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**Save the Date!
Manchester Club
Golf Outing**

It'll be here before you know it. The Manchester Club / Dick Lysiak Memorial Scholarship Fund Golf Tournament will be held on Monday, September 23 at Beverly Golf and Tennis Club, followed by a steak and lobster dinner at the Legion Hall in Manchester. The club is seeking players and sponsors. \$100 sponsors (businesses or families) may have a sign posted on the course, or for \$350 sponsors may have two signs and a golf / dinner guest. Fee for golfers is \$175 (includes golf, cart, chance to win a new car, and dinner). Info and registration at TheManchesterClub.org, or by contacting golf committee chair Joe Willwerth at (508)878-5988.

MBTS Library Book Sale Aug 3

The Friends of the Manchester Public Library Summer Book Sale will take place 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 3 on the library lawn. This eagerly awaited event will feature thousands of books spanning various genres, all generously donated from local residents over the past year. Pricing is set at \$2 per paperback or 3 for \$5, and \$4 per hardcover or 3 for \$10. All proceeds directly benefit the Manchester Public Library, supporting vital programs and resources for our local residents. This event coincides with the Greater Cape Ann Chamber of Commerce's Fair by the Sea, so feel free to shop for books and then enjoy all the artisans, food, and music at Masconomo Park, as well as Manchester's many wonderful downtown local retailers.

**Last Call! MBTS
Jazz Fest and
Fishing Tour**

This weekend is it for two very important local Manchester traditions. First up it's the MBTS Fishing Tournament, the fifth annual, that kicks off on Friday and runs the weekend. This is a fun time and designed to be family friendly, so check it out and get your angling chops ready (along with practicing your "grip and grin" photos with your catches). Info at mbtsfishing.com. Then, on Saturday night (4-10 p.m.), finally, it's the third annual MBTS Jazz Fest overlooking the inner harbor outside the American Legion Hall. \$30 gets you in to see three great bands, food and drink is available for a small extra cost, and every bit of profit benefits the Manchester 4th of July Committee. Info at mbtsjazzfest.org.



**This
Year's S.S.
Crocker
Race: Into
the Fog**

The boat, "Mischief" disappears in the fog during last week's 57th Annual SS Crocker Memorial Boat Race, hosted by the Manchester Yacht Club. Tony Leggett, the race's committee chair took this incredible photograph and offers a wonderful write up on this year's competition. There are few things sailors fear most, writes Leggett, and this year the 30 boats faced the prospects of dangerous thunderstorms at the start of the race and then an incredible blanket of disorienting fog that postponed the race by 90 minutes. Beautiful yes. Optimal for racing? Not at all. But these sailors pushed through. In the end, it was the crew of the boat "Constellation Virgo," skippered by Dan Rabin, that took the win this year. Read about it, Page 6.

Photo: Tony Leggett

Inventory Uptick Welcomed by Local Real Estate Agents

By Erika Brown

Real estate is a universal currency, carefully watched by locals of all stripes.

And over the last five years, observers have become accustomed to shrinking inventory and increasing prices after a pandemic surge in homeownership seemed to gobble up every available property from Gloucester to Essex, Manchester, Beverly and beyond. Most activity has come from Millennials, America's biggest generation, who drove sales of starter homes in towns with great school districts, while retiring Boomers wanted to downsize their big family homes and stay local.

The result? Inventory for residential real estate—land, condos and single-family homes—has been anemic throughout the 23 cities and towns on Boston's North Shore.

It's been a proverbial "Catch 22." Even if a homeowner wants to sell, what (and where) would they buy? Then, 18 months ago

Essex Real Estate Sales / June 1-July 1

Sale Date	Property	Price
July 1, 2024	85 Southern Ave.	\$865,000.00
July 1, 2024	40 Southern Ave.	\$701,000.00
June 28, 2024	38R Pond St. (lots 5, 6, PC 55648)	\$975,000.00
June 27, 2024	145 Main St.	\$495,000.00
June 26, 2024	149 Eastern Ave. (unit 149)	\$510,000.00
June 13, 2024	201 Western Ave.	\$950,000.00
June 5, 2024	68 Grove St.	\$375,000.00

Table: Southern Essex County Registry of Deeds 7/15/24 • Created with Datawrapper

Property sales in Manchester and Essex from June 1 to July 1 reflect slim pickings for buyers. But a May-June uptick in inventory may indicate better days for buyers.

the Federal Reserve Bank boosted interest rates to cool inflation, which may have slowed real estate sales, but even 7% interest rates on mortgages didn't stop the market.

But a recent shift is giving many local real estate brokers relief.

According to data released by the Beverly-based industry group, North Shore Realtor Association, May and June marked the first consecutive month increase in housing inventory since June-July 2022. Before May, the region saw 21 straight

months of inventory decline, which pushed prices up.

And while the market inventory currently sits at less than 30% of what it was 10 years ago, many signs point to increasing inventory and some other highlights in the association's data of North Shore markets provide key indicators.

First, homes continue to sell for well over the asking price, and single-family properties received 104% of the list price on average according to data.

Manchester Real Estate Sales / June 1-July 1

Sale Date	Property	Price
June 28, 2024	21 Pine St. (unit 11)	\$1,125,000.00
June 28, 2024	2 Orchard Ln. (lot A)	\$3,200,000.00
June 26, 2024	3 Masconomo St. (lot 1)	\$4,020,000.00
June 24, 2024	18 North St.	\$1,005,000.00
June 17, 2024	40 Central St. (unit 2)	\$480,000.00
June 6, 2024	48 Walker Rd. (lot 7)	\$2,900,000.00

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Further, although year-over-year closed sales are down 7.8%, pending sales of single-family homes are up 29.1% and condominiums

up 20.2% which, according to NSR, suggests good news for closed sales.

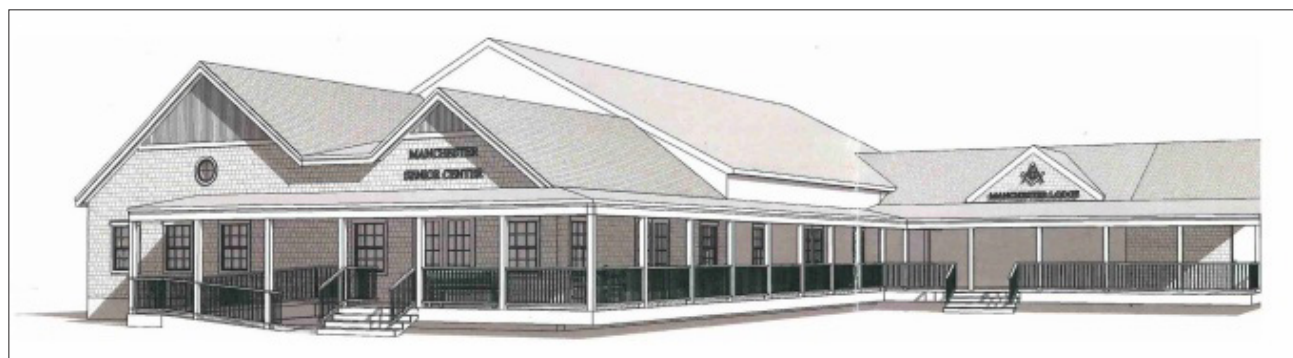
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Weekly Weather Chart

Saturday 20 July		82°	63°
Sunday 21 July		80°	63°
Monday 22 July		72°	60°
Tuesday 23 July		77°	64°
Wednesday 24 July		68°	61°
Thursday 25 July		69°	63°
Friday 26 July		69°	63°

Weather data pulled Wednesday and is subject to change.

The Path to a New Senior Center



The planned senior center at the location of the Masonic Hall in Manchester will build out the space for the Manchester Council on Aging while allowing the Masons to continue their own programs under a shared, condominium format. Courtesy Olsen & Lewis, 2023

By Gregory T. Federspiel

At this year's Annual Town Meeting, voters enthusiastically approved funds to allow the Town to purchase a portion of the Masonic Lodge located near Town Hall. Once the sale is completed, a new condominium association comprised of the Town and the Masons will be established for the on-going care and

maintenance of the building. The Mason's will own about one-third of the building with the Town owning about two-thirds. The arrangement provides a solid win for both the Town and the Mason's.

An early fall closing date is anticipated. Once the new ownership arrangement is created, the Town can begin using some of the existing space for senior programming until the construction

work begins. Details of the purchase and sales agreement and the new condominium documents will be finalized over the next month or so.

Plans call for renovating the existing building and constructing two additions - one to make the existing dining/multi-purpose room larger to create a new ceremonial room for the Masons and another addition to add office

space and activity rooms for the new Senior Center. The existing ceremonial room along with the kitchen and restrooms will be renovated and become part of the new Senior Center

While funding was approved for the purchase of the Town's share, additional funding will be needed to pay for the renovation and expansion of the building.

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**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 22 6 p.m.
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Obituaries

Following a long-standing tradition, The Cricket publishes obituaries as a public service for our readers. If an obituary cannot be published in time for a service, we will post the notice to our website and Facebook page (facebook.com/TheManchesterCricket).

Ellen Harris

Ellen Harris, 73, of Manchester-by-the-Sea, died at home this past March.

Born in Pittsburgh Pennsylvania on April 1, 1950, she received BA degrees from

Goucher College, and from Taiwan University and a MA from the University of Texas, Austin.

Prior to her retirement, Ellen was an Assistant Librarian at Harvard University for a decade. She also worked

at bookstores and libraries during her entire forty-year career.

Ellen enjoyed helping students, reading and writing poetry, exploring different kinds of foods, living in and walking around Manchester (especially visiting Manchester by the Book and the Manchester Public Library,) and watching baseball.

She was pre-deceased by her parents, Vivienne D. Abrams and Edward B. Harris, and her brother, William B. Harris. She is survived



by her brother, John A. Harris, her niece, Sasha Harris-Lovett and her nephew, Evan Lovett-Harris.

MANCHESTER POLICE NOTES



2:36 p.m. White Beach, suspicious activity, spoken to. 8:13 p.m. Route 128SB, disabled motor vehicle, assisted as needed.

