



**Sunday, September 22: Fall Equinox**  
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**BRIEFLY**

**Week Two Crib Addicts**

The "Crib Addicts" had another fun night of cards at the Legion Tuesday. The skunk hat made its way to several tables tonight. In Week 2, David Slade reclaimed the top spot in the standings. Unfortunately, Bill Bell remains in the cellar after losing to Betsy Nickless. Following Slade in the rankings was Joan Snow, Betsy Nickless, Heather MacDonald, Tina Latassa, Paul Clark, John Bubrowski, Harry Parsons, Jim Chabot, Everett Morss, Ben Conway, Jeanne Stanton, Hala Makowska, Michela Hirnak, Jim O'Neill, Bob Torkildsen, and Billy Bell. Crib Addicts play every Tuesday at 6 p.m., and all skills are welcome.

**Local Business Hosts Fundraising Fair for Non-Profits**

Grand Banks Building Products of Gloucester will host a family-friendly fundraiser next week to benefit local community organizations. "Do Good Day" is scheduled for 11 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 29 at Grand Banks, 7 Crafts Rd. in Gloucester, and will celebrate and support the work of participating Gloucester non-profits, including Backyard Growers, Wellspring House, Cornerstone Creative, and Maritime Gloucester. The event includes live music, face painting, a bounce house, and a food truck. There will be opportunities to have fun, learn about the participating organizations, and contribute to their causes. This is the fourth time the company has hosted this family-friendly fundraiser.

**Friends of MBTS COA's Coffee and Connections**

On Monday, Sept. 30 from 10 a.m. to noon at the First Parish Congregational Chapel (behind Santander Bank) will host a special version of its weekly "Coffee and Connections" social time to mark the second anniversary of this event that started as a simple idea to gather friends to meet up for coffee, chatting, games and to just connect with each other once a week. Since then, about 25-30 core seniors have shown up every week to enjoy each other's company. All are welcome. Come on down!

**Two Lecture Options Thursday**

Oh, how to choose! On Thursday, Sept. 28 in Manchester, two lectures have been scheduled that are each super interesting. First up, the Manchester by the Sea Museum kicks off its lecture season after the summer break when museum associate director Matthew Swindell presents "Manchester vs. the Trolley" at the First Parish Community Hall, 1 Chapel Lane from 6 to 8 p.m. The free lecture will explore the time before the rise of the automobile, when trolleys were a significant force in Massachusetts - but they were banned in Manchester. Then, also on Thursday, Sept. 28 starting at 7 p.m. at the Sacred Heart Parish Hall, 62 School Street, Manchester, the North Shore Horticultural Society kicks off its 125th season with a fascinating speaker, Gretel Anspach, whose talk, "Humans and Their Use of Plants," will look at the history of people before agriculture (hunter-gatherers, nomadic, oceanic) through to the present day. What kind of plants did pre-agricultural people eat in what we now call North America and to what other uses did they put plants in their region? What kind of tools did they use? How have humans learned to improve productivity in North America and around the world? The lecture is free to members, and just \$5 for guests.



**IT'S GO, GO, GO TIME AT THE HAPPY AS A CLAM RACE IN ESSEX!** As an old children's television show song went, "Go, go go! You can't go fast if you go too slow!" That was the theme last Friday for the packed Happy as a Clam Race and Walk, the wildly popular fundraiser held each year by the Essex Elementary School Parent Teacher Organization. These kiddos started the event with the "Fun Dash" before older participants headed out for the 5K run. Food trucks, the Essex Clam mascot and onlookers rounded out the crowds at the Essex Elementary School playground. (Photo: Paul Clark)

## STATE HOUSE NEWS

# Gov Links Clean Energy Reforms To Closeout Budget

**\$714 Mil Supp Also Taps Surtax Revenue, Shifts Savings Strategy**

By Chris Lisinski

Gov. Maura Healey moved Wednesday to use a routine spending bill as a catch-all for a few different big priorities, including clean energy siting and permitting changes that prompted one top Democrat to accuse the governor of "taking sides" in a legislative dispute.

Healey filed a supplemental budget that would close the state's financial books on fiscal year 2024 while also overhauling how Massachusetts approves clean energy infrastructure projects, replenishing a "transitional" savings account, redirecting surtax dollars to close a budget gap, and funding collective bargaining agreements.

The bill proposes \$714 million in spending, which Healey's office said would carry a net cost of \$149 million after accounting for federal reimbursement for the MassHealth program.

But it was a series of policy changes, not appropriations, that raised eyebrows most sharply on Beacon Hill.

Healey included in the closeout supp "several essential and timely provisions" that would streamline the process of siting and permitting clean energy



Photo: Sam Doran

infrastructure, an area that regulators, advocates and industry representatives have all said is in need of reform. She also included language around clean energy procurement.

The permitting and siting changes -- which lawmakers worked with the administration to craft -- anchored bills that both the House and Senate approved. However, Democrat-led negotiators have been unable to agree on whether or how to broaden the scope to include other measures, preventing the bill from getting to Healey.

"While a final bill has not yet reached my desk, these issues remain before a conference committee and I respectfully ask that you consider advancing these items

in the coming weeks so that we can capitalize on the potential to grow our clean energy sector and advance our climate goals," the governor wrote to lawmakers.

Sen. Michael Barrett, the Senate's point person on the topic, called the governor's proposed end-run around the stalled clean energy bill "very disappointing."

"The governor is all but killing the negotiations," Barrett told the News Service. "You can't create an altogether second track that gives one side almost everything it seeks and still claim to be interested in a true compromise."

His counterpart in negotiations, Rep. Jeff Roy of Franklin, offered a more upbeat assessment.

"At the beginning of the session, I filed a bill calling for siting and permitting reform. When I was appointed to the [siting and permitting] commission by the governor and sworn in, as I was talking to her that day, I said, 'Governor, I think this is the most important thing we are

going to do this session,'" Roy said. "I'm not disappointed that she's trying to advance it in another vehicle because I think it needs to be done. I've been working closely with Senator Barrett to try to come to an agreement with the conference committee to get this going. I was confident that we were going to be able to reach an agreement, but failing that, here's another opportunity for us to get something very important and critical for our forward path on achieving our climate goals."

He added, "I don't think doing nothing is the appropriate option here, so in that sense, I'm encouraged by what the governor is attempting to do."

Both branches loaded their versions of the bill with their own policy priorities, and Senate Democrats have insisted it's necessary to counterbalance the siting and permitting changes with measures that would boost regulations on natural gas and provide some relief to ratepayers.

According to Roy, the governor's bill also calls for procuring more energy storage and authorizes regional procurements, both of which he called House priorities.

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**Weekly Weather Chart**

Saturday 21 Sept		63°	58°
Sunday 22 Sept		62°	56°
Monday 23 Sept		62°	51°
Tuesday 24 Sept		63°	48°
Wednesday 25 Sept		64°	56°
Thursday 26 Sept		64°	58°
Friday 27 Sept		64°	58°

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, September 23 6 p.m.

**Essex FinCom**  
Monday, September 23 6:30 p.m.

**Essex Board of Health**  
Monday, Sept 23, 7 p.m.



**Meet Christine Dixon, MBTS' New Town Clerk**

One would imagine the September of a big election year is not the best time for a new Town Clerk. Typically, it's not.

In this way, Manchester is very fortunate, as last week the town officially welcomed Christine Dixon as

its new Town Clerk. Dixon is filling the position vacated by Dianne Bucco, who left Manchester to serve the same role in her hometown of Wenham.

Dixon, who has known Bucco professionally for years, is both a veteran town clerk and someone

with strong local ties. Christina worked in town way back in 2013 at Essen (now the Laughing Gull Cafe) and at Manchester by the Book after she graduated from Gordon College. So she loves this area. Professionally, Dixon brings strong experience to Manchester. She served for four years in the Town Clerk's office in Amesbury and for the last five years, Dixon has been the Assistant Town Clerk for the City of Beverly, which has given her exposure to bigger systems and bigger challenges.

One of Dixon's first orders of business has been to tackle the 2024 election logistics, which includes early voting that will begin in several weeks and continue through Election Day on Tuesday, Nov. 5th.

Dixon lives in Beverly with her husband, who works in communications at the Berklee College of Music.

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# Obituaries

Following a long-standing tradition, The Cricket publishes obituaries as a 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).

## Patricia "Pat" Pierce



Patricia C. Pierce, age 92, passed away peacefully on July 3, 2024 in Haverhill, Massachusetts. Born on April 3, 1932 in Cleveland Heights, Ohio, she lived a life marked by academic achievement and profession-

al excellence. She graduated from Cleveland Heights High School before pursuing higher education at Wellesley College and MIT University, where she earned degrees in architecture.

Patricia dedicated her career to teaching architectural history at Chamberlain Jr. College in Boston. She was recognized for her design of outdoor recreational spaces for children with special needs. Her passion for sustainable living led her to develop a solar building block designed to heat and cool residential as well as commercial buildings with minimal environmental impact. This innovation

gained recognition across the United States and Europe, culminating in a patent in 1993.

Beyond her professional endeavors, Patricia was a lifelong conservationist who cherished the natural world and its preservation. She had a profound connection with the ocean, often spending time by the sea to relax and find peace. Patricia was also an avid painter, focusing on ocean scenes, and enjoyed many hours at the Rockport library. Her love for animals, especially dogs, and the simple joy of listening to birdsong, were integral parts of her life.

Patricia was a beloved mother to her daughter Sarah Pierce and her husband Timothy Braier of Manchester-by-the-Sea. She was a cherished grandmother to Samantha Leary and Lila Braier, and her great-grandchildren, Bennett Maxwell Leary, Lyle George Leary,

and Monty Charles Leary, also survive her. Patricia's love for her family was evident in her frequent thoughtful gestures, such as sending cards for any and every occasion.

She will be dearly missed by her family and friends.

A private service will be held to honor Patricia's remarkable life. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Manchester Essex Conservation Trust, reflecting her lifelong commitment to environmental stewardship. Patricia's legacy of love, creativity, and advocacy for sustainable practices will continue to inspire all who knew her.

We would like to extend our deepest gratitude to the Highpoint House for their tremendous care and support they provided for our family.

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# MANCHESTER POLICE NOTES



2:35 p.m. School St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.  
4:04 p.m. Beach St., citizen assist, spoken to.  
6:18 p.m. Bennett St., suspicious activity, spoken to.

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

6:57 a.m. Lincoln St., animal complaint, notification made.  
11:14 a.m. Bridge St., fire alarm, cleared false alarm.  
2:17 p.m. Bridge St., brush fire, fire confirmed.  
11:11 p.m. Route 128NB, motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

3:08 a.m. Nortons Point, fire alarm, fire false.  
8:46 a.m. Pine St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.  
1:26 p.m. Central St., theft, report to follow.  
2:56 p.m. Arbella St.,

motor vehicle stop, written warning.

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

6:53 a.m. Bridge St., animal complaint, assisted as needed.  
2:45 p.m. Beach St., parking complaint, citation issued.  
5:43 p.m. Summer St., welfare check, spoken to.  
6:18 p.m. Pine St., motor vehicle stop, written warning.

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

5:56 a.m. Summer St., traffic hazard, assisted as needed.  
10:54 a.m. Woodcrest Rd., fire alarm, fire false.  
2:21 p.m. Pleasant St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.  
7:27 p.m. Mill St., motor vehicle complaint, secured/checked.

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

No report.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9  
9:17 a.m. Brook St., animal complaint, secured/checked.  
10:29 a.m. Pine St., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.  
1:00 p.m. Summer St., traffic hazard, assisted as

needed. 9:43 p.m. Route 128SB, motor vehicle stop, criminal application.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10  
12:21 p.m. Central St., fraud/scam, report to follow.

