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This weekend, tune into this family friendly fishing tradition.

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Last Call! MBTS Fishing Tournament

First, a correction. In last week's edition of The Cricket we mistakenly shared the Manchester Fishing Tournament was scheduled for last week when it is, in fact, this weekend. We regret the error. In fact, the 5th annual Manchester Fishing Tournament kicks off this week, from Friday, July 26 and runs through Sunday, July 28. For many years, Manchester residents have had an opportunity each summer to best their neighbors and secure year-long bragging rights for catching the biggest striped bass. For those who remember the tournaments of years past, you probably recall fondly of the opportunity for experienced and novice anglers of all ages to show their skills, enjoy some fun prizes and get the most popular shirts in town! It's become a popular family-friendly event for anglers new and old to enjoy some fun on the water. There's still time to sign up at mbtsfishing.org. Or just tune in next week for all the great "grip and grin" photos of the winners.

Matilda! Matilda! Matilda!

Another great local tradition kicks off this week. After months of hard work and rehearsals, the Manchester Summerstage production of "Matilda, the Musical!" is finally here. The local nonprofit educational organization has been producing these amazing summer performances by students at the Manchester Essex Regional High School Auditorium for decades, and locals know they're in for a treat of high-quality musical theatre productions by students. Performances run Thursday, July 25, Friday, July 26, and Saturday, July 27 at 6 p.m., with a matinee performance on Sunday, July 28, at 2 p.m. Tickets available at the door.

MBTS Library Book Sale Coming 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.

SummerSing, Salem, With a MBTS Tie

It's a summer opportunity to reprise a local tradition on Monday July 29 when Handel's Messiah Part II will be conducted by MBTS First Parish Church's music director, Dr. Herman Weiss at the Old Town Hall in Salem. It's a one-off, no-rehearsal fun sing-through of the piece just for the joy of singing. Volunteer soloists, pianist, and orchestra will be there to enhance the performance. Music starts at 7:45 pm; \$10 at the door.



The Lisa Love Experience was the featured band at this week's Music in the Park, the weekly public music series hosted by the Manchester Parks & Recreation Dept. The series is free and runs every Tuesday starting 6 p.m. at Masconomo Park for the rest of the summer.

Atwater Ave. Safety and Traffic Explored

By Jeff Pope

Atwater Avenue seems to be the main sticking point as the Manchester-by-the-Sea Planning Board considers conditions it would require for approving the comprehensive permit for the Cell Signaling project.

At the board's meeting Monday, Town Planner Marc Resnick proposed that a sidewalk be added to the length of Atwater Avenue on the north side of the road to allow space for walkers and runners to be safe from the vehicles. A marked bicycle lane was also discussed.

Resnick also proposed other traffic calming measures, including a center stripe down the 2,200-foot road, stripes down on the sides of the road, rumble strips at two or three spots along the road, perhaps raised bumps and other measures to slow vehicles down.

Resnick admitted that there was not the space for both a sidewalk and bicycle lanes. The current roadway is between 25 and 27-foot wide.

"What I've proposed is that we do a sidewalk on the north side of Atwater



Cell Signaling consultant Matt Connors, center, talks about the difficulty of building a sidewalk on Atwater Avenue. Attorney Mark Glovsky, right.

Avenue," said Resnick, "and then we put a series of traffic calming measures to slow traffic down to the posted speed limit which is 20 miles per hour. That way bicycles would feel safe in the roadway."

But Matt Connors of Hancock Associates, a consultant for CST, said they were "very much against the sidewalk" but felt that a compromise could be worked out.

Sam Gregorio of TEC, the traffic consultant for CST, said that a standard 5-foot-wide sidewalk would reduce the roadway to 20

feet across or less. He said a normal traffic lane should be 11-foot-wide at a minimum, making a two-way roadway at least 22-foot-wide.

Gregorio said that wetlands on both sides of the road prevent widening the road. He said that a sidewalk would leave stormwater with nowhere to go unless catch basins were installed.

Gregorio said that stripes down the center or on the edges, rumble strips and other measures should be enough to slow down traffic. Planning Board member

Chris Olney asked if rumble strips would be dangerous to bicyclists. Gregorio said that the strips did not have to go all the way to the edge of the roadway, leaving space for bicyclists to safely travel, but also that signs alerting both drivers and bicyclists to the rumble strips would make the roads safer to travel.

Planning Board member Laura Tenney suggested that Hancock Associates conduct a survey of a roadway to determine exactly what would fit.

"Doing whatever we can within the physical con-

straints of the roadway is important," said Tenney.

Planning Board Chairman Sarah Creighton suggested that Resnick, the CST consultants among others get together to work out a compromise before the Planning Board's next meeting.

Other proposed conditions for issuing the CST permit included changes to the town's allowed hours for construction work. CST had request being allowed to start at 6:30 a.m. on weekdays, while the town restricts the starting time to 8 a.m. CST consultants had said the earlier start would allow their trucks and vehicles to not interfere with school buses and parents driving students to school on School Street around 7:30 a.m.

Other proposed conditions include maintaining a license with the Trustees of Reservations over access to their trails from the loop road, resurfacing Atwater Avenue, maintaining lighting levels that don't affect neighbors, and maintaining a performance bond of an undetermined amount to assure that the project is completed.

The public hearing on ...Continued on page 3

Chamber's Festival-By-The-Sea in Manchester Set for August 3



A shot from 2022's Festival-By-The-Sea. This year's festival is set for next week, August 3 in Manchester. Photo: Erika Brown

It's that time again. The Greater Cape Ann Chamber of Commerce is anticipating big crowds for Manchester's Festival-by-the-Sea, which has become a Cape Ann

classic event hosted every summer in partnership with the Town of Manchester.

The festival will be held from 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. Saturday, August 3 in three of

Manchester's public parks: the Town Hall Common, Reed Park and Masconomo Park. More than 100 artisans, food vendors, and non-profits will be on hand, offering original artwork, handmade goods, tasty treats, among others.

This family friendly event includes live outdoor entertainment, shopping and sidewalk sales by local retailers, restaurants, food trucks, a beer garden, and fun activities for kids, including Face Painting by Miss Wendy and "reptile fun" from the Cape Ann Vernal Pond Team.

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Weekly Weather Chart

Saturday 27 July		78°	61°
Sunday 28 July		79°	62°
Monday 29 July		82°	65°
Tuesday 30 July		85°	68°
Wednesday 31 July		75°	68°
Thursday 1 Aug		77°	69°
Friday 2 Aug		77°	70°

Weather data pulled Wednesday and is subject to change.



Gavel to Gavel This Week's Town Meetings

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

Essex Town Hall hours are Monday through Thursday 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Essex Planning Board Wednesday, July 31 6 p.m.

New Legislation Offers Hope to Tackle the Big Problem of "Ghost Gear"

By Erika Brown

A small amendment to a sprawling, \$2.86 billion economic development package set to pass in the next several weeks by the Massachusetts Legislature promises big hope in addressing a big environmental problem in the oceans off Cape Ann: ghost gear.

It's a problem that's largely out of sight, on the ocean's floor. Yet abandoned fishing gear is a massive challenge

that balloons more each year because of the woefully outdated, decades-old laws that govern the collection of this plastic, rope, polystyrene and steel debris.

Today, plastics in the ocean is a serious global environmental problem. According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)'s National Centers for Environmental Information, 19 to 23 million metric tons, or 11%, of plastic waste generated globally since 2016

entered aquatic ecosystems.

Livelihood and The Environment

The new legislation is widely considered a pivotal step to tackle the challenge, according to Robert Glenn, deputy director of the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF). In an interview, Glenn said the seed of today's abandoned fishing gear issue goes back to the 1940s, when commercial fishermen intent on protect-

ing their livelihood sought legal protection for their fishing equipment—mostly handmade wooden lobster traps—that were vulnerable to theft by competitors, activists, or curiosity seekers. They wanted legal protections, and they got them.

Ever since, any disturbance or removal of abandoned fishing gear is illegal, and may only be done by federal and state environmental police.

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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).

Catherine Fitzgerald Capello



Catherine Fitzgerald Capello, 45, passed away Thursday, July 18 at Beverly Hospital. Born in Portsmouth, VA, she was the beloved daughter of Lenny and Jean (Fitzgerald) Capello of Manchester-by-the-Sea, MA. As a child of a military family, Catie, a proud "Navy Brat," spent her student

years in Hawaii, Japan, Europe, and the continental U.S. Upon graduating high school with high honors, she attended the University of New Hampshire where she earned a Bachelor's of Science.

Always a lover of learning, Catie continued onward to Emory University to pursue graduate studies in Neuroscience. During her time at Emory, she co-authored several research papers which led to groundbreaking treatments for postpartum depression. Following her time at Emory, she spent many years teaching STEM at the University of Hawaii. In 2017, Catie returned to Manchester to care for beloved grandfather, Charlie Capello of 6 Ancient County Way. Her expertise and love kept her grandfather safe

and happy until the end of his life, providing much comfort and support to the rest of her family.

Catie as a voracious reader is best remembered with a book in her hand which she loved discussing with friends and family. At home, she loved cooking, gardening, and walking the beach. She also will be remembered as a "wicked good" tennis player with a formidable two handed backhand!

In addition to her parents, Catie is survived by her brother John Capello and his wife, Jessica, of Bath, ME, her Uncle Charlie and Aunt Patti (Capello) Langmaid of Vail, CO, her Uncle Jim Fitzgerald and Aunt Virginia of Port Elizabeth, South Africa, and her longtime partner Kyle Donoghue.

