-

tion form can be found on the Town website.

**Singing Beach Hours:** The beach is open seven days a week from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. All visitors to Singing Beach aged 12 to 65 need a beach tag or daily pass to enter and both are sold at the beach.

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

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## WHAT WAS HAPPENING

### 90 YEARS AGO - 1934

Sunday, June 20th, was a day to be remembered by the many shut-ins who received a bouquet from our local florist, Mr. Axel Magnuson. In common with his fellow florists all over the United States and Canada. Mr. Magnuson observed National Shut-In Day. Last year marked the first observance of this day which will henceforth be an annual event.

Quite a number of entrants have been received in the contest for the best front and backyard for which liberal prizes are offered by the Manchester Historical Society.

### 75 YEARS AGO - 1949

Although it looked like a serious fire was starting in the Abdo block, School Street Tuesday morning, a careful investigation of the apartment by Fire Captain Oliver Emerton revealed only two pieces of extra well burnt toast.

Chairman Bell and his Fourth of July Committee are pleased to announce that they have made arrangements to have a group of Specialty Acts presented on the evening of the Fourth at

Masconomo Park.

### 60 YEARS AGO - 1964

Harbor Master Roland Brooks was pressed into action Saturday evening to assist the Coast Guard in bringing the 36-foot cabin boat "Scamp" into the harbor under foggy conditions. The Coast Guard had picked the boat up off White Beach after an explosion rocked the boat and the fire that followed gutted the boat.

Phil Hoysradt, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Hoysradt of Butler Ave. and Hilary Dombrowski, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hilary Dombrowski of Summer Street, won the Gloucester City Junior Dory racing championship last Saturday evening at Pavilion Beach in Gloucester.

### 45 YEARS AGO - 1979

On Tuesday night, the Board of Selectman voted to direct Town Counsel to take immediate action to have the Povahs at 7 Lincoln Avenue comply with the Animal Control Act which states "no household may maintain more than four animals of any species over the age of three months without a permit from the Board of

Health. Animal Control Officer Adam Grinovich stated that more than 20 cats are in residence on the Povah property.

### 30 YEARS AGO - 1994

Boys Tennis Team clinches second consecutive Cape Ann League Title and the Cape Ann League All-Stars doubles title for two years running.

Fundraising for the permanent Manchester Boosters Club Canteen has raised \$4,000 of the \$7,000 projected costs through donations from Boosters throughout the community and the country.

### 15 YEARS AGO - 2009

Due to unsurmountable scheduling conflicts with the carnival company, and lack of any other available company, the Boosters Club will be unable to host the annual carnival at Masconomo Park in July. The Annual Family Fun Day at Tuck's Point was once again a huge success. Many families joined each other on a sunny day Saturday, to enjoy a barbecue lunch and to celebrate another great year for the Manchester Mothers Club.

## Tides & Sun Chart For The Week Ahead

DATE	HIGH				LOW				☀️	
	AM	FT	PM	FT	AM	FT	PM	FT	RISE	SET
21 Fri	11:57	8.4	11:51	10.1	5:57	0.5	6:00	1.6	5:03	8:26
22 Sat			12:41	8.6	6:44	0.2	6:48	1.4	5:04	8:26
23 Sun	12:36	10.3	1:24	8.9	7:31	-0.1	7:37	1.1	5:04	8:26
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Not everyone was sad that it was the end of school and summer was about to start. Youngsters and teachers streamed out of the Manchester Memorial Elementary School. Biking, walking, bussing and being driven to various locales. This day is traditionally a big beach day and the youngsters naturally made their way to Singing Beach.

Photo Paul Clark

# LIBRARY NEWS



Manchester teens enjoyed some beautiful henna designs and ice cream on the last half day of the school year and signed up for summer reading. Courtesy Photo

### Cookbook Club

Tuesday, June 25 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. June's pick is "In Cod We Trust: From Sea to Shore, the Celebrated Cuisine of Coastal Massachusetts" by Heather Atwood. Please register so we know how much cutlery to have on hand.

### Diversity Matters Book Group

Wednesday, June 26 from 6-7 p.m. June's Diversity Matters book group's pick is "My Government Means to Kill Me" by Rasheed Newson. "My Government Means to Kill Me" is an exhilarating, fast-paced, coming-of-age story that lends itself to a larger discussion about what it means for a young, gay, Black man in the mid-1980s to come to terms with his role in the midst of a political and social reckoning.

### Mystery Book Club

Friday, June 28 from 10:30-11:30 a.m. This June we are reading "All the Sinners Bleed" by S.A. Cosby.

### Hearthside Book Group

Tuesday, July 2 from 4-5 p.m. We will discuss "Small Mercies A Novel" by Dennis Lehane.

### Author Lucy Gilmore

Wednesday, June 26 from 7-8 p.m. We are so excited to welcome author Lucy Gilmore as she discusses her book "The Library of Borrowed Hearts, the follow-up to her wonderful "The Lonely Hearts Book Club".

### Travelogue: South Africa and Botswana

Thursday, June 27 from 7-8 p.m. Essex locals, Mike and Sarah Dyer will be presenting their April 2023 trip to Africa, through gorgeous photography including Capetown, South Africa and safaris. Registration is required.

### Tai Chi: The Longevity Tree

Starting Wednesdays in June from 9:45-10:45 a.m. at Masconomo Park. Susan Halpern will be teaching Tai Chi in the park on Wednesdays,

throughout the summer. Longevity Tree is part of the internal arts known in China as Qi gong. Qi gong means to cultivate energy with discipline. The Longevity Tree is a form that addresses the balance of mind, body and spirit, by combining movement, deep breathing, and alertness. Please complete the Safety Release Registration Form and familiarize yourself with the form if you will be joining.

### Digital Advice Appointments on Monday and Drop In on Friday

Register for a dedicated session Mondays at 12 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 discus-

sion. Please register if this is your first time coming to this program. We need either an email or a phone number in case we need to cancel or change venues.

### MBTS Library Renovation: Ask the Director

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

### Shut Up and Write (Virtual)

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

### MPL Children's Events:

#### MBTS Summer Reading

It's summer reading time at the library, so game on with our Bookopoly activity boards. All ages can stop in to pick up a Bookopoly board and complete activities for a chance to win amazing prizes. All kids, age 0-12 who return a completed board will win a Topsfield Fair prize pack. Teens will be entered into a raffle to win Canobie Lake Park passes and adults have a chance to win The Castle: Gaming Café and Restaurant gift certificates.

#### Graphic Novel Book Club

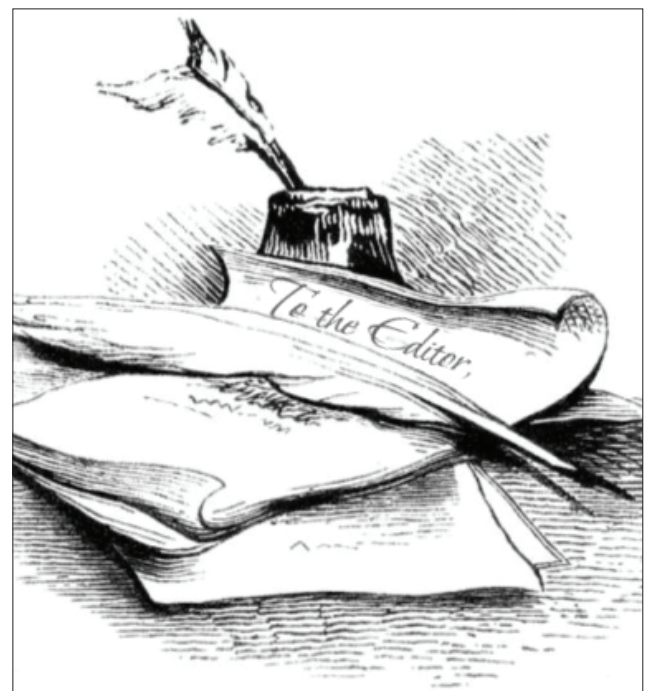
Wednesday, June 26 from 4-4:45 p.m. Grades 4-7. This month's graphic novel pick "The First Cat Ate Pizza in Space" by Mac Barnett and Shawn Harris.

