Have a very happy & safe 4th of July with family and friends. Read the full schedule of community events inside.





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BRIEFLY

It's Here! The RW&B Pancake Breakfast!

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 year organizers announced they'll continue the free water shuttle that will whisk you from either the back of Manchester Town Hall or Reed Park to Tuck's Point, thus avoiding the parking scrum at Tuck's Point that invariably occurs at this popular event. The shuttle will run continuously all morning. The Rotary's RW&B community breakfast features 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. All proceeds go to char-

MBTS Fishing Tournament Coming Up Fast

The 5th Annual MBTS Fishing Tournament is coming up fast, scheduled for July 26 thru 28. For many years, Manchester residents have had an opportunity each summer to best their neighbors and secure year-long bragging rights for catching the biggest striped bass. For those who remember the tournaments of years past, you probably recall fondly of the opportunity for experienced and novice anglers of all ages to show their skills, enjoy some fun prizes and get the most popular shirts in town! Reintroduced in 2020, the Manchester by the Sea Fishing Tournament is a family-friendly event seeking to encourage anglers new and old to enjoy some fun on the water. Register at mbtsfishing.com.

It's Off to BinStar, Olive Garden, and Butterflies for the MBTS COA

The Manchester Council on Aging van is headed to some pretty sweet spots in the coming weeks, so get out your calendars and mark down the following. On Wednesday, July 10, the Manchester COA is off to the new store, BinStar, in Saugus. BinStar is a shopping destination that is on a mission to make retail landfill-free by turning high-quality returned merchandise and overstocks into shopping deals for you. Then, on Friday, July 12, the van is headed to the Olive Garden in Danvers. If you have a pasta craving that needs fixing, this is it. Finally-and this is a biggieon Wednesday, July 17, the COA van is headed to The Butterfly Place in Westford. See hundreds of native and tropical butterflies from all over the world. Observe them in a natural habitat basking in the sun, sipping from flowers and flying freely. There are educational areas as well as koi fish and quail. For details, cost and reservations, contact the Manchester COA at (978) 526-7500.



Manchester Sailing Association's popular summer season kicked off this week at Tuck's Point in Manchester. Here (right, sitting and left, standing), instructors Ian Carlin and Cole Coté work with two **Optimist Dinghy** intermediatesailors to turn their basic sailing skills into a focus on youth competitions and become skilled cruisers and longdistance sailors.

> Photo: Tommy McCormick

CST Landscaping and Stormwater Discussed

By Jeff Pope

onsultants for Cell Signaling Technology presented plans for dealing with stormwater runoff, protecting the surrounding environment, and landscaping the grounds at a Manchester-by-the-Sea Planning Board meeting on Monday.

CST is seeking a comprehensive permit from the town to build a 500-employee research-and-development laboratory at the end of Atwater Avenue, just north of the Manchester Athletic Club. The project will be built in two phases with one lab building, the lobby, and a parking garage as part of the first phase. Much of the landscaping will also be done as part of the first phase.

The second phase will include building the second lab building and expanding the garage.

Matt Connors of Hancock Associates explained that because the construction will mainly take place where the former gravel quarry was located, that land is already in a disturbed state.

"As you can see," Connors said pointing to a map of the area, "we don't have a lot of neighbors."

Beside the MAC and the storage facility, Connors said their nearest neighbors were across Route 128 on Mill Street. He said construction, including a couple months of blasting, would have a minor impact on neighbors.

But he said that CST would ask for a waiver from the town's bylaw, which limits construction on weekdays from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. He said CST would like to start work at 6:30 a.m., to allow its work vehicles to arrive on the property before they



Matt Connors of Hancock Associates points out the drainage area for stormwater on a plan for the Cell Signaling project on Atwater Avenue at Monday night's Planning Board meeting. Photo Jeff Pope

Cell Signaling's Planning Board hearing was continued until July 9 to accommodate schedules

might interfere with school buses coming from Essex.

Connors also said that the blasting would only take place for about one minute each day and the early start would allow them to do the blasting at a time that would be more convenient for

members of the MAC.
Connor said that the project's design for dealing with stormwater runoff would be based on numbers for predicted 2090 storms, rather than the current standard of 2030 storms. That means it would be able to handle a once-in-a-100-year storm of 11.7 inches, rather than the 2030 numbers of about nine inches of rain.

Connors said that there would be two collection areas for stormwater on the property and that water from both would go

through a rain garden, that would help eliminate particles from the water, which would eventually seep into Sawmill Brook.

Connors said all the runoff from the roofs of the buildings would be used to irrigate the landscaped areas around the buildings.

"The same amount of water will be reaching the wetlands that is reaching it now," said Connors.

Josh Wilson of Biohabitats gave an ecological assessment of the property. He said that the CST project will restore much of the area, including the meadow just north of the garage site.

Wilson said that, when completed, the site will allow more area for animals, such as deer and coyotes, and birds to flourish.

Lynn Giesecke of Studio 2112 spoke about the plans for landscaping the grounds. She said that CST would add a full range of plantings from scrubs and bushes up to 12- to 16-foot trees around the property.

About 150,000 square

Giesecke said a wide range of mostly native trees would be planted, from white firs and sugar maples to an assortment of flowering trees, around the property.

"CST is spending a lot of money on screening," said Giesecke.

Daron Kurkijan and James Pearson of Weston & Sampson, which was hired by the town to peer review the work of the CST consultants, only had a few questions of the consultants' proposals.

Kurkijan noted that only four inches of soil was planned for the plantings in the upper meadow. The town bylaws require six inches, but when questioned about it, Kurkijan said four inches was "not unreasonable."

Pearson noted that some test pits for the rain garden had not been conducted, but that was because they are in the middle of the MAC's outdoor tennis courts.

Pearson suggested that those test pits be added as a condition of approval for the permit.

The public hearing was continued until July 9 at 7:30 p.m. but because some members may be on vacation then, Planning Board Chairman Sarah Creighton said it was possible the hearing would be continued until a later meeting.

Weekly Weather Chart

feet of new trees would be

added, especially in several

areas for screening. This

would be at the crest of the

hill overlooking Route 128,

to make sure the project

cannot be seen from the

highway, along a created

berm between the ring road

and the storage facility and

to block views of two back-

up generators.

weekly weather Chart											
Saturday 29 June		74°	60°								
Sunday 30 June	***	79°	64°								
Monday 1 July	- <u>\</u>	74°	59°								
Tuesday 2 July	***	72°	52°								
Wednesday 3 July	*	72°	63°								
Thursday 4 July	***	74°	65°								
Friday 5 July	*	72°	65°								

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.

> **Town Halls Closed** Thursday, July 4

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Rotarians Chris, Joanne and Steve sell tickets to Manchester's Red, White and Blue Breakfast on Saturday. Chris reported that sales were brisk so expect a crowd on the 29th.

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Mary E. Crane



1942-2024

Tuesday, June 4th punctuated the inevitable end of life for a strong and loving wife, mother, and grandmother just two weeks shy of her 82nd birthday. She had fought a five-month battle with two major health problems and succumbed at home with her husband by her side. Finally, she is now at rest.

Col Kerry J. Crane (USAF Ret) and resident of Montgomery for 45 years, was born in Gloucester, MA but spent her growing up years in Rockport MA, a small fishing and tourist destination on the North Shore of Massachusetts. She graduated from Rockport High School and attended a year of junior college before taking a position as Administrative Assistant to Avis-Rent-A Car manager in Boston.

In August of 1961 she met her husband-to-be at a small private party. A few months and many dates later, the couple realized they viewed their future in each other. They eloped quietly in late December of 1961 and were married by a justice of the peace. That marriage began 62 years of a partnership which spanned Kerry's Air Force career and a later one Mary E. Crane, wife of Lt with a large non-profit organization in Montgomery. All the while Mary guided their three sons through public schools and then the challenges of college. The home front was never more secure with Mary present.