Her graveside service will be held at Pleasant Grove Cemetery, Manchester-by-the-Sea on Thursday, July 25th at 3:30 p.m. Relatives and friends are invited to attend, casual / aloha attire is preferred. Followed by A Celebration of Life at the Chowder House located at

Celebration Of Life



Ellen J. Ward

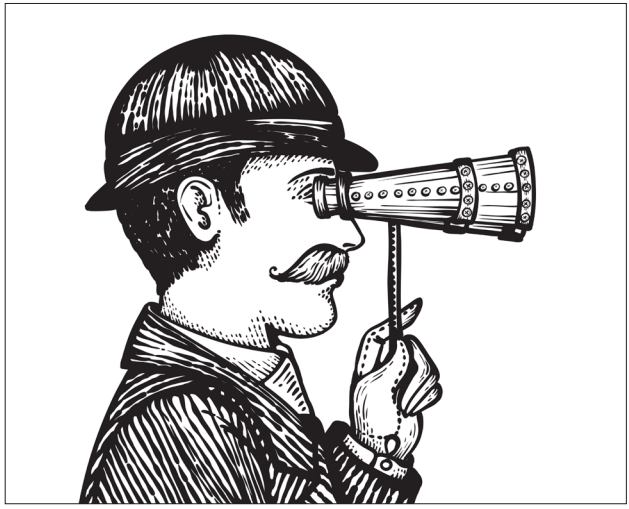
A ceremony celebrating the life of Ellen J. Ward, who died on January 12.

The ceremony will take place in Celebration Hall, St John's Church, Beverly Farms. Friday August 2, 2024 at 11:30 a.m.

Friends and family are encouraged to attend.

Tuck's Point, Manchester-by-the-Sea. Contributions may be made in Catie Capello's name to Cape Ann Animal Aid, capeannanimalaid.org. Arrangements by the Campbell Funeral Home, 525 Cabot Street, Beverly. Information, directions, condolences, at www.campbellfuneral.com

MANCHESTER POLICE NOTES



MONDAY, JULY 15
No report.

TUESDAY, JULY 16
7:10 a.m. Riverview Hill Rd, male with abdominal pain, transported to hospital.
11:08 a.m. John Wise Ave., directed patrol, secured/checked. 1:39 p.m. John Wise Ave., citizen assist, other. 6:23 p.m. Southern Ave., fire alarm, fire false.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17
12:25 a.m. Martin St., suspicious activity, secured/checked.

1:14 a.m. Southern Ave., selective enforcement, no action taken.

2:00 a.m. Story St., directed patrol, secured/checked.
6:10 a.m. Spring St., directed patrol, secured/checked.

THURSDAY, JULY 18
No report.

FRIDAY, JULY 19
No report.

SATURDAY, JULY 20
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SUNDAY, JULY 21
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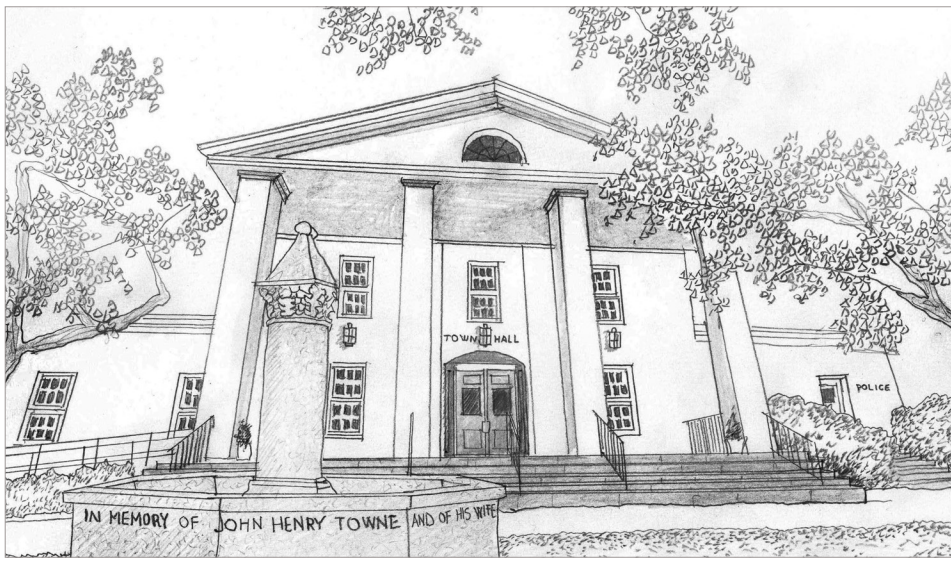
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New Water/Sewer Rates/ Fees Adopted



By Gregory T. Federspiel

All households that are connected to the Town's water and sewer systems receive quarterly bills based on the amount of water used. The rates are set with the goal of collecting enough revenue to cover the annual cost of providing these utilities. Each year the Department of Public Works crafts a budget that, after Finance Committee and Select Board review and fine-tuning, gets presented to the voters at the Annual Town Meeting. Rates are set based on the voter approved budget.

At last April's Town Meeting, voters approved the water and sewer operating budgets as well as authorized new bonds to pay for large capital improvement projects. As explained at the Meeting, a new capital fee for each water connection was likely to be implemented. Thus, some of the cost of this new borrowing also goes into the development of the rates that the Select Board sets. (Property tax revenue is the other source for repaying the bonds.)

A third factor in setting the rates this year is the desire to provide stronger economic incentives to conserve water. A typical household in Manchester tends to have a higher than average per person daily consumption rate. This is largely due to high irrigation utilization. The Town implemented a tiered rate structure a few years ago whereby, the more water a household consumes, the higher the rate per gallon or 100 cubic feet in each

progressive tier. However, the initial structure has too low of a differential between the tiers to influence consumption patterns. One of the recommendations that the Water Task Force made in their report to the Select Board after consultations with experts in the field was to consolidate the number of tiers and create a bigger dollar spread between the tiered rates.

The Select Board adopted a revamped tiered rate structure for all municipal water customers. The new structure has four tiers instead of six. The rate per 100 cubic feet of water is about double from the first tier to the fourth tier. Only very heavy irrigators are in the fourth tier (those who are using over 16000 cubic feet (119,680 gallons) in a quarter). Everyone will pay \$7.21 per hundred cubic feet for the first 1700 cubic feet; \$8.14 for 1701 to 5,700 cubic feet; \$10.80 for 5,701 to 16,000 cubic feet, and \$14.18 for usage in excess of 16,000 cubic feet. There are 7.48 gallons in a cubic foot. The majority of users will see about a 7% increase in their annual water bill based on these new volumetric rates.

In addition, the Select Board opted to charge a new capital fee to help pay for the new water meters all water users will be receiving. This new quarterly fee is designed to raise the needed funds for a new meter over a 3-year period (12 quarterly payments.) The fee is based on the meter size servicing a property. Most homes have either a 5/8th inch or 3/4th inch meter. The quarterly fee will

be \$25 or \$29 respectively or an extra \$100 to \$116 a year. The quarterly fee goes to \$42 for a 1-inch meter, \$64 for 1.5 inch, and \$90 for a 2 inch. The capital fee applies to each meter a property has. The new quarterly fee will begin with the bills that will go out next February.

The capital fee that has been adopted by the Select Board will cover the cost of the actual meter but not the installation costs. The tax rate will be increased to raise the remaining needed funds not only for the meter replacement project but also the pipe replacement work and PFAS removal design and testing efforts less any grant funds we are able to secure. More details about the meter replacement project will be provided to all water users as the planning advances for this work.

On the sewer side, the Select Board approved a 7% rate increase to cover both the increases in operating costs and the borrowing cost associated with the bonds needed to undertake major upgrades at the sewer plant as approved by voters. The sewer rate structure is a single rate for all users. The rate is designed to cover 100% of operating costs and 75% of capital projects with the remaining 25% coming from the property tax.

No one likes higher rates and fees, but they are necessary to pay for the voter approved improvements both utility systems need in order to continue to provide high quality drinking water and the proper processing of wastewater for all users.

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the CST project was continued until August 12, when the board will have more discussion about the list of conditions on the project. If a consensus is reached on the remaining issues at that meeting, then Creighton said, the board may be able to close out the process at its September 9 meeting.

MBTS Fishermen's Facility

After CST, the Planning Board voted 6-0 to approve the special permit to repair and raise the Tuck's Point public dock.

The approval of the special permit included several conditions, all related to maintaining the current appearance and historical accuracy of the rotunda and the public dock.

Planning Board member Peter Morton was absent from the meeting.

Concerning the other two proposed repairs and expansions of the Reed Park Floating Dock and the Morss Pier Fishermen's Facility, Harbormaster Bion Pike spoke about what the changes would mean to the harbor.

Pike said that the projects

would add about 500 linear feet to the town's docks. The town now has about 250 linear feet reserved for transient boats, which generally stay in town from one to four days.

The new piers will be equipped with water pipes and electricity outlets that the visiting boaters can plug into.

One area of debate was whether the extended docks should have lights. Planning Board Chairman Sarah Creighton said she opposed the lights because, while the docks are busy in the summer, they are mostly vacant the rest of the year.

But resident Paul Stone (no address given) said the lack of lights might create a safety issue, especially if an out-of-towner tied up, visited one of the town's restaurants in the evening, and then had to maneuver their way back to their boat in the dark.