#### BenAnna Band Summer Reading Kickoff Concert

Wednesday, June 26 from 2-3 p.m. Join us as we kickoff summer the right way, with a super fun concert. Come and rock out to the BenAnna Band, this concert is appropriate for children of all ages and their families.

#### Summer Storytime

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



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### Support 4th of July Fireworks in Manchester

To the Editor,

The Fourth of July is coming! It's not too late to make your donation to help support both the parade and the Manchester Singing Beach fireworks (on the 3rd). It's a huge event in our town and is enjoyed by everyone! Help keep this memorable tradition going by donating! Your online donations will be automatically entered into a raffle with chances to win gift certificates from some of our local merchants! See the link below.

Everyone loves seeing all the bands and the floats! The more, the merrier. Don't miss an opportunity to join the parade! Get your friends, neighbors, team members... to make a float to be in the parade! Also, don't forget to enter your antique car! It's a great opportunity to show your patriotism and pride in our community.

All forms can be accessed through the town website at [www.Manchester.ma.us/389/](http://www.Manchester.ma.us/389/) July-4th-Committee, or come by town hall and go the recreation office.

**Donna Brewster**  
Manchester 4th of July Committee member

### Hooper Fund: Thank You for Memorial School Enrichment Support

On behalf of the elementary students and teachers at Essex Elementary School

and Manchester Memorial School, I want to thank you for the Hooper Fund's generous grant to support our goal of bringing diverse authors to our elementary schools.

We are thrilled to bring Hena Khan, an award-winning Muslim-American children's author to EES and MMES this fall! All students in grades K-5 at each elementary school will attend grade-level presentations with Miss Khan. Our upper grade students will receive a signed copy of Hena Khan's brand-new graphic novel coming out in August, 2024 and a few students will have the opportunity to chat with the author over lunch in each school.

Without the support of the Hooper Fund, I don't believe we would be able to provide all of our K-5 students with such a unique and culturally enriching author visit. We are excited and so grateful to have The Hooper Fund underwriting a program that is aligned with MERSD's commitment to nurturing an environment of "empathetic global citizens" and striving to embrace a "just and equitable environment that respects individual differences and the diversity of community, country, and world."

Thanks so much for so generously supporting the elementary students of Essex and Manchester!

Best,

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

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# MBTS Jazz Fest is Back, Supersized



From left, Scott Milne, Greg Cook, and John Filias, founders of MBTS Jazz Fest, scheduled for July 20.

Photo: Erika Brown

By Erika Brown

Get ready, because the hopping energy of the MBTS Jazz Fest returns next month for its third year, with an expanded lineup of local musical talent that promises to tap into back-in-the-day memories while raising money for the town's 4th of July Parade.

MTBS Jazz Fest was started by local residents Greg Cook, John Filias, and Scott Milne, and it was designed to recreate the musical spirit they grew up with that flourished around Manchester and Cape Ann in the 1970s and 1980s.

This year the festival will take place from 4 to 10 p.m. Saturday, July 20 overlooking the inner harbor at the American Legion Hall, providing a perfect backdrop for an evening of exceptional jazz and features a significantly expanded music lineup. This year's program includes HDRnB, featuring the celebrated Henley Douglas Jr., Jay Aptt and the MaliCaminos, and the Cape Ann Youth Big Band.

## A Nostalgic Journey

For Cook, Filias and Milne, creating MBTS Jazzfest was a nostalgic journey.

"We wanted to bring back that sense of community and shared love for music that was so prevalent for us," said Cook.

For those who remember it, bands like SHADE, the John Donelan Band or Grapevine Road featured home-grown talent—real, good talent—that regularly turned locals out to the Legion, Castle Hill, Masconomo Park, or The Landing (when it was in Marblehead). It was a time that offered great music for little or no money where you could dance and hang with old friends. Or meet new ones.

"We'd get together all the time, just to see a local band or dance," said Milne, a 1976 Manchester High School graduate who said today the emphasis may be too much on social media and staying



John Donelan Band at Masconomo Park in the 1980s, with Mark Weld manning the drums.

Photo: John Demarkis



A typical "back in the day" dance and music party, 1970s, Castle Hill.

Photo: John Demarkis

home playing video games. "For us, it was just about having fun, and seeing great music live."

While Manchester's Music at the Park offers great outdoor music every week, the idea of a night of blues or jazz at a place like the Legion seemed like an opportunity. And that's exactly what Filias, Cook, and Milne were thinking on a spring evening

in 2022 when they were together, at Pickering Wharf in Salem taking in – what else? – a local show.

"It seemed like an idea that kept coming up and, suddenly that night, we just looked at each other and said, 'Let's finally do this ... really,'" said Filias, who graduated Manchester High in 1983.

"And we had to scramble to get it done," laughed Cook.

Within mere months, they got it done. First, Cook, a 1977 Manchester High School graduate, reached out to some top local musicians who promised to be a big draw while Filias and Milne focused on venue, and vendors. Soon, the three had organized the budget, tickets, and decided on the perfect beneficiary for their fundraising: music in Manchester's

so much good. With this donation we are able to have two extra bands in the parade!"

## Spotlight on Local Talent

Next month's MBTS Jazz Fest lineup is now set, and it's definitely upped the ante on local musical acts.

Henley Douglas Jr.'s jazz and blues band, HDRnB, is headlining and this year Douglas is adding to the repertoire in his former band mate from the Boston Horns, trumpet extraordinaire Garrett Savluk.

"I like to go out and play all kinds of music—jazz, funk and blues," said Douglas. "But my favorite experiences are when I play in groups that combine all of those things. Original, grooving music."

"We're excited," said Milne. "It's going to be great."

## Community Spirit, Community Support

The Manchester Jazz Fest is more than just an evening of great music; it's an event with a purpose.

This symbiotic relationship between the festival and the parade underscores the community spirit that drives the event. And as the Manchester Jazz Fest continues to grow, so does its impact on the community. That's something that Cook, Milne and Filias like. "We've been thrilled with the support and enthusiasm from the community," says Filias. "Each year, we're working to make the festival bigger and better, and we're excited about what the future holds."

## Manchester Jazz Fest

\$30 general, \$20 food—all proceeds benefit music at the MBTS 4th of July Parade

Saturday, July 20, 4 to 10 p.m.

American Legion Hall, Manchester

[mbsjazzfest.org](http://mbsjazzfest.org)

4th of July parade.

The first Manchester Jazz Fest featured Jambalaya Horns, the New Orleans-flavored blues, soul, and funk band headed up by Carlos Menezes Jr. and Henley Douglas Jr. of Marblehead, a renowned local jazz, funk and blues saxophone player who's played on stage with the Neville Brothers and Red-Hot Chili Peppers, among others. After its first year, MBTS Jazz Fest donated \$3,000 to the parade. Last year's jazz fest produced another \$2,450, which is the single biggest of the 171 donations received this year. That's a big help, said MBTS Parks & Rec Director Cheryl Marshall, especially since the cost of fireworks alone have ballooned the town's 4th of July celebration budget by \$10,000.

"I love MBTS Jazz Fest," said Marshall. "It's an amazing summer event that does



Renowned sax player Henley Douglas Jr. is back. This year his band, HDRnB, is a MBTS Jazz Fest headliner.