In all things she served as judge and jury with a strong tendency for leniency, became the glue when necessary, and always served as a problem solver when situations arose. She was respected by her sons and their friends, not an easy accomplishment. Whenever possible, she attended her sons' activities, especially baseball. When her youngest son returned to Montgomery to start a family, she was thrilled to be able for the first time to see two grandchildren every day and watch them grow up. She was a fixture at every youth baseball game and every occasion for cheerleading. Biologically, everyone can become a grandparent, but only a few like Mary can be thrilled by the opportunity and find love and fulfillment every day.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents, Edward and Evelyn Dailey,

formerly of Rockport MA; brother, Russell Dailey, formerly of Rockport MA; sister and brother-in-law, Diane and Joseph Spanoghe, formerly of Salem MA; brother-in-law, CDR (USN Ret) Stephen Crane, formerly of Pensacola FL; and brotherin-law, Jade Donaldson of Rockport MA. She is survived by her husband, Kerry Crane of MGM; sons, Shaun of MGM, Chris (Shelly) of Orlando FL, and Jeff (Shannon) of Pike Road AL; sister, Jean Donaldson of Rockport MA; sister-in-law, Janet Dailev of Rockport, MA; grandchildren Gracie and Chloe Crane, Kyle Crane of Miami FL, Chandler Crane of St. Marys GA, and Jack and Ava Crane of Pike Rd AL; and numerous nephews, nieces and

A private burial was held on June 12th for family at the Alabama National Cemetery in Montevallo. Donations in honor of Mary can be made to the charity of your choice. The family of Mary Crane extend their many thanks to Hospice of Montgomery for their support and preparation for Mary's final hours of life at home.

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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.

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BOARD UPDATES

Select Board Meeting: The Select Board will meet on Monday, July 1 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 Northern Fried on Tuesday, July 2 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

July 4th Parade: The July 4th Parade is on Thursday,

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Hall will be closed on Thursday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day and will reopen on Monday, July 8.

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Water and Sewer **Rates Hearing**



By Gregory T. Federspiel

t the upcoming Select Board Meeting this Monday, July 1, the Board will hold a public hearing on proposed water and sewer rates for the new fiscal year. The hearing is scheduled to start at 6:30 p.m. In the past, the rate hearings have been pretty straightforward - voters approve the operating and capital budgets at the Annual Town Meeting and rates are adjusted accordingly in order to raise the funds neces-

sary. A re-examination of the rate structure for water was undertaken by the Water Task Force as part of its comprehensive look at our drinking water system. The Task Force recommended taking our current tiered rate system and increasing the spread between the different tiers to provide a greater economic incentive to conserve water. There was pushback from residents on the proposal and the Select Board has been exploring variations to the original Task Force recommendations, especially in light of the need to raise funds for water sys-

tem capital improvements. On Monday the focus will be on a modified tiered rate structure that consolidates the number of tiers from 6 to 4 and that increases the spread between tiers but to a lesser extent than origi-

rising cost of operating our treatment plants and providing high quality water to residents all users will see an increase in their water bills. For residents who fall into the higher usage tiers, they will see a larger increase. The range of increases is from roughly 5% to 50% with the majority of users being in the 5% range (about \$2.00 a month more for a small household.) Only the small number of very high users (due to large areas of irrigation) would see the big percentage change assuming continued high use.

A second discussion will center on whether to implement a new capital improvement fee for both water and sewer users. With both water and sewer treatment plants needing major upgrades (including those needed to remove PFAS from drinking water) more funds are needed to re-pay the bonds that voters have and will be asked to approve in the years ahead. General revenues from property taxes will also have to be used to repay the bonds but utility fees can help as well.

One proposal under consideration is to assign a new fixed fee every quarter based on one's water meter size. This provides a reliable, steady stream of income to dedicate towards capital improvement projects. The majority of residents have either a 5/8 or 3/4 inch menally proposed. Due to the ter. A charge of \$50 or \$75

dollars per quarter is being considered. Those with a 1 or 11/4 inch meter might be charged \$200 a quarter and those with large 11/2 or 2 inch meters could be charged \$400 per quarter. These new meter-based fees would generate about \$1 million annually and could be used to repay upwards of \$12 million in new bonds - about half of what is needed in the next five years.

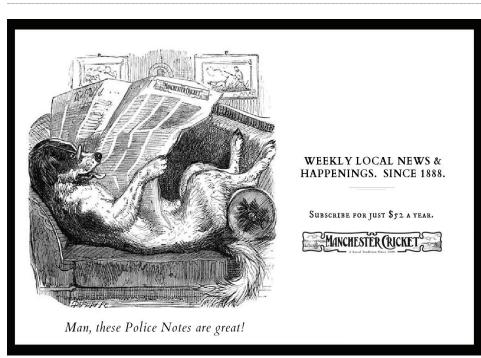
For most water users this new fixed fee would total \$200 - \$300 a year, admittedly a large percentage increase when compared to a small annual water bill of about \$500. However, drinking water delivered to your faucet from the municipal system remains an amazing bargain even with this new fee - a gallon costs less than 1.5 cents!)

We have a dual goal of wanting to encourage wise use of drinking water and raising funds to help pay for the system improvements that are needed. Like so many other communities, Manchester has lived off the investments prior generations made in basic municipal infrastructure. We now face the task of reinvesting and need to come up with funding to do the high priority projects to ensure basic services remain in place. Monday's discussion will look at modifying the current rate structure to accomplish these two goals.



BRING ON THE MUSIC!

Last week MBTS Jazz Fest founders Greg Cook, John Filias and Scott Milne presented a check of \$2,400 as a donation to support music as part of this year's 4th of July Parade in Manchester. Cheryl Marshall (center), the director of Manchester's Parks & Recreation Dept. accepted the donation happily, saying it will fund three bands in the parade. Nice! Courtesy photo



WHAT WAS



HAPPENING

90 YEARS AGO - 1934

Horticultural hall was filled Wednesday evening with the relatives and friends of the 29 graduates of the class of 1934 Story High school, to listen to the exercises which were of a highly interesting order and carried out in a manner to give credit to both pupils and faculty.

Complaints are being made of the theft of flowers and vases from the lots in our cemeteries, some of the lots having been completely stripped of vases. This represents about the meanest and most despicable form of thievery and anyone who will stoop to such low-down actions as this should be made to suffer to the full extent that the law will allow.

75 YEARS AGO - 1949

At a meeting of the Manchester Fourth of July Committee, the committee signed a contract with the Hamid Co., internationally famous for supplying topflight entertainment, for a four-act show which will be presented the night of the Fourth at Masconomo Park.

Dr. Charles Herrick, chairman of the Manchester Cancer Drive Committee, is pleased to report that recent contributions to the drive,

which came after the official closing, have been credited to the Manchester total and now places Manchester in the "Over-the-Top" class.

60 YEARS AGO - 1964

Parkhurst Esso, 11 Summer St., Manchester, an official AAA service station in this area, has been rated "excellent" after a recent survey by Stanley Gubala, Emergency Road Service Manager of the American Automobile Association's Massachusetts Division. The second Annual Picnic of the Manchester Golden Age Club will be held on Saturday, June 27th at Tuck's Point. Lunch will be at 12 noon. Members are reminded to bring their own dishes and silver.

45 YEARS AGO - 1979

The Regional School District Planning Committee investigated regionalization with the towns of Essex, Ipswich, Rockport, and Hamilton-Wenham.

The conclusion was that if Manchester chose to regionalize its school system, the most logical choice would be Essex. The Department of Public Works announces that the second phase of the annual spraying of shade trees will occur between

June 25 and June 29, 1979. All work will be accomplished between 5-7 a.m. to avoid any inconvenience to residents.