Pike suggested that lights with motion detectors or that only came on when someone was walking the docks at night was a possibility.

Pike said all the expansions would be pile-support-

ed docks, although there are several ways of creating those docks. Pike showed photos of various pile-supported docks from harbors around New England.

He said that the project at the Morss Pier would include 14 new pilings, although one of the piles that might interrupt the scenic view of the harbor and could be eliminated.

Pike added that the project at Reed Park would include the installation of more benches for people to sit and enjoy the scenery.

Catherine Bilotta of the Select Board said that the Select Board was generally in favor of the projects, making the harbor front more accessible and that the influx of transient boaters would be a big help to local businesses.

Pike said that a study from several years ago showed that for every \$1 a transient boat paid to tie up at the town's docks, they spent \$8 at local businesses.

The Planning Board will discuss conditions for the Reed Park and Morss Pier projects at their August 12 meeting.



BOARD UPDATES

Music in the Park: The next concert in Masconomo Park will be Spike the Punch on Tuesday, July 30 from 6-8 p.m. Come down and enjoy summer fun by the sea!

Select Board Meeting: The Select Board will meet on Monday, August 5 at 6:30 p.m. Meeting details will be posted on the Town website.

Board of Health Vacancy: The Board of Health is seeking volunteers to fill a vacancy. If interested, please contact the Select Board office at powersd@manchester.ma.us

to learn more.

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 & cover letter by July 31, 2024, to Maloney@mancchester.ma.us.

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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WHAT WAS HAPPENING

90 YEARS AGO - 1934

The yacht Sea Gypsy, of which Captain George S. Diggdon of Pine Street, is the commander, is at Calderwood's boat yard for an overhauling. She will leave Manchester on Saturday for Nova Scotia.

It is expected that thousands will witness the thrill producing Motorcycle Races to be held next Sunday afternoon, July 29th, starting at 3 p.m. on the Topsfield Fairgrounds Race Track, on the Newburyport Turnpike. Many famous riders have entered, including Jesse James.

75 YEARS AGO - 1949

Officer John P. Connors of the local police department figured prominently in the rescue of two young children from possible drowning on Thursday afternoon of last week, when he aided in righting a boat which had overturned on the children and then aided in bringing the children out of the water.

Part of a load of fish heads were dumped on Summer Street Saturday when the tail board of a large ruck jarred loose. Anticipating a nui-

sance from the fish, Chairman Nathaniel Andrews of the Board of Health summoned the town departments who soon had the situation in hand.

60 YEARS AGO - 1964

Edward W. Rogers, 35, of 32 Forest Street, was admitted to Beverly hospital after being stricken with a heart attack at Singing Beach Saturday at about 7 p.m. Hospital officials said Rogers was resting comfortably.

The fair weather of the past week has favored the progress of the Elderly Housing project on Pine Street. The foundations of the five buildings of the 32-unit project have been substantially completed by the Moss-Hill Construction Company.

45 YEARS AGO - 1979

Lewis Gates of 49 Pleasant Street was a contestant on Candlepins for Cash on Monday night.

The new football coach at Manchester, Charles Cooke, will be the guest speaker at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Boosters Club to be held Thursday evening.

30 YEARS AGO - 1994

Essex County received 1500 home composting bins back in late May through a grant program sponsored by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection. Sales of two different size bins began in June.

On July 12, representatives of the various property owners of the Wilderness Conservation Area (off School Street, north of Route 128) attended a brief dedication of a new sign installed to promote appropriate use of the area and provide a format for displaying trail maps, regulations and other notices.

15 YEARS AGO - 2009

On Wednesday, July 15th the Manchester Golden Age Club held their annual "Summer Hummer" at Tuck's Point. Fifty-nine club members enjoyed the gloriously sunny day and a delicious lobster and steak luncheon.

Remain Silent, a Sabre Spirit skippered by Tom Drechsler took home the trophy for First Overall in the 43rd Annual S.S. Crocker Memorial Race held on Saturday, July 18.

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The Chamber also announced live music in three locations: the Masco Bandstand, Town Hall Park, and the lot at 7 Summer Street. A schedule and listing of performers (11 a.m. - 4 p.m.) for the music in Masco Park will be posted on the day of the event. The music Stage at Town Hall (11 a.m. - 3 p.m.) with performers to be announced and the 7 Summer St. lot will feature John Jerome with other outdoor retail vendors from 12 noon - 2 p.m.

Organizers said there will be a free shuttle service running between the High School upper parking lot and downtown Manchester from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. to alleviate parking congestion in downtown and shuttle stops will be made at Masconomo Park, Town Hall Park, Reed Park, the Manchester Public Library and 7 Summer Street. The last pick-up of the day will be at 4 p.m. at Masconomo Park.

"The Chamber wishes to acknowledge and thank the

Manchester Board of Selectmen, the Manchester Fire and Police Departments and Manchester Parks and Recreation for their support and assistance in bringing this festival to life," the Chamber wrote in its announcement. "We also thank the many business sponsors and downtown merchants for their support in helping to make this year's Festival-by-the-Sea possible."

Additional information may be found at facebook.com/FestivalbytheSea.

Tides & Sun Chart For The Week Ahead

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Local Essex Business Needs Consistent Support by Town Boards

To the Editor,

I enjoyed reading Edward Neal's July 14th Letter to the Editor (The Cricket, July 19) regarding the "schizophrenic nature of the Selectmen's policies toward businesses." Mr. Neal brought up some great points.

I can't speak to the mental health of the town fathers, but offer the following observations:

Economic activity in Essex faces headwinds. We've seen the recent demise of the Essex Merchants Group and the shuttering of at least two businesses on the causeway.

The antique business is driven more by online sales than foot traffic. Businesses and events that contributed to the town's economy, such as the Essex River Race and the ERBA kayak rental, no longer exist.

In turn, town government's economic policies vacillate between restrictions and missteps. Out of town boat launching, lake swimming and food trucks are prohibited. Zoning regulations are becoming increasingly arduous and byzantine. No Essex business dares, in the words of Paul Simon, disturb the sounds of silence.

The causeway lighting project has collapsed in a costly debacle. As Mr. Neal asked, what is the point of having an Economic Development Com-

mittee if the Selectmen and Planning Board are actively working to limit or prohibit business activity within the Town?

Our town's current policies could be summarized as a four-point plan: No, nein, nada, neinte.

It's not all bad news - there are some fantastic new businesses in town—the James, Mayflower, Googan's Galley, We Dream in Color. The Lark Fine Foods is gaining nationwide renown for its products. We as local citizens can—and should—support these local merchants.

The hope is that the Town of Essex will follow suit.

Rob Fitzgibbon
Essex

LIBRARY NEWS



Game night at the library was a blast and our next game night is August 15.

Author Madeline Bliss (Virtual)

Tuesday, August 6 from 7-8 p.m. Join author Madeline Bliss as she chats about her book, "50 Hikes in Eastern Massachusetts." We'll focus on coastal view walks.

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 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:

Shipwrecked Escape Room

Monday, July 29-Friday, August 2. During library hours we are challenging you to escape from a shipwreck 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.

Library Olympics

Thursday, August 8 from 3-4:15 p.m. Ages 8-12. Do you have what it takes to be a librarian? Come test yourself with feats of strength, agility, and bravery during the first annual Library Olympics. Athletes will race book carts, balance books and more.

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 harmony, Ants concerts are energetic, interactive and a delight for children 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

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 Library'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.

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.

Hearthside Book Group

Tuesday, August 6 from 4-5 p.m. We will discuss "Mercury Pictures Presents" by Anthony Marra.

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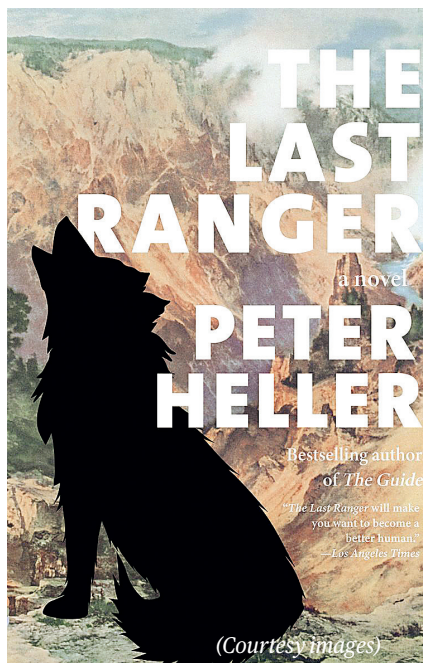
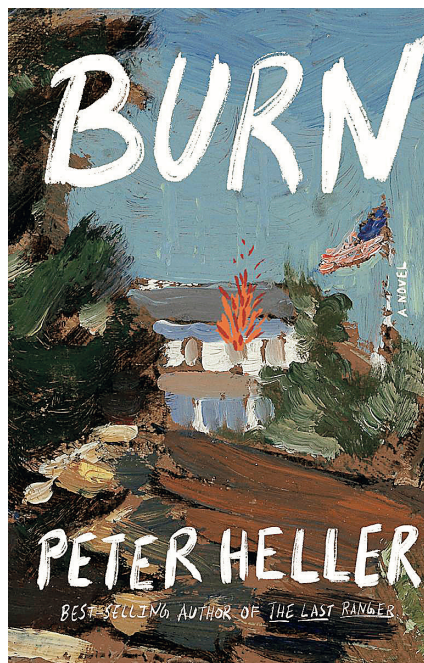
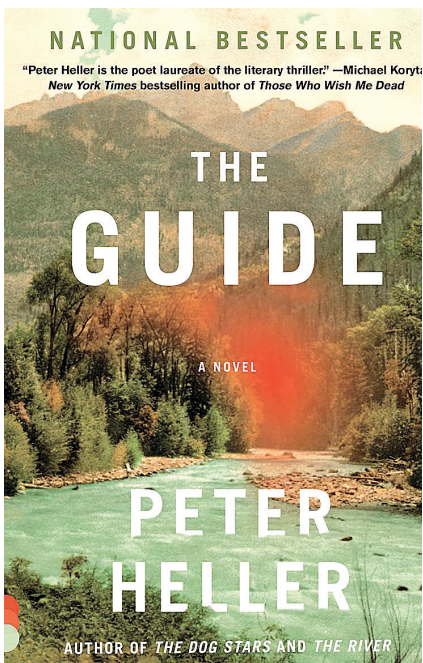
An long, cherished tradition of tree climbing at Masconomo Park in Manchester endures. Here, kiddos climbing Tuesday during the weekly Music in the Park series. (Photo: Erika Brown)