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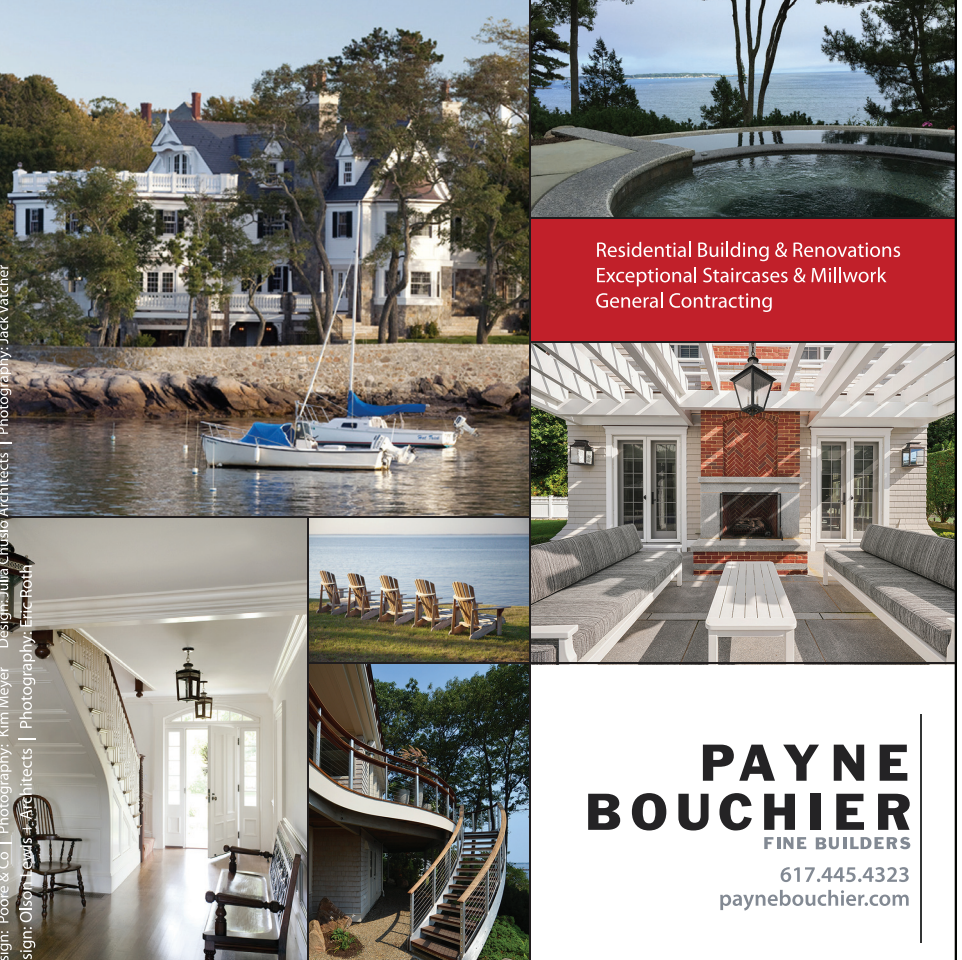
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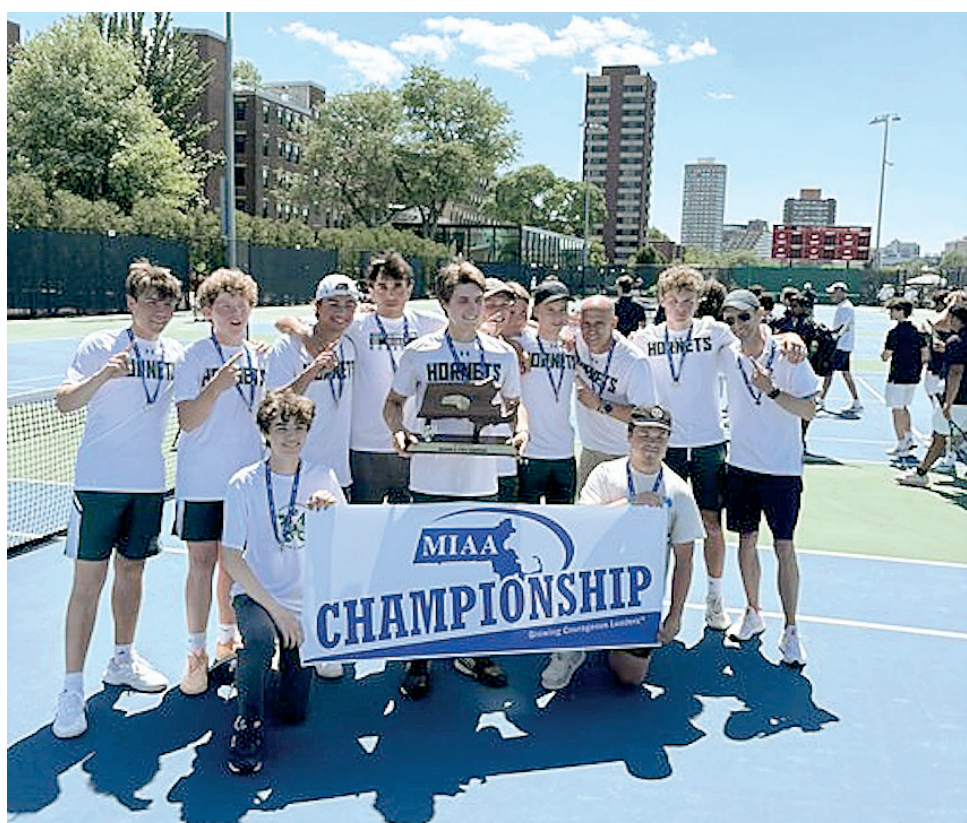


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# ME Boys Tennis Makes Statement with State Title Win Over Lynnfield



Senior Hornet, Charlie Virden, at second singles capped off the MIAA Div. 4 Tourney with a win, 2-6, 7-5, 6-3. This gave the Hornets a 3-2 win against a powerhouse team. Staff Photo



Jan Vytopil, playing at last Saturday's MIAA Tennis Finals at MIT in Cambridge. Photo: Erika Brown

By Jason Brisbois

It's been a while, but it was certainly worth the wait. The Manchester Essex Regional High School boys' tennis team won a dramatic, fiercely-contested match by a 3-2 score against Lynnfield in the MIAA Div. 4 State Final game at MIT on June 15. The win gave the Hornets their first state title win since 1998, the year before current coach Rob Bilsbury was hired as coach of the team.

"It was an absolutely amazing experience, incredible through and through," Bilsbury says of his team's journey to the state title in 2024. "Throughout the whole season, we've been in this mindset of getting better every

day in practice, competing at our highest level, and it was amazing to see the results." He adds: "With Hamilton-Wenham, we lost to them early on, 2-3, and then turn around to beat them, 4-1, to grab a piece of the Cape Ann League title. We won the Cape Ann League Open, an individual tournament, which speaks to the depth of our team. And to have that match against Lynnfield -- who beat us during the season, 5-0, so not many people gave us a chance on paper. We kind of like it that way."

Alexander Breuker and Charlie Langendorf won at second doubles with a gritty victory, setting the tone early and sending the message that this match was not going to

be anything like the previous meeting between the two teams. In that earlier match-up, Breuker and Langendorf were swept by Lynnfield's Kurt Rothermund and Matthew Reinold. In the state final, the Manchester Essex pair won by a 6-2, 6-3 score.

"That was the first match off the court, and basically a tone-setter for the entire thing," explains Bilsbury. "It added to the nerves for the Lynnfield kids, I think, and set the stage for everything else."

Other Hornet players followed suit, even if the points didn't fall their way. Jack Cummins has played the best competition in the state all season long as Manchester Essex's number one singles

player, and this time around was no exception. Despite a game effort, the junior lost to Lynnfield stalwart Daniel Levin, 6-1, 6-1.

From here, the timing worked out that as this three-hour epic continued, the remaining three matches were all in a third set and playing out dramatically at once, with the possibility of a state title win hanging in the balance.

Jack Lawler and Finn Birke-land added to the drama with an incredible effort that came up just short, falling to Russell Kasdon and Brendan Sokop at first doubles, 6-7, (3-7), 6-4, 7-5. This meant that it was up to Charlie Virden at second singles and Jan Vytopil at third singles to come through with wins if the Hornets wanted to take home their first title in 25 years.

Vytopil was the first to finish, coming through with a 6-3, 6-7 (2-7), 6-2 victory over

Shlok Kudrimoti that showed the tennis player's resiliency.