# Summer Reading Rock Stars



MMES Principal John Willis, Summer Reading raffle winner, MMES 2nd grader Ellie Orr, and MERSD Elementary Library teacher, Ms. Samantha Silag. Courtesy Photo

bike shop, Riverside Cycle. The MMES Summer Reading Program is a collaboration between MMES, Cape Ann Savings Bank and the Manchester Public Library, designed to keep MMES students reading during the lazy, hazy days of summer. Congrats to lucky raffle winner and Summer Reading Rock Star Ellie Orr from Ms. Gould's second grade class!

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School is back in session and last week Manchester Memorial Elementary School's students and staff gathered for the year's first schoolwide meeting. MERSD Teacher Ms. Samantha Silag celebrated MMES "Summer Reading Rock Stars" at the meeting,

announcing over 100 students in grades K-5 who read throughout the summer. Students who participated in summer reading programs at the Manchester Public Library or through the school's summer reading program were entered into a raffle for a new bike from local

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"Honest" David Slade runs the arcade at the Knights of Columbus Free Fall Fun Fest Saturday. Participants were entertained by a bouncy house, a covered maze, face painting and the aforementioned games of skill. Hot dogs, hamburgers, cotton candy and snow cones topped off the generosity of the Knights. Photo Paul Clark

## Take the MBTS 2024 Zero Waste Challenge!



Take the MBTS Zero Waste Challenge. (Courtesy Photo)

### Manchester-by-the-Sea, MA

Did you know that the average American throws away an astonishing five pounds of trash per day? We would like to see Manchester residents beat that average on a regular basis, and then some, by reducing, reusing, repurposing, recycling, and composting items that may otherwise wind up in a landfill or worse.

Manchester-by-the-Sea residents are invited to join in on this year's "Zero Waste Challenge" from Saturday, September 21 through Fri-

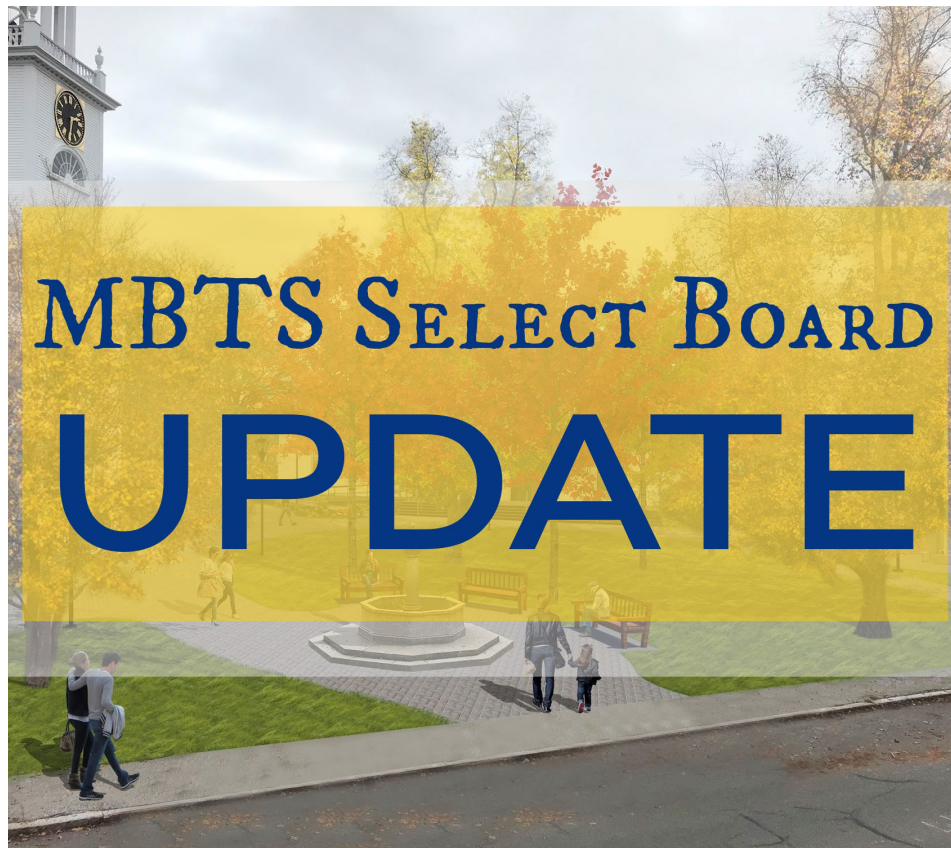
day, September 27. The event includes prizes and fun programs, with the bonus of learning more ways to make a difference ... and the household with the lowest weeklong trash accumulation will receive the honor of being Manchester-by-the-Sea's 2024 Zero Waste Champion!

The Manchester by the Sea Public Library and town's Sustainability Committee are hosting a kick-off event, Saturday, September 21 from 1-3 p.m. with activities and fresh apple cider, and while there, learn tips on living sustainably and proper waste disposal. At the end of the

challenge, participants return to the library on Friday, September 27 between 3-5 p.m. for their official weigh-in and a complimentary dish of Manchester's own Captain Dusty's ice cream.

Event and prize sponsors for this year's event include Essex River Cruises, 7 Seas Whale Watch, Captain Dusty's, Bravo by the Sea, Cider Hill Farm, Unpacked Living, and Black Earth Compost.

Details and the registration forms are available at the Manchester-by-the-Sea Public Library or on the library website [https://bit.ly/mbts\\_zerowaste\\_2024](https://bit.ly/mbts_zerowaste_2024).



### BOARD UPDATES

**MBTA Zoning Public Forum:** Join a public forum to discuss MBTA Zoning on Saturday, September 21 at 10 a.m. on Town Common. Come hear a short presentation on the MBTA Zoning Law followed by a Q & A.

**Planning Board Meeting:** The Planning Board will meet on Monday, September 23 at 6:30 p.m. Meeting details are posted on the Town website.

**Select Board Meeting:** The Select Board will meet next on Tuesday, September 24 at 6:30 p.m. Meeting details are posted to the Town website.

**Annual Flu Clinic:** The Board of Health will host their Annual Flu Clinic on Wednesday, October 9 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at the American Legion. All resi-

dents 18 and up are eligible. Appointment is required. Book today at [manchester.ma.us/337/Board-of-Health](http://manchester.ma.us/337/Board-of-Health).

**Forest and Mill Street Roadwork:** Water main work will continue next week on Forest Street and will continue moving toward Mill Street. Traffic will flow on alternate sides. This project will take approximately three months to complete.

**Pleasant Street Roadwork:** Water main work continues this week. Work will be conducted Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. and is expected to be completed late fall 2024.

**Blasting Notification Request:** Residents can request blasting notifications from Cell Signaling Technologies by visiting [manchester.ma.us/FormCenter](http://manchester.ma.us/FormCenter) and submitting the blasting form.

All other inquiries can be directed to Fire Chief McNeilly at [firechief@manchester.ma.us](mailto:firechief@manchester.ma.us).

**Special Town Meeting:** The Fall Special Town Meeting date 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.

**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

Vegetables took a sudden drop in Manchester yesterday, but it was not in price however, and it came about through an argument that a big truck got into with a very husky tree in West Manchester and while the tree got a bad beating up it came out second best while the truck was completely wrecked.

The Board of Selectman went to Boston on Tuesday and at 2 p.m. met the Commissioner of Public Works in a most important conference concerning the matter of the State assuming the maintenance of the main highway through Manchester.

### 75 YEARS AGO - 1949

Coach Joe Hyland of the Story Six was somewhat disappointed this week as only 15 men reported for the 1949 Story grid squad, but still, he had a note of permission to his voice as he discussed the possibilities of a successful season.

Manchester baseball fans will be treated to a double header Sunday afternoon with the two Manchester teams competing against

the two teams from Beverly Farms, all proceeds for the games going to aid the two Manchester Boys who have been afflicted with the dread disease, polio.

### 60 YEARS AGO - 1964

Approval of the apartment building proposed for Elm Street was withheld Tuesday night by the Board of Selectman pending receipt of an acceptable plan of drainage, sewer facilities, width of road and an 80-foot turnaround or access to Friend Street.

Forty-nine boys registered for the Cub Scout program here at the annual registration at the Scout House last Saturday and 8 den mothers have registered.

### 45 YEARS AGO - 1979

A public hearing was held last Wednesday in Town Hall on the application of Manchester Electric Company for a 7% increase in electric rates, effective August 1, 1979. The premier season game for the Manchester Jr.-Sr. High Hornet eleven was a 37-0 romp over Old Colony a new entry in the Mayflower

League. Old Colony is located in Rochester, Mass, on the South Shore.

### 30 YEARS AGO - 1994

Nearly one hundred family, friends and Comrades were on hand Saturday evening, September 3rd to witness the installation of William Sargent Bell as Commander of Amara-Bailey Post #113, the American Legion. Groundskeeper Peter Bachry has Hyland Field in excellent shape and the new Boosters refreshment stand is all ready to take care of the large crowd expected for the Hornets football season opening contest.

### 15 YEARS AGO - 2009

The Varsity Field Hockey Team is off to a smashing start. The home opener against Ipswich proved to be a display of wonderful stick work and great passing skills. The old gym at MERHS was reduced to a pile of rubble to make room for the school's new playing field and parking area. Demolition of remaining buildings is expected to be completed by the end of next week.

### Tides & Sun Chart For The Week Ahead

DATE	HIGH				LOW				☀️	
	AM	FT	PM	FT	AM	FT	PM	FT	RISE	SET
20 Fri	1:21	11.0	1:42	11.5	7:49	-0.9	8:19	-1.2	6:27	6:44
21 Sat	2:11	10.7	2:31	11.4	8:36	-0.6	9:11	-1.0	6:28	6:43
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~ Leonard Cohen -

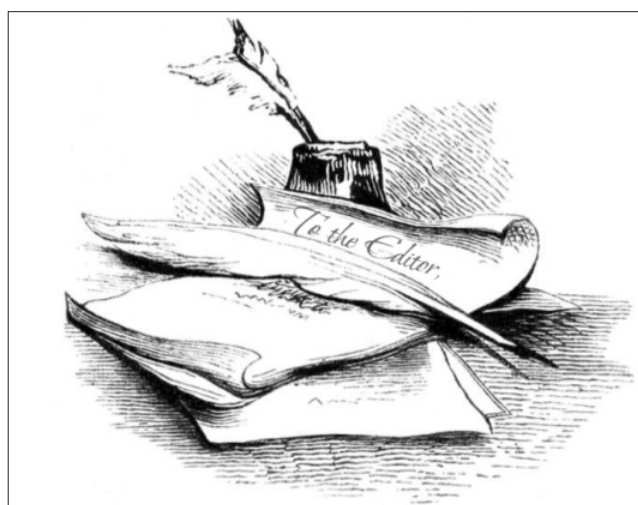
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**Another Great Elder Brethren Picnic**

To the Editor,

I would like to thank all in attendance at this year's 147th Annual Elder Brethren Picnic at the Chowder House at Tuck's Point. I'd also like to thank Essex County District Attorney Paul Tucker, who really did an amazing job as this year's guest speaker. It was such a great community event and our hope is we continue the momentum next year with more residents attending this long and great tradition.

This year we presented our Elder Brethren cane to Russell Aldrich, a traditional "townie" and great friend to the picnic for years. Since our event, I was asked several times why the cane this year was not presented to Gordon MacDougal, Manchester's oldest living resident. Good question. Mr. Aldrich received the cane because it is traditionally presented to the "oldest gentleman" who is in attendance that day at our "Old Timer's Picnic." Gordon had just come home from a recent stay in a rehab center, and since he's received the cane several times over the

years, he thought it would be nice to share with another "old timer." (Thanks Gordon.)