30 YEARS AGO - 1994

The hopes and dreams of the Society of FRIENDS of the Council on Aging will come into fruition when the newly-purchased van takes to the roadways of Manchester-by-the-Sea sometime in early August. The Manchester Club held a regular meeting last Thursday, June 16 with nearly 100 members and guests in attendance. Following Teddy Brown's most delicious apricot glazed chicken dinner, the club was introduced to Dr. Larry Lamb, a local veterinarian who spoke on the rabies epidemic.

15 YEARS AGO - 2009

The soggy June weather has done little to dampen the spirits of the "Plein Air" painter seen working all over Manchesterby-the-Sea.

Toby Gado is pleased to announce the opening of Essen, 4C Summer Street, located at the site of the former Kitchen Witch, this is Toby's new venture featuring fresh locally sourced foods.

Tides & Sun Chart For The Week Ahead

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29	Sat	5:48	9.8	6:25	10.1			12:24	0.1	5:06	8:26
30	Sun	6:51	9.4	7:23	10.2	12:58	0.5	1:18	0.4	5:07	8:26
1	Mon	7:56	9.0	8:23	10.4	2:00	0.4	2:14	0.7	5:07	8:26
2	Tue	9:01	8.8	9:21	10.5	3:03	0.3	3:11	0.9	5:08	8:26
3	Wed	10:03	8.7	10:18	10.6	4:06	0.2	4:07	1.0	5:09	8:25
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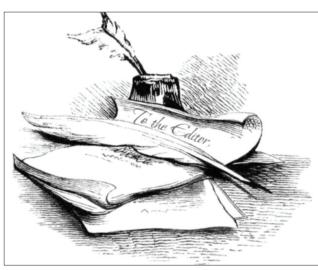
Ken Davis, Vice President, Branch Manager is retiring! For over four decades, Ken has been an integral part of our team, a selfless friend and community supporter, giving his all with nothing expected in return. Now it is time for us to honor him. Please join us in celebrating Ken and to wish him well as he sails into retirement!

Wednesday | July 10th | 3pm - 6pm

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It's Time to Get Real **About Drug Overdoses**

To the Editor,

When it comes to our society's struggle to prevent overdose, the losses seem to weigh a whole lot heavier than the victories.

Last week, the Massachusetts Department of Public Health sent out a release detailing one of those rare victories: 2023 marked the first decrease in yearly opioid overdoses since 2019 for the state, some encouraging news for both those who work in the field of overdose prevention and those who might benefit from this work.

In a sobering contrast to this update, last week also

brought the news that one person had died and two were hospitalized after apparent drug overdoses in Ipswich and there were calls in Essex as well. These overdoses were most likely due to fentanyl-laced cocaine and were used by people who normally do not use opioids. As far as losses go, it's hard to find one weightier than the sudden loss of human life.

When something of this stark nature occurs so close to home, it's only natural that questions will follow.

How did this happen? What if it were me or someone I knew? What can we do about it?

That last one is the question that communities like ours have been struggling to answer for years.

To the few who have not been touched by overdose in some way -- Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health recently published a survey reporting that one in three Americans know someone who has died of a drug overdose - the problem might seem simple on the surface, but it's one made far more complex by the stigma and emotion that is woven

With that in mind, what can we do about it?

Understand the basics be-

hind what causes an overdose. Opioids belong to a class of drugs called Central Nervous System (CNS) depressants, which slow or block CNS signals to the brain. In large enough quantities, there is enough blockage that a person will stop breathing altogether, resulting in an overdose. Commonly known opioids include Heroin, Vicodin, Fentanyl, Methadone, Codeine and Oxycontin.

Carry Narcan and test strips with you. Narcan is the most commonly found form of Naloxone, a medication used to restore breathing and reverse the effects of an opioid overdose. Narcan is readily available and easy to use - it is a simple nasal spray (block out images of the giant needle plunged into Uma Thurman's chest in "Pulp Fiction," that's not necessary here) that can be found in any pharmacy, or you can receive the medication and training on how to use it free of charge at North Shore Health Project/ONE-STOP. Narcan is also otherwise harmless, so if you use it when opioids aren't present, there is no fear of causing further harm. Test strips are available for the community as well. These strips can be used to find out if fentanyl is present in another drug, including cocaine and pressed

What does an overdose look like? Some common symptoms to look out for include:

- Dilation of pupils
- Nodding and loss of con-
- sciousness Labored, slow or shallow
- breathing Limp body
- Blue or pale skin hue that is clammy to the touch

If someone is overdosing, how do I respond? An overdose can be an intimidating, scary and challenging situation. Try to keep these steps in mind if someone near you overdoses:

- 1. Recognize the overdose. 2. Administer Narcan.
- 3. Call 911 and let them know that you are with someone who is not breathing and not responding.
- 4. Perform rescue breathing to keep air in the lungs in the person who is overdosing and prevent possible brain damage.
- 5. Stay until help arrives.

Good Samaritan laws offer protection for the caller and person overdosing when you have to call 911.

Massachusetts is a Good Samaritan state, which provides limited immunity from arrest or prosecution for mi-

nor drug law violations (simple possession, possession of paraphernalia).

Engage with community providers for support. North Shore Health Project/ONE-STOP (Gloucester, Essex, Rockport, Haverhill, Ipswich, Hamilton, Wenham, Beverly, www.healthproject.org) and Health Innovations/Healthy Streets (Lynn, Lowell, Revere, Randolph, Chelsea) both provide Narcan distribution and training, along with other support services like syringe exchange, HIV/ HCV/STI testing and case management. The NHSP also provides overdose follow-up support for people who need

Learn to Cope provides support for families dealing with addiction, including meetings in Gloucester, Ipswich, Haverhill and Peabody.

After hearing news of this sort happening so close to home, we are reminded that even though there have been gains here and there, we still have a long way to go when it comes to overdose prevention. Together, we can take steps to get closer to our goals of keeping the loved ones safe.

Susan Coviello **Executive Director** North Shore Health Project

LIBRARY





MBTS Library Closing

Wednesday, July 3 the library will close at 1 p.m. Thursday, July 4 the library will be closed. The library will be open Friday, July 5 at 10 a.m.

MBTS Library Summer Hours

Beginning July 1, the library will be open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10 a.m. 5 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday from 10 a.m.-7 p.m. The library will be closed

weekends in July and August.

Dungeons and Dragons for

Adults (Virtual) Mondays, July 8 and 22 and August 12 and 26 from 7-9 p.m. Have you ever wanted to try playing Dungeons and Dragons and don't know where to start? Or maybe you've played before but don't have a regular group? Whatever your level of experience come join us for a oneshot adventure!





Author Dawn Tripp Discusses "Jackie" (Virtual)

Tuesday, July 9 from 7-8 p.m. Author Dawn Tripp will discuss her new novel about Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis. "Jackie" is the story of a woman-deeply private with a nuanced, formidable intellect-who forged a legacy out of grief and shaped history even as she was living it.

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 Le-

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 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 instruc-

tion 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 ven-

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:

Community Game Night Thursday, July 18 from 4-6 p.m. All ages welcome. Snacks provided.

Summer Art and Sensory

Begins Wednesday, July 17 from 3-4 p.m. for age preschool through grade five. Art & Sensory encourages students to explore their creativity through the fun of using many different art materials. The projects are always step-by- step, hands on to encourage sensory guidance/ fine motor skills and to help create individual masterpieces. Come get messy with us this summer. Registration is

MBTS Summer Reading

required.

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.

Summer Storytime

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



Beginning at noon on Saturday, July 6th, Manchester High School graduates, class of 1964, will be celebrating their 60th reunion at the American Legion Hall in Manchester. Stop by if you're connected to that class and reconnect with your friends! (Graphic courtesy of Karen Gertsch, MBTS High School Class of

Troop 3 Honors Hard Work of Scouts This Spring

End of Season awards brought recongnition to hard working Scouts

ast week's evening of Troop 3's Spring Court of Honor took place on an idyllic summer evening in the side garden of the Scout House with family and friends gathered to attend the end-of-year ceremony, led by scouts to recognize achievement of their fellow scouts.