TUESDAY, JULY 9

9:35 a.m. Ocean St., traffic hazard, assisted as needed. 11:28 a.m. Pine St., suspicious activity, spoken to. 1:32 p.m. Central St., animal complaint, assisted as needed. 5:09 p.m. Coolidge Point, animal complaint, notification made.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10

6:01 a.m. White Beach, disabled motor vehicle, spoken to. 9:56 a.m. Central St., citizen assist, assisted as needed. 5:10 p.m. Mill St., traffic hazard, other. 7:47 p.m. Summer St., noise complaint, spoken to.

THURSDAY, JULY 11

11:24 a.m. Summer St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warn-

ing. 1:36 p.m. Pleasant St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning. 2:55 p.m. School St., parking complaint, parking enforcement. 10:39 p.m. Brook St., suspicious activity, report to follow.

FRIDAY, JULY 12

7:41 a.m. Raymond St., alarm, secured/checked. 10:57 a.m. Route 128NB, motor vehicle stop, criminal application. 1:37 p.m. Vine St., property damage/vandalism, under investigation. 3:25 p.m. Route 128SB, motor vehicle stop, assisted as needed.

SATURDAY, JULY 13

2:02 a.m. Beach St., suspicious activity, secured/checked. 10:45 a.m. Lincoln St., suspicious activity, secured/checked. 12:23 p.m. Pleasant St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning. 1:44 p.m. Hickory Hill Rd., suspicious activity, report to follow.

SUNDAY, JULY 7

12:56 a.m. Pleasant St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

1:14 p.m. Pine St., harassment, assisted as needed.

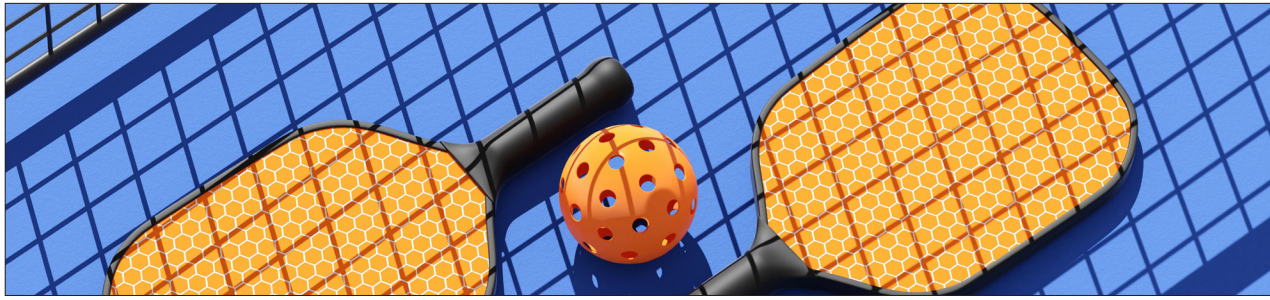
5:04 p.m. Summer St., motor vehicle stop, written warning.

9:23 p.m. Beach St., directed patrol.

MONDAY, JULY 8

12:49 a.m. Bridge St., motor vehicle stop, citation issued.

6:57 a.m. Pleasant St., animal complaint, gone on arrival.



Attention Pickleballers

The Hastings House (a.k.a., Beverly Farms' Community Center) is now open a couple of hours on each weekday morning for pickleball in the facility's wood floor gymnasium. That's right. Anyone interested can reserve a time to play on the Hastings House website. It's \$25 to play for one hour. General hours of available booking times are 9, 10 or 11 a.m., Monday through Friday. The facility has a pickleball net and markers, so all that's required are paddles and balls to play. The gym now has air conditioning - so we're betting some people might really like that for the rest of the summer! (And heat in the winter, of course.) Info and reservations at hastingshouse.org/pickleball-basketball.

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MOVING SALE

MOVING SALE!—MOVING SALE July 20 from 9am to 1pm at 113 Old Essex Road. Items include Household, Camping, Boating, Hiking, Tools. Something for Everyone! 7/25

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BOARD UPDATES

Planning Board Meeting: The Planning Board will meet on Monday, July 22 at 6:30 p.m. to continue the Public Hearings of CST and the Fishermen's Facility. Meeting details can be found on the Town website.

Music in the Park: The next concert in Masconomo Park will be Lisa Love Experience on Tuesday, July 23 from 6-8 p.m. Come down and enjoy summer fun by the sea!

Assistant Town Clerk Position: The Town Clerk's office is hiring a part-time Administrative Assistant. Job details

can be found on the Town Website. To apply, please submit a resume and cover letter by July 31, 2024, to Maloney@manchester.ma.us.

Call Firefighter Openings: The Fire Department is currently accepting applications for Call Firefighters. Interested applicants should contact the Fire Department at 978-526-4040 or firechief@manchester.ma.us to learn more.

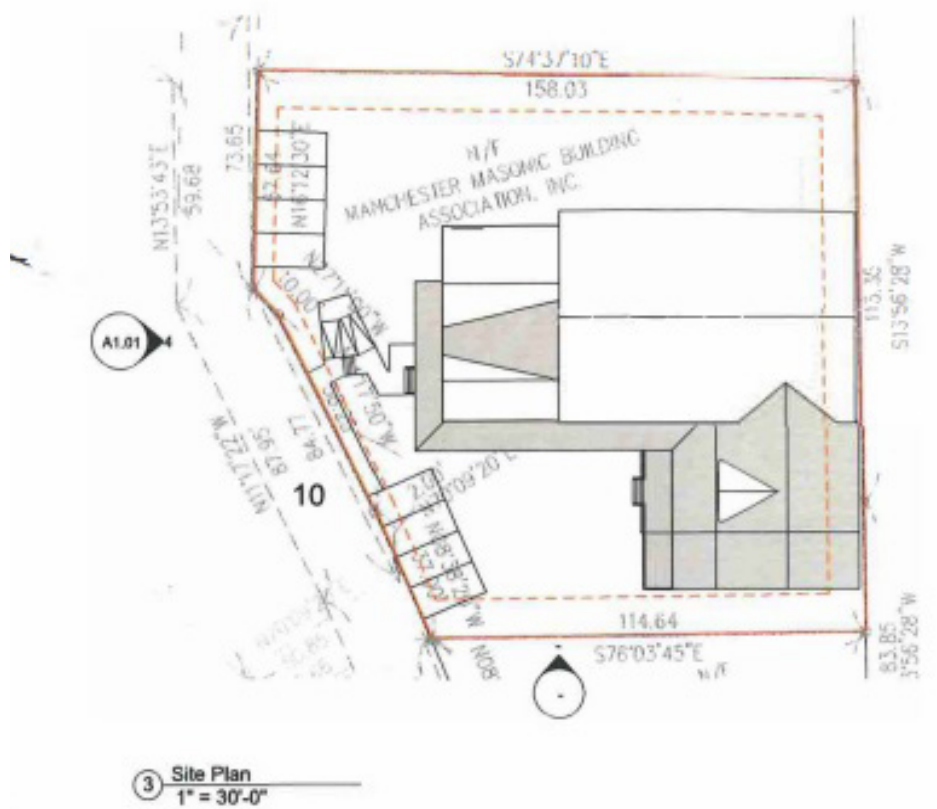
MBTA Zoning Information: To keep up to date with MBTA Zoning information and upcoming meetings visit the Town website at manchester.ma.us/774/MBTA-Zoning.

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

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

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A fundraising campaign will get underway this fall with the assistance of a capable campaign manager to raise the \$2.5 million needed. All tax-deductible donations, large and small, will be thankfully accepted. Members of the Friends of the Council on Aging will play an instrumental role in the capital campaign. Grant funds will also be pursued although there is never a guarantee of success here. The goal will be to complete the fundraising efforts by this time next year.

While the fundraising efforts are underway, the design for the renovated spaces and additions will be completed and put out to bid to area contractors. The plan is to be under construction as soon as the fundraising campaign wraps up.

Assuming construction takes about 18 months to complete, it is possible the new facility could be ready by January of 2027.

Once completed the new Senior Center will provide flexible meeting spaces and activity rooms along with a full commercial kitchen and dining space. A wide array of programming for older citizens will be provided with an ability to greatly expand the current offerings. The Center will serve as a drop-in center as well. A reading room and general congregation areas will allow for more informal meetups.

As most of the activities for older residents will take place during the day, the various spaces can be used for public meetings during the evening and special events during the

weekends. Priority will be given to senior center activities with all scheduling handled by the Council on Aging staff.

While a good amount of work lies ahead, the path to a Manchester Senior Center is clearly defined and finally within reach. As was noted at the spring Town Meeting, this is a goal that has been on the "to do" list for a long time. Older residents comprise the largest, and fastest growing segment of the Town's population. Having a Senior Center dedicated to their needs will enhance the quality of their lives by providing an array of services and programming in a modern facility. It is not too early to be thinking how you would like to contribute to the success of this new Town amenity.

WHAT WAS HAPPENING

90 YEARS AGO - 1934

The coming Doll Exhibit by the Manchester Historical Society will be on August 2nd from 2:30-5 p.m. All those willing to loan their treasures of dolls, doll furniture, toys etc. may leave them with the Committee on August 2nd from 10 a.m.-12 noon.

Sailing an outside course in a fresh southwest breeze, 10 of the 15-footers of the Manchester Yacht Club sailed in the regular Sunday series. Those boats taking an offshore course caught a much fresher breeze than those that stayed close to shore and finished first.

75 YEARS AGO - 1949

The Manchester Fire Department was called out three times this week but had to go into action only twice as investigation found that heavy smoke reported as a woods fire was coming from the Gloucester dump.

The Manchester Legion nine snapped a four-game losing streak Tuesday evening at the Brook Street Play-

ground which they scored a 6-4 win over the Peabody Polish Vets.

60 Years Ago - 1964
Joan Baez, the exciting young folk singer, will make her only Massachusetts appearance this summer at Castle Hill in Ipswich. The single performance will take place on Friday evening, August 14 in the Italian Garden.

