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**RED WHITE & BLUE BREAKFAST!** On Saturday at Manchester's idyllic setting of Tuck's Point, the Rotary Club's 34th annual pancake breakfast to kick off the 4th of July holiday was picture perfect. More photos, Page 3.

**BRIEFLY**

**Summerstage "Matilda the Musical" Debuts July 25**

The dedicated students from Manchester Summerstage have been busy rehearsing since late May and it's almost show time! Matilda the Musical is the production this year, which will kick off on Thursday, July 25, 6 p.m. curtain time at the theater at Manchester Essex Regional Middle High School on Lincoln Street, Manchester. Shows run through Sunday, July 28 and tickets are on sale now and at the door. Come out and support these amazing thespians. Info at [manchestersummerstage.org](http://manchestersummerstage.org).

**Last Call! Manchester Essex Youth Soccer Fall Registration**

The fall town soccer registration deadline for grades 5/6th and 7/8th is this Saturday, July 6. After that you won't be able to register. Don't miss out! Manchester Essex Youth Soccer is a non-profit volunteer organization that provides an excellent town soccer experience, and help the players grow a love for the game of soccer. They're always looking for volunteer coaches and refs. Info at [meyouthsoccerpresident@gmail.com](mailto:meyouthsoccerpresident@gmail.com).

## Community Center Settles, FY25 Select Board Priorities, Essex Dredging Update

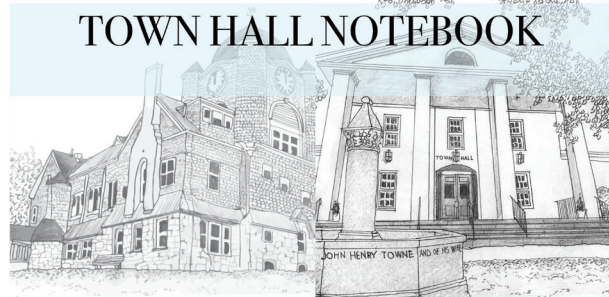
By Erika Brown

The Manchester Community Center saga has been a discouraging one for so many locals to watch.

So as to not bury the lede, the MCC and its landlord, Harbor's Point Condominium Association, have reached a settlement in their long war that allowed the MCC to retain \$20,000 in funds and they have vacated the building it was gifted decades ago.

The 54-year-old local private charity—which hosts popular family programs such as the Wobblin Goblin parade and the Jingle Bell Walk—began having relationship troubles years ago with its landlord, Harbor's Point Condominium Association.

Like any divorce, the beginning might be classified as a relatively minor annoyance. Some members of Harbor's Point were bothered at what they saw as an underutilization of the building itself. Then, the disagreement widened. There was the issue of \$250/month rent Harbor's Point wanted for the property where the



MCC building stands to cover maintenance costs like paving and snow removal. The MCC balked at paying anything, but they eventually agreed. The relationship deteriorated, and Harbor's Point began tightening lease terms, eventually installing a 60-day termination clause in the lease.

It all came to a head last fall. By then, the two parties weren't speaking and agreed to let the Town of Manchester take over the lease. The Town secured a tentative 10-year lease that would have preserved the MCC and its programs in its current location, also addressing the community's need for a temporary senior

center and public restrooms downtown. There was even a provision allowing the MCC to relocate its building over 12 months for just \$1. Everyone seemed happy.

But all that went out of the window when—just weeks after voters at October's Town Meeting approved the lease—the MCC board unexpectedly withdrew from the agreement and announced plans to litigate. With a Lynnfield-based pro bono lawyer, Michael Walsh, the MCC boldly claimed ownership rights to the land.

Walsh ignored inconvenient truths, including that Augustus "Gus" Means, the Essex automotive dealership owner who donated the

**The MCC must contemplate its future without a building, and with significantly fewer resources. ... There still remains a deep reservoir of goodwill for the organization and its mission throughout the community.**

building as a youth center in the 1970s, had typed "NOT the land" (underline and all caps his) in the notarized gift letter.

Perhaps not surprisingly, the MCC took a drubbing in the courts, starting in March at a pre-trial hearing in which Walsh appeared with no evidence and where the judge called his client's arguments "nonsense." At trial the following month, the MCC was schooled again, this time by Judge Richard Mori, who, after trying in vain repeatedly to resolve their differences, concluded

that the MCC's recklessness should be referred to the Mass. Attorney General's office for misuse of charitable funds.

The MCC lost the case. Judge Mori ruled that the MCC owed approximately \$50,000 in holdover rent to Harbor's Point and \$150,000 in Harbor's Point's legal fees plus interest, more than depleting the charity's total funds of \$140,000.

After the ruling came a series of dizzyingly fast legal moves. The MCC appealed the loss that same week, which was unsuccessful due to a technical filing error. It appealed the denial, and the following week, a three-judge panel swiftly upheld the decision against the MCC.

Immediately following this, the MCC then filed for Chapter 7 bankruptcy protection, which would have provided time and a third-party trustee to sort things out. But it was déjà vu all over again: the MCC mishandled its bankruptcy filing, and it dismissed.

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## After 44 Years, Ken Davis Can Relax



Ken Davis, manager of Cape Ann Savings Bank's Manchester branch, will officially retire after 44 years with the bank on July 10. Succeeding him is Krystal Williams (left), a veteran of the bank who was hand-picked by Davis for the position. Photo: Erika Brown

By Erika Brown

It's pretty hard to walk around downtown Manchester and not run into someone who knows Ken Davis.

After all, for the last 16 years Ken has served as vice president and the Manchester branch manager for the Cape Ann Savings Bank. And next week, Ken Davis will retire after a remarkable 44-year run at the 135-year-old bank. His last day is Wednesday, July 10, two days after his 66th birthday. Stepping into his shoes will be Krystal Williams, Davis' long-running, hand-picked colleague who is also a familiar face to locals.

His retirement will be

a bittersweet moment marking a new chapter. Ken Davis' career in local banking really began as a teenager working summers as a cashier at the Annisquam Village Market.

He didn't know it at the time, but that job set the tone, teaching him to understand money, understand people, and appreciate the tight personal ties that make up a community.

"Ken really brings the idea of 'community' to community banking," said Manchester Select Board member Brian Sollosy, who has watched Ken, both as a member of the local business community and as a customer.

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**Weekly Weather Chart**

Saturday 6 July		74°	66°
Sunday 7 July		83°	71°
Monday 8 July		82°	68°
Tuesday 9 July		78°	67°
Wednesday 10 July		73°	66°
Thursday 11 July		73°	67°
Friday 12 July		77°	66°

Weather data pulled Wednesday and is subject to change.



**Gavel to Gavel**  
This Week's Town Meetings

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

**Essex BOS**  
Monday, July 8, 6 p.m.  
**Essex Planning Board**  
Wednesday, July 10, 7 p.m.  
**Essex FinCom**  
Thursday, July 11, 7 p.m.

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## Muriel Parker, Centenarian!

Muriel Parker, formerly (until just last year) of Manchester-by-the-Sea and very recently The Herrick House, celebrated her 100th birthday at Tuck's Point in Manchester with every child, grandchild and great grandchild. What a photograph. Happy 100th Muriel Parker!



# MANCHESTER POLICE NOTES



**SUNDAY, JUNE 23**  
2:39 p.m. Beach St., fire alarm, fire false. 6:42 p.m. Pine St., motor vehicle stop, written warning. 7:07 p.m. The Plains St., fire structure, fire false. 11:18 p.m. Church St., noise complaint, spoken to.

**MONDAY, JUNE 24**  
10:21 a.m. Beach St., citizen

assist, assisted as needed. 4:42 p.m. Boardman Ave., suspicious activity, gone on arrival. 6:42 p.m. Pine St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning. 9:43 p.m. Pine St., noise complaint, no action taken.

**TUESDAY, JUNE 25**  
9:12 a.m. Beach St., directed patrol, secured/checked. 12:54 p.m. Pleasant St., animal complaint, gone on arrival. 7:06 p.m. School St., motor vehicle crash, assisted as needed. 8:49 p.m. Route 128SB, motor vehicle crash, assisted as needed.

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26**  
7:17 a.m. Bridge St., motor vehicle lockout, assisted as needed. 1:19 p.m. Summer St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning. 4:36 p.m. Pine St., motor vehicle stop, written warning. 9:26 p.m. School St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

**THURSDAY, JUNE 27**  
9:36 a.m. White Beach, parking complaint, parking enforcement. 11:21 a.m. Route 128NB, motor vehicle stop, criminal application. 5:40 p.m. Lincoln Ave., motor vehicle stop, citation issued. 10:32 p.m. White Beach, suspicious activity, secured/checked.