The Court of Honor is a formal recognition ceremony for Scouts who have earned merit badges, rank advancement and awards since the Winter Court of Honor. Troop 3 has recaptured much of its energy and verve, following a transition years ago to welcome girls into scouting and new leaders joining the traditional slate of volunteers who guided Troop 3 for decades.

Following the ceremony, as dusk settled in at around 8:30 p.m., everyone was invited to the rear of the property on School Street to enjoy a campfire.

Here are the award winners from last week's Spring Court of Honor for Troop 3 Boys and Troop 3 Girls. Congratulations to all:

Merit Badges Earned

- Citizenship in the Nation: Saskia Kuehnemund
- Citizenship in Society: Cia Donohoe, Saskia Kuehnemund, Lucia Ochs, Adrian Kuehnemund, Ian Campbell, Ben Ochs
- Citizenship in the Community: Ian Campbell
- Cooking: Adrian Kuehnemund
- Lifesaving: Adrian Kuehnemund, Ben Ochs
- Movie Making: Gus Hall, Hudson Wynne, James Donohoe, Shane Conway, Trevor Laspesa
- Personal Management: Ben Ochs
- Photography: Ian Campbell

Solar Eclipse Patch:

15 Scouts earned the Solar Eclipse Patch by safely observing the Solar Eclipse on April 8, 2024 and completing requirements set by the BSA National Office:

Paul Coughlin, Ian Campbell, Luke Donohoe, Cia Donohoe, Saskia Kuehnemund, Hudson Wynne, James Donohoe, Gus Hall, Jackson Provan, Dante Bruno, Trevor Laspesa, Clara Donohoe, Eleanor Hall, Adelaide Hall, Lucia Ochs

Rank Advancements Earned:

- Earned:Scout Rank: Lucia Ochs
- Tenderfoot Rank: Angus McIntire, Devin Peavy
- 2nd Class Rank: Gus Hall1st Class Rank: Gus Hall
- Star Rank: Saskia Kuehnemund
- Eagle Rank: Ian Carlin, Paul Coughlin (their Eagle Court of Honor is tentatively scheduled for June 30th; (for details, go to Troop 3)

Troop Annual Awards:

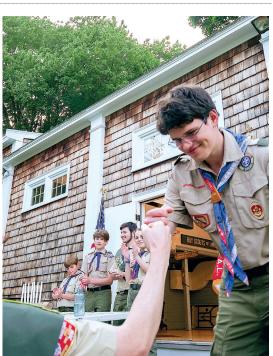
- Robert Stanley Adult Dedication Award: Sarah Con-
- Scoutmaster Thank You Awards: Tom Conway and Fred Rossi
 Glenn P. Mulcahey Scout
- Spirit Award: Jackson Provan and Adelaide Hall
- Thomas P. Kehoe Service Award: Ian Campbell
- Alfred J. Rossi Outdoorsman Award: Luke Donohoe
- Donald E. Burgess Dedication Award: Ian Campbell
- Myron C. Fraelick Top Scout Award: Saskia Kuehnemund

Don Towle Scholarships: Ian Carlin, Paul Coughlin, Adrian Kuehnemund, Jack Surette





















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Commencing a new Longevity Bench



n celebrating their commencement, the Manchester Essex Regional High School Class of 2024 left a physical mark by collaborating with the Longevity Bench Project to install a new bench in front of the Manchester Essex Regional Middle High School.

The other collaborator on this bench was the family and friends of Michael Palter who, together with his wife Lynn Jackson Palter, is remembered by many for entertaining performances with a love of music and dedication to social justice and children's rights. The couple's music career was extraordinary, by anyone's standard. They played with many music industry greats, including Frank Sinatra.

This is the 26th Longevity Bench installed in town over the past six years. With that, a challenge is commencing called the "Bench Walk Challenge." All residents are invited and encouraged to walk the 11 loops along which the benches have been placed. People can walk on their own or join guided walks that are scheduled from now into the fall. Information about the walking loops, bench locations, dates of guided walks and tally cards is available at Manchester Town Hall offices, such as the Town Clerk, Parks & Recreation, and the Council on Aging. All walkers will be celebrated on October 20 at the gazebo in Masconomo Park.

Pictured (left to right) standing: Dianne Palter Gill, sister of Michael Palter; (seated) Finnian O'Hara, VP, Alexander Breuker, Secretary; Phileine deWidt, President, Libby Mulry, Treasurer



June's Manchester Club meeting started differently this month. Members were ushered outside before dinner was served to watch the Essex County Sheriff's Department's K9 unit doing a demonstration with two of their police dogs. After a thorough screening by the canines, not one member of the venerable club was found to have any controlled substances on their person.

Manchester Essex Regional High School Green Team Honored for Environmental Efforts

The Manchester Essex Regional High School Green Team has received an Environmental Eagles award from the Department of Environmental Protection for their outstanding environmental stewardship.

The Green Team - students Aiden Brown, Paul Coughlin, Gavin Davis, Ian Carlin - developed a plan to reduce carbon emissions on the school campus by highlighting the "No Idle" State Law.

They obtained signage to post, and pamphlets for distribution from the Mass DEP. Their goal was to educate the students who drive and parents who pick up students.

Their second project was to design and obtain reusable water bottles for distribution to graduating seniors, faculty, and staff.

Green Team is a statewide program sponsored by the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) and MassDEP. For more than 20 years, the Green Team program has been open to Massachusetts students who share in the goals of reducing pollution and protecting the environment with a focus on recycling, composting and sustainability. More than 55.000 students at 318 schools participated this year.

"From the time I began working with students in Green Team, I have found that the concern for the environment and commitment to moving toward a livable future has been unprecedented," said MERHS Science teacher Keith Gray, who supports the Team. "Many have chosen to

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pursue a career that involves various aspects of the class, which makes this award and its recognition of our Green Team so very important."

MERHS's Green Team was one of 63 recognized by the

state this year. "Congratulations to Mr. Gray and the Green Team for this achievement. Mr. Gray's passion and enthusiasm for the Green Team is contagious, and his students are fortunate to have this experience with him," ME Regional High School Principal Julie Sgroi said. "It has been fun to watch his students come up with ways to connect their learning to the community."

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Hooper Fund Announces 2024 Grant Recipients

anchester's Hooper Fund community organization has announced its list of 2024 grant recipients.

This year, Hooper Fund grants will fund programs including scholarships for many of the programs, reading programs, athletic equipment, a fishing tournament, a poetry workshop, a children's bicycle ride in support of cancer, robotics competitions, math team competitions, funding of visiting authors and musicians, a community comfort dog, a sustainability fair, summer playground and year round after school programs and Manchester's weekly public program, Music in the Park.

"We want to THANK all who donated to the Hooper Fund this past year," said organization board member Tyler Kneisel. "We have a wonderful list of recipients this year and the funds that were raised will go directly back into our community."

