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7th Longevity Bench Walk to Follow the "Sheep's Pasture Loop"

On Wednesday, Aug. 14 at 4 p.m. the Longevity Bench Project will host its Longevity Bench Walk with a tour of Manchester's "Sheep's Pasture Loop Walk." Guiding the walk will be Linda Feuerbach, board member of the Longevity Bench Project and Cheryl Marshall, Director of the Manchester Parks & Recreation Department who will share the history of this area surrounding Essex County Club. Those interested should meet at ME Regional Middle High School parking lot, where they will find the Longevity Bench leaders in bright green T-shirts. This walk is 2.7 miles in total and will start out along Lincoln Street to School Street to Mill Street, enjoying the wooded walk to Forest Street where it joins Summer Street at Sweeney Park, returning to Lincoln St and back to the high school. Hear the heartwarming stories of four Longevity Benches placed along this loop and the history of this unique part of our town. Walkers/riders/strollers of all ages and abilities are welcome to join. 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 that offer a place to rest while taking a walk. Cold refreshment served at Bench #2. More details on this free event a longevitybenchproject.org.

Dianne Bucco Leaves Manchester as Essex Hires a New Town Clerk

This week there's a changing of the guard in the Town Clerk offices of Manchester and Essex. First, Manchester Town Clerk Dianne Bucco is leaving her post to return to her former position as Town Clerk in Wenham. At the same time, the Town of Essex announced it has hired a new Town Clerk after losing the one who joined just three months ago. With a busy election season coming up, the timing for departures and arrivals of town clerks is fraught. In Essex, locals will welcome new Town Clerk Holly Dash on Monday, Sept. 9. She replaces Ann Dunne, who came to Essex only in late April but resigned in July for family reasons. Dunne's last day is this Friday, and Assistant Town Clerk Vickie Cataldo will serve as temporary town clerk until Dash's arrival. In Manchester, pressure to replace Dianne Bucco will be considerable to bridge the gap during a busy time. Interestingly, the towns of Essex and Manchester are set for a relatively large chapter of turnover in municipal positions in the next 18 months. This is a trend statewide that tracks with Baby Boomers and retirement. Consider this Manchester Town Administrator Gregory Federspiel will retire in 2025. So will Essex Police Chief Paul Francis. Nancy Hammond will retire from Manchester's Council on Aging next year. And, in January 2026, MBTS Harbormaster Bion Pike is also set to retire, but with all the pressures of the job, word is he may say fare well to Manchester earlier (say it isn't so, Bion!)

Lobster on the Harbor Aug. 25

We'll have more details next week, but early word from the Manchester Masons and the Amaral-Bailey American Legion Post 113 is that the "Lobster on the Harbor" extravaganza returns on Sunday, Aug. 25. See the Scott Energy Bulletin, Page 6.



SAY CHEESE!
At Saturday's Festival by the Sea in Manchester, two youngsters brought a large snake from the Cape Ann Vernal Pond booth into their social media feed, posing for selfies while offering a series of animated expressions for the camera. The community event went off without a hitch and was well attended despite the heat. See more photos, Page 5.

History-Making Housing Legislation: What Does it Mean for MBTS and Essex?

"By Right" Accessory Dwelling Units, funding to rehab and expand low-income housing are part of \$5.16 billion bill.

By Erika Brown

This week, Massachusetts Governor Maura Healey signed a landmark housing bill into law described as "the most ambitious legislation in Massachusetts history" to tackle the state's greatest challenge - housing costs.

The Affordable Homes Act and related initiatives will support the production, preservation and rehabilitation of more than 65,000 homes statewide over the next five years. The legislation authorizes \$5.16 billion in spending over the next five years along with 49 policy initiatives to counter rising housing costs caused by high demand and limited supply.

"Today we are taking an unprecedented step forward in building a stronger Massachusetts where everyone can afford to live," said



On Tuesday in Newton, Mass. Gov. Maura Healey signed a landmark \$5.16 billion housing bill that ushered in needed funding to address housing costs and makes by-right, ADUs legal statewide.

Photo: Joshua Qualls

Governor Healey. "What the Affordable Homes Act represents is our ability to come together and address our toughest challenges."

Key spending authorizations and policy changes include allowing accessory dwelling units ("ADUs"), unprecedented investment in modernizing the state's public housing system, boosts

to programs that support first-time homebuyers and homeownership, incentives to build more housing for low to moderate-income residents and convert vacant commercial space to housing, and encourage green housing initiatives.

"By Right" ADUs are Here
Despite the unprecedented

ed funding focused on housing production, one of the biggest potential areas of impact for the Affordable Homes Act is a new, statewide allowance of "by right" accessory dwelling units—"ADUs"—that are less than 900-sq ft as long as they are located on single-family zoned lots.

Often referred to as in-law

apartments, ADUs can be attached or detached from a single-family home and often take shape as a basement or attic conversion, a cottage in a backyard or a bump-out addition to a home. This new policy replaces a patchwork of zoning regulations across the state with a uniform law that allows homeowners on single-family lots to add these small units without needing a special permit or variance unless they want to add more than one.

Construction of ADUs would still be subject to local building codes and zoning laws governing things like setbacks and reasonable parking requirements.

This change will be significant in Manchester, where homeowners seeking to construct an ADU face a type of Catch 22. First, ADUs require a special permit (formally seeking special consideration by the Zoning Board) but homeowners are not eligible to apply unless their dwelling is on a double-sized lot. For many, that defeats the purpose.

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Margaret Noonan Driscoll Appointed a Trustee of the Cape Ann Savings Bank

This week the Cape Ann Savings Bank announced it has appointed Manchester resident and former three-term Select Board member Margaret "Muffin" Noonan Driscoll as a Trustee of the bank.

The appointment was made by unanimous vote at the July 24 quarterly meeting of the bank's Board of Trustees.

Muffin is a strong believer in the 178-year-old bank's mission of supporting and giving back to its communities and currently serves as a Corporator of Cape Ann Savings Bank, a position she has proudly held since 2019.

Also, Muffin has served professionally in banking, having worked for the Warren Five Cents Savings Bank for more than 10 years. Many, many local families, however, know Muffin for the two decades working in the Manchester-Essex Regional School District after she left the banking industry. Today, Muffin works at Bishop Fenwick High School in Peabody, where she works closely with the dean of students.

Marianne Smith President of Cape Ann Savings Bank states, "Margaret 'Muffin' Driscoll has many



of the characteristics that we look for in a Trustee. She is deeply dedicated to the Manchester Community as exhibited by amongst other things, her years of service on the Manchester Affordable Housing Trust and the Manchester Board of Selectman. She is a lifelong resident and worked in the community for many years, and as an added bonus, she has past banking experience. Muffin grew up with long standing roots in Manchester-by-the-Sea and holds true to the cornerstones set forth by her family of hard work, public service, and generosity."

That's true. Muffin has dedicated herself to improving the lives of others and giving back to the local community. She sits on the board of directors at Action Inc., and is the Board Secre-

tary, is a founding member of the Hooper Fund's Board of Directors and has volunteered her time to serve several local non-profit organizations.