"Jan won the first set, 6-2, then lost the second set," explains Bilsbury. "He played a bit careful after that, like he was hopeful the kid would make mistakes and the kid elevated his game and took Jan in the second. Jan then turned it around."

Virden scored the winning point, beating Lynnfield's Shea McCarthy, 2-6, 7-5, 6-3 to make the score 3-2 in favor of Manchester Essex.

"In that third set, he began steady with the kid from Lynnfield, picking his times to be aggressive," Bilsbury says of Virden's match. "He outlasted a really talented second singles player and got the deciding point. Then we all ran out and pig-piled on top of him."

The Hornets were celebrating more than a win or a state title with this victory -- this win was confirmation that

the hard work and commitment to improvement could help this squad rebound from a 5-0 loss and defeat a titan of the sport in the most pressure-packed situation at the high school level.

"You lose 5-0 to a team and you think, 'Maybe we'll flip one match next time and it will be 4-1,'" says Bilsbury. "We were able to flip three of them -- with two of those, they beat us in straight sets -- and we turned around and won."

Winning the state title is a rare enough occurrence for most teams. Even rarer, this is pretty much the same squad that came close in 2023, with all starters returning with experience under their belts and all the time spent working on their games in the offseason paying off.

"We had a special year last year, and the entire team came back with the same focus and the same team dynamic," explains Bilsbury. "They worked hard over the summer. Jan was out there hitting every time I drove by those courts like he was on a mission. His only loss all season was to Lynnfield, and he came back to win the second time." The Hornets won't be quite as fortunate when it comes to roster turnover in 2025: Manchester Essex loses Breuker, Vytopil and Virden to graduation, key pieces on a title winning team. The other four starters should be back, however, providing a talented core to help start the climb back to tournament worthiness yet again.

"I'm going to remember all of it," says Bilsbury. "This was an amazing group of boys. The adversity we faced -- it would have been easy to lose matches like the Hamilton-Wenham match and say, 'We're not as good as them.' Then we turned around and beat them, 4-1, and beat Lynnfield in the state finals after losing to them, 5-0. They were so clutch; you don't forget stuff like that."

# ME Girls Tennis' Season Ends Against Lynnfield

By Jason Brisbois

Three wasn't necessarily the magic number this time around. In a competitive match between two titans of the sport in Massachusetts, the Manchester Essex and Lynnfield girls' tennis played to a draw during the Final Four match-up between the two Cape Ann League stalwarts. A win would move the victor on to the MIAA Div. 4 State Final, while a loss would end the other team's season.

At that point, with the score 2-2, the match came down to third singles after the Pioneers came away with points at first and second singles, and the Hornets won at both first and second doubles.

"The match was very tight," explains Manchester Essex girls tennis coach Barrett Alston. "It came down to third singles [in] a three-setter. The en-

tirety of the third set was played out with the overall match tied at 2-2." Despite an impressive effort from Sienna Crocker, Lynnfield ended up with the win at third singles in that hotly-contested three-set match to pull out a 3-2 victory on June 12, ending another memorable spring for the Hornets.

Grace Scarbrough and Sarah Cort were stellar at first doubles, finishing the season with a record of 25-0 and earning all-scholastic honors from the Boston Herald. Libby Lawler and Emily Parkins also picked up a win at second doubles (Lawler was substituting in place of Mackay Brooks), with the Manchester Essex second doubles pairing losing only one match all season. Grayson Crocker and Nina Zalosh put in strong efforts at first and second doubles, respectively, while Crocker was more than game with the match on the line.

"Sienna Crocker at three played great, balanced tennis under extreme pressure as the match dragged on into a third hour with a ton of people watching," says Alston. "Couldn't be prouder of her effort."

The Hornets are no stranger to Lynnfield after facing them both during regular and postseason play the last few years.

"We only see Lynnfield once a year -- we are in [Cape Ann League] Baker, they are in Kinney -- but it's for sure enough to understand their strengths, weaknesses and know what it will take to be competitive," says Alston. "Both sides come in knowing what they need to do, and you can see the pre-planned tactics in play."

Alston is pointing to the loss as a learning experience both for the coach and the team.

"In terms of lessons [and] takeaways, definitely a re-

minder that competitive tennis matches are won on the margins and that little things can swing matches," explains Alston. "Also, how important an engaged crowd can be in setting an atmosphere. I also need to grow as a coach: I have a ton of experience coaching tennis from a technical standpoint, but I need to be able to help out the players more during changeovers from a tactical standpoint."

Had the Hornets won the match, they would have moved on to face Hamilton-Wenham for the second year in a row for the state title, giving Manchester Essex the rare opportunity to attempt to go 3-for-3 against the perennially competitive Generals.

The highlights of the season were, without question, the two 3-2 victories over Hamilton Wenham, who just won their third consecutive state championship,"

explains Alston. "Monster wins from Sienna and the two doubles teams in both matches, lots of three setters with the capstone being Emily and Mackay winning a third set tiebreaker after a full third set to clinch the second victory. The match won us the CAL and set off a heck of a celebration; incredible team performance under pressure."

Another highlight was the Elite Eight win over Monomoy during the tourney.

"In the tournament, we weren't really pushed until the quarterfinal against Monomoy, but that match highlighted the strength of our doubles and the improvement of our singles players across the board," says Alston. "There was a moment where I was trying to watch all three singles matches and due to the particulars of the court layout therefore couldn't see the doubles. All of a sudden,

I hear cheers for us on the doubles courts and the three singles players were in the middle of playing points in the exact, specific ways that we had been working on. Pretty cool to see and hear it all coming together!"

Next spring will serve as another exercise in watching the ME girls' tennis team come together, with, four of the team's seven starters graduating.

"Sienna and Grayson were awesome captains and have been huge parts of the team for four years, they have given so much to the program," says Alston. "Mackay and Emily were such a great doubles team that raised their level when they most needed it, so impressive."

The coach adds, "It's tough to lose them but we have an excellent foundation: Nina, Grace and Sarah will all be back and we'll build out the team around them."

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## Town Administrator's Report



**Board of Selectmen's Meeting of June 10, 2024.**  
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**Patching of Sidewalks Along Essex Causeway**  
As the Board is aware, it was necessary to patch holes that had been saw-cut into the sidewalk along the Essex Causeway when our decorative lighting contractor first prepared to install large concrete light pole bases in the ground.

The Town subsequently determined that the lighting project was not going to move forward, due to multiple subsurface utility conflicts, but the saw-cut holes (filled with stone and gravel) remained. A local mason has now patched all of the holes flush with the sidewalk surface using concrete. Each pour was pinned to the surrounding edge of the sidewalk slab and contained wire to prevent the patch from heaving during cold weather.

**Greater Cape Ann Chamber of Commerce Essex Division Meeting**  
All three Selectmen and the TA attended the subject meeting on May 21, 2024. The meeting featured a discussion regarding the Chamber's desire to have more clarity concerning permitting processes in the Town,

so that businesses can more easily navigate those processes. Jodi Harris, Chair of the Essex Economic Development Committee, was present and indicated that the Committee is continuing to work on a permitting guide. The TA also updated the group concerning various Town projects and initiatives, as did the Chief of Police.

**Massachusetts Municipal Management Association Spring Conference**  
The TA attended the subject conference from May 29 through May 31, 2024 in Brewster. The conference included sessions with respect to communications during crisis events and a labor law update, among other sessions. The conference is always a great way to network with other municipal managers with respect to issues of common interest as well.

**Congressman Moulton Site Visit**  
Congressman Moulton and his staff visited Essex on May 29, 2024 to review projects involving Federal funding. The Congressman is presently supporting a Federal earmark in Federal fiscal year 2025 for funding to complete other tasks associated with improvements to the Town's public water supply wells

and to initiate work on replacing aging water mains. He was also instrumental in securing Federal funding for the Army Corps of Engineers to dredge the Federal channel in the Essex River and a recent approval of additional funding after the first bid attempt for the work came in over budget.