Applications are submitted in the spring and grant monies come from donations to the Hooper Fund, which go directly back to the community. Here is the full list of 2024 grant recipients:

After School Activities

- M/E Softball Association
- M/E Little League Baseball
- M/E Junior Hornets
- M/E Travel Basketball (girls & boys)
- Cape Ann Youth Lacrosse

Children's Community Programs

• Summerstage

- Manchester-by-the-Sea Museum
- · Manchester Public Children's Library • Manchester-by-the-Sea Fishing Tournament
- Essex Bay Sailing Club
- Manchester Summer Playground
- · Manchester Parks and Recreation Department

M/E Middle and High School Programs

- Community Read Program • Friends of Manchester Essex Performing Arts
- Manchester Memorial PTO
- Essex Elementary & Manchester Memorial Library Program
- MERHS Robotics Program
- MERHS MathTeam
- Student Coalition Against Racism

Other M/E Community Programs

- Pan Mass Challenge North Shore Kids Ride
- Magic Years Cooperative Nursery School
- Seaside Sustainability
- Manchester Police Department "comfort dog"
- Sustainability Fair



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Town Administrator's Report

Board of Selectmen's Meeting of June 24, 2024 Report covers from June 8, 2024 to June 21, 2024

Housing Production Plan Discussion with MAPC

Chairman Pereen (who also chairs the Essex Affordable Housing Trust), Town Planner Valerie Massard, and the Town Administrator (TA) participated in a discussion with personnel from the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) on June 12, 2024 concerning the development of a Housing Production Plan (HPP). The Trust has funding in place to pay MAPC to produce the plan, which is the first step toward defined efforts for increasing affordable housing in Essex. The Town Planner is prepared to assist with some aspects of the HPP development process directly and MAPC would handle all other aspects. MAPC is presently working to propose a scope of services, with a projected timeline and project cost. Once that is available, the Trust will meet to consider the proposal and will likely retain the services of MAPC for the necessary

Cape Ann Regional Cable Advisory Committee Update

As the Board is aware, the four Cape Ann communities have decided to eventually convene a Regional Cable Advisory Committee (CAC) for the renewal process associated with the next 10-year cable television franchise agreements (one in each community). The Board is helping to field candidates for the 1623 Studios Board, which oversees the local access media in our area. It is possible that the 1623 appointee could also serve as the Essex representative on the CAC.

Accounting Software Connection Problem

Our new Town Accountant, Makayla Nolan, was having trouble connecting to our hosted accounting software via her new Windows desktop. Users that access the software that had been set up in the past, continued to be able to access the software. However, further testing revealed that any Windows profile that had not accessed the software in the past was unable to access it (like Ms. Nolan's new profile). After discussing the matter with our software vendor and their high-level support vendor, no clear cause could initially be found. However, the TA reviewed the setup of some specific keys within the Windows file registry and was able to deduce the cause. The support vendor was then able to produce an installer for a registry fix and Ms. Nolan can reach the software application from her own profile.

Migration to Updated Website Editor Platform As reported previously, our website hosting vendor will soon be upgrading the version of our website editing platform (Drupal) from version 7 (which will reach endof-life in 2025) to version 10 (known as Web Open). Our hosting vendor provided a webinar on June 11, 2024 highlighting what to expect with the upgrade and a variety of other resources have

also been provided. Each de-

partment has been notified

about the coming change

and will be expected to refer

to the appropriate resources

and training materials in or-

der to continue with normal

site editing practices. Our

vendor will assign dedicated

staff to our actual migration,

which is expected toward

the end of the calendar year.

Distribution of Sexual Harassment & Discrimina-

tory Harassment Policies While all employees acknowledge all applicable Town policies annually via our on-line system, employees are required by law to have a physical copy of the Town's Sexual Harassment Policy provided to them. As such, in the month of July, we include a copy of the Sexual Harassment Policy (along with the Town's Discriminatory Harassment Policy) with employee paychecks. The provision of the policies will occur soon.

Distribution of Red Flags Policy

The Town's Red Flags Policy is aimed at detecting fraud attempted by the public with respect to obtaining information within municipal utility accounts (water and sewer). Each year, in July, the Superintendent of Public Works and the billing office staff receive and acknowledge the policy (which will soon be distributed for fiscal vear 2024).

Public Water Supply Well Improvement Project Update

At the last meeting, the TA informed the Board that the bid for this project had come in above the available funding level, for a second time. The project engineer has since reviewed the situation and has recommended that a contract for the project be awarded with the removal of a portion of the scope of work (a possibility that was clearly noted in the bid documents). A full description of his recommendation will be available by meeting time.

Camera System and Network Video Recorder

Replacement Update

The TA has continued to

work with both the Town's

current camera and door access system vendor and our newly-proposed camera system vendor on an arrangement that will allow the new vendor to successfully replace the existing Network Video Recorder (NVR). The existing NVR is fully integrated with the access control system for the public safety facility. Switching vendors has made the process of verifying that the work will proceed smoothly a very complex issue. The new vendor's challenge will be to connect all existing security cameras to the new NVR, with the addition of new cameras covering the Centennial Grove. At the last meeting, the TA informed the Board that the next step should involve the new vendor coming out to the site to verify that they understand the system sufficiently to complete the project - before we put the new vendor under contract. Presently, we are still scheduling a technician for the new vendor to assess the system.

Conomo Point Fire Lane Signage

At the last meeting, the Board agreed that a fire lane adjacent to 130 Conomo Point Road, connecting back to Middle Road, should have signage erected to ensure that vehicles are not parked there, potentially obstructing emergency access. As such, the TA has reached out to the Department of Public Works to have the signs ordered. Once they arrive, the DPW will place signs on either end of the lane.

North Shore Regional 911 Center Executive Advisory Board Meeting

The TA attended the subject meeting on June 13, 2024 as the Chairman of the subject board. The meeting featured a discussion with respect to the possible addition of the Town of Rowley to the Center. A feasibility study has already been performed and the State 911 Department is in favor of proceeding. All existing members will continue to receive the same services and all costs will continue to be borne by the State 911 Department. As the Board may recall, the Center now dispatches for Manchester and has also accepted the Town of North Reading (for a 2025 cutover). With Rowley, the Center would be serving

a total of eight communities (Essex, Wenham, Middleton, Topsfield, Amesbury, Manchester, North Reading, and Rowley). The Executive Advisory Board voted unanimously to allow the Town of Rowley to join the Center and an August, 2024 cutover is expected.

Eastern Essex Regional Public Health Coalition Coordination Meeting

The TA attended the subject, virtual meeting on June 18, 2024 along with the managers and administrators of the other members of the Coalition (Hamilton, Wenham, and Rockport). The Coalition exists via grant funding from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) and provides public health nurse and social worker services to the member communities to augment each community's existing capabilities. The four communities are presently in an Intermunicipal Agreement (IMA) to access these services and the IMA is due for updating and renewal. The Board of Health Administrator generally attends meetings of the Coalition and provides most of the feedback. The TA will likely be bringing a revised IMA to the Board for consideration in the near

Summary of Requirements for New Outdoor **Alcohol Service Areas**

At the last meeting, the Board asked that the TA ascertain from all relevant Town departments various requirements that need to be met for a restaurant to offer a new, outdoor service area (presumably that will offer both food and alcohol service). The TA has since reviewed the matter with a variety of departments and officials and has developed a summary document that identifies all relevant departments and officials and what each entity will expect from an applicant.

Green Crab Trapping Grant Closeout

This season, we only had one individual conducting green crab trapping in Essex. As such, we will not fully expend the grant amount authorized by the Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF). The TA will soon tally the trapper's catch for June and will submit all necessary paperwork for final reimbursement from DMF to close out the grant, during July.

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.





Children enjoyed an afternoon of international read aloud stories followed by paper mosaic flag art.

Summer Hours

Summer hours begin July 1. The library will be closed weekends until after Labor Day.

Library Closed

Thursday, July 4 and reopening July 5 at 1 p.m.

International Games

Memory game and more. **Hula Hoop Hoopla**

Tuesday, July 16 at 3 p.m. for ages 5-105. Drop in for Bingo,

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

Summer Reading Challenge

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

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.

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.

Coloring Contest

During the week of July 1-5 for ages 5 and older. Drop in and pick up a coloring sheet and return it by July 12 to enter your completed masterpiece for a chance to win a special prize.

Teen Henna Night

Wednesday, July 17 from 5-7 p.m. Grades 6-12. Register to attend and receive a custom henna design.