I'd also like to thank the entire board of the Elder Brethren, their hard work and dedication made this year's event a wonderful experience and I'm looking forward to my second year as president next year.

**Todd Crane**  
President, Manchester Elder Brethren

**Bike Run for Troops a Big Success!**

I'd like to announce our September 7th big ALR113 Event of the season, "Bike Run for the Troops" turned into an exciting, successful event! Our event was to raise money for "Operation Troop Support" (OTS) based out of Danvers, founded over 21 years ago by Retd. Col. Dick Moody, and his wife Christine.

OTS has shipped out more than a million packages worldwide, to our American Troops wherever they may be deployed. The non-perishable products such as canned meats, candy, toiletries, magazines, and the list goes on, are all donated by

individuals, or corporations. Volunteers, including Local American Legion Riders, and their post have events for example on a Saturday morning. We invite all to attend, including the Boys, and Girl Scouts, and we pack boxes on an assembly line of products. The one thing that isn't donated is the postage. Each box can cost up to \$25. That's where we stepped in at ALR113 to see what we could do to help, along with all of our supporters that helped in any way. We've managed these rides before, and it took close to a year to plan. We have 18 members at ALR113, including veterans from all branches, Auxiliary, and Son's. We were so blessed with all the donations we got that helped, whether it was food, raffle items, or the much-needed monetary donations that our members went out to get.

The morning started with staging, and registration of over 110 motorcycles. Breakfast, and coffee until the start of the ceremony at 10:45 a.m. I introduced myself, and thanked everyone. We dedicated the event to the recent death of Dick's good friend, Steve Godzig. Steve, and his wife Ellen would always help in the events selling the hats, shirts, pins, and OTS memorabilia. The Manchester Fire Department showed off their brand-new ladder truck in front of the post with a giant flag hoisted. Senator Bruce Tarr spoke, next the morning prayer, The "Pledge of Allegiance", along with the "National Anthem" sung by Tina Moody, and after a brief safety meeting with all riders. "Start your Engines" was announced for a NEMLEC Police Escorted 39-mile coastal ride up around Gloucester, Rockport, and Essex. Upon arrival back to the ALR Post 113, lunch, and music was provided, and then into some special introductions, and presentations. At 2 p.m. the raffles started with over 60 different items, followed by the pick for the winning 50/50 ticket, won by a lady from Danvers. Through the course of the day, I believe

approximately 200 people had come in to support the event.

We raised the bar of what our goal would be compared to the OTS Event we co-sponsored with the Haverhill American Legion Post#4 in 2022. Aside from basic expenses to sponsor this event, we were still able to come incredibly close to meeting that goal. Hundred percent of those funds will be donated to OTS to be able to pay for the postage for the much-needed items that will be sent to our troops!

I'd like to give special mention for the efforts of the Manchester Police Dept, and their NEMLEC Division in helping to make the ride part of the event a safe, and enjoyable one, and also the Manchester Fire Department for allowing us to showcase their new ladder truck, with the American Flag and make the event an event to remember!

**Sam Demao,**  
President, ALR Post 113

**On November 5, Vote Ring for Register of Deeds**

Once again, I want to thank the voters of Essex Southern District for choosing me as the Republican nominee for the office of Register of Deeds. I look forward to a healthy debate with my opponent Eileen Duff, so that the voters can decide who is best to serve as Register of Deeds for the next six years.

I wish to provide some specific contrast between me and my opponent. I have had several years of real-life management experience in the retail sector, helping everyday customers, when I managed a UPS Store retail outlet from 2016 to 2020. This involved day-to-day assistance with customer's needs, record management and invoicing, notary services, interviewing and hiring employees, and building relationships with people. I served as a Commissioner for the Rockport Housing Authority from 2016 to 2021, and accomplished the following:

- Managed an RHA Board that oversaw policy and budget decisions for a local \$3 million state and federal supported agency.
- Led RHA in getting a \$180,000 CPC grant for Kitefield Road Roof Replacement.
- Managed the hiring process of the RHA executive director.
- Supported the election of a tenant board member to the RHA.
- Promoted public transparency of RHA finances and improved RHA bylaws.

Duff's record on the Governor's Council has led to questions about her ability to make sound hiring decisions. Here are the facts, according to specific sources:

Duff moderated a Mayoral Debate while concealing support for one of the mayoral candidates: In 2013, Eileen Duff was chosen as a moderator for a mayor debate in Gloucester. When her support of one of the mayoral candidates was discovered through Massachusetts Office of Campaign and Political Finance reporting, she brushed it aside saying, "donations back and forth between elected officials are common. I support a lot of candidates and mayors in my district, and they support me, as well," Duff said, "There's a little bit of a joke that the same \$50 gets passed around all the time, so why do we do it? But it's just something that we do when we're an elected official." You heard right - Eileen Duff thinks election integrity is a joke! (Gloucester Times "Kirk tops Bell in race fundraising war chest," October 30, 2013, by Marjorie Nesin).

As a Governor's Councilor - Duff pushed an anti-religious agenda, asked offensive and illegal questions about a job applicant's religious beliefs. In questioning judicial applicant James Gavin Reardon Jr., in a Governor's Council hearing, Duff repeatedly asked, "Are you Roman Catholic?" When Mr. Reardon refused to answer about his personal religious beliefs, Duff repeat-

edly made an issue of religion stating, during the public interview, that she "had seen religious beliefs "interfere" with judgements on the U.S. Supreme Court."

Instead of apologizing for her offensive questions she doubled down and defended her religious litmus test! (Gloucester Times "Rival takes aim at Duff's religious line of questioning" by Andy Metzger, October, 11, 2016.)

As a Governor's Councilor - Duff pushed an unqualified political supporter for a judgeship! Although the state's Joint Bar Committee, a 24-member panel affiliated with the Massachusetts Bar Association, did not find Gloucester attorney Ed O'Reilly qualified for a judgeship, Duff persisted in pushing for his appointment, and questioned the vetting process that the Governor relies on to make the best nominations to the Governor's Council (Gloucester Times "Bar group blocks chance at judgeship" by Ray Lamont, November 14, 2017). As it turns out, Ed O'Reilly, who had to withdraw his application amidst personal and legal scandals (Gloucester Times, "O'Reilly withdrawn name," by Julie Manginis, November 29, 2017) was one of Duff's top political donors over the years, at least to the tune of \$750 in 2016 according to OCPF reports. He contributed another \$100 in 2018, after his failed application!

The Register of Deeds is charged with hiring the best people to run the Registry, so that you can be assured that your deed is secure. We can't allow the Registry to become a place for political payback of friends or a place for building someone's political career.

To learn more about my campaign please visit www.jonathanring.org. Please vote for Jonathan Ring for Register of Deeds on November 5, or during Early voting, which begins October 19.

Thank you.

**Jonathan E. Ring**  
Rockport

# LIBRARY NEWS

This week at the library, Banned Books Week is September 22-28, come by the library to see our display, start your Zero Waste Challenge, learn how to pick a bird patch and much more.

**Fall Hours**  
The library will open Saturdays from 10 a.m.- 4 p.m.

**Banned Books Week**  
September 22-28. Banned Books Week is an important

time for libraries. According to the American Library Association's Office of Intellectual Freedom, 1,247 demands to censor library books and materials were made in 2023, and those numbers are increasing rapidly. So, one week each year, libraries shine a light on this activity, and we encourage people to read challenged and banned books.

The theme for Banned Books Week 2024 is "Freed Between

the Lines."

**September is Library Card Sign-up Month**

Manchester Public Library joins the American Library Association and libraries nationwide to remind everyone about the valuable resources available with a library card. From borrowing books, ebooks and audiobooks to getting tech help, learning new skills, or attending a book club or storytime, a library card helps everyone do more of what they enjoy.

**Blues Stories: Culture & History told through Song & Narrative**

Tuesday, October 1 from 6-7:30 p.m. at the Crowell Chapel. Join Boston-based Blues Singer/Guitarist Barrett Anderson for a vibrant evening of story and song, telling the story of early Blues music, a distinctly American

form that has shaped all music and culture that followed. Registration is required.

**Calling All Local Artists**

2nd Annual Falling for Art Exhibit and Sale, October 18-20, 2024. Artists are invited to submit 3-5 digital jpeg images by September 30, fallingforartmbts@gmail.com. Photos must be labeled: Last Name-First Name-Title of the Piece-Price. 50% of the proceeds benefit The Friends of the Manchester Library.

**Crew Week: MBTS Zero Waste Challenge Kick Off**

Saturday, September 21 from 1-3 p.m. You can register online anytime, but those who attend the kickoff event will get some free swag, and find out more information on how to divert their trash from the landfill, create an eco-friendly craft and share some mulled cider. Prizes for the smallest amount of trash collected between 9/21-9/27 are listed on the website.

**Crew Week: "Find More Birds" How to Pick A**

**Patch (Virtual)**

Monday, September 23 from 7-8 p.m. Author Heather Wolf will be discussing how to find and identify more birds by picking a "patch," in a place close to home where you can watch birds often. She'll be giving tips on how to pick a patch and how to use it not only as a "classroom" to become a better birder, but also as a way to connect more deeply with the nature that surrounds you. Register online or call.

**Dungeons and Dragons for Adults: Banned Books Themed Adventures (Virtual)**

Monday, September 23 from 7-9 p.m. Whatever your level of experience come join us for a one-shot adventure. MBTS's Head of Adult and Reference Services, Maddy, will be your Game Master for this two-hour session.

**Diversity Matters Book Group**

Tuesday, September 24 from 6-7 p.m. September's pick is "Everyday Something Has Tried To Kill Me And Has Failed: Notes From Periracial America" by Kim McLarin, a Massachusetts Center for the Book 2024 Honors Winner. Please register online or call.

**Mystery Book Group**

Friday, September 27 from 10:30-11:30 a.m. This September we are reading "The House at Sea's End" by Elly Griffiths.

**Intro to Saving Seeds**

Thursday, September 26 from 6-7 p.m. Saving seeds

from the plants around us connects us to our roots as ecosystem stewards and challenges us to plan for the next generation.

We will discuss basic plant and seed physiology of several familiar garden plants, explore which plants might be the best to start with, best storage practices and germination testing. Please register.

**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.

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## Old or New? Which Way Does Your House Lean?



Jennifer Coles

A while ago a friend of mine bought an old historic farmhouse that needed a lot of work. Work which he was hoping to partially do himself. He asked me to stop by because he wanted some advice. He was worried about the house. Worried about what he paid for it, all that it needed, and how much money he didn't have for renovation. He'd spun himself into such a state that he had asked me over to see what kind of work he should do to put the house back on the market.

Let me assure you, this was a beautiful house with solid bones. It had high ceilings and well-proportioned gracious rooms. It had tall baseboards and detailed window trim, and lots of character with a built-in cubby here and a lead-paned window there. What else did it have? Well, it had the problems that lots of old homes do. It had bulging and cracked horsehair plaster walls. It had drafty windows and shallow closets. The floors sloped in certain areas and were crudely patched in others.

This wasn't my client. He was a friend. I showed up with muffins and coffee. We walked around and he told me that he hadn't planned on new dry wall for the whole house, and that the windows that had looked so pretty from the street were actually drafty and needed to be replaced. There were other flaws he listed; the old clawfoot tub with rust stains, the exposed pipes, the dumb waiter the kids would get trapped in, and so on. After he got it all out, I put my hand on his shoulder and gently told him that I thought he was approaching his house all wrong.