In addition to community volunteering, Muffin has held various leadership positions on the Manchester-by-the-Sea municipal boards. She is the former vice chair of the Manchester Select Board, having served from 2011-2020. In 2016, as a member of the Select Board, Driscoll was appointed to the Manchester Affordable Housing Trust, a position that she continued long after she retired from the Select Board as a trusted member who offered continuity and a valued link between the town's top board and the affordable housing committee.

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Weekly Weather Chart

Saturday 10 Aug		80°	68°
Sunday 11 Aug		79°	64°
Monday 12 Aug		75°	60°
Tuesday 13 Aug		77°	61°
Wednesday 14 Aug		68°	62°
Thursday 15 Aug		66°	63°
Friday 16 Aug		68°	64°

Weather data pulled Wednesday and is subject to change.



Gavel to Gavel This Week's Town Meetings

Manchester Town Hall is open to the public. Public hours are 9 a.m. - 4:45 p.m. Monday through Wednesday and 9 a.m. - 6:15 p.m. on Thursday.	Essex Town Hall hours are Monday through Thursday 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Essex BOS Monday, August 12 6 p.m.
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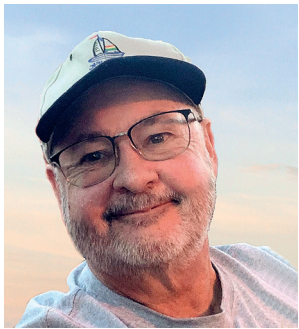
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Obituaries

The Cricket publishes obituaries weekly here for readers, and online for all. If an obituary cannot be published in time for a service, we will post the notice to our website (thecricket.com) and Facebook page (facebook.com/TheManchesterCricket).

Evan F. Tarr



Evan F. Tarr of University Place, Washington, formerly of Manchester-by-the-Sea,

Massachusetts passed on February 1, 2024. He was 69 years old.

Evan was a devoted husband to Donna McGaffigan Tarr of 42 years and father to Elizabeth A. Tarr, Kathryn T. Bickford (James) and predeceased daughter Margaret N. Tarr. He was a proud "Grumpy" to Hayes, Evan, and James Margaret "Meggy" Bickford. He loved being a grandfather and took his role as Grumpy quite seriously.

Evan was born February 23, 1954 in Lynn, Massachusetts to Edward and

Elizabeth Tarr and was the youngest brother of Eileen, Edward, and Eric Tarr. Evan was raised in Arlington and summered in Rockport, MA. He graduated from North Cambridge Catholic High School, and Wentworth Institute of Technology with a BS in Computer Science. He served in the United States Coast Guard with an honorable discharge. Evan had a 35-year career at Axcelis Technologies in Beverly, MA where he served as Chief Automation Engineer before his retirement in June 2022.

Evan was an avid sailor with his brother, Ted, on their 30-foot Pearson Flyer aptly named, TARR-IFIC. Summers were spent at the family beach cottages in Rockport and Scituate. Evan loved Long Beach, sailing, and Fried Clams. He will be

remembered for his stubbornness, integrity and the love he had for his family.

Evan is survived by his wife, two daughters, and grandchildren. He is also survived by his brothers Edward (Ted) F. Tarr, (Darlene), Eric (Ricky) F. Tarr, (Sandra), and brother-in-law John (Jack) F. McGaffigan, (Patricia), as well as nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, August 20, 2024 at Tucks Point, 12 Tucks Point Rd., Manchester-by-the-Sea, MA. A collation will follow. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his name to Wellspring House, 302 Essex Avenue, Gloucester, MA 01930. Please see www.McGaffiganFuneral.com

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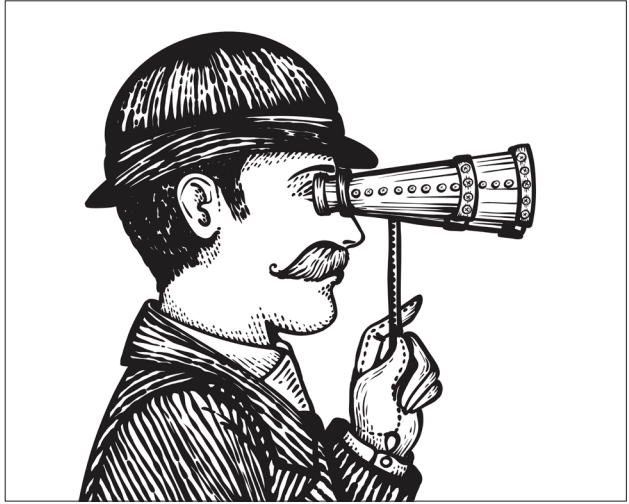
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MANCHESTER POLICE NOTES



animal complaint, gone on arrival. 1:19 p.m. Route 128NB, motor vehicle stop, written warning.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 31

9:15 a.m. Forest St., citizen assist, spoken to. 9:56 a.m. Raymond St., motor vehicle stop, citation issued. 5:39 p.m. School St., motor vehicle stop, written warning. 9:02 p.m. Route 128SB, motor vehicle stop, written warning.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 1

8:11 a.m. Pleasant St., citizen assist, assisted as needed. 12:48 p.m. Summer St., parking complaint, spoken to. 5:39 p.m. Nortons Point, fire alarm, fire false. 11:15 p.m. Summer St., fire investigation, fire false.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 2

10:20 a.m. Ashland Ave., fire

investigation, fire confirmed. 12:08 p.m. Newport Park Rd., house lockout, assisted as needed. 1:34 p.m. Summer St., motor vehicle crash, transported to hospital. 9:43 p.m. Brook St., noise complaint, spoken to.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3

10:03 a.m. Summer St., animal complaint, secured/checked. 1:41 p.m. Beach St., community policing, secured/checked. 2:17 p.m. Summer St., alarm, secured/checked. 4:42 p.m. Union St., parking complaint, written warning.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4

10:44 a.m. Black Beach, directed patrol, secured/checked. 12:02 p.m. Coolidge Point, animal complaint, assisted as needed. 2:00 p.m. Elm St., fire alarm, fire false. 7:28 p.m. Walker Rd., motor vehicle stop, written warning.

MONDAY, JULY 29
6:38 a.m. Beach St., directed patrol, secured/checked. 12:13 p.m. Summer St., citizen assist, assisted as needed. 5:03 p.m. Route 128SB, disabled motor vehicle, assisted as needed. 6:26 p.m. Beach St., animal

complaint, notification made.

TUESDAY, JULY 30

12:08 a.m. Moses Hill Rd., noise complaint, secured/checked. 4:55 p.m. Beach St., alarm, secured/checked. 8:03 p.m. Blossom Lane,



linging heat and humidity. That was good news for the 40-or-so visitors from the Chelsea Veterans Home who journeyed up to Manchester for the annual veteran's picnic hosted by the Amar-Bailey American Legion Post 113. Todd Crane and his kitchen crew prepared lobster rolls and chowder and residents of the veteran's home enjoyed good food, some afternoon BINGO, and, perhaps best of all, a boat ride around the harbor, thanks to the Manchester Yacht Club and the new Manchester town launch service.

Photo: Erika Brown



Ahoy There Veterans!

Monday was a picture-perfect day after a weekend of chal-

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She did this as the Affordable Housing Trust was developing an ambitious, but ultimately challenging, plan to secure development partners in the private or non-profit sectors to renovate and expand capacity at Manchester's three subsidized properties: Newport Park, The Plains, and Loading Place Road. She continues today as a volunteer on that committee. A graduate of Manchester High School, Margaret received a certificate in paralegal studies through Salem State College. She and her husband reside in Manchester-by-the-Sea and are the proud parents of their two adult children and adoring grandparents to their one-year-old granddaughter.