45 YEARS AGO - 1979

The return of the Annual Summer Flower Show to Manchester on Saturday was enjoyed and admired by many visitors who commented on the quality of the exhibits.

The highlight of the fourth week of Manchester Summer Playground was Monday's mountain climbing-swimming trip. Forty youngsters and eight adults journeyed by school bus to Sandwich Mountain.

30 YEARS AGO - 1994

You have seen it on television, you have read it in the papers and it's finally hit Manchester. There is

a penny shortage. People have a tendency to toss their pennies into a jar or other containers and forget them. Well, the time has come to get out the penny wrappers and start wrapping.

The Manchester Boosters Club held its Annual Summer Festival last weekend at Masconomo Park. Thanks to all parent and community volunteers who staffed both the ticket booth and the Canteen Tent during the event.

15 YEARS AGO - 2009

The second annual Manchester Arts Festival will be held in two weeks on Saturday, July 25th from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. One hundred accomplished artists will be exhibiting their work and over a dozen musical acts will be entertaining the crowd.

On August 1 and 2, twenty-one residents from Manchester will ride in the 30th annual Pan-Massachusetts Challenge (PMC), the nation's pioneer charity bike-athon that raises more money than any other athletic fundraising event in the country.



Tuesday, July 23rd, 6PM-8PM
Masconomo Park Bandstand
Manchester-By-The-Sea

Music in Masconomo Park
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Tides & Sun Chart For The Week Ahead

DATE	HIGH				LOW				☀️	
	AM	FT	PM	FT	AM	FT	PM	FT	RISE	SET
19 Fri	10:40	8.1	10:40	9.9	4:39	0.8	4:42	1.7	5:21	8:17
20 Sat	11:30	8.5	11:30	10.3	5:31	0.4	5:35	1.3	5:22	8:16
21 Sun			12:17	8.9	6:21	-0.1	6:26	0.9	5:23	8:15
22 Mon	12:19	10.6	1:02	9.3	7:08	-0.5	7:17	0.5	5:24	8:15
23 Tue	1:07	10.9	1:47	9.7	7:55	-0.7	8:06	0.1	5:25	8:14
24 Wed	1:55	11.0	2:33	10.0	8:42	-0.8	8:57	-0.1	5:26	8:13
25 Thu	2:46	10.9	3:22	10.2	9:29	-0.8	9:49	-0.1	5:27	8:12



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An Open Letter to the Essex Board of Selectmen

To the Editor,

I feel compelled to weigh in on the apparent schizophrenic nature of the Selectmen's policies toward businesses. I found it ironic that at the same meeting that the Board tabled four entertainment licenses for Woodman's, over concerns about whether amplified or acoustic music would be allowed, the Board also reappointed the "Economic Development Committee." What is the point of having an Economic Development Committee if the Selectmen and Planning

Board are actively working to limit or prohibit business activity within the Town. At the Town Meeting in May, the Selectmen were silent as the zoning articles were debated. Likewise for the EDC and Finance Committee, despite the fact that businesses subsidize funding our school system which it seems agreed that we cannot afford.

The board has also supported the Planning Board's crusade to bring zoning restrictions on commercial enterprises in Town, capping a three-year total moratorium on new or expanded business in Essex. At the May Town Meeting, the zoning articles which all passed, created new hurdles for businesses

by increasing the number of activities that require a special permit, and expanding the criteria the Board uses to consider said permit applications. These restrictions will make it more difficult and expensive to initiate new businesses. Given that businesses are sprinkled throughout Essex now, the residential zoning map that the Planning Board is intending to present in the fall, will surely render many business properties non-conforming and will make it harder for those businesses to manage and adapt their properties to changing business environments as well as prohibit any new business uses within those zones. Is this the way we should be going in this Town? The Cape Ann Chamber of Commerce recently woke to these issues, recognizing the negative impact these initiatives have on business and alerted their members to weigh in.

The Town fathers brag about collecting \$200,000 in meals tax per year while restaurant after restaurant goes out of business without anyone questioning whether that money could have made said restaurants viable and saved them. The EDC's signature initiative to install decorative lighting on the Causeway failed, but it didn't matter because the lights would not have done anything for the local businesses and the proposal just illustrated that the EDC does not have its eye on the prize.

A few years ago, it was recognized that working from home was beneficial because it limited the spread of communicable diseases and saved on the cost and emissions from commuting. The hostile anti-business environment being fostered in Essex combined with the demand for residential housing will inevitably lead to less and

less people being allowed to work from their homes, more commuting, less people available to serve on our call fire department and skyrocketing school expenses as the student population grows. With these issues in mind, I respectfully request that the Selectmen stop supporting these restrictive zoning proposals. Also, please loosen your restrictions on amplified music and speaker systems for our restaurants. These businesses are not spending money on musicians for no reason. They believe that they will be more profitable and might survive these changing times. I don't believe these licenses will disrupt the peace of Essex as long as they end by 8 p.m.

I have had the privilege of serving the Town in several capacities over the last 30 years. I was able to do so because I worked from my home. Please do not make it more difficult for other residents to do the same.

Respectfully,

Edward T. Neal
Essex

LGBTQ+ progress Flag: The Message is Clear

I wanted to make the town community aware that there was a petition by I believe the American Legion Post #113 Veterans here in Manchester that was apparently added to the Select Board agenda, which was posted late Thursday, June 27 at 5:33 p.m. and heard before the Select Board on Monday July 1.

Full disclosure, I was not aware of the agenda item and, as such, was not present at the meeting.

The petition apparently was to request that the LGBTQ+ Progress Flag no lon-

ger be flown on the Town Common Flagpole and be relegated to some other flagpole (location unknown) that the town would erect and pay for. The petition asking apparently for another flagpole to be erected so that the LGBTQ+ Flag would not fly on the "town" flagpole.

While the clerk for the Select Board today informed me that "no vote was taken" at the July 1st meeting to approve such a request, the clerk also informed me that a landscape architect is being hired to provide a proposal to determine the best location for an additional flagpole.

So, no vote was taken, no input from the town residents, other than those submitting the petition, but the town is already spending funds to find an additional location for a different flag pole that most likely will not be located in the place of honor of most town and city sanctioned flag poles, the place of governance, our town hall which already has a town flag pole. A reminder that the Honor Role, which bears my name among others, was placed at the flagpole location to reflect the honor bestowed upon those entering the service from this town. It is not a memorial. This seems to me to be a lot of work and effort to relegate an already marginalized community to an "alternative" and lesser place of recognition.

I would ask, who are you hurting by relocating the LGBTQ+ Progress Flag from the Town Flagpole?

As a member of the Town's Welcoming Committee, it seems to me the message is loud and clear.

Hope Watt-Bucci
Manchester
(Watt-Bucci is President of the North Shore Gay Alliance and a member of Manchester's

Welcome Committee and 4th of July Committee)

Seth Moulton Supports the Climate Action

The year 2030.

This is generally agreed to be the deadline for climate action to happen. Many scientists feel that if radical shifts in the way we address climate change don't take place before then, it may be a lost cause. Just hearing that date in my mind fills me with anxiety. Five years? That seems way too close.

As a young person set to inherit the world, I feel like I have to do something. I want future generations to experience clear air, clean water, snow during the holidays, and all the other gifts the environment gives us that we've taken for granted. Though I don't deny the route of paper straws and shopping local is great and effective, the real way people like you and me can affect change is at the ballot box.

Not nearly enough has been done politically to help save our earth. Each party is guilty of making hollow promises (if any), and it is time we demand tangible action. This is where Congressman Seth Moulton comes in.

I've been pleasantly surprised to find that Moulton has been at the forefront of pushing environmental support through the stubborn cogs of our political system. Whether that be advocating for the use of nuclear energy or the construction of high-speed rail, he hasn't shied away from this monumental problem. We need more Democrats like Seth Moulton in office. If you agree, consider taking action and get involved this election cycle.

Kyle Greason
West Newbury

LIBRARY NEWS



The library doesn't just check out books. Why not bring home giant Jenga and many more lawn games, and coming soon, tabletop games.

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.

Library Closing Early
Friday, August 2 at 1 p.m. the Manchester Library will close early to prepare for the Manchester Friends of the Li-

brary's Annual Summer Book Sale being held this year on the front lawn.

Friends of the Library Book Sale
Saturday, August 3 from 9 a.m.- 4 p.m. The Manchester

Friends of the Library Book Sale returns during Festival by the Sea. Take advantage of deals and steals in hardcover fiction, nonfiction, children's books, DVDs, puzzles and more. Both cash and checks are accepted.

Cookbook Club
Tuesday, July 23 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. July's pick is "Za-tyinya: delicious Mediterranean dishes from Greece, Turkey and Lebanon" by Jose Andres with Michael Costa.

Diversity Matters Book Group
Tuesday, July 30 from 6-7 p.m. August's pick is "Malcolm X: A Life of Reinvention" by Manning Marable. We will be reading the first 300 pages for July and the last 300 for August 27. This event is a hybrid event and you can attend via Zoom or in-person. Please register if you would like to attend virtually.

Mystery Book Group
Friday, July 26 from 10:30-11:30 a.m. This July we are reading "The River We Remember" by William Kent Krueger.

Dungeons and Dragons for Adults (Virtual)
Monday July 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!

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 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
No meeting August 27
Every Tuesday from 11 a.m.-12 noon. 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 six can solve puzzles and find clues to see if you can escape in time. Register online or in person.

Great Graphic Novels
Wednesday, July 24 from 4-4:45 p.m. Ages 4-7 years. Join us as we read and discuss great graphic novels, snack and activity included. This month we are reading "Saving Sunshine" by Saadia Faruqi.

Family Concert at Masconomo Park
Monday, August 5 from 11-11:45 a.m. Ants on a Log plays music for children and other childlike people. Their music centers around positivity, social justice, and silliness. Full of humor and silliness. Full of humor and adults. This concert will be at Masconomo Park, with a rain location of Rockport Public Library.

Summer Art and Sensory
Wednesdays, 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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POSTCARDS HOME

India's Golden Triangle

This week *The Cricket's* Kris McGinn give us Part I of *Postcards Home* from her trip to India's Golden Triangle - a triangular route connecting the cities of Delhi, Agra and Jaipur in northern India.