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Shop Thoughts: Discovering Peter Heller



By Hannah Harlow

A couple of weeks ago, my family took a quick getaway to our family camp in Maine and my 15-year-old announced that he'd forgotten his book. "It's okay," I announced. "I packed Born a Crime by Trevor Noah for you!" I know in my bones he will like this book, but, for maybe the ninth time, he refused to read it.

"I want fantasy." He'd just finished Ender's Game, for maybe the ninth time. "I'll find you something," I said, ever up for a reading challenge, and I turned to the cabin's shelves. Every book I held up for his inspection he'd either read or had no interest in reading, until we'd exhausted all of the sci-fi fantasy options in the house. "I guess I could read a mystery," he said. I studied my

options. I slid The Guide by Peter Heller off the shelf. I read the description and thought it might be an option for my son, but decided I would read the first few pages to see. And I kept reading, soon moving out to the dock, to sit in the sun and the quiet. Peter Heller has an incredible ability to write about nature with a kind of reverence that stuns in its beauty and specificity. The guide of the title

is a fisherman, newly arrived to work as a river guide at a high-end lodge in Colorado in a near future when a pandemic continues to wreak havoc on world populations and nature retreats are now the preferred vacations for the ultra-wealthy. He's overcoming a tragedy in his past (as told in The River, which I do recommend reading first if only for the joy of reading as much Peter Heller as possible and in the proper or-

der) and also quickly realizes something fishy (pun absolutely intended) is going on at the resort. Heller leans into the language specific to fly-fishing and rivers and Colorado and it is its own kind of poetry. Simultaneously, a thriller is afoot. Our guide gets paired to fish with a woman who has just arrived and also happens to be a famous singer. Together, as they explore the river, they also investigate some of the strange occurrences at the lodge and discover all is not as idyllic as it seems. Three hours later, I turned the last page. Yes, I loved the book. Just as joyous was that particular feeling of discovery—and the knowledge that Peter Heller has more books I can read. The Last Ranger, about an enforcement ranger in Yellowstone who loves wolves more than people, is freshly out in paperback, and Burn arrives on August 13th, Heller's newest novel, about two men who emerge from a camping trip in the rural woods of Maine to discover the world has turned into a dystopian country racked with violence. Heller returns to similar themes again and again: the

beauty of nature, male friendship, dystopian futures, the surprising violence of strangers. But he makes each book feel fresh and propulsive. "I wouldn't mind if the book were part of a series," my son said. Right! Back to the task at hand. The Guide had a certain adult sensibility I wasn't quite ready to put in my teen son's hands. Instead, I pulled The Crossing Places by Elly Griffiths off the shelf, the start of a cozy mystery series and an old favorite about an archeologist in Norwich, England who gets pulled into helping the local police solve a cold case after bones are discovered in the salt marshes. He liked it well enough that I just ordered book two in the series for him. One of the many reasons I have the best job in the world is that in helping others find books they'll love, I also find my own. They're not always one and the same. **Hannah Harlow is owner of The Book Shop, an independent bookstore in Beverly Farms. Harlow writes semi-regular recommendations for our readers. See more of what she recommends reading at thecricket.com.**

MBTS Jazz Fest 2024



On Saturday night the American Legion in Manchester was the site of the 3rd Annual MBTS Jazz Fest. All proceeds benefit the Manchester 4th of July Committee. (Photos: John Filias)

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State Champions MERHS Boys Tennis Team Honored at State House



From left, Nina Goodick, coach Robbie Bilsbury, Finn Birkeland, Charlie Virden, Brodie Tolo, Jack Lawler, Athletic Director Cameron Molinare, Principal Julie Sgroi, and State Rep Ann Margaret Ferrante at the State House on July 17.

(Photo Courtesy Manchester Essex Regional School District)



The MERHS Boys Tennis team clinched the MIAA State Championship, Cape Ann League (CAL) Baker Championship, and CAL Open Championship. (Photo Courtesy Manchester Essex Regional School District)

Superintendent Pam Beaudoin, Principal Julie Sgroi, and Athletic Director Cameron Molinare are proud to share the success of the Manchester Essex Regional High School Boys Tennis team, which this year won the MIAA Division 4 State Championship, Cape Ann League (CAL) Baker Championship, and CAL Open Championship.

The team finished its season with an overall record of 19-4, and was led to vic-

tory under the mentorship of Head Coach Robert Bilsbury and Assistant Coach Barrett Alston.

“What an incredible group! This season was just a magical ride, and this team was the deepest I have ever coached,” said Bilsbury, who has coached at MERHS for 25 years. “There’s talent at every position.”

Through their commitment, dedication, perseverance and grit, the team not only clinched the league title

but the CAL Open and Division 4 State Championship titles.

In celebration of its victory, the team was invited to the Massachusetts State House on Wednesday, July 17 for a recognition ceremony and was presented with official citations courtesy of Senator Bruce Tarr and Representative Ann Margaret Ferrante. The team and MERSD staff were honored to be able to attend and receive such a high level of recognition for their

achievements.

Team members include:

- Jack Bediz, Grade 11
- Finn Birkeland, Grade 11
- Alexander Breuker, Grade 12, Captain
- Andrew Cahill, Grade 10
- Jack Cummins, Grade 11, Captain, CAL Open Champion
- Shay Englehart, Grade 11
- Charlie Langendorf, Grade 11
- Peter Langedorf, Grade 9
- Jack Lawler, Grade 11

- Marius Roser, Grade 10
- Henry Swerdlhoff, Grade 11
- Ernest Taylor, Grade 11
- Benjamin Tobin, Grade 10
- Brodie Tolo, Grade 12
- Charlie Virden, Grade 12, Captain
- Jan Vytopil, Grade 12, Captain, CAL Open Champion

“We truly could not be more proud and excited for the Manchester Essex Boys Tennis team. Under the exceptional leadership of Coach Bilsbury, the four captains, and seniors, the team reached new heights this year,” said Athletic Director Cameron Molinare. “The championship match is one of the best I’ve ever seen - a

testament to the strength of both programs. On behalf of the entire Athletic Department, congratulations to the team and Coach Bilsbury on their state championship win.”

“We are incredibly proud of our student-athletes and celebrate their huge achievement. This is Coach Bilsbury’s first state championship, and the first for MERHS since 1998,” said Principal Sgroi. “It was an exciting match and the team fought for every point. They demonstrated true sportsmanship on and off the court all year long.”

Essex Launches “Silver Alert Program” to aid Residents with Cognitive Decline



Last week at the Essex Senior Center on Pickering Street, residents were introduced by public safety officials, the COA and the Board of Health to a program that supports seniors with cognitive decline.

Photo: August Capotosto

By August Capotosto

Last week at the Essex Senior Center on Pickering Street, a group of local residents learned about a new project in town called “Silver Alert.”

The informational program was presented by Board of Health Administrator Erin Kirchner and intern Michaela Sullivan, who spearheaded the Silver Alert as a public safety program between Es-

sex Public Safety offices, Public Health, and the Council on Aging to support residents with cognitive decline. This opt-in program will provide emergency personnel with vital information about potential “at-risk” residents in town to help reduce the response time in case they wander off.

The goal of this initiative is to build and maintain a database of Essex residents with cognitive impairments that

have a history or potential of getting lost, said Police Sergeant Daniel Bruce.

During the meeting, Michaela Sullivan explained her interest in the issue stemmed from personal experience.

She said that in 2014, her grandfather showed early signs of cognitive decline, but hadn’t been officially diagnosed yet and was still permitted to drive.

He went missing for almost three days until he was identified in a parking lot located several towns away. It was a challenging time for Michaela and her family.

Because of the Silver Alert that was issued by emergency responders, the people who found him were able to recognize that he was lost

and notify local authorities.

“The community’s kindness truly inspired me and I hope to help other families find their loved ones in situations like my grandfather’s,” she said. In case of an emergency in Essex, the data submitted in the forms will be broadcast to other police departments, said Essex Chief of Police Paul Francis.

Additionally, if a welfare call is made on a person who seems cognitive but has been enlisted in the Silver Alert Program, officers might stay longer, ask more questions, and alert the resident’s family members and emergency contacts, he said.

“It’s about keeping people safe and providing us with as much information as possible

so we can act quicker,” said Chief Francis.