Because every house has a point of view, and also a tipping point. And when you are renovating you have to figure out what yours are. Be careful about moving into that older home, with a DIY mindset, and getting hung up on a certain type of Instagram-worthy end result.

Unless you have deep pockets of course.

So be careful about ripping down the cracked horsehair plaster from one wall while wanting to keep the other walls that were marginally better. Because if you do, you may be embarking on a tail-chasing journey that I call, "give a mouse a cookie." It's a children's book reference about a mouse that knocks on your door and asks for a cookie. Then he wants a glass of milk. Then a mirror to check for a milk mustache. And then he wants some clippers to trim his hair ... and, well, you get the idea. And in this example your house is



that mouse.

Because if you put up one crisp clean wall of drywall in a room where the other walls are original, you'll realize the other walls want that drywall too. And after you do that, you will have to replace your trim which will now be crisp and clean with precise edges and sharp lines. But it will not match the soft-edged, weathered trim in the rest of the house. And then there are the windows, with their ancient wavy paned glass, that now look really look out of place. The next thing you know, your house is asking you for clippers so that it can trim its hair, just like that mouse.

Please don't get me wrong, there is absolutely nothing wrong with taking a sad old house and stripping it down the studs and replacing everything. Sometimes it's necessary, and it can be done with love and care so that your old home, with its new materials, looks sort of old again—but sharper. And everything is plumb and square and there is no lead paint and the windows all tilt-in for easy cleaning. I work on houses like that all the time and the results are amazing. It just takes time, skill and money.

And by the way, I never replace everything. There are always things worth saving. Maybe it's the original fireplace mantel, or a light fixture I get re-wired. Or maybe I take those old wood planks and turn them into a rustic vanity base or a door to your pantry. Because all these old homes tell a story, and you don't want to lose the history in yours.

So back to my muffin eating friend. What did I tell him, while his head was spinning with all the cookies, he thought he had to give his house? Well, I pointed out my perspective on his

gorgeous antique house, keeping in mind his budget and timeline of course. I saw a grand old lady that had been standing for over a hundred years and would probably be standing in a hundred more.

I suggested he lean-in to the imperfect nature of the horsehair plaster. It's sweet evidence of the housebuilding methods of a bygone era. True, the cracks are temperamental, and they may need repeated attention, but you can fill them and then paint the wall a flat finish and I love the character at the end. And same goes for that baseboard and window trim. Lean-in to those dings and scrapes. They are like your home's laugh-lines. They were

earned and they tell the story of prior generations. Plus, that kind of detail in a home is harder and harder to find.

I bought a set of chairs from an antique shop once, and I was raising an eyebrow at the wear that was showing on all of their bottom rungs. The shop owner said, "Oh that comes from years of use. don't change that!" And it always stuck with me because I think he was right.

My friend's old windows? Try a good set of storms for now. The wavy glass? They look that way because of the years gravity has been pulling them down. They've earned their right to stay for now too. The rusty tub? Get it refaced. The exposed pipes? Box them in if you must, or

just paint them the wall color for now. They're just proof that the house didn't start with extensive plumbing. The patched floors? Don't sweat them too much. They are just another element that traces the story of your home, and they'll recede once they are refinished and possibly stained.

Are there exceptions to all that? Of course there are. You don't want to live with something if it's covering up deeper problems. So, if you are getting mold stains repeatedly in one area you should find out where that water is coming from. And there are things that are never old-house charming; like scratched door trim from a dog wanting out, or wa-

**Unless you have really deep pockets, be careful moving into a old home with a DIY mindset and getting hung up on an Instagram-worthy end result.**

ter stains on the ceiling, or floors that need refinishing, or some of those "improvements" they made in the 1970's. So common sense is in order here.

But ultimately it doesn't matter if you are going for that new-house crisp look, or that old-house look with generations of charm. It's just helpful to know which way you are leaning, and to keep that in mind for your home renovation projects. Especially before you tackle a larger project like a kitchen or a pantry.

How did my friend do, you may be wondering? Well, I saw him at a party a few months later. And it may have been his martini talking, but he stayed in that house and even credited me with turning his whole renovation around. So yes, he leaned-in to those lumpy walls and the imperfect trim and said it all looked great. And that's good news for the mouse... I mean the house... because eating a whole box of cookies isn't good for anyone.

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# For ME Girls Soccer, Experience is Everything

By Jason Brisbois

While they may be new to each other, the returning members of the Manchester Essex girls soccer team and new coach Scout Grifoni have one crucial element in common: experience.

This is Grifoni's first year coaching at Manchester Essex, but she has an extensive history both coaching and playing the sport.

"I played NCAA Div. 1 soccer at Bryant University, and I also played for Puerto Rico's National Team in FIFA World Cup and Olympic Qualifiers in 2014, 2015, and 2017," explains the coach. "After college, I played for the Boston Breakers Reserve Team for my final season in 2017 and began coaching with Watertown Girls Varsity, Malden Catholic, and Beverly Youth Soccer. Although I worked outside of athletics, I felt a strong pull to return to coaching full-time."

That pull brought her to Manchester Essex, where she will work with a group that also boasts an impressive amount of experience with the sport at the varsity level. The Hornets return a number of players from a team that advanced to the Sweet 16 of MIAA Div. 4 tournament last fall, including eight seniors - a group that includes standouts Libby Lawler, Madi Cook, Charlotte Crocker, Ella Arntsen, Meg Hurd, Liv Kent, Tori Moulton and Caroline Willwerth - as well as five juniors.

"Everyone has bought into the vision and we're all trusting the process," says Grifoni. "Our team has good chemistry, and we feel confident that the goals are going to come, and they do."

Manchester Essex has gone 3-1 out of the gate, suggesting that the introduction of a veteran coach to a veteran team for the first time has worked out about as well as one could hope for.



Hornets surround Libby Lawler celebrating a goal against Pentucket at home in a match dominated by ME winning 5-0. At press time the Lady Hornets are 3-1 early in the season. Photo Paul Clark

## ME Girls Soccer Captains Log

The four Manchester Essex girls soccer team captains have filled a number of roles this fall, setting the tone for the Hornets while also acting as the connective tissue between their teammates and new coach Scout Grifoni. Grifoni recently broke down each player's role on the team and what makes them special on the field and in the locker room.

**NAME:** Libby Lawler

**NUMBER:** 15

**POSITION:** Center Midfielder

"She is a play maker on offense and intelligent on defense," Grifoni says of the senior captain. "She has a high soccer IQ and is strong. She is a huge part of our success as a collective and leads by example. She is a team player, a born communicator, and really a funny kid too."

**NAME:** Madi Cook

**NUMBER:** 1

**POSITION:** Goalkeeper

"Madi Cook is our goalie, who recently committed to University of Southern Maine to play soccer," says Grifoni. "She is our only committed athlete on the team right now. She, too, communicates out the back and has already had some major

saves in the last couple of games. Madi is a big reason we have zero goals against in the last three games. She too has been a great leader and takes responsibility on with confidence."

**NAME:** Charlotte Crocker

**NUMBER:** 2

**POSITION:** Center Midfielder

"Charlotte is intelligent on the ball, and looks for opportunities," Grifoni explains. "Her defensive style of play is huge for us in the midfield. I enjoy watching her play. She is always thinking about her teammates, asks the right questions, and demands excellence. I love how hard she works!"

**NAME:** Ella Arntsen

**NUMBER:** 12

**POSITION:** Center Defense

"Ella Arntsen plays centrally but has pushed back to center defense for the last two years, showing to myself and the team that she is selfless and is willing to put the team first," says Grifoni. "She is strong and fights hard on defense. She is also the kind of teammate you can talk to about anything. She makes everyone feel important, focuses, and gets the job done."

By Jason Brisbois

"The transition has been both exciting and rewarding," says Grifoni. "Stepping into this role with the team has been a great experience, and getting to know the players has brought me much joy. Building relationships and understanding each player's strengths and needs has been a priority. We have all been adaptable in ways that exceeded my expectations. We've focused on fostering open communication and establishing a collaborative environment. Watching the team step into this new reality without hesitation is a testament to their character not just as soccer players but as young adults."

This roster may not be as deep as some other squads in the Cape Ann League, but there is no denying that it boasts a lot of talent. Lawler and Harper Brooks both have scored three goals and notched a pair of assists each so far, Hurd has five goals and two assists and Izzy Zagrob-ski's defense has been noteworthy so far.

"From a soccer standpoint, no doubt our speed up top is dangerous," explains Grifoni. "But really, we are a selfless team, that is our greatest strength. We are a small program, so staying healthy is important for us this year."

The Hornets were slated to face North Reading on the road on Sept. 17, followed by a home game against Rockport on Sept 19 and a road game versus Georgetown on Sept 24 (4 p.m.).

"North Reading will be one of the toughest teams we play this season," says Grifoni. "They are dangerous up top and have proven solid defensively too. They are seeing success against good teams and we're embracing this challenge as an opportunity to apply the principles we've been talking about. Rockport will be another conference game that we need to show up as our best selves for."

# ME Boys Soccer In Control At Start of Season



**"It was some of the best soccer I've seen in my 25 years of coaching. This team is capable of that."**

ROB BILSBURY

and cohesion shared among each player up and down the lineup.

"When we are all stretched out the length of the field, that's when we're at our worst," explains Bilsbury. "When we connect our defense to our midfield and our strikers and we possess all the way up the field, that's when we're at our best. Every single kid can handle the ball well and play off a smart pass. When everyone is touching it and everyone is part of the possession, we are really tough to play against."

The connection begins with the back four on defense. Charlie Rubens and Finn Birkeland are the senior leaders who anchor the last line of defense in front of goalkeeper Keegan Brooks, while Owen Olivier-Meehan and sophomore Charlie Athanas have started every varsity match since their respective freshman years.

"Olivier-Meehan and Finn Birkeland from the center back position not only contain and nullify chances, they are good at initiating our own attack," says Bilsbury, adding, "Both Charlies support our attack extremely well."

The ball then inevitably finds its way to the midfield to seniors Charlie Langendorf and Hayden Spencer. Langendorf is a steady presence in the center of the maelstrom, and it doesn't hurt that he's a talented passer. Spencer tirelessly shadows the opposition's top players each game.

"In the Masco game, he was covering a Div. 1 commit and was super physical with him," Bilsbury says of Spencer's play in a closely-contested 3-1 loss to Masconomet on September 13. "It was an awesome example of how hard he's working out there."

After Spencer puts the clamps on the other team's top player and Langendorf gets control, the ball can move up to a devastating front line that includes Eastern Massachusetts and Cape Ann League All-League player Sammy Bothwell.

"He needs no introduction," says Bilsbury. "A devastating finisher, awesome on set pieces and also a workhorse. He can just as easily score himself as well as he can find a teammate to pass to so they can tip it in. We've got some good and talented kids aside from Sammy, and he opens the door for other kids."

Sophomore Imir Mustafa leads the Hornets in assists and is one of those aforementioned talented options on attack who is talented enough to draw as much attention as his older teammate.

"He's an extremely creative attacking player who takes on guys fearlessly and skillfully," Bilsbury says of Mustafa. "Like Sammy, he commands a ton of defenders. You can't stop him with one player, you have to send a second player to hover, and he's going past them."

Senior Chase Koeplin and junior Luke Renzi are two more potent options for the Hornets up front. Renzi scored the only goal of the game for either team to help with the win over Ipswich, while Copeland had a crucial goal in the win over Hamilton-Wenham.