A group of Town personnel and officials accompanied the Congressman on a brief tour of the Water Filtration Plant (which is receiving upgrades via the Federally-funded State Revolving Loan Fund), the public water supply wells, and the downtown harbor area of the Essex River. The Congressman will continue to advocate for these matters.

**Regional Hurricane Simulation Tabletop Exercise**  
The TA participated in the subject simulation (tabletop exercise) of a major hurricane along with personnel and officials from the four Cape Ann communities and State personnel and officials on June 5, 2024. Chairman Pereen, Fire Chief Reader, Police Chief Francis, Board of Health Administrator Kirchner, and others from Essex were also present. Funding for the exercise was obtained by Senator Bruce Tarr and Representative Ann-Margaret Ferrante and the exercise was coordinated

by the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA). Teams of individuals from various fields including public safety, public administration, and public health were challenged with scenarios requiring immediate action, evacuations, and sheltering. MEMA will produce a full after-action report to provide insight on how area communities can best prepare for this scenario.

**Completion of Cape Ann Community Wildfire Protection Plan**  
As the Board is aware, the four Cape Ann communities have been working together to produce the subject plan. The consultant that assisted with this process has now released the final draft of the plan, which can be found on the Town's website.

**Town Administrator Leave**  
Mr. Zubricki was out of the office, on leave, for a portion of the day on May 22, 2024 and all day on May 24, 2024.

**Memorial Day Holiday**  
The office was closed on May 27, 2024, in observance of the subject holiday. This report is available at [www.essexma.org](http://www.essexma.org) on the morning after any regularly scheduled Essex Board of Selectmen's Meeting.

### LIBRARY NEWS



Over 200 children enjoyed Root Beer Floats at the Library as they celebrated the last day of school and the kick off to Summer Reading.

**Hula Hoop Hoopla**  
Tuesday, July 9 at 1 p.m. Ages 7 and up, (5 & 6 with an adult to assist) join Kat of Wildkat Hoops and learn basic hooping moves while increasing hand-eye coordination, strength, balance, and agility in an hour packed with silly fun. Please register.

**Summer Reading Challenge**  
Starting June 13, kids and teens register for the Summer Reading Program and earn prizes all summer long.

**Tape Resist Art**  
Tuesday, June 25 at 10 a.m. for teens entering grades 6-12. Please register.

**Summer Book Groups**  
Starting June 13, Grades 2-12 register and enjoy lively discussion, themed activities, and special snacks.

**Library of Things**  
Stop by to borrow lawn games, a power washer, hot spots, DVD/CD player and more.

**Animals of the World**  
Wednesday, June 26 at 10 a.m. Ages 5 and older. Registration required.

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

**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.

### ESSEX POLICE NOTES

**MONDAY, JUNE 10**  
12:31 a.m. Chebacco Terrace, directed patrol, secured/checked. 1:07 a.m. Spring St., directed patrol, secured/checked. 3:18 a.m. Main St., fire alarm, fire false. 6:34 a.m. Conomo Point Rd., directed patrol, secured/checked.

**TUESDAY, JUNE 11**  
No report.

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12**  
No report.

**THURSDAY, JUNE 13**  
No report.

**FRIDAY, JUNE 14**  
No report.

**SATURDAY, JUNE 15**  
9:42 a.m. Main St., motor vehicle crash, report to follow. 1:59 p.m. John Wise Ave., motor vehicle crash, report to follow. 6:26 p.m. Conomo Point Rd., parking complaint, parking enforcement. 7:46 p.m. Main St., animal complaint, secured/checked.

**SUNDAY, JUNE 16**  
1:01 a.m. Main St., selective enforcement, no action taken. 10:38 a.m. Shepard Memorial Drive, parking complaint, parking enforcement. 11:22 a.m. Martin St., selective enforcement, secured/checked. 2:22 p.m. Pickering St., directed patrol, secured/checked.



## Let's Hear it for Ramie Reader, Small Business Person of the Year in Essex

Ramie Reader at last week's Greater Cape Ann Chamber of Commerce Small Business Person of the Year banquet, where he was honored. Reader began his company, Reader Electrical, in 1996 and has been helping people on the North Shore ever since. Reader is a prominent community member in Es-

sex where he is also the Chief of the volunteer Essex Fire Dept. Michele French, Bank Gloucester senior vice president and head of the Essex Chamber Division, introduced Reader at two events celebrating Reader, saying his award received unanimous support. Congratulations Ramie!

Photo: Paul Clark

## Essex Senior Living | June 21

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

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

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

the Friends Boutique.

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

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

**Technology Assistance, Wednesdays 1-3 p.m.:** Do you have questions about your computer, tablet, phone, or other technological challenges? Our Tech genius can help!

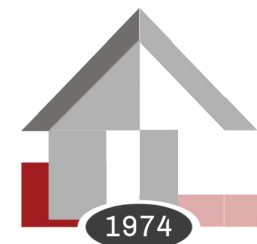
**Ga.m.es with Gil at the Senior Center:** Wednesdays 1-3 p.m.: ALL AGES WELCOME, come play BOARD ga.m.es or Scrabble, Boggle, Cribbage, Backgammon, join us or bring a friend and come play ANYTIME!

**Walking Club:** FREE, Pass Required\* Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays, 9:30-11:30 a.m.: Passes available for the Gordon College Bennett Center indoor walking track! \*Contact Hamilton-Wenham Recreation at 978-468-2178 to register. Transportation is available from CATA (978-283-7916).

**Grab and Go Meals, Mondays & Thursdays, 12 noon (must be picked up by 12:30):** Monday meals provided by Open Door, Thursday meals provided by Senior Care. Please register 2 business days in advance - 978-768-7932.

**MONTHLY EVENTS**  
In addition to our recurring weekly and monthly events, we host numerous exciting events every month, all of which are highlighted in our monthly newsletter and calendar, as well as on the Essex COA Webpage.

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2024 Cape Ann's Small Business of the Year awards last week. From left, Mass. Sen. Bruce Tarr, Tom Ellis, Erika Brown, Jack and Cathy Porter, Ramie Reader, John P. Muldoon, and Dru Tarr of Mass. Rep. Ann-Margaret Ferrante's office. Photo Paul Clark

**Erika Brown of The Cricket and Ramie Reader of Reader Electrical win 2024 Greater Cape Ann Small Business Person of the Year Awards**

By Kris McGinn

This past week the Greater Cape Ann Chamber of Commerce held its 44th Annual Small Business Persons of the Year Awards Ceremony honoring local business owners. Amongst the winners for 2024 were Erika Brown, publisher and editor of the *Manchester Cricket*, and Ramie Reader, owner and Chief Electrician of Essex's Reader Electrical.

The awards highlight outstanding local businesses and the people who make them such a valued and appreciated part of our community here on Cape Ann.

Ramie Reader began his company, Reader Electrical, in 1996 and has been helping people on the North Shore

ever since. Reader is a prominent community member in Essex where he is also the Chief of the volunteer Essex Fire Department.

"My grandfather was also the Fire Chief, I always looked up to him and am proud to be following in his footsteps." Reader went on to say that he feels lucky and blessed to be able to stay local and have a thriving business. Being recognized by the Chamber has made Ramie quite proud and reinforces the joy he finds working in his own community.

Ramie was unanimously selected for the Chamber's honor this year after being asked several times and demurring, said Bank Gloucester's Michele French who also heads up the Essex Chamber Division.

French said Ramie is a dyed-in-the-wool Essex local for whom service runs deep. His father served as Essex Fire Dept. Chief for decades, and Ramie has followed suit. He's the one you call for help in the middle of the night—fire or electrical—said French. And he's the one who will al-

ways respond.

Other winners included Rockport's Jack and Cathy Porter of Sandy Bay Service Center, Inc.; Heath and Tom Ellis of Gloucester's The Schooner Thomas E. Lannon; and John P. Muldoon of The Local News in Ipswich.

In her speech at the ceremony, Erika Brown shared that it was "... amazing to be winning this award with a fellow newspaper publisher." She noted that it really speaks to the dedication to community and the importance and relevance of local news.