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Project Updates

By Gregory T. Federspiel

Often people assume that work slows a bit in the summer but not so for municipalities. Construction activity usually picks up and as an oceanside community the Town is busiest this time of year, which often means more work for our public safety staff. A series of projects have been completed, are underway, or are about to be started.

Voters approved redoing the water main on Pleasant Street. This work will be getting underway in the next week or so, beginning with the installation of temporary by-pass piping that will provide water to all homes impacted while the new permanent pipe is installed. One-way traffic will be maintained but any through traffic is encouraged to use a different route.

Installation of the new sewer and water lines that will serve the Limited Commercial District on the north side of Route 128 will also start in the next few weeks, also by first laying down bypass pipe in preparation for putting new water and sewer mains underground. Residents along Forest and Mill Streets will be inconvenienced at times as this work progresses over the next few months. The project is being funded by a \$3.5 million MassWorks grant.

The pickleball courts finally have in place new sound barriers to better contain the noise of paddle against ball. Managing the noise from this new popular sport is an emerging field and we were able to take advantage of new products that have

come onto the market. The barriers have lowered the sound from the courts from 61 decibels down to 45 decibels (dBA) as measured with all courts in use pre and post barrier installation. The logarithmic decibel scale means sound intensity changes by a factor of 10 for every 10-point change. While not providing 100 percent noise attenuation, the barriers have lowered the impact of the courts. Players can further contribute by being mindful of not yelling and using paddles and balls that are designed to be quieter.

The Town's new fire ladder truck will be arriving before the end of the month. The Fire Department has been fortunate to have been able to borrow trucks from nearby communities while we await the delivery of the new apparatus. Once here the new piece should provide some 25 years of service to the Town. We set aside funds yearly to have money available to acquire replacement trucks according to the schedule that has been developed.

The Planning Board gave approval to the proposed renovation to the Rotunda at Tuck's Point. This follows the public review of the various options and the input received on the preferred design option. The proposal is to raise the walkway and the Rotunda in its current location to better withstand storms and rising sea levels. We hope to secure grant funding over the winter allowing us to undertake the construction in 2025.

Reviews are almost complete on the proposed new

floats for commercial fishing boats off Morss Pier as well as for expanded transient docks off Reed Park. Together the added floats will help ensure a vibrant harbor and an enhanced revenue stream for future dredging needs. The fishermen and the local business community have been strong supporters of the project. Grant funds should cover most if not all costs. Actual construction is slated for 2025.

A third project that is in the final stages of review is the reconstruction of the Central Street Culvert and dam. This project has been in the works for many years. Full grant funding for the \$6+ million project is secured, and we should have all the necessary permits and landowner permissions in hand in another couple of months. This major construction project will get underway in the fall of 2025 and will require re-routing traffic via Pleasant Street. Much more to come on this project as the construction start date draws nearer.

Lastly (for now!) two important studies will be getting underway shortly. Pilot testing of filtering systems will be done at the Lincoln Street well and at the Gravely Pond Water Treatment Plant to determine the best approach for removing the low levels of PFAS we have in our drinking water.

The results of the tests will determine the final design of the removal measures we will be taking. Geotechnical studies up at the old compost site off upper School Street will set the stage for design work of a possible new DPW garage to replace the very tired facility we have on Pleasant Street.

Moving the DPW garage frees up the current site for possible new uses.



BOARD UPDATES

Planning Board Meeting: The Planning Board will meet on Monday, August 12 at 6:30 p.m. Meeting details will be posted on the Town website.

Roadwork Alert: DPW will begin Pleasant Street water main work on Monday, August 12. Work will be conducted Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. and is expected to be completed late fall 2025.

Music in the Park: The next concert in Masconomo Park will be ME Tuesday, August 13 from 6-8 p.m. Come down and enjoy summer fun by the sea!

State Primary Early Vot-

ing: The State Primary will be held on Tuesday, September 3 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Memorial School. Early voting will be held from August 24-30 at Town Hall. Check the Town website for specific times.

Special Town Meeting: Save the Date! The Fall Special Town Meeting date has been set and will be held on Monday, November 18 at 6:30 p.m. at the Manchester Essex Regional High School. Residents will be asked to vote on MBTA Zoning along with other potential Town matters.

Job Openings: The Town is seeking applicants for a Town Clerk, Assistant Town Clerk, Land Use Clerk, and Call Fire Fighters. Job de-

scriptions and application process can be found on the Town Website.

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

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

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WHAT WAS HAPPENING

90 YEARS AGO - 1934

There is this summer, a threat that the stately elms that ornament our streets will all be destroyed if the utmost vigilance is not used in guarding them. From Washington comes the word that the Eastern elms are being killed at the alarming rate of two hundred a day.

Escaping gas nearly killed a maple tree in front of Thomas Baker's home on Pleasant Street extension a short while ago. Technicians of the North Shore Gas Company are trying to save the tree by inserting chemicals into the ground.

75 YEARS AGO - 1949

Allen "Tyke" Needham, Jr., of Vine Street was stricken last week with infantile paralysis, but at this writing we are very pleased to report that he is much improved.

A record catch of striped bass was made Friday evening off Singing Beach by Roy Nelson of Magnolia, the fish weighing 41 pounds 14 ounces. It's the largest of its kind ever landed locally, as far as is known.

60 YEARS AGO - 1964

Next week will be "Tournament Week" at the playground. Boys' tournaments will include junior tennis singles and junior and intermediate horseshoes and ping pong. Girls' tournaments will be conducted in junior ping pong and horseshoes.

The Gloucester-Manchester Union Band will present the fifth of the Manchester outdoor civic concerts at Masconomo Park on Sunday, August 16, at 7 p.m. with Russell N. Williams conducting.

45 YEARS AGO - 1979

A giant bluefin tuna, weighing 812 lbs. and measuring 9 ft. 4 in., was caught from Richard Burgess' "Scotia Boat" on Sunday morning. The giant tuna was harpooned by Jeffrey Burgess and fought by Kevin Doucette for 55 minutes before it was brought aboard.

In addition to the recently enacted By-law requiring Board of Health approval for keeping more than four animals of one species, it is the policy of the Board of Health to require a permit to keep animals other than house-

hold pets.

30 YEARS AGO - 1994

The Department of Public Works has recently received numerous calls about recyclables left on the sidewalk and the primary problem seems to be bottles and cans. Please remember to rinse and remove any foil or plastic around the top of bottles or jars, and to remove labels from cans. Dogs on Town Beaches have become a serious nuisance. The Board of Selectman has directed the Police Chief and Animal Control Officer to vigorously enforce the Town by-laws.

15 YEARS AGO - 2009

On Wednesday, August 5, Manchester Summer Playground hosted an annual kids favorite "Foam Day". We cordoned off a corner of Masconomo Park and kiddies were able to frolic in the wet and slippery fireman's foam from a ladder truck supplied by the Manchester Fire Department.

Fifty-seven anglers participated in the Manchester Harbor Boat Club's 16th annual family fishing tournament held July 31.