"We're gelling and playing well together," says Bilsbury. "It's a nice thing - it's not just two or three individuals carrying the team, it's everyone."

The Hornets were looking to keep the connections alive and the wins coming this week with a big game against North Reading scheduled for September 17, a road game against Rockport on September 19 and a home match against Georgetown on September 24 (4 p.m.).

"We've got two really fun tests this week against a really talented bigger school with North Reading, and a team that knows how to play us well in Rockport," says Bilsbury.

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ME's Ernest Taylor fights his way towards the Ipswich goal in a close match that ended in a win, 1-0, for the Hornets. At press time the boys are 4-1 for the season. Photo Paul Clark

By Jason Brisbois

It was supposed to be a soccer game, but by the end of regulation the Manchester Essex boys' soccer team turned it into a game of "Keep Away."

The Hornets beat Pentucket by a 4-0 score on September 12 due to their ability to play as a single unit, control the ball for long periods of time and basically run the Panthers ragged.

"Pentucket was exhausted," explains ME boys soccer coach Rob Bilsbury. "It was a hot, sunny day. They're trying to keep up and we're kind of punishing them by playing together, it just opens everything up. It was some of the

best soccer I've seen in my 25 years of coaching. This team is capable of that."

That Bilsbury called the effort the team's best match - even just five games into the season - truly says something. Manchester Essex is 4-1 during the opening quarter of the season, a slate that also includes wins over Hamilton-Wenham, Amesbury and Ipswich. This team has experience (there are 13 seniors back from a team that played in the MIAA tournament) and high-end talent (Sammy Bothwell is one of the best soccer players in the state), which has helped the Hornets get off to a fast start. The real key to the season so far has been the chemistry

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## Town Administrator's Report

Board of Selectmen's Meeting of September 9, 2024  
Report covers from August 24, 2024 to September 6, 2024

### Speed Limit and Traffic Calming Discussion Update

At the last meeting, the Board discussed two resident requests for a review of speed limits and possible traffic calming measures along Route 133. The board also asked to get the Chief of Police's thoughts on the possible acceptance of a state statute that would allow for the setting of a Town-wide speed limit of 25 m.p.h., unless otherwise posted.

With respect to a request to reduce the speed limit along the stretch of Route 133 between the Essex line and the Vita Bella Restaurant, if the Board wishes to have that matter studied, more information is necessary. The DOT suggests that supporting information from the Town to help justify the need for a speed limit change be provided to the DOT to assist with the DOT evaluation process. If DOT determines via its initial review that a speed limit reduction may be warranted, a formal speed study would then need to be conducted. As such, the Board should discuss its appetite for possibly making a request and a process for getting the necessary supporting information.

With respect to a request for traffic calming at the Grove Street intersection with Eastern Avenue, since that stretch of Route 133 is actually under Town jurisdiction, the TA has forwarded that matter on to the Superintendent of Public Works for review with the Board of



Public Works (BPW). If the BPW wishes to pursue the matter, it will still likely need to coordinate with personnel from MA DOT District 4.

With respect to the possibility of setting a Town-wide speed limit, a measure that would first need approval by Town Meeting, the Chief of Police has commented that it is not something that he would recommend given that there would be many exceptions to the rule. Also, a preliminary comment from the Chairman of the Board of Public Works (who are also the Road Commissioners) is that speed zones in Essex already tend to be generally appropriate and that the Board of Public Works would have to review the issue further to determine if they would recommend it.

### Continued Review of Fall Town Meeting Possible Article Topics

The TA has updated the list of possible Fall Town Meeting topics in accordance with the Board's guidance from the last meeting. The TA would like to develop a draft version of the warrant for the Board's review at its next meeting.

### Auction of Allen Properties

The auctioneer retained by the Town to auction off four properties formerly owned by the Estate of William Allen is preparing to announce an auction date. Town Counsel is preparing an official legal announcement that will be posted in Town buildings and on the Town website, along with being directly provided to the former property owner, as required by law. The auctioneer will begin promoting the auction very soon and the four properties will not be sold individually, but as a group.

### Closeout of COVID-19 Disaster Grant

The TA met virtually with personnel from the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) on August 28, 2024. The purpose of the meeting was to facilitate the formal closeout of the Federal grant that assisted the Town to continue operating during the COVID pandemic. The Town last spent money on that purpose in 2022.

### Loss Control Grant Award

Our insurer, the Massachusetts Interlocal Insurance Association (MIIA) has awarded the Town a grant

in the amount of \$10,000 to help defray the cost of our Centennial Grove surveillance camera and Network Video Recorder project.

### Essex CATA Bus Route Update

At the last meeting, the Board asked that we pose two questions to the CATA Administrator with respect to the Board's ongoing evaluation of complaints concerning the new Essex bus route. With respect to how CATA promotes the service, the TA learned from the Administrator that social media, the CATA website, the Gloucester Times, printed material on buses, and word of mouth have been employed. With respect to whether CATA would consider simply sending the bus to the municipal parking lot, rather than making a loop around Winthrop Street and Western Avenue, the Administrator indicated that this could be done but that the stop would be farther away from users. She also proposed that the bus travel on Martin Street until it reaches Western Avenue and then return to Route 133 at the end of Western Avenue.

### Town Administrator Leave

The TA was out of the office, on leave, all day on August 30, 2024 and for part of the day on September 6, 2024.

### Labor Day Holiday

The office was closed on September 2, 2024, in observance of the subject holiday.

This report is available at [www.essexma.org](http://www.essexma.org) on the morning after any regularly scheduled Essex Board of Selectmen's Meeting.

## Essex Planning Board Zoning Bylaw Update

In May of 2021, voters at Town Meeting passed a temporary moratorium on change of use of a property from residential or open space to business or industrial. Subsequent Town Meetings extended that moratorium two more times, now set to end in January of 2025. As a result, the Planning Board has spent the last three years working towards protections for residential areas from intrusive commercial development while also protecting the character of the town and providing adequate and appropriate areas for businesses to grow and develop. At the upcoming Special (Fall) Town Meeting, the Planning Board will be bringing forth articles that, if passed, will establish new residential zoning districts in fairly large areas throughout Essex. This is the most significant proposal for zoning changes that Essex has seen,

and now is the time for input. The Planning Board is reaching out today to ensure that you, as someone who has attended a public forum about zoning updates in the past, have an opportunity to weigh in before the warrant is finalized in October. Here's how you can learn more and be heard:

### Engagement Workshops

The Planning Board has been holding engagement workshops all summer to offer an informal, drop-in style chance for discussion and learning. At the workshops, participants can look at maps of the proposed zoning changes, ask questions, and share input for the Planning Board to consider. This is a great way to get answers and offer meaningful input through real-time, back-and-forth exchanges with Planning Board members. The final workshops were

scheduled for Wednesday, September 11 and Monday, September 16, 2024. Workshops take place from 6-9 p.m. in the Town Hall third floor auditorium and are offered in-person only (i.e., no Zoom option).

### Public Forum

A public forum has been scheduled for Wednesday, September 25, 2024 at 7 p.m. in the Town Hall third floor auditorium. This will be a more formal meeting and will feel like a public hearing, with a presentation at the beginning followed by formal public comment. This forum is the last opportunity to publicly address the Planning Board before the proposals are finalized, and it is hoped that people take advantage of the opportunity. Remote participation will be offered, and the forum will be recorded by 1623 Studios and shared on their YouTube

channel.

### Online Resources

The Planning Board page of the Town website provides access to the most up-to-date information on this effort, including a calendar of events, the current map of proposed residential districts and table of proposed uses, minutes from recent meetings, and information about upcoming meetings. Upcoming meetings and events are listed right on the main Planning Board page, and updates about the residential zoning districts effort are posted in the News and Announcements section. If you have not already, please consider engaging in this important effort. This is too much to take in all at once at Town Meeting, and the Planning Board is counting on people like you to share input throughout the process. (*Essex Planning Board*)

## Essex Senior Living | Sept 20

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, 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, Tues-**

**days, and Fridays, 10 a.m.:** \$5 Donation requested.

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

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

**Ga.m.es with Gil at the Se-**

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

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

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

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The library is pleased to offer a free, monthly publication; BookPage is a discovery tool for readers, highlighting the best new books across all genres. Courtesy Photo

### Library open Saturdays

The library will be open Saturdays from 10 a.m.-12 noon.

### How to have a Green Holiday (Virtual)

Monday, October 7 at 7 p.m. join Sarah Robertson-Barnes as she shares suggestions for how to lower your ecological footprint this holiday season.

### New Museum Pass

Check out a pass for access to Historic New England properties. You and a guest can choose from 38 exceptional museums and landscapes to visit at no cost.

### Community Book Group

Monday, September 30 at 10 a.m. Come by for a discussion of "Imperium" by Robert Harris.

### Regional Social Worker

Wednesdays, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. 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.

### STEAM & Stories

Beginning September 23 on Mondays at 9 a.m. for ages 2-6 years with their adult, join Ms. Christine to listen to stories, then explore science, technology, engineering, art and math.

### Kids Crafternoon

Monday, September 23 at 4 p.m. for grades K-5. Stop by to make a Monster Bookmark.

### Story Hour

Weekly Story Hour begins September 25, at 9 a.m. for children ages 0-2. Weekly Story Hour begins September 25, at 10 a.m. for ages 3-5.

## ESSEX POLICE NOTES

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

No report.

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

8:16 a.m. Story St., community policing, secured/checked.  
11:02 a.m. John Wise Ave., citizen assist, spoken to. 4:11 p.m. Haskell Court, parking complaint, secured/checked. 6:48 p.m. Grove St., utility request, notification made.

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

12:59 a.m. Main St., directed patrol, secured/checked. 1:23 a.m. Eastern Ave., selective enforcement, no action taken. 2:10 a.m. Spring St., directed patrol, secured/checked. 6:22 a.m. Conomo Point Rd., directed patrol, secured/checked.

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

No report.

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

9:15 a.m. John Wise Ave, citizen assist, assisted as needed. 4:50 p.m. Southern Ave., suspicious activity, secured/checked. 5:04 p.m. John Wise Ave., citizen assist, spoken to. 6:51 p.m. Prospect St., parking complaint, notification made.

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

7:01 a.m. Lufkin St., fire brush, fire confirmed. 10:26 a.m. Eastern Ave., parking complaint, spoken to. 2:25 p.m. Martin St., parking complaint, assisted as needed. 7:42 p.m. Main St., male unconscious, transported to hospital.

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

11:10 a.m. Centennial Grove Rd., directed patrol, secured/checked. 3:52 p.m. Shepard Memorial Drive, suspicious activity, assisted as needed. 6:23 p.m. Conomo Point Rd., parking complaint, secured/checked. 7:10 p.m. Belcher St., selective enforcement, secured/checked.

## Essex Locals | Sept 20

### 115 Years Ago - 1909

With the change of time from hour to half hour cars several employees of the road are thrown out of work.

### 90 Years Ago - 1934

A small cottage in South Essex owned by Mrs. George Paynter was destroyed by fire last Sunday afternoon, the blaze getting such headway that it was impossible to check it with the very limited water supply at hand.

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# Out & About: Calling All Shipbuilders



The Shipyard will be busy this year as the Essex Historical Society and Shipbuilding Museum is also helping local 5th graders get a little more salty. (Is that a good thing? – in this case, yes!)

The Essex Historical Society and Shipbuilding Museum announced that this spring it will launch a brand-new program to bring together 5th graders from Manchester and Essex. The two-day program will blend hands-on learning and environmental stewardship through thoughtfully designed activities to encourage camaraderie and teamwork – all within the historic Essex shipyard!