Everyone told us not to go. Well not everyone. But nearly everyone. India in June? Why? There was record breaking heat. The inevitability of monsoons. Delhi belly. Pollution. Filth. But we were determined. We wanted a trip that pushed us. Something farther afield. A place neither of us had been. India.

The Beatles famously traveled to Rishikesh to study Transcendental Meditation and experienced massive creativity. Steve Jobs spent seven months at an ashram in Uttarakhand in 1974 in search of spirituality. Us? I think we just wanted to feel it. And we did. From the moment you arrive, India envelops you. In her heat, her scent, and her quiet but unmistakable wisdom. Even in June.

DELHI: A Bowl of Spoons

We arrived into Delhi via Paris at 2 a.m. and just dropped, sleeping well into the morning. But before even opening our eyes, we could hear that we were in India. The birds, bold and raucous, were not at all what we were used to hearing in Manchester. These were Indian house crows, black drongos, plum headed parakeets, laughing doves, and, yes -- peacocks!

We dressed quickly and, a little bleary eyed, stepped out into the heat and color and mayhem and cacophony that is -- Delhi. India is approximately one third the size of the US with roughly four times as many people, and it feels like it. With zero traffic lights, people on all manner of bikes, rickshaws, mopeds and tuk tuks are happily beeping their way along with an ability to fit in between each other that seems totally impossible. Every space is taken. You are passed with only a half an inch between you. Not to mention the dogs, goats, sauntering cows, and occasional monkeys who are also using these streets. It's an organized madness that is inconceivable, at once terrifying and mesmerizing.

We had slept through breakfast at the hotel and so decided to take a car to the Imperial Hotel where we knew we could have a lovely meal and not suffer for it. Managing a trip to India without getting the dreaded Delhi belly is quite an undertaking, one we had made a pact to take seriously. Here we enjoyed richly spiced shahi paneer, biryani with its floral basmati, dried fruits, and herbed yogurt, and kulfi, a nutty spiced custard made by angels.

We had decided to spend the day exploring Old Delhi, all we needed was a driver. Stepping out into the street, we were immediately approached by an enthusiastic throng of candidates but one, a lovely older gentleman with a kind face and a Sikh's turban, quietly came to our side. And so it was that Mr. Singh came to be our driver for the day. We walked just a few paces to his tuk tuk. Tuk tuks are the most marvelous modes of transport. A carriage built around a moped with all manner of colorful decorations and jingling sounds -- a moving party of sorts. You are at once ex-



India's Beauty. 1) Entrance to the Taj Mahal in Agra, India, 2) a colorful "tuk tuk", 3) ladies outside the Taj Mahal, 4) Western Gate entrance to the Taj Mahal, 5) Delhi street food, 6) goods at one of Delhi's famed food and spice markets, and, 7) the lovely Mr. Singh, who guided so many of Kris' experiences in Old Delhi. (Photos Kris McGinn)



posed to the exhilarating experience of Indian traffic and yet are able to retreat back into the covered seats when you wish. I became very fond of tuk tuks -- and Mr. Singh as well.

Mr. Singh took us to India Gate, an impressive war memorial near the eastern edge of the city. He then lined up a rickshaw to pedal us around the perimeter of the Red Fort, a breathtaking example of Mughal architecture (an Indo-Islamic architecture from the 16th, 17th, and 18th centuries) which spans 1.5 miles surrounding 255 acres. We rejoined the jolly tuk tuk to head to the spice market, rich and vibrant en route to Jama Masjid. Jama Masjid is one of India's largest mosques. Made of red sandstone and white marble, it has three gateways, four angled towers, and two 40-meter-high minarets that, if you are up for it, you can climb to the top of, which we did in our bare feet. Here we found breathtaking views of Old Delhi and a bit of welcome solitude. We sat

for a bit, taking in the sight of people praying, as they had been since the mosque's completion in 1658. But looking beyond, we began to feel the ancient pull of India, 5000 years old. Thus far we had definitely heard India and started to see her, but now we were beginning, just a bit, to feel her.

Descending from our solitary minaret and after six straight hours of site seeing, we found ourselves, hot, thirsty, hungry, and with feet so dirty we dared not look. We agreed that heading back to the hotel for a long shower and a big lovely dinner was in order; Mr. Singh had other plans.

Would we be willing to visit his Sikh temple? He attended daily and it would mean a lot to him. We were honored. Falling in with hundreds of attending Sikhs we took off our shoes and covered our heads. Mr. Singh quietly explained the sweets on a leaf why he had never cut his hair or his beard, why he always

had his kirpan, or sword, under his clothing, and other symbols of his faith. We met his daughter and his granddaughters. People sang and prayed, as my partner and I quietly stole glances at one other to say - how incredibly special to be inside this place, where we never would have been allowed otherwise, to witness this community. It was beautiful. Mr. Singh then took us to a large open room. People were sweeping the floor and unrolling long wool runners in rows. We followed Mr. Singh to the rear as people began entering the room and sitting cross legged on either side of the runners. Hundreds of people.

Mr. Singh gave my partner a huge stack of metal trays and me a massive bowl filled with spoons. Then he pointed to the people on the floor. We were to pass them out. As I approached with my spoons each person cupped their hands to receive one. Most looked up, some did not. I smiled each time and was pleased to see smiles spread



across their faces after the initial shock of seeing an American standing before them. Every spoon was a moment. And, for me, a gift.

What we would learn is that this happens in Sikh temples everywhere. Our trays and spoons were followed by lentils, potatoes, and bread. They feed all who come. Sikh or not. Every day.

AGRA: A Floating Love Story

Okay. Full disclosure, we nearly skipped Agra. Our itinerary was tight, Indian friends had told us we were trying to do too much and we had quietly wondered if the Taj Mahal was a bit overblown.

It wasn't. It is totally different in person. Larger. Much much larger than one would imagine. With far more color. And furthermore, because of its position on a hill, it looks as though it is floating in midair. It is extraordinary. A mausoleum built for an emperor's beloved wife, made entirely of white marble inlaid with lapis, coral, jade, turquoise, and onyx cut with exacting precision to form impossibly delicate patterns. It is a masterpiece. Breathtaking. And heartbreaking.

On our drive back to Delhi, we dozed with the windows down, watching fields pass. It was getting dark and we were hungry. We decided to try a restaurant recommended by an Indian friend in Boston -- Karim's. We arrived in Delhi at nearly 9 p.m. Finding it took us down dark bustling alleyways with string lights and stalls selling all



manner of things: sandals, jewelry, flowers, spices, everything. We noticed that women wore hijabs and men wore abayas. Prior to this we had been in Hindu sections of Delhi and now we were clearly in a Muslim neighborhood.

We wound through alley after alley and finally there it was, Karim's. Our driver wanted to wait for us. We tried to say no, but he felt responsible for us. So, we gave in, but insisted that he join us for dinner. The space was small and dark. Authentic. Over gorgeous food we shared pictures of our kids and stories of our lives. It was perfect.

We wove back through the night market, sultry and exotic, to the car. Returning to the hotel, our minds spinning, we went straight to bed as the next morning we were on an early flight to the Pink City of Jaipur for what would prove to be the most enchanting part of our journey.

Kris McGinn is the features editor at *The Cricket*. She lives in Manchester.

Editor's Note: This is the first of a two-part feature on Kris McGinn's trip to India earlier this month. Part II will run next week.



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S.S. Crocker Memorial Race – 57th Edition



This year's S.S. Crocker Memorial Race winners, the crew of the onstellation Virgo, including skipper Dan Rabin, with Tony Leggett and Kitty (Crocker) Palmer. Courtesy Image

By Tony Leggett

Sailors fear very few things. Among these are fog, lightning, dismasting, fire at sea, and running out of rum. The most prevalent of which is fog. It is disorienting, unnerving, and ramps up the terror of running into things, or worse, being run-down by bigger craft.

The start of this year's Crocker race was threatened first by thunderstorms and then by the occurrence of ... fog. But the Race Committee, following protocol, postponed the start by 90 minutes, first to allow for the passage of a band of dangerous looking precipitation, and then because of dense fog which reduced visibility to just a few boat

lengths. As the 30 race boats converged on the starting area at Gales Ledge, we on the Committee Boat suddenly felt very small, as if being strafed by large sailboats who needed to keep a visual fix on the line before their start time.

In this "pursuit race", the smallest boat, a Rhodes 19 skippered by Steve Hamilton, started first and was followed across the line by the larger boats, each with their own start time set by formula. The fastest boat in the fleet, the 40-foot Ricochet, began the race 40 minutes later. The theory behind a pursuit race is that given the handicaps, all the boats should arrive at the finish at roughly the same time. The course is a simple 12-mile triangle beginning at the Gales Ledge

Nun. From the starting line, the racers sailed south on a beat to Newcomb's Ledge, then ran under spinnaker northeast to Gloucester, and finally returned on port tack up the Manchester shoreline to Gales Ledge.

After the race, fortified by their rum and the copious spread on the MYC deck, many sailors spoke about the rare sightings of the buoys and competitors, and the brilliant (or perhaps unsuccessful) tactics of their navigators and skippers to get them round the marks as quickly as possible. As ever, the need to rely on navigational instruments rather than eyesight meant that their racing tactics were often stymied by the basic problem of trying to find the next mark in less than 50-yard visibility. Imag-



"Decade finds the starting line." Decade, John Gero's Crocker designed boat, that won Class E in this year's S.S. Crocker Race.

Photo: Tony Leggett

ine trying to kick a field goal on the field, you've been when there are no grid lines turned around during play,

and you can't even see the goalpost!

Charlie Thomas said: "It was eerie knowing that there were 30 boats out there, but most of the time we couldn't see anyone." Mory Creighton reported, "It was a wonderful day of ocean racing for those that like to test their navigation and sailing skills in dense fog. We had visibility less than 50 yards at times. We had a fun time sailing and peering around to see who was with us, crossing paths and ghosting along in the fog. The run back from Eastern Point to the finish was memorable on a close reach with flat seas, steady wind, and a bit of a challenge finding Trident on the finish line."