The board that designed and is implementing this program will be hosting another informational session at “Back to School Night” at the Essex Elementary School, said Kirchner.

This meeting would be for families with kids who have the potential of wandering off from the elementary school grounds.

By doing so, this program protects members of the community with cognitive disabilities regardless of age.

This week at Essex Board of Selectmen meeting, TOHP Burnham Public Library Director Carla Christensen said the library would also be a source of public information on Silver Alert program for residents.

Forms are currently available at the Essex Town Library and Senior Center. Both locations are equipped

with secure drop boxes, or forms can also be left in the Board of Health office during business hours.

Applicants are not required to fill out every part of the form, only the information they want to share. There are no medical requirements or diagnoses required to fill out and submit the form, nor do they have to have wandered off before, said Chief Francis.

Some people are able to hold a conversation and report that they are well when they actually have cognitive issues.

Because of this, it’s important to keep your local authorities and community aware so they are better equipped to assist if an unexpected accident occurs.

Kirchner and Sullivan said that with the Silver Alert Program, the Town of Essex will be more prepared for such mishaps and will therefore be more secure as a community.

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Harbormasters may not touch fishing equipment. And members of the general public that do so risk prosecution. The laws remained firm, even as gear migrated from wood to polymer-coated steel cages and nylon ropes. But, said Glenn, this month’s passage of the new law, “An Act Relative to Abandoned Fishing Gear” would give the DMF the long-needed authority to deal effectively with a big problem.

“Up to this point we’ve been hand cuffed because of property owner rights and municipalities have been hamstrung from dealing with the issue,” he said.

The DMF began studying the impacts of derelict fishing gear in the early 2000s, and in a seminal 2010 study the organization found that derelict fishing gear, also known as “ghost gear” (abandoned, lost, or discarded fishing equipment), poses significant threats to marine ecosystems and fishing economies.

The issue is two-fold. First, the debris pollutes the ocean with microplastics and choke ocean life. But they also continue their jobs in macabre fashion by continuing to capture finned fish, crabs and lobster for up to 10 years.

“It’s a big problem,” said Beth Casoni, executive director of the 1,800-member Massachusetts Lobstermen’s Association (MLA).

“The new law would modernize the language on abandoned fishing gear and it’s long overdue,” Casoni said in an interview. “It’s positive change. It gets rid of red tape and will give individuals the ability to remove abandoned fishing gear from the water during the closed season.”

Harbormaster Bion Pike came to Manchester nearly 20 years ago after serving in the same role up in his home



A recent haul off the coast of Rockport brought up not tons of fish, but tons of fishing nets, traps, lines and buoys. Courtesy, Division of Marine Fisheries, 2024)

state of Maine, where lobstering is a central economic driver. As far as Massachusetts commercial harbors go, Manchester falls in the middle—19th in size among 40 or so. But of its license holders, nearly all are for lobstering.

Pike said there’s no doubt gear debris is a serious environmental hazard. But lobstering, he said, is also serious business. As a result, the “who and how” of gear handling is critical, and he understands why lobstermen would need a seat at the legislative table.

Hauling or removing or touching someone else’s lobster traps is verboten, he said. “It’s like hunting in the off season, without a license, at night ... with a flashlight,” Pike said.

By the Horns

The focus on modernizing laws around abandoned equipment kicked into high gear in 2020, when the DMF began monthly meetings with counterparts in commercial fishing associations, federal and environmental agency representatives, and environmental groups.

Then Senate Minority Leader Bruce Tarr stepped in (“really taking the issue by

the horns,” said Glenn). Tarr successfully attached the law as an amendment attached to a sprawling \$2.44 billion state economic development bond bill passed earlier this month in the Massachusetts Senate on July 11.

The Economic Development Bond Bill was sent to the joint conference committee on July 18 for finalization of the bill’s language, and Tarr is hopeful this Abandoned Gear amendment will be included in the final version of the bill.

“Removing abandoned gear from the ocean is one of the most powerful tools we have to prevent ghost fishing, avoid entanglement, and protect the marine environment,” said Tarr. “We need to give the Division of Marine Fisheries that authority to use that tool.”

Other regions and states have launched their own initiatives to address derelict fishing gear.

Maine’s “Lobster Trap Cleanup Program” provides funding and resources for the removal of lost and abandoned lobster traps. The state works closely with local fishermen and environmental groups to conduct cleanup operations. Many

states have “gear marking programs” to help track and recover lost gear and hold those who abandon equipment accountable. Also, some states have introduced financial incentive programs that reward gear retrieval. Finally, there are state-funded educational campaigns about the environmental and economic impacts of ghost gear being conducted in fishing communities on the West Coast and New England.

If the law in Tarr’s amendment survives this last step in the legislative process, there will be an opportunity for municipalities, NGOs, and others looking to clean up beaches and the ocean to have a mechanism to make it happen.

After all, Casoni said, the removal of derelict gear here on Cape Ann will lead to healthier marine ecosystems, ensuring sustainable fish populations and, consequently, a more stable fishing industry.

“Now, more than ever we need to ensure that all the abandoned fishing gear is removed from the waters and ensure animals can swim and feed freely when they are here.”




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Board of Selectmen's Meeting of July 22, 2024
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Housing Production Plan Proposal Review

The Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) is presently completing the development of its proposal to develop a Housing Production Plan (HPP) for the Affordable Housing Trust (AHT). The proposal will include a role for the Town Planner, who will complete certain project tasks directly. Chairman Pereen (who also chairs the AHT), the Town Planner, and the Town Administrator (TA) will review the draft proposal when available and will provide comments to MAPC so that a final version of the proposal could be prepared for review by the AHT at a future meeting.

Camera System Upgrade and Expansion Update

After working out a variety of complex technical details with respect to replacing the Network Video Recorder (NVR) and software platform at the police station and installing surveillance cameras at the Centennial Grove, we have worked out a final scope of services with our video system contractor (Ockers, which is on the State Contract). The TA has authorized the project to commence and we are presently in the lead time phase that will allow Ockers to get the materials in stock and to line up its installation crew. When Ockers is ready to proceed, the existing NVR will continue to run while the new unit is being installed and previous images on the old NVR will continue to be available there. The new NVR will take the feeds from all of the existing cameras in and around the Public Safety Facility plus the new cameras at the Grove. The facility also has several large video screens in various locations for convenient monitoring of live conditions and Ockers will transition the system that manages those screens to the new software platform as well.

Configuration of Plotter for Planning Board Zoning Map Project

The Planning Board purchased a plotter in order to continuously update a series of paper property use and zoning maps as it continues to work on recommendations for new zoning districts for the Fall Town Meeting. The Board will use the maps at successive meetings to refine its thinking and recommendations. The plotter arrived during the week of July 15, 2024 and Planning Board Chairman Lisa O'Donnell set it up. The TA assisted with limited aspects of making the printer operational.

Resignation of Town Clerk
Town Clerk Ann Dunne has resigned effective August 16, 2024 for personal reasons. We have already announced



the vacancy on the Massachusetts Town Clerks Association job page and are currently seeking candidates. It may be necessary to arrange for interim coverage while the Town searches for a new clerk.

Essex River Dredging Meeting Summary

Senator Tarr coordinated the subject meeting at Essex Town Hall on July 8, 2024 and the Board discussed the matter later that evening at its meeting. Selectman Phippen and the TA were in attendance along with personnel from the Army Corps of Engineers, Senator Tarr, Representative Ferrante, private marina owners, and personnel from offices of our Federal legislators. The meeting focused on how the sequencing of events could be optimized to allow the three private marinas to separately contract for dredging services with the Federal contractor after the Federal dredging work has been completed, but within the allotted permitting window. Also, by late September, it will be necessary for the owners of any mooring blocks that are within the dredging area to have those removed. The TA has begun working with the Harbormaster with respect to how that process may proceed.

The bid solicitation has been released by the Corps and bids are due on or about August 7, 2024. A contract should be in place by early September and work could begin as early as October 1 based on permits that are in place (an October 1 start would be optimal since it would give the contractor the maximum amount of time within the permitting window to complete the Federal dredging work and, hopefully, the private marina work). Although private marinas will need to arrange for their own payment of the contractor for the private work, the pre-established permitting window runs through February 15, 2025 and getting to private work will be a function of how long the Federal work takes. The Corps' most recent project design is estimated to cut the amount of required Federal dredging by about one half,

hopefully saving a month or more within the permitting window for private work to be able to proceed. The benefit to the private marinas of "piggy-backing" on the Federal contract is that the Federal contractor will already have been mobilized via the Federal funding, saving the marinas a second mobilization charge, which could be as high as \$1.5M.

Centennial Grove Tight Tank System for Restrooms

The TA has been working with Wright Industries concerning the installation of the tight tank system that will serve future restrooms at Centennial Grove. Wright Industries agreed to provide labor and machine time at no cost to the Town for this project. The DPW assisted by calling Dig Safe before any excavation commenced and the TA obtained the necessary disposal works construction permit from the Board of Health. Wright Industries commenced excavation work on July 17, 2024 and crushed stone was added to the hole to serve as a base for the two, large tanks. The tank supplier will soon deliver the tanks and set them in place and they will sit in that condition until later this year, when the construction of the new restroom facility commences. The tanks will extend up above the current grade but will be tucked up against a slope that will be continued using fill in the future to properly cover them.