"When done right it can be incredibly powerful," explained Brown.

And she's right. Under Brown's management, *The Cricket* has nearly doubled overall paid circulation, including a significant expansion among readers in Essex. The paper has also launched an online version of the weekly paper and introduced new offerings such as seasonal supplements and a Cape Ann-wide, standalone arts & entertainment publication (and soon-to-be website), *Out & About on Cape Ann*.



Ramie Reader at his Essex Small Business Person of the Year celebration held at Woodman's. Photo: Erika Brown

When asked about what she is most proud of, Brown said she's proudest of how *The Cricket* team has pulled off modernizing the 135-year-old newspaper without making it unrecognizable to locals who've been reading it forever.

The paper has drawn numerous talented local contributors, to include: Jim Behnke, Gwendolyn Berger, Jen Coles, Hannah Harlow, Larry Lamb, Peter Phippen, Mark Stolle and Stella Straub to name a few. In working with *The Cricket*, these talented local writers have a sense of this being their place, and their paper, too.

Two weeks ago, a local celebration for Brown took place at Cala's Restaurant in downtown Manchester. The space was packed with local business owners, friends, and family all there to celebrate Brown and her team at the paper. During her acceptance speech Erika high-



The Cricket's Erika Brown at Cala's where she won Manchester's Small Business celebration. Photo Kris McGinn

lighted how the paper offers a sense of community.

"No one lives in Manchester or Essex because they're forced to," she said. "People live here because they love

this place, they love Cape Ann, and the paper is one of several important local institutions that offers a real sense of belonging."

**Barbie and Taylor Swift at Salem Willows North Shore Concert Band**

The North Shore Concert Band Salem Willows Summer Concert Series begins on Tuesday June 25, at 7 p.m. at the Robert Hayes Concert Shell at Salem Willows, Salem MA. Band Director David Benjamin hosts the opening program of "Maritime Music". The 2024 series ends with a tribute to our war veterans "Vietnam 50th Anniversary Concert" on Tuesday, July 30. In between are four exciting free concerts.

The 2024 North Shore Concert Band season offers a special Salem Willows Neighborhood July 4, 1 p.m. concert conducted by Willows resident and band member Robert Chadwick. He will conduct a Patriotic program of audience favorites.

A highlight of the season will be the "Barbie, Ken and Taylor Swift", July 23 concert featuring vocalist Alexandra Grace and the students of her Rockport music studio singing Taylor Swift tunes from the Era's tour and tunes from the Barbie movie. The audience is encouraged to wear pink to celebrate Barbie; bring your Barbie doll and friendship bracelets. "Be prepared to sing along! The entire program is to be music from Taylor Swift and the Barbie movie!" said David Benjamin, who is also the conductor of the band.

Vietnam veterans are encouraged to attend the July 30 Vietnam 50th Anniversary Concert; a musical tribute to



Anna Guigui, vocalist is the soloist in the American Songbook concert on July 9. Courtesy Photos

the service of our local veterans. "This concert will feature music honoring our Vietnam vets, men and women and it's a chance for us to say Thank You," said Music Director and Conductor David Benjamin. "Please encourage your veterans to attend. It's all about them and their service."

This year the band features three conductors. Guest conductor Peter Cokkinias has taught at Tufts University, the Boston Conservatory and Berklee College of Music. He is also Manager/performer in the Boston Saxophone Quartet. Guest Conductor Bob Chadwick is a retired music educator who is active playing with Big Bands, pit orchestras and plays in the Boston Saxophone Quartet. When he's not playing music, you'll find him sailing his Cape Dory 30. David Benjamin is the Music

Director of the North Shore Concert Band and The Cape Ann Community Band. He is a concert promoter on the North Shore, a retired music educator and a retired orchestra manager.

Dr. Ana Guigui will be the featured soloist in "The American Songbook" concert, July 9, conducted by Mr. Cokkinias. She has a 35-year career as a professional artist, including Broadway national tours and Off-Broadway performances. She is a keyboardist and vocalist for Christopher Cross and other Grammy award winning artists.

The North Shore Concert Band is comprised of professional musicians from the greater North Shore area. Salem musicians have performed annually at Salem Willows since the park opened in 1858.

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## Meet MSA's New Program Director and Sailing Director

This week kicks off the Manchester Sailing Association's summer season, with programs for young and adult sailors of all skill levels, from novices to racing champs.

MSA reports that it has invested in eight new Prams to replace aging Dyers in its "Learn to Sail" and "Sea Urchin" programs, which are a fantastic addition to our fleet. In addition, they've made recent capital investments in our 420s and Optis, further improving the quality of the program's equipment, as well as two new safety boats.

But the big news is, this year, MSA has hired two new additions to the team. First, Heather Ryan will serve as MSA's new Program Director. Heather is a lifelong sailor, has taught sailing for many years, is a former MSA parent, and a MSA Board Member emeritus.

"We are very thrilled that she has stepped forward and will take on the role this summer," said MSA's Suzanne Pinto. "Her experience and steady hand will help ensure a safe and positive season."

Then there is MSA's new Sailing Director and Race Coach, Tommy McCormick who joins this season. Tommy is currently at Kenyon College, has many years of sailing instruction and coaching under his belt at top programs, and is a world-class sailor. He has more than 10 years of combined racing experience in the Optimist, C420 (skipper and crew), and ILCA/Laser classes at regional, national, and international championship events. Additionally, Tommy has represented Team USA at multiple ILCA (International Laser Class Association) championships.

"His expertise and passion for sailing make him a valuable addition to our team," said Pinto.



MSA's new Program Director, Heather Ryan.



MSA's new Sailing Director and Race Coach Tommy McCormick  
Courtesy images

## Cape Ann Savings Bank Welcomes Kevin B. Noyes as SVP, Retail Banking



Kevin Noyes, Cape Ann Savings Bank's new head of retail banking.

Courtesy image

Cape Ann Savings Bank has tapped Kevin Noyes to lead its retail bank operations as a senior vice president.

Kevin joins the executive team bringing twenty plus years of banking industry and community development experience to the position.

Previously, he served in senior management positions at banking institutions on the North Shore area, most recently as the Director of Retail Banking, SVP at Newburyport Bank.

Recognized by his former employees and colleagues, Kevin is known for leading by example, authentic relationship building, and for fostering a positive culture in the workplace. Equally important to him are collaboration, mentoring, and employee development. In addition to his extensive retail leadership experience, Kevin brings compliance knowledge to the table and has held the role of Community Reinvest-

ment Act (CRA) Officer at Danversbank, a role which greatly strengthened his love and dedication to community outreach.

Cape Ann Savings Bank is an independent community bank operating on Cape Ann since 1846, with locations in Gloucester, Manchester-by-the-Sea, and Rockport.

"Cape Ann Savings Bank is a financial institution I have been admiring for many years," said Noyes. "They are well known and very visible in the community for their leadership, financial products and services, and employee engagement. I am honored to be joining this outstanding team and organization."

Marianne Smith, president of Cape Ann Savings Bank affirms:

"Kevin brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the role of Senior Vice President, Retail Banking. Kevin has also demonstrated a passion for community development and service to others which is critical

to the mission of Cape Ann Savings Bank. Kevin is a tremendous addition to the Senior Management team and I look forward to working with him for years to come."

A North Shore native and Danvers High School graduate, Kevin went on to earn a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Education from Salem State University and is a graduate of the National School of Banking.

He serves on the Board of Harborlight Homes and has recently been an Advisory Board member of North Shore Community Development Coalition and Board member of the YMCA of the North Shore. Outside of his successful career, one can find Kevin (an avid Red Sox fan) at Fenway Park or following their attending games at stadiums all over the U.S., including Spring Training and Red Sox Winter Weekend. Married to his wife Ann, Kevin resides in Middleton. Together they have two sons, Zachary and Benjamin.