Philip Leahy commented, "Looking at AIS (a vessel location app) a lot to see what other boats were up to. Fun to see all the boats at the marks, only to lose them again after a few minutes. And the comments over the VHF (radio) were very amusing."

Standout performance in the race was achieved by John Gero, in a Crocker-designed boat, which was also the only wooden boat on the course, and the winner in Class F.

The overall honors for the race went to the Class B winner, Virgo, skippered by Dan Rabin, which finished a substantial eight minutes ahead of the second-place boat, No Quarter, skippered by Matt Herbster. The top MYC finishers were Carl Doane's Incentive (4th), John Filias' Blue Agave (5th) and David Martz's Osprey (11th).

As befits a race like this, the fog lifted just as the last boat crossed the finish line.

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



NSCC Offering Free Machinist Training Program at Essex Tech

This week North Shore Community College (NSCC) in Danvers will kick off a program that offers free advanced manufacturing training for local residents.

The program is designed to respond to the increased, unmet demand for skilled workers in the region. Job placement rates directly from the program have been over 80 percent with starting hourly wages for machinists of \$22 - \$25, and annual salaries ranging from \$32,000 -

\$50,000+.

The program is funded through a partnership between the GE Aerospace Foundation, NSCC, Essex North Shore Agricultural & Technical School, and MassHire-North Shore Career Center.

Participants in the program will earn a National Institute for Metalworking Skills (NIMS) certificate in CNC milling plus college credit, free of charge.

Classes, which will be held at Essex Tech, are designed to start you on a path to a well-

paying, secure career. It offers tracks for career changers and those looking to advance their career in manufacturing.

Also offered are high school completion and ESL tracks. Space is limited and applicants must attend an info session prior to registration. Classes begin in August.

For more details or to sign up for an online information session go to <https://tinyurl.com/5hdwuzfk> or email Lavina Chandra at machinist@northshore.edu.



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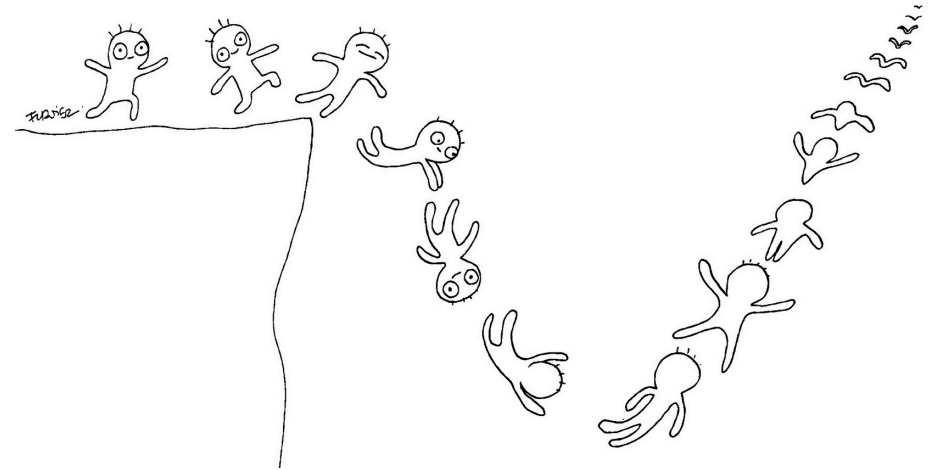
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Off at School and Doing Great

Local students enrolled in colleges are now happily home for their summer break, and it's time for colleges and universities across the country to announce last semester's successes from local students.

Cecille R. Anderson of Manchester was among 433 students awarded a degree at St. Lawrence University's Commencement ceremony in Canton, New York. Anderson was awarded a degree in public health and sociology. Attendees and livestream listeners heard remarks from University President Kathryn A. Morris, St. Lawrence's 2024 Joan Donovan Speech Contest Winner Billie McClosky '24, Class of 2023 President Cara Monteleone '24, St. Lawrence Charles A. Dana Professor of History Liz Regosin, and honorary degree recipient and alumna, Kathleen Fitzgerald '92—a conservation leader with extensive experience in integrated large landscape conservation and development programs in Africa and North America. Founded in 1856, St. Lawrence University is a private, independent liberal arts institution of about 2,000 students.

Also at St. Lawrence University, Manchester's Anna Coyne has been named to St. Lawrence University's Dean's List for achieving academic excellence during the Spring 2024 semester. Coyne is a member of the Class of 2025 and is majoring in psychology and performance and communication arts. Coyne attended



Manchester Essex Regional High School. To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must have completed at least four courses and have an academic average of 3.6 based on a 4.0 scale for the semester.

Congratulations to **Jackson Strout** of Manchester was a member of the 2024 graduating class at Hamilton College. Strout, who majored in economics and government, was among Hamilton's 487 graduates now join an alumni body of more than 24,000, many of whom have made important contributions to business, the professions, government and the arts. Former Sen. Doug Jones, a U.S. attorney in Alabama who prosecuted accomplices in 1963's racially motivated 16th St. Baptist Church bombing, addressed members of the graduating class, urging them to be guardians of democracy. Acknowledging the global events the Class of 2024 has

seen, he told the class they are ready to meet whatever challenges they may face and to seize opportunities as they arise. Hamilton College is a leading liberal arts institution located in Clinton, New York, is where exceptional students explore passions through an open curriculum and robust research, internship, and off-campus study opportunities.

Secondary private schools also have news on achievements by local students.

St. John's Preparatory School recently announced the names of students who earned academic honors for the fourth quarter of the 2023-2024 school year. Students who qualified for the Headmaster's List earned grades of A- or above in all courses; students who qualified for the Principal's List earned grades of B+ or above in all courses; and students who qualified for the Honor

Roll earned grades of B or above in all courses.

The following students were named to the academic honors list for the Fourth Quarter 2023-2024. In Essex, **Michael O'Flynn '29**, **Lukas Schieber '25**, and **Mathias Tolo '26** were named to Head of School List; **Colton Friedlander '26** and **William Kuhl '24** were named to Principal's List. In Manchester, **Jameson Curran '24**, **Breccan Curran '26**, **Griffin Curran '29**, **William Kent '25**, **Grant Magnuson '25**, **Owen McLain '26**, and **Wesley Ross '26** were named to Head of School List; **Ethan Stefanovich '26** was named to Principal's List; and, finally, **Cooper Davis '24** and **Brody Duncan '25** were named to the Honor Roll. Congratulations to all.

Got some news from a student we should know about? Email us at news@thecricket.com and we'll include it here in *Off at School and Doing Great*.

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Town Administrator's Report



Board of Selectmen's Meeting of July 8, 2024

Report covers from June 22, 2024 to July 5, 2024

Items requiring Board vote or discussion are noted with an asterisk (*)

National Grid Municipal Energy Roundtable

The TA attended the subject meeting on June 26, 2024 in Peabody. National Grid brought together town administrators, town managers, and mayors from about 200 communities in order to present key aspects of its long-range plan to adapt and modernize energy delivery. The electrification of vehicles and building climate control systems is expected to double the current electricity load by 2035 and National Grid will need to add 10 substations and upgrade 35 more in order to handle what is expected. Smart devices will be deployed within the electric distribution system to automatically reroute power when lines go down and new sources of power generation will be allowed to connect to the grid, with technology to avoid any overloading of existing lines. National Grid anticipates a marked decline in the demand for natural gas by the end-user as electrification ramps up and is starting to pilot something known as networked geothermal as a more efficient climate control means. Existing natural gas infrastructure may even eventually be used as part of new geothermal systems.

North Shore Coastal Coalition Meeting Summary

The TA attended the subject meeting on July 2, 2024 along with Selectman Phippen. Senator Bruce Tarr coordinates the coalition which serves to focus discussion concerning efforts to promote coastal resilience

and other coastal issues in our region. Essex hosted the meeting in Town Hall and representatives from all four Cape Ann communities were present.

The meeting featured a discussion regarding a major Federal grant that Babson College will be applying for to develop and deploy innovative technology to combat coastal erosion, including the use of "accelerator" techniques to allow new businesses to succeed. A letter of support is being requested by Babson. Another major presentation concerned a new State legislative bill that will allow the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries to manage the removal of abandoned fishing gear. A letter of support was also requested for this initiative. Other topics of discussion included an update on activities at the University of Massachusetts Amherst Marine Station; the overall outlook for navigational dredging in Essex and Ipswich; and coordination of future funding via both our State and our Federal legislative delegations.

Quarterly Review of Executive Session Minutes

As is the case each quarter, the Chairman has reviewed the Board's executive session minutes in the event that any particular items are suitable for release. No such items were found this quarter.

Closeout of Essex River Cultural District Grant

As the Board may recall, the Shipbuilding Museum and Historical Society held an Arts and Cultural Festival on June 22, 2024 using a grant provided to the Town through the Massachusetts Cultural Commission. Now that the event is concluded, the TA has checked in with the Executive Director of the

Museum and she is filing all necessary final reports and grant closeout materials.

MIIA Loss Control Grant Application

The TA completed an application to the subject grant program, which is administered by our insurer, the Massachusetts Interlocal Insurance Association (MIIA), during the week of July 1, 2024 after approval by Chairman Pereen. The grant makes available up to \$10,000 in loss control-related funding and, this year, our proposal is to defray a portion of the cost of the new Network Video Recorder at the police station and the new camera system at the Centennial Grove (a proposal that is supported by the Safety Committee).

Land Use Planning Grant

The Board had authorized the Chairman to sign all necessary grant application paperwork for the subject grant to assist the Essex Open Space Committee with the update of the Essex Open Space and Recreation Plan. The Town Planner finalized the necessary documents during the week of July 1, 2024 and submitted the application to the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs after approval by Chairman Pereen.