ESSEX POLICE NOTES

MONDAY, JUNE 17

7:23 a.m. Chebacco Terrace, male fall, patient refusal. 3:21 p.m. John Wise Ave., male with abdominal pain, transported to hospital. 8:06 p.m. John Wise Ave., parking complaint, parking enforcement. 9:40 p.m. Martin St., directed patrol, secured/checked.

TUESDAY, JUNE 18

7:24 a.m. John Wise Ave., citizen assist, assisted as needed. 11:25 a.m. Centennial Grove Rd., directed patrol, secured/ checked. 1:37 p.m. Shepard Memorial Dr., parking complaint, parking enforcement. 7:10 p.m. Grove St., disabled motor vehicle, assisted as needed.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19

7:23 a.m. Wood Drive, animal complaint, notification made. 10:19 a.m. Southern Ave., animal complaint, assisted as needed. 1:29 p.m. Conomo Point Rd., parking complaint, citation issued. 4:55 p.m. Haskell Court, suspicious activity,

THURSDAY, JUNE 20

12:59 a.m. Conomo Point Rd., directed patrol, secured/ checked. 1:26 a.m. Centennial Grove Rd., directed patrol, secured/checked. 1:38 a.m. Main St., selective enforcement, no action taken. 6:07 a.m. Apple St., selective enforcement, no action taken.

FRIDAY, JUNE 21

9:17 a.m. Southern Ave., citizen assist, assisted as needed. 12:55 p.m. Shepard Memorial Dr., motor vehicle crash, report to follow. 6:40 p.m. Centennial Grove Rd., directed patrol, secured/checked. 9:10 p.m. Main St., erratic operator, gone on arrival.

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Essex Senior Living | June 28

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 suggest-

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 Se-

nior Center: Wednesdays 1-3 p.m.: ALL AGES WEL-COME, come play BOARD ga.m.es or Scrabble, Boggle, Backgammon, Cribbage, 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

Cape Ann Museum Opens 1st Peoples: Portraits of the First Light with Photographs

his weekend will see the opening of 1st Peoples: Portraits of the First Light, a new exhibition at Cape Ann Museum of photographic narratives by Matika Wilbur (Swinomish and Tulalip Tribes) made in consultation with SmokeSygnals, a Native creative agency based in Mashpee.

The exhibition features contemporary photographs of the original stewards of what is now known as New England including portraits of Nipmuc, Wampanoag, Shinnecock, Passsamaquody, and Penobscot peoples. These photographs are accompanied by excerpts from conversations around identity, culture, and sovereignty.

The exhibit will be on view in the Janet & William Ellery James Center at the Cape Ann Museum Green (CAM Green), 13 Poplar St. in Gloucester, from Saturday, June 29 through September 1.

"We are delighted to welcome Matika Wilbur to Cape Ann and to have the opportunity to showcase images from her Project 562 alongside a selection from the 15 additional portraits made as Matika travelled across Eastern Massachusetts during a recent artist-in-residence with the Museum," says Oliver Barker, Director of Cape Ann Museum. "This collaboration, which has been led for CAM by Miranda Aisling, Head of Education and Engagement, is a vital component to the Museum's ongoing commitment to accurately tell the Native histories of this area with Native partners."

1st Peoples: Portraits of the First Light, is part of the CAM Native Initiative, a three-year pilot program jointly funded



Three Sisters: Carla Cuch, Adriana Ignacio and Berta Welch from Aquinnah Wampanoag. Photograph by Matika Wilbur during her residency at the Cape Ann Museum in May 2024. Courtesy of the artist.

by the Museum and the Institute for Museum & Library Services. The CAM Native Initiative is being developed and presented through a variety of research opportunities, programs and installations at the Cape Ann Museum, each of which are dedicated to centering and expanding the histories and contemporary stories of Native people from across Eastern Massachusetts.

Pulling both from Wilbur's Project 562: Changing the Way We See Native America and from a week-long residency at the Cape Ann Museum, 1st Peoples: Portraits of the First Light celebrates the diversity and resiliency of modern Indigenous identity and addresses the importance of honest representation.

"I hold in my heart a special reverence for the original people of the Eastern Gate, the first people of the first light, those that welcome the dawn," shares Matika Wilbur. "These are portraits of contemporary Nipmuc, Wampanoag, Shinnecock, Passamaquoddy, and Penobscot

peoples. They are artists, professionals, historians, seed-keepers, fisherman, McArthur Genius Award winners -- they have published books, organized movements, fought for sovereignty, #landback, and civil rights -- they are makers, dreamers, mothers, grandfathers, daughters and friends."

Wilbur further shared that the people photographed are "deeply caring about their community. They are resilient. They will sing you a song. Cook you a meal of stuffed quahogs and lobster while your children play around a bonfire. They will laugh deep belly laughs with you. They are some of my favorite people and I cherish my time with them. And it is my great hope that through these portraits and this exhibition at the Cape Ann Museum, you too will come to cherish your Indigenous neighbors."

Matika Wilbur is a critically acclaimed social documentarian that belongs to the Swinomish and Tulalip peoples of coastal Washington. Project 562, her crowdfund-

ed initiative to visit, engage, and photograph people from over 500 sovereign Tribal Nations in North America, is her fourth major creative venture elevating Native American identity and culture. In 2023, Wilbur's book Project 562: Changing The Way We See Native America was published with praise from There There author Tommy Orange, was longlisted for the Andrew Carnegie Medal, and was a New York Times Bestseller.

Wilbur currently hosts the podcast All My Relations, which invites guests to delve into different topics facing Native peoples today and explore the connections between land, creatural relatives, and one another. The podcast has been downloaded three million times.

1st Peoples: Portraits of the First Light will be on view Fridays and Saturdays from 10 a.m.- 5 p.m. and Sundays from 1-4 p.m. The exhibit is free and open to all. Light refreshments will be provided during the opening day, Saturday, June 29 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

On Friday, July 19 at 6 p.m., the Cape Ann Museum will host Matika Wilbur for a special Keynote Presentation accompanied by song, jubilee, and food from local Tribal peoples. Registration is encouraged.

To register, please visit: https://www.capeannmu-seum.org/event/1st-peoples-portraits-from-the-first-light-artist-talk-and-reception/

On Saturday, July 20, the exhibition will be on view during Indigenous Heritage Day at CAM Green from 1-4 p.m. This event is also free and open to the public.

Joli Ayn Wood, "I am an oil painter, and I paint what inspires me."



The official Greater Beverly Chamber of Commerce ribbon cutting at Joli Ayn Wood Studio in The Farms this week.

Photo Erika Brow

ockport's loss was Beverly Farms' gain when artist / painter / teacher Joli Ann Wood moved her studio from busy Rockport to her home town of Beverly Farms. This week she formally introduced her jewel box studio on Oak Street, which is around the corner from The Book Shop of Beverly Farms and across the street from the train station. There was an afternoon reception where Wood told friends and neighbors that she was excited to have a studio closer to home, and while she will miss the support and camaraderie of Rockport's hefty artist community, she's already learning that The Farms is eager to have a teacher and plein air artist in their midst.

Joli Ayn's already jumped right into the local community. Last Thursday, she was the featured artist in Cape Ann Plein Air's "Palate to Palette" popular demonstration series at Cala's in Manchester, where she painted a landscape during dinner service to share the experience of art in the making.

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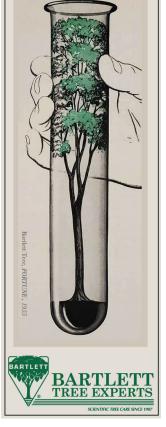


Joli Ayn Wood Studio in The Farms 22 Oak St., Beverly Farms joliaynwood.com



Wood last Thursday at Cala's in Manchester as part of Cape Ann Plein Air's "Palate to Palette" series where local artists paint at local restaurants during dinner service. Photo: Memory Lane







Local Double Lung Transplant Patient Loses Donations After Charity Shutters



Gloucester's Kathy Ernest, left, with daughter Bridget. In 2020, Ernest turned to a respected charity to manage donations after a double lung transplant. Last month, she learned the charity had closed, taking her donations with it.