Gordon MacDougall being presented the Boston Post Cane and a Select Board proclamation honoring him as the oldest Manchester-by-the-Sea resident in 2024. Doing the honors are Todd Crane, President of the Manchester Elder Brethren and Select Board members, John Round and Catherine Bilotta. (Courtesy Photo)

Tides & Sun Chart For The Week Ahead

DATE	HIGH				LOW				RISE	SET
	AM	FT	PM	FT	AM	FT	PM	FT		
9 Fri	3:03	9.2	3:24	9.0	9:31	1.0	9:50	1.2	5:42	7:54
10 Sat	3:42	8.9	4:01	9.0	10:10	1.3	10:35	1.4	5:43	7:52
11 Sun	4:24	8.4	4:41	9.0	10:51	1.6	11:23	1.6	5:44	7:51
12 Mon	5:11	8.0	5:26	8.9	11:35	1.9			5:45	7:50
13 Tue	6:04	7.7	6:18	8.9	12:16	1.7	12:26	2.1	5:46	7:48
14 Wed	7:04	7.5	7:15	8.9	1:14	1.7	1:22	2.2	5:48	7:47
15 Thu	8:09	7.5	8:16	9.1	2:14	1.6	2:21	2.2	5:49	7:45

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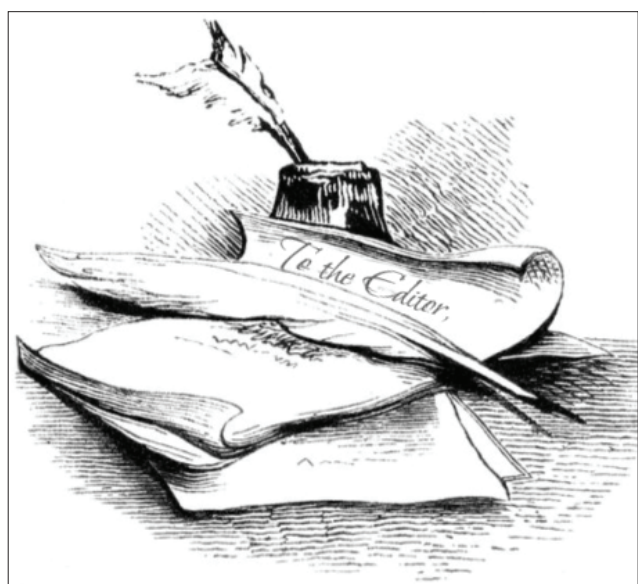
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Great Showing of Support for This Year's Friends of Library Book Sale

To the Editor,

A big thank you to the many townspeople who came out to the Friends of the Manchester Library Book Sale on Saturday during Festival by the Sea. The Book Sale was a success with lots of books and puzzles being scooped up by young and old alike--all for the right price and for a great cause.

The Book Sale would not have run as well without a stellar group of volunteers who worked tirelessly setting up on Friday and working throughout the day on Saturday. Thank you! And thank you to all the townspeople who donated

books for the sale in June. It works because of you all!

For those who missed the sale and would like to support the library's collection and programs through the Friends of the Manchester Library, head to our section of the public library's website (manchesterpl.org) to contribute to the worthwhile program.

Leslie Schoenherr
Chair, Friends of the Manchester Library Book Sale

Remembering the First Atomic Bomb Dropped, on Hiroshima, Japan

As I write this, today (Tuesday, August 6, 2024), 79 years ago, at 8:15 a.m. Ja-

pan time, which would have been 7:15 p.m., Monday in the United States, the first atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima, Japan. Three days later, another atomic bomb was dropped on Nagasaki, Japan, followed by Japan's unconditional surrender on 15 August 1945.

The heartwarming and moving celebration marking the 80th anniversary of the D Day invasion, begs the question of what is being planned for the 80th anniversary of the end of World War II in Europe, May 2025, and in the Pacific in August 2025. No doubt there are plans afoot, but sadly the number of people who were there at the time is rapidly dwindling.

Peter G Eschauzier
Manchester-by-the-Sea

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LIBRARY NEWS



The weather was hot but the tunes were cool, thanks to Ants on a Log.

Courtesy image

This week, the Manchester by the Sea Public Library is hosting many events, including cookie making with the Cookbook Club, a program on a Guide to Maine for Stephen King fans, Tai Chi, an end-of-summer reading party for children, and more.

Calling All Local Artists
It's the Second Annual "Falling for Art Exhibit and Sale," October 18-20, 2024. Artists are invited to submit three to five digital jpeg images by September 30. Photos must be labeled: "Last Name-First Name-Title of the Piece-Price." Fifty percent of the proceeds benefit The Friends of the Manchester Library.

MBTS Library Summer Hours
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.

Cookbook Club
Tuesday, August 20 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. August's pick is "Dories's Cookies," by Dorie Greenspan. Register for a recipe from the cookbook online or take out a cookbook. Please register so we know how much cutlery to have on hand.

Maine Destinations for Stephen King Fans (Virtual)
Tuesday, August 20 from 7-8 p.m. Author Sharon Kitchens will discuss her new book, "Stephen King's Maine: A History & Guide."

Diversity Matters Book Group
Tuesday, August 27, from 6-7 p.m. We will be reading the last 300 pages of "Malcolm X: A Life of Reinvention," by

Manning Marable.

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
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. (NOTE, no meeting August 27)

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 EVENTS:
Borel Bookie Birthday Bash

Friday, August 16 from 11 a.m. to 12 noon. Come celebrate Ron Borel's birthday at the library with books and cookies. Mr. Borel was a wonderful friend to the Library for many years, so each year we celebrate his legacy with a fun birthday event. Each child who attends will select a book to be donated in Mr. Borel's name to the children and teen collections. After selecting which book you think should be available to all the kids in the community, you'll decorate and sign your name to the book plate.

End of Summer Reading Party
Thursday, August 22 from 2-3 p.m. Celebrate the end of summer reading with treats, games, face painting and more. Everyone is welcome.

Community Game Night
Thursday, August 15 from 4-6 p.m. Come on by with your game face on, all ages welcome and snacks provided. You can bring your own game to share or play one of ours.

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



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Enterprising young ladies on Walker Road were giving away "free" lemonade and were gladly accepting donations. They raised over \$250 for Cape Ann Animal Aid. Great community spirit.

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Festival by the Sea 2024!

It was hot. It was sunny. It was a more than a little muggy. But a record number of visitors and locals turned out Saturday for Festival by the Sea 2024. Sponsored by the Greater Cape Ann Chamber of Commerce and the Town of Manchester, the town-wide event featured more than 100 artisans and craftspeople, 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. The whole of downtown turned on, creating a vibe that encouraged exploring all the great things that Manchester has to offer. Garden Party at the newly renovated Trask House. The annual Book Fair at the Manchester Library. The Fair by the Sea sale at First Parish Church. The music, outdoor food and shopping! Congrats to the organizers for another great year!