Old Essex Road Discontinuance Project

The TA attended an Essex Conservation Commission meeting on June 25, 2024 along with Chairman Pereen. The Town of Ipswich received a State grant recently to review the prospect of discontinuing Old Essex Road, which crosses the border between Essex and Ipswich, which is the Castle Neck River. The consultant for the project needed to go before the conservation

commission in each community in order to get permission under the Wetlands Protection Act to work in the river and in adjacent coastal wetlands. The matter got continued to the Commission's next meeting on July 16, 2024 since the project did not yet have a DEP file number and since the project proponents are working to see if two Essex private abutters will authorize work on their properties. At present, it does not appear that at least one of the private abutters is on board with the project, which may halt the effort or require design changes.

Department of Industrial Accidents Annual Safety Grant

The Board of Health Administrator is the Town's OSHA Coordinator and she has identified a variety of training courses that may be funded through the subject grant program. Courses range from CPR/AED to defensive driving to typical OSHA recommendations. The Administrator developed the necessary application and the Treasurer and TA provided certain required forms. Since the deadline for the grant was prior to the Board's meeting, the Chairman signed the necessary paperwork and approved the application.

Independence Day Holiday

The office was closed on July 4, 2024, in observance of the subject holiday.

Town Administrator Leave

The TA was out of the office, on leave, on July 1, 2024. This report is available at www.essexma.org on the morning after any regularly scheduled Essex Board of Selectmen's Meeting.

LIBRARY NEWS

T.O.H.P. Burnha
Public Library



Over 20 children and adults enjoyed a Hula Hoop HOOPLA with Kat of Wildkat Hoops. Participants learned new skills and had a chance to show them off at the conclusion of the show.

Summer Hours

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

Summer Explorers

Wednesdays at 10 a.m. starting July 10 for children ages 0-6 years. This is a playgroup in the park, participants should register.

Atlantic Puffins with Mass Audubon (Virtual)

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

NEW DATE: World Fair & Summer Reading Finale

Tuesday, August 20 at 6 p.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.

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.

ESSEX POLICE NOTES



MONDAY, JULY 8

8:33 a.m. John Wise Ave., citizen assist, assisted as needed.
11:28 a.m. Grove St., directed patrol, secured/checked.
3:40 p.m. John Wise Ave., fire alarm, assisted as needed.
4:35 p.m. Red Gate Rd., brush fire, fire confirmed.

TUESDAY, JULY 9

8:33 a.m. Martin St., directed patrol, secured/checked.
12:45 p.m. Centennial Grove Rd., directed patrol, secured/checked.
5:52 p.m. Main St., animal complaint, spoken to.
9:42 p.m. Story St., directed patrol, secured/checked.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10

8:44 a.m. John Wise Ave., animal complaint, assisted as needed.
10:14 a.m. Spring St., directed patrol, secured/checked.
2:50 p.m. Conomo Point Rd., parking complaint, parking enforcement.
8:59 p.m. Pond St., selective enforcement, no action taken.

THURSDAY, JULY 11

9:35 a.m. Pond St., selective enforcement, other.
9:59 a.m. Western Ave., welfare check, other.
11:27 a.m. Lakeshore Drive, disturbance, criminal application.
9:22 p.m. Spring St., directed patrol, secured/checked.

FRIDAY, JULY 12

1:04 a.m. Pickering St., directed patrol, secured/checked.
2:13 a.m. Chebacco Terrace, directed patrol, secured/checked.
6:26 a.m. Centennial Grove Rd., directed patrol, secured/checked.
7:10 a.m. John Wise Ave., directed patrol, secured/checked.

SATURDAY, JULY 13

No report.

SUNDAY, JULY 14

No report.

Essex Senior Living | July 19

The Essex Council on Aging (COA) 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, cro-

chet, or sew? Do you like creating different projects? Join us with your own project or help with making items for the Friends Boutique.

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

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

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

Ga.m.es with Gil at the Se-

nior Center: Wednesdays 1-3 p.m.: ALL AGES WELCOME, come play BOARD ga.m.es or Scrabble, Boggle, Cribbage, Backgammon, join us or bring a friend and come play ANYTIME!

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

Grab and Go Meals, Mondays & Thursdays, 12 noon (must be picked up by 12:30 p.m.): Monday meals provided by Open Door, Thursday meals provided by Senior Care. Please register two business days in ad-

vance - 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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Last Tuesday's Concert in the Park featured the Beatle's tribute band, 4EverFab. They entertained with songs that were popular in the 60's, She Loves You, I Want to Hold Your Hand, Can't Buy Me Love, Sergeant Pepper and several others. A large crowd of enthusiastic participants, young and old, danced and sang along with the music. The Beatles had 34 top 10 songs on the Hot 100, more than any other band in the survey's history. Photo: Paul Clark



Tom Palance on trumpet Mark Earley on saxophone.

Courtesy image

Cool Jazz for a Summer Night

Tom Palance & Friends will perform on 7-9 p.m. Saturday, July 27 at Gloucester's Annisquam Village Church. This popular quintet is led by veteran trumpeter Tom Palance, who has performed for five U.S. presidents and shared the stage with Clark Terry, Arturo Sandoval, Doc Severinsen and other celebrated artists. He will be joined by two-time Grammy Nominee Mark Earley on saxophone, percussionist Jim Latinni, the keyboard wizardry of Jack Se-

nier, and Gloucester's own David Sag, bass & vocals. These seasoned performers play regularly around the North Shore and never disappoint. Their music includes both classic and contemporary jazz standards, blues, and popular songs—all with the quintet's unique twist. This will be their first appearance at the acoustically superb AVC. Don't miss this special evening of cool music. Info at avchurch820@gmail.com. A reception will follow the performance. **Annisquam Village Church** 820 Washington St. | Gloucester \$35 suggested donation

Hot Spots in Dogs

By Lawrence Lamb, DVM



One of the most common problems I see at the Manchester Animal Hospital in the summer is a skin condition called "Hot Spots." Also known as pyoderma, acute moist dermatitis or summer eczema, hot spots are usually a disease of dogs with long hair or those with dense undercoats.

However, it can be seen in any breed of dog that is licking itself. It is often caused by a local allergic reaction to a specific irritation such as insect bites, ear infections or anything that disturbs the healthy integrity of skin. This

PETS AND PEOPLE

summer is typically warm (at least it was until this week's spate of high temperatures and humidity), and the occurrence of this condition is frequent.

Hot Spots can seemingly appear spontaneously anywhere on a dog's body and the area involved can rapidly spread. This moist, raw skin disorder has a variety of causes, but the most consistent factor is bacteria. There are a number of kinds of bacteria that can be cultured from a "hot spot" and fortunately most respond to oral and topical antibiotics. Anything that irritates or breaks the skin can create the environment for bacte-

rial contamination if the skin surface has just a bit of moisture on it. That moisture can be present from a recently given bath, from swimming or being out in the rain, from rolling in wet grass or even from a slightly oozing sore that provides nutrients for bacteria. For some reason, cats rarely acquire Hot Spots; dermatological problems in our feline friends are far less common than in the dog.

The causes of hot spots include: allergies, ear infections, poor grooming (thick matted haircoats), burs or plant awns, osteoarthritic conditions that cause immobilization, any condition that causes excessive licking and

anal gland infections. The mainstay of treatment is antibiotics to control the infection. These are usually given systemically but topical antibiotics can be used in localized infections. Topical antibacterial shampoos can be used to augment antibiotics and reduce bacterial populations once the infection is controlled. Pus and other debris should be flushed and cleaned out of ears, wounds, abscesses etc. Foreign bodies or implants should be removed. Most infections, however, will recur unless the underlying cause is diagnosed and treated. On many occasions, the infection has advanced to the point that treatment requires light sedation or anesthesia. ...*(Continued on page 9)*



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"Sellers are capitalizing on record prices in our area," said NSR President Tyson Lynch. "This increased listing activity is supported by a 26% increase in new listings, which is good news for buyers as the supply of homes on the market in our region has increased by more than 34%. As summer continues, we hope this trend persists and brings us closer to a more balanced market."

Manchester's Margaret Maher Sheahan has seen many shifts in the local real estate market in her 18+ years as a real estate agent. The recent bump in inventory has been encouraging, she said, because it may quell some of the pressure that has built up over the last five years.

"Many of the transactions I've seen have been buyers who have lost out several times on homes where they put in solid, strong offers and these buyers just don't want to lose out again," said Sheahan. The result, she said, is homes continue to routinely sell over their asking price, and, in some cases, well over.

"I recently observed a transaction that went \$300,000 over asking," said Sheahan, who added that rents are at all-time highs, so the push to purchase remains

despite current interest rates.

Ten years ago, 1,403 single family North Shore homes were on the market, and of those, 436 closed at a median price of \$378,500. In the last year, inventory had plummeted to just 416 homes, with 291 selling at a median price of \$745,000.

The condominium market tracked similarly, going from 516 listings in 2014 and 176 closings at a median price of \$256,000 to the last year of offering just 138 condos for sale on the North Shore, and 113 of those selling at a median price of \$480,000.

The recent uptick in inventory is a welcome change for local agents like Susan McDermott of Gibson Sotheby's, who sells from Rockport to Marblehead. McDermott said her office, based in Manchester, has been experiencing a steady climb in inventory. Today, her firm has 159 properties for sale compared to 111 this time last year. That's a 48 percent increase, and that's encouraging news for everyone.

"Buyers are hopeful and plentiful," said McDermott. But, she said, expectations are relatively high and if sellers can meet these expectations, sales will be brisk.

"They're seeking homes that are well priced and in

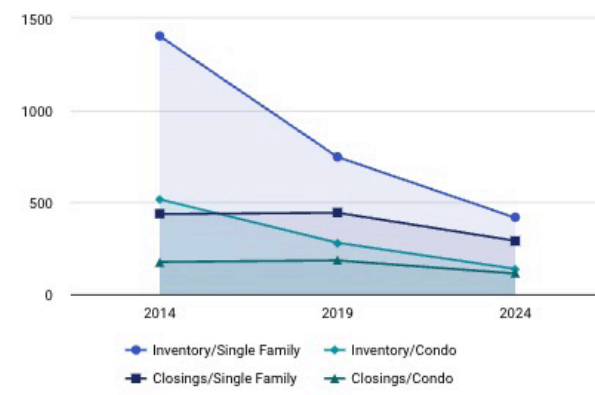
excellent condition. These homes tend to go quickly and often with multiple offers, location still being the biggest draw. Properties needing attention are priced accordingly," said McDermott. "We are closing a Hamilton property shortly that received 12 offers following an open house weekend which attracted over 70 parties."