Students will be immersed in activities such as crafting oars, constructing crab traps, rowing, and exploring the local ecosystem. They will learn about the Essex River's ecosystem including the challenges posed by invasive species such as the green crab, and gain a deeper understanding of the maritime traditions that have shaped the towns they live in.

Dory building and kids getting to know the marsh, and each other – two marvelous nods to Cape Ann's unique cultural and environmental heritage as well as the fine work of the Essex Historical Society and Shipbuilding Museum.

**S**alt Marsh Dory Building is Back at the Essex Historical Society and Shipbuilding Museum.

Once again comes the opportunity to experience the timeless art of boatbuilding. The Essex Historical Society and Shipbuilding Museum has opened registration for its ever-popular Salt Marsh Dory Building class. Led by expert boat builder Jeff Lane, the class teaches participants how to craft their own dory as designed by local boat building legend Charles A. Burnham. Burnham's Essex Salt Marsh dory is uniquely suited for the Essex marsh with its compact lightweight

design perfect for single-handed rowing; and is just plain beautiful.

Through the use of modern epoxy techniques, the dories can now be transported on top of a car with roof racks, stored compactly, and handled by just one person. The 10-day course requires no previous boat building experience – even children are welcome to participate if accompanied by a parent. Participants will leave with a beautiful handcrafted dory, a lasting connection to Essex's shipbuilding heritage, and an unparalleled experience.

Details can be found at [www.essexshipbuilding.org](http://www.essexshipbuilding.org)



*The Essex Shipbuilding Museum's hands-on programming has been kicking into high gear, with the launch of a new boat-making class for MERSD 5th Graders added onto the museum's annual fall boat-building program for anyone. Kids learn to create lobster traps. And all boat building students (young and old) create their own dories and oars.*

*Courtesy images*

## Second Annual Blackburn Brewfest Returns to Stage Fort Park



*Over the Bridge, a local favorite known for high-energy music, is among the bands booked for this year's Blackburn Brewfest.* Courtesy image

**I**t's time for the annual Blackburn Brewfest. The second annual event is back and, organizers say, it's

better than ever and scheduled to take place from 1 - 5 p.m. Saturday, September 21 at Gloucester's Stage Fort

Park in Gloucester. The 21+ event will feature craft beer, hard cider, food, and entertainment—all from lo-

cal talent and vendors. The festival—named in honor of Howard Blackburn, a local Gloucester legend and spirited barkeeper from the late 1800s—is organized by the Greater Cape Ann Chamber of Commerce and its Next Gen Young Professionals Committee. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Cape Ann Community Foundation to fund grants for local nonprofit organizations.

This year's festival will showcase over 25 breweries, offering a diverse selection of craft beers and ciders for all to enjoy. In addition to the fantastic brews, a variety of food trucks will be on hand, serving everything from savory snacks to sweet treats. Food trucks include 5 Star Phresh Phood, The Lobster Roller, Marley's Good Eats, Meat & Sweet Foods, River-view Pizza and The Whoopie Pie Wagon. Festivalgoers can also enjoy lawn games, making it a perfect day out with friends, and live music performances will set the mood for an unforgettable afternoon. Only 2,000 tickets are available for this year's Blackburn Brewfest, so attendees are encouraged to secure their tickets early to avoid missing out. Tickets can be purchased online at [www.blackburnbrewfest.com/](http://www.blackburnbrewfest.com/).

Live music will set the mood for an unforgettable afternoon. We are thrilled to announce this year's music lineup, featuring:

- **Soul Rebel Project** - Bringing their unique blend of reggae, rock, and hip-hop to the stage.
- **Over the Bridge** - A local favorite known for their high-energy performances and infectious sound.
- **Green Lion Crew** - A DJ and production duo delivering the best in reggae, dancehall, and electronic music.
- **Zack Couron** - A talented singer-songwriter whose acoustic set will add a mellow vibe to the day.

## Demos, Collector's Preview Party, And a \$20K Purse Kicks Art Festival Up a Notch

*Cape Ann Plein Air Arts Festival October 5-13 brings renowned painters to Cape Ann's golden local art scene to paint, share, and compete.*



*A "Plein air" demonstration at Manchester's Sharksmouth Estate, by artist Charlie Shurcliff was a big hit in 2023. This year's Cape Ann Plein Air weeklong festival expands its weeklong programming in early October.*

**M**aybe it's the \$20,000 in prize money for the winner. Maybe it's the packed week of public events, the opportunity to see a future master artist at work, or maybe it's the opportunity to purchase a one-of-a-kind watercolor or oil painting that captures Cape Ann's natural beauty.

But starting Saturday, October 5, artists from places as close as Gloucester, Rockport and Ipswich and as far away as California, England and Nova Scotia will descend onto Cape Ann for a week-long outdoor painting event. The 35 juried artists will paint all over the Greater Cape Ann communities—Essex, Gloucester, Ipswich, Manchester-by-the-Sea, and, of course, Rockport—creating paintings in spectacular locations. Four of the selected artists are based on Cape Ann.

Now in its eighth year, Cape Ann Plein Air ("CAPA") has become a nationally acclaimed public art festival by focusing on Cape Ann's unique place as the birthplace of American plein air painting. When it began, not many people appreciated what plein air painting was all about—the idea of capturing a scene in the moment, outside a studio without help of extra tools or photographs or an indoor setting. In fact, there are some 40+ regional plein air festivals across the US, and CAPA now ranks, depending on who you talk to, fourth or fifth in the nation.

The festival runs Saturday October 5 through Thursday, October 10, and residents will see familiar CAPA programs on the schedule, like the opening night party at the Beaufort Hotel or free daily demos at hallmark spots around Cape Ann including the Essex Shipbuilding Museum, Tuck's Point, and Maritime Gloucester.

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### MBTA ZONING

**Join Us For These Upcoming Community Engagement Opportunities**

**September 21:**  
Public Forum, 10 AM, Town Common

**September 26:**  
Public Forum, 7 PM, Virtual

**October 19:**  
Harvest Carnival Table

**November 18:**  
Special Town Meeting, 6:30 PM, High School

Learn More

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# More than 200 Free Events at This Year's Essex Heritage Trails & Sails

On Saturday, Essex Heritage will kick off Trails & Sails, its annual event that opens more than 200 spectacular local heritage attractions to the public, including historic, cultural, and natural resources in the 34 cities and towns of Essex County that comprise the 500-square mile region just north of Boston.

Trails & Sails runs for 16 days, through Sunday, September 29. Among the local sites and events for Trails & Sails this year are a walking tour of Manchester-by-the-Sea, tours of Gloucester's City Hall clock tower, Newburyport's Powder House, a nighttime walking tour of Lynn, Maudsley State Park Sculpture Garden tour in Newburyport, and more.

"Trails & Sails was created 23 years ago to encourage residents to experience some of the wonderful trails, museums, historic sites, and water-based activities that abound in this region. All the events are free, so there is plenty of incentive for locals to visit these special places that they drive by every day," said Annie Harris, Essex Heritage CEO.

Event participants can take advantage of a variety of family-friendly activities including bird walks, guided hikes, historical tours, interesting



Manchester - Historic Manchester Walking Tour.

By Emily Levin

lectures, schooner sails, river paddles, and more - happening morning, afternoon, and evening over 16 days. With so many things to do and see during Trails & Sails, there's something for everyone.

In 2024, Essex Heritage has identified five themes of significant importance to the

Essex National Heritage Area that span coastal waterways exploration, nature, Hispanic heritage, and history of America's founding. Participants can visit the website to explore all events at [www.trailsandsails.org](http://www.trailsandsails.org) or pick up a guidebook at local libraries and visitor centers through

out Essex County.

All Trails & Sails events are free, and many are available on a first-come, first-served basis except for certain reservation-required events. Be sure to visit [trailsandsails.org](http://trailsandsails.org) for the most up to date information and instructions as applicable.

# Manchester Essex Conservation Trust Fall Hikes

This local organization has announced its fall hikes in the Manchester Essex Woods to coincide with the changing of the seasons. Register for all hikes online.

**Saturday September 21 - Bear's Den, Monster Rock and Baby Rock 10 a.m.**

Join MECT trustee Jeff Cochand as we kick off our fall hike series with a walk to Baby Rock and Bear's Den! These are trails that you may not think of as a first stop when you come to the Wilderness Conservation Area in Manchester and Essex. Get to know a different part of our woods and the historic sites to be found there and add a tooth to Monster Rock.

This is a short, kid-friendly hike. Wear appropriate footwear (sneakers or hiking boots), bring water and dress for the weather!

**Saturday, September 28 - Mushroom Walk with Essex Forays 10:30 a.m.**

We've got our eye on the weather for this one, it's been very dry lately but we have a little time to turn it around! Jana Harris of Essex Forays will guide us through the world of fungi



as we explore what our local woods has to offer us this season. The land MECT has conserved has never been farmed or developed, and the mycelium network has been able to thrive, undisturbed, for hundreds of years. It makes for great mushrooming! If for some reason it's simply too dry for mushrooming, this hike will be rescheduled; registering for the hike will ensure you receive notifications about any changes that have to be made.

Jana Harris of Essex Forays is in Wild Mushroom Food Safety, an administrator for Boston Mycological Club and the host and producer of Fungi Finders on ICAM.

Walk will last about two

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Barrett alleged that the governor is effectively "taking sides" with the House.

"What's very distressing is that no attention is paid to getting EV chargers out there. No attention is paid to getting some kind of relief on people's monthly gas bills. She is abandoning all efforts to deal with plastic waste. It's really a deeply distressing set of concessions," the Lexington Democrat said.

Barrett added, "The bottom line is we are ensuring a big-time buildout of the electric grid, which means a big-time increase in people's electric bills. You are laying the groundwork for an eventual ratepayer revolt against the entire clean energy agenda. That's what today's move feeds into. No relief for people in their monthly bills, a significant uptick in electric grid spending -- necessary, but guaranteed to result in a major hike in people's monthly electric bills."

The Mass Coalition for Sustainable Energy said Healey's move made "clear that the Administration sees the need for siting and permitting reform as the most important priority for climate policy in Massachusetts at the moment."

"We agree. Moving game-changing energy facility siting and permitting reform is critical, and the Commonwealth should not allow important policy with such broad political support to be lost amidst efforts to address other concerns," the collection of trade and business groups said.

Steve Long, director of policy and partnerships for The Nature Conservancy, praised Healey "for strategically selecting pieces from the climate bills on which there is consensus between the House and Senate."

"Siting and permitting

reforms provide a more efficient and equitable process that combines site suitability and community voices to help determine where energy facilities go, how they are designed, and how they are operated," Long said.

The Mass. Fiscal Alliance slammed the governor's inclusion of siting and permitting language in her budget proposal as a "backhanded attempt" to "sneak in policy."

The so-called closeout budget is necessary for the state comptroller to formally close the books on fiscal year 2024, which ended June 30.

Fiscal year 2024 tax collections of \$40.8 billion beat fiscal 2023's total by \$1.636 billion or 4.2 percent and topped the fiscal 2024 benchmark that was revised downward by \$1 billion in January by \$967 million or 2.4 percent, the Department of Revenue announced last month. But all of that overage and then some came as a result of the state's new high-earner surtax, leaving a budget gap of \$233 million.

Healey said Wednesday she wants to "strategically allocate" \$225 million of the excess surtax revenue to support education and transportation initiatives as a way to help close the non-surtax budget gap.

Her bill would use that surtax money on programs such as Commonwealth Cares for Children (C3) early education grants, universal school meals, Department of Transportation operations and more. Money originally allocated for the programs from the General Fund and Commonwealth Transportation Fund could then be used to close the budget gap.