Courtesy photo

By Erika Brown

In mid-April, when most Americans were enjoying the warming weather and making summer plans, a 41-year-old charity in Memphis, Tennessee with a mission to provide fundraising support to organ transplant patients shut its doors and closed for good.

Here on Cape Ann, Gloucester resident Kathleen "Kathy" Ernest—a 69-year-old grandmother and a double lung transplant survivor who had turned to the National Foundation for Transplants (NFT), considered the charity a godsend.

Going into her 2020 transplant, a hospital case worker recommended Kathy's family use NFT to raise donations for expenses related to her procedure but not covered by insurance. It was a winwin. Here was a trusted, 41-year-old not-for-profit that offered a platform to raise money that was cheaper than a service like gofundme.com and gave donors a charitable tax benefit. What could go wrong?

"From the very beginning we were told fundraisers were important because treatment had large out of pocket expenses that insurance wouldn't cover," said Kathy. Like a specialized \$800 "pulmonary function"



machine," travel to and from appointments, or prescription medicine co-pays. With weekly appointments and 30 drugs at one point, gas and even with \$2 copays it added up, fast.

Kathy's family went with NFT, and successfully raised \$13,000 in donations that NFT retained and managed.

Even in the height of CO-VID, her daughter Bridget was able to organize creative fundraisers, like raffling off homemade themed gift baskets, and host virtual Cornhole tournaments. The donations came in and Kathy and her family felt confident they'd be OK.

But on May 8, when Kathy

submitted a claim to reimburse some expenses, NFT rejected it. But then she received an email. It said NFT had closed its doors permanently and Kathy learned what hundreds of other NFT across the country, including four from Massachusetts, had learned. The charity was closed, and their donations



Last weekend Cape Ann Lanes in Gloucester hosted a fundraiser for Kathy Ernest, which raised \$4,500. Photos: Erika Brown

were gon

When pressed, NFT's explanation was short and notso-sweet: monies raised by clients legally belonged to the charity, not them, and they were to be used to cover the organization's expenses.

To add insult to injury, just days later, on May 13, Kathy's pulmonary fitness test came back and the news wasn't good. She'd failed for the fourth consecutive time, indicating that her body had started to reject the transplant. She was devastated.

"I came out of the office and I was balling my eyes out," she said. A nurse who knew Kathy had also just learned about NFT's closing asked what she was most upset about. "I had to calm down. I realized what upset me more than anything was that I'd failed my PFT test."

She started focusing on breathing better. And reaching her goal to work out at the Y, leaving the fight with NFT to Bridget, her son Edward ("EF"), and daughter-in-law Monica.

Bridget said now she recognizes the micro-signals from NFT that things may be going wrong. The monthly reports on Kathy's donation account stopped coming in 2021. Soon after, the web link to monitor the account was changed to one from Go-FundMe Charity.

"I would like to know how they can live with themselves knowing this is how they went about it," said Bridge Ernest. "They knew this was coming. The way they handled it was so inappropriate. There were probably thousands of people affected. It's terrible."

The organization has cited financial struggles for its decision, made worse by the CO-VID-19 pandemic and rising costs of healthcare. But this language wasn't to be found on its website. Instead, news of its closure reads like a well-planned sunset, with messaging that heralds only its successes.

"Together, we have raised \$98 million, including \$84 million through peer-to-peer fundraising efforts and impacting more than 6,400 individuals," NFT's website reads.

Last Sunday afternoon, more than 100 friends and family showed up at Cape Ann Lanes to make up for what NFT has taken. Kathy who seemed to be energized by all the goodwill in the room. Between proceeds from bowling, raffles and auction items, the Ernest family took in nearly \$4,500. Separately, the family has set up gofundme.com campaign to continue fundraising on social media. That's a pretty good start.

Bridget is now in touch with other NFT clients and, with them, she is part of a coordinated effort to file complaints with state Attorney General offices to share their experiences in hopes that this won't happen again.

"There were some patients who hadn't even gotten their transplants yet, and I really feel for them," said Bridget. "How do these people (at NFT) get jobs at other non-profits now, knowing this is what they did?"

As for Kathy, her doctors have placed her on two medications, and it's helping. Two weeks ago, her PFT test showed progress: her numbers were steady, and hadn't gotten worse. She's been on NBC Nightly News, and on WBZ-TV in Boston. And she is cautiously optimistic.

"You have to be positive," she said.

Rocky Neck Exhibit Features Works of Artist Kate Nordstrom



Blue Houses 22 x 22 oil canvas \$2200 Kate Nordstrom.

Paintings by artist Kate Nordstrom will be featured at an exhibit at the Side Street Gallery in Gloucester's cultural district, Rocky Neck, starting Thursday, June 18.

The show, which takes place from 4 to 7 p.m. on

opening day, will showcase a large collection of Nordstrom's recent and imaginative work.

imaginative work.

Kate Nordstrom is from mid-coast Maine, a place of varied landscapes and arresting beauty. She has created

a vocabulary of familiar sym-

bols which inhabit her work. When words fail to express her thoughts, they might manifest in her art.

She does not draw from photos. Instead, Nordstrom's process is rendered through improvised imagination. Willowy poppies share the canvas with joyful songbirds and yellow houses. Midnight crows and shark fish might appear together or be a single subject in a composition. A rabbit leaps along the arc of a starry night. A dose of whimsy, pronounced color and unexpected objects skip in and out of compositions with the only aim to delight and ignite curiosity.

"Here is a world where nature is not limited by the rules of nature. Fish can fly and houses are vessels that breathe. In this world mystery is normal," wrote Nordstrom.

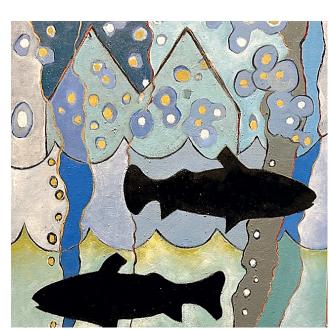
Organizers hope residents enjoy the art, the ocean and mingle with artists and collectors. Feel the vibrancy, magic and creative spirit of the Rocky Neck Art Colony. The exhibit is open to all.

to all.

Located in Gloucester's Rocky Neck Art Colony, Side Street Gallery finds and represents highly skilled contemporary craft, folk and fine artists from around the world both celebrated and undiscovered. In addition to paintings Side Street is the home of Hughes Bosca's fine jewelry.

Side Street Gallery 17 Rocky Neck Ave. | Gloucester

ter Hughesbosca.com



Trout Swim at Night 22 x 22 oil canvas \$2200 Kate Nordstrom.