## Montserrat College of Art Awarded \$105,000 Cummings Grant



Beverly, MA non-profit receives three years of funding from Cummings Foundation

Montserrat College of Art is one of 150 local non-profits that will share in \$30 million through Cummings Foundation's major annual grants program. The Beverly-based college was selected from a total of 715 applicants during a competitive review process.

It will receive \$105,000 over three years.

The grant will grow Montserrat's Summer Bridge program, a specially tailored orientation program for low-income and first-generation students that will serve as a "head start" for these individuals, helping provide them with equal resources and access to opportunities as their peers.

Research has shown that these student populations often arrive their freshman year with less social capital and "college knowledge" as their peers. The bridge pro-

gram will allow students to orient themselves to college life prior to the beginning of the semester, while living and starting their coursework on campus.

Montserrat President Brian Pellinen said, "We know the transition from high school to college is a major step, and through the impact of the Cummings Foundation grant, we can make sure our students are set up for success right from the start. The summer bridge orientation program will help ensure that students entering Montserrat have the tools, knowledge,

and confidence to navigate college life no matter what circumstances they are coming from."

The Cummings \$30 Million Grant Program primarily supports Massachusetts non-profits that are based in and serve Middlesex, Essex, and Suffolk counties, plus six communities in Norfolk County: Brookline, Dedham, Milton, Needham, Quincy, and Wellesley.

Through this place-based initiative, Cummings Foundation aims to give back in the areas where it owns commercial property. Its buildings are all managed, at no cost to the Foundation, by its affiliate, Cummings Properties.

This Woburn-based commercial real estate firm leases and manages 11 million square feet of debt-free space, the majority of which exclusively benefits the Foundation.

"Greater Boston is fortunate to have a robust, dedicated, and highly capable

non-profit sector that supports and enhances the community in myriad ways," said Cummings Foundation executive director and trustee Joyce Vyriotes. "The entire Cummings organization is thankful for their daily work to help all our neighbors thrive."

Nearly 100 community volunteers made the majority of grant decisions. They worked across a variety of committees to review and discuss the proposals and then, together, determine which requests would be funded. Among these community volunteers were business and non-profit leaders, mayors, college presidents, and experts in areas such as finance and DEI (diversity, equity, and inclusion).

The Foundation and volunteers first identified 150 organizations to receive three-year grants of up to \$300,000 each. The winners included first-time recipients as well as non-profits that had previously received Cummings grants. Twenty-five of this latter group of repeat recipients were then selected by a panel

of community volunteers to have their grants elevated to 10-year awards ranging from \$300,000 to \$1 million each.

This year's grant recipients represent a wide variety of causes, including housing and food insecurity, workforce development, immigrant services, social justice, education, and mental health services. The non-profits are spread across 49 different cities and towns.

Cummings Foundation has now awarded \$500 million to greater Boston non-profits. The complete list of this year's 150 grant winners, plus nearly 2,000 previous recipients, is available on the foundation's website.

Montserrat College of Art is a private, residential college of visual art educating designers, artists, and entrepreneurs for a rapidly changing world that requires creative solutions to new challenges. At the intersection of art, design and technology, the college offers international study programs, 12 concentrations, five minors and a required internship program.

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### North Shore Concert Band 2024 Salem Willows Schedule

June 25, 7 p.m.	Maritime Music
July 4, 1 p.m.	Salem Willows July 4th Celebration
	Rain date, Saturday, July 6, 1 p.m.
July 9, 7 p.m.	The American Songbook
July 16, 7 p.m.	Bold & Brassy
July 23, 7 p.m.	Barbie, Ken and Taylor Swift
July 30, 7 p.m.	Vietnam 50th Anniversary Concert

All rain dates are the following Thursday evening, 7 p.m. (excepting July 4)

All concerts begin at 7 p.m. Parking is free, restrooms are handicap accessible and the audience is encouraged to bring a chair and a picnic lunch (carry in - carry out). Rain dates are the following Thursday evening at 7 p.m. Location: Robert Hayes Concert Shell at Salem Willows,

Salem MA.

For concert information please contact David Benjamin, 978-281-2286 email: David@DavidLBenjamin.com

For notification of band concert postponements please register at: <http://notify.northshoreconcertband.com>

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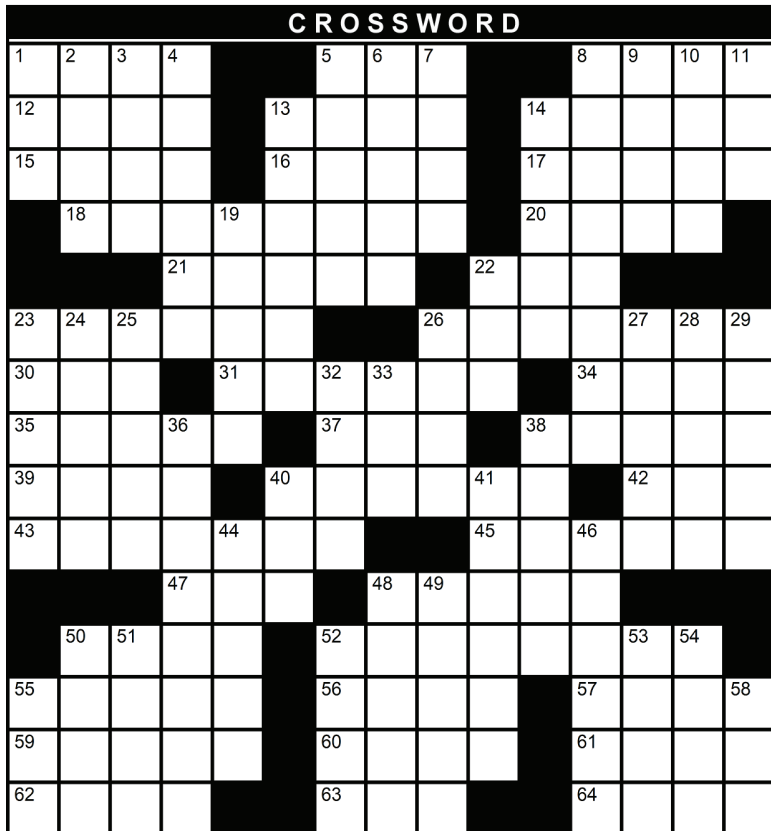
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**ACROSS**

1. South American palm berry
5. Chi preceder
8. Tatted cloth
12. \*\*"Knee high in July"?
13. Hole-making tools
14. Sign in (2 words)
15. Discharge
16. Violin's Renaissance predecessor
17. Nursemaid in India, pl.
18. \*On the grill on the 4th?
20. Tropical tuber
21. Propelled like Argo
22. "Fresh Prince of \_\_\_-Air"
23. \*#18 Across, picnics and such
26. Yellow ride
30. Not well
31. Heavy lifting injury
34. "Brave New World" drug
35. Feudal estates
37. Storm center
38. Rand McNally book
39. Singer-songwriter Amos
40. Deserving veneration
42. Giant "Master Melvin"
43. Y on Periodic Table
45. Unkind one, slangily
47. Clairvoyant's gift, acr.
48. "\_\_\_ under the rug"
50. Cry like a baby
52. \*Number of stripes on Old Glory
55. Birch bark vessel
56. Object of Frodo's obsession
57. Norse war god
59. Cut mission short
60. Fairy tale beginning
61. Tangerine/grapefruit hybrid
62. MTV's "\_\_\_d" (2003-2015)
63. Like Willie Winkie
64. "Team" homophone

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2. Toothy groomer



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3. Operatic solo
4. Openings
5. Between once and thrice
6. Viva voce
7. Maroon's home
8. \*As opposed to Patriot
9. Lab culture
10. Type of salmon
11. Short for ensign
13. Not sympathetic
14. Potentially allergenic glove material
19. Tubs
22. Farm cry
23. \*Number of stars on Old Glory
24. "The Waste Land" poet
25. Heads-up
26. Wedding cake layer
27. 2-dotted mark
28. Stradivari competitor

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33. \*Largest Fourth of July pyrotechnics display loc.
36. \*Celebratory combustible
38. Highly skilled
40. Break bread
41. Come into view
44. Even smaller than #7 Down
46. Dined elsewhere (2 words)
48. Use a shoe polish
49. Grimace in pain
50. Hindu Mr.
51. Before long, to Shakespeare
52. Think, arch.
53. Part of a seat
54. World's longest river
55. Upper limit
58. Jodie Foster's "\_\_\_'s Island"

# Religious Notes

**Cornerstone Church**

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

serve!