The maneuver "would also leave a substantial surplus of unappropriated funds that we look forward in the coming session to working with

the Legislature to allocate in the most efficient and impactful way," Healey wrote of the surtax revenue.

She also rolled out another novel state budgeting proposal. Healey's supplemental budget calls for using \$265 million in excess capital gains tax revenues to "rebuild" a state savings account known as the transitional escrow fund.

Former Gov. Charlie Baker in 2021 signed a law stashing about \$1.5 billion in surplus dollars into the fund, and the account is now poised to run out as the state taps into it to cover unexpected expenses including a spike in emergency shelter spending.

Healey wrote that the transitional escrow account has "proven to be a valuable tool for the state to manage spending throughout the fiscal year."

"Additionally, I've already made clear my intention to use the forthcoming tobacco settlement funds secured by the Attorney General to further build back the balance of the Transitional Escrow Fund," Healey said, referring to a roughly \$600 million windfall headed to the state from tobacco companies. "We view these steps to be critical to managing available resources for FY25 and beyond."

Alongside the move to replenish the transitional escrow fund, Healey's bill would deposit another \$265 million into the state's rainy day savings account, pushing its balance to about \$8.8 billion. Lawmakers and governors in recent years have been hesitant to draw any funding from that source.

Most of the spending in Healey's closeout budget, about \$679 million, would cover "deficiencies incurred over the course of the prior fiscal year," she wrote. The

largest is the MassHealth program, where "caseload exceeded initial expectations."

The bill proposes \$565.4 million for MassHealth, though the governor said the net cost to Massachusetts would be nothing because federal reimbursement is available to cover services provided in fiscal 2024.

Other spending proposals include \$46 million for a reserve to cover sheriff costs, \$14 million for substance and alcohol use disorder treatment, \$7.3 million for the Residential Assistance to Families in Transition pro-

gram, \$5.1 million to support public health hospitals, \$11 million to seed a new disaster relief fund, \$10 million each for the Mass. Clean Energy Center and Mass. Life Sciences Center, and \$2.5 million for costs of launching an online Lottery program authorized in the state budget.

The closeout budget would fund a raft of collective bargaining agreements with public employees.

An administration official said the latest bill combines all CBAs that would be covered by a separate supplemental budget Healey filed

in March and agreements reached since then into one vehicle.

The House approved a redraft of the springtime supplemental budget in June, and the Senate followed course in July, but the proposal since then appears to have fallen between Beacon Hill's couch cushions, delaying raises for workers that already have new contracts in place.

State House News. Colin A. Young contributed to this report.

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Spectators will be able to find the artists on the rocky shores, sandy beaches, on the water and on the backroads of the five communities from. The **daily demos** give aspiring artists a chance to learn from a local, seasoned professional. In the evenings, different local restaurants will host one of the CAPA artists to give diners the experience of watching a work of art being created. (Called "Palate to Palette," a series that has become so popular that organizers have continued it all year long at area restaurants.)

This year, some CAPA Week events have been kicked into a higher gear. There's an expanded program of **hands-on free youth art events** hosted by Gloucester's ArtHaven. Also this year, the

Collectors' Preview Party planned for the North Shore Art Association will close the week instead of the formal "gala" of previous years. The **Collectors' Preview Party** is a ticketed event on Friday, October 11th at 6 p.m., at the venerable North Shore Arts Association (NSAA) in historic East Gloucester. There the artists will showcase their hard work, with over 280 paintings up for top prizes and available for purchase. It's a lively event with music by John Jerome and a delicious spread prepared by Vinwood Caterers.

On Saturday, October 12 morning there's the wildly popular **Quick Draw in downtown Manchester**, where the 35 CAPA artists will be joined by another

100 local artists to complete a painting in just two hours, and then have the paintings judged for prizes and offered for sale. This event is free to the public. The gallery will be also open all day at North Shore Arts Association.

On Sunday October 13th the sale will continue at NSAA until 3 p.m. with the Events Judge Lori Putnam offering her process of choosing top winners and awards during a **Gallery Walk and Talk** at 10 a.m. Also new this year is an **Artist Roundtable** hosted by online juror Charlie Hunter and featuring CAPA 2024 artists at noon. And a pop-up sale of **Tiny Gems: Small Painting Sunday** will round out the week. Information and schedule are available at [capeannpleinair.org](http://capeannpleinair.org).

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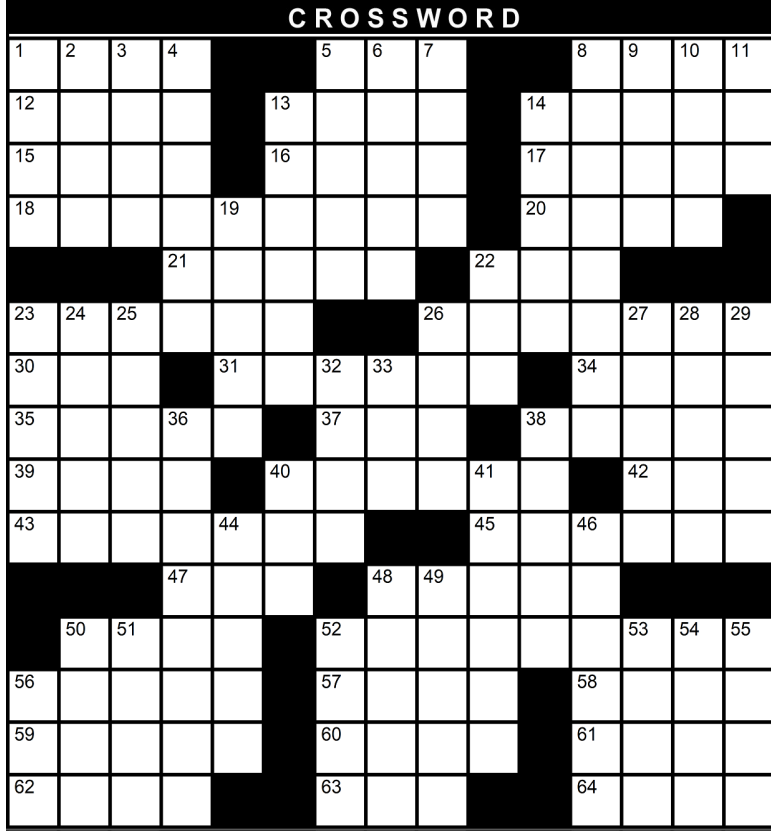
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# Puzzle

THEME: GREEKS AND ROMANS

**ACROSS**

1. Fountain order
5. Christian minister, abbr.
8. Betelgeuse or Deneb
12. Isaac's firstborn
13. Senegal's neighbor
14. Nobody (2 words)
15. Bangladeshi currency
16. Chopin's creation, e.g.
17. Like thick smoke
18. \*Greek goddess in 1995 Woody Allen movie title
20. \*Mars, to the Greeks
21. Ooze out
22. Edible tuber
23. \*Poet of "Aeneid" fame
26. \*"Pair of writing tablets"
30. Outrage
31. A small part
34. European currency
35. Jousting pole
37. B & B
38. Sunni religion
39. Et alibi, abbr.
40. Newspaper VIP
42. First woman, Biblically-speaking
43. Return of disease
45. Washer, during a certain cycle
47. Last month
48. Belittle
50. Taro plant
52. \*Athenian Acropolis tourist attraction
56. Anticipate
57. Black-and-white cookie
58. Small European freshwater fish
59. \*#18 Across, to Romans
60. Big cat sound
61. Future atty's exam
62. Work units
63. Tight one, in football
64. Sunrise direction



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**DOWN**

1. Facebook owner
2. Quickly, acr.
3. Hundred thousand, in India
4. Sahara's Berber people
5. R in R.E.M.
6. Wash out with solvent
7. Workbench holding device
8. \*Plato's famous teacher
9. Ripped

10. Black tropical cuckoo
11. \*Not black-figure, but \_\_\_-figure
13. Spacecraft's detachable unit
14. W.E.B Du Bois's org.
19. Oxygen-containing compound
22. \*Olive derivative
23. More reprehensible
24. About to explode
25. Kidney-related
26. Exertion

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Fill in the blank squares in the grid, making sure that every row, column and 3-by-3 box includes all digits 1 through 9.

Solutions on Page 11

27. Christmastides
28. Have a hankering
29. \*Poet of "Iliad" fame
32. Ocean motion
33. "Wheel of Fortune" request (2 words)
36. \*"I, \_\_\_"
38. Like Bushmills whiskey
40. Boston time
41. \*Demosthenes of Cicero
44. Land parcels
46. Conifer's leaf
48. New York Jets' quarterback
49. Bakery offering
50. Pitcher
51. "Shoot!"
52. Minute opening
53. Civil space org.
54. #22 Across, pl.
55. Left after deductions
56. Map abbr.

# Religious Notes

**First Universalist Church of Essex**

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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](http://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](http://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 Fa-

ther Christopher, starts at 9 a.m. followed by a weekly sermon. All are welcome to attend.  
**First Parish Church**  
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# Let's All Have a Fall-Free Season

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

As we transition from summer to fall and then into the colder months of winter, it's not just the leaves that change—our bodies experience shifts in sleep cycles, mood, metabolism, and brain activity.

The increased darkness especially impacts our loved ones with dementia and may lead to more at-home injuries, falls, and worsening mental status changes like confusion, disorientation, anxiety, or agitation. We often see more roaming around the home, not sure “what to do,” wandering outdoors, and not being dressed for the cool of the season.

**Falls happen every day.** Anyone is at risk, especially older adults. Combine the increased darkness that ac-

companies this time of year with simple aging issues like decreased vision or hearing and medical issues like high blood pressure, arthritis, joint replacement, diabetes, or any cognitive deficit (you see where this is going), and the risk of falling increases dramatically.

While it is true that you can't put your elders in bubble wrap, there are practical ways to identify risk factors, implement a safety plan, and reduce the opportunities for falls. Start by taking a realistic look at your loved one's health. Do they have any conditions that could raise their risk of falling? As compassionately as I can say this: if your answer was “no,” you aren't being honest with yourself.

**Some of the most common risk factors include:**

- Fear of falling, which can lead to inactivity, weakened muscles, and im-

paired balance.

- Failure to use assistive devices such as a cane or walker.
- Hazards in the home, such as slippery walking surfaces, uneven ground, clutter, or poor lighting.
- Pets: on the move and underfoot.
- Transporting items like laundry, food, and mail.
- Dropping things and trying to pick them up.
- Multi-tasking, lack of focus, or rushing.
- Any use of stairs, a step-stool, a ladder, or a chair.

**Falls are more likely to occur in certain areas of the home.**

Often referred to as the “heart of the home,” the kitchen is a busy room where distractions, sharp objects, and hot surfaces are common...as are opportunities for injury. Additionally, the bathroom presents a significant hazard with its slippery

floors, soapy surfaces, and steamy conditions.

While a fall can happen anywhere at any time, the activities that have the highest incidents of falls are usually transitions and moving from one place to the next. Getting in and out of bed, the shower, cars, up and down from chairs, and climbing and descending stairs all present a recipe for disaster. Changes in flooring, such as going from a wood floor to carpet, and thresholds also cause concern.

**How can we reduce the risk of an injury this season?**

Start with some straightforward adjustments in the home:

- **Improve the lighting** to help ease the experience of moving from daylight to evening. Consider installing timer-controlled outdoor lighting at all entrances and pathways and indoor lighting that automatically activates in the late afternoon.
- **Install grab bars** in the bathroom, near toilets, and inside shower areas.
- **Add anti-skid surfaces** on exterior steps and inside tubs and showers.
- **Install railings** along staircases, ensuring they're effectively placed and sturdy.