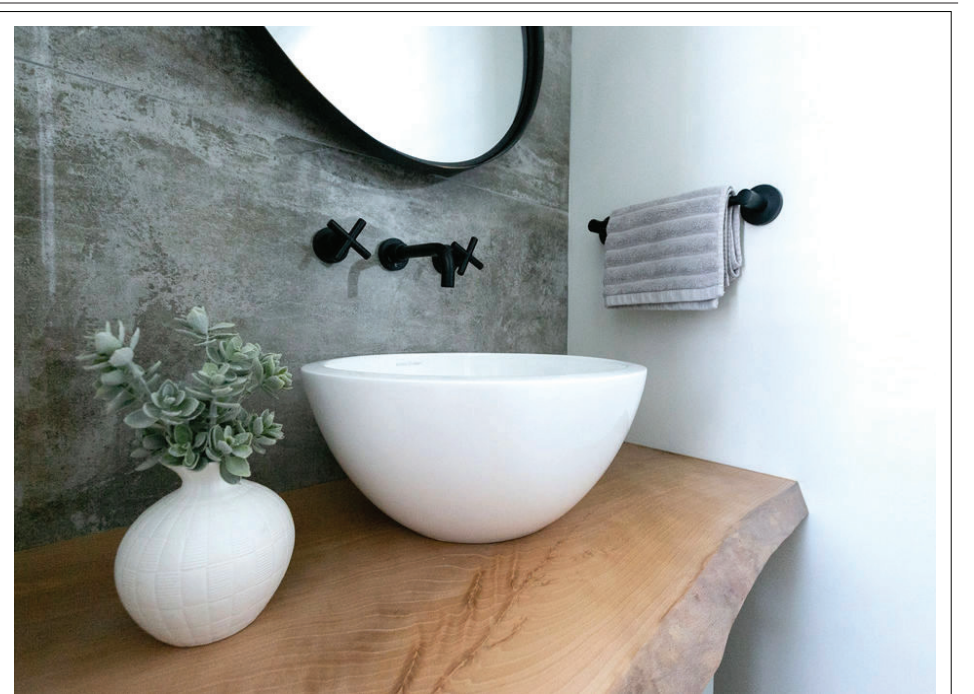
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Wish You Were Here” by Pulitzer Prize Winner Starts Aug. 9 at Gloucester Stage



The cast of *Wish You Were Here*. From left, Cerra Cardwell, Aryanna Asefirad, Isan Salem, Deniz Khateri, and Josephine Moshiri Elwood. Courtesy images

The Gloucester Stage Company's third production in its 45th anniversary season opens on August 9, and it's "Wish You Were Here" by Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright Sanaz Toossi.

Recipient of the prestigious Edgerton Foundation New Play Award, this captivating production is directed by Melory Mirashrafi and will run through Sunday, August 25.

Combining "breathtaking humanity" with "cutting wit," the play is an enlightened comedy that chronicles a decade of life among a circle of tight-knit girlfriends in 1980s Iran. These best friends find themselves searching for the bond that once defined them as they gather to plan weddings, share intimate moments, and trade witty banter, their lives are set against the backdrop of a country in turmoil, where protests and political unrest threaten to disrupt their sense of normalcy. In the end, the play explores delicate themes of friendship, identity, and the complex choices individuals

must make in the face of uncertainty.

The production at Gloucester Stage features a cast of women with Iranian heritage who are making their debuts on Cape Ann: Isan Salem starring as Zari, Deniz Khateri as Nazanin, Aryanna Asefirad as Rana, Cerra Cardwell as Shideh and Josephine Moshiri Elwood as Salme.

The show, which has been undergoing rehearsals for several weeks at Gloucester Stage, is directed by Melory Mirashrafi.

"After I finished reading *Wish You Were Here*, I felt like I met my oldest friends onstage playing through a decade of our lives together," said Rebecca Bradshaw, Gloucester Stage's artistic director. "They are messy and hilarious, but there are also daunting realities seeping through these women's curtains ready to infect their fragile bonds. Sanaz has a way of making you feel like you have a seat on the couch next to her characters while layering in an authentic world that you may never experience as an American. We get the op-



portunity to see friends consider emigrating before they are labeled immigrants. But first, we get to lift up a group of women through all of their beauty, ridiculousness, and pain. We are honored to be able to present the regional premiere of this powerful play to the Gloucester Stage audiences."

"*Wish You Were Here* is an exploration of what it is to be an Iranian woman across time and geography. The

women of the play are bright, hilarious, flawed, and live undoubtedly within the context of one another. There is an elegance to the simplicity of the language, and a brand of unapologetic comedy cut with immeasurable yearning that is distinctly Iranian, yet undeniably human," shared Director Melory Mirashrafi. "Every time I read *Wish You Were Here*, I see photographs of my mom and her four sisters from the seventies and

eighties: Getting married, plucking hairs, trading advice, growing older, and for some, eventually leaving. They are a compilation of each other, making their migration not just an absence of the place they left behind, but the people."

The regional premiere of "Wish You Were Here" features scenic design by Lindsay Fuori, costume design by Karen J. Gilmer, lighting design by Amanda Fallon,

sound design by Bahar Roy-ae, and prop design by Emme Shaw. The production's dramaturg is Vahdat Yeganah. All performances, unless noted, are Wednesday and Thursday at 7:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday at 3 p.m. at Gloucester Stage Company, located at 267 East Main Street, Gloucester.

Tickets are now on sale and available at GloucesterStage.com.

Out & About on Cape Ann

Annie Brobst with Charlie Weld Aug. 30 at The Cut

On August 30, Manchester's Charlie Weld will be part of the featured duo "Annie Brobst with Charlie Weld" at The Cut in Gloucester.

Based in Boston and raised in Ohio, Annie Brobst was the 2023 New England Music Awards' Female Performer of the Year across all music genres and has accumulated

nearly 20 local awards as a Country Singer/Songwriter here in the Northeast.

She's notable for adding a feminine touch to a bro-country sound with an undeniable stage presence. With songwriting influences like Ashley McBryde, Old Dominion, Miranda Lambert, and Jason Isbell, Annie's last album "Where We Holler" peaked at



Charlie Weld. courtesy Image

#2 on the US iTunes Country Album Chart just below Carrie Underwood for the week, which is unprecedented for

an independent artist. The album was described as "nothing short of a love letter to country music" by Worcester

Magazine. She's been on the big stages at Taste of Country Music Festival in Hunter NY, Country Jam Colorado, and Headwaters Country Jam in Montana as well as here locally at Big Night Live, House of Blues Boston, City Winery Boston, and more. Between touring out west and back at home, she's shared stages with acts like Hardy, Josh Turner, Little Big Town, Kip Moore, Brett Eldredge, and over 40 others.

Charlie Weld, a resident of Manchester, is also a Boston-based singer-songwriter who creates immer-

sive experiences in melodic disguises. She attends the prestigious Berklee School of Music in Boston.

Her storytelling is the heart of her craft and she strives to convey all emotions from love, to loss, to heartache. In the words of Christy Altomare, singer-songwriter and Broadway performer, "I can say with confidence that Charlie is without a doubt one of the most talented students I have had the privilege to teach."

Friday, August 30 | 7:30 p.m. at The Cut in Gloucester. Tickets at thecutlive.com.

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

Arts & Crafts: Tuesdays, 1-3 p.m.: Are you artsy? Do you love to paint, knit,

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

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

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

Technology Assistance,

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

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

Walking Club: FREE, Pass Required* Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays, 9:30-11:30 a.m.: Passes available for the Gordon College Bennett Center indoor walking

track! *Contact Hamilton-Wenham Recreation at 978-468-2178 to register. Transportation is available from CATA (978-283-7916).