**FRIDAY, JUNE 28**  
7:33 a.m. Pleasant St., property damage/vandalism, assisted as needed. 12:08 p.m. Summer St., trespassing, other. 3:13 p.m. The Plains St., fire alarm, fire confirmed. 9:31 p.m. Summer St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

**SATURDAY, JUNE 29**  
8:49 a.m. Summer St., traffic hazard, assisted as needed. 10:14 a.m. Magnolia Ave., animal complaint, notification made. 12:53 p.m. Sea St., noise complaint, notification made. 7:53 p.m. Lincoln St., suspicious activity, secured/checked.

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Ken Davis (center) was named 2021 Manchester Small Business Person of the Year. Here, he poses with then Chamber CEO Ken Reihl (left), Susan Coviello, then Gloucester Mayor Sefatia Romeo Theken, Kerry McKenna, and Christine Armstrong. photo: Erika Brown

"People in a small town want a personal relationship. Ken prides himself on knowing every single customer at his bank. Big banks just don't do that. He epitomizes all that's good about a small, community bank."

And there are many, many in Manchester, Magnolia, Beverly Farms, and Essex who would echo Sollosy's comments. People like Bruce Warren, who opened Laughing Gull a year before COVID with his wife Dede. Last year, the couple together won the Greater Cape Ann Chamber of Commerce's Manchester Small Business-person of the Year.

quickly became one of the club's biggest draws (second only to Todd Crane's Mort Mayo fish dinner).

Now, these dinners come with big bragging rights for club members, and it's no wonder that Kenny Davis' pot roast (and the Portuguese sweet bread that goes with it) is so loved, since the recipe came from Kenny's uncle Father Eugene Alves, who, for decades, served the priest at Gloucester's Our Lady of Good Voyage Church. It's become so popular that Kenny's kitchen team was asked to reprise the meal for one of the Legion's monthly dinners as well.

dogs for attendees.

"He's been a supporter as long as I can remember," said DePriest, who's managed the music program for 17 years. Ken Davis was really tapped to take over the Manchester branch by Jerry Noonan, a longtime Manchester Town Assessor, former Manchester Postmaster, and then a Board of Trustees member at the Cape Ann Savings Bank. Noonan thought Ken was the right guy to replace the beloved Manchester bank manager, Patricia "Pat" Ambrose, and those were big shoes to fill.

in person to meet with your mother. Or he may know where you live, because he's made a financial "house call" to help your family navigate the messy aftermath of identity theft from fraudsters.

Like Ken, Krystal Williams began her career at Cape Ann Savings as a bank teller who then migrated to work in the bank's mortgage lending business, among other departments. During COVID, when safety protocols severely limited in person retail banking, Krystal became manager of the Rockport branch which, with its drive-through tellers, was among Cape Ann's busiest retail banks. She rose to the challenge.

"When we decided to pursue the idea of the Laughing Gull, then Essen, we turned to many resources. Chiefly, Ken Davis and Cape Ann Savings were, and continue to be, one of our most strategic business partners," said Warren. "Ken was in our corner from the beginning, and Krystal was right there with him supporting us."

For his part, Kenny says he prefers the lower key roles, so these dinners are just his style. And it's something people report he does—volunteering for kitchen duty in charitable events—including helping with Rotary Club dinners and community service at the Open Door and Beverly Bootstraps.

The first thing Ken did was redesign the bank's interior layout. Gone would be the open space that mixed teller windows with manager desks. Ken wanted to create private office spaces to allow for discretion when customers want to talk money, which can be intimidating. He also installed flower boxes outside to add a welcoming, homey touch. And don't get him started on winter holiday decorating!

So what's Kenny's plan for retirement? Well, he's still in Gloucester's Riverdale neighborhood and married to Lisa, his wife of now 43 years who is also a Riverdaler. Next Wednesday, the bank will throw Kenny a well-deserved retirement party at—where else?—the American Legion Hall. After that, it's all cigars and running around the Annisquam in his 19-ft. center console Robalo. If you don't know what that is, look it up. Congratulations.

And it's true that Ken Davis treats banking as community service. Allan Kirker, a stalwart officer with three critical local organizations, has worked with Kenny Davis for more than ten years on community events. Kirker is the commander of the Amaral-Bailey American Legion Post 113 and an e-board member of the 112-year-old Manchester Club and the Masonic Lodge. He said after Ken Davis volunteered to cook a Portuguese Pot Roast dinner for one of the Manchester Club's ten annual dinners, it

at the grill, serving up the hot

"I'm not sure I'm up to managing the flower boxes," laughs Krystal. "I do not have a green thumb!"

Those personal touches added something that was uniquely "Ken" to the Manchester branch. But for the personal touch in serving customers, Ken simply continued in the tradition of Pat Ambrose. Today, he's proud to say he knows nearly all customers personally. Kenny can tell you what nursing home your mother might be in, because he's been there

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The 34th Annual Manchester Essex Rotary Club's annual Red, White & Blue Pancake Breakfast was a big draw again this year. Last Saturday morning's community breakfast featured pancakes (with blueberries, strawberries and whipped cream, delivering the "R/W/B" in the name), bacon and eggs at Manchester's idyllic public park, with all proceeds going to charity. This year, the line for the pony rides with little ones was longer than the meal line! And the Manchester Essex Summerstage crew (in turquoise tee shirts) previewed their songs from "Matilda the Musical," this year's production opening Thursday, July 25!

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# Select Board Sets Priorities for the New Fiscal Year



By Gregory T. Federspiel

Each year the Select Board identifies a handful or so of priority projects that it hopes to advance during the fiscal year which runs from July through June. Of course, during the course of the year, any number of issues can arise that demands attention often in place of the priorities that were identified but hopefully attention can return back to the priorities.

At a recent workshop, the Board agreed to the following priorities for the next 12 months:

**MBTA Zoning:** The Board is encouraged by the work of the MBTA Task Force and Planning Board as they craft a zoning proposal that should both meet the requirements of the new state law and retain the character of the community. Work will continue on the zoning language with the goal of having everything ready for voters to have the final say at a Special Town Meeting in mid-November. The Select Board will work with the Planning Board and the Task Force on hosting public forums and other outreach efforts to ensure residents are well informed prior to the vote.

**Housing Diversity:** Done correctly, the MBTA zoning efforts can also help advance the goal of diversifying the housing stack in town. Manchester is comprised mostly of large, single-family homes, making it difficult for young families to move in as well as

for older residents to remain in town with few options for down-sizing. This is a carry-over goal from last year as the MBTA zoning crowded out additional efforts to create a more diverse housing stock.

**Emergency Preparedness:** While the Town is fortunate to have a well-resourced, trained, and effective public safety operations, more can be done to be better prepared for large-scale weather disasters and other calamities. We tend not to think about these rare but extremely impactful events. The better prepared we are and the more knowledge we can impart to residents on how best to respond to a natural or man-made disaster, the better off everyone will be. Did you know that the high school serves as a community shelter should the need arise? And that if it, too, becomes inhabitable, we would look outside of town to our neighbors at Gordon College for a regional shelter option. Are you prepared to evacuate out of town on short notice if necessary? Efforts will be undertaken to help raise awareness and better educate residents and staff about what steps to take during an emergency.