Formalization of Third Bidding Attempt for Water Supply Well Project

At the last meeting, the Board agreed with our engineering consultant that a third bid attempt should be made to use American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding for the improvement of aspects of the Town's public water supply wells. Our Engineering Consultant, EA Engineering, has developed a formal proposal for that process and the Board has already authorized the signature of a change order with EA for additional funding necessary for performing this additional work. We are presently awaiting final review of the proposal by the

Board of Public Works and the work will proceed once its technical details have been approved.

Old Essex Road Project Conservation Commission Review

As the Board is aware, a Notice of Intent (NOI) hearing for the discontinuance of Old Essex Road at the Town line with Ipswich (the Castle Neck River) was continued by the Essex Conservation Commission in June. At that time, two private Essex abutters with work proposed on their properties had not signed the NOI as required and subsequent discussion did not result in those signatures. As such, the project design was altered to not involve any actual work on either of the Essex abutting properties. The Conservation Commission took the matter back up on the date of continuance (July 16, 2024) and the revised project plans were generally acceptable. Chairman Pereen and the TA were both in attendance and the Commission continued the hearing until August 6, 2024 since the Department of Environmental Protection has yet to issue a project number for the proposal. Full approval is expected once the DEP number has been issued. At the same meeting, the Commission approved a request by the Chebacco Lake Association for a volunteer project that will clear excess vegetation from the stream channel of the Alewife Brook adjacent to the Apple Street bridge for improved fish passage.

City of Gloucester Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade Cost Update

As reported previously, the City of Gloucester is moving ahead with plans for the upgrade of its wastewater treatment plant in accordance with a State and Federal consent decree requiring the City to install secondary wastewater treatment capabilities. Selectman Ingaharro, Superintendent Galli, Board of Public Works Chairman Ellis and the TA met with Gloucester personnel and officials on July 17, 2024 to learn more about the City's plans, schedule, and method of cost conveyance.

LIBRARY NEWS

T.O.H.P. Burnha
Public Library



Over 20 teens enjoyed the library's annual Teen Henna Night with henna artist Mandy Roberge of "Wicked Good Henna."

Summer Hours

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

Author Madeline Bliss (Virtual)

Tuesday, August 6 at 7 p.m. Join us for a virtual event focusing on coastal view walks. Bliss is the author of "50 Hikes in Eastern Massachusetts. Please register.

Puzzle Palooza

Thursday, August 15 at 10 a.m. Grades 6-12, spend the morning eating donuts and competing to be the first team to finish our donut jigsaw puzzles.

Reminder

The deadline to complete the grade school Summer Reading Challenge is Friday, August 9th. Completed log sheets must be returned and confirmed by 5 p.m. in order to qualify for a ticket to the Topsfield Fair.

Summer Explorers

Wednesdays at 10 a.m. starting July 10th for children ages 0-6 years. This is a playgroup in the park, participants should 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 15

No report.

TUESDAY, JULY 16

7:10 a.m. Riverview Hill Rd, male with abdominal pain, transported to hospital.
11:08 a.m. John Wise Ave., directed patrol, secured/checked.
1:39 p.m. John Wise Ave., citizen assist, other.
6:23 p.m. Southern Ave., fire alarm, fire false.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17

12:25 a.m. Martin St., suspicious activity, secured/checked.
1:14 a.m. Southern Ave., selective enforcement, no action taken.
2:00 a.m. Story St., directed patrol, secured/checked.
6:10 a.m. Spring St., directed patrol, secured/checked.

THURSDAY, JULY 18

No report.

FRIDAY, JULY 19

No report.

SATURDAY, JULY 20

No report.

SUNDAY, JULY 21

No report.

Essex Senior Living | July 26

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 regis-

ter two business days in advance - 978-768-7932.

MONTHLY EVENTS

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

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Cecilia Beaux (1855-1942), *Victory Bearing Away the Infant Future*, 1921, Oil on canvas



Rosamond Smith Bouvé (1876-1948), *At Wingsheek*, c. 1908, Oil on canvas, Private Collection, Gloucester

“Women Artists on Cape Ann 1870-1970” at Cape Ann Museum celebrates artistic power of 42 artists and illustrators

Last Friday an intriguing new exhibit at the Cape Ann Museum opened celebrating a century of female artistry on Cape Ann. The ambitious show focuses on familiar and perhaps, to many viewers, new women influential artists from all over Cape Ann’s communities.

“Women Artists on Cape Ann 1870-1970” draws from the museum’s collection, the holdings from the significant promised gift of works announced last year by Janet and William Ellery James, as well as from public and private collections in the region. The exhibit will be on view now through September 29 at Cape Ann Museum’s downtown campus on Pleasant Street.

Women Artists on Cape Ann 1870-1970 is focusing on women artists working on Cape Ann and is organized around the themes of portraiture, summer on Cape Ann, illustrators and authors, new visions and the collaborative spirit.

“The Cape Ann Museum is well positioned to explore the accomplishments of women artists who have worked in this region,” said Oliver Barker, the Museum’s Director. “CAM’s collection includes a wealth of works by female artists, many of whom have gained national recognition, while the depth of our research library holdings allows the Museum to bring forth narratives of other artists whose work has gone largely unnoticed until now.”

The show features works by Theresa Bernstein, Helen Stein, Cecilia Beaux, Bessie Hoover, Rosamond Smith

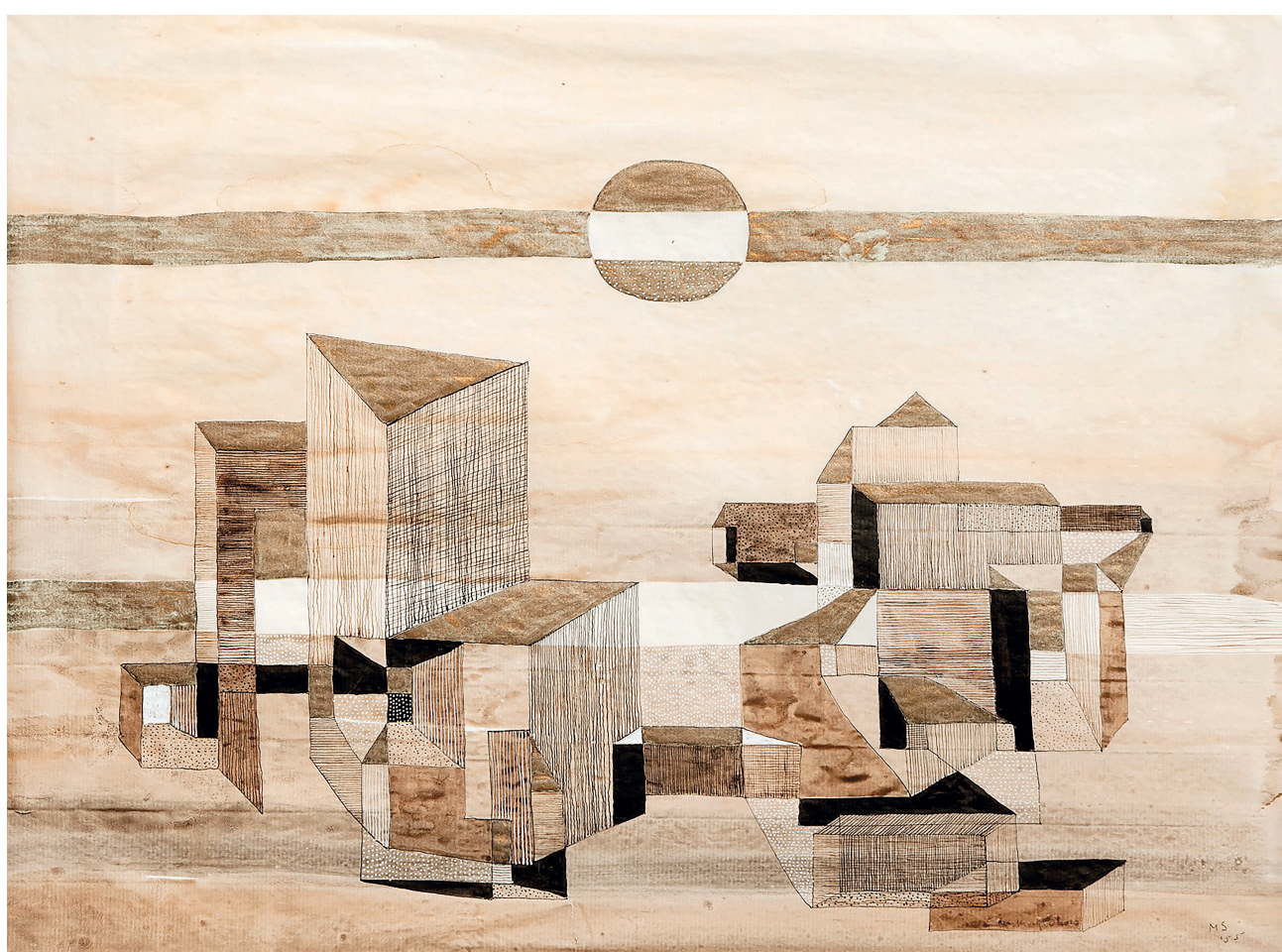
Bouve, Theresa Benstein, Felicie Waldo Howell, among others. The show’s organizers have also complemented the main exhibit with contemporary working female artists, which includes two works by Manchester’s Juni Van Dyke and Dawn Southworth, an artist who works in Beverly Farms.

But the main events focus on female artistry beginning in the 1870s, when the art world began slowly opening up to women. Instructors began admitting women into their classes, and galleries and museums began showing their work, with commissions increasingly coming their way.