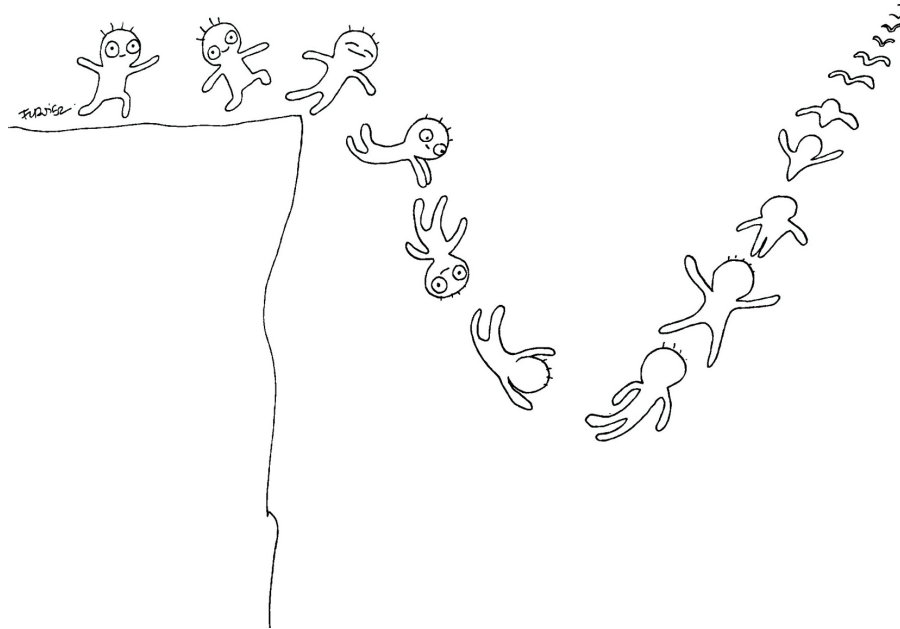
Grab and Go Meals, Mondays & Thursdays, 12 noon (must be picked up by 12:30 p.m.): Monday meals provided by Open Door, Thursday meals provided by Senior Care. Please register two business days in advance - 978-768-7932.

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.

Off at School and Doing Great

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

Sarah Potter of Manchester has been named to the University of Delaware Dean's List for the Spring 2024 semester. To meet eligibility requirements for the Dean's List, a student must be enrolled full-time and earn a GPA of 3.5 or above (on a 4.0 scale) for the semester. From its roots as a private academy in 1743, the institution today is a research-intensive, technologically advanced university with global impact. The university's alumni tell a story of achievement—from the first class that included three signers of the Declaration of Independence and a signer of the Constitution to a No-



bel Prize-winning scientist, a Tony Award-winning choreographer and the president of the United States.

Approximately 7,000 students received bachelor's degrees in over 100 majors at the University of Massachusetts Amherst's Undergraduate Commencement on May 18 at the university's McGuirk Alumni Stadium. Below is a list of students

from your area who earned a degree. From Essex, Abigail Rose Corrao, Joshua Dobson, Travis J Duncan, Logan P McGrath, and Anna Frances Penelope Penoyer. From Manchester, John Charles Crehan, Madeline Frances Donnellan Valade, Owen Donnellan Valade, Alanna Marie Fitzgerald, Colin Darbyshire Genta, Margaret Qiang Graves, Caroline Jean

Harrington, Bridget Dunlap Miller, Penelope Marsden Rodier, Bridget Caylee Twombly, and Genevieve Rose Young.

Congratulations to all!

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

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If they wanted to create a new living space and they already have a double lot, why not simply subdivide their land and build another small dwelling? For those care about environmental impact, this solution is the wrong option.

ADUs are seen as a powerful, easy way to alleviate housing pressures. They allow valuable rental income for young people starting out or for seniors looking to scale down. They offer added security or companionship for older residents. And they can be a great benefit for handicapped individuals who are seeking "within reach" caregivers.

In 2019, Manchester resident, architect and former Planning Board member Gary Gilbert led a group to study ADU laws and make recommendations to the MBTS Planning Board. That went nowhere, as did two other ADU bylaws proposed at Town Meeting in the last five years.

Tuesday's signing of the Affordable Homes Act ends all that, although even in towns where ADUs are allowed by right, not many actually get built.

Much like Manchester, the majority (74%) of Essex's total housing stock (1,662 units) is comprised of single-family detached homes. The Essex Planning Board, which is currently in the middle of a first ever, multi-year overhaul of the town's comprehensive zoning bylaw, expected "by right ADUs" to

come down from the state. As a result, the board factored the potential impact of ADUs into planning.

Funding to Spur Expanded Affordable Housing

In addition to new policy initiatives and spending authorizations for housing, the Affordable Homes Act authorizes a record \$2 billion for the repair, rehabilitation and modernization of the state's public housing portfolio. Massachusetts has the largest state-funded public housing portfolio in the US, with more than 43,000 units, but it has been underfunded for decades.

This is no more evident than in Manchester.

"We're going to take a hard look at the bill," said Manchester Town Administrator Gregory Federspiel, who added it may take months to understand exactly what the bill means for Manchester.

Whatever it is, though, it's good news. After all, three of Manchester's subsidized housing developments—The Plains, Newport Park, and Loading Place Road—are among the hundreds of subsidized housing properties across the state that have fallen into considerable disrepair. Half of the units at Newport Park and The Plains are second floor walkups, hardly appropriate for the seniors and handicapped who live there.

The Manchester Housing Authority (MHA) and the Affordable Housing Trust (MAHT) have aggressively

pursued strategies to rehab all 84 of Manchester's low-income units, while also trying to double the town's subsidized housing units. But the environment for subsidized housing development has been challenging because the financial math just doesn't work for developers. In five years, three RFPs issued to developers by the MAHT and MHA have yielded no traction.

The good news is the bill programs receiving dramatic increases in authorizations include \$800 million for the Affordable Housing Trust Fund, which doubles the previous authorization, an increase in the Housing Stabilization and Investment Fund to \$425 million and \$275 million for sustainable and green housing initiatives, which is more than four times the previous authorization.

"Manchester certainly qualifies, that's for sure" said Federspiel. And if the Manchester Housing Authority can access some of those funds, all the better.

But what of the production of new, needed units that could offer an option for older seniors to remain in their communities? Right now, downsizing seniors who sell their homes have few options. And if they qualify for low-income housing, the waiting list is long. Very long.

The new bill addresses some of these issues. First, it establishes a new revolving fund to accelerate develop-

ment of mixed-income multifamily housing, called the "Momentum Fund."

This could help initiatives like the Manchester Affordable Housing Trust's plan to expand subsidized housing stocks in town. The Affordable Homes Act authorizes an initial \$50 million for the fund, which will help directly move the needle on the development of housing with funds to bridge financial gaps that have dogged the MAHT's plans for expansion.

Housing's and Economic Development

JD Chesloff of the Massachusetts Business Roundtable said housing is really about economic development. In a recent survey of Roundtable members—CEOs and senior executives from some of the state's largest employers—83% said the state's high cost of living is their greatest competitiveness challenge, and 91% said addressing housing costs by increasing production was the best solution.