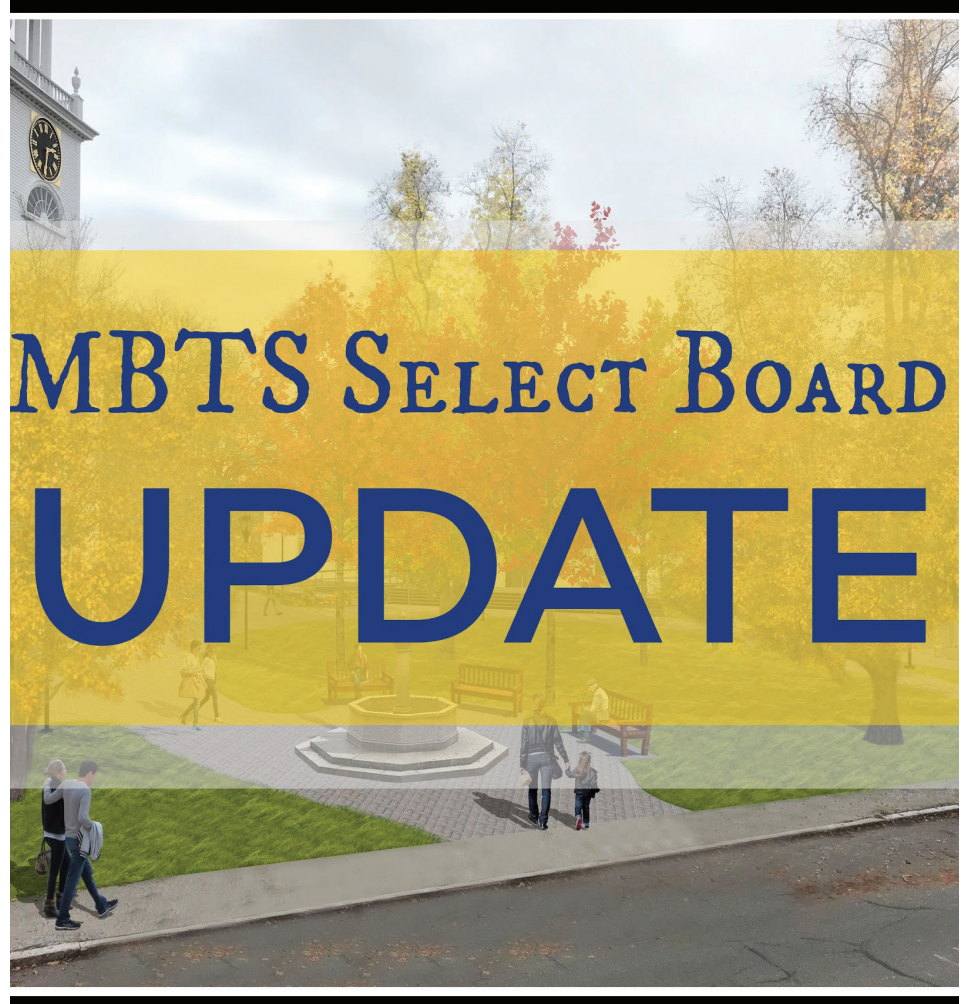
**Budget and Finance:** Operational reviews or “audits” will be undertaken to see if there are options for streamlining municipal services or to see if a service is no longer critical to provide. The budget process will be reviewed with an eye toward focusing more time on the long-

range forecasts less time on individual line items - that is more “big picture” work and less time getting into the minutia of operations.

**Facility Plans and Financing:** A recently completed facility plan lays out the needs and likely sequencing of large capital improvements. A new focus is needed on what can the Town realistically afford and how can a more integrated schedule be developed that matches our financial resources with infrastructure needs. Assessing what taxpayers can afford, when old debt retires and other liabilities go away, and what new revenues might be possible are all part of the mix here that needs to be carefully studied.

**Climate Resiliency:** To advance our ability to handle the challenges climate change presents will require ongoing efforts. We have identified numerous projects that we hope to complete and will strive to undertake additional studies and engage the community in discussions about some of the hard choices we will face as it is likely we will not be able to protect everything from an advancing sea.

**New Town Administrator Recruitment:** With my retirement set for next summer, efforts will get underway to hire my replacement. Preliminary work will include assessing what skills the new person should possess and hiring a recruiting firm to assist with the process.



## BOARD UPDATES

**Planning Board Meeting:** The Planning Board will meet on Tuesday, July 9 at 6:30 p.m. Continued Public Hearings on CST, Fishermen’s Facility, and Reed Park Expansion will be discussed. Meeting details can be found on the Town website.

**MBTA Zoning Booth:** Visit the MBTA Zoning Table at the next Concert in Masconomo Park on July 9 from 6-8 p.m. Come talk to Task Force members about MBTA Zoning. Ask questions and give feedback.

**Music in the Park:** The next concert in Masconomo Park

will be 4EverFab on Tuesday, July 9 from 6-8 p.m. Come down and enjoy summer fun by the sea!

**Community Crawl:** The Welcoming Committee is hosting a “Get to Know your Community Crawl” on Saturday, July 13 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Start on the library lawn to grab your event passport and instructions.

**Emergency Communications:** Hurricane season is upon us and a good reminder to ensure that you are receiving important Town communications. Register for Smart911 and MBTS Alerts at manchester.ma.us/761/Stay-Informed.

**Singing Beach Hours:** The beach is open seven days a week from 9 a.m. - 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.-3 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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## WHAT WAS HAPPENING

**90 YEARS AGO – 1934**  
Boxes 50 and 24 of the fire alarm system were disabled during the electrical storm of Tuesday night. They were promptly repaired by the Fire department on the Fourth. Some of the North Shore Sea Scouts who anchored their boat off Misery Island over the weekend, were in town sightseeing Saturday and Sunday.

**75 YEARS AGO – 1944**  
The old barn up on the Higginson estate came to life last Sunday when the girls of West Manchester gave an amateur performance of “Not Tonight” to an appreciative audience of about 40 guests and friends.

Manchester’s Fourth was probably the quietest in the history of the town, or since the celebration was inaugurated occasionally throughout the day one would hear the bang of a firecracker. Traffic was at a low ebb.

**60 YEARS AGO – 1964**  
John A. Milner, clerk at the Manchester Post Office, died suddenly Monday evening at the age of 45. A man blessed with an unusually good

sense of humor, John made friends easily, and his friends were numerous.

Alexander MacDonald, Chairman of the Parks Commission announces that an area on the western end of Singing Beach has been posted for recreation and the playing of handball, horseshoe pitching etc.

**45 YEARS AGO – 1979**  
The Mariners opened up the second half with the hopes of extending their win streak to three games. This was not to be, but they did not lose. They gained their fourth tie of the year as they battled the league-leading Ipswich Chiefs to a scoreless tie.

Fourth of July activities in Manchester were minimized to a degree, i.e. some activities were not held this year, but a superlative parade in the morning and an outstanding youngsters’ parade in the afternoon made it all worthwhile.

**30 YEARS AGO – 1994**  
The committee for the Post Prom Party is pleased to announce that the party held at the Manchester Ath-

letic Club on Friday, June 3rd was a resounding success with over 50 students in attendance.

The work on the permanent canteen structure at the high school continued last week as the North Shore Regional Vocational High School carpentry students mounted the cinder block walls and installed a roof. Rolling steel windows were installed, as well as a door, and the work progresses well.

**15 YEARS AGO-2009**  
As a way of saying thanks to the citizens of Manchester for all of their support over the years, the Manchester Community Center will once again sponsor the concert in Masconomo Park featuring Mid Life Crisis on July 7th.

The Manchester Woman’s Club held a wonderful “Gardens in Bloom” tour in and around Manchester-by-the-Sea. Club members and their guests, and many out-of-town patrons, took advantage of the good weather to leisurely stroll the flowering pathways of a number of the town’s private and historic seaside gardens.

## Tides & Sun Chart For The Week Ahead

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8 Mon	1:33	10.2	2:11	8.8	8:15	0.3	8:14	1.2	5:12	8:24
9 Tue	2:15	9.9	2:52	8.7	8:53	0.5	8:57	1.3	5:13	8:23
10 Wed	2:57	9.6	3:32	8.7	9:31	0.7	9:40	1.4	5:13	8:23
11 Thu	3:38	9.3	4:11	8.7	10:10	1.0	10:24	1.5	5:14	8:22



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# Shop Thoughts: A Serious Look at Light Reading



Last Sunday at the Hastings House in Beverly Farms, authors discussed summer reading picks with The Book Shop's Hannah Harlow. (Courtesy photo)

By Hannah Harlow

The Sunday before last a roomful of people gathered to participate in a very serious discussion about light reading: what makes the perfect summer book?

Because I put the event together, I made the executive decision that paperback makes the best reading vehicle on the beach so I invited four authors with new paperback novels out to help us hone in on what we all might want to read over the next couple of months.

**Pink Whales** by Sara Shukla fills a particular niche of summer reading by taking place between Memorial Day and Labor Day. Shukla said this was a useful framework because it gave her particular beats to hit—from opening day to the Fourth of July fireworks on the beach to the final Labor Day cookout of the season. In the novel, a young family moves to town a on the North Shore of Massachusetts and quickly falls in with the country club set. Shukla said it's like "Mean Girls" but with beach club moms. It's filled with humor—lots of spilled drinks and misunderstandings.