**Visitation Parish - Mass Schedule**

The Visitation Parish Mass Schedule:

**Sacred Heart Church** - Saturday Vigil Mass - Virtual Mass - on our YouTube as well as www.mecatholic.org  
Sunday Mass - 8:30 a.m.

**St. John the Baptist Church** - Saturday Vigil Mass - 5 p.m.  
Sunday Mass - 10 a.m.

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

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# Worm Infection in Dogs and Cats



By Lawrence Lamb, DVM

## PETS AND PEOPLE

Dogs and cats are the victims of several intestinal parasites referred to as “worms.” The most common are roundworms, hookworms, whipworms and tapeworms. Of these four only roundworms and tapeworms are commonly seen in the stool.

At the Manchester Animal Hospital, we recommend pets be checked for intestinal parasites twice a year as worms found in dogs and cats are potential health hazards for humans too.

If hookworm larvae penetrate the skin they can cause a condition called cutaneous larval migrans, where a potentially serious scarring and inflammation results. Ascarid (roundworm) eggs, if ingested, can cause a disease called visceral larval migrans where tiny worm larvae migrate through the person’s intestinal wall and into the body tissues. They then grow to larger size almost anywhere in the body.

Ocular disease is a common sequel to visceral larval migrans. Children are at most serious risk especially if play behavior is in an environment where dog, cat, or raccoon feces may be present... such as in a sandbox. A single adult *Toxocara canis* female can shed up to 100,000 eggs a day which pass into the dog (or cat’s) environment with the stool. Often you will be able to tell if your dog or cat has worms by the symptoms they are exhibiting. Most worm infestations cause any or all of these symptoms: diarrhea, perhaps with blood, weight loss, lethargy, general poor appearance and vomiting, perhaps with worms in the vomit.

Some infestations cause few or no symptoms; in fact, some worm eggs or larvae

can be dormant in the pet’s body and activated only in times of stress, or in the case of roundworms and hookworms, until the later stages of pregnancy when they activate and infest the soon-to-be-born puppies and kittens. Roundworms can assume different sizes and be visible in the feces. With Tapeworms, all you might see in the stool or attached to the fur near the anus would be the small segments that detach from the end of the tapeworm. Hookworms and whipworms are so small they seldom are seen in the stool. I recommend a stool sample and fecal analysis every six months in order to discover which parasite is present. The presence of these worms’ eggs can often only be detected microscopically.

### Roundworms

A percentage of puppies and kittens are born with microscopically small roundworm larvae in their tissues. The larvae are introduced to the developing pup in the mother’s uterus—via migration through the mother’s tissues. Roundworm larvae can also be transferred to the nursing pup or kitten from the mother’s milk. The larvae make their way to the intestinal tract where they can grow up to five inches in length. They start shedding eggs and try to live in the small intestine of the pup or kitten. The eggs that the adult worms pass in the stool can now reinfest the animal or other dogs and cats if somehow the egg-bearing stool is eaten. When the worm eggs hatch, larvae are released internally to migrate to the animal’s lungs where the larvae, microscopic in size are coughed

up, swallowed, and grow up to adults in the small intestine. Female roundworms can produce 200,000 eggs in just one day. These eggs are protected by a hard shell, which enables them to exist in soil for up to years. Puppies and kittens with active roundworms in the intestines often have a potbellied appearance and poor growth. The worms may be seen in vomit or stool. If not treated in time, a severe infestation can cause death by intestinal blockage.

Roundworms don’t just affect young pups or kittens; they can also infest adult dogs and cats. remain dormant for periods of time and can activate during the last stages of pregnancy to infest the puppies and kittens. Worming the mother has no effect on the encysted larvae in the body tissues and cannot prevent the worms from infecting the newborn.

### Hookworms

These are much more common in dogs than in cats. They are very small, thin worms that fasten to the wall of the small intestine and suck blood. Dogs get hookworms from larval migration in the uterus, from contact with the larvae in stool-contaminated soil, or from ingesting the eggs after birth. As with roundworms, the hookworm larvae can also be transferred to the nursing pup from the mother’s milk. A severe hookworm infestation can kill puppies, often making them severely anemic from the loss of blood to the hookworms vampire-like activities. Chronic hookworm infestation can also be because of illness in older dogs, be often demonstrated as poor stamina, lack of feed efficiency and weight loss. Other signs include bloody

diarrhea, anemia, and progressive weakness. Diagnosis is made by examining the feces for eggs under a microscope.

### Tapeworms

The tapeworm is transmitted to dogs (and cats) that ingest fleas or hunt and eat wildlife or rodents infested with tapeworms or fleas. If you were to see an entire tapeworm you would notice that they are arranged with a small head at one end and many tiny brick-like repeating segments making up the rest of the worm.

Tapeworms can reach four to six inches in length within the intestine. Each tapeworm may have as many as 90 segments, though it is the last segments in the chain that are released from the worm that can be seen in the stool or attached to the fur under the pet’s tail.

Tapeworms cannot be killed by the typical generic, over-the-counter wormers. See a veterinarian for a treatment that works.

### Whipworms

This parasite is more often seen in dogs than cats. Adult whipworms, although seldom seen in the stool, look like tiny pieces of thread, with one end enlarged. They live in the cecum, the first section of the dog’s large intestine. Infestations are usually difficult to prove since the whipworms shed comparatively few eggs; so an examination of several stool samples may not reveal the presence of whipworms. Although they seldom cause a dog’s death, whipworms are a real nuisance.

Early diagnosis for the presence and type of an intestinal parasite is vital. At the Manchester Animal Hospital, we include the stool check on a biannual visit. Tapeworm eggs do not show up well in routine fecal analyses so tell your veterinarian if you spot these rice-like segments in the stool or caught in the fur under the tail.

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## PET OF THE WEEK: CALI

Meet Cali, a 1 1/2-year-old cattle dog mix ready to steal your heart. Cali weighs around 50 pounds, and learns quickly and walks like a pro on a leash. She enjoys car rides, adores the beach and is always up for walks. Once Cali has gotten her energy out with a good walk or play session, she will happily relax by your side while you watch TV or scroll through your phone. Cali would thrive in a home without young children or cats due to her occasional mouthy play style and herding tendencies, which is quite typical of her breed mix. Cali is a part of Cape Ann Animal Aid’s Extended Stay



Program so her adoption fee is reduced. She is also available for Foster to Adopt to ensure a smooth transition to her forever home. Visit [www.capeannanimalaid.org](http://www.capeannanimalaid.org) for more information about Cali 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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Coming up in next week is 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 welcome. Email [jeanne.fpchurch@gmail.com](mailto:jeanne.fpchurch@gmail.com) to sign up.

### 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](mailto:northshorequaker@gmail.com). First Day School, our Children’s Program, consists of forest walks near the Glen Urquhart School led by Jessica Kagle from the Kestrel Foundation. Blessings To You

## PUBLIC NOTICE



Town of Manchester-by-Sea  
Office of the  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
Town Hall, 10 Central Street,  
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Public Hearing Notice to be  
Published on or before 6/21/24

Gary Gilbert requests the Commission make a decision regarding a Notice of Intent 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, July 2 at 6:30 p.m. and will be reviewed under the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act (MGL Chapter 131, Section 40) and/or the Manchester General Wetlands Bylaw.

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

June 21, 2023 MC

## PUBLIC NOTICE



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SELECT BOARD

### PUBLIC HEARING

The Select Board will hold a hybrid public hearing for the following purposes on Monday, July 1, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. in Town Hall and by zoom. Zoom information will be available on the Town website, prior to the meeting.

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