"Housing plays a critical role in supporting our local economies and this bill will make a meaningful difference in helping Massachusetts residents to live, work and stay here," agreed Lt. Gov. Kim Driscoll. "Together we understand the importance of investing in housing in order to remain a competitive state."

LIBRARY NEWS

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Fourth and fifth graders participated in a library Summer Book Group and enjoyed games, activities, crafts and snacks related to the graphic novel "Measuring Up" by Lily LaMotte.

The Bookshop: A History of the American Bookstore (Virtual)

Monday, September 9 at 7 p.m. Join author Evan Friss as he discusses his book and the "engaging history of the American bookstore and its central place in American cultural life".

Silver Alert Information Session

Wednesday, August 14 at 5 p.m. Do you worry about the risk of your loved one wandering off? Join the Essex Board of Health to learn more about the Silver Alert Program and about how to register those you care about.

Enjoy a Local Museum

As summer winds down, visit the library or our website for a list of museum passes available to reserve and receive a discount on entry.

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. 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 29

10:12 a.m. Spring St., directed patrol, secured/checked.
1:37 p.m. Pond St., male sick, transported to hospital.
6:43 p.m. Main St., directed patrol, secured/checked.
9:34 p.m. Conomo Point Rd., directed patrol, secured/checked.

TUESDAY, JULY 30

11:32 a.m. Western Ave., selective enforcement, secured/checked. 12:48 p.m. Chebacco Terrace, male sick, transported to hospital. 6:15 p.m. Main St., selective enforcement, other. 10:30 p.m. Spring St., directed patrol, secured/checked.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 3

12:22 a.m. Scotts Way, directed patrol, secured/checked.
1:18 a.m. Main St., selective enforcement, no action taken.
5:56 a.m. Spring St., directed patrol, secured/checked.
6:14 a.m. Centennial Grove Rd., directed patrol, secured/checked.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 1

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FRIDAY, AUGUST 2

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 4

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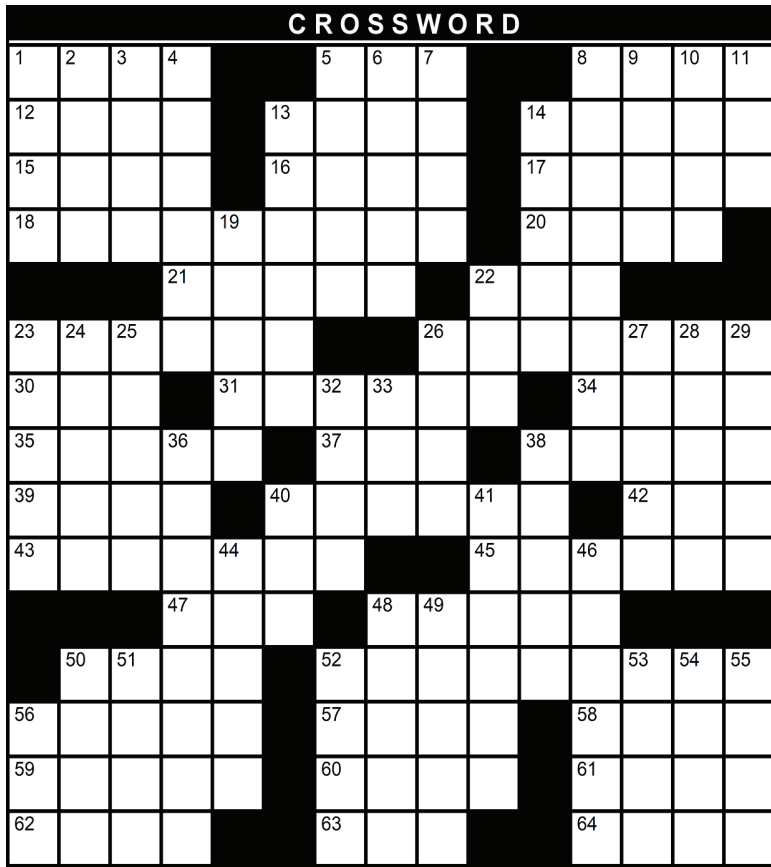
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 14. "M*A*S*H" extra
 15. Soon, to Shakespeare
 16. Sheltered, nautically
 17. *Abacus user, e.g.
 18. *School jacket-wearer
 20. TV classic "Happy ___"
 21. What hoarders do
 22. Speech-preventing measure
 23. *Pencil end
 26. Deep regret
 30. Indian restaurant staple
 31. What cobblers often do
 34. Mother Earth, to Ancient Greeks
 35. Embedded design
 37. ___ Khan
 38. Contending
 39. *Don't forget to cross them
 40. Plural of flora
 42. Rolodex abbr.
 43. Sultry or carnal
 45. *Rydell High School movie
 47. Defensive one on the gridiron
 48. Oodles
 50. *Some PTA members?
 52. *It involves elements
 56. Cuban dance
 57. Burkina Faso neighbor
 58. Opera solo
 59. Boot-shaped European country
 60. Oil org.
 61. Review a service
 62. Say "No!"
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7. Witnessed
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9. ___ Walker, American Girl doll
10. *Inspiration for circular charts, pl.
11. Acronym, abbr.
13. Zimbabwe's capital
14. Address to a woman
19. Nail salon file
22. Toothpaste type
23. *Marks in English
24. Hindu queen
25. "Hannah and Her Sisters" director
26. End of line
27. Yogurt-based dip

Sudoku

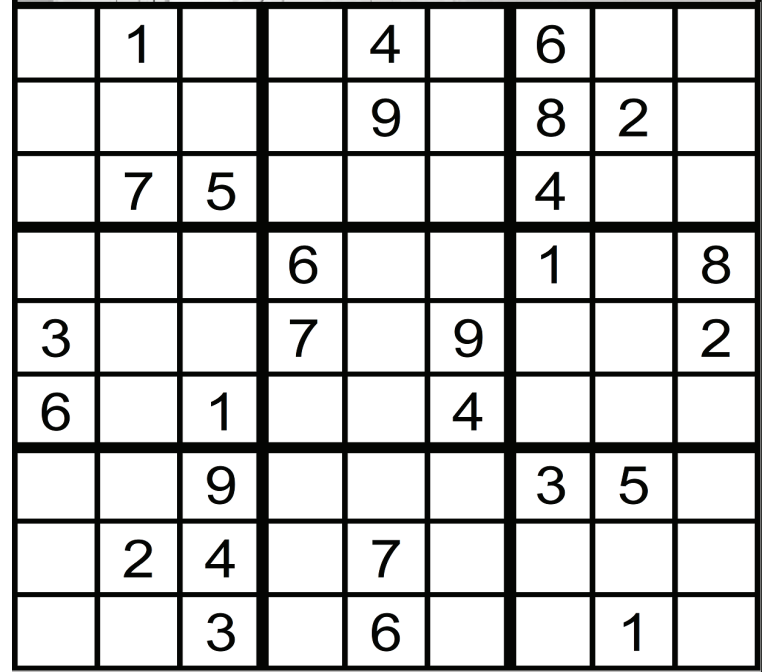
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Solutions on Page 9

28. *Opposite side over hypotenuse, pl.
29. Bald symbol
32. * ___ monitor
33. Bigheadedness
36. *All-school get-together
38. Giuseppe ___ of opera fame
40. Temporary craze
41. Parthenogenetic
44. Recant or retract
46. *English homework, pl.
48. *Circle, e.g.
49. Paparazzi's target
50. Remote control option
51. Middle Eastern sultanate
52. "Follow me!"
53. Genealogy plant
54. Agitate
55. Puppy barks
56. Antonym of keep

Religious Notes

Cornerstone Church

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

serve!