J. Barrett's Julia Virden, who is both an agent in Essex and manages real estate all over Cape Ann, concurred that realtors face two major challenges—historically low inventory and high interest rates. Virden welcomes the changes in conditions, particularly with increased inventory that she says will make the local real estate market healthier in the end. And if the FED reduces interest rates it will be better still, she said.

"As buyer's agents we are put under tremendous pressure to protect our clients' best interests presenting competitive offers while at the same time avoiding putting their financial standing at risk," said Virden. But, she said, "as listing agents we are, more than ever, pressured to educate our clients to price smart. I am hopeful the rest of the year will bring some normalcy with the help of interest rate correction(s) and, with it, increased inventory."

The Region's Real Estate: It's On.

Housing data encompasses Beverly, Danvers, Essex, Georgetown, Gloucester, Groveland, Hamilton, Haverhill, Ipswich, Lynn, Lynnfield, Manchester, Marblehead, Merrimac, Middleton, Nahant, Peabody, Rockport, Salem, Saugus, Swampscott, Topsfield, and Wenham.



Inventory: Inventory!

Ten years ago, there was more than double the inventory than closings in North Shore real estate. Today, inventory nearly matches closings, which puts pressure on pricing.



Holding Fast

Homes continue to sell for well over the asking price. Single Family properties on the North Shore received 104% of the list price on average.

Pending Sales

Year-over-year closed sales are down 7.8%, pending sales of single-family homes are up 29.1% and condominiums up 20.2% which suggests increased closed sales in the near future.

Graphic by Manchester Cricket from North Shore REALTORS® housing data, released June 2024.

Local Organization Announces Applications for Hamilton Development Delivering Homes for \$244,500 or Less



duplex with two 3-bedroom homes



duplex with two 1-bedroom homes

Renderings of the homes for Essex County Habitat for Humanity's Hamilton project. Courtesy

Essex County Habitat for Humanity (ECHH) has opened the application window for affordable homeownership opportunity in Hamilton as it begins the second phase of its one- and three-bedroom homeownership opportunities.

Located at 434-438 Asbury Street, Phase 2 of the ECHH's 10-home development is beginning which will include 1- and 3-bedroom duplexes on the wooded property. The sale price will be \$244,500 or less.

The application deadline is Monday, September 16. Eligible applicants will have incomes up to 60 percent of area median income ("AMI," which is calculated by taking an average income of surrounding towns in the Hamilton region) which

is adjusted for family size and will be chosen by a lottery system.

Essex County Habitat for Humanity is the local affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International, the largest nonprofit homebuilder in the world. The organization builds decent, safe, and affordable homes in partnership with the families who need them. Since 1985, the affiliate has delivered homes with 185 families in Essex County.

Interested families may attend one of the organization's upcoming information sessions to learn more:

Thursday, August 1 at 6 p.m. at the Hamilton-Wenham Library (14 Union Street, Hamilton) or on Saturday, August 3 at 10 a.m. as an online/virtual session (link will be emailed).

During the information session, potential applicants will learn about Habitat's selection criteria and how to prepare a complete application.

Each selected partner family works at least 240 sweat equity hours alongside volunteers to build their home and then carries an affordable 30-year mortgage. The selection criteria include housing need, ability to make mortgage payments of \$1,600 to \$2,050/month, and willingness to partner with Habitat, such as participating in the construction of the home and other Habitat projects.

All Habitat built homes are restricted to income eligible buyers in perpetuity. Information at essexcounty-habitat.org/opportunities-hamilton/

Senior Highlights

There is a lot set to happen with the Council on Aging (COA) in the coming weeks. Check them out here, and for on any of these great trips or to reserve your seat on the van, please call 978-526-7500.

Farmer's Market Produce for Eligible Manchester Seniors

Manchester senior citizens are invited to participate in the Massachusetts Farmer's Market Coupon Program, hosted by SeniorCare, Inc.

and the Manchester COA. This program is designed to provide an opportunity for older adults to eat more locally grown fresh vegetables and fruits, enjoy the health benefits and support local farmers. Bags of fresh produce from local farms will be distributed. Eligible seniors will receive two fresh produce bags one mid-August and one early September.

Participation is limited and based on a first-come, first-served basis, per person. To

register or for more information contact the COA office at Town Hall. To qualify for this program: be at least 60 years of age, have a monthly income at or below \$2,322 for a one-person household or \$3,152 for a two-person household or participate in at least one of the following means-tested programs: food stamps/SNAP, fuel assistance/low-income home energy assistance, MassHealth, Medicaid, transitional assistance, or emergency aid.

Gloucester Farmer's Market

On Thursday, July 18, the Manchester COA is offering a trip to the Gloucester Farmer's Market. Peruse goods from local farms and pick up some fresh produce, fresh herbs, or a delicious treat. The van will start picking up

seniors around 3 p.m. Return is expected around 4:30 p.m.

Greenbelt Walk: Arthur Ewell

On Friday, July 19, at 10 a.m., the COA van is headed to the Greenbelt property Arthur Ewell in Rowley. Take a short walk along a flat trail which leads to a bench overlooking the riding club field, then into the woods with lovely views of Upper Mill Pond. Keep an eye out for signs of beaver activity on the pond. The area has grass, woodland, and a boardwalk.

Salem Willows

On Wednesday, July 24, the Manchester COA will offer a trip to Salem Willows. Come and enjoy all that Salem Willows has to offer. Sit by the water and enjoy the Willow's famous Chop Suey Sandwich-

es at the re-opened Salem Lowe or ice cream at Hobbs where the first ice cream cone in America was given in 1906. There is also popcorn, taffy, or check out the Clam Shack and don't forget the arcade. The van will start picking up seniors at 11 a.m. Return is expected around 2 p.m.

Walmart! Then Century House

On Friday, July 26, the Manchester COA van will be going to Walmart in Danvers. And after you are able to get all the essentials, the van is making a stop at the Century House for a delicious lunch. The van will start picking up seniors around 10 a.m.

It's a Mystery!

On Wednesday, July 31, the Manchester COA van will take

our monthly mystery ride. The van driver heads for an undisclosed establishment somewhere on the North Shore; it could be ice cream, pastries, sandwiches, or all of the above and only the van driver knows! A little hint will be given, so all can be prepared! Pick-up will begin at 12 noon, with a return at 2 p.m.

IPSWICH FARMER'S MARKET

On Thursday, August 1st, the Manchester COA is offering a trip to the Ipswich Farmer's Market. Peruse goods from local farms and pick up some fresh produce, fresh herbs, or a delicious treat. The van will start picking up seniors around 2:30 p.m. Return is expected around 4:30 p.m.

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If treated early enough this can be avoided. The problem with this infection is that as it progresses, the desire to lick and scratch make it worse and progressively more severe.

More than 95% of superficial pyoderms are associated with Staphylococcus intermedius, which have a fairly predictable antibiotic sensitivity pattern. It is therefore not necessary to perform routine culture and antibiotic sensitivity testing on most cases as they will respond to a sensible choice of antibiotic.

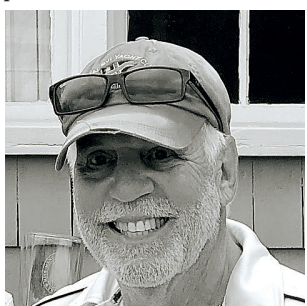
Antibiotics and steroids are often given at the same time. The steroid is used to stop the desire to lick or scratch the affected skin. This year a new pharmaceutical has been introduced that replaces the use of steroids and one injection lasts for several weeks. On many occasions an "Elizabethan" collar is attached to the collar. Your veterinarian will also prescribe a topical antibiotic/steroid crème which will be applied on the sore areas.

If it's caught in the very early stages, sometimes over the counter medicines can provide relief. A steroid called Cortaid Cream and an anti-

biotic ointment called Neosporin may effectively treat this condition. One must exercise extreme caution that this skin disease does not progress. If left untreated the dog may continue to mutilate the affected area and cause a condition called acral pruritic granuloma (Lick Granuloma). When this occurs, the skin becomes pathologically thickened and can be very resistant to treatment.

Some pets are helped by clipping hair and good grooming during these times. Always monitor for ear infections and seek the help of your veterinarian when your pet experiences a condition that causes extreme itchiness and a sore that appears moist or shows evidence of pus.