This momentum was fueled during the early 20th Century by the establishment of groups such as the Philadelphia Ten and the National Association of Women Artists, organizations that offered women artists places, separate from the male-dominated art world, to convene, critique each other’s work, and exhibit. While a small number of women artists worked on Cape Ann during the second half the 19th Century, by the early 20th Century the summer art colony was growing exponentially, and female artists abounded.

The museum was fortunate to secure many works from private lenders. Because of this, *Women Artists on Cape Ann 1870-1970*, has on display a full complement of work by 42 artists. This includes captivating portraits by Adelaide Chase Cole (1868 -1944) and fellow Annisquam resident artist, Rosamond Smith Bouvé (1876-1948). Recent gifts to the Museum illuminated in the exhibition include a suite of pieces by artists working as part of the Saturday Evening Group of ceramists, a group that was active in both Boston and Gloucester during the first half of the 20th Century.

Martha Oaks, chief curator at the museum shared, “We are particularly pleased to spotlight the work of two



Mary Shore (1912-2000), *Untitled*, c. mid-20th century, Collection of David Hall Fine Arts

The current exhibit at the Cape Ann Museum opened last weekend, and will remain open through September 29, giving locals plenty of time to experience the show.

women artists, Eva Matz and Mary Shore, who worked together to create hand-made hooked rugs. Shore was a painter and assemblage artist, responsible for designing the rugs. Matz was a weaver and hooked the rugs. Matz’s skill at selecting and preparing wool as well as her attention to detail when it came to color and patterning, make the rugs true works of art.”

The exhibition also features a newly restored work by painter Cecilia Beaux



Bessie Hoover Wessel (1889-1973), *Blacksmith Shop, Rockport*, c. 1930s, Oil on paper, Gift of Herman and Bessie Hoover Wessel, 1991

(1855-1942) who as an East Gloucester resident was one of the most well-known and

celebrated female artists to work on Cape Ann. Her 1921 oil on canvas painting, “Victory Bearing Away the Infant Future” is imposing in the best possible way, large and grand and placed off the entry of the gallery housing the main exhibit. Beaux was the first woman to teach at the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, a much sought after portrait painter and a fixture in Cape Ann’s summer art colony beginning in the 1890s. She opened the door for numerous other women artists showing that they too could be serious and successful artists.

To highlight Beaux’s seminal importance to women artists on Cape Ann, the Museum is hosting Sylvia Yount, Lawrence A Fleischman Curator in Charge of the American Wing at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, for a look into Cecilia Beaux’s Green Alley Days (Saturday, August 10 at 11 a.m.)

Opposite third floor galleries is the display of works by Cape Ann’s contemporary women artists. All represent works in the museum’s permanent collection.

“The Museum over recent decades has made a real effort to keep abreast of the

contemporary arts community,” said Oaks. We are particularly pleased to be able to show a major work by artist Susan Erony, entitled ‘Winter,’ that just came into the collection this year.”

Cape Ann Museum’s focus on women artist’s this summer also extends beyond the main Downtown campus to Cape Ann Museum Green. There, the newly-opened exhibition, *1st Peoples: Portraits of the First Light*, features photographic narratives by Matika Wilbur (Swinomish and Tulalip Tribes) made in consultation with SmokeSignals, a Native creative agency based in Mashpee. The exhibition, including works by Wilbur created during her residency at the Museum this past spring, shows contemporary photographs of the original stewards of what is known today as New England including portraits of Nipmuc, Wampanoag, Shinnecock, Passamaquoddy, and Penobscot peoples.

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Friends of Manchester Trees Hosts Native Plant Trust Speaker



More than a hundred members and guests attended this year's Friends of Manchester Trees (FOMT) annual "soiree" celebrating an organization that has planted and cared for over 1,200 new trees in Manchester over the past 50 years.



Kurt Melden, host, and Stephanie Senecal, FOMT member.

On July 18th, the Friends of Manchester Trees (FOMT) held its annual "Member Soiree" with special guest speaker, Uli Lorimer, the Native Plant Trust's Director of Horticulture and author of The Northeast Native Plant Primer.

Kurt and Therese Melden of Masconomo Street offered their home for the gala event.

Along with spectacular waterfront views, guests remarked about the property's impressive collection of copper beech, oak, sweet gum, firs, tulip poplar, and even unique Frankenstein pear trees.

Founded in 1973, FOMT is the main benefactor for the planting of public trees in Manchester. According to Jody Morse, the association's board president, the Friends of Manchester Trees has planted more than 1,200 trees in the last 50 years.

"This year we planted 21 new trees and began treatments on our Beech and Ash trees which are facing threats from Beach Leaf Disease and Emerald Ash Borer. Your ongoing support is pivotal for maintaining a thriving tree canopy in our town," she said.

Lorimer's presentation emphasized the importance of urban and rural "street" trees that purify air and water, provide essential cooling shade, support wildlife, and enhance mental health. He discussed the benefits of planting native species which form symbiotic relationships with local wildlife, strengthening the ecosystem.

He also touched on effective planting methods such as the use of "tree pits" and guards, and sourcing container-grown specimens. When he concluded his remarks, Lorimer recommended a number of native species that



Uli Lorimer, guest speaker, from the Native Plant Trust.



George Smith, former FOMT President and current Board Member, speaking to Jim Behnke who oversees FOMT's Neighborhood Shade Tree program. (Courtesy photos)

would be suitable to expand and diversify our urban forest here in Manchester.

Hamilton Resident Chris LaPointe Named Greenbelt President



Chris LaPointe, Essex County Greenbelt's vice president of Conservation Operations will serve as the land trust's next president starting September 1. (Photo: Jerry Monkman/EcoPhotography LLC)

Chris LaPointe has been named president of Essex County Greenbelt Association, effective September 1. The Hamilton resident is currently vice president of Conservation Operations at the organization and has extensive experience overseeing large, complex land conservation initiatives throughout the region.

LaPointe will succeed Kate Bowditch, who is retiring after serving six years as Essex County Greenbelt's president.

"Chris is an accomplished and highly respected leader in the field of land conservation who has worked tirelessly at Greenbelt to protect natural habitats, working farms, and scenic landscapes across the region over the past decade," says Betsy Shields, chair of the land trust's board of directors. "His passion and enthusiasm for conservation, deep understanding of the region's natural resources, and dedication to teamwork ensure that Greenbelt is in excellent hands as we plan for the future."

"I've had the great opportunity to work alongside, and learn from, a very talented and committed staff and Board of Directors at Greenbelt and am truly humbled and honored to be chosen as its next President," says LaPointe. "Thanks to strong leadership over the years, the organization is well-positioned to continue fulfilling its mission to protect vital land and natural resources across the region, enhancing the quality of life for everyone living in Essex County."

Since joining Greenbelt in 2015 as director of Conservation, LaPointe has helped protect more than 6,200 acres of land, representing 86 percent of all land conserved in Essex County during this period. His focus on farmland conservation, and ensuring that Essex County agriculture always remains viable, has also helped Greenbelt develop one of the region's most innovative farm conservation programs.

"Our data-driven approach to conservation planning identifies the most crucial land to be protected based on a number of factors, including climate resiliency," says LaPointe. "We are working to protect land that mitigates some of the worst impacts of climate change in our communities, such as flooding and excessive heat, while ensuring reliable sources of clean drinking water, local food, and accessible green spaces."

Married with two sons, LaPointe has been a resident of Hamilton for more than two decades. An avid outdoorsman who loves to cycle and ski, he holds degrees in environmental policy and natural resource planning from Colby College and the University of Vermont. Prior to Greenbelt, LaPointe worked at The Trust for Public Land for more than a decade overseeing conservation projects across Massachusetts.

A Longevity Bench Walk around the Historic "Heater"

Join fellow walkers on Saturday, July 27 at 10 a.m. to walk what is affectionately called the "Heater", along a few of the Town's oldest and most historic streets, lined with homes, shops and public buildings that date back to the 17th Century. See a wide variety of architectural styles and learn about the fascinating men and women who lived and worked in what is the oldest part of our little seaside village, (following the self-guide walking tour booklet "The North Walk", courtesy of the MBTS Museum). The leisurely two-mile walk will also feature heartwarming donor stories behind seven of the 26 Longevity Benches along Pine St., Pleasant St., School St., and Central Street. Meet behind town hall with our knowledgeable walk leaders Martha Chap-



man of the Friends of Trees and Nick de Sherbinin of the Bike and Pedestrian/Open Space Committees, look for their bright green T-shirts. Walkers of all ages and abilities are welcome. This walk is part of the 2024 Bench Walk Challenge, an initiative to introduce residents to the newly completed network of 26 Longevity Benches placed throughout town neighborhoods - offering a place to rest while taking a walk. There will be cold refreshment served at bench #8. More details at www.longevitybenchproject.org



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8. Newspaper piece
12. Light beige
13. Old wound
14. Palate lobe
15. Reposed
16. Needle case
17. Katmandu's land
18. *Natural electrical discharge
20. Fiber source
21. Madison Square Garden, e.g.
22. Anatomical pouch
23. *Like air from north of Canada
26. Same as boric
30. Slang for million dollars
31. Mother-of-pearl, pl.
34. Of a particular kind
35. Exclude or omit
37. Not safe
38. Parallel grooves
39. Campbell of "Scream" fame
40. Morally degraded
42. Lt.'s subordinate
43. Weed a.k.a. dyer's woad
45. Nervous (2 words)
47. Rubber substitute, acr.
48. Broom of twigs
50. Wild plum
52. *Short-lived whirlwind (2 words)
56. Philip Roth's "The Human ___"
57. Additional
58. Driver's spare
59. Church songs
60. Biology lab supply
61. Pac Man's blue ghost
62. *H in HI
63. Slightly insane
64. ___pool or ___pit

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3. Two-masted sailing vessel

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5. ___ a play
6. Flora's partner
7. H.S. math class
8. *Not sunny
9. Between larva and adult
10. Enthusiasm
11. Split lentils dish
13. Roman statesman, Nero's advisor
14. Open up
19. Three
22. "Send help!" acronym
23. Make change
24. "Inside Out 2" main character
25. Actor Owen
26. Between Phi and Kappa
27. Like some sausages
28. Cake cover

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Solutions on Page 11

29. *What storm pursuers do
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33. Feel regret
36. *Condensation-starting point (2 words)
38. Church assembly
40. Stock regulator, acr.
41. Herpes ___, a.k.a. shingles
44. Not odds
46. Nauseant
48. Battle of the ___, 1944-1945 German offensive
49. Literary composition
50. Eyelid affliction
51. Tibetan monk
52. Like Beethoven
53. Climbing plant
54. Irritates
55. Grazing lands
56. "Zip it!"