Visitation Parish - Mass Schedule

The Visitation Parish Mass Schedule:

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

Sunday Mass - 8:30 a.m.

St. John the Baptist Church - Saturday Vigil Mass - 5 p.m.

Sunday Mass - 10 a.m.

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

The Assumption of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church
8 Lafayette Road,

Ipswich Mass.

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

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

First Parish Church

Summer Sunday worship has begun, 9 a.m. through Labor Day. First Parish Church Manchester-by-the-Sea - a lovely place to start your

week, join us for a moving message,

beautiful music and community in the center of town - Worship leader, Rev. Katherine Schofield, music led by Dr. Bonnie Anderson, piano and Rebecca Shrimpton, soloist. Monday Friends of the COA Senior Drop in 10 a.m. -12 noon. Tuesday Online Bible Study, Via Zoom 4 p.m., join in with computer, smart device or dial in on a phone from wherever you are - email office.fpchurch@gmail.com or call 978-526-7661 for the link

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CHURCHILL PROPERTIES

266 Cabot St, Unit 7, Beverly | 169 Bay Rd, Hamilton | 49 Union St, Manchester
230 North St, Unit 2, Danvers | 127 Eastern Ave, Gloucester | 1 Merrimac St, Suite 6, Newburyport



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(Surely) Nabby Would Approve

When Abigail “Nabby” Hooper Trask was at the height of her career as a milliner, dry goods retailer, banker, legal notary, and civil servant, she built her stately home on Union Street in downtown Manchester as a stunning mark of her professional success. This was in the late 1800s, when it was unheard of for a single woman without sponsorship or inheritance to achieve independent financial success.

At 35, Nabby married a successful ship captain, Richard Tink, who moved into her home, and they had a son. When she died at 96, Nabby was the oldest and most revered citizen in Manchester. Last year, during its 100th anniversary celebration, the Manchester-by-the-Sea Museum set out to raise funds to re-construct an original entry portico feature which had been original to Nabby’s Trask House. After several weeks of work the portico was complete, and it’s offered a remarkable change to the look and feel of the Trask House.

Want to learn more about Abigail Hooper Trask? Read Kory Curcuro’s profile of her, “Abigail Trask: Manchester’s Boss Lady” on thecricket.com.

Photo: Paul Clark

Knights of Columbus Food Drive for The Open Door Continues



Manchester Council 1232 Knights of Columbus (KoC) reports that the food drive it began in 2018 to benefit The Open Door Food Pantry of Gloucester and Ipswich continues and has intensified. The need for nutritious food is always present, but the need on Cape Ann is greater now than ever before.

Fred Johnson, KoC’s liaison to The Open Door Food Pantry and a volunteer with his wife Valerie said, “Food insecurity is as present in the summer and fall as in the winter. Record high inflation and food prices are straining food budgets and pointing families to The Open Door’s welcome.”

All are encouraged to leave food donations in the designated bins in the garage on Friend Street behind Sacred Heart Church in Manchester. Drop-off food drive benefiting The Open Door Food Pantry is non-stop 24/7.

Since the Knights’ food drive began in 2018, a total of 10,558 pounds of food have been collected for The Open Door. In the last 18 months \$1,800 has been donated to the area food pantry by Masconomo Council 1232.

Open Door’s Mobile Market served 3,289 individuals with 187,000 pounds of fresh fruit and vegetables. This equals 77,400 visits to the Mobile Market.

- The Open Door’s kitchen served 91,700 community meals. It produced 15,300 summer meals for kids and 6,500 meals that were delivered to residents of Cape Ann.
- The Open Door would not function without the dedicated volunteers who provided 22,700 hours of their time in 2023.
- The Open Door Food Pantry experienced a 30% increase in the amount of food distributed in the current year 2024 compared to the same period in 2023.

Food items most needed by The Open Door are: Peanut Butter; Canned Tuna, Chicken, Turkey; Healthy Snack Items; Breakfast Cereal; 100% Juice / Juice Boxes; Hearty Soups; Canned Vegetables and Fruits; Spaghetti Sauce; Macaroni & Cheese; Rice; Noodles and Pasta; and Cake, Muffin, and Pancake Mix. (Note: Please no glass items-jars, bottles, etc.)

Knights of Council 1232 transport the donated food to The Open Door Food Pantry weekly. They thank all donors for their generous contributions. This food drive is open-ended and ongoing.

Grand Knight Steve Kuhn said, “This a tangible way to extend a hand of friendship to our neighbors feeling the economic pinch. At a time when prices for food, housing, fuel, and utilities are uncomfortably high and rising, everyone is feeling the pinch. We are glad to help.”

the experience of God’s presence.

LEGAL NOTICE



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

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Manchester-by-the-Sea will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, August 28, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. preceded by a Site Visit at 6:30 p.m.

Location: This is a Hybrid meeting. ZBA Board will meet in Town Hall. Applicants, Presenters, and Public are welcome to join the Board in Room 5 or on zoom.

New Application
Application of the Town of Manchester-by-the-Sea, 10 Central

Street, for a Special Permit under Sections 5.3, 7.2, and 12.5 of the Zoning By-Law to construct an addition to the side of the building extending an existing encroachment into the rear setback and an addition in the front of the nonconforming structure which does not encroach into any setbacks at 10 Church Street, Assessor’s Map 45, Lot No. 23 in District G filed with the Town Clerk on August 6, 2024.

Sarah Mellish, Chair, Zoning Board of Appeals

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

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PET OF THE WEEK



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Tony T-Bone, a 2-year-old domestic shorthair mix, is an incredibly sweet and handsome feline looking for his forever home. He thrives in a calm environment where his adopter understands the importance of giving him the time and space he needs to feel comfortable. With patience and love Tony will undoubtedly become a cherished companion. Tony has really come out of his shell

here at the shelter over time. Consider opening your heart to this gentle soul and watch him blossom. If you think he sounds like a good fit for your home, please fill out an application. Tony is part of our Extended Stay Program and his adoption fee has been waived to help him find a home soon! Visit www.capeannanimalaid.org for more information about Tony T-Bone and all the other animals waiting for homes at the Christopher Cutler Rich Animal Shelter, 4 Paws Lane in Gloucester.

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St. John’s Church Worship:

Every Sunday we hold services at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Child care is available during the 10 a.m. service.

Holy Eucharist at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.

Quaker Meeting

Quakers of the North Shore worship every Sunday from 10-11 a.m. at the Glen Urquhart School: 74 Hart Street, Beverly Farms, Mass. It is an unprogrammed Quaker Meeting. There is no Pastor (or leader) save the spirit of God in and among us. Our worship is primarily silent. When a worshiper is moved, it may include a brief, spoken ministry offered in a ‘spirit of worship.’ Friends gather together quietly, awaiting

the experience of God’s 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 worshipped 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.

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SALEM

\$1,449,900 | Daniel Meegan

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