Do summer reads need a beach setting? **One Last Shot** by Betty Cayouette scratches that itch with a predominantly Italian Riviera

locale. It has all the trappings of a classic romance novel: two ex-lovers come back together as co-workers for one week on a photo shoot. Can they finally make it work this time? Can they overcome the forces working against them, including their own insecurities and doubts and fears? It's a highly enjoyable read with a confident tone, fast pacing, and gorgeous scenery.

Speaking of tone, sometimes beach reads are all about tone. **The Curious Secrets of Yesterday** by Namrata Patel is a coming-of-age story with a light touch that belies all the work put into writing it. Patel described writing a novel a little like erecting a building—a lot of scaffolding has to go up, scaffolding that's invisible to the reader but is necessary for holding up the story. In her novel, a young woman is expected to carry on the ancestral tradition from her family's Salem spice shop, but she yearns to follow her own path. It is only when family secrets come to light can everyone heal and move on.

I have found that family secrets are another secret ingredient to a vacation read and all of the books I've mentioned so far have some, as does **Hanna Halperin's I Could Live Here Forever**. The beach reads

I've described so far are not for everybody. Some people like something a little, well, darker. **I Could Live Here Forever** is a love story, but it's troubled from the beginning. That doesn't make it any less enjoyable to read. Halperin's writing sets this book apart. It allows the reader to feel the intimacy and longing inherent in the story.

Summer reading is upon us and it's perhaps my favorite time of year to read. The only question remaining is where: ocean or lakeside, hammock or recliner? A very serious discussion for another time.

**Hannah Harlow** is owner of **The Book Shop**, an independent bookstore in Beverly Farms. Harlow writes semi-regular recommendations for our readers. See more of what she recommends reading at [thecricket.com](http://thecricket.com).

#### More Books Like **Pink Whales**

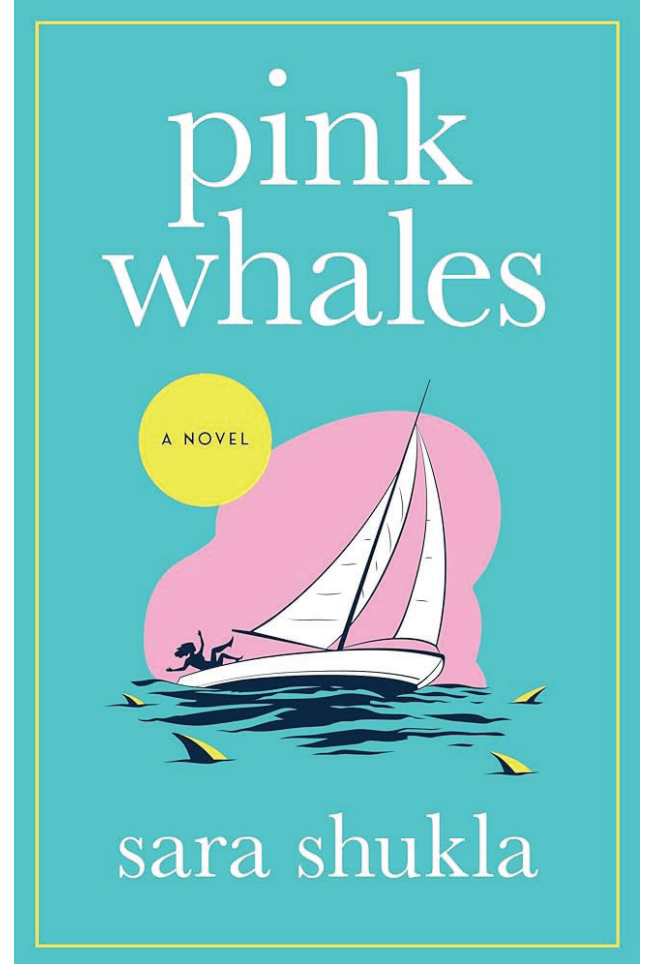
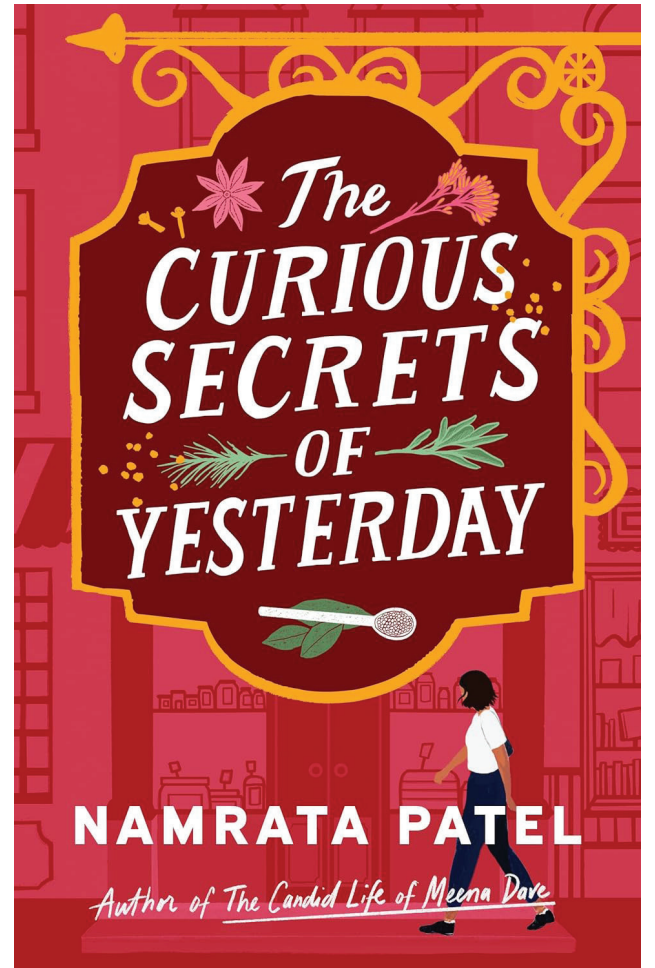
**Summer Stage** by Meg Mitchell Moore  
**The Winner** by Teddy Wayne  
**Little Monsters** by Adrienne Brodeur  
**Save What's Left** by Elizabeth Castellano

#### More Books Like **One Last Shot**

**This Summer Will Be Different** by Carley Fortune  
**Just for the Summer** by Abby Jiminez  
**Summer Romance** by Annabel Monaghan  
**Seven Days in June** by Tia Williams

#### More Books Like **The Curious Secrets of Yesterday**

**Saturday Night at the Lakeside Supper Club** by J Ryan Stradal  
**Temple Folk** by Aaliyah Bilal  
**Skunks** by Fiona Warnick  
**Swift River** by Essie Chambers



More Books Like **I Could Live Here Forever**  
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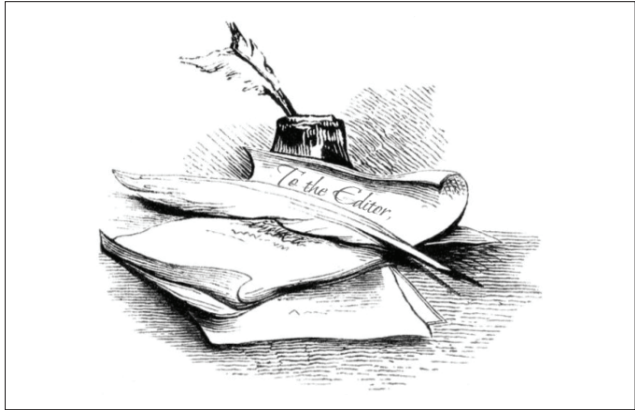
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**CST Impact Reminiscent of SLV**

To the Editor,

"CST Landscaping and Stormwater Discussed", June 28th edition; Matt Connor of Hancock Associates, explain-

ing the scope and nature of the proposed project, said, "As you can see, we don't have many neighbors." This should sound familiar to alert citizens, because Geoff Engler often made the same statement in regard to the impacts of SLV's proposed 40B project on the other side of Upper School Street. I do not mean to put CST into the same basket with SLV, as they (CST) appear from all indications to be good corporate citizens with a strong environmental ethic, but in both cases this statement refers to the absence of human habitation nearby.

As I and many others went to great lengths to point out during the SLV hearings, there are all kinds of neighbors in the abutting and other nearby properties: the assemblage of plants and animals that make up the Manchester and Essex woodlands north of RTE 128. Relative to the CST proposal, Sawmill

Brook and its watershed are right nearby, and the Trustees of Reservations owns and conserves 11 parcels north of Atwater Avenue and west of the project area. There is also conservation land across the Town line from the CST project, in Essex.