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 www.mecatholic.org

St. John the Baptist Church - Saturday Vigil Mass - 5 p.m. Sunday Mass - 10 a.m.
Please go to our website: www.mecatholic.org for Sacramental Information as well as Parish Registration if you are new to town or looking to join a Catholic Church.
The Assumption of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church

8 Lafayette Road, Ipswich Mass.
Church services, with Father Christopher Kolentsas, are held each Sunday.
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Coming up during Festival by the Sea, August 3, Fair by the Sea, community yard sale and more!

...(Continued on page 11)

Churchill PROPERTIES

CHURCHILL PROPERTIES

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A daughter's wedding...it will be terrible if my Dad can't go.



By Joanne MacInnis RN
CDP, President, Aberdeen Home Care, Inc.

As August approaches, our family is filled with excitement and anticipation for our daughter's upcoming wedding. It's a milestone event, a celebration of love and unity that we have been eagerly planning for months. However, amidst the excitement, a lingering worry weighs heavily on our hearts - the uncertainty of whether my dad will be able to attend.

Two Peas in a Pod

I remember our daughter dressing Dad up in wigs, lipstick, and nail polish. They spent countless hours on fishing trips, where Dad taught her the patience of waiting and just the right time to pull the line—and all that bait! Years have passed, and while their activities have evolved, their bond remains unbreakable. Now, it's filled with laughing, looking at photo albums, and... wedding talk. It's as if Dad had never been through a family wedding before, despite having four married children. But she is special to him, and we all know it.

Consider Dad's Needs

Dad has Parkinson's Disease and relies on a wheelchair, facing significant challenges with mobility. Simple tasks like brushing his teeth or feeding himself have become daily obstacles, yet his spirit remains as vibrant as ever. He's the same amazing Grandfather and Dad inside, but his body struggles to keep pace.

Planning in advance allows us time to consult with Dad's healthcare team. Develop a checklist to address every detail and ensure nothing is missed, covering everything from medication management to assistance with toileting, bathing, dressing, and meals. Transportation poses another consideration. Securing the right vehicle and assistants well in advance ensures smooth sailing on the big day.

Enlist Help

Assign a trusted family member or close friend to be his dedicated helper throughout the event. This person can assist with navigating the venue, fetching refreshments, and ensuring Dad feels included and comfortable.

If Dad requires a higher

level of care, consider hiring a professional caregiver. When choosing someone from the community, check if they have proper insurance coverage, including liability and Workers' Compensation. Ideally, the caregiver should have access to a licensed nurse for triage, problem-solving, and support if needed.

If opting for an agency, take the time to visit their office and meet with them face to face. This allows you to gauge their organizational culture and ask detailed questions. Treat this process with the thoroughness you would apply when hiring a nanny for childcare.

The right person can make this special event a success, and the wrong person could be a recipe for disaster. In this situation, "soft" skills are just as necessary as clinical skills. The ability to fit in, be visible and available but not intrusive, is crucial.

Think Outside the Box

If Dad's health prevents him from attending physically, explore options for virtual participation through live streaming or video calls during key moments of the wedding day. Consider arrange-

ments for a stable internet connection and designate a technical support person for both Dad's location and the venue.

These Are the Moments That Make Our Lives Sparkle

Like anything of value, it's not effortless, but so worth the thought and planning. What a gift to everyone to make this happen. Whether Dad is physically present at the wedding or there in spirit, his influence and presence will be felt deeply.

If you don't know where to begin, contact your local Council on Aging for guidance. Don't be afraid to ask for help. And remember to have fun!

Joanne MacInnis, RN, is the founder and president of Aberdeen Home Care, Inc., of Danvers, a concierge private duty home care agency in business since 2001. With 35 years of nursing practice, management and administration experience focused on home care and hospice, Joanne and her team specialize in advising and supporting families addressing the elders in their lives retain dignity and quality of life.

Solution to puzzles on page 10

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PET OF THE WEEK: DAISY

UPSY DAISY

Meet Daisy, a charming grey and white beauty ready to begin her journey in finding her forever home! This beautiful kitty is sure to turn heads wherever she goes. Whether she's chasing after her toys or curling up in a sunny window spot soaking up the sun, her heart full of love and curious spirit makes her the perfect companion for anyone looking for a loyal and loving feline friend. Daisy would also do best in a home without other cats where she can be the queen of the castle. If you



think Daisy sounds like the girl for you, please submit an application for her today so you can come on down and meet with her!

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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 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.

Senior Highlights | July 26

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.

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 1, 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.

Art Grows Here

On Friday, August 2, the Manchester COA is pleased to offer a trip to see Wenham Museum's Art Grows Here. Art Grows Here is outdoor art created by members of the community throughout the towns of Hamilton and Wenham. Enjoy viewing these art installations from the C.O.A. van. The van will start picking up around 10:15 a.m.

Farmer Brown's Farm Stand

On Wednesday, August 7, the Manchester COA is pleased to offer a trip to Farmer Brown's Farm Stand in Middleton. The store of-

fers reasonable prices without sacrificing quality. Farmer Brown's is committed to stocking and serving food from the best local vendors along with an assortment of fine imported products. The van will start picking up seniors at 11 a.m.

Prince Pizzeria

On Friday, August 9, the Manchester COA is offering a trip to Prince Pizzeria in Saugus. This legendary family restaurant is known for their pizza, but they also serve delicious Italian fare such as ravioli and chicken parmesan, as well as sandwiches and salads. The van will start picking up seniors around 11 a.m. Return is expected by 2 p.m.

Beverly Farmer's Market

On Monday, August 12, the Manchester COA is offering a trip to the Beverly 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 3:00 p.m. Return is expected around 4:30 p.m.

Stonewall Kitchen in York, Maine

On Wednesday, August 14, the Manchester COA is pleased to offer a trip to the Stonewall Kitchen Store and Café in York, Maine. Stonewall Kitchen is a leader and award-winning producer of specialty food products. They offer preserves, condiments, mustards, relishes, baking mixes, pancake and waffle mixes and many more interesting items.

At Stonewall Kitchen, you can visit the Café for a light lunch or cup of coffee and then you can go to the View-

ing Gallery Window to watch their operation production line and continue into their store where you'll have plenty of time for shopping. The van will start picking up seniors around 10:15 a.m. and return home around 2 p.m. Lunch is on your own.

BEAR SKIN NECK

On Friday, August 16, the Manchester COA is pleased to offer a trip to Bear Skin Neck. Take a stroll along the water in beautiful Rockport where you can check out the shops, look at the art, enjoy the view, or grab a snack at one of the many eating establishments. The van will start picking up seniors at 10:15 a.m. with a return around 2 p.m.

PUBLIC NOTICE



Town Hall
10 Central Street
Manchester-by-the-Sea, MA, 01944
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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http://masspublicnotices.org.

July 19, 2024 MC
July 26, 2024 MC

LEGAL NOTICE



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LAND COURT

3 Pemberton Square, 5th floor,
Boston, MA 02108

DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT

Docket Number: . 24 SM 002575

ORDER OF NOTICE

TO: Christopher Taron a/k/a Christopher H. Taron, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Henry A. Taron, Christopher Taron a/k/a Christopher H. Taron, as Successor Trustee of the Henry A. Taron 2012, Revocable Trust, dated February 28, 2012, Christopher Taron a/k/a Christopher H. Taron, Douglas Taron a/k/a Douglas J. Taron, Kathleen Kinney a/k/a Kathleen T. Kinney

and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 (et seq):

PHH Mortgage Corporation claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Manchester (Manchester by the Sea), numbered 24 Magnolia Avenue, given by Henry A. Taron to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for PHH

Mortgage Corporation dba Liberty Reverse Mortgage, its successors and assigns, dated February 3, 2021, and recorded in Essex County (Southern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 39503, Page 228, and now held by the Plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before 9/2/2024 or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of non-compliance with the Act.

Witness, Gordon H. Piper, Chief Justice of said Court on 6/14/2024

Attest: Deborah J. Patterson
Recorder

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July 28, 2024 MC



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BEVERLY

\$1,375,000 | Shelly Shuka

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