Courtesy images



Puzzle

THEME: THINGS WITH WHEELS

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- 8. Ballet step 11. Sasquatch's cousin
- 12. Prefix in levorotary
- 13. DVD player button
- 15. What Tylenol and xylenol have in common
- 16. Seaport in Yemen
- 17. With ample space
- 18. *Rumpelstiltskin's wheel
- 20. Viking writing symbol
- 21. Musical finales
- 22. In favor of
- 23. Source of tapioca
- 26. Smith, e.g.
- 30. "Stand and Deliver" singer
- 31. Live-in helper (2 words)
- 34. Et alii, abbr.
- 35. Nephew's sister
- 37. Tire depression
- 38. Turkey's southern neighbor
- 39. Same as ayah
- 40. Engage in a pursuit (2 words)
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- 47. Sing like Public Enemy 48. Mother-of-pearl
- 50. Cripple
- 52. *Wheel in Vegas 55. Chocolate substitute
- 57. Capri or Catalina
- 56. Egg on
- 59. Olden days violin maker
- 60. Croaks
- 61. "Run Away to Mars" singer
- 62. Jump key 63. Corncob
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- 3. At the summit of 4. Glass ingredient

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- 9. Pinnacle
- 10. Pig's digs

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- 12. *Royal procession carriage
- 13. E in baseball box score
- 14. *"Wheel in the Sky" band
- 19. Star bursts
- 22. " Elise"
- 23. Suez or Panama
- 24. Carl Jung's inner self

- 25. *Type of locomotive
- 26. Surfer's stop

Sudoku



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Solutions on Page 11

- 27. Like anchor aweigh 28. Easternmost state
- 29. Serengeti grazer
- 32. *Perambulator, for short
- 33. Black and white sea bird
- 36. *Ancient Greek ride
- 38. Top of a steeple 40. Kitchen meas.
- 41. Reunion attendees
- 44. Poets' feet

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- 46. Smaller size than small
- 48. *a.k.a. water wheel
- 49. Hole-borer
- 50. Baby's first word?
- 51. Speedy steed 52. Boorish
- 53. Russian autocrat
- 54. 90-degree pipes, e.g. 55. "Peace Train" singer-songwriter
- 58. Increase

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

Visitation Parish - Mass Schedule

The Visitation Parish Mass Sched-

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

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.

The Assumption of the Virgin **Mary Greek Orthodox Church** 8 Lafayette Road, Ipswich Mass.

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Sunday worship at First Parish 10

a.m. worship leader, Rev. Katherine

Monday 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 office.fpchurch@gmail.com or call 978-526-7661 for the link

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Senior Living: Volunteering Together to Build Friendships and Strengthen Bonds



(Family Features) Volunteering has always been a big part of Shelley Brosnan's life, whether she was serving in her children's school or in their Fairfax, Va., community. When Brosnan retired, increasing her volunteer efforts was a natural next step. Serving with Volunteer Fairfax, an AmeriCorps Seniors RSVP program, she spends about 10 hours a week teaching new volunteers about helping older adults age in place, providing food for those in need and extending the capacity of local non-

"There's so much to love about volunteering," Brosnan said. "Providing purpose and serving the community are obvious reasons, but the connections I make with others are one of the greatest benefits. I just really love helping people and I've made friends through volun-

teering." Brosnan's experience with volunteering is backed by science. According to the Mayo Clinic, having a solid social network improves

both physical and mental health as it can boost happiness, increase your sense of belonging and improve selfconfidence. As people age, many social avenues from earlier phases of life, such as school and work, no longer exist and making friends can be difficult. The Mayo Clinic suggests volunteering as a beneficial way to make friends and improve social well-being.

"Volunteering fosters more connected and less isolated older adults," said Atalaya Sergi, director at AmeriCorps Seniors. "Our research, focused on the impact of our programs, finds volunteering can provide positive health and well-being outcomes. In our study, 84% of participants reported stable or improving health and 88% had lower feelings of isolation within one year of volunteering.

Each year, we match more than 143,000 Americans with volunteer opportunities, helping build connections and address societal issues, nurturing real relationships that help people become both happier and more fulfilled."

Adults ages 55 and up, like Brosnan, can be matched with local volunteer organizations fitting their interests, skills and availability through AmeriCorps Seniors, the nation's largest national service program for older adults, which offers three signature programs, RSVP, the Foster Grandparent Program and the Senior Companion Program. Brosnan, an RSVP volunteer, and others nationwide play crucial roles in community resilience and connectedness.

The time commitment for all programs is flexible, ranging from a few hours to 40 hours per week.

Research studies like the Harvard University Study of Adult Development, found that older adults who invest in, care for and develop the next generation are three times as likely to be happy as those who did not. Foster Grandparent volunteers Francois Mwabi and Jerome Menyo, based in Kentwood,

Mich., are two more examples of the difference it can make to serve.

Mwabi and Menyo attest to the joy of impacting youth by passing on their wisdom and sharing their culture and language with students, many of whom are refugees from different parts of Africa just as Mwabi and Menyo themselves were several years ago. The two volunteers are so popular among the students and staff that teachers had to work out a schedule for all their students to be able to spend time with

One of the reasons the program has such a positive impact is the intergenerational connections it helps establish. Benefits abound not only for the young, but particularly for the volunteers.

"We love being here because of the environment and the students who study here," Menyo said. "The teachers like us. I help students who speak my language. I enjoy it and they enjoy it, too."

Solution to puzzles on page 10

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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 pres-

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



Photo Paul Clark

~ Ferris Bueller -**LEGAL NOTICE**

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Life moves pretty fast. If you don't stop and

look around once in a while, you could miss it.



Town of Manchester-by-the-Sea ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS Town Hall, 10 Central Street, Manchester-by-the-Sea, MA 01944-

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Wednesday, July 17, 2024, at 7:00

ZBA Board will meet in Town Hall. Clerk on June 17, 2024. Applicants, Presenters, and Public are welcome to join the Board in Sarah Mellish, Chair, Zoning Board

Room 5 or on zoom. **New Applications** Application of David and Martha Swift, 39 Coolidge Point, for a Special Permit under Sections 2.0. 4.2 and 12.5 of the Zoning By-Law June 28, 2024 MC

40') with pool deck, fencing and

landscaping at 39 Coolidge Point, Assessor's Map 3, Lot No. 27 in District E filed with Town Clerk on June 4, 2024.

Application of Environmental Pools, Inc., 357 Main Street, Bolton, MA for a Special Permit under Sections The Zoning Board of Appeals of 2.0, 4.2 and 12.5 of the Zoning the Town of Manchester-by-the- By-Law to construct an in-ground Sea will hold a Public Hearing on (16'x 32') gunite pool meeting all State and local codes at 39 Walker Road, Assessor's Map 32, Lot No. Location: This is a Hybrid meeting. 39 in District A filed with the Town

of Appeals

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

to construct an in-ground pool (16'x July 5, 2024

PUBLIC NOTICE



10 Central Street Manchester-by-the-Sea, MA, 01944 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.

• Rates: Establish water and sewer rates for fiscal year 2025.

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

June 21, 2024 MC

June 28, 2024 MC

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS **Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs MEPA** Office

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PROJECT: REED PARK PROPOSED FLOATING DOCKS LOCATION: 0 REED PARK,

MANCHESTER, MA 01944 PROPONENT: TOWN OF MANCHESTER-BY-THE-SEA

The undersigned is submitting an Environmental Notification Form ("ENF") to the Secretary of Energy & Environmental Affairs on or

JUNE 17, 2024

This will initiate review of the above project pursuant to the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act ("MEPA," M.G.L. c. 30, ss. 61-62L). Copies of the ENF may be obtained from:

FIONA VARDY (FOTH INFRASTRUCTURE AND ENVIRONMENT, LLC) VIA EMAIL AT FIONA.VARDY@FOTH.COM OR BY PHONE AT 508-762-0784

Electronic copies of the ENF

are also being sent to the Conservation Commission and Planning Board of TOWN OF MANCHESTER-BY-THE-SEA.

The Secretary of Energy & Environmental Affairs will publish notice of the ENF in the Environmental Monitor, receive public comments on the project, and then decide if an Environmental Impact Report is required. A site visit and/or remote consultation session on the project may also be scheduled. All persons wishing to comment on the project, or to be notified of a site visit and/or remote consultation session, should email MEPA@mass. gov or the MEPA analyst listed in the Environmental Monitor. Requests for language translation or other accommodations should be directed to the same email address. Mail correspondence should be directed to the Secretary of Energy & Environmental Affairs, 100 Cambridge St., Suite 900, Boston, Massachusetts 02114, Attention: MEPA Office, referencing the above project.

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