The CST facility would lie in a previously, and profoundly, disturbed area and no doubt will in many ways improve upon the mess left by the quarry operation, but it will also bring major potential impacts in terms of stormwater, traffic, artificial light, and noise, among others. It will be up to the Town, CST and the citizenry to look after the well-being of all the "neighbors" around Atwater Avenue.

Mike Dyer  
Essex

**The 4th of July committee thanks local merchants**

This July 4th raffle to support the parade and fireworks is over for this year -- we'll have the winners by next week, however, we want to thank some of our local merchants for donating valuable gift certificates to support the parade and fireworks. Thank you for your generous donations!

- 4 Beach
- Bravo - Pizza
- Calas Restaurant
- Captain Dusty's Ice Cream
- Crosby's Market
- Jacks barbershop
- Jamie's roast beef
- Laughing Gull
- Lavender & Moss
- Mahri
- Nor-east Cleaners
- Riverside Cycle
- Standley's Garage

Anyone who donated to the parade online was entered into the raffle. Don't worry though -- if you missed this year's raffle you can still donate to be entered into the

2025 raffle. To donate, go to the town website at The Manchester 4th of July Committee's page on the Town of Manchester's website. Or come by Town Hall and go to the recreation office (second floor).

- Also, a huge thanks to the businesses that sponsored the parade and fireworks. Their financial support helps us sustain the great parade and fireworks tradition in Manchester-by-the-Sea!
- Allen's Pharmacy
- Bobrek Engineering and Construction
- Cicoria Tree and Crane Service, Inc
- Filias Management
- Harbor's Point Condo Association
- Manchester Ace Hardware
- MBTS Jazzfest
- Sullco, Inc
- Woodard + Curran

Donna Brewster  
The Manchester 4th of July Committee

# LIBRARY NEWS



Ben Anna Band rocked the library lawn during our kickoff to Summer Reading concert.

**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 one-shot 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 Lehane.

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

**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:**

**Arthropod Petting Zoo**

Thursday, July 25 from 2-3 p.m. Ages 3-11. Kids learn all about Arthropods, the most diverse group of animal life on the planet, during this exciting show-and-tell-and-touch program from Professor Bugman. This program is perfect for adventurous kids. Registration is required.

**Shipwrecked Escape Room**

Monday, July 29-Friday, August 2. During library hours we are challenging you to escape from a ship wreck at the library. You and your team of up to 6 can solve puzzles and find clues to see if you can escape in time. Register online or in person.

**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 required.

**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.

**Summer Storytime**

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

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**MBTS Library Summer Hours**

Beginning July 1, the library will be open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10 a.m.- 5 p.m. Tues-

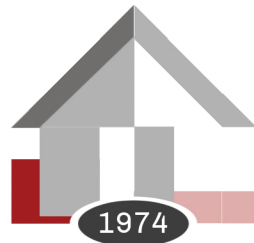
day and Thursday from 10 a.m.-7 p.m. The library will be closed weekends in July and August.

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# ESSEX ECHO.

## Town Administrator's Report

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

### Council on Aging Community Needs Assessment

Chairman Preen and the TA met virtually on June 18, 2024 with personnel from UMass Boston who have begun work on the subject needs assessment for the Essex Council on Aging. At the heart of the assessment is social and demographic research and UMass is starting the process with a series of "Key Informant Interviews". During our interview, we were asked a variety of questions concerning how the challenges of aging for individuals have changed over the years and how the Town has responded to increased needs coming from Essex seniors.

Future elements of the assessment process will include other Key Informant Interviews, two Focus Groups, and the development of a Questionnaire for the gen-



eral public. This work is being funded by a Community Compact Cabinet Grant that we had applied for on behalf of the Council some months ago and will culminate with a Final Report in April of 2025 that hopes to draw some important conclusions about needs of our senior population moving forward.

### Hazard Mitigation Plan Finalization

As the Board may recall, personnel from the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) had presented a

draft of the Town's updated Hazard Mitigation Plan to the Board at a recent meeting. That presentation kicked off a public review and comment period and MAPC received many comments on the draft document. By far the most common comment pertained to what the Commonwealth of Massachusetts plans to do, via the Department of Transportation (MassDOT) when the Essex causeway on Route 133 begins to flood even more frequently in the future. To that end, the TA worked

with MAPC and MassDOT to understand the State's current planning effort (known as Beyond Mobility) and the draft Hazard Mitigation Plan has been revised to reflect what the State is doing (which may include an assessment of the problem as early as the coming fiscal year, within a regional resilience improvement plan). MAPC has also catalogued all of the other types of comments received and has addressed comments in the revised plan as necessary.

### Juneteenth Holiday

The office was closed on June 19, 2024 in observance of the subject holiday.

### Town Administrator Leave

Mr. Zubricki was out of the office, on leave, on June 20 and June 21, 2024.

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.

## Essex Senior Living | July 5

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.me.s with Gil at the Senior Center: Wednesdays 1-3 p.m.: ALL AGES WELCOME, come play BOARD ga.me.s 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! \*Con-

tact 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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Which brings us up to date. With no recourse, the MCC agreed to settle with Harbor's Point. Under the settlement, the MCC will cover most of Harbor's Point's legal expenses, and Harbor's Point forgave the accrued holdover rent, the balance of the legal fees and the interest.

And what of the building? It will remain where it is, and now belongs to Harbor's Point. The town has approached Harbor's Point to revisit a deal. The condo board wants the dust to settle before announcing what will happen, but in the meantime, it will honor standing dates by local groups—like the Manchester COA's Strong Seniors weekly exercise class—through the end of the year.

Meanwhile, the MCC must contemplate its future without a building, and with significantly fewer resources. No word on what the group will do, but there still remains a deep reservoir of goodwill for the organization and its mission throughout the community.

There are two groups exploring options. One would preserve the MCC by replacing its board leadership and trigger a new chapter in the MCC story. Another would create a whole new charity—a type of "MCC 2.0"—that would mirror the original organization's mission and programs. Stay tuned.

### MBTS Select Board: FY25 Priorities

The Manchester Select Board typically holds its annual priority setting workshop—an informal discussion to look back and look forward—in a quiet place with snacks. Typically, it's in Seaside One, next to Town Hall.

This year the Manchester Yacht Club offered its deck overlooking the outer harbor for the workshop. And last Thursday's stunning, sunny afternoon was not on the club's schedule. But what was on the schedule was the club's family-friendly bar-



beque, so the Select Board's discussion took place against a soundtrack of fun and games, bringing a sense of a buoyancy to the business.

The workshop was highly productive. Up for the board's discussion was MBTA Zoning, housing diversity, emergency preparedness in the face of escalating issues, municipal budgets and finance, facilities planning (and financing), climate resiliency, and, finally, with Manchester Town Administrator Greg Federspiel's retirement next summer, recruitment planning for his replacement.

Greg Federspiel has written a detailed summary of the workshop and all these issues in his column this week. Read it, **Page 4**.

### Essex Dredging Coming Into Focus

Dredging in the Essex River has been a big issue for decades and in a meeting next week it looks like Essex town officials will get the first glimpse of the promise land when they meet with US Army Corps of Engineers on a refined plan that might be good to go.

Dredging is like cleaning out the sediment buildup of sand, silt and other debris from the bottom of a river or harbor to maintain or deepen channels, allowing boats to pass through safely. Manchester Harbor, for instance,

is a manmade harbor created for commerce by 1800s dredging that widened what was then "Jeffrey's Creek."

Essex has a somewhat unique relationship to dredging. On one hand, the town hasn't dredged the Essex River since 1992 and today, boaters often complain of large areas that have less than a foot of draft that makes navigation a challenge. But on the other hand, the town has been a leader in innovative research exploring how to redistribute clean sediment from dredging into marshlands, one inch at a time, as a way to fortify the region's coastline in the face of rising sea levels. (The idea is done in other US regions but they aren't allowed here under current state regulations.)

How to tackle the millions of dollars it takes to dredge has been the stumbling block. This is because the town, up until now, has been ineligible to receive federal benefits from the US Army Corps of Engineers.

That's changed, after a lot of work. First, Essex began in 2014 the process of rechartering the required "encroachment free channel," which required years of work and an approval by the US Congress. But now the issue is making the money work. The Corps put out a bid for the project earlier this year, but the only bid came in significantly over the Corps'

budget. Last month's visit to the Essex River by US Rep. Seth Moulton came on the tail of another \$1 million in funding. That, along with a narrowed scope for the overall project, is expected to do the trick.