Not sure where to begin? Consult your local Council on Aging or your loved one's primary care provider for a home safety evaluation. A professional assessment of the risks in and around the home can lead to a practical plan that, quite honestly, could be a lifesaver.

We've only touched on this critically important topic, but we hope to have generated some ideas for you to consider as you try to prevent injury in your loved one's life. Together, let's have a fall-free Fall!

*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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Herman Weiss with the First Parish Choir

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.

Church Council 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday Choir Rehearsal 7:30 p.m. New voices welcome

Thursday 10 a.m. - 12 noon TBMTS Health Clinic open to all

Seaside Knitters 1-3 p.m.

Sunday, September 22 Youth Fellowship begins

Sunday, September 29 Jazz Sunday during the 10 a.m. Worship

**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 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.

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hours and will give participants a chance to look close up at mushroom species that are unique to the wetland environment and also mixed woods. Depending on the weather there will be different types of mushrooms to learn about. Please wear sturdy shoes, bring a water bottle and ID field guide if you have one, as well as a basket (optional) to collect findings to examine with the group. Space is limited to 16 participants. We're keeping this outing small so that everyone can have a hands-on experience, be sure to sign up early!

**Saturday October 5 - Scout Hike with Kestrel Education 10 a.m.**

Calling all Scouts (Webelos to Eagles)! Join MECT and Jessica Kagle of Kestrel Education as we hone our observational skills in nature and use them to identify different species. We'll learn how to use the iNaturalist phone app to confirm or correct our identification hunches and enjoy a hike on MECT protected land. Got a badge you're working on? Shoot us an email and we'll see if we can incorporate it! This is a great opportunity to build your skills and meet other scouts in the area. Wear hiking boots and dress for the weather (but you

know that, scouts are always prepared!). Not a scout? Join us anyway! This will be fun for kids of all ages.

**Saturday, October 19 - Mindfulness Walk with Carla Villa at 10 a.m.**

Join MECT and Carla Villa of Ipswich Wellness Collective for a morning of mindful movement and walk in nature. In a world with many challenges, it's important to build inner strength and calm. Mindful movement and meditation are powerful ways to help us manage stress and lift our spirits. On this hike we will mindfully immerse ourselves in nature, allowing it to lead us to a serene state. Whether you're new to meditation or have been practicing for years, if you love nature and seek a calm mind, this event is for you. We'll meet at a trailhead where we'll begin with a few minutes of mindful movement before setting off on our hike. Along the way we'll pause for two short guided meditations and light conversation, allowing the sights and sounds of nature to help us slow down and quiet our busy minds.

Carla Villa is a Yoga and Meditation Instructor as well as the Engagement Manager at Ipswich River Watershed Association. She

loves how yoga, meditation, and being in nature can help us connect with our inner calm and strength. In her classes, Carla focuses on meeting you where you are, offering accessible movement, mindful breathing, and guided meditation to help you connect with your body and inner self. Wear layers, appropriate footwear and dress comfortably for the outdoors.

**Sunday, October 27 - Lucas O'Neil at 10 a.m.**

Lucas is back and ready to get you excited about the plant life flourishing in the lands we conserve. After three fascinating walks this spring detailing spring ephemerals, the spring progression, and fantastic ferns and where to find them, he's ready to show us what to look for as plant species prepare to go dormant for the winter or drop their seeds. Wildflowers and seed pods abound! Lucas O'Neil is a local botanist and artist who is passionate about native species and how habitats evolve (even with invasives). He is a member of the Creative Commons Collective, a group devoted to re-wilding and re-meadowing the North Shore. Wear shoes or boots for hiking, dress for the weather and bring along some water!

**PET OF THE WEEK**

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Hello, my name is Sandy and I am just an adorable little girl weighing in at about 6 lbs. I am an adult so won't get any bigger but I can handle myself around the big guys. I don't know I am so little. I am some kind of Chihuahua mix with this adorable haircut and a little mohawk. If I chose you as my person, I will be loyal to you. I don't mind the other dogs but mostly I care about my human. If you love little scruffy dogs and have the time and want a friend who will fol-

low you everywhere, I am the girl for you. I do choose who I like and who I do not so if you are one of the people I choose I would love you to carry me around with you all day. Because of my size no small kids please. Please fill out an online application today and we can schedule a time for you to meet me or come on in to visit.

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**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

The Town of Manchester-by-the-Sea, MA is requesting proposals for qualified fundraising consultants to assist in the planning and execution of a capital campaign for a Senior Center. The Request for Proposal is available on the Manchester-by-the-Sea website: <http://manchester.ma.us/DocumentCenter/View/7865/Request-for-Proposals---Fundraising-Consultant-Services-or-emailing-federspielg@manchester.ma.us>.

Bids must be submitted by 10:00am on Monday, October 7, 2024

The Town of Manchester-by-the-Sea reserves the rights to reject any and all proposals, to waive any informality, and to award the contract in the best interest of the Town.

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

Sept. 20, 2024 MC  
Sept. 27, 2024 MC

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
36 Federal Street  
Salem, MA 01970

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO PARTITION**  
Docket No. ES24E0074PP

To LISA HUBBARD, of MANCHESTER, in the County of ESSEX, Massachusetts and to all other persons interested.

A petition has been presented to said Court by CHRISTOPHER LANGATHIANOS of GLOUCESTER, in the County of ESSEX, Massachusetts representing that he holds as Joint Tenants, an undivided part or share of certain land lying in 57 School Street, Unit 4, Manchester, Massachusetts in said County of ESSEX and briefly described as follows:

The condominium unit No. 4 ("Unit") in the School Street Condominium located at 57-4 School Street, Manchester-by-the-Sea, Massachusetts, a condominium established pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 183A, by Master Deed dated March 10, 2006 and recorded with the Essex South District Registry of Deeds at Book 25459, Page 71.

Said Unit is shown on the floor plans filed with said Master Deed and on the copy of a portion of said plan recorded in Book 25712, Page 34, to which is affixed a verified statement in the form required by Section 9 of Chapter 183A.

Each of the units in the said condominium is intended for residential purposes as are set forth in the Master Deed.

The undivided percentage interest of the Unit and the common area and facilities is 27.1% interest as described the Master Deed of the Condominium.

Setting forth that they desire that all of said land may be sold at private sale for no less than ONE MILLION TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND (\$1,200,000.00) dollars and praying that partition may be made of all the land aforesaid according to law, and to that end that a commissioner be appointed to make such partition and be ordered to make sale and conveyance of all, or any part of said land which the Court finds cannot be advantageously divided at private sale, and be ordered to distribute the net proceeds thereof.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Salem before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the 24th day of October 2024, the return day of this citation.

Witness, Frances M. Giordano, Esquire, First Judge of said Court this 5th day of SEPTEMBER 2024.

Pamela A Casey O'Brien, Register of Probate

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

September 20, 2024 MC  
September 27, 2024 MC  
October 4, 2024 MC

**ME Rotary Club Annual Golf Tournament**

The Manchester Essex Rotary Club will be hosting their Annual Golf Tournament on Tuesday, October 1, at the Meadow at Peabody Golf Course. This will be the 26th year of this tournament, and is one of the Rotary's largest fundraising events. According to the tournament organizer and Rotarian Chris Shea. "funds from our tournament go directly to our Scholarship program which last year gave over \$17,000 to local highschoolers heading off to college and technical schools." The tournament is a scramble format with a 12 shotgun start. The \$150 entry fee includes the greens fee, cart, beverages, fabulous prizes and a prime rib dinner immediately following at the Manchester American Legion. Not a golfer? Join us at the Legion for dinner only for \$50.

There are many other ways to support this important cause such as hole sponsorship, and raffle prize donations. You or your business can sponsor a hole for \$100. Please join us and help support this important mission and have fun with the Rotary during a beautiful day of golf and community spirit! For information or to register, please contact Chris Shea [cksshea@aol.com](mailto:cksshea@aol.com) 508-843-4979.



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Premium downtown site zoned General Business. 10,000+ sf warehouse has loading dock and 3 oversized drive-in bays. Diverse uses: indoor sports complex, retail, general storage, etc. Near MBTA.



ESSEX

**\$1,800,000 | Fabyan & Filias Team**  
Renovated antique farmhouse with modern comforts in a serene setting. High-quality, professionally designed finishes, custom kitchen/family room, 1st & 2nd floor primary suites.



MANCHESTER

**\$1,590,000 | Fabyan & Filias Team**  
Simplified living at its finest. Captivating 10-room, 5-bedroom, 3.5-bath home with gourmet kitchen, open floor plan, and landscaped outdoor living. Meticulously maintained. Enjoy all MBTS offers.



NEWBURY

**\$1,499,900 | Josephine Mehm Baker**  
Modern white farmhouse with primary suite, fireplaced living room with slider to farmers' porch, gourmet kitchen, finished lower level and 2-car garage with storage. Near downtown Newburyport.



IPSWICH

**\$1,250,000 | Ida Doane**  
Live your dream on 2.89 bucolic acres. Stunning home offers 1-level living (or not), 2 bedrooms, 2 baths and screened porches with 3rd bedroom option on 2nd floor. Mini-split AC. Gorgeous barn.



HAMILTON

**\$1,249,000 | The Lopes Group**  
Vibrant 55+ community! Stunning freestanding 2-bedroom home with many upgrades, 10' ceilings, state-of-the-art kitchen, 1st floor primary suite and finished lower level. Whole-house generator.



IPSWICH

**\$1,200,000 | Norman Banville**  
Partridgeberry Place. Well-maintained 4-bedroom Craftsman Colonial with open concept, hardwood floors, granite-stainless kitchen, fireplaced family room, finished walkout lower level, and deck.



ESSEX

**\$735,000 | Ida Doane**  
Minutes to village and school. Spacious 4-bedroom, single-level home offers fireplaced living room, hardwood floors, walkup attic, full basement, and private backyard plus a 2-car garage.

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**147 Cherry St Gloucester | \$929,909**  
This well maintained split level 3 BR, 3 BA is perfect! Big bay window seat allows natural light to pour in to the fireplaced living room that opens to the dining area with stylish french doors. Gorgeous kitchen has plenty of cabinet and counter space and is open to the dining room and outdoor deck perfect for entertaining.

**Lisa Ramos | Realtor**  
978-290-3005



**19 Turtleback Essex | \$1,750,000**  
Craftsman style home on over 2 acres. Just a few years old. Open floor plan, 3+ bedrooms, 3 car garage, separate office, studio, or overflow living space.

**Joan McDonald | Realtor | 978-979-3190**



**263 Madison St Fitchburg | \$374,900**  
Move in Condition 1957 Colonial with private yard on quiet street. 3 bedrooms. 1.5 baths. Oversized garage ideal for contractor.

**Elizabeth Narbonne | Realtor**  
978-771-8630



**4 Lane Road Annisquam | \$2,500,000**  
Iconic Annisquam waterfront property located at the head of Lobster Cove. Proudly sited on over an acre of land with rolling lawns, bountiful seaside gardens and private tidal float and dock. The property enjoys stunning views of the mesmerizing changing tides in Lobster Cove.

**Scott Smith | Realtor | 617-750-2793**  
**Lynda Surdam | Realtor | 978-764-7474**



**15 Wallis Drive # 15 Wenham | \$1,450,000**  
Sophisticated 3 BR plus Office 2.5 bath Townhouse located in sought after Boulders 55+ community located in the heart of all that Wenham has to offer. Enjoy a private terrace overlooking tree farm, or sunny farmers porch. 2-car garage.

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