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



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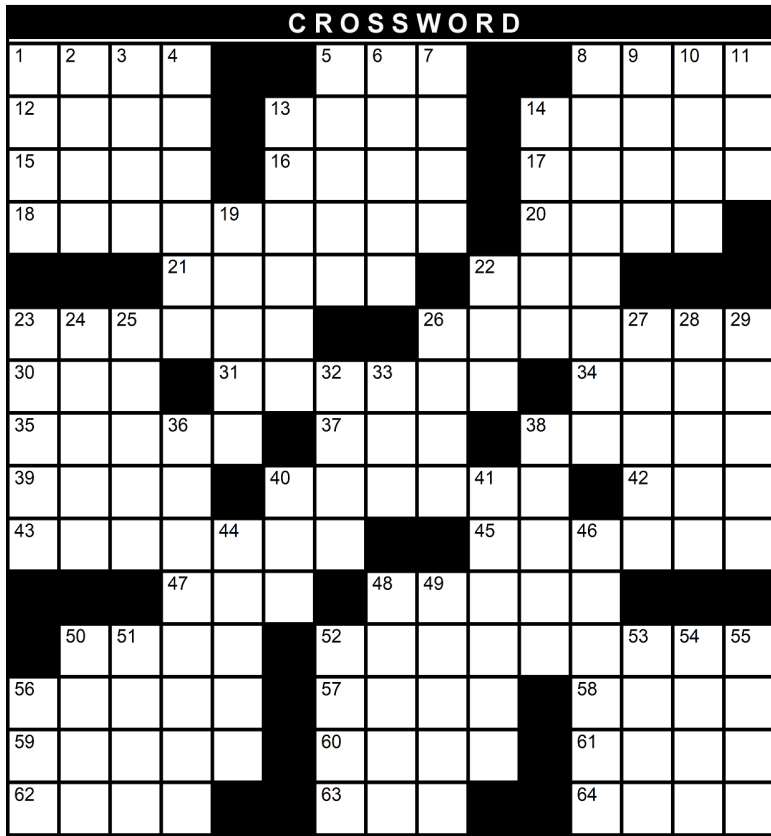


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THEME: SUMMER OLYMPICS

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12. Joie de vivre
13. Fodder holder
14. External
15. ___ Grey tea
16. Gulf V.I.P.
17. Edible cannabis substance
18. *Famous Olympics basketball team (2 words)
20. 90 degrees on compass
21. Like Al Yankovic
22. Popular deciduous tree
23. College treasurer
26. Balaclava (2 words)
30. Compass point between E and NE
31. Nullify
34. Diva's delivery
35. Smart ones?
37. Two halves
38. That is, in Latin
39. First queen of Carthage
40. What ivy does
42. ___ chi
43. Hindered
45. Alternative form of a gene
47. Band aid
48. Diet inspired by prehistory
50. European erupter
52. *Michael Phelps predecessor
56. "In the Hall of the Mountain King" composer Edvard ___
57. Black and white killer?
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59. From then on
60. Bank claim
61. Decomposes
62. Against, prefix
63. a.k.a. acid
64. State of vexation



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3. Hard to find
4. Family addition, pl.
5. *Archer or shooter, e.g.
6. Homer's classic
7. Accepted behavior
8. *a.k.a. Cassius, 1960 gold medal winner
9. Greek H's
10. Landlord's due
11. Heat unit
13. Certain style of humor
14. Obelus, pl.
19. "The end justifies the ___"
22. ___ out, as in a win
23. Mardi Gras souvenir
24. Dark
25. Full of cattails
26. Petals holder
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38. Archipelago
40. Large edible mushroom
41. *Like Bosnia and Herzegovina or Bulgaria
44. Mental portrait
46. Trotters
48. *2024 Olympics host city
49. Formed a curve
50. Sportscaster Andrews
51. Windshield option
52. Gangster's gal
53. *Xander Schaufele club option
54. South American monkey
55. Gusto
56. Geological Society of America

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](http://www.CornerstoneNorthShore.org). If you have any special needs or concerns, please let us know! We're here to

serve!

Visitation Parish - Mass Schedule

The Visitation Parish Mass Schedule:

Sacred Heart Church - Saturday Vigil Mass - Virtual Mass - on our YouTube as well as [\[lic.org\]\(http://lic.org\)](http://www.mecatho-</p>
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Sunday Mass - 8:30 a.m.

St. John the Baptist Church - Satur-

day Vigil Mass - 5 p.m.

Sunday Mass - 10 a.m.

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

The Assumption of the Virgin

Mary Greek Orthodox Church

8 Lafayette Road,

Ipswich Mass.

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

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

First Parish Church

First Parish Church Manchester-by-the-Sea - a lovely place to start your week, join us for a moving message, beautiful music and community in the center of town -

Summer Sunday worship has begun, 9 a.m. through Labor Day. Worship leader, Rev. Katherine Schofield, music led by Dr. Herman Weiss, and guest soloists.

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

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Kevin Fruh | 978.500.7409



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Jill Michaud | 978.766.8064



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6 Beds | 4F 2H Baths | 4,258 Sq. Ft.
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Michael Selbst | 617.504.9159



IPSWICH
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4 Beds | 5.5 Baths | 5,534 Sq. Ft.
Offered at \$1,599,000
Tom Kennedy | 617.947.9201



NEWBURYPORT
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Kenny MacCarthy | 978.758.0983



SALISBURY
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Offered at \$865,000
Rachel Abdulla | 978.828.1684



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PET OF THE WEEK



Oh My Darlin'

Clementine here, I am a four-month-old puppy from Georgia. I'm a happy girl who just wants all the attention! I really enjoy running around the yard and playing with my toys. Being only four months old I am still learning some of my puppy manners but I am ready and willing to learn any and all tricks. I like to keep busy

so doing some fun puzzle toys and going on walks to get all my sniffs in are a must for me! I've been working on learning how to sit before I eat and starting to learn paw as well. If you think I sound like a good match for your family, apply online for me today! To fill out an application go to <https://capeannamalaid.org/adopt.html>

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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
Coming up during Festival by the Sea, August 3, Fair by the Sea, community yard sale and more!

Yard sale with handbags, art, accessories, home décor including holiday, housewares, bric-a-brac, linens. Our famous Jewelry Table! A themed silent auction. Activities for kids. Food including baked and home-grown

goodies. Come by 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

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

Remembering Ellen Harris



(Photo: Susan Wadia-Ells)

Ellen Harris, Manchester's resident poet for decades, and a Harvard librarian before her retirement, could be seen each day, over the past few years, with her shopping cart, as she moved around town... and always to the library.

Ellen died this past winter. The day after learning of her neighbor's death, Lisa Zanetti, happened to find this abandoned cart in town. Now, the spirit of Ellen Harris continues to blossom. You can visit Ellen's Memorial Cart this week at the Manchester Public Library.... reminding us to stop a minute and enjoy a poem... enjoy the flowers and most of all, enjoy Ellen's peaceful village. (Thanks to Susan Wadia-Ells for sending this in for our readers.)

Pastor (or leader) save the spirit of God in and among us. Our worship is primarily silent. When a worshiper is moved, it may include a brief, spoken ministry offered in a 'spirit of worship.' Friends gather together quietly, awaiting the experience of God's presence.

People in our community hail from the traditional tribal lands of the Pawtucket and Massachusetts now called Manchester, Gloucester, Beverly, Ipswich, Rockport, Salem, Lynn and Marblehead. Whether you have worshiped in other Quaker (Friends) Meetings or not, we welcome you to join us. If you are new to

Quakers, someone will be happy to talk with you and answer any questions you may have. Send an email to: northshorequaker@gmail.com. First Day School, our Children's Program, consists of forest walks near the Glen Urquhart School led by Jessica Kagle from the Kestrel Foundation. Blessings To You.

Solution to puzzles on page 10

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LEGAL NOTICE

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Essex Division**

**INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE
Docket No. ES24P0524EA**

Estate of Atley Lucas
Samolchuk

Date of Death: August 26, 2023

To all persons interested in the above-captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Linda J. Lucas of Manchester-By-The-Sea, MA.

Linda J. Lucas of Manchester-By-The-Sea, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the

Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

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PUBLIC NOTICE



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SELECT BOARD

PUBLIC HEARING

The Select Board will hold a hybrid public hearing on Monday, August 5, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. in Town Hall meeting room #5 and by zoom. Zoom info will be available on the Town website, prior to the meeting.

Request from National Grid to install underground facilities on Arbella St & Rosedale Ave, beginning at approx. 22ft northeast of the centerline of the intersection of Lincoln & Arbella St & cont. north approx. 207ft.

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LEGAL NOTICE

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Essex Division**

**INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE
Docket No. ES24P1393EA**

Estate of Ronald Mastrogiacom

Date of Death: April 01, 2024

To all persons interested in the above-captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Robert J. Mastrogiacom of Brooklyn, NY.

A Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Robert J. Mastrogiacom of Brooklyn, NY has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the

Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

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MANCHESTER

\$2,750,000 | Emily McPherson
Spectacular 2015 Arts & Crafts home on 2 landscaped acres. Open floor plan, Douglas fir floors, beamed ceilings, main level bedrooms, fireplaced porch, and 2nd floor family room. 2 garages.



WENHAM

\$2,500,000 | Deb Evans
Private country estate with 5 bedrooms, 5 full/3 half baths, heated in-ground pool, tennis court on stunning 2.5+ acres. Expansive Chefs kitchen, great room with stone fireplace, 2 car garage.



BEVERLY

\$2,000,000 | Guittarr Group
A 1920's Georgian Colonial with period details and in a desirable location with front to back living room, 5 bedrooms, family kitchen with two pantries, grandstand staircase, plus 3-car detached garage.



NEWBURY

\$1,549,000 | Josephine Mehm Baker
Modern white farmhouse with primary suite, fireplaced living room with slider to farmers' porch, gourmet kitchen, finished lower level and 2-car garage with storage. Near downtown Newburyport.



WENHAM

\$1,150,000 | Peggy McNamara
Lord's Hill. Stunning, well-maintained 5-bedroom, 2.5-bath home on beautiful grounds with all updated Anderson windows, updated kitchen/baths, sprinkler system in both yards, French drains.



ROCKPORT

\$1,085,000 | Fabyan & Filias Team
Elegant home with single-level potential! 4 beds, 3.5 baths, gracious living, gourmet kitchen, ensuite primary, screened porch. Enjoy the 2-car garage and fenced yard. Don't miss out!



WENHAM

\$995,000 | Robert Garlitz & Jeanne Carpenter
Gracious English cottage-style 4-bedroom home with 9-foot ceilings, pine floors, full basement, 2-car garage. New heating system/water heater, 5-bed septic. In business district. Many uses.



HAMILTON

\$979,000 | Deb Evans
Expanded cape with 4 bedrooms, 2 full baths, plus renovated eat-in kitchen, fireplaced living room and 3-season porch. Plus enjoy the private yard, patio and 2-car garage. Close to downtown shops, train and more!

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Come see this 4 bedroom , 2 bath , Circa 1860 Colonial Antique home that's been lovingly customized & maintained. New electrical upgrades, vinyl clad Harvey windows, water filtration system, a new kitchen with touchless kitchen faucet & stainless steel appliances. First fl. bedroom and bath.
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30 Old Essex Road Manchester | \$1,399,000
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Stunning East Gloucester estate with impressive ocean views. Carriage , barn and paddocks on 28 +acres.
Scott Smith | Realtor | 617-750-2793



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19 Turtleback Essex | \$1,865,000
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