Next week's meeting will bring in Essex's three private marinas (Pike Marine, Perkins Marine, and Essex Marina) with the US Army Corps and other federal representatives, engineers, and town officials to confirm whether the permitting window might be extended long enough to allow dredging in private areas after the work is done. The marinas are hoping—on their dime—to piggyback onto the project for their own dredging needs.

Stay tuned on the outcome of that meeting.

## LIBRARY NEWS

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Public Library



Children and adults alike enjoyed meeting a variety of animals with guest presenter Matt Gabriel of Animal World Experience.

### Summer Hours

Summer hours begin July 1. The library will be closed week-ends until after Labor Day.

### Library Closed

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

### Atlantic Puffins with Mass Audubon (Virtual)

Wednesday, July 24 at 10:30 a.m. Please register.

### World Fair

Tuesday, July 23 at 10 a.m. for children ages 5 and older. Enjoy sights, tastes, sounds and crafts from various countries and a stamp in your passport for each. Please register.

### International Games

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

### 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.

### 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 24

9:29 a.m. Pickering St., directed patrol, secured/checked.  
11:46 a.m. John Wise Ave., citizen assist, assisted as needed.  
8:58 p.m. John Wise Ave., erratic operation, gone on arrival.  
9:31 p.m. Route 128NB, disabled motor vehicle, assisted as needed.

### TUESDAY, JUNE 25

10:43 a.m. Martin St., selective enforcement, no action taken.  
2:19 p.m. Chebacco Rd., agency assist, assisted as needed.  
8:12 p.m. Main St., directed patrol, secured/checked.  
10:05 p.m. Southern Ave., erratic operator, arrest.

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26

7:33 a.m. John Wise Ave., traffic hazard, notification made.  
1:17 p.m. Main St., fire alarm, fire false. 6:34 p.m. Spring St., directed patrol, secured/checked. 8:57 p.m. Centennial Grove Rd., directed patrol, report to follow.

### THURSDAY, JUNE 27

1:22 a.m. Apple St., directed patrol, secured/checked.  
6:31 a.m. Centennial Grove Rd., directed patrol, secured/checked. 12:21 p.m. Southern Ave., breaking and entering, report to follow. 11:08 p.m. Eastern Ave., suspicious activity, arrest.

### FRIDAY, JUNE 28

7:00 a.m. Grove St., male with headache, transported to hospital. 11:19 a.m. Chebacco Terrace, directed patrol, secured/checked. 1:23 p.m. Eastern Ave., parking complaint, assisted as needed. 9:10 p.m. John Wise Ave., citizen assist, spoken to.

### SATURDAY, JUNE 29

9:20 a.m. Apple St., animal complaint, notification made. 1:40 p.m. Soginese Rd., male with breathing difficulty, transported to hospital. 2:54 p.m. Eastern Ave., motor vehicle crash, assisted as needed. 7:33 p.m. Route 128NB, agency assist, assisted as needed.

### SUNDAY, JUNE 30

12:06 a.m. Soginese Rd., male sick, patient refusal. 1:06 a.m. John Wise Ave., directed patrol, secured/checked. 3:00 a.m. Story St., directed patrol, secured/checked. 6:46 a.m. Scotts Way, directed patrol, secured/checked.

## Essex Locals | July 5

### 115 Years Ago - 1909

The grand outing of the General Electric's Co's employees took place at Centennial grove on Saturday and was a great success. Forty-five cars brought nearly 5,000 to the grove.

### 90 Years Ago - 1934

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# S.S. Crocker Race to be held on Saturday, July 13

By Tony Leggett

Please join us for the 57th run of this wonderful Manchester Classic, the S.S. Crocker Memorial Race, a 12-mile race in the waters between Baker's Island and Eastern Point, Gloucester. Sponsored jointly by the Manchester Yacht Club and the Manchester Harbor Boat Club, it is a sailing event for skippers with little racing experience, as well as the seasoned racer. Come and enjoy the friendly atmosphere, excitement of competition and a great after-race party.

The Crocker is a pursuit race, with the smaller boats starting first and the bigger boats starting later. Theoretically, because of the handicap, everyone should finish close together, rather than spread out. The course is a simple triangle, starting at Gales Ledge off House Island and rounding marks at Eastern Point and Newcomb's Ledge, before returning to Gales.

Last year the Race was won by a Star Class boat, a 112-year-old design that was sailed by Luke Buxton and his daughter Evelyn. At only 24 feet long, it crossed the line ahead of the entire fleet, including the largest boat, the 43-foot "Pressure Drop" in Class A.

The post-race party on the MYC deck is legendary, and boats from Marblehead or Gloucester may be able to pick up a mooring or find space on the MYC dock to join in, rather than head back to their home port and miss the revelry.

Interested skippers should sign up on Regattaman (regattaman.com) and may want to attend the Crocker Race cookout and skippers' meeting at 6 p.m. on Friday, July 12 at Crocker's Boat Yard.

Tony Leggett is the S.S. Crocker Race Committee chair. For information and details, email him at anthonyleggett76@gmail.com



This spectacular shot taken at the SS Crocker Race two summers ago features the "Mashnee," with her beautifully set red spinnaker, gaining on "Crazy Uncle" a modern Tripp 37 from Gloucester.

Photo: Mike Otis

## Gloucester Photographer Melissa Cox Featured in Exhibit Starting July 2

The works of local photographer Melissa Cox have been selected for a month-long exhibit at BankGloucester in Gloucester starting on Tuesday, July 2. The show will continue through Friday, August 30 in BankGloucester's main lobby at 160 Main Street in Gloucester.

This public showing is a great opportunity to personally view and enjoy some of Melissa's wonderful and unique pieces. A public reception will be held on Saturday, July 13th from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, giving guests a chance to meet the artist and ask questions.

Melissa Cox, resident of Gloucester and local freelance photographer, has been taking pictures since high school and recently found her love of nautical, architectural and landscape photography. She loves being out on the water taking pictures of ships, whales and sunsets. When she's not at work or traveling you can usually find her taking pictures of our photogenic Cape Ann.

Melissa is a member at Rockport Art Association, Marblehead Art Association and SeArts. She has received numerous awards at Newburyport Art Association and Rockport Art Association. Her work can be found at Local Colors Co-Op in downtown Gloucester. Her picture "Waiting to Row" was selected for the cover on Discover Gloucester's guidebook for the 2020 season and most recently the 2024 cover of Discover Gloucester with "Looking Aft".



Photos: Melissa Cox

All pictures in this show can be produced in different sizes on canvas, metal or traditional framing. Special orders are always welcome!

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# Manchester Museum, Essex Shipbuilding, Summerstage Win CACF Grant Monies



Essex Shipbuilding Museum representatives receive their 2024 grant to support 5th grade transition to middle school using hands-on maritime teaching.



Manchester by the Sea Museum received funding for "Tea by the Sea."

The Cape Ann Community Foundation (CACF) announced its 2024 grant recipients at the first-ever Candlepins for a Cause event at Cape Ann Lanes.

More than 90 bowlers and dozens more supporters came together to celebrate the non-profit organizations and community programs funded by the Foundation. Since its inception in 2015, the Foundation has awarded more than 50 grants totaling more than \$100,000 to Cape Ann non-profit organizations. The charitable organization was established in 2015 by the Greater Cape Ann Chamber of Commerce to manage and award grants from the proceeds from sales of the Cape Ann License Plate.

This year's grant recipients spanned all of Cape Ann, but it also hit home for residents of Manchester and Essex:

**The Essex Historical Society & Shipbuilding Museum** - the Foundation's grant will support a program aimed at helping 5th graders transition to a unified middle school, facilitating hands-on exploration of the local maritime culture and environment; Natasha Taylor represented the museum at the event

**Gloucester High School Vocational Tech** - this grant will support the school's integrated Workforce Development and Financial Empowerment programs; Career/Vocational Technical Education Coordinator Brenda Waslick represented the Voc Tech at the event

**Manchester-by-the-Sea Museum** - the Foundation's grant will support the museum's new seasonal "Tea by the Sea" venture, which will offer visitors both light refreshments and information

on sightseeing and tourist attractions; Matthew Swindell and Sue Thompson represented the museum at the event

**Manchester-by-the-Sea Summerstage** - this grant will support a program that enables young people to participate in professional-caliber theater productions

**Ocean Alliance** - the grant will support Ocean Alliance's focus on marine research, community engagement, blue economy development and environmental sustainability; Allyson Wyle represented Ocean Alliance at the event

**Rockport Public Library** - the Foundation's grant will support STEAM programs for elementary and middle school students, art and storytimes for preschoolers, community service and art opportunities for teens, and family concerts; Emily Souza represented the library at the event

**Rocky Neck Art Colony** - this grant will support the production of a video that showcases art colony activities and cultural venues across Cape Ann; CEO Elizabeth Carey and Trustee Susan Alvey represented the art colony at the event

**Sargent House Museum** - this Foundation grant will support programming that will focus on the history of enslavement on Cape Ann, including a Downtown Gloucester walking tour and a community-wide book club; representing Sargent House Museum at the event was Board President Jeremy Melvin

These eight grant recipients were selected by the Foundation's board from the more than 40 grant applications received during this

April's proposal submission period. At the June 6 bowling event, the foundation also honored former CACF Board President Ruth Pino, who led the organization since it was founded in 2015.

In January, Gloucester attorney Britta Cahoon and Blue Shutters Beachside Inn owner Tony Sapienza were named board co-chairs, succeeding Pino.

The Candlepins for a Cause event included 15 teams, representing businesses and organizations across Cape Ann, including Bank Gloucester, Cape Ann Savings Bank, Cape Ann Motor Inn, The Greater Cape Ann Chamber of Commerce Board, The Chamber's Tourism Council, Gloucester Marine Genomics Institute, The Manchester-Essex Rotary, The North Shore Health Project, Pratty's, The Works, and other teams organized by Foundation board members. Based on the success of this year's event, the Foundation plans to make Candlepins for a Cause an annual celebration centered around the announcement of its grant recipients.

"This Candlepins for a Cause event spotlighted the Foundation's efforts to enhance Cape Ann's economic environment and improve the overall quality of life by supporting organizations like this year's grant recipients," said Cahoon.

"This was a milestone night not only for the Cape Ann Community Foundation, but for the important programs we support," said CACF's Tony Sapienza. "Most are aware of the Foundation's management and promotion of the Cape Ann License Plate and our use of plate revenues to fund important community programs. Candlepins for a Cause demonstrated how the Foundation continues this work while finding new ways for Cape Ann to support its charitable efforts."

## South Hamilton's Cindy Fanikos Returns to St. John's Prep as CFO



South Hamilton's Cindy Fanikos returns for a second stint at St. John's Prep as CFO beginning July 1.

Courtesy image

The financial realities of 2024 are distinct from those in 2020 during COVID, different than those when South Hamilton's Cindy Fanikos helped launch the St. John's Prep Middle School in 2015, and fundamentally unlike the economic climate of the Great Recession's run-off in 2011, her first year at the school. Starting July 1, after three years at Governor's Academy, she'll do it in a very familiar setting with an even more familiar title: Chief Financial Officer at St. John's Prep.

"I missed the people at the Prep a ton," said Fanikos, 49. "That's what I'm most excited to return to. I love working with them and I have a tremendous amount of respect for them. I chose to leave, and that was really difficult for me to decide. For the leadership team to say, 'We want you back in the fold,' I couldn't

pass that up. I learned so much being with them the last time around."

Fanikos previously served as St. John's CFO from 2011 to 2020 and Chief Finance and Operations Officer from 2020 to 2021. During her first tenure, she helped lead the creation of a middle school on campus, which involved hiring 100 new employees and the addition of two new buildings. She oversaw the construction of the Leo and Joan Mahoney Wellness Center which opened in 2017, adopted new technology to improve the management of business operations, created a long-range financial plan, refinanced the school's debt, and developed the school's first disaster recovery plan.

Within the Prep community, Fanikos received the Martin Luther King Jr. Justice and Equity Award in 2017 for her work to support students on

tuition assistance, and she was integral to the School's successful navigation of the operational and financial challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic.

She served as CFO for Governor's from 2021 through the end of this past academic year. Fiscal year 2025 presents its own challenges and possibilities, and working through those details is what Fanikos does best.

"What stands out about Cindy's multiple roles here at St. John's is that she always brings a team focus to everything she does," says Head of School Ed Hardman. "She's supportive, caring, passionate, and professional. She's a leading voice and serves as a confidant, a coach, a challenger, and an advocate. And, she still finds time to be a yoga instructor."

"Cindy is a tremendous school finance profes-

sional," he added. "She's focused on stewarding our resources in a manner that advances our values and ensures that our mission is a lived and palpable experience amidst and beyond our community."

Fanikos received her B.S. in Accounting from Boston College. She owns a wealth of experience in both the financial services and non-profit realms. She has worked in higher education as the Tax and Debt Manager at the University of Virginia, was an auditor with the accounting firm Ernst & Young, and was a senior manager with Capital One Financial Corporation before becoming the CFO of North Hill Ventures, which is Capital One's venture capital firm.

In 2020, she was recognized with the Will Hancock

Unsung Hero Award by the National Business Officers Association (NBOA). The annual award recognizes business officers who have made a significant difference at their school with contributions exemplified by exceptionally high standards of integrity, knowledge, and motivation to help the institution succeed.

Fanikos is quick to acknowledge she'll need to sharpen her pencil and roll up her sleeves as soon as she arrives at her desk. She notes that private secondary schools are navigating shrinking populations and a massive amount of competition in the Metro Boston area. Post-COVID, the well-known escalation of ancillary costs has impacted operations budgets, especially with regard to meals, transportation, and third-party cleaning services, among others.

"We have a lot of expenses and we need to make sure we're catching up with inflation in that regard," she said. "At the same, that impacts all

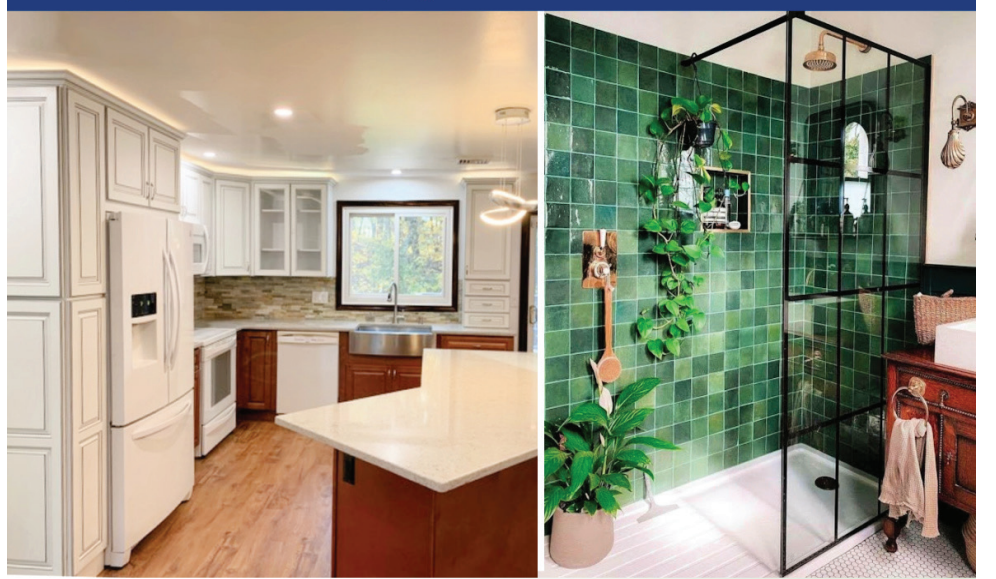
of our people. So, for me, it's also looking at the compensation and benefits models and how we stay transparent and competitive at the same time. We outsourced a lot of stuff in the wake of COVID because we were so inundated with the day-to-day. Do you bring anything back in-house and if so, when? How are you trying to find some cost savings that will have minimal impact on the school environment?"

Indeed, there is no shortage of dimensions and dynamics involved in balancing the equation. And there's always the possibility of a new capital campaign.

"The academic program space, the student life space, gym space, admissions numbers—all those things are among the many different levers that we're pulling," said Fanikos. "The great thing is, I just have to be a partner in all of it. What I most love about St. John's is the ability to do that. Everybody collaborates, and it's their preferred approach."

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8. Shape with an axe
11. Arctic floater
12. Court bargain
13. Dashboard window
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16. Petri dish gel
17. Noble gas
18. \*Post-1919 drinking establishment
20. Not hit
21. More than a scuffle
22. "That is to say"
23. Jewish village
26. One's full DNA sequence, pl.
30. Interesting person, acr.
31. Cord made from animal intestines
34. Type of tide
35. No such thing as a free one?
37. Credit card rate
38. Boatload
39. St. Louis' Gateway, e.g.
40. Cast-off skin
42. U.N. working-conditions agcy.
43. \*\*"Unsinkable"?
45. Violent protester
47. Golfer's goal
48. Puts behind bars
50. Samoan money
52. \*Armed conflict (3 words)
56. \*Famous Bolshevik
57. Storm centers
58. Bob \_\_\_ of boxing world
59. Neural transmitters
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2. Freudian error
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4. The Muppets' street
5. Lake scum
6. Razz
7. \* \_\_\_ Pickford, "America's Sweetheart" of silent film era
8. Comforting gestures
9. Prima donna problems
10. Skin cyst
12. Saffron-flavored rice dish
13. Street urchin
14. \*48th State
19. Sailing vessel with two masts
22. Animal doctor, for short
23. Water balloon sound
24. Alluring maiden
25. Add a touch of color
26. Spiritual leader

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Solutions on Page 11

27. \*Boy Scout's \_\_\_ badge
28. Two under par on a hole
29. Animal trail
32. After-bath powder
33. General Post Office
36. \*\*"Little Tramp" portrayal
38. Chef Julia \_\_\_
40. Address for a man
41. Salmon at a certain stage
44. Indian breads
46. Lee Harvey \_\_\_
48. \*\*A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man" author James \_\_\_
49. Circus venue
50. Modern message
51. Dwarf buffalo
52. Lash mark
53. \*\*"Dulcin e!" of Massenet's "Don Quichotte," e.g.
54. Dry biscuit
55. Mischievous sprites
56. Spot for luxury?

# Religious Notes

## Cornerstone Church

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**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.

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# Pets and Fireworks



By Larry Lamb

## PETS & PEOPLE

The loud, unexpected sounds of fireworks cause stress and anxiety for a lot of dogs. This summer, the 4th falls on Thursday and I expect there will be fireworks all during the weekend and, perhaps, even later in the summer. They may come randomly and at unpredictable times.

Here are 11 things to know about why your dog gets anxious and what you can do to help.

- It is normal if your dog gets scared.** While we humans have learned to expect fireworks around the Fourth of July, the sound of fireworks can be quite startling for dogs.
- After all, your dog has keen senses that make fireworks a more intense experience.** Your dog's acute hearing makes him more sensitive to the sounds of fireworks than you are. Fireworks also produce an odor that dogs may be sensitive to.
- During fireworks, your dog experiences the same kind of startled response you do when you're surprised by a loud noise.** This may mean an increase in heart rate, a rush of adrenaline, and an increase in stress hormones circulating through the body.
- For your dog, fireworks aren't the same experience as a thunderstorm.** Thunderstorms come with a lot

of warning signs, like changes in barometric pressure and high winds, so dogs anticipate them. Since fireworks are sudden and occur less frequently than thunderstorms, dogs might be more intimidated by them.

- There are plenty of dogs who aren't afraid of fireworks.** It might be because they're naturally easy-going, or it might be because they were exposed to enough noises when they were young that they understand that fireworks aren't a threat.
- If you start early, you can help lower your dog's sensitivity to the sound of fireworks.** If you know there are going to be fireworks in your area, you can help prepare your dog by exposing him to recorded firework sounds. Note that this process takes months of effort that includes gradually increasing the volume while you reward your dog for keeping calm. It's not a short-term fix.
- If you start really early, you might be able to desensitize your dog to a lot of loud noises.** If you expose your dog to noises like fireworks, thunder, car horns and train whistles in a positive manner when he's between three weeks and three-

months-old, he's more likely to be unfazed by noises later in life.

- Create a special area in your home where your dog can feel safe and secure during the noise.** If your dog is crate-trained then he may feel most secure in his create with a nice chew. If she's not crate-trained, putting her bed in a calm place during the fireworks might work. Try closing the windows and playing some music.
- Help your dog feel happy during fireworks.** Give your dog a special treat or his favorite toy. It might help to create positive associations with fireworks.
- Calming wraps and "thunder shirts" may help for some dogs, too.** These work like swaddling does for infants - they make your dog feel secure during stressful situations.
- If you anticipate there may be fireworks:**
  - Take your dog for a walk well before fireworks are due to begin.
  - Don't pick up cats or restrain them if they are scared: cats prefer to control how they cope.
  - Keep doors, windows and cat and dog flaps closed.
  - Draw the curtains and play music with a repetitive beat to help

mask the sounds.

- If your pet prefers to go away and hide, let them. Leave them alone and don't try to comfort them - this is their way of coping.
- If your pet is used to seeking reassurance from you in stressful times, comfort them as you would normally. This is a short-term solution to help your pet cope while they're afraid. In the long term, it's important to give your pet another way to cope - e.g. by providing a den - in case you aren't there when they're scared.
- Stay calm yourself. Keep your tone, mood and behavior as normal as possible. If you get very anxious or comfort your pet more than usual, this can make your pet more unsettled.
- Never punish your pets. It's not their fault they're scared, and it adds to their anxiety.



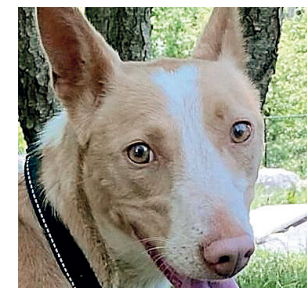
Dr. Lamb is the Veterinarian at the Manchester Animal Hospital.

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## PET OF THE WEEK: A REAL GEM



snuggle up into. She is learning she may love this new life with nice people, and is just waiting to find that forever family who will treat her with the love and compassion she has always deserved and waited for! Topaz is part of our Extended Stay Program and her adoption fee has been reduced to \$100 to help her find a home more quickly -- she is also available for Foster to Adopt to ensure a smooth transition to her forever home. Sound like a companion you're willing to give the time and love to? Fill out an application and let's get something scheduled!

Topaz is the sweetest girl; she had a rough start to life but is now on a journey of learning that there are people out there that can be trusted. She is a 4-year-old Portuguese Podengo, who has come to us after having had a history that most likely involved more breeding and hunting than love and care. Her resilience and growing trust in humans showcase her strength and gentle nature. With time and patience, Topaz is sure to blossom into a loving and loyal companion. Here at CAAA, we have seen her do well with most other dogs so she is likely to do well in a home with or without other canine friends. We do believe she would do best in a home without cats however, as she is very fond of chasing the squirrels and other small woodland creatures outside. We also recommend she live in a home without small children, as she is still learning to trust humans and would do well with people who can go slow and be gentle with her. Even though she hasn't always been treated so kindly in the past, we have noticed Topaz is adjusting quickly to life with people who take care of her, and she especially loves all of her fluffy beds and cozy little blankets to

To fill out an application go to <https://capeannanimalaid.org/adopt.html>

## PUBLIC NOTICE



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

Public Hearing Notice to be Published on or before 7/05/24

Kimberly and Michael Carvalho request the Commission make a decision regarding a Notice of Intent for the removal of an existing septic system and the construction of a new septic system within the 100-ft Buffer Zone at 1 Bigwood Road. This request will be discussed at a VIRTUAL meeting on Tuesday, July 16 at 6:30 p.m. and will be reviewed under the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act (MGL Chapter 131, Section 40) and/or the Manchester General Wetlands Bylaw.

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## 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

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Public Hearing Notice to be Published on or before 7/05/24

William and Caroline Rives request the Commission make a decision regarding a Notice of Intent for various backyard improvements within the 100-ft Buffer Zone at 1 Bigwood Road.

This request will be discussed at a VIRTUAL meeting on Tuesday, July 16 at 6:30 p.m. and will be reviewed under the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act (MGL Chapter 131, Section 40) and/or the Manchester General Wetlands Bylaw.

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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

## LEGAL NOTICE



Town of Manchester-by-Sea  
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS  
Town Hall, 10 Central Street,  
Manchester-by-Sea, MA 01944-1399

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
The Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Manchester-by-Sea will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, July 17, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

Location: This is a Hybrid Meeting. ZBA Board will meet in Town Hall. Applicants, Presenters, and Public are welcome to join the Board in 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 to construct an in-ground pool (16'x 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 2.0, 4.2 and 12.5 of the Zoning By-Law to construct an in-ground (16'x 32') gunite pool meeting all State and local codes at 39 Walker Road, Assessor's Map 32, Lot No. 39 in District A filed with the Town Clerk on June 17, 2024.

Sarah Mellish, Chair, Zoning Board of Appeals

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

June 28, 2024